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Dear Commissioner,

Welcome to the 38th General Assembly! Our theme this year is “Forward,” taken from Philippians 3:13-14, “Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining *forward* to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

This handbook is sent to commissioners who have registered as of May 31. Under the leadership of Assistant Stated Clerk Jerry Iamurri, this year’s Commissioner Handbook is dramatically different from previous editions. It includes two sections:

- 1) “Preliminaries” which provides important introductory material to help familiarize you to our time together, and
- 2) “Matters Received and Referred.” This is the business the Assembly will address. Documents that previously were available in the Handbook (Rules for Assembly, committee reports, etc.) are accessible online at [www.epc.org/ga2018documents](http://www.epc.org/ga2018documents).

Each year at the New Commissioner Orientation, I’m asked, “What should I read to get a good overview?” My response has been to read the Moderator’s Report, National Leadership Team Report, and my report. These three reports are gathered together as an “Executive Summary” at the end of the Preliminaries section.

If this is your first General Assembly, I invite you to take advantage of the New Commissioner Orientation on Wednesday morning, June 20. I really enjoy hosting this each year, and it is intended to help you make the most of your first Assembly. GA “veterans” and guests are welcome too! In addition, we are producing videos to help you understand how we do business at the Assembly. They are available at [www.tinyurl.com/ga2018videos](http://www.tinyurl.com/ga2018videos).

This Handbook will be in our GA app and website, but feel free to print it and bring it with you. A limited number of printed copies will be available for purchase (though you will need to provide your own binder), and additional pages may be distributed at Registration.

We’ve planned many opportunities for enrichment, edification, and worship. I hope you’ll join me in praying that the God of grace and truth—who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead—will bless us during our time together at Hope Church!

Yours in Christ,

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