

COGA Events Team  
March 2021

The Events team has met with leadership from PMA, BOP, PILP, PPH, ASG, PW, and Presbyterian Foundation. Everyone expressed gratitude for being invited into the conversation and for COGA's planning efforts related to GA 225. The Events team shared COGA's theological convictions that shape our understanding and implementation of the Stated Clerk's vision for the Assembly and the 21<sup>st</sup> century church. A draft calendar was shared with a clear presentation of what we know now about the next assembly and what we do not yet know.

Our guests were then invited to respond to three questions:

- In what ways have you found meaningful connections in a traditional assembly setting?
- How might you imagine new ways to connect in the new setting described?
- How has your agency benefitted in other ways from past assemblies?

A consistent and strong refrain consisted of expressed grief for the loss of the large gather and that access to commissioners, mid-council leaders, visitors, and members of congregations from the host city. However, the conversations took a strong turn toward the possible benefits to the new model and creative ways the agencies can engage and assist.

This week the Events team is reaching out to the next concentric circle of assembly stakeholders with an invitation to attend the next meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

COGA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

As the Events team continues our work, it would be helpful to discuss when and how much time will be available to commissioners for non-assembly business activity.

COGA ACTION ITEMS:

None