

## Dear Commissioner,

Welcome to the 40th—and first-ever virtual—General Assembly! Our theme this year is "Always," based on 2 Corinthians 2:14, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere."

This handbook is available in our GA app and on the EPC website, but feel free to print it and have it handy while you participate in the virtual meeting. The Handbook 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. Other documents, such as the Rules for Assembly, committee reports, audited financial statements, and more are available at <a href="https://www.epc.org/ga2020documents">www.epc.org/ga2020documents</a>.

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.

Normally, we hold a New Commissioner Orientation for all of our first-time commissioners on the morning our GA convenes. As we thought about it, we realized that all of us will be "New Commissioners" this year. For that reason, we are hosting two "New Commissioner Orientations" via Zoom the week before we meet. These meetings will cover the same information and be held on Tuesday, September 8, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. (Eastern) and Thursday, September 10, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Eastern). The links to these meetings will be emailed to all registered and certified commissioners no later than Monday, September 7.

I hope you'll join me in praying that the God of grace and truth—who always leads us in triumphal procession—will bless our time together!

Yours in Christ,

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