

MINUTES
Monthly Meeting
COMMITTEE ON THE
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
November 21, 2022
Video Conference

<p>WELCOME AND PRAYER</p> <p>The Stated Meeting of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) convened via video conference at 12:00 p.m. by Vice Moderator Dave Davis.</p>	<p>WELCOME</p>
<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAND</p> <p>Lynn Hargrove led the acknowledgement of the sacred ground of our indigenous ancestors.</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAND</p>
<p>OPENING PRAYER</p> <p>Opening prayer was offered by Lynn Hargrove.</p>	<p>OPENING PRAYER</p>
<p>APPROVE AGENDA</p> <p>By consensus the Committee approved the meeting agenda.</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVAL</p>
<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting.</p> <p><u>COGA Members:</u> Stephanie Anthony Lynn Hargrove Eliana Maxim, Moderator Dave Davis, Vice Moderator Andy James Ximena Leroux, PMAB liaison Chenyangu (Cheni) Khonje Robin Pugh Miguel Rosa Morales Luis Ocasio Torres J. Herbert Nelson II, Stated Clerk, ex officio Ruth Santana-Grace, Co-Moderator of the 225th GA (2022)</p> <p><u>EXCUSED</u> Sallie Watson Blythe Kieffer Leanne Masters Diane Moffett, Executive Director, PMAB</p>	<p>PARTICIPANTS</p>

<p><u>OGA Staff:</u> Kerry Rice Nancy Taylor Jihyun Oh Tricia Dykers-Koenig Rick Jones Laurie Griffith Dianna Wright Nancy Taylor Vicente Guna Tim Cargal DeAmber Clopton Kate Duffert Deb Davies valerie Izumi Jayne Culp Courtney Hemmelgarn</p> <p><u>Other Guests:</u> Kathy Lueckert, President, ASG Mike Kirk, ASG Leslie Scanlon, The Outlook</p>	
<p>VICE MODERATOR REPORT</p> <p>Vice Moderator Davis asked that everyone review the upcoming meeting dates listed at the end of the agenda and mark them on their calendars.</p>	<p>MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR REPORT</p>
<p>STATED CLERK REPORT</p> <p>Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson II reported about the hard work of the OGA staff and the ongoing challenges for the Church, mid councils, and teaching and ruling elders as a result of the pandemic. In addition, he talked about recent endeavors and travels.</p>	<p>STATED CLERK REPORT</p>
<p>CO-MODERATOR REPORT</p> <p>Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly (2020) Ruth Santana-Grace shared that she and fellow Co-Moderator Shavon Starling-Louis are trying to travel ‘smart’ with regard to health and resources. They have been to various presbyteries and synods and hosted the hybrid Moderators’ Conference earlier this month.</p> <p>Tricia Dykers-Koenig shared more details about the Moderators’ Conference; attendance both online and in person was good and the attendees responded favorably to the content</p>	<p>CO-MODERATOR REPORT</p>

<p>and opportunities to get to know each other. It was good to host the meeting in our Conference Center.</p> <p>Starling-Louis and Santana Grace have completed their appointments to the Unification Commission and Funding Models Development Team.</p>	
<p>REFERRALS FROM GA225</p> <p>Deputy Stated Clerk Kerry Rice mentioned the three referrals from GA225, one of which doesn't have to be completed until closer to GA226. These referrals can be found in PC-Biz.</p>	<p>REFERRALS FROM GA225</p>
<p>GA COMMITTEE ON ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS (GACEIR)</p> <p>COGA representative to the GACEIR committee Cheni Khonje reported about her experience at their recent meeting, including the fact that they have three working teams. The teams include Interfaith, Global Engagement and the Ecumenical team. They wrote and sent position papers, and discussed relevant issues that came out of GA225.</p> <p>Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Dianna Wright added that they talked with author Karen Peterson Finch about her recent book entitled "Grassroots Ecumenism".</p>	<p>GACEIR REPORT</p>
<p>MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION Vice Moderator Dave Davis entertained a motion to move into privileged, closed session to discuss issues impacting contractual negotiations related to GA226 in Salt Lake City.</p> <p>All COGA members were included in the closed session along with the following individuals: DeAmber Clopton, Jihyun Oh, Vicente Guna, Nancy Taylor, Natalie Shilstut Luci Duckson-Bramble, Dianna Wright, Rick Jones, Trica Dykers Koenig, Laurie Griffith, Deb Davies, valerie izumi, Kate Duffert, Courtney Hemmelgarn, Jayne Culp, Diane Minter, Mike Kirk, Andrej Ajanovich, and Kerry Rice.</p> <p>Davis reminded everyone going into the closed session about the need for confidentiality.</p> <p>MOTION MADE, SECONDED, AND APPROVED</p>	<p>MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>ACTION</p>
<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>

<p>RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly rose from closed session and announced that the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly approved the following dates for the 226th General Assembly (2024):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief On-line Plenary - Tuesday, June 25 • On-line Committees - Tuesday, June 25 to Thursday, June 27 • In-person Plenaries - Sunday, June 30 to Thursday, July 4 	<p>RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>ACTION</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm. with prayer offered by Ruth Santana-Grace.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

Respectfully Submitted:

Jayne Culp