

Moderator

Report to the 38th General Assembly



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Welcome to Memphis and the 38th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church!

The General Assembly staff and Hope EPC family have been working tirelessly in preparation for this moment, and I believe that the Lord Himself has called us together for a “Kairos” time such as this.

It has been the honor of my life to serve you as Moderator of our 37th General Assembly! From helping to facilitate our gathering last summer in Sacramento to all my travels throughout the EPC this past year, I can gratefully say that *to the glory of God, the EPC family aspires to embody and proclaim Jesus’ love as a global movement of congregations engaged together in God’s mission through transformation, multiplication, and effective biblical leadership.*

From visiting presbyteries and preaching for congregations, to visiting leaders on the front line of hurricane relief in Texas and Puerto Rico, to leading pastor’s retreats, to attending meetings of presbytery moderators and EPC World Outreach Mission Mobilizers, it has been a rich blessing to experience the health of the EPC in so many ways.

One of the things that encourages and challenges me the most is the future of the EPC through our next generation of leadership. We have many, amazing young leaders ready to rise up and serve the Kingdom of God in significant ways. The challenge before us, appears

to me, will be to create real pathways and opportunities for these gifted young women and men to ascend into positions of influence and impact. Perhaps the greatest challenge before us, however, will be how the EPC family can truly embody the kind of global representation we see in Revelation 7:9.

As we gather in Memphis this year, here is my dream: that as we are called to move *Forward....* we would faithfully *Engage, Empower, and Embrace* a revelation of the church that represents every tribe, nation, people group, and language! May it be so. Come, Lord Jesus Come!

Coram Deo!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. D. Weaver', written in a cursive style.

Respectfully submitted,

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