



Summary of the 53rd General Assembly of the PCA

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Overall

This year's Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) General Assembly (GA) was encouraging. Even though there were numerous things that we debated, those debates were respectful. We walked away with a sense that the PCA remains united around Biblical fidelity.

One of the first items of business was to elect a new Stated Clerk for the PCA. TE Fred Greco was unanimously elected. We believe him to be an excellent choice.

Here is our summary of the reports, major discussions and actions:

Reports

We took reports from all the permanent committees and agencies. Here are items to note:

- The PCA continues to grow slowly. We have 1,673 churches and 405,634 members.
- Mission to the World (MTW) reached the end of their 10 year "1% Challenge." They challenged each PCA church to send out 1% of its members into long-term cross-cultural missions. We rejoiced to hear that the response exceeded the goal. Our churches sent out 1.9% of their members into missions.
- The Mission to North America (MNA) committee has had a series of management, organizational, and financial issues that have hampered their focus and work. However, under the new leadership appointed by last year's GA, they have made changes that are bringing these issues to light and beginning to correct them.

We reviewed the actions taken by the presbyteries and ruled on the overtures brought to the Assembly for consideration and possible actions.

Major Discussions

Terms of office for the stated clerk and coordinators

The most important administrative offices of the PCA are the stated clerk and the coordinators of the permanent committees. They serve under the oversight of the GA and are elected every year. The request was to make them 4 year terms. The Assembly voted to keep them at 1 year terms.

Report from the Committee on the Directory of Public Worship

This Committee is working to revise the Directory of Worship for authoritative use. They proposed a draft that is now being circulated for comment. The goal is to have the final Directory for vote next year.



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Report from the Committee on Christian Nationalism

The study committee reported on its progress. They provided a draft report that they are still perfecting. They are asking for feedback from the denomination. The final report will come next year.

Major Actions

Prayer and Fasting for Revival

We established that the Presbyterian Church in America will set aside a time during the month of September 2026, or later if desired, to observe a solemn day of fasting and prayer for the revival and renewal of the church.

Give Thanks to God for America's 250

We passed the following resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that the 53rd General Assembly encourages all congregations in the Presbyterian Church in America to give thanks to the Lord for the United States of America as we approach the 250th Anniversary of the Nation's Founding.

Prayer of Thanks for Adult Professions of Faith

As a General Assembly, we offered a prayer of thanks to God during the Assembly for the 5,656 adult professions of faith reported in the PCA Statistical Report.

Women Deacons

There were two presbyteries that requested we allow women to serve as ordained deacons. There was little debate and the Assembly overwhelmingly voted no on the grounds that "our constitutional documents are a sufficient expression of the biblical warrant, nature, qualifications, and duties of Deacons."

Declare Danvers Statement Biblically Faithful

The Danvers Statement was published by the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood in 1987. Give the discussions that we see in our society about the role of men and women, the Assembly found that this statement was Biblical and gave a concise summary of our stance.

Study Committee on Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The assembly voted to establish a study committee to write a report on the teaching of Scripture and our Standards suggesting general principles for the use or limits of artificial intelligence technology (AI) in the Church.