



What *Commissioners and Advisory Delegates* Can Expect at the 226th General Assembly (2024)

Online Committees, In-Person Plenaries

June 25–27, 2024 All commissioners and advisory delegates will attend their assigned committees online. No travel is required (except for moderators and vice moderators of assembly committees, who will need to be in Salt Lake City, Utah). The committee schedule will be designed to accommodate multiple time zones as much as possible.

June 29–July 4, 2024 All commissioners and advisory delegates must be in person at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah for plenary sessions where committees will make recommendations for the assembly’s discernment and vote.

Note: All in-person meetings will be in Mountain Time.

Preparation

During Spring of 2024, we will offer several training opportunities on participating in the assembly – from technology to parliamentary procedure to practicing equity.

Committees will schedule pre-assembly online gatherings for their members to get to know one another, practice assembly procedures, and learn more about the business they have been assigned.

Mark Your Calendar

- April 16–26** *2-Hour Introductory Committee Gathering to be scheduled by Committee members. Committee Leadership will schedule this gathering in early April and let you know when to be available.*
- June 10–14** *2-Hour Second Committee Gathering to be scheduled by Committee members*
- June 25–27** Hold these dates for *Online Committee Meeting Participation*
- June 28** Travel Date for Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAADs) and anyone needing longer travel times
- June 29** Travel Date and Evening Welcome Reception
- June 30–July 4** Plenary Sessions in Salt Lake City, Utah

Travel Arrangements and Expenses

We are grateful to members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) who support per capita for the national church. This support provides fully funded travel, individual accommodations, and meals for commissioners and advisory delegates while in Salt Lake City. This act of generosity removes the financial burden on those who are called to serve. With gratitude for the church's commitment to expanding access and empowering assembly leaders, the Office of the General Assembly coordinates the travel process so that participants do not have to make their own arrangements, making the process easier and more accessible for all.

Why Serve as a Commissioner or Advisory Delegate?

God calls commissioners and advisory delegates to serve the church because of the unique gifts and abilities that make up who you are. As a commissioner or advisory delegate, you will join with others in discussing important topics and issues that have the power to form and reform both the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and beyond. Together you will discern where Christ is calling the church.

Learning and Gathering Spaces

Opportunities to connect with the larger church will occur in many ways:

- **Mountainside Conversations** with ongoing and special committees in late Spring 2024 so anyone can learn more about specific items of business before the assembly and what they mean for the church
- A **Welcome Reception** with the Presbytery of Utah, candidates for Moderator/Vice Moderator or Co-Moderators, and representatives from agencies across the church
- **Group-Sponsored Functions** in Salt Lake City
- Informal **spaces for conversation** with representatives of Presbyterian agencies
- A **Welcome Room** near the plenary hall for the entirety of the in-person plenaries so that people can rest, be refreshed, and connect with others for conversation
- A **space for BIPOC commissioners and advisory delegates**
- A **Lactation Room and a Family Room**
- **...and more!** The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a large family with many members. Keep an eye out for information from other Presbyterian groups about opportunities they may be hosting around the assembly.

Staying Updated

Stay informed about the assembly and receive regular updates in your email inbox by signing up for the *On the Road to GA* newsletter. More information coming soon. For details on the business that will come before the assembly, visit pc-biz.org.

How might God be calling you to serve the Presbyterian Church (USA)?

