

National Leadership Team
Executive Summary Report to
the 45th General Assembly



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Grace and Peace to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we gather for this year's General Assembly, let's take a moment to look back on the past year of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. It's been a year filled with both tough times and incredible achievements. The Christian landscape in America is undergoing significant transitions, with the lines of demarcation, even those that have endured for decades, being redrawn. In this context, the EPC has emerged as a refuge for churches seeking a commitment to Biblical orthodoxy, the Reformed tradition, and an ethos of generous collegiality. We are encouraged to see numerous congregations from both ends of the spectrum seeking to join our ranks during this anxious age.

The responsibilities outlined in Section 10 of the Rules for Assembly guide our work within the National Leadership Team (NLT). Our focus has been on three pivotal areas: Mission Vision and Strategy, Administrative Oversight of General Assembly Committees, and Denominational Development.

Mission Vision and Strategy

This year, we have made substantial strides in Church Health initiatives. As of April, we have 100 transitional pastors actively serving, with a total of 155 trained, including 40 from other denominations who are now available to EPC churches. In addition, 95 Church Health Coaches have been trained, supported by 15 Coordinators across 16 Presbyteries. These efforts are vital as we strive to enhance the vitality of our congregations.

In the realm of Church Planting, Tom Ricks has been instrumental in conducting seminars and briefings for our presbyteries, fostering a culture of growth and outreach. We are particularly excited about the establishment of our Church Planting assessment program, which held its inaugural session this year at Cherry Creek Presbyterian in Denver, CO.

Annie Rose has continued her exceptional work in Effective Biblical Leadership, organizing workshops, retreats, and counseling opportunities that have collectively garnered over 1,282 views in our webinar series. These initiatives are equipping leaders to navigate the complexities of ministry in today's world.

Administrative Oversight of General Assembly Committees

Our administrative oversight has been robust, with 24 teams, including Ad Interim Committees and task forces, supported by the General Assembly office. Comprising approximately 250 members from local churches nationwide, these teams are diligently working to advance the mission of our denomination.

World Outreach remains a cornerstone of our ministry, with the Engage 2025 initiative now involving 15 participating Presbyteries. Additionally, the International Theology Education Network has successfully launched missionary movements in two foreign countries, expanding our global impact.

We are also grateful for our Disaster Relief Committee, which has provided critical aid, assistance, trauma counseling, and family support to EPC churches affected by natural disasters in Florida, North Carolina, and New Mexico. Their dedication to serving those in need exemplifies our commitment to compassion and support.

Denominational Development

In preparation for this year's General Assembly, we have taken the time to reflect on last year's gathering. Engaging with the leadership of presbyteries that had concerns has proven fruitful, and we are optimistic about the positive trajectory of those discussions.

This year has seen significant contributions through the POI initiative, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their faithful giving. Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that the Presbyterian Church of Ireland will ratify our fraternal relationship this year, with TE Andrew Smith representing us. In Egypt, the Synod of the Nile is exploring a relationship with the EPC, potentially unlocking incredible ministry opportunities in previously closed areas. Additionally, Tom Ricks is exploring a church planting partnership with the Presbyterian Church in France, facilitated by our World Outreach partner, Jeff Kim.

Ad-Interim Committees

We are excited to hear reports from our Ad-Interim Committees, all of which have diligently pursued the betterment of our denomination. Notably, the committee reviewing the EPC Standards for Ordination, co-chaired by TE Doug Resler and TE Julie Hawkins, is nearing completion of the first phase of their work and will present their findings at this General Assembly. The Ad-Interim Committee on Same Sex Attraction and Ordination, co-chaired by TE Cameron Schaffer and RE Carol Williams, has made significant progress




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and will also report this GA. The Ad-Interim Committee on revising our Pastoral Letter on Domestic Abuse has disbanded for personal and professional reasons and was unable to complete their work. We look forward to revisiting this vital Pastoral Letter in the future. Finally, the newly formed committee on disability and sacraments, co-chaired by RE Michelle Munger and TE Walter Taylor, is in the early stages of their important work.

While we acknowledge the challenges faced over the past year, we are profoundly grateful for the commitment demonstrated by all within our denomination to pursue peace, unity, and the purity of the church. Together, we are moving forward, encouraged by the accomplishments we have achieved and the opportunities that lie ahead. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve you as Moderator and this past year as the Chair of the National Leadership Team. Thank you for the privilege and for your continued support and dedication to the mission and vision of the EPC.

Respectfully submitted,



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