



# Synod of the Covenant

*General Assembly Administrative Commission  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

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### Commissioners Orientation Event

9/25/2020

Last Wednesday (9/16/2020), RE Flor Vélez Díaz, Manager of Judicial Process and Social Witness OGA, and I met and talked about the format that the dialogue with the commissioners would take.

- First, we talked about integrating the orientation on the same date of the Synod Assembly (Halloween), Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- This means, most of the attention/time will be given to presbyteries commissioners and shorter time to discuss business (or no business at all).
- In summary, our proposal (proposed agenda) is to dedicate the first part of the meeting to formation:
  - a. **Worship/prayer.** We suggest that our next Synod SC, RE Sharon Moore, be the one who coordinates the time of prayer and share the reflection.
  - b. **A brief presentation/dialogue** between every delegation about mission highlights in their presbytery. This will strengthen their identity as <<a part of the body>> and to familiarize to each other's mission, faces, similarities, contrasts, providing a ball park view of <<who we are and what are we doing>>. This also stresses the theological foundations and understanding of the Councils, and the impact of their personal work/efforts in the whole.
  - c. **A brief time/dialogue for every member of the AC/SoC to explain his/her function** (e.g. Executive, moderator, treasurer, Stated Clerk, etc.). This will help to: build trust, in the understanding of the systematic mutuality (connection) of all the moving parts such as Synod Staff and its connection to their local presbyteries, and how presbyteries are fundamental in the mission and purpose in the life of the Synod as well.

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- d. **A workshop** providing information and guidance about (not an exhaustive list) of:
- i. expectations of a synod delegate
  - ii. constitutional background
  - iii. balanced racial/ethnic and gender representation
  - iv. connection between presbytery and Synod mission
  - v. Connection among presbyteries

**Docketed Proposed Agenda**

Opening Prayer	Moderator Patrice Hatley
Welcome and Introductions	
Declaration of Quorum	Stated Clerk Sharon Moore
Seat Corresponding Members	
Approval of Docket	
Approval of Meeting Minutes 9/25/2020	
Mid-day Prayers	Sharon Moore
Presbyteries Presentation	Commissioners
Dialogue with SoC Members	AC/SoC Members
Workshop	Molly Castell
Adjourn with Prayer	

We thought that this event could be recorded and be available to new members and to other synods (as a model).

En Cristo, por Cristo y para Cristo,



Richard Rojas Banuchi

Stated Clerk SoC