

General Assembly 224 to be held Virtually June 19, 26 and 27. The 224th General Assembly (GA224) will be held online June 19 and 26th-27th. The traditional committee process will not take place this time around, but those who were appointed as committee moderators and vice-moderators will continue to function as the Assembly Committee on Business Referral. COGA has identified a list of business to be considered in this pared-down assembly, based on items identified as “core and critical to our governance and ecclesiology.” According to this plan, most business will be referred to the 225th General Assembly (2022). Among the items that are proposed to be acted on this year are the election of the Stated Clerk (J. Herbert Nelson, II, has been nominated by the search committee for a second, four-year term), confirmation of other leaders, nominations, and budgets. Special committees slated to report to this GA would be dismissed with thanks, and consideration of their reports delayed until 2022. Information, including minutes and reports requiring no action, will be received. And a couple of items of particular concern to mid councils are on the action list: the continuation of the administrative commission for the Synod of the Covenant, and a proposal for an administrative commission with the authority to consider proposals to change mid council boundaries between assemblies. Other decisions still to be tackled by COGA include how to include some aspects of a normal GA that are non-business related (such as the exhibit hall, Bible study, and worship). Up to the minute information is available on <http://oga.pcusa.org/>.

The Lectionary Group is Still Meeting! Have you been thinking of joining Providence Presbytery’s Lectionary Study Group--but just never got around to it? Now is the time to join us. We’re meeting via Zoom at 1PM on Tuesday afternoons. We’ve been meeting digitally for a couple of weeks and would love for you to join in. [Contact Jason Myers for the meeting ID and password.](#)

Urgent Need from York County Habitat for Humanity. Based upon current and projected lost income directly resulting from coronavirus impacts, we will have to reduce the number of families we serve through new construction and home repairs by 50% for the year. In 2020, we planned to ensure this reality in partnership with 56 families and now 28 families are faced with uncertainty about their future in the midst of this crisis. Despite our careful planning, the speed of the unfolding fallout from the pandemic is not something for which we could have been prepared. This is why your donation is urgently needed. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 4255, Rock Hill, SC 29732

Protect yourself from Identity Theft and other Scam attempts. Scammers often use fear and false hope to gain access to valuable personal information, such as bank account information or Social Security numbers. And they’re particularly targeting people 60 years and older, an age group that is especially vulnerable to the coronavirus. [Read the steps to keep from becoming a victim to scammers during this heightened time of risk.](#) Read this and more from [Board of Pensions in this month’s BOP Connection.](#)

Growing in God’s Love Curriculum Webinar Registration Available Now. Webinar offered about the new Growing in God’s Love: A Story Bible Curriculum. We are going to take a look inside this new curriculum and learn all about it. This is a great webinar to share with Sunday school teachers and Christian education or faith formation committees or team members. [Sign up to attend the new curriculum webinar](#) on May 12 at 7 p.m. EST.

Festival of Homeletics to be Held Online and FREE. [Reserve your place today for the May 18-22 Festival of Homeletics.](#) Preaching a New Earth: Climate and Creation--Be inspired by God’s Word proclaimed by some of the nation’s finest ministers and teachers. Experience the fellowship of hundreds of preachers. Learn and worship in an atmosphere that is dynamic, friendly, nurturing, and prophetic. Come renew, refresh, and recharge your spirit.

Pinnacle Leadership Offers FREE Church Leadership Guide. Churches across the globe are seeking wisdom and ideas for how to begin a process for re-opening their buildings and re-starting many ministries. The [Church Leadership Guide--Stages of Response](#) might help you put into words (and practice) what your church leadership and congregants are feeling (and needing) today and in the coming weeks. Pinnacle Leadership is also offering **FREE Emerging Church Practice Roundtable discussions on Tuesdays at 11 EST.** (Space is limited to 100 registrants so register early for next week’s event.) You can also view recordings of the Free Emerging Church Webinars that you have missed at [this link.](#)

Looking for ideas for remote Christian Education? APCE (the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators) has accumulated lots of good resources by age group. Check them out: <https://apcenet.org/remote-ministry-resources/>

Invite your friends to visit Bethelwoods Virtually! In an effort to do our part to flatten the curve and to stay in community with our Bethelwoods family we are offering various activities throughout the week via our Social Media Accounts. We realize that this is a difficult time for many and want to be sure that we continue to live out our mission by providing opportunities to stay in community, be in nature, and dive deeper into our Faith. To see our schedule and participate please visit our [Facebook page](#).

PC(USA) Resources for Congregations and Members. Along with our brothers and sisters all around the world, we're coming to terms with the "new normal" brought about by the coronavirus pandemic. It is our hope and goal to equip churches and worshipers with useful information and resources during these trying times. <https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/> NEW RESOURCES ARE IN RED. If you have ideas or resources that might be of interest to the wider church, we invite you to email them to us at connected@pcusa.org.

The CDC now Recommends wearing Fabric Masks when out in Public. If you would like to make masks but need fabric, Covenant Has Fabric for you! Covenant Presbyterian Church has been given 2,000 yards of fabric that can be used for making masks. If anyone is interested in getting some of the material to make masks, please give the church office a call at 803-366-8223. We will be glad to cut the material and bring to your car. Our office hours are Monday-Thursday 8-2. Wondering about the effectiveness of fabric masks? Check out the CDC Cloth Face Mask page which includes patterns and more-- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

Bethesda Seeks Part Time Christian Educator. Bethesda Presbyterian, 4858 McConnells Hwy, York, SC, is seeking a part-time interim Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries. The position requires working approximately 10- 15 hours per week at \$15-20 per hour depending on qualifications and experience. Resumes should be sent to Bethesda@comporium.net. Deadline for resumes is April 30, 2020. [Check out the Job Description online](#).

FREE Resources at PC(USA) Church Store. Every day we're learning the importance of community. And while our communities are looking and interacting differently, we see how strong each of you are in the face of all the sacrifice and, at times, pain. Thank you for your ministry and service. [In this link are new resources as well as resources we've shared over the past few weeks](#). We hope these help you continue your ministry throughout this time and prepare for when all of us are able to greet one another in person.

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Date	Event	Time	Location
4/1-5/15	Out of an abundance of caution, all face to face meetings have been cancelled for the next several weeks. Check with your committee moderator as to whether you will be meeting digitally. Information on using Gotomeeting and Zoom are available at https://providencepres.org/covid-19/ .		
4/27	Lucky Meeting	7-8PM	GotoMeeting see Team Email
4/28	Lectionary Group	1PM	Zoom Contact Jason Myers
4/30	EEMT	10AM	Online see Team email
5/5	Lectionary Group	1PM	Zoom Contact Jason Myers
5/12	Lectionary Group	1PM	Zoom Contact Jason Myers

The Presbytery Office (including the Resource Center) is closed until further notice. Presbytery Staff is available and working from home.

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