

# 2016 Polity Conference and Fall Meetings

## *Event Schedule*

**Key to event abbreviations:**

**AMCL** *Association of Mid Council Leaders*  
**ASC** *Association of Stated Clerks*  
**Mods** *Moderators' Conference - or ModCon*  
**NSC** *New Stated Clerks*  
**PoliCon** *Stated Clerk's Polity Conference*

<b>Wednesday, October 26</b>	<b>group</b>	<b>event</b>	<b>facility</b>	<b>room</b>
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9:00 am-8:00 pm	NSC	Plenary Session	Presbyterian Center	4600 bay
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<b>Thursday, October 27</b>	<b>group</b>	<b>event</b>	<b>facility</b>	<b>room</b>
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9:00 am-8:00 pm	NSC	Plenary Session	Presbyterian Center	4600 bay
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5:00 pm-8:00 pm	All	Registration	Galt House	Registration C, Suites Tower
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<b>Friday, October 28</b>	<b>group</b>	<b>event</b>	<b>facility</b>	<b>room</b>
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9:00 am-12:00 noon	NSC	Plenary Session	Presbyterian Center	4600 bay
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8:00 am-9:00 pm	AMCL/ ASC/ ModCon	Registration	Galt House	Registration C, Suites Tower
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1:00 pm-3:00 pm	AMCL/ ASC/ ModCon	Mission Fair and lunch	Presbyterian Center	Atrium and Cafeteria
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~ Buses from Galt House to  
Presbyterian Center: 12:45p,  
 1:15p, 1:45p, 2:15p, and 2:45p  
 ~ Buses from Presbyterian Center  
to Galt House: 1:00p, 1:30p,  
 2:00p, 2:30p, and 3:00p

1:30 pm-3:00 pm	AMCL/ ASC/ ModCon	Tours and Conversations	Presbyterian Center	Atrium and Cafeteria
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4:00 pm-4:30 pm	AMCL/ ASC/ ModCon	Welcome and Introductions	Galt House	Grand Ballroom A
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4:00 pm-10:00 pm	AMCL/ ASC/ NSC	Bookstore Open	Galt House	Grand Ballroom A
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4:30 pm-6:00 pm	AMCL/ ASC / ModCon	Plenary I - Laurie Ferguson	Galt House	Grand Ballroom A
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6:30 pm-7:30 pm	AMCL/ ASC/ ModCon	Opening Dinner (plated meal for AMCL, ASC, ModCon)	Galt House	Grand Ballroom B
7:30 pm-8:30 pm	AMCL/ ASC/ ModCon	Opening Worship - Denise Anderson, Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly (2016), preaching	Galt House	Grand Ballroom A
8:30 pm-9:30 pm	AMCL/ ASC/ ModCon	Reception - sponsored by the Presbyterian Foundation	Galt House	Grand Hall

<b>Saturday, October 29</b>	<b>group</b>	<b>event</b>	<b>facility</b>	<b>room</b>
	ModCon	Breakfast on your own		
8:30 am-9:45 am	ASC	Breakfast and Membership Meeting	Galt House	Grand Ballroom B
8:30 am-9:45 am	AMCL	Breakfast and Plenary	Galt House	Grand Ballroom A
8:30 am-9:45 am	ModCon	Plenary - Worship Responsibilities for Moderators (David Gambrell/PMA)	Galt House	Grand Ballroom C
8:30 am-5:30 pm	AMCL/ ASC/ ModCon	Bookstore Open	Galt House	Grand Ballroom A
9:45 am-10:00 am	AMCL/ ASC/ ModCon	Break	Galt House	Grand Ballroom A
10:00 am-12:00 noon	AMCL/ASC	Plenary II	Galt House	Grand Ballroom A
10:00 am-10:45 am	ModCon	Plenary - Meeting Management (Therese Howell/Middle Tennessee)	Galt House	Grand Ballroom C
11:00 am-11:45 am	ModCon	Workshops		
		- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (Beth Snyder/PMA)	Galt House	Beckham
		- "We hardly vote anymore - what else can we do?" (Sue Krummel/OGA)	Galt House	McCreary
		- Presbytery Responsibilities In A Year Following GA (Steve Plank/Cayuga-Syracuse)	Galt House	Taylor
12:00 noon-1:00 pm	AMCL/ ASC/ ModCon	Group Lunch (all together)	Galt House	Grand Ballroom B

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1:00 pm-2:00 pm	AMCL/ASC	Plenary III	Galt House	Grand Ballroom A
1:00pm-2:00 pm	ModCon	Plenary - What Questions Do you Bring? (Sue Krummel/OGA and PMA)	Galt House	Grand Ballroom C
2:15 pm-5:15 pm	ModCon/ ASC	Parliamentary Procedures (Joyce Lieberman/OGA)	Galt House	Grand Ballroom C
2:15 pm-3:15 pm	ASC	Workshops		
		~ Mid Council Best Practices and Trends for Transitional Times	Galt House	Taylor
		~ Electronic Meetings, Decently and In Order	Galt House	Beckham
		~ Administrative Manuals	Galt House	Stanley
2:15 pm-3:15 pm	AMCL	Open Space	Galt House	Ballroom A and McCreary
3:15 pm-3:30 pm	AMCL/ ASC/ ModCon	Break	Galt House	Grand Hall
3:30 pm-4:30 pm	ASC	Workshops		
		~ Handbook for Stated Clerks	Galt House	Taylor
		~ The Key to the Book of Order	Galt House	Morrow
		~ Beyond the Book of Order - Challenges for Stated Clerks	Galt House	Beckham
		~ Assisting Clerks of Session: Training, Handbooks, Minutes, etc.	Galt House	Stanley
3:30 pm-4:30 pm	AMCL	Open Space	Galt House	Ballroom A and McCreary
4:30 pm-5:00 pm	AMCL	Plenary	Galt House	Grand Ballroom A
5:00 pm-6:00 pm	AMCL/ASC	Worship	Galt House	Grand Ballroom A
5:30 pm-6:30 pm	ModCon	Dinner	Galt House	Grand Ballroom B
6:00 PM	AMCL/ASC	Dinner on your own/Free Night		
7:00 pm-8:30 pm	ModCon	Plenary - Q&A with the Co-Moderators of the 222nd General	Galt House	Grand Ballroom C

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Sunday, October 30	<i>group</i>	<i>event</i>	<i>facility</i>	<i>room</i>
<b>POLICON 15 BEGINS</b>				
	PoliCon	Breakfast on your own		
8:00 am-6:00 pm	PoliCon	Bookstore Open	Galt House	Archibald
9:00 am-10:15 am	PoliCon	Morning Worship - Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson, II preaching	Galt House	Archibald
10:15 am-10:30 am	PoliCon	break	Galt House	
10:30 am-12:00 noon	PoliCon	Plenary - A Vision for Mid Councils	Galt House	Archibald
12:00 n-1:30 pm	PoliCon	Lunch	Galt House	
1:30 pm-2:45 pm	PoliCon	Workshop Session 1		
		~ Ruling Elder Participation in Presbyteries and Synods	Galt House	Stanley
		~ Benefits Policy Considerations and Plan Flexibility	Galt House	Beckham
		~ Child Protection Policies	Galt House	Willow
		~ Church Departures - After the Dust Settles	Galt House	Holly
		~ Conversations with the Co-Moderators of the 222nd GA, Jan Edmiston and Denise Anderson	Galt House	Dogwood
		~ Directory for Worship	Galt House	McCreary
		~ Equipping Councils for Racial Justice Conversations Before and/or in the Wake of Violence	Galt House	Walnut
		~ Presbytery Leadership and Staffing Issues	Galt House	Sunflower
		~ Racial Equity Lens and Racial Equity Impact Assessments	Galt House	Azalea
		~ Records and Archives in the Digital Age	Galt House	Lilly
		~ Ruling Elder Training - A Conversation for Teaching Elders and Mid Councils	Galt House	Jasmine
		~ Varieties of Pastoral Leadership	Galt House	Poplar

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2:45 pm-3:00 pm	PoliCon	Break	Galt House	3rd Floor
3:00 pm-4:15 pm	PoliCon	Workshop Session 2		
		~ How Trained Christian Educators Can Strengthen Churches and MI Councils	Galt House	Stanley
		~ Benefits Policy Considerations and Plan Flexibility	Galt House	Beckham
		~ Book Discussion with the Co-Moderators: Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race (by Debby Irving) – Possible TBD	Galt House	Dogwood
		~ Child Protection Policies	Galt House	Willow
		~ Continuing Congregations Selling Property: Challenges and Opportunities.	Galt House	Holly
		~ Conversations with the Stated Clerk, J. Herbert Nelson, II	Galt House	Daisy
		~ Developing Ruling Elders as Spiritual Leaders	Galt House	Jasmine
		~ Directory for Worship	Galt House	McCreary
		~ FLSA Issues for Churches as Employers	Galt House	Poplar
		~ Presbytery Leadership and Staffing Issues	Galt House	Sunflower
		~ Racial Equity Lens and Racial Equity Impact Assessments	Galt House	Azalea
		~ Records and Archives in the Digital Age	Galt House	Lilly
		~ The Blessings and Challenges of Local Ecumenical Involvement	Galt House	Walnut
		~ The Call Process – A panel of advice and experience:	Galt House	Archibald
4:30 pm-5:30 pm	PoliCon	Plenary - Introduction to Anti-Racism Presentations	Galt House	Archibald
5:45 pm-6:45 pm	PoliCon	Dinner	Galt House	Cochran
7:00 pm-8:15 pm	PoliCon	Plenary - White Cultural Dominance and Our Complicity in Racial Inequity	Galt House	Archibald

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8:15 pm-8:30 pm      PoliCon      Evening Prayers      Galt House      Archibald

<b>Monday, October 31</b>	<b>group</b>	<b>event</b>	<b>facility</b>	<b>room</b>
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Breakfast on your own

7:30 am-4:30 pm      PoliCon      Bookstore Open      Galt House      Archibald

8:30 am-10:30 am      PoliCon      Plenary - Becoming an Antiracist  
Multicultural Institution      Galt House      Archibald

10:30 am-10:45 am      PoliCon      Break      Galt House      3rd Floor

10:45 am-12:00 noon	PoliCon	Workshop Session 3		
		~ Non-Teaching Elder Pastoral Leadership	Galt House	Poplar
		~ Answering the Call to Confession	Galt House	McCreary
		~ Consultation on GA Standing Rules and Commissioner Resources	Galt House	Willow
		~ Conversations with the Co-Moderators of the 222nd GA, Jan Edmiston and Denise Anderson	Galt House	Dogwood
		~ Conversations with the Stated Clerk, J. Herbert Nelson, II	Galt House	Daisy
		~ Important Things to Know About Bi-vocational Ministry:	Galt House	Walnut
		~ Leading in Antiracist Ways: What does it require?	Galt House	Stanley
		~ POWA to the People (Process Observation Web Application): A Tool for Measuring Participation and Assessing Council Practices	Galt House	Maple
		~ Resilience in the Face of Change	Galt House	Sunflower
		~ Ruling Elder Training - A Conversation for Teaching Elders and Mid Councils	Galt House	Jasmine

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		~ The "Exceptions" - When Does A Presbytery Choose to Make Exceptions in Calling A Pastor?	Galt House	Holly
		~ When the story breaks: Communications strategies in times of crisis	Galt House	Beckham
		~ You've Been Served - Your First Response to a Lawsuit	Galt House	Lilly
		~ What Can We Learn From COGA's "Churchwide Conversation"?	Galt House	Archibald
12:00 noon-1:30 pm	PoliCon	Free for Lunch		
1:30 pm-2:45 pm	PoliCon	Workshop Session 4		
		~ Book Discussion with the Co-Moderators: Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race (by Debby Irving) – Possible TBD	Galt House	Dogwood
		~ Church Trends: A New Research Tool	Galt House	Walnut
		~ Conversations with the Stated Clerk, J. Herbert Nelson, II	Galt House	Daisy
		~ Judicial Process - A General Overview	Galt House	Willow
		~ Leading in Antiracist Ways: What does it require?	Galt House	Stanley
		~ Reference Checks	Galt House	Lilly
		~ Ruling Elder Training - A Conversation for Teaching Elders and Mid Councils	Galt House	Jasmine
		~ Synods - Now What?	Galt House	Archibald
		~ The "Exceptions" - When Does A Presbytery Choose to Make Exceptions in Calling A Pastor?	Galt House	Holly
		~ The "Exceptions" - When Does a Presbytery Choose to Make Exceptions in the Preparation for Ministry Process?	Galt House	Poplar
		~ Theology and Value of Benefits	Galt House	Maple

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		~ When the story breaks: Communications strategies in times of crisis	Galt House	Beckham
2:45 pm-3:00 pm	PoliCon	Break	Galt House	3rd Floor
3:00 pm-5:45 pm	PoliCon	Plenary - Actions of the 222nd General Assembly (2016)	Galt House	Archibald
6:00 pm-7:00 pm	PoliCon	Dinner	Galt House	Cochran
7:00 pm-7:30 pm	PoliCon	Q&A with Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson, II	Galt House	Archibald
7:30 pm-8:30 pm	PoliCon	Closing Worship - Jan Edmiston, Co- Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly (2016), preaching	Galt House	Archibald