

**Working MINUTES
of the
46th GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**First Session
June 16, 2026**

46-01 Opening Worship

Worship began at 9:00 a.m. with leadership from the Cherry Hills Praise Team. The court continued in worship as noted below:

Order of Worship

Call to Worship	Psalm 133	TE Brad Strait
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Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Praise to the Lord Almighty
The Church's One Foundation

Scripture	Ephesians 4:1-16
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Sermon	"Already Together"	Rev. Tim Sansbury
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46-02 Convening of the 46th General Assembly

The 46 General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Moderator TE Dave Strunk (Southeast).

The Constituting prayer was offered by TE Michael Davis (Central South).

Our Father in Heaven, How majestic is Your name throughout all the earth! We give you praise this day for the opportunity to serve you as commissioners and guests at the 46th General Assembly and Gospel Priorities Summit of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We are thankful for the love, grace, and sacrifice demonstrated through the Cross of Christ.

Empower us all to embody the words of scripture that we might walk in humility, gentleness, patience, and bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. At this General Assembly, help us to trust in Your

provisions, recognizing Your governance rules over all that we do. Therefore, Lord, we need to become more mindful of your grace and to share it so that the world may know you have come and will come again.

Lord, we seek your forgiveness for a hardened heart, pride, arrogance, and a record of wrong. Create in us, this week, in Jesus' name, a dynamic enthusiasm for serving you and opportunities to do your will in a way that will glorify and magnify your name. At this General Assembly, we lift up to you, particularly our Stated Clerk Dean Weaver and his supporting staff. Lord, encourage the hearts and minds of your people, so we may build up the church and glorify your name.

We pray this day, Lord, for President Trump and Vice-President Vance. We pray that their work will be fruitful and fulfill your purposes for our country and the world. We ask that you give your grace and wisdom from above to our president, his advisors, and all elected officials. Grant that the decisions they make will bless the nation and the world and add to the flourishing of all humanity.

We pray also for our military personnel and their families—especially those who are deployed and in harm's way. We pray for their protection. We are thankful for the sacrifices they make to ensure the freedoms we enjoy. We pray for their safety, their courage, and their well-being, not only while they are serving, but also when their service has concluded, and they need to be served by us.

We pray for Governor Jared Polis of the Great State of Colorado, and we ask that you guide his hand and encourage him in work that is pleasing to you.

We thank you, Lord, for the hospitality shown to us by the coalition of volunteers serving this year's assembly at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church—we thank you for Pastor Brad and his staff team, and we ask for your blessings on all our volunteers, church leaders, and the congregations they serve. Guide us now, as we seek your wisdom and discernment, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

46-03 Great Commission Share

RE Terrell Huntley (Central Carolinas) opened with prayer lifting up all our church planters and shared regarding the UCity Church, Charlotte, NC.

46-04 Instructions for Participation and Announcements

Stated Clerk TE Dean Weaver (Alleghenies) opened with prayer and shared.

- a. For ALL who wish to speak: Please prepare by reading all the information related to the motion.
- b. Step to one of the microphones on the floor.
 1. When you are acknowledged, state your name and your presbytery before making your remarks.
 2. You have 3 minutes to speak; you may not speak a second time until all others have had a chance to speak.

3. If you intend to propose an amendment (or a substitute) to a motion, please prepare it as an email to gabusiness@epc.org before you present it. This gives our team time to make your amendment available on the screen to everyone.
- c. When a motion is considered, to ensure fairness, both speakers in favor of the motion and those not in favor of the motion will be chosen to speak in alternating order to the Assembly.
- d. Debate on a motion will not exceed 15 minutes; by majority vote, debate may be extended for 5 minute increments. Later in the assembly we will consider suspending Rules for Assembly 14-4.D to extend debate.
- e. The chair of the committee making the report may make the final statement as the debate ends.
- f. When debate ends, the motion will be presented and the opportunity to vote in favor of or not in favor of the motion. Ordinarily we will vote by voice, raising of commissioner lanyards or standing and holding lanyards. Only commissioners with red lanyards will be allowed to vote. Those with black lanyards have voice but not vote.
- g. An overview of the business of the week as docketed.

46-05 Adoption of Docket

Stated Clerk TE Dean Weaver (Alleghenies) recommended the Adoption of the Docket.

ON MOTION The docket was adopted as follows:

3:00 General Assembly Business Session 1

- 1.1 Business Convenes – Moderator TE Dave Strunk
- 1.2 Constituting Prayer – TE Michael Davis
- 1.3 Great Commission Share and Opening Prayer – RE Terrell Huntley
UCity Church, a Lake Forest family Church, Charlotte, NC
- 1.4 “Instructions for Participating from the floor” – TE Dean Weaver
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F. When debate ends, the motion will be presented and the opportunity to vote in favor of or not in favor of the motion. Ordinarily we will vote by voice, raising commissioner lanyards or by standing and raising lanyards. Only commissioners with red lanyards will be able to vote. Those with black lanyards will have voice but no vote.

G. An overview of the business of the week as docketed.

- 1.5 Approval of the Docket and Announcements – TE Dean Weaver
- 1.6 Local Arrangements / Announcements – Cherry Creek Church Staff
- 1.7 Election: Recording Clerks/Minutes Readers – Moderator TE Dave Strunk
- 1.8 Opening Items – TE Dean Weaver
 - a. Call for the quorum
 - b. Enroll corresponding members –TE Dana Allin, (Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians), TE Davi Gomes, (Presbyterian Church of Brazil and World Reformed Fellowship), TE’s Refaat Fathy, Samuel Adel (The Synod of the Nile, Egypt), RE Terence Roberts (St. Andrews Presbytery, Argentina).
- 1.9 Outgoing Moderator’s Remarks – Moderator TE Dave Strunk
- 1.10 Presentation to Outgoing Moderator – TE Dean Weaver
- 1.11 Nominating Committee (I) partial report – TE Mike Goolsby
 - a. Election of Moderator of the 46th General Assembly
 - (1) **Recommendation 46-01** – Introduction and Nomination of Moderator of the 46th General Assembly
 - (2) Nominating speech – TE Mike Moses
 - (3) Election of the Moderator – Moderator TE Dave Strunk
 - (4) Investiture of the Moderator – Moderator TE Dave Strunk
 - (5) Prayer for the Moderator – RE Rusty Andrews
 - (6) Remarks by Incoming Moderator – Moderator RE Jack Cathey
 - b. Election of Moderator-Elect of the 46th GA
 - (1) **Recommendation 46-02** -Introduction and Nomination of Moderator-elect of the 46th General Assembly -TE Mike Goolsby
 - (2) Nominating Speech -TE Barrett Hendrickson
 - (3) Election of the Moderator-elect - Moderator RE Jack Cathey
 - (4) Investiture of the Moderator-elect – Moderator RE Jack Cathey
 - (5) Prayer for the Moderator-elect - TE Scott Bowen
 - (6) Remarks by Incoming Moderator-elect TE Joshua Brown
- 1.12 Reminder of Deadline for New Business -*noon Wednesday* - TE Dean Weaver
- 1.13 Introduction of Fraternal Guests -TE Doug Kortyna
- 1.14 Ad-Interim Committee on Disabilities and the Sacraments
–RE Michelle Munger, TE Walter Taylor
 - a. **Recommendation 46-03** (p.30)
 - b. **Recommendation 46-04** (p.31)
 - c. **Recommendation 46-05** (p.32)
- 1.15 Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards -Partial Report
–TE Julie Hawkins and TE Doug Resler

- 1.16 Face-to-Face – TE Fred Lian
- 1.17 Great Commission Share and Closing Prayer – TE Richard Rieves
South Region Director of EPC Church Planting, Memphis, TN
- 1.18 Assembly Adjourns

46-06 Welcome and Announcements from Cherry Creek Church

Welcome and announcements from the Cherry Creek Church were brought by TE Brad Strait (West).

46-07 Election of Recording Clerks and Minutes Readers

Stated Clerk TE Dean Weaver (Alleghenies) presented the following motions to elect Recording Clerks and Minutes Readers of the Assembly.

ON MOTION Elected RE Dexter Kuhlman (Mid-America) and TE Kermit Oppriecht (Great Plains) to serve as Recording Clerks for the 46th General Assembly. Elected RE Ron Bengelink (Pacific Northwest), TE Zach Hopkins (Rivers and Lakes) and TE Nathan Arnold (Mid-America) as Minutes Readers for the 46th General Assembly as provided for in *Rules for Assembly §9-13*.

46-08 Declaration of Quorum and Assembly Enrollment

Stated Clerk TE Dean Weaver (Alleghenies) declared a quorum to be present with 1007 Commissioners and 5 Corresponding Members with registration in excess of the required quorum (G.16-24, “at least five Ministers and five Ruling Elders representing at least three Presbyteries”). The roll of the Assembly follows:

[Insert enrollment]

46-09 Enrollment of Corresponding Members

ON MOTION The following as Corresponding Members were enrolled: TE Dana Allin (Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians), TE Davi Gomes (Presbyterian Church of Brazil and World Reformed Fellowship), TE’s Refaat Fathy, Samuel Adel, (The Synod of the Nile of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Egypt) and RE Terence Roberts, (St. Andrews Presbytery, Argentina).

46-10 Outgoing Moderator’s Remarks

[Insert remarks]

46-11 Presentation to Outgoing Moderator

Stated Clerk TE Dean Weaver (Alleghenies) shared words of appreciation and presented the retiring Moderator with tokens of his office to celebrate his year of service.

46-12 Nominating Committee Report (partial report)

TE Mike Goolsby (Great Plains) opened the report with prayer and on behalf of the Nominating Committee, nominated RE Jack Cathey (Costal Carolinas) to serve as Moderator of the 46th EPC General Assembly.

Recommendation 46-01 That the 46th General Assembly elect RE Jack Cathey as Moderator of the 46th EPC General Assembly.

TE Mike Moses (Central Carolinas) brought the nominating speech.

ON MOTION Nominations were closed with the required two thirds of the Assembly voting in favor.

ON MOTION RE Jack Cathey was elected as Moderator of the 46th General Assembly.

Moderator TE Dave Strunk (Southeast) prayed for, charged and asked the constitutional investiture questions of RE Jack Cathey and the Assembly which all were answered in the affirmative. He then passed Jack the Gavel and Moderator's Cross, symbols of the office of Moderator. RE Rusty Andrews (Central Carolinas) asked all past Moderators present to lay hands on RE Jack Cathey as he offered prayer for the incoming Moderator.

The newly elected Moderator offered remarks that challenged the Assembly to action for the coming year.

TE Mike Goolsby on behalf of the Nominating Committee, nominated TE Joshua Brown (Alleghenies) to serve as Moderator-Elect of the 46th EPC General Assembly.

Recommendation 46-02 That the 46th General Assembly elect TE Joshua Brown as Moderator-Elect of the 46th EPC General Assembly.

TE Barrett Hendrickson (Florida and the Caribbean) brought the nominating speech.

ON MOTION Nominations were closed with the required two thirds of the Assembly voting in favor.

ON MOTION TE Joshua Brown was elected as Moderator-Elect of the 44th EPC General Assembly.

Moderator Jack Cathey asked the constitutional investiture questions of TE Joshua Brown and the Assembly which all were answered in the affirmative.

TE Scott Brown (Southeast) offered prayer for the Moderator-Elect.

The newly elected Moderator-Elect offered remarks that challenged the Assembly to action for the coming year and closed with prayer.

46-13 Reminder of Deadline for New Business

Stated Clerk TE Dean Weaver (Alleghenies) advised the Assembly that according to our *Rules of the Assembly* 13-2 any new business for this Assembly to consider must be presented to the Stated Clerk's office by 12 noon ET June 17, 2026.

46-14 Introduction of Fraternal Guests (partial)

TE Douglas Kotryna (Pacific Northwest) Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Fraternal Relations opened with prayer and introduced our Fraternal Guests. TE Dana Allin Synod Executive of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians prayed and on behalf of the Fraternal Guests brought Fraternal Greetings.

46-15 Ad-Interim Committee Report on Disabilities and the Sacraments

RE Michelle Munger (Coastal Mid-Atlantic) and TE Walter Taylor (Coastal Mid-Atlantic) opened with prayer and presented an overview of the committee's work and recommendations.

- a. **Recommendation 46-03** 1-year extension for work on the Pastoral Letter
ON MOTION Recommendation 46-03 was ratified.
- b. **Recommendation 46-04** Presbyteries invite representatives from the Ad-interim committee to present the Pastoral Letter draft for discussion and receive feedback on the proposed Pastoral Letter.
ON MOTION Recommendation 46-04 was ratified.
- c. **Recommendation 46-05** expansion of work to include creation of a Position Paper and expand the committee from nine to twelve.
ON MOTION Recommendation 46-05 was ratified.

46-16 Ad-Interim Committee Report on Ordination Standards (partial report)

TE Julie Hawkins (Pacific Northwest) and TE Doug Ressler (West) opened with prayer and presented an overview of the committee's work to date and reminded the Assembly the full report will be Wednesday afternoon in Business session 2.

46-17 "Face To Face"

TE Fred Lian (West), Chair of the Ministerial Vocation Committee explained the function and process of the Face to Face opportunity and invited church representatives to share TE openings they have and closed with prayer.

(Insert Face to Face opportunities here)

46-18 Adjournment with Great Commission Sharing

TE Richard Rieves (Central South) shared regarding Church Planting in the EPC and closed the day's business with prayer.

46-19 Worship with Global Worker Commissioning

Order of Worship

Tonight's Music was led by the Cherry Hills Choir

Cornerstone
Firm Foundation (He Won't)
Solid Rock
Built On the Rock

Scripture Matthew 16: 12-19

Sermon "Lessons Learned from the Global Church" TE Ed McCallum

Presentation and Commissioning of World Outreach Global Workers

Designated Offering is for World Outreach Member Care Fund

Benediction Jude 24-25