

227th General Assembly Lake Huron Presbytery Commissioner Report

September 15, 2026

“Persevering Toward Wholeness”

Greetings from your General Assembly Commissioners,

Last December, you elected Teaching Elder Rev. Andrew Miller, Mt. Pleasant First, and Ruling Elder Linda Kennan, Midland Memorial, as your commissioners to the 227th General Assembly. Over the two weeks from June 21st to July 2, we witnessed a faith-filled and diverse gathering of commissioners, delegates, volunteers and staff dedicated to prayerfully discerning the future direction of the church, making the subsequent decisions on implementation across PC(USA) and celebrating God in daily worship, devotion and prayer. Thank you for allowing us to represent Lake Huron Presbytery in Milwaukee. The first week was spent in hybrid committee meetings. All overtures, reports and other items of business were divided amongst 11 committees. The committee leadership teams were gathered in Milwaukee while commissioners, advisory delegates, advocates and other speakers participated over Zoom. Linda was honored to be asked to moderate the Climate & Environmental Justice Committee and Andrew served as a commissioner on the Reformed Identify in the United States Committee.

PER CAPITA FOR 2027 & 2028

The Assembly’s decisions are taken with awareness of the financial implications on the 2027 & 2028 per capita. As each item is debated and amended, each item of business is assessed in real-time for future per capita implications. The 227th GA actions will result in an approved GA per capita increase (additional amount on top of the basis per capita) of \$2.10 in 2027 and \$1.45 in 2028.

BOOK OF ORDER AMENDMENTS

A total of 26 proposed amendments to the Book of Order were approved to be sent to the presbyteries for approval/disapproval. If approved, they will go into effect July 2027. The proposed amendments will be put forward for the discussion and voting at the December

2026 and March 2027 Lake Huron Presbytery Meetings. The full list of proposed amendments will be available in September on pcusa.org/.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CLJ)

Five items were brought before the committee. All five passed with overwhelming support in committee and subsequently on the consent agenda at plenary. These items included guidance for our financial agencies with regards to divesting in fossil fuels; supporting soil stewardship in our community gardens and farms; and developing an endowment fund to support green initiatives and those impacted by climate change. Each action will be absorbed into the current agency operations with no impact on per capita.

CONSTITUTIONAL INTERPRETATION (CON)

There was a total of sixteen items of business. One of the items was passed on the consent agenda and the others were discussed on the floor of plenary. Six of the items discussed at plenary were requests for authoritative interpretation.

CON-05 On Paid Administrative Leave

This overture requested the formation of a committee to review the implications of D-7.0902b, including financial implications, mandating that administrative leave be paid leave. The body referred this item to Presbyterian Life & Witness. This action adds \$0.03 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.02 in 2028. Visit myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001427 to see what was approved.

CON-08 On Expanding Healthcare Options for Ministers

The body approved the referral of this item and recommended that the Board of Pensions, in consultation with the Advocacy Committee for Women and Gender Justice, study and report to GA 228 to provide an equitable, just, and consistent process to permit expanded choice for ministers, and to refer CON-08 to this entity. This action adds \$0.02 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.03 in 2028. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001461 to see what was approved.

CON-09 On Ethical Conduct Training

CON-09 was approved by the Assembly 465 affirmative/4 Negative and overtures the 227th General Assembly to direct the Stated Clerk to send the approved amendments to the

presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes in order to revise the language in the Book of Order with regard to boundary training and abuse prevention training requirements, for the purpose of clarifying the requirements and more appropriately placing the requirements within their respective sections. This action adds \$0.00 to Per Capita in 2027 and 2028. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001441 to review the impacted sections and changes.

CON-10 *On Requiring Ministers of Word and Sacrament to Be Monogamous*

The Assembly approved 433 Affirmative/44 Negative to Refer CON-10 to the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy for discussion as part of the comprehensive theological framework proposed in GEN-09. This action adds \$0.00 to Per Capita in 2027 and 2028. Visit myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001456 to see what was approved.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP & WITNESS COMMITTEE (FIN)

The Assembly gave direction to FIN on a variety of items such as future agency budgets, agency pay equity, updates on divestment policies and actions and Stewardship of Restricted World Mission Funds. The per capita impact of all actions on FIN items was minimal at \$0.06 in 2027 and \$0.01 in 2028. Details of all items can be viewed on MyGA at [Finance Committee Items of Business](#).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS (GAO)

There were thirteen items of business considered. Two items were brought to plenary for consideration. This committee also reviewed and reported on all of the 2024/2025 minutes for each synod and the PCUSA A Corporation Board.

GAO-01 *Recommended Location for the 228th General Assembly (2028)*

After much discussion, and support for our siblings in Puerto Rico, the Assembly approved 467 Affirmative/5 Negative that in-person gatherings of the 228th General Assembly (2028) be hosted by el Presbiterio de San Juan in San Juan, Puerto Rico from June 11-June 22, 2028. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001535 to see what was approved.

GAO-02 *On In-Person Assemblies*

The Assembly approved 389 Affirmative/83 Negative to commit to holding a full in-person General Assembly in 2030. While there is no financial impact will be seen on the 2027/2028 per capita, there is expected to be a large increase in per capita for 2030 due to

the expenses of holding in-person committee meetings. Visit myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001435 to see what was approved.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELATIONSHIPS (GAR)

The General Assembly Relationships committee considered eleven items of business. Eight of the items were included on the consent agenda.

GAR-02 *On Reinstating the Immigration Attorney Position*

This overture directs the reinstatement of the position of Staff Attorney for Immigration as a full-time role, filled by a licensed immigration attorney. GAR-02 was approved as part of the consent agenda with the understanding that the creation of any group, comes with additional financial requirements. This action adds \$0.37 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.35 in 2028. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001444 to see additional details.

GAR-03 *Report of the General Assembly Agency Review Committee on the Board of Pensions*

GAR-03 recommends the creation of a working group to examine the issues concerning a deliverance clarifying the relationship between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and bring further recommendations to the 228th General Assembly in 2028. This item was approved by the Assembly 445 Affirmative/30 Negative. This action adds \$0.02 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.03 in 2028. Visit myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001469 to see what was approved.

GENDER AND SEXUALITY JUSTICE (GEN)

There were twelve items of business from the Gender and Sexuality Justice Committee. Nine items landed on the consent agenda and three were discussed and voted on during plenary.

GEN-02 *On Access to Healthcare*

This business item was approved 441 to 30. Declare that the PC(U.S.A) supports all individuals have access to all medically necessary, evidence-based gender-affirming healthcare. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001421 to see what was approved.

GEN-06 *Addition of Question to Ministry Discernment Profile- From the Advocacy Committee for LBGTQIA Equity*

This business item was approved 339 to 138. It will add a minimal \$2,120 to the total Per Capita in 2027. Allows congregations to indicate their openness and readiness to call an LBGTQIA+ candidate and it allows any candidate to view the congregational response

about their openness and readiness to call an LGBTQIA+ candidate and filter search results. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001484 to see what was approved.

GEN-09 *Beyond Changing Families: Flourishing Relationships and Belonging*

This business item was approved by a vote of 419 to 54. This item of business adds \$0.07 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.01 for 2028. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001501 to see what was approved. A helpful resource from 223rd General Assembly (2028): “On Affirming and Celebrating the Full Dignity and Humanity of People of All Gender Identities”, www.pc-biz.org/search/3000312.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND ORDINATION (ORD)

The Theological Education and Ordination Committee considered fourteen overtures and seven were included in the consent agenda at plenary.

ORD-02 *On Preparation and Ordination*

This item proposes amendments to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes in order to amend the Book of Order by renaming the “Preparation for Ministry” and “Ordination” sections to clarify that they apply specifically to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament, and by adding a subsection that explicitly spells out the required education and training that must be completed prior to Ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament. ORD-2 was approved by the Assembly 447 Affirmative/10 Negative. Visit myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001442 to see more details of what was approved.

ORD-03 *On Studying A Collaborative Approach to Ordained Ministry for the Faithful Support of Congregations and Ministers*

This item directs a special committee of eight to ten members, in consultation with Presbyterian Life & Witness and the Advisory Committee on the Constitution, and in further consultation with the Committee on Theological Education and the Board of Pensions, to study and develop recommendations for an approach to ordained ministry in which ministers serve together as part of ministry teams, supporting faithful ministry in congregations by drawing on their particular gifts to meet the evolving needs of the church, and to report its progress to the 228th General Assembly (2028) and its final recommendations to the 229th General Assembly (2030). The Assembly approved ORD-03 417 Affirmative/38 Negative. This action adds \$0.03 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.00 in 2028. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001443 to learn more.

ORD-07 *Ordination Task Force Report*

This item of business comes from the Task Force to Explore the Theology and Practice of Ordination and directs the Stated Clerk to send proposed amendments to the Book of Order regarding training, assessments, evaluations etc. of CPM members, inquirers, commissioned ruling elders, Christian educators to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes. The Assembly approved the action 389 Affirmative/85 Negative. This action adds \$0.07 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.00 in 2028. There are changes to multiple sections. You can review this by going to: myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001487.

ORD-06 *Self Study of the PCC*

Approved on consent agenda. This action adds \$0.03 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.04 in 2028. For details see: myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001476

ORD-14 *On Creating the Korean American Ministry Roundtable to Reimagine the Future of Korean American Ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

Approved on consent agenda. This action adds \$0.05 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.01 in 2028. For details see: myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001532

RACIAL JUSTICE (RAC)

There were five action items of business from RAC with two being approved on the consent agenda and three items discussed and voted in plenary.

RAC-01 *Formation of a Special Committee of African American Ecclesial Repair- From the Racial Equity Advocacy.*

This business item was approved by a vote 454 to 29. The action adds \$0.11 to the 2027 Per Capita and \$0.05 in 2028. RAC-01 was referred to Presbyterian Life & Witness to establish a Special Committee. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001478 to see what was approved.

RAC-04 *Final Report of Special Committee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Race*

This business item was approved 449 to 26 with the action it adds \$.53 to 2027 Per Capita and \$0.60 to 2028. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001512 to see what was approved.

RAC-05 *Restoring and Strengthening Racial Equity & Intercultural Congregational Support Ministries and Ensuring Their Proper Organizational Placement Within U.S.-Based Partnership Structures*

This item of business was approved 471 to 13. RAC-05 was referred to Presbyterian Life & Witness. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001604 to see what was approved.

REFORMED IDENTITY FROM AROUND THE WORLD (RIW)

There was a total of twelve items of business. Five of the items of business were approved on the consent agenda and the other seven were discussed on the floor of plenary.

RIW-01 *Call to Review the Restructuring of the PC(U.S.A.) World Mission.*

This item of business was approved by the body of the General Assembly by 369 affirmative and 98 negative as amended. This action adds \$0.07 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.03 in 2028. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001417 to see what was approved.

RIW-02 *Calling for a New Missiological Statement for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

This item of business was approved 447 to 12. This action adds \$0.03 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.04 in 2028. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001418 to see what was approved.

RIW-04 *On Recognizing that Israel has Violated the International Law Prohibiting Genocide.*

This business item was approved 454 to 15. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001425 to see what was approved.

RIW-07 *Concerning Mission Co-Workers*

This item of business was approved 436 to 1. Highlights include:

- 1) Provide a detailed report by July 1, 2027, regarding the elimination of the PC(U.S.A.) mission co-workers.
- 2) Renew the call to our local congregations to financially support, pray for, educate and train up new missionaries to serve our denomination moving forward.

RIW-08 *On Jeju in Korea*

This item of business was approved 410 to 62. This action adds \$0.10 to the 2027 Per Capita and \$0.02 in 2028. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001445 to see what was approved.

RIW-10 *On Affirming Kairos Palestine II: A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide* ([www.kairospalestine.ps/images/Final Kairos document II English.pdf](http://www.kairospalestine.ps/images/Final_Kairos_document_II_English.pdf)). This item of business was approved 447 to 21. Highlights include:

- 1) Affirms Kairos Palestine: “A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide” as a prophetic cry from our Christian siblings in the Holy Land.
- 2) Commands Kairos Palestine II for study and prayerful engagement in all PC(U.S.A.) congregations, presbyteries, and theological institutions.
- 3) Recommends all PC(U.S.A.) members, congregations, and entities to make us of the free congregational study guided developed by the Palestine Justice Network of the PC(U.S.A.).

- 4) Directs the Stated Clerk and the PC(U.S.A.)’s Global Ecumenical Liaison, Middle East and Europe, to transmit this resolution to all relevant PC(U.S.A.) entities and ecumenical and interfaith partners, including the authors of Kairos Palestine II.

REFORMED IDENTITY IN THE UNITED STATES COMMITTEE (RUS)

There was a total of fifteen items of business. Nine of the items of business were approved on the consent agenda and the other five were discussed on the floor of plenary.

RUS-01 *On Taking Action to Repudiate Christian Nationalism and Affirm Our Faith Commitments*

This item of business was approved by the body of the General Assembly by 485 affirmative and 15 negative as amended. This action requires presbyteries’ vote for or against the following addition to Book of Order with the adding a new section F-1.0305 as follows:

“Faithful Witness in Public Life

The church affirms its calling to bear faithful witness in public life, speaking and acting from the example and teachings of Jesus Christ for justice, peace, mercy, and the dignity of all people. The church rejects any ideology that seeks to establish Christianity as a privileged or dominant force through the power of the state, or that conflates religious identity with national, racial, or ethnic supremacy. Such ideologies, in all their forms, are incompatible with the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, constitute a theological error, undermine the church’s faithful witness, and are contrary to the church.”

Visit myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001414 for additional information.

RUS-02 *On Commemorating The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution*

This item of business was disapproved 361 to 108. The following comment comes from the RUS Committee:

“The committee commends the author’s intent of this overture in naming and recognizing our Reformed tradition and identity. The committee listened to a wide variety of differing perspectives in its debate and after considering the advice from advisory and advocacy committees, the committee respectfully urges the assembly to disapprove this overture. The committee’s concern is not with teaching Presbyterian history; the concern is with how this overture frames that history. Advocacy Committee of Women and Gender Justice (ACWGJ reminds commissioners that RUS 02 “risks sanctifying a narrative that binds the Church’s witness to a national origin story rooted in conquest, exclusion, and the erasure of Indigenous peoples, particularly women and gender expansive persons.” The overture also risks elevating American identity in unhealthy ways, which the

committee spoke to with its action on RUS-01 and RUS-07. The committee in no way discourages people from taking pride in their Presbyterian heritage and its contributions to American civil society. At this moment, the church needs to be living into our interconnected global identity, with humility as Reformed Christians.”

RUS-07 *Standing Against White Christian Nationalism Recommendations and Rationale*

This item of business was approved 459 to 25. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001498 to see what was approved. For a helpful resource with useful definitions see “[Standing Against White Christian Nationalism](#)”

RUS-08 *The Algorithm and the Almighty: Navigating Artificial Intelligence through a Reformed Lens*

This item of business was approved 368 to 88. This action adds \$0.09 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.06 in 2028. Go to myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001499 to see what was approved.

RUS-10 *The Report of the Special Committee for a New Confession*

This item of business was approved 382 to 39. This action adds \$0.03 to the 2027 Per Capita and \$0.04 in 2028. RUS-10 authorized a new Special Committee to study and consider revising and rewriting, if deemed wise, the confession the previous Special Committee worked on. The newly created Special Committee is to report its work to the 228th General Assembly and is to invite the whole church to study and consider the confession. See myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001517 for additional information.

This concludes our written summary of the 227th General Assembly. You may explore the other items of business not summarized here by going to:

[2026-0812_GA-in-Brief.pdf](#) – PCUSA’s general summary of the 227th General Assembly

[Welcome to the 227th General Assembly \(2026\)](#) - General information & faqs

[MyGA](#) – Business items and final actions can be found under “Business”

In gratitude,

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- ***and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations***

Revelation 22:2 (NRSVue)