

Actions of the 223rd General Assembly Special Committees and Commissions

The 223rd General Assembly (2018) mandated a number of special committees, commissions, and task forces (in addition to the new make-up of the Board of The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, which has already been elected).

1. Review the current per capita based system of funding the ministry of councils higher than the session, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000239> – 12-15 REs/TEs
2. Review national church financial sustainability, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000288> – 12, including two presbytery executives and one synod executive
3. Moving Forward Implementation Commission, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000288> – 4 from 2016 Way Forward Commission, 4 from 2016 All-Agency Review Committee, 3 commissioners of the 223rd GA (2018), 1 YAAD from the 223rd GA (who must be an elder)
4. Vision 2020 Committee, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000289> – continuation (currently one vacancy)
5. Vision Team, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000289> – 12 members
6. Administrative Commission for the Synod of the Covenant, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000315> – at least 7 REs/TEs
7. Family Leave Task Force, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000501> – 6 persons
8. Study of the place and purpose of the humanities in PCUSA-affiliated colleges and universities, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000291> – Moderators of 2016 and 2018 to appoint after consultation with PMA cross-disciplinary team, 7-10 persons from faculty, administrators, and chaplains at related Presbyterian-affiliated colleges and universities.
9. Study of Socio-Economic and Political Realities of Central America, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000381> – (ACSWP, World Mission) 5 persons
10. Investigate need for Advocacy Committee for LGBTQIA+ Concerns, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000281> – (ACWC) 5 persons with a commitment to gender, gender-identity, sexual orientation, and race inclusiveness and balance)
11. Coordinating Committee for Doctrine of Discovery, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000383> – (PMA) at least 2 from the Native American Consulting Committee, at least two from national church, 2 from mid councils, and at least 2 from congregations
12. Study predicament of black women and girls, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000280> – (ACWC) 5 persons with majority black women
13. Task force on sexual misconduct, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000285> – (GANC in consultation with ACWC, Safe and Sacred Space Task Force, ACSWP) 5 persons who are survivors of sexual misconduct and their advocates.
14. Cross-Sectional Task Force for the Decade of Intercultural Transformation, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000265>
15. Special Committee on Racism, Truth and Reconciliation, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000497> – 14 members, at least 4 persons of color

16. Reconciliation Team for Jarvie Commonweal Endowment, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000258>
17. Task force to develop a U.S. letter to accompany the Confession of Belhar, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000222> – 7 from the fields of theology, social ethics, ethnic and racial history, law and/or philosophy
18. Committee to consider including “Letter from Birmingham City Jail,” by Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in the Book of Confessions, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000321> – at least 15 REs/TEs (G-6.03)
19. Special Committee to Study the Reformed Perspective of Christian Education in the 21st Century, <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000368>, extended for 2 years, membership expanded to 11, at least 4 of whom are racial ethnic minorities or serving in racial ethnic minority congregations and/or ministries

Here are the procedures for these groups:

Standing Rules of the General Assembly

1. Commissions and Special Committees
 - a. The General Assembly may establish special committees and commissions to carry out decisions of the assembly or make recommendations to the assembly on matters that cannot be undertaken or accomplished by an existing entity. (Book of Order, G-3.0109)
 - b. In considering the creation of a special committee or commission the Assembly Committee on Bills and Overtures shall hear from relevant agencies as well as from the assembly committee considering the proposal. Financial implications of special committees or commissions shall accompany any recommendation to the assembly.
 - c. The Moderator of the General Assembly appoints members of special committees or commissions, unless otherwise designated, in collaboration with the General Assembly Nominating Committee and the General Assembly Committee on Representation. The Moderator is authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur. No person appointed may serve on more than one committee or commission unless otherwise designated by the assembly.
 - d. Special committees or commissions shall normally complete their work within two years. Requests for an extension of work shall be referred to the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. An extension shall require a two-thirds vote of the assembly.
 - e. The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly shall review the work of each special committee or commission.
 - f. When the report of the special committee or commission is presented, its moderator shall serve as a corresponding member of the assembly and may be accompanied by one other member of the committee or commission. The expenses of these authorized representatives shall be reimbursed through the committee or commission’s budget. In the event of a minority report, a designated member of the minority shall also be invited to attend the assembly. The expenses of this member shall be reimbursed through the committee or commission’s budget. Other members of special committees

or commissions may be reimbursed for attendance at the assembly only if they are required to be involved in hearings or for other official purposes.

- g. The Stated Clerk shall provide staff services and other assistance to special committees and commissions. The work of the special committees and commissions shall be funded through the per capita budget of the Office of the General Assembly.

Mid council leaders can assist the GANC and GACOR as they collaborate with Co-Moderators Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri and Cindy Kohlmann in their responsibility for appointments. Please send names to Valerie Izumi, Valerie.Izumi@pcusa.org. Application forms for all groups will be available by mid-July at <https://ganominations.pcusa.org/>; names submitted prior to that will receive an email with the link once the portal opens (so be sure to include addresses when you submit names).

The sooner these appointments are made, the sooner they can get to work; the two-year period between Assemblies goes swiftly.

