

GA NEWS

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TECHNOLOGY, COMMITTEE SUPPORT PASS THE TEST AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

While online General Assembly committee work may have gotten off to a slow start on Tuesday, “we got into a rhythm,” noted the Rev. Bronwen Boswell, Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). “Once people got used to it, we heard little more about any technical issues. It was getting into the rhythm of being a committee, and it went well.”

“People had differing experiences with the technology,” Boswell noted. “With some [commissioners and advisory delegates], it’s second nature, but for others it’s very new. That’s where we’re at in this changing world, trying to include a wide swath of ages and people” to attend General Assembly. [Read more](#)



Kate Trigger Duffert



Bronwen Boswell

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

All times listed in Mountain Daylight Time

9:00 a.m.
Assembly Registration
Opens

12 Noon
GA Daily w/ Fred Tangeman
[Watch on the GA226 Website](#)

6:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception
Marriott Hotel





GLOBAL LANGUAGE RESOURCES GETS HEAD START ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Stephanie Vasquez

Months before the 226th General Assembly got underway this week, Global Language Resources (GLR) was working to ensure that key participants whose primary languages are Spanish and Korean would be able to fully participate.

“The church has been intentional in trying to provide language access for many of our folks so they can be included at the table and the decision-making table,” said Stephanie Vasquez, manager of GLR.

To achieve that goal, the five-person team has been working in earnest since February to ensure that things go well, said Vasquez, a native of Peru who was turning things over in her mind even earlier than that.

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GA DAILY PREMIERS SATURDAY

GA DAILY



After a successful test run in 2022, GA Daily returns for the 226th General Assembly. Each day through July 4, Fred Tangeman converses with some of the movers and shakers at this year’s General Assembly and highlights assembly business. You can catch it live or watch later on the [226th General Assembly website](#).

PRESBYTERIANS PREPARE TO MAKE ‘A JOYFUL NOISE’ AT GA226

The long days — and the even longer nights — that await participants at the [226th General Assembly \(2024\)](#) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Salt Lake City will be enlivened by the Holy Spirit, always at work in the life of the Church and the world.

And a General Assembly is no exception.

“Although we tend to focus on certain elements of the business of the General Assembly — bills and overtures, budgets and resolutions, committees and commissions — our Book of Order centers the work of the General Assembly in the ‘marks of the church,’ namely proclaiming the word, celebrating the sacraments and nurturing the covenant community of disciples,” said the Rev. David Gambrell, Ph.D., associate for Worship in the [Office of Theology and Worship](#) of the [Presbyterian Mission Agency](#). “We pray that these worship services will keep us faithful in giving glory to God in all things as we engage in the church’s work.” [Read more](#)



Opening worship at GA223 in St Louis, June 2018.

BE OPEN TO THE SPIRIT AND BE FLEXIBLE

One of the major outcomes of the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be the election of a new stated clerk. In her final weeks as Acting Stated Clerk, the Rev. Bronwen Boswell is sharing some advice to her successor, including the need to be open to the Spirit and what God has in store for the church of tomorrow.

From one Stated Clerk to Another

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) OGA



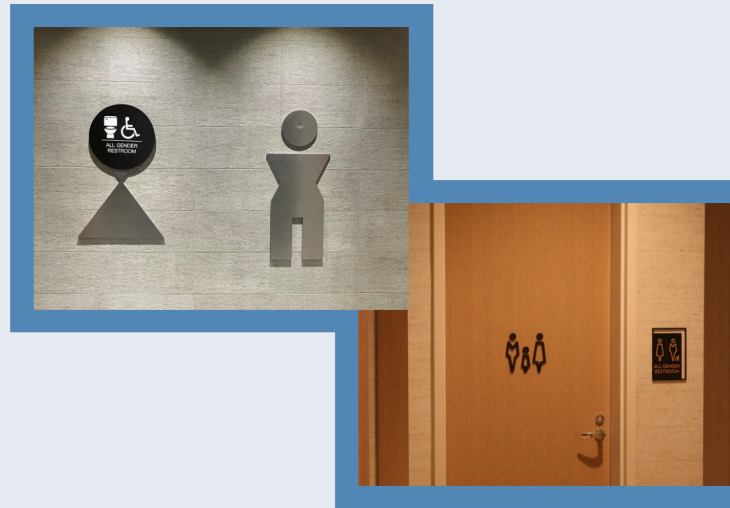
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLANNERS HELP PROVIDE WELCOME THROUGH ALL-GENDER BATHROOMS

A nearby hotel and some bathroom retrofits help to affirm the assembly's full commitment to welcome, acceptance and inclusion of transgender, gender non-binary and gender nonconforming attendees

On Jan. 30, Utah Governor Spencer Cox signed [House Bill 257](#) into law. HB 257, dubbed "Sex-based Designations for Privacy, Anti-Bullying, and Women's Opportunities," bars transgender, non-binary and gender nonconforming people from accessing privacy spaces and other facilities in public schools and government owned or controlled spaces, according to ACLU Utah. [Read More](#)



ARCHIVAL IMAGES FROM PHS' HOLDINGS OFFER GLIMPSES AT FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN SALT LAKE CITY

This year, the PC(USA) General Assembly gathering is making its way west — the destination? Salt Lake City. This isn't the first time the denominational meeting has crowded the streets of Salt Lake, though. Back in 1990, swaths of denim-clad congregants swarmed the beautiful, mountain-rimmed city, and, thanks to the photographs of Ronald B. Rice, whose personal papers are housed in the PHS archives, we can take a trip back in time to walk alongside the attendees of that conference 34 years ago.

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