

**2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN THE  
UNITED STATES AND CANADA  
ORDER OF BUSINESS (Amended)  
JULY 8-12, 2017  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

**Sunday, July 9, 2017 – Sunday Evening Worship and Business Session**

6:30 PM

**Doors Open**

7:00 PM

**Worship Begins**

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**Business Session**

Antonio (Tony) Rodriguez, Moderator  
Mary Lou Kegler, Second Vice Moderator

**Approval of the Order for Business**

**GA-1734 Election of the General Minister and President**

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**Monday, July 10, 2017**

12:45 PM

**Doors Open**

1:15 PM

**Opening Devotions**

Tom Perring, First Vice Moderator

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**Welcome and Introductions**

Antonio (Tony) Rodriguez Moderator

**Business Session Procedures**

Bill Bailey, Parliamentarian

**Plenary Reminders**

Tony Rodriguez, Moderator

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mary Lou Kegler, Second Vice Moderator

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**Presentation of Business**

Mary Lou Kegler, Second Vice Moderator

*(Discussion time is 12 minutes unless otherwise indicated)*

Mission First!

Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President

GA-1724 Concerning Carbon Neutrality

GA-1712 National Benevolent Association

GA-1702 Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries

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***SoulCare – Moments to Pause and Process***

***Hector Hernandez, Joey Pusateri, Angela Whitenhill***

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GA-1723 On Becoming Immigrant Welcoming Congregations  
*(Discussion time: 24 minutes)*

GA-1706 Council on Christian Unity

GA-1719 A Call for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to  
Advocate for the Rights of Children Living Under Israeli  
Military Occupation

*(Discussion time: 24 minutes)*

GA-1703 Christian Board of Publication

GA-1705 Church Extension Financial and Missional Resources

GA-1717 Celebrate and Reaffirm Our Commitment to the Vision of  
Planting 1000 New Congregations by 2020

GA-1714 North American Pacific/Asian Disciples

Speak Out

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**Tuesday, July 11, 2017**

12:45 PM

**Doors Open**

1:15 PM

**Opening Devotions**

Tom Perring, First Vice Moderator

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**Welcome and Plenary Reminders**

Tony Rodriguez, Moderator

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**Presentation of Business**      Mary Lou Kegler, Second Vice Moderator  
*(Discussion time is 12 minutes unless otherwise indicated)*

- GA-1708      Disciples Home Missions  
GA-1722      Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery: A Call to Education  
and Action and Support for Indigenous Voices in the Witness  
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
*(Discussion time: 24 minutes)*  
GA-1701      General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of  
Christ) Including the Office of General Minister and President  
GA-1721      A Renewed Commitment to Reconciliation Ministry  
GA-1713      National Convocation  
GA-1718      Concerning an Understanding of the Merger Agreement  
Between the National Christian Missionary Convention with  
the International Convention of the Christian Churches  
(Disciples of Christ)
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- GA-1711      Higher Education and Leadership Ministries  
GA-1737      Council of College and Universities  
GA-1738      Council on Theological Education

- GA-1725 Recognition of Canada as a Traditionally Underrepresented Cultural Community
  - GA-1720 Affirmation of Our Commitment to Responsible Investing
  - GA-1709 Disciples Women
  - GA-1726 Proposed Amendment to *The Design*: Clarity on the Role of Racial and Ethnic Ministries
  - GA-1727 Proposed Amendment to *The Design*: Recommendations from the Racial Language Audit Task Force
  - GA-1707 Disciples of Christ Historical Society
- Speak Out

**Wednesday, July 12, 2017**

12:45 PM

**Doors Open**

1:15 PM

**Opening Devotions**

Tom Perring, First Vice Moderator

**Welcome and Plenary Reminders**

Tony Rodriguez, Moderator

**Presentation of Business** Mary Lou Kegler, Second Vice Moderator  
*(Discussion time is 12 minutes unless otherwise indicated)*

- GA-1732 Stewardship as a Spiritual Discipline and its Applications in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- GA-1704 Christian Church Foundation
- GA-1710 Division of Overseas Ministries-Global Ministries  
Commissioning of Missionaries
- GA-1736 Report of the General Assembly Futuring Task Force
- GA-1729 Time and Place – 2019 General Assembly

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- GA-1731 Social Witness Task Force Progress Report
- GA-1715 Pension Fund
- GA-1716 Christian Church Healthcare Benefit Trust
- GA-1733 Change in Regional Boundaries: Southwest and Kansas
- GA-1730 Report of the General Assembly Committee of the General Board
- GA-1735 General Nominating Committee Report Including Election of General Assembly Officers
- GA-1728 Proposed Amendment to *The Design*: Removal of from The *Yearbook and Directory* Congregations for Cause or Inactivity

Installation of 2017-2019 Moderator Team

Speak Out