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THE REV. JIHYUN OH IS ELECTED, THEN INSTALLED, AS STATED CLERK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PC(USA)

With family members laying on their hands and more than 500 commissioners and advisory delegates in full-throated support as well, the [Rev. Jihyun Oh](#) was elected and then installed as the next Stated Clerk of the General Assembly Monday. Oh, who's currently director of [Mid Council Ministries](#) in the [Office of the General Assembly](#), begins her new work on Aug. 1.

The margin was 420-2. After the vote was announced, the assembly gave her what can only be described as a standing Oh.

"I love this church, the part of the body of Christ that is the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)," Oh told the assembly. "I love this church for who we have been, warts and all, and for who we are now, and who we will become as we faithfully discern God's call for us."

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

All times listed in Mountain Daylight Time

8:30 a.m.

Ecumenical Service
of Worship

9:30 a.m.

Plenary 7

12:00 Noon

GA Daily
w/ Fred Tangeman

1:30 p.m.

Plenary 8

7:00 .p.m.

Plenary 9





IN FIFTH PLENARY, COMMISSIONERS DEMONSTRATE THAT 'EVERY VOTE COUNTS'



Following a joyful morning session—in which the Rev. Jihyun Oh was elected as the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA) and five PC(USA)-related seminary presidents were confirmed — the fifth plenary session moved from an air of celebration to the more serious consideration of CF-18, CR-07 on Transparency of Seminaries Around Investments, which had been arrested from the morning plenary.

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NEW CO-MODERATORS MEET THE PRESS



Fresh off their election as Co-Moderators of the 226th General Assembly Sunday night, the Rev. Tony Larson and the Rev. CeCe Armstrong, who both serve churches in South Carolina, were pictures of grace and insight during a press conference arranged for the Presbyterian News Service and Presbyterian Outlook. [Read more](#)

PRESBYTERIANS PREPARE TO MAKE 'A JOYFUL NOISE' AT GA226

As the 226th General Assembly moved into its second day of plenaries, the Revs. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace and Shavon Starling-Louis, Co-Moderators of the 225th General Assembly (2022), ended their term by leading opening worship.

Staying true to the promise they made two years ago of bringing everyone into the experience and community of God, their planned worship service represented the diversity of gifts, talents and people from all backgrounds to share in the good news. Young Adult Advisory Delegate Ellie Stewart from the [Presbytery of the Mid-South](#) and Ruling Elder Commissioner Zayn Silva, a BIPOC trans man from the [Presbytery of New York City](#), led worship. The music was also diverse, and the Holy Spirit was invited into the space from the onset.

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UTAH EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER TALKS EMBRACING INNOVATION AND CELEBRATING CONNECTION DURING GA DAILY

The wonder and joy of the connectional church was the overarching theme of Fred Tangeman's conversation with the Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior on Monday's edition of GA Daily. Haas-Melchior serves as executive presbyter of the [Presbytery of Utah](#), which is hosting this year's General Assembly in Salt Lake City. [Read more](#)





RATHER THAN LISTEN TO A LUNCHEON SPEAKER, RULING ELDERS SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER AROUND THE TABLE

Those attending the Ruling Elders Luncheon Monday could easily detect that Martha Miller, Manager of Ministry Education and Support in the Office of the General Assembly, is also a certified Christian educator.

As the host of the sold-out luncheon, Miller placed everyday items — a rubber band, a spool of thread, a measuring tape, a seashell and other items — in a small container on each table to generate discussion. [Read more](#)



BE PART OF THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO BE, EVEN IF THE TABLE IS NOT READY FOR YOU

After meeting in a retreat for two days ahead of the [226th General Assembly](#), members of the African American Mid Council Leaders spoke with Presbyterian News Service about some of the challenges both African American congregations and pastor face moving forward.

The three leaders who took time Sunday to to speak with PNS are:

- The Rev. Dr. Danny Murphy, general presbyter of [Trinity Presbytery](#)
- The Rev. Dr. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley, transitional synod leader with the [Synod of the Northeast](#)
- The Rev. Byron Wade, general presbyter of the [Presbytery of Western North Carolina](#) and the vice-moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008). [Read more](#)



AN ECUMENICAL DINNER AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELPS FOSTER DIALOGUE BOTH GLOBALLY AND LOCALLY



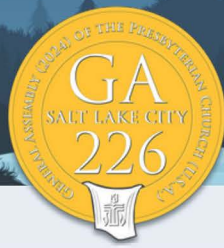
Tuesday night's Ecumenical Dinner, formerly known as the Stated Clerk's Dinner, was a recognition of the faithfulness of working together with partners across the globe. Acting Stated Clerk the Rev. Bronwen Boswell gave the opening prayer and greetings, emphasizing the continued commitment of working together. "I think there's an opportunity for us to broaden and bring communities together," Boswell said. "As society changes, there are ways in which religious communities all over the world are responding to social movements." [Read more](#)

GUNS TO GARDENS DEMONSTRATION BRINGS EMPOWERMENT AND HEALING TO GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WHILE EDUCATING GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

Two years after Nia Maile lost her 15-year-old cousin to gun violence, his death still shakes her to the core.

In life, her cousin, whose name was Paula Tah, had been the mildly annoying "brother" that Maile regretted having to bring along with her to things, but since his death — at the hands of a fellow teenager — he has become her motivation to speak out about senseless violence. [Read More](#)





UTAH CHURCH MODELS INCLUSIVE WORSHIP FOR GA COMMISSIONERS

On Sunday, [Wasatch Presbyterian Church](#) welcomed two busloads of Presbyterians from around the country to an inclusive and eclectic worship service. From the prelude to the postlude, the vibe of vitality through variety thrummed through the sanctuary with classical organ, favorite hymns, a praise band and a small but mighty bell choir. The children's choir was apparently on vacation for the long holiday weekend, but the Boomer band was "rocking," according to one commissioner.



"We are so excited to see all you visiting guests from General Assembly," said the Rev. Andrew Fleishman, associate pastor of Wasatch Presbyterian Church. The church has called the Rev. Irene Pak Lee as its installed pastor. Pak Lee will begin her service in August. [Read More](#)

PRESBYTERY OF UTAH BUILDS CONNECTIONS WITH YOUTH ACROSS THE STATE

There are 20 churches connected with the Presbytery of Utah across the state. In an effort to build connections with youth from the various churches, the presbytery created a ministry role to make that happen.



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