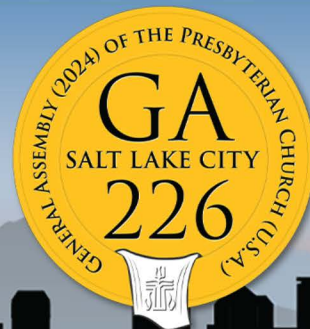


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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE IN PLACE FOR GA226

The Office of the General Assembly has finalized the committee structure for the 226th General Assembly this summer. Committees will meet online Tuesday, June 25 through Thursday, June 27. A lot of work is underway to ensure that commissioners and advisory delegates are properly trained and have the tools needed to conduct the business of the church.



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IMPORTANT DATES

April 26, 2024

60 Day Deadline

Overtures with financial implications submitted, and first concurrence received.

May 11, 2024

45 Day Deadline

All overtures and concurrences submitted.





THE COMMITTEES FOR THE 226TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- **Bills and Overtures (B&O)** – assists in monitoring the work of other committees as well as reviews plenary minutes and participates in plenary discussions.
- **Mid Councils (MC)** – receives items of business related to the operation and function of mid councils.
- **Financial Resources (FIN)** – receives all items of business dealing primarily with finance and budgeting.
- **General Assembly Entity Coordination (GAC)** – receives all items related to the operation and functions of assembly entities, including amendments to the Organization for Mission, reports from the Unification Commission, and approval of workplans.
- **Ecumenical and Interfaith Partnerships (ECU)** – receives all business related to the development of and engagement with ecumenical and interfaith partnering institutions.
- **Polity (POL)** – receives items recommending constitutional changes to the Book of Order and Book of Confessions.
- **Ordination (ORD)** – receives all items of business related to the role and process of ordination including exams, accommodations, and other ordination concerns.
- **General Assembly Procedures (GAP)** – receives items of business related to the operation and function of General Assembly reports as well as overtures related to assembly operations, amendments to the Standing Rules, and recommendations for future assemblies.
- **Christian Formation (CF)** – receives items related to Christian education (including colleges and seminaries), worship, and other types of Christian formation.
- **International Engagement (INT)** – receives items of business related to events, concerns, and opportunities in international contexts.
- **Domestic Engagement (DOE)** – receives items of business related to events, concerns, and opportunities around issues such as gun violence, political rhetoric, and economic concerns.
- **Race, Sexuality, and Gender Justice (RSGJ)** – receives items of business related to justice actions focused on race, sexuality, and gender identity. This also includes items related to reproductive justice, anti-racism, and anti-trans legislation.
- **Environmental and Climate Justice (ENV)** – receives items related to environmental and climate justice issues such as divestment, environmental sustainability, and international climate agreements.
- **Assembly Committee on Business Referral (REF)** – comprised of the moderators and vice moderators of committees of the 226th General Assembly.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM A COMMISSIONER'S PERSPECTIVE

The 225th General Assembly was unique. There were in-person committee meetings, followed by on-line plenaries. Despite the different format, commissioners and young adult advisory delegates found community and were able to make important decisions for the denomination. Ruling Elder Catrelia Hunter was among the commissioners participating in 2022.



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GETTING TO KNOW THE PASTORS OF UTAH

As we continue our countdown to the 226th General Assembly, we want to introduce you to the pastors who participate in vibrant ministries in and around Salt Lake City. Meet Rev. Daniel Haas, interim pastor at the Japanese Church of Christ, located near the convention center.



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GA PLANNING TEAM MEETS IN SALT LAKE CITY

PC(USA) staff working on plans for the 226th General Assembly met last week in Salt Lake City with the Committee on Local Arrangements to provide updates on planning. Conversation focused on staffing and volunteer needs, registration coordination, and the upcoming Leader Briefing. The team also visited the Salt Palace Convention Center where the assembly will gather in-person for plenary.

The in-person portion of the assembly will be held June 29 through July 4.



RGJ-O8: AN APOLOGY TO AFRICAN AMERICANS FOR THE SIN OF SLAVERY AND ITS LEGACY

The work toward repair and restoration is not complete. Commissioners and advisory delegates to the 226th General Assembly will consider items of business that continue to call the church forward. Even before she served as a commissioner to the 225th General Assembly (2022) and moderator of the Race and Gender Justice assembly committee, Ruling Elder Willye Bryan from the Presbytery of Lake Michigan founded the Justice League of Lansing, Michigan, whose mission is “to repair the breach caused by the historical damage of slavery and its aftermath.”

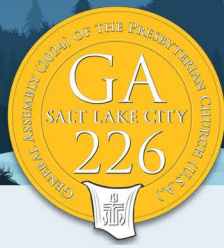
The coronavirus pandemic and the murder of George Floyd revealed to the white members of her church and community the historical and deep-seated racial and social inequities that negatively impact Black people.

When the 2022 General Assembly adopted “An Apology to African Americans for the Sin of Slavery and Its Legacy” and the “Litany of Repentance” that accompanies it, Willye began using both to raise awareness on how the legacy of slavery continues to have a direct impact on systemic and social inequities still experienced by Black communities today.

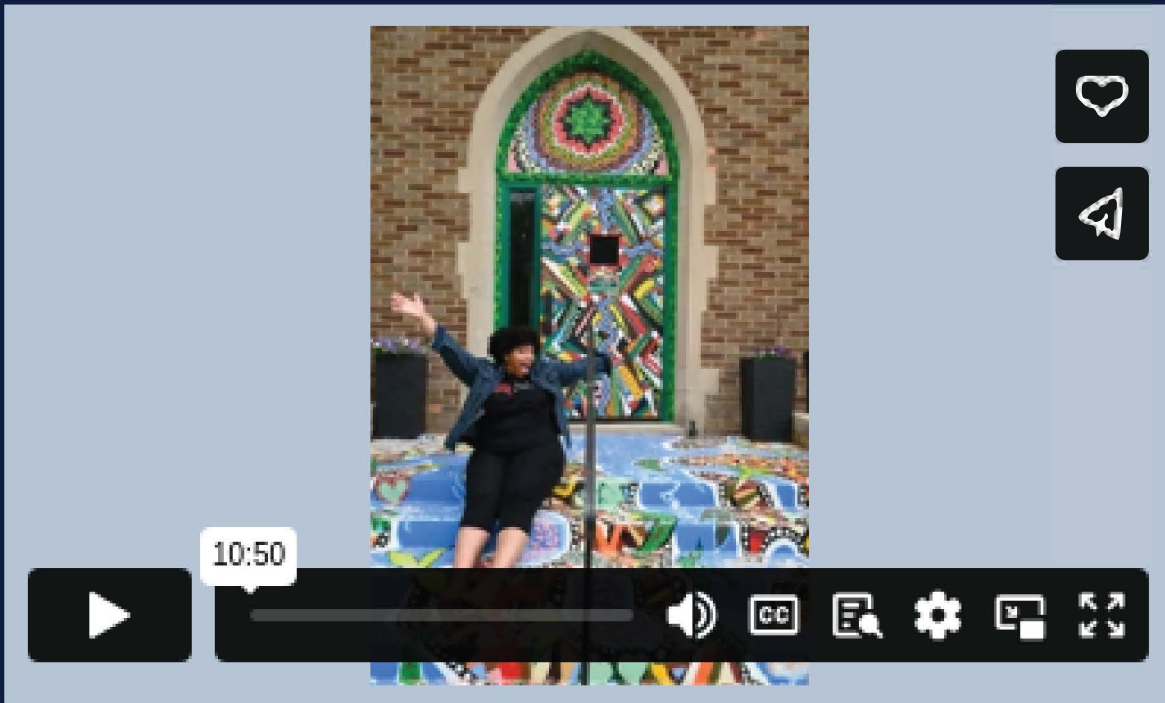
You can learn more about “An Apology and Litany” [here](#) . Listen to Willye share about the power of the Litany of Repentance on the “Along the Road” podcast entitled [“Embracing Antiracism; Going Forth as Agents of God’s Mission in the World.”](#)



Committee Moderator Willye Bryan leads the Gender and Racial Justice Committee on June 23, 2022, during the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Louisville, Kentucky. (Photo by Rich Copley)



FROM DECISION TO ACTION



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As womanist theologians, the pastors of Liberty Community Church in Minneapolis are seeking the healing of their Northside neighborhood through co-creating spaces of rest and resistance with individuals victimized by the sex trafficking trade and within a community suffering from the effects of systemic poverty and structural racism.

Northside Healing Space is just one of many initiatives that the Matthew 25 congregation has supported over the past 25 years in its efforts to address the multiple layers of oppression experienced by its neighbors through cycles of systemic poverty and the historic realities of structural racism.

In 2022, the 225th General Assembly approved recommendations from the report of the Disparities Experienced by Black Women and Girls Task Force that, among other things, directed the Presbyterian Mission Agency to engage in the work of eradicating systemic violence against Black women and girls. Through the Matthew 25 vision, churches like Liberty Community Church are doing just that.