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Dear Commissioner,

[Welcome](#) to the 41st—and first-ever hybrid—General Assembly! Our theme this year is “God Will Restore,” based on Joel 2:25-27, “I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. Any my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.”

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 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 www.epc.org/ga2021documents.

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 many 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, June 15, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. (Eastern) and Thursday, June 17, 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, June 8.

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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