

**Meeting Agenda for the
20th APC General Assembly
Cambria Hotel (Orlando, FL)
January 22-23, 2026
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AGENDA

THURSDAY, JAN. 23 (4pm – 9pm)

4:00pm APC Happy Hour (casual connection and conversation)

6:00pm Welcome, Overview & Dinner

7:00pm Personal & Ministry Updates (5 minutes per person)

Below are some ideas of things you could share, but feel free to share whatever is on your heart. Please keep it brief (3-5 minutes) so everyone has time to share. If there's time, we can always circle back to hear more. If not, we can continue the conversations after the formal meeting time concludes or during breakfast in the morning.

- 1. Introduction** (name, ministry, family, where you live)
- 2. Good News** (i.e., highlights, stories, etc.)
- 3. Gold from God** (i.e., wisdom, key learnings)
- 4. Great Resource** (i.e., favorite devotional, Bible reading plan, website, etc.)
- 5. Verse of Encouragement** (i.e., feel free to share a verse or passage that has encouraged you greatly this past year)

8:30pm Prep & Overview for Friday / Dismiss for the evening

FRIDAY, JAN. 23 (8:30am – 1:30pm)

8:30am Breakfast served

9:00am Opening Prayer, Devotional Encouragement (Joel Lusz) & Communion

Also, we'll lay hands on and pray for Victoria Kelly (who was ordained on 8-14-25)

9:45am Break

10:00am APC General Assembly Opening Session (Moderator: Sylvie Millar)

- Stated Clerk Report / Treasurer's Report (Drue Warner / Bruce Johnson)
- New Business

12:00pm Motion to Adjourn / Closing Prayer

12:00pm Box Lunches (stay and fellowship or take it with you if you need to leave)

1:30pm Depart

RSVP LIST

- **Michael Carey** - Church in the Wild, Pastor (Melbourne, FL)
- **Terry Collier** – Anona UMC Counseling, Director (Pinellas Park, FL)
- **Donn DeHart** – Reformed Theological Seminary (Charlotte, NC)
- **Ruth Hendrickson** – Ruth Hendrickson Ministries, Int'l (Stockton, NJ)
- **Bruce (& Debbie) Johnson** – Atrium Health Wake Forest Univ. (Winston Salem, NC)
- **Jonathan Jones** – The King's Congregation (Meridian, ID)
- **NEW! Victoria (& Darrell) Kelly** – U.S. Navy Chaplain (Virginia Beach, VA)
- **Leigh Gibson-Kennedy** – Ministry Chaplain (Washington D.C.)
- **Joel Lusz** – Youth & Family Pastor (Viera, FL)
- **Sylvia Millar** – Bayside College, Adjunct Professor (Sarasota, FL)
- **Carter (& Kristin) Robinson** – Coastline Women's Center Volunteer (Myrtle Beach, SC)
- **Erickson Rojas** – Royal Palm Presbyterian Church (Lantana, FL)
- **Bob Scarpetti** – We Are the Messengers, Radio Broadcasting (Canton, GA)
- **Drue Warner** – Good News Church GA, Pastor (Sugar Hill, GA)
- **Joe (& Betsy) Warner** – Retired Pastor Emeritus (Delray Beach, FL)

APC ROSTER OF NAMES & INFO

ACTIVE MEMBERS (21)

- **Michael (& Lynn) Carey** - Church in the Wild, Pastor (Melbourne, FL)
- **Terry (& Sarah) Collier** – Anona UMC Counseling, Director (Pinellas Park, FL)
- **Jeanette (& Ron) Collins-Glas** - Victory Mission, Women's Chaplain (Springfield, MO)
- **Jonathan (& Carrie) Cronkhite** – Homes Devoted, Founder (Melbourne, FL)
- **Donn (& Donni) DeHart** – Reformed Theological Seminary (Charlotte, NC)
- **Ruth (& Mark) Hendrickson** – Ruth Hendrickson Ministries, Int'l (Stockton, NJ)
- **Bruce (& Deborah) Johnson** – Atrium Health Wake Forest Univ. (Winston Salem, NC)
- **Jonathan (& Laura) Jones** – The King's Congregation (Meridian, ID)
- **NEW! Victoria (& Darrell) Kelly** – U.S. Navy Chaplain (Virginia Beach, VA)
- **Leigh Gibson-Kennedy** – Ministry Chaplain (Washington D.C.)
- **Joel (& Angie) Lusz** – Youth & Family Pastor (Viera, FL)
- **Sylvia Millar** – Bayside College, Adjunct Professor (Sarasota, FL)
- **Robert (& Sandy) Nietham** – Vitas Healthcare (Drexel Hill, PA)
- **Carter (& Kristin) Robinson** – Coastline Women's Center Volunteer (Myrtle Beach, SC)
- **Erickson (& Diandra) Rojas** – Royal Palm Presbyterian Church (Lantana, FL)
- **Bob (& Terry) Scarpetti** – We Are the Messengers, Radio Broadcasting (Canton, GA)
- **Kelvin (& Arreka) Tarver** – Palliative Care Services Chaplain (Modesto, CA)
- **Paul (& Robin) Wallace** - Hackettstown Fire Department Chaplain (Washington, NJ)
- **Drue (& Laura) Warner** – Good News Church GA, Pastor (Sugar Hill, GA)
- **Joe (& Betsy) Warner** – Retired Pastor Emeritus (Delray Beach, FL)
- **Brian (& Phyllis) Wheatley** – FMO Records, LLC (Seaford, DE)
- **Frank (& Ruth) Wright** – National Religious Broadcasters, Chairman (Boca Raton, FL)

EMERITUS MEMBERS (5)

- Ann Collins – Pittsburgh, PA
- David (& Kathy) Cotrell – The Villages, FL
- Jane Pettey – Gulfport, MS
- Adma Ross – Airmont, NY
- Joe (& Betsy) Warner – Delray Beach, FL
- Jonny (& Ellen) Whisenant – Clarkesville, GA

APC Leadership

- **Stated Clerk** – Drue Warner (404-906-9117)
- **Treasurer** – Drue Warner (404-906-9117)
- **Outgoing Moderator (2024)** - Michael Carey (321-795-5370)
- **Moderator Elect (2025-2026)** – Sylvie Millar (941-447-1369)
- **Corporate Officers**
 - President - Terry Collier (727-463-6181)
 - Treasurer - Bruce Johnson (336-796-0721)
 - Officer - Joel Lusz (321-432-5235)
 - Officer - Drue Warner (404-906-9117)
 - Officer - Joe Warner 561-389-1836

MEALS

DINNER (Thursday): A Tour Through Italy

- ciabatta bread | butter ve
- caesar salad | tomato | parmesan | croutons
- roman chicken cutlets | garlic-sautéed broccoli
- spaghetti + marinara | meatballs ve
- tiramisu | chocolate sauce | caramel grapes ve

BREAKFAST (Friday): All-American Breakfast Buffet

- scrambled eggs | cheese | salsa gf
- bacon or sausage gf
- breakfast potatoes gf | ve
- mini blueberry muffins | assorted pastries ve
- fresh seasonal fruit salad gf
- orange juice | cranberry juice
- freshly brewed coffee
- assorted hot tea | honey

LUNCH (Friday): Box Lunch Sandwiches

Sandwich options include:

- Turkey Avocado
- Chicken Salad Croissant
- BLT Club

American Presbyterian Church
Essential Beliefs

1-24-25

We believe in One God, Maker of heaven and earth, manifested in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe that God loves and embraces people from every tongue, every tribe and every nation.

We believe that Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, was crucified, died, was buried, raised on the third day, and lives eternally as Savior on behalf of all who come to Him.

We believe the fullness of the Godhead dwells within Jesus Christ. He is fully God and fully human. Jesus Christ has been given all authority in the heavens and in the earth. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. He is God over all gods. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and no one comes to the Father except through Him. The name of Jesus Christ is the only name by which a person can be saved.

We believe in the Person of the Holy Spirit who empowers and fills all believers in Jesus Christ. and that the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-7) are available to all believers for the building up of the Church and to encourage those who do not believe in the truth and the reality of God.

We believe the Scriptures to be the holy and inspired Word of God, our infallible guide to faith and life (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1:26-27).

We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one biological man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25).

The ordained ministers of the American Presbyterian Church shall only solemnize marriages between one man and one woman.

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity regardless of gender, ethnicity, age, beliefs, or economic status (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31).

We believe that sharing the Gospel and making disciples of Jesus Christ is our preeminent calling (Matthew 28:18-20), with other – even worthwhile – human endeavors subordinate to its eternal purpose.

A Revitalized APC

In this time of transition, our task force envisions a series of steps to revitalize and reform the American Presbyterian Church by cultivating and sustaining faithful church leaders.

We seek to renew our commitment to:

- 1) Authentic relationships and accountability
- 2) Organizational simplicity
- 3) Shared commitment to evangelical essentials.

1) We Believe in Authentic Relationships and Accountability

Our commitment to genuine relationships and accountability requires us to gather as a group in person at least once a year. Each member is expected to be proactive in maintaining their relationship with the rest of the members. Each member must respond to the Stated Clerk's email invitation to renew their membership and complete the annual survey by November 15th of each year. Annual dues are payable in full by January 5th.

We Believe in Gathering Together:

If a member does not attend and does not request the excused absence they will be removed from the rolls at that meeting. In the case of a medical emergency, we will reinstate their standing as soon as communication is made.

If a member obtains approval and yet misses three General Assembly meetings in a row, they will be removed from the rolls unless the General Assembly approves an extension.

Retired APC pastors are welcome to attend all General Assembly meetings and be active in any committee functions. However, attendance is not mandatory and they do not need to submit a request for absence.

We Believe in Accountability:

We are committed to holding ourselves accountable. If the Stated Clerk receives any allegations that a member has not been faithful to their commitment to Gospel essentials or has failed to maintain personal integrity an investigation will be conducted. In such a case, the Stated Clerk will appoint a commission of three members to investigate the allegations and, if necessary, determine the best course of action to address the issue. If appropriate, a special meeting of the full assembly will be called at the discretion of the Stated Clerk.

2) We Believe in Organizational Simplicity

The American Presbyterian Church's main purpose is to develop, train, motivate, and uphold church leaders, whether in local congregations or in more missional environments. Our organization does not seek to establish new churches or initiate missional efforts; instead, we are an ordination network that prepares and supports leaders who undertake these activities. As a result, our organization is straightforward.

Appointed Positions:

Moderator: Elected by the General Assembly to be eligible for a four-year term

- Lead meetings
- Work in conjunction with the Stated Clerk

Stated Clerk: Elected by the General Assembly to be eligible for a four-year term

- Maintain Communication
- Maintain Records
 - Attendance
 - Background checks
 - General Assembly Minutes
 - Work with Treasurer regarding payment of dues
- Coordinate logistics
- Work in conjunction with the Moderator

Treasurer:

- Oversight to APC receipt and distribution of funds.
- Communicate financial information at General Assembly

Website and Social Media Administrator: Elected by the General Assembly to be eligible for a four-year term

Ad-hoc Committees:

- Appointed by the assembly whenever possible or Stated Clerk for mid-year issues.
 - Examination and/or Ordination Commissions
 - Investigative / Disciplinary

Legal Board:

- Appointed by the General Assembly per Florida laws

Any changes to the APC bylaws or stated procedures can be researched/presented by an appointed committee but must be presented at a General Assembly meeting. Each member, present at General Assembly, has one vote.

3) We Believe in a Shared Commitment to Evangelical Essentials

The Westminster Confession of Faith has been and continues to be the historic theological standard for the American Presbyterian Church.

To maintain membership in the APC, ordained ministers must annually affirm our brief Statement of Essentials. In this way, we embody the ancient wisdom often attributed to St. Augustine: "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity."