

**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

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

Monday, July 10, 2017

12:45 PM

Doors Open

1:15 PM

Opening Devotions

Tom Perring, First Vice Moderator

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

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

SoulCare – Moments to Pause and Process

Hector Hernandez, Joey Pusateri, Angela Whitenhill

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

Tuesday, July 11, 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-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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SoulCare – Moments to Pause and Process

Hector Hernandez, Joey Pusateri, Angela Whitenhill

- 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 21st 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

SoulCare – Moments to Pause and Process
Hector Hernandez, Joey Pusateri, Angela Whitenhill

- 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