

Unification Commission
Clarifying the 225th General Assembly (2022) Actions

WHAT:

- a. Form a commission to:
 - oversee and facilitate the unification of the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) into a single agency,
 - revise the Organization for Mission to reflect this change, and
 - work to align the entities, boards, committees, and constituent bodies of the General Assembly toward long-term faithfulness and financial sustainability of its mission within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- b. The commission shall:
 - establish missional and ecclesial coordination and
 - determine the strategies and priorities, across all entities, committees, and constituent bodies of the General Assembly where all available dollars, responsibilities, and charges are evaluated and unified to provide the best accomplishment of General Assembly goals.
- c. The commission shall:
 - provide governance for and have the authority to assume all governance functions of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (PMAB) and the Committee on the General Assembly (COGA) as the commission deems necessary.

WHO MUST BE CONSULTED?

- a. The commission will consult with
 - representatives from OGA, PMA, and all other agencies, committees, staff, and PC(USA) entities
 - and their boards,
 - including the advocacy and advisory committees, and mid councils.

Additionally, the executive leadership of PMA and OGA shall participate as requested.

WHAT POWERS DOES THE COMMISSION HAVE?

- a. The commission will have the authority to:
 - review,
 - adapt,
 - align as necessary, and
 - organize

the role(s) and relationships of “those committees of the General Assembly, entities, boards, committees and constituent bodies that are not explicitly established in the *Book of Order*”

toward

- long-term faithfulness,
- financial sustainability, and
- a unified new structure.

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- b. This commission shall have the power to
- combine,
 - unify,
 - eliminate, and/or
 - create
- any necessary organizational structure, including personnel and budget, to accomplish these missional strategies and priorities.
- c. The commission shall
- review,
 - address, and
 - align
- the financial agreements including
- per capita,
 - restricted, and
 - unrestricted funds,
- among
- the Foundation,
 - the Presbyterian Mission Agency,
 - the Office of the General Assembly, and
 - the Presbyterian Church (USA), A Corporation (A Corp)
- to support the new Organization for Mission so that each area of mission has adequate funds to sustain its mission long-term.
- d. Once unification is finalized, the commission shall determine the structure moving forward and present the new Organization for Mission to the 227th General Assembly (2026).

WHAT CAN'T THE COMMISSION DO?

- a. This commission shall not have the power
- to change the boards or bylaws of:
 - the Board of Pensions (BOP),
 - the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC),
 - the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc. (PILP),
 - the Presbyterian Foundation (FDN), or
 - the Presbyterian Church (USA), A Corporation (A Corp),
 - but may make recommendations to these agencies in an effort to better align the mission goals and priorities of the General Assembly.

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WHO IS ON THE COMMISSION?

- a. The commission recommendation for participation shall include:
- One member each from
 - the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA),
 - the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (PMAB), and
 - the Board of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation.
 - Two members from the Per Capita and Financial Sustainability Committee (PCFSC).
 - A member of the Moving Forward Implementation Commission (MFIC) or its successor.
 - Two commissioners from the 225th General Assembly (2022).
 - Two members-at-large from the larger church, including persons with expertise in
 - strategic planning,
 - visioning, experience on administrative commissions, and/or
 - institutional reorganization.
 - To ensure representation, COGA, PMAB, MFIC, A Corp, and PCFSC will submit the names of four possible members to serve on the commission.
 - The Moderator or Moderators of the 225th General Assembly (2022), after consultation with the General Assembly Nominating Committee (GANC) and the General Assembly Committee on Representation (GACOR), will name the commission.
 - Staff from the Office of the General Assembly, the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and the Administrative Services Group (ASG) of A Corp will provide support to the work of the commission.
 - Two Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAAD) from the 225th General Assembly (2022).
 - In forming the commission, attention will be paid to best practices of representation to ensure that in addition to representation from agencies, there is diversity in identities, particularly including race, age, sexuality, and gender.

G-3.0109b Commissions

A commission shall keep a full record of its proceedings and shall submit that record to the council or councils for incorporation into its records. Actions of a commission shall be regarded as actions of the council or councils that created it. A commission may be assigned additional duties as a committee, which duties shall be reported and handled as the report of a committee.

The decisions of an administrative commission shall be reported to the clerk of the designating council, who shall report it to the council at its next stated meeting. A council may rescind or amend an action of its administrative commission in the same way actions of the council are modified.

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TIMELINE

Unification Phase

December 2022	Unification Commission begins its work
February 26, 2024	180-day GA deadline for reports from committees, agencies
April 26, 2024	60-day GA deadline (financial implications)
May 11, 2024	45-day GA deadline (budgets)
June 24 – July 4, 2024	226 th General Assembly (2024), online and in person

Organization for Mission Phase:

2024 – 2026: a new *Organization for Mission* to be presented to the 227th General Assembly (2026)