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Presbyterian Outlook's **Guide to GA227**

Key issues. Major overtures.
What Presbyterians should know.

About this resource

The Presbyterian Outlook has produced this resource to help congregations and members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) understand how the denomination makes decisions through the General Assembly (GA) and why those decisions matter. The GA's actions shape our shared theology, mission priorities, polity and public witness — touching every session, pastor and member.

This resource makes GA227, themed “Persevering Toward Wholeness,” more accessible by:

- Offering clear explanations and context for key decisions
- Providing questions to guide congregational discussion
- Framing the GA as a space for communal discernment, not just governance

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- Search for overtures and items of business
- Read full texts and rationales
- Follow overtures and decisions through committees
- Track amendments, recommendations and final actions

Ultimately, this resource is intended to strengthen connections across the church – supporting learning, conversation and shared responsibility – so congregations can engage more fully in the PC(USA)’s ongoing discernment.

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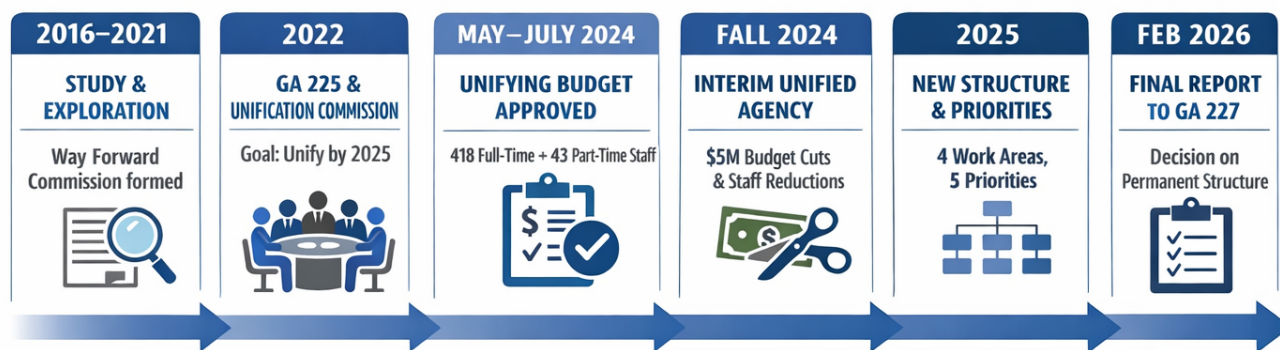
Organizational changes for PC(USA)

After nearly a decade of study and debate, the PC(USA) is nearing the final stages of a sweeping reorganization of its national offices: reshaping budgets, staffing, governance and long-standing programs.

Key milestones:

- **2016:** The Way Forward Commission was established to explore streamlining the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA).
- **2022:** The 225th GA created a 12-member Unification Commission to guide the church toward a unified structure over four years.
- **2024:** A “unifying budget” was recommended to the 226th GA, aligning OGA, PMA, the Administrative Services Group, and mission co-workers.
- **2025-2026 budget:** The budget was approved with 418 full-time and 43 part-time staff positions, including 3% salary increases. The budget also anticipated a 1.8% increase in dues to the Board of Pensions for major medical costs.

PC (USA) UNIFICATION TIMELINE



Formation of the Interim Unified Agency (IUA)

Following the budget alignment in 2024, the Unification Commission announced the creation of an Interim Unified Agency (IUA), led by Stated Clerk Jihyun Oh.

During a [December 2025 interview with the Outlook](#), Oh used the words “relationship” and “relational” in describing the new entity.

“The big shift that we’re doing is centered around relationship,” she said. “That’s really about what we do.

“Who do you work with? Who are we investing with in the work is a bigger question instead of what we do,” she said.

When the focus is on the work, Oh said, if the work changes, new relationships often must be built or rebuilt to accomplish the task.

“Relationships are the heart of ministry and mission together,” Oh said, “and if that is really the case, then how can we organize around that?”



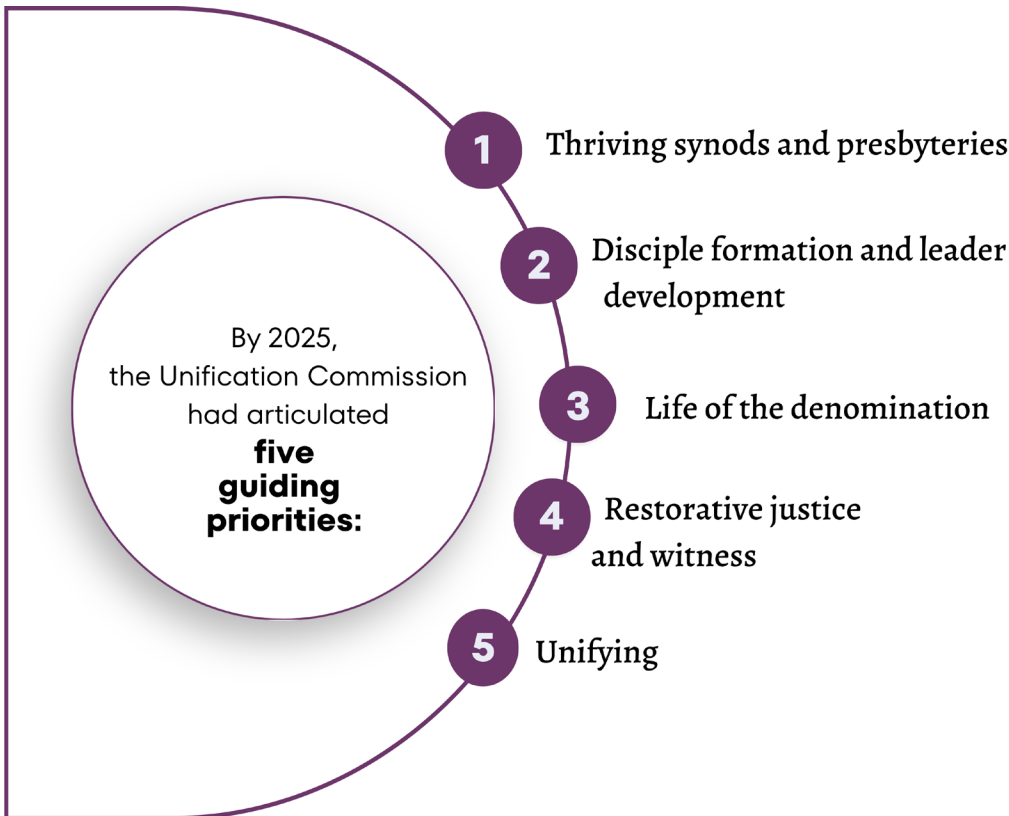
Key developments:

- OGA and PMA governing boards were directed to complete their work by early 2025.
- The Unification Commission was then designated to serve as the IUA’s governing board until GA226.
- A [\\$5 million budget reduction](#) over two years was approved, achieved in part through staff reductions.
- Three weeks after the October 2024 Unification Commission meeting, leaders announced a [reconfiguration plan](#), including:
 - ◊ Staff layoffs
 - ◊ Restructuring or elimination of several ministry areas
 - ◊ Severance packages for affected employees

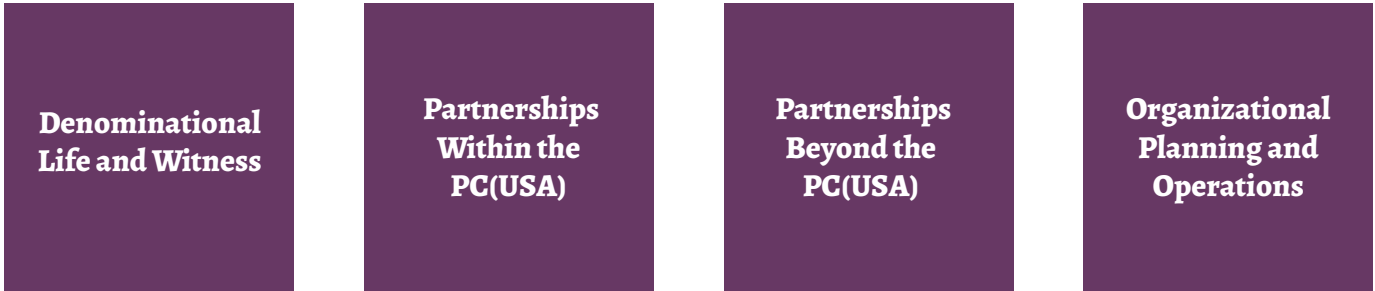
Among the most significant changes:

- **Presbyterian Peacemaking Program:** Most staff positions that focused on gun violence prevention were eliminated, leaving only one.
- **Theology and Worship:** This program area was restructured.
- **Vital Congregations:** This program was integrated with 1001 New Worshiping Communities and aligned more closely with intercultural associates in Racial Equity and Women’s Intercultural Ministries.
- **In-Person Meetings:** Several boards and advisory committees paused work in 2025, as the commissioners viewed the committee structure.
- **Journal of Presbyterian History:** The journal was reimagined as an online-only, ecclesial-focused publication.

By 2025, the Unification Commission had articulated [five guiding priorities](#):



At the same time, the commission designated four primary work areas:



Leadership realignment

The PC(USA) structure was [further clarified](#) in January 2026, when Oh described the agency’s realignment into the four leadership areas. Two senior leaders were added to oversee the Office of Public Witness and ecumenical/interreligious relations.

As restructuring progressed:

- Several long-standing divisions were eliminated and absorbed into the remaining areas.
- [Mission co-workers were reduced to 30](#), down from approximately 300 over 15 years.
- The changes drew criticism from former staff and others, who emphasized the historic roles of eliminated programs.

With the Unification Commission’s final report from February 2026, GA227 will determine whether the interim structure, named Presbyterian Life & Witness in February, becomes permanent and how the denomination’s mission and governance will evolve.

More in-depth articles from the *Outlook*

- [PC\(USA\) national offices unification: What’s next?](#), Gregg Brekke, July 12, 2024
- [PC\(USA\) takes major move in unifying OGA, PMA and A Corp budgets](#), John A. Bolt, May 8, 2024
- [Unification Commission approves job descriptions for restructured board](#), John A. Bolt, July 30, 2025
- [Unification Commission consolidates PC\(USA\) agencies, resulting in program changes and staff reduction](#), Gregg Brekke, Nov. 21, 2024
- [Unification Commission sets priorities for new structure](#), John A. Bolt, Sept. 26, 2025
- [“We’re in relationship, therefore we do ministry”: Inside the PC\(USA\)’s mission shift](#), John A. Bolt, Jan. 6, 2026

GA227 overtures to follow

- [\[COM-023\] Recommendation for New Organization for Mission from the Unification Commission](#)
- [\[COM-024\] Recommendation for New Introduction to the Manual of the General Assembly from the Unification Commission](#)
- [\[COM-025\] Report of the Unification Commission](#)
- [\[OVT-032\] On Reinstating the Immigration Attorney Position](#)
- [\[OVT-038\] Overture to Reinstatement Office of Theology and Worship](#)



PC(USA) global mission undergoes significant change following GA226

For decades, the PC(USA) structured international mission around a collaborative partnership model: mission co-workers served at the invitation of global partners, under local leadership, deliberately moving away from paternalistic or colonial practices. That model is now undergoing a significant [transition](#).

Budget decisions and restructuring

In June 2024, GA226 approved a [unified budget](#) for PMA, OGA and the Administrative Services Group. The full scope of changes became clearer in January 2025, when the denomination announced [major reductions to mission co-worker positions](#), citing:

- Financial constraints
- Changing realities in global mission

Oversight shifted to the newly formed IUA, which stated that the restructuring aimed to support a more equitable and collaborative global engagement model. The scale of the reductions prompted concern across the PC(USA).

Effects on mission co-workers and partners

Mission co-workers were notified of [employment changes](#) in January 2025, with [immediate effects on individuals and families](#) who had served overseas for years. Responses included:

- **Global partners:** In an open letter published in April 2025, [international partners](#) criticized the process as abrupt and damaging to long-standing relationships, noting that co-workers provided continuity, cultural understanding and institutional memory.
- **U.S. congregations:** For [many churches](#), mission co-workers were the primary link to international ministry. The reduction in force raised questions about how congregations will maintain meaningful global engagement and accountability going forward.

Responses and criticism

Between February and April 2025, criticism emerged from [former co-workers, advocacy groups](#) and scholars, centered on:

- Lack of consultation with [global partners](#) before final decisions, which undermined the collaborative principles that the denomination has long emphasized
- Continued concentration of authority in the U.S., despite stated commitments to mutuality. Some partners described the process as colonial in practice
- Need for deeper theological reflection, as [missiologist Stanley H. Skreslet](#) cautioned against allowing financial pressures alone to determine the future of mission

Emerging alternatives

In mid-2025, former mission co-workers announced the formation of [With You Always](#), enabling 17 former co-workers to continue serving through a [new organizational structure](#). The initiative aims to preserve partner relationships while alternative mission models develop, reflecting broader interest in congregation- and mid-council-supported mission. Questions remain about long-term sustainability and integration with future PC(USA) strategy.



Looking ahead

[GA227](#) is expected to bring greater clarity on global mission's future. Key concerns include:

- How global partners will be involved in shaping policy
- What role regional liaisons will play in the future
- How the denomination will balance financial realities with partnership commitments

There is broad agreement that decisions made since GA226 will have lasting implications for the PC(USA)'s global witness.

More in-depth articles from the *Outlook*

- [An open letter to members of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board](#), Sept. 30, 2015
- [Decommissioned: The elimination of Missionary Advisory Delegates and the transformation of PC\(USA\) World Mission](#), Jonathan A. Seitz, July 30, 2024
- [Dismissed mission co-workers, denominational officials draft new theology of mission](#), Eric Ledermann, April 14, 2026
- [Former mission co-workers go public as PC\(USA\) severance conditions expire](#), Eric Ledermann, April 23, 2026
- [Global partners protest PC\(USA\) mission layoffs in open letter](#), Eric Ledermann, April 1, 2025
- [Our fork in the road: On the end of the Presbyterian Mission Agency](#), Stanley H. Skreslet, Sept. 4, 2025
- [PC\(USA\) announces major cuts to mission co-workers amid restructuring](#), Eric Ledermann, Jan. 23, 2025
- [PC\(USA\) faces backlash over mission co-worker layoffs](#), Eric Ledermann, Feb. 6, 2025
- [Presbyterians organize to continue international mission sending](#), Pat Cole, Dec. 3, 2025
- [Unification Commission approves job descriptions for restructured board](#), John A. Bolt, July 30, 2025
- [Unification Commission consolidates PC\(USA\) agencies, resulting in program changes and staff reduction](#), Gregg Brekke, Nov. 21, 2024
- [Unification Commission sets priorities for new structure](#), John A. Bolt, Sept. 26, 2025
- [“We’re in relationship, therefore we do ministry”: Inside the PC\(USA\)’s mission shift](#), John A. Bolt, Jan. 6, 2026

GA227 overtures to follow

- [\[OVT-005\] Call to Review the Restructuring of the PC\(USA\) World Mission](#)
- [\[OVT-006\] Calling for a New Missiological Statement for the Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)
- [\[OVT-004\] On Prohibiting Non-Disclosure Covenants in Employee Relations](#)



Finance committee signals faster action on divestment, budgets and climate

Decisions by the PC(USA) over the past two years point to a denomination increasingly willing to act quickly on financial policy, even when issues remain complex or contested. At GA226, commissioners opted for [decisive action](#) over prolonged study on issues from divestment and climate commitments to budgets and special offerings.

A compromise action by GA226 added the [“top 10” fossil fuel companies to the PC\(USA\) prohibited securities list](#), which directs the denomination’s investing agencies not to invest in and/or to divest from specific companies based on these criteria. And in June 2025, the Presbyterian Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) added a director-voting strategy, meaning MRTI can recommend voting against relevant directors at companies that have failed to establish a net-zero emissions plan by 2050, among other criteria.

Selling government debt tied to military occupation

At GA226, the finance committee recommended selling government debt issued by countries engaged in long-term military occupation, concluding that moral witness requires timely action even amid financial complexity.

Budgets approved with per capita increase

In 2024, commissioners approved PC(USA) [operating budgets](#) of:

- \$94.9 million and \$95 million for the next two years
- A 13% increase in [per capita](#) giving over the biennium, described as necessary to sustain ministries amid inflation, rising personnel costs and program demands. According to the PC(USA) website, “per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).”

Fossil fuel investments under scrutiny

[The Presbyterian Foundation](#) and [Board of Pensions](#) together manage **more than \$13 billion** in investments.

As of last summer, **114 companies** were on monitored or restricted lists, including:

- Lockheed Martin; Smith & Wesson (defense)
- British American Tobacco (tobacco)
- Chevron; ExxonMobil (fossil fuels)

PC(USA) Operating Budgets By the Numbers

\$94.9 million
Approved operating budget for the first year

\$95 million
Approved operating budget for the second year

+13%
Planned increase in per-capita giving over the biennium

Early July
Budgets approved by commissioners

Commissioners debated whether [corporate engagement remained effective or whether divestment](#) had become necessary.



Climate action resolutions at GA226

- [ENV-02](#), calling for immediate divestment by the Presbyterian Foundation and Board of Pensions, was disapproved.
- [ENV-06](#), calling for expanded climate commitments, policy alignment with the Paris Agreement’s goal of limiting warming to below 2°C, and COP28 language calling for a just transition away from fossil fuels this decade was approved.

Divestment list expanded after GA226

In January 2025, the [MRTI](#) committee added to the prohibited securities list:

- The world’s **top 10 fossil fuel companies**
- **Four countries**

Special offerings restructured

GA226 reduced [special offerings](#) from four to three, shifting from program-based to cause-based giving, [reorganized](#) around:

- Disaster response
- Poverty and climate change
- Leadership development
- Assistance for church workers in need

Full implementation of the offering changes happened at the end of 2025.

A shift toward momentum

Taken together, these actions suggest a denomination choosing momentum over delay. Supporters see them as offering a necessary response to moral urgency; critics worry about unintended consequences, saying the actions are still too slow.

More in-depth articles from the *Outlook*

- [#GA226 commissioners painted into a corner over fossil fuel investments](#), John A. Bolt, July 11, 2024
- [Finance committee chooses fast action over study](#), John A. Bolt, June 28, 2024
- [Major changes coming in PC\(USA\) special offerings after #GA226 action](#), John A. Bolt, July 3, 2024
- [MRTI adds 10 fossil fuel companies, four countries to divestment list](#), Gregg Brekke, Jan. 14, 2025
- [PC\(USA\) budgets of \\$94.9 million and \\$95 million approved for next two years](#), John A. Bolt, July 5, 2024

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[\[COM-009\] Report of the Funding Model Development Team](#)



Olympia Overture and the work still ahead for LGBTQ+ inclusion in the PC(USA)

With Amendment 24-A and companion changes [now approved](#), the focus for presbyteries and sessions shifts to how the language changes in the *Book of Order* will be lived out. At the center of that transition stands the [Olympia Overture](#), also known as POL-01 and Amendment 24-A.

What Amendment 24-A changed

- Revised [Book of Order language](#) (F-1.0403) to explicitly include gender identity and sexual orientation among the church’s “rich diversity”
- Guaranteed LGBTQ+ members full participation in worship, governance and ministry
- Reshaped G-2.0104b to include an ordination candidate’s commitment to participation and representation in examinations

[Supporters](#) say these changes align values with leadership standards; [critics](#) worry the changes could narrow theological diversity.

Why the Olympia Overture still matters

The overture’s [call for oversight and interpretive guidance](#), particularly in the areas of freedom of consciousness and clarity on how to evaluate the answers of candidates for ordered ministry, remains critical. Without it, presbyteries and sessions risk uneven application of revised constitutional language, potentially deepening the tensions the amendments were meant to resolve. Calls for oversight are not resistance to inclusion; they reflect trust in the church’s connectional system.

This ongoing dialogue is not a sign of failure but of a denomination wrestling seriously with its identity. Calls for oversight should...be understood as an expression of trust in the church’s connectional system.

As Amendment 24-A moves from approval to practice, a core question remains: How will the PC(USA) embody its stated values consistently, with humility and with grace?

More in-depth articles from the Outlook

- [The ongoing dialogue on LGBTQIA+ inclusion in the Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#), Patrice Gaines, April 26, 2024
- [Discussion on non-discrimination overture POL-01 heats up ahead of GA committee meetings](#), Gregg Brekke, June 6, 2024
- [The Olympia Overture \(POL-01\) approved with amendment](#), Blake Brinegar, June 27, 2024
- [#GA226 advances two-part inclusivity change to Book of Order](#), Gregg Brekke, July 4, 2024
- [All Book of Order amendments recommended by GA 226 pass](#), Gregg Brekke, May 14, 2025

GA227 overtures to follow

- [\[OVT-003\] On Confession, Repentance and Renewed Theological Engagement Regarding HIV/AIDS and Human Sexuality](#)
- [\[OVT-08\] On Establishing a Special Committee to Evaluate the Implementation of Amendments 24-A & 24-C](#)



Health care, faith and the moral imperative of gender-affirming care

For many faith communities, access to [gender-affirming health care](#) is no longer theoretical – it is personal, pastoral and urgent. Within the PC(USA), this need has come into focus through both [policy debates](#) and [powerful testimony](#).

Key developments

- At GA226, transgender teenager [Owen Gibbs testified](#) about the necessity of gender-affirming care for his mental and physical well-being, reframing the debate as one of pastoral responsibility.
- Discussions about [Board of Pensions](#) benefits raised questions about whether the health care available for pastors, staff and their families adequately supports transgender individuals.
- In December 2024, [faith-based protesters](#) gathered outside the U.S. Supreme Court in defense of transgender health care, with clergy testifying that affirming transgender lives is an expression of faith.
- In March 2025, [11 Christian LGBTQ+ organizations](#) – including More Light Presbyterians – issued an Ash Wednesday statement opposing policies that threaten transgender health care access.

Medical associations have consistently affirmed: Gender-affirming care is evidence-based healthcare that can be lifesaving, particularly for youth.

For transgender people, [access to care](#) is bound up with survival, mental health and full participation in community life. Increasingly, faith communities are answering the call to stand with those most affected.

More in-depth articles from the Outlook

- [Board of Pensions health care dues recommended for further exploration](#), Gregg Brekke, July 4, 2024
- [Outside Supreme Court, religious protesters mostly rally in favor of transgender rights](#), Religion News Service, Dec. 5, 2024
- [Queer Christian groups oppose Trump orders in Ash Wednesday statement](#), Religion News Service, March 7, 2025
- [Standing with and celebrating transgender and nonbinary youth](#), Presbyterian News Service, March 14, 2022
- [Transgender teen’s testimony at GA challenges PC\(USA\) toward greater inclusivity](#), Eric Ledermann, April 1, 2025

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[\[OVT-009\] On Access to Healthcare](#)



Confronting Christian nationalism: A faithful responsibility

In 2024, the [Domestic Engagement Committee](#) overwhelmingly approved a study on [White Christian nationalism](#), recognizing it as a distortion of Christian faith that elevates nation, race, and cultural power alongside – or above – the Gospel.

[According to Americans United](#), an organization that defends the separation of church and state, “White Christian Nationalism is the dangerous belief that America is – and must remain – a Christian nation founded for its white Christian inhabitants and that our laws and policies must reflect this. Christian Nationalists deny the separation of church and state [promised by our Constitution](#), and they oppose equality for people of color, women, LGBTQ+ people, religious minorities, and the nonreligious.”

The Domestic Engagement Committee’s study, which will be presented for approval at GA227, defines Christian nationalism as “a political ideology that seeks to merge Christian identity with U.S. civic life and national identity. It asserts that the United States was founded as a Christian nation and should continue to be governed according to what its proponents see as Christian values or biblical principles.”

- The GA Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations is adding [liturgical and educational resources](#), affirming that confronting Christian nationalism is a spiritual as well as intellectual task.
- Local congregations are drawing from the *Book of Confessions* to challenge any fusion of Christian faith with national or cultural identity.
- [Voices from local congregations](#) underscore that this challenging work is already happening on the ground. Churches utilizing the *Book of Confessions* are discovering that their own tradition provides language to challenge any fusion of Christian faith with a single national or cultural identity. As theologians like [David W. Congdon](#) argue, the danger lies less in obvious heresy and more in familiar orthodox language that is bent toward harmful ends.

[The Presbyterian response](#) is ultimately about fidelity to Christ rather than country, to justice rather than power.

More in-depth articles from the *Outlook*

- [Domestic Engagement Committee passes items on modern slavery, gun violence, White Christian nationalism and solitary confinement](#), Presbyterian News Service, June 28, 2024
- [General Assembly committee publishes a resource to help Presbyterians confront Christian nationalism](#), Presbyterian News Service, July 11, 2025
- [Orthodoxy, not heresy, is the root problem of Christian nationalism](#), David W. Congdon, Jan. 10, 2025
- [Three churches, one focus: Uniting to confront Christian nationalism](#), Haley Ballast, Aug. 16, 2024

GA227 overtures to follow

- [\[OVT-002\] On Taking Action to Repudiate Christian Nationalism and Affirm Our Faith Commitments](#)
- [\[COM-033\] Standing against White Christian Nationalism Recommendations and Rationale](#)



The PC(USA) and justice and peace in Israel/Palestine

For decades, the denomination has wrestled with the realities of [Israel/Palestine](#). [GA resolutions](#) have affirmed [Palestinian human rights](#) and a two-state solution, and the denomination has heard controversial but conscience-driven calls for divestment from companies profiting from occupation. The denomination has insisted that faith communities must speak when systems deny dignity.

That insistence was visible in the lead-up to the [226th GA](#), where overtures and debates signaled a denomination unwilling to retreat into silence, even amid polarization and fatigue. The question was not whether the PC(USA) should engage the topic of [Israel/Palestine](#), but how it can do so faithfully now.

[The Palestine Justice Network](#) has equipped congregations with education, advocacy tools and theological resources, while Israel-Palestine Ministries and the Palestine Solidarity Working Group have helped keep the church connected to lived realities on the ground.

Faith communities must speak when systems deny dignity.

That relational grounding comes through powerfully in the voices of Palestinian Christians. As Christopher Tweel writes in [“The long way to Bethlehem.”](#) Palestinian liberation theology is among the most vital theological contributions of our time — and is often absent from American pulpits. To ignore it is a theological [“Blind spot.”](#) as Hunter Farrell argues.

A year after the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel, *Outlook* Editor Teri Ott spoke with mission co-worker Doug Dicks, who was based in Bethlehem. Dicks said that, in addition to the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Agency, “the Church of Scotland . . . opened their hotel, The Scots Hotel, Tiberias, to Israeli families that were evacuated from communities near to the Lebanese border, providing a sanctuary and three meals a day.

“We have tried to alleviate suffering, understand the trauma, share anguish, and provide a small window of hope in a very dark and tragic situation, Dicks said.

More in-depth articles from the *Outlook*

- [Between anguish and resilience: Reflections from Bethlehem](#), Teri Ott, October 3, 2024
- [Blind spot](#), B. Hunter Farrell, Sept. 25, 2025
- [PC\(USA\)’s engagement with Israel/Palestine at the 226th General Assembly](#), Eric Ledermann, May 15, 2024
- [The long way to Bethlehem](#), Christopher Tweel, Dec. 23, 2025

GA227 overtures to follow

- [\[OVT-013\] On Recognizing that Israel Has Violated the International Law Prohibiting Genocide](#)
- [\[OVT-047\] Peace and Justice through Just and Peaceful Means: Overture on Embargoing Israel](#)



Racial equity and justice: essential, not peripheral

In 2024, the General Assembly's equity and justice work addressed disparities in pastors' pay, criminal justice reform (specifically the 13th Amendment's provision permitting the enslavement of those convicted of a crime), White Christian nationalism and the needs of immigrant faith communities.

Working toward repair at GA226

- [FIN-11](#) created a task force to study clergy pay equity and develop models for equitable compensation across the denomination.
- [POL-03](#) advanced guidelines for chartering fellowships, worshipping communities, and new church developments, continuing work begun at GA225.
- [RSG-04](#) recognized March 31 as Transgender Day of Visibility
- [RSG-05](#) addressed equity, inclusion and the realities of Hispanic Latino-a-e Ministry
- [RSG-06](#) recommended an adjustment in the schedule of the Diverse Voices Table report, moving it from 2026 to 2028 due to the complexities of unification work.
- [RSG-INFO-02](#) presented the interim report of the Special Committee on the PC(USA) and Race

Bearing witness to God's love

Recognizing that equity and justice are essential to reconciliation and repair, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is called to bear witness to God's love by actively dismantling systems and structures that have caused harm within the church and in broader society.

More in-depth articles from the *Outlook*

- [Breaking the Miller Cycle: The Center for the Repair of Historical Harms](#), Jermaine Ross-Allam, Sept. 12, 2024
- [Bridging generations for racial justice](#), Colleen Bell, Feb. 20, 2025
- [The power of the pilgrim](#), Keatan King and Omar Rouchon, Feb. 27, 2025
- [White Southern Presbyterians and the fight for racial justice](#), William Yoo, Feb. 11, 2025

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- [\[COM-013\] Formation of a Special Committee on African American Ecclesial Repair](#)
- [\[COM-015\] Resolution to Review Implementation of the Black Women and Girls Task Force Report \(2022\)](#)
- [\[COM-016\] Resolution on Liberia Project 180](#)
- [\[COM-055\] Racial Equity Advocacy Committee \(REAC\) Report](#)
- [\[OVT-033\] On Jeju in Korea](#)
- [\[OVT-054\] On Creating the Korean American Ministry Roundtable to Reimagine the Future](#)



Proposed new confession addresses modern challenges

No single confession captures everything, and each generation faces new challenges. The *Book of Confessions* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) holds confessions that have been written over the centuries, guiding scriptural interpretation, giving the church language for its witness and identity, and helping the church apply the Bible faithfully within the Reformed tradition.

A confession is neither a loyalty oath nor a legal checklist. It is the church’s living, communal declaration of who God is, who we are in response to God, and what the church and its members are called to do together in facing real-world challenges.

A [proposed new confession](#) for the PC(USA) will come before the 227th General Assembly in June. In response to several overtures, all calling for a new confession addressing modern challenges, the 225th General Assembly in 2022 directed the 16-person Special Committee to Write a New Confession to form a draft that would “strengthen the witness of the PC(USA) in the world.”

In late 2025, the special committee reported that a new confession was taking shape. The committee’s report, [COM-052](#), will be presented at GA this summer, after which a separate committee will study and possibly amend it before bringing the [proposed new confession](#) to a subsequent assembly.

A confession, part of a church’s public witness, clarifies what the church will stand for and against, and charts a course toward what the church is becoming.

More in-depth articles from the *Outlook*

- [A turning point in the church’s search for a new confession](#), Harriet Riley, Jan. 6, 2026
- [Committee proposes confession specific to the times we live in](#), Harriet Riley, April 24, 2026
- [Why a 50-year-old Presbyterian confession still matters](#), John Williams, Jan 2, 2026

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[\[COM-052\]The Report of the Special Committee for a New Confession](#)



GA227 will gather in person and include a community day of service

The 227th GA will feature an exhibit hall and in-person plenary sessions. Key details:

- In-person GA affirmed, though committee meetings are not required to be in person
- One full day dedicated to [Community Day](#) – commissioners and attendees will participate in service, learning and witness across the Milwaukee area. Also, in response to calls for the GA Exhibit Hall to return, a new mission fair will be held from 2-5 pm, where Presbyterian organizations can reserve a table.

More in-depth articles from the *Outlook*

- [A key day of the 227th General Assembly will be spent out in the community](#), Presbyterian News Service, Nov. 28, 2024
- [Committee on General Assembly Procedures approves the Presbytery of Milwaukee’s offer to host the 227th General Assembly in 2026](#), Presbyterian News Service, June 27, 2024
- [Presbytery leaders from Southern California will stand for co-moderators of the 227th General Assembly](#), Presbyterian News Service, Feb. 23, 2026
- [*Two pastors will stand for election as co-moderators of the 227th General Assembly](#), Presbyterian News Service, Jan. 5, 2026
- [*West Virginia pastor will stand for moderator of the 227th General Assembly](#), Presbyterian News Service, April 24, 2026

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[\[OVT-023\] On In-Person Assemblies](#)

*At the time of this publication, five pastors had announced they would stand for co-moderator or moderator. More may have announced since. Please check pres-outlook.org for updates.

Join the *Presbyterian Outlook* webinar for co-moderator candidates on June 17.

For years, the *Outlook* has facilitated conversations with co-moderator candidates before the General Assembly, so that commissioners and those interested can get to know the candidates better.

Details:

- Teri Ott, editor and publisher, will host the webinar via Zoom, 7-8:30 p.m. ET, on June 17.
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