



Leader Briefing 224th General Assembly (2020) Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Leader Briefing for the 224th General Assembly (2020) will be quite different from those in the past. Due to the uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic, The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly has decided that the assembly will take place entirely online and will include three days of plenary sessions and official activities: June 19, June 26 and June 27.

The Leader Briefing will be held online on Tuesday, May 5 . For past assemblies, the Leader Briefing was the formal training of leadership of the various assembly committees created to deal with assembly business. This year, only one committee will be created – the Committee on Business Referral. The Committee on Business Referral will be responsible for recommending a docket to the assembly on June 19. The Leader Briefing will include the first meeting of the Committee on Business Referral, acting on the recommendations from the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. Membership of the Committee on Business Referral is made up of the commissioners – these leaders were selected, prior to the full impact of the pandemic, to be assembly committee leaders by the Co-Moderators of the 223rd General Assembly.

For those who have attended past Leader Briefings, this event will be substantially simplified due to the lack of most assembly committees. The event will still include a meeting of the Committee on Business Referral. However, the usual orientation to assembly processes – introductions to advisory and advocacy committees, budget and financial implications, reports from special committees, the explanations of roles of floor parliamentarians, committee leadership, platform assistants, student assistants, trackers, staff and other – will not be included in the briefing. Rather, this information, important to all commissioners and advisory delegates, will be included in orientation sessions available to all participants online.

The Leader Briefing will also include training for members of the Committee on Business Referral, as they will now be charged to lead small groups of commissioners and advisory delegates created to build community and allow participants to share experience.

As an open meeting of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), guests are invited to attend online. To participate, please contact Jayne Culp in the Office of the General Assembly:

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FAQs

When will the Leader Briefing be held?

The 2020 Leader Briefing will take place on Tuesday, May 5.

Can I participate?

In keeping with the PC(U.S.A.)'s open meeting policies, anyone may observe the meeting. To receive instructions about observing, contact Jayne Culp in OGA: jayne.culp@pcusa.org.

Who will be in attendance?

The Moderator and Vice Moderator of the Committee on Business Referral, twenty-two additional members of the Committee on Business Referral, speakers, and support staff from the Office of the General Assembly.

How will it be different from past Leader Briefings?

Since there are no assembly committees this year (apart from the Committee on Business Referral), the emphasis of the Leader Briefing is on the meeting of the committee and preparing members for leading small groups of commissioners and advisory delegates.

What will occur during the Leader Briefing?

The event will include a meeting of the Committee on Business Referral and training for members of the Committee on Business Referral, as they will now be charged to lead small groups of commissioners and advisory delegates created to build community and allow participants to share experience.