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Dear colleague in ministry,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 40th General Assembly has been rescheduled from June to September 17-18 at Hope Church in Memphis. Because of the unique situation, GA will be “business only” this year, convening on Thursday morning and concluding on Friday.

We are providing a virtual participation option via Zoom teleconference for those who prefer to not (or cannot) travel to Memphis.

The Leadership Institute, Networking Lunches, exhibitors, and some other features of a normal GA will not take place. However, several items stay the same:

- Our theme 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.”
- Our permanent and interim committees and boards will report on their work over the past year, as well as present their recommendations for discussion and vote.

With the reduced schedule and hiatus of Networking Lunches this year, the registration fee includes a Thursday boxed lunch, Thursday evening on-site dinner, and Friday boxed lunch. The fee has been reduced to reflect the abbreviated schedule: \$75 for on-site and \$25 for virtual participation.

Election and Certification of Commissioners—Deadline Extended

Ruling Elders must be elected and endorsed by the Session of a congregation to serve as Commissioners. If you have not already done so, please 1) elect and 2) endorse your Ruling Elder Commissioners at your June or July Session meeting—the deadline for submitting your Commissioner Certification Form to the Office of the General Assembly is August 15.

You may elect the same number of Ruling Elder Commissioners to the Assembly as you do to the Presbytery. Once your Commissioners are elected, the Clerk of Session must notify the General Assembly *no later than August 15* by using the

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Commissioner Certification Form available at www.epc.org/ga2020/#certification. Without this certification, a Ruling Elder will not receive voting credentials.

Teaching Elders who are active members of their presbyteries are automatically eligible to vote and need no additional certification. However, they do need to complete program registration, which opens July 15.

Registration—Delayed until July 15

Beginning July 15, Commissioners can register online at www.epc.org/ga2020. A registration-by-mail option will be available for those who require it; a printable PDF form will be available at www.epc.org/ga2020. All registration fees double on September 1, so be sure to register by August 31.

There are no official General Assembly hotels this year. Commissioners are encouraged to use a hotel aggregate site, such as Expedia, Hotels.com, Kayak, Priceline, TripAdvisor, etc., to make hotel reservations. Cordova and Germantown are the nearest locations to Hope Church, which is located at 8500 Walnut Grove Rd. in Cordova.

Memorials—Now Through May

A special moment at each Assembly is when we give voice to our belief in the “communion of the saints” and honor those Ruling and Teaching Elders who have gone home to be with the Lord since the 2019 Assembly. To both facilitate reporting and maintain accuracy, please use the Memorials Form available at www.epc.org/ga2020#memorials.

God bless you! We’re looking forward to a great—if different—meeting in Memphis in September.



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