

GA-2522

REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE – TIME AND PLACE

Background:

At the 2015 General Assembly, GA-1532, Report of the Time and Place Committee was committed to the Administrative Committee for further investigation. The action was taken so that a task force would be formed to research alternatives to the current model we are using for General Assembly because our current model has become financially unsustainable. In 2017, the GA Futuring Task Force completed its work and made recommendations at the General Assembly. GA-1736 included instructions to the Office of General Minister and President's staff to find a way to reduce the overall cost of the event and to provide lower cost housing options.

Due to declining attendance, declining revenue for the event, and economic uncertainty, it is not fiscally responsible to authorize the Office of General Minister and President to begin executing contracts in 2025 for the 2028 General Assembly, the first in-person assembly of the triennium following the adoption of GA-2343. In care for the stewardship of the Christian Church, contracts should be executed within a two-year timeframe. Identification of affordable and accessible alternatives to our current model including hosting the assembly at a college or university are crucial to support the continued vitality and accessibility of the assembly. In care for our ecumenical relationships and ministry partners, every effort will be made to ensure that the time and place does not overlap.

Active Committee Members: Erin Cash, Chair, Bill Spangler-Dunning, Liza Miranda, LaTaunya Bynum, Linda Necker, Yvonne Gilmore and Brenda Rossy, Staff.

The timeline will be adjusted to support the fiscally responsible execution of contracts and affordable alternatives to our current model. The time and place of the 2028 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be named at the 2026 online General Assembly.

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**The General Board recommends that the General Assembly ADOPT GA-2522.
(Discussion Time: 12 minutes)**