



EPC

A Global Movement of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches

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Dear brothers and sisters,

The EPC's General Assembly/Gospel Priorities Summit is coming! Our theme is Sharpen, based on Ephesians 4:12, "... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ ..."

I want to draw your attention to three important facets of this year's gathering:

1. We convene on Tuesday and adjourn on Thursday. You read that right: GA is three days this year instead of four. We want to be good stewards of your time and resources. In addition, the business we will address deserves having as many Commissioners involved as possible. In previous years, much of our important business fell on Friday when many Commissioners had already left.
2. Each day will have equipping sessions based on one of our Gospel Priorities (Church Planting, Church Health, Global Movement, and Effective Biblical Leadership). In the past, these concluded by noon on Wednesday. That's the "Gospel Priorities Summit:" equipping and business are interspersed across each day this year. For details, see www.epc.org/ga2023.
3. Our plenary and worship service speakers are all EPC leaders. Your feedback following last year's GA Assembly asked us to utilize more of our own, so we are! Watch www.EPCconnection.org and www.epc.org/ga2023 for details.

Election and Certification of Commissioners—Now Through May

There is a two-step process that must be followed for Ruling Elders to serve as Commissioners:

- 1) REs must be elected by the Session.
- 2) Elected REs must be certified by the Clerk of Session (who needs to complete the Commissioner Certification Form available at www.epc.org/ga2023/#certification and send it to our office).

Without certification, REs will not receive voting credentials. May 15 is the deadline to submit your Certification Form to the Office of the General Assembly. Teaching Elders

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who are active members of their Presbyteries do not need additional certification, but they must be registered for the Assembly. To participate in a Standing Committee, Commissioners must register by May 31.

Registration—April/May

Early registration runs from April 1 to May 15, with a registration fee of \$295 per person. New this year is that the registration fee includes lunch each day, while on-campus dinners Tuesday and Wednesday are optional at a cost of \$30 per person. The \$50 early registration discount ends on May 15, and the fee increases to \$345 per person. Late registration begins June 15 with a fee of \$395 per person. Please register early—only those Commissioners who register by May 15 will be placed on a Standing Committee.

Memorials—Now Through May

During the Wednesday evening worship service, we will express 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 last year’s GA. Please let us know about these ministry colleagues by using the Memorials Form at www.epc.org/ga2023#memorials. New this year is pictures of our dear brothers and sisters, so the form has a button for uploading a photo.

Thank you, and I hope to see you at Cherry Hills in June!



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