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The Special Committee for the Writing of a New Confession met in person for the first time at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary December 13-15, 2023. Two members joined our work remotely. The meeting centered around clarifying our mandate from the General Assembly. Committee members were reminded of our confessional heritage by the Rev. Drs. Martha Moore-Keish and Charles Wiley, themselves members of the Special Committee. We reviewed TWE-13 and TWE-01, the overtures from Synod of the Northeast and the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations (GACEIR), as well as TWE-08, which calls for the formation of a new special committee to write a new PC(USA) confession. Going forward, committee members will spend our time together in prayer and conversation discerning what in this moment constitutes a *status confessionis* (Latin for “confessional status,” but also with a broader sense of making a clear statement of faith for a particular time and context), and what we as a church believe and what we resolve to do in response to this moment.

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