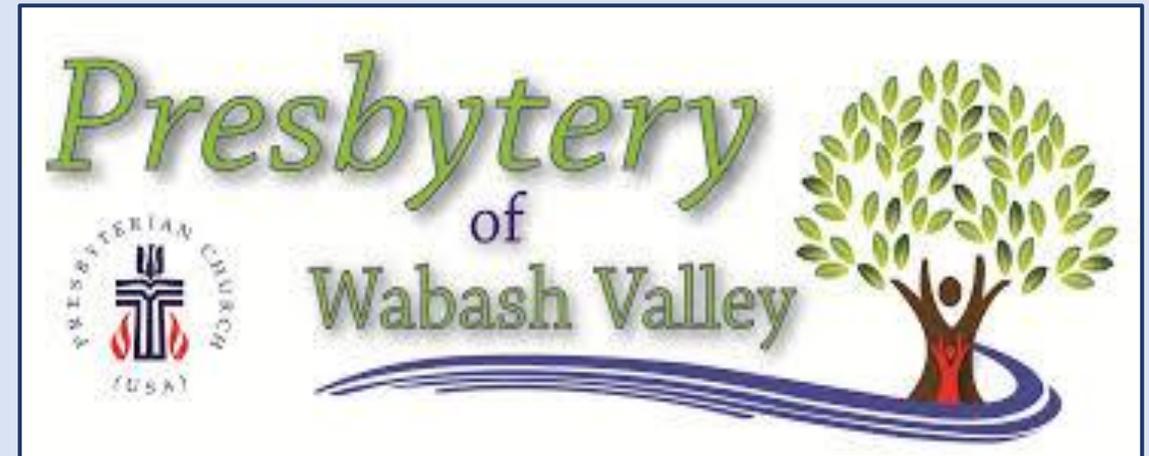


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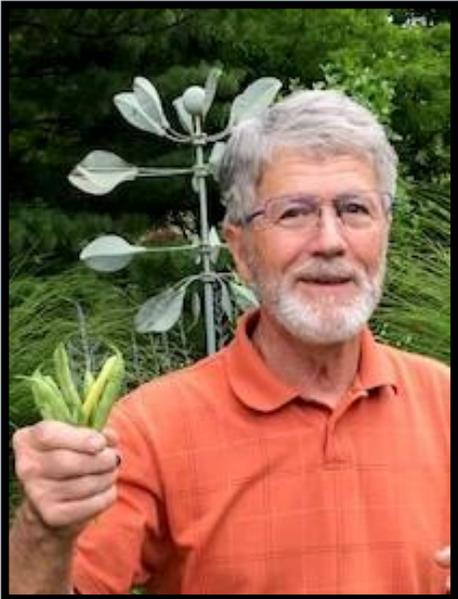


224th General Assembly (the “GA”)



Presbytery of Wabash Valley Representatives to the GA

**Morgan
Blank,
Hebron**



**Jim Nixon
Auburn**



**Rev. Austin Wicks
Munster**

It was originally slated for
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND



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CANCELLED FOR BALTIMORE!
*** * PANDEMIC TIMES * ***



An aerial photograph of a massive, dense crowd of people, filling the entire frame. The individuals are packed closely together, creating a mosaic of colors from their clothing. The perspective is from directly above, looking down on the sea of people.

PLAN B
**** PANDEMIC TIMES ****

Just Imagine. . .



**ZOOM
MEETING
FOR 700!**

***“IT’LL
NEVER
WORK!”***



ONLINE ASSEMBLY: HOW-TO

- 1. List specific needs for an online platform**
- 2. Deploy the incredibly capable PCUSA-Louisville tech team.**
- 3. Develop the software, test it, and troubleshoot glitches.**
- 4. Load it with all kinds of information for commissioners**
- 5. Train commissioners to work in this format, equipped.**



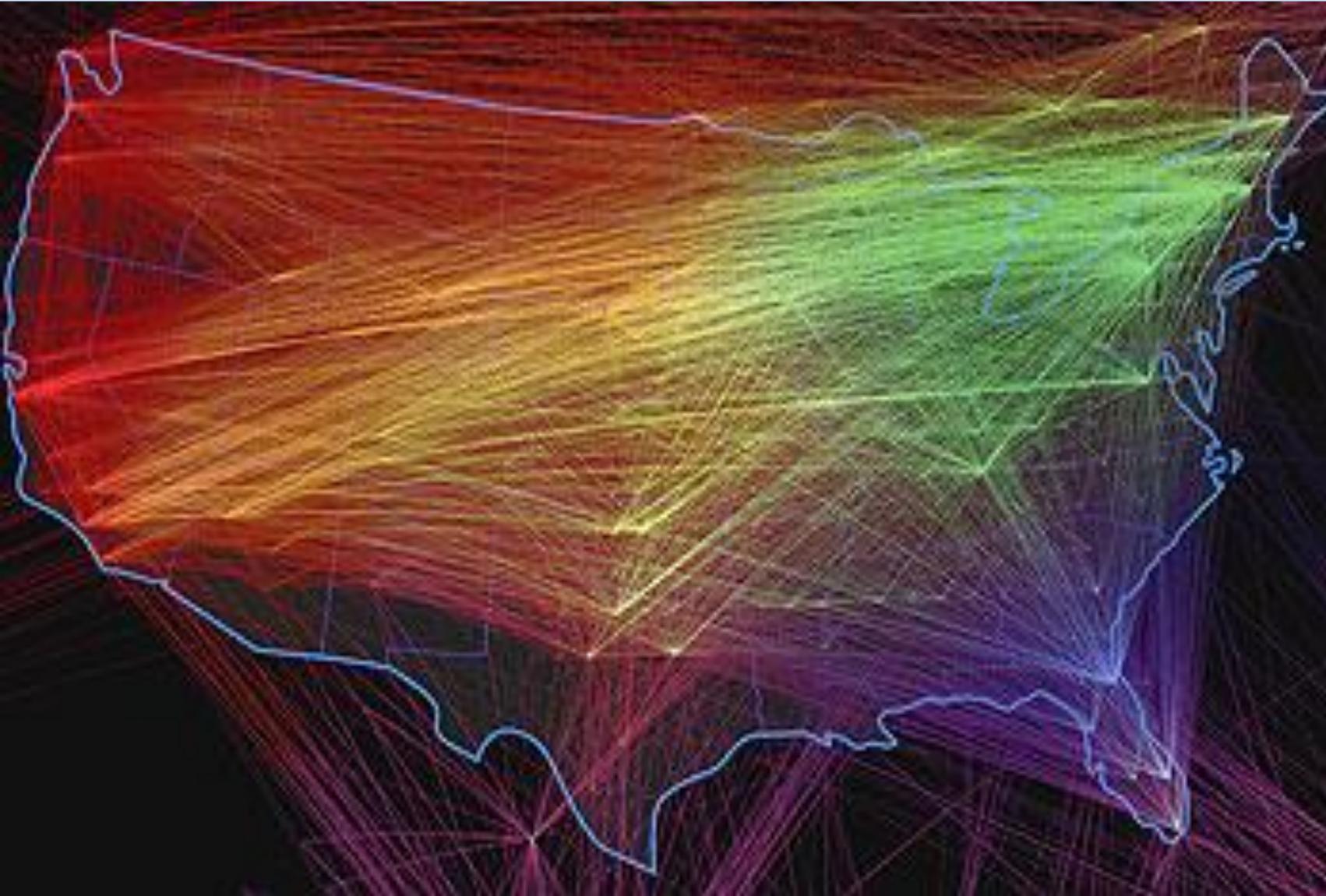
PCUSA
Louisville

OK...so
what could
go wrong?

***“THIS
BETTER
WORK!”***



The PCUSA-Louisville Tech Team...all on staff... DID IT!



And there is much to be proud of—that the work of the PCUSA continues, even in the midst of this pandemic catastrophe.

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THIS YEAR, THE GA WAS SHORTENED TO 3 DAYS.



***COMMISSIONERS
RECEIVED
TRAINING ON
HOW TO WORK IN
AN ONLINE
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***ALL
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HAD TO HAVE
AN INTERNET-
CONNECTED
COMPUTER.***



***IT WAS A ZOOM MEETING, AND EACH PERSON COULD
FUNCTION AS IF IN A MEETING...BUT WITH 700+ ATTENDEES.***

THIS WEB PAGE ALLOWS OVER 700 COMMISSIONERS TO NAVIGATE WITHIN THE VIRTUAL CONVENTION HALL.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL pc-biz.org/#/hub. The page features a navigation bar with links for Info Hub, Search, Committees, Agendas, Resources, SessionSync, and Message Board. The user is logged in as James Nixon. The main content area is titled "PC-Biz Information Hub" and includes a welcome message for James Nixon, a description of the site's purpose, and a list of resources for participants. The user's role is identified as Commissioner of Wabash Valley Presbytery. The page is divided into several sections: General Information for participants, Stated Clerk election, Prayer Room, GA224 Worship Offering, and Financial Implications.

PC-Biz Information Hub

Welcome James Nixon! You can find everything you need to participate in the 224th General Assembly on this Information Hub page.

PC-Biz includes the most current text of the overtures and other recommendations that have been forwarded to the assembly. Track each item of business as it moves through the assembly meeting, and see whether the recommendation was amended, approved, or disapproved.

Your role: Commissioner of Wabash Valley Presbytery

General Information for participants
Find here all the information you need to successfully participate on this General Assembly.
Visit the [224th GA website](#) for much more...

Stated Clerk election
The Stated Clerk Nominating Committee (SCNC) announced (on April 7, 2020) that it is recommending the Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, for a second term as the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. [Click here for more information.](#)

Prayer Room
Please access the prayer room here, to post your Prayer Requests or a picture of a Cairn that is important to you
Or, copy+paste the following in your browser: <https://ga224prayerroom.com/>

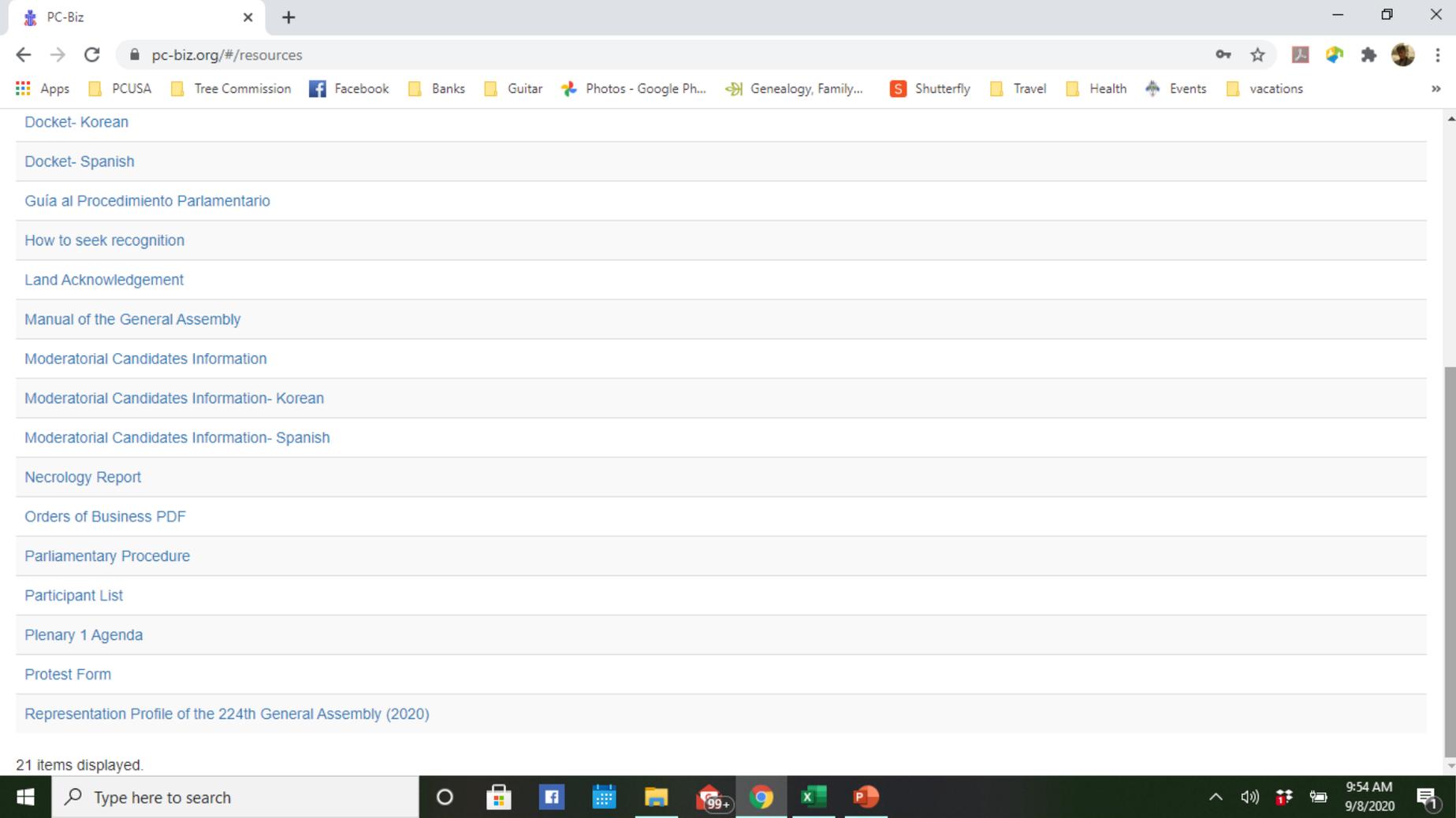
GA224 Worship Offering
This offering helps Young Innovators Rise Above Job Scarcity in Baltimore
Or, copy+paste the following in your browser: <https://ga-pcusa.org/worship-offering>

Financial Implications

THIS WEB PAGE SHOWS COMMISSIONERS VARIOUS AGENDAE OF THE DIFFERENT SESSIONS.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL pc-biz.org/#/agenda. The page features a navigation menu with options like Info Hub, Search, Committees, Agendas, Resources, SessionSync, and Message Board. The user is logged in as James Nixon. The main content area displays the selected event as '224th General Assembly (2020)' and the agenda as '[00] Consent Agenda (10)'. Below this, the agenda items are listed in a table.

Item	Item Title	Action	Vote Count
[00-01]	Confirmation of David Dobson, President of Presbyterian Publishing Corporation		No Committee Action
[00-03]	Recommendation to Approve National Certifying Bodies to the 224th General Assembly (2020)—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.		No Committee Action
[00-12]	Confirm the Reelection of James G. Rissler to Office of President and Chief Executive Officer of the PC(USA) Investment and Loan Program, Inc.—From the Board of Directors of the PC(USA) Investment and Loan Program, Inc.		No Committee Action
[00-13]	Confirm the Election of Katherine M. Lueckert as President of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation—From the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation		No Committee Action
[00-14]	Confirm the Election of Jihyun Oh as Stated Clerk Designee Director of New Covenant Trust Co., N.A.—From the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation		No Committee Action
[00-16]	Report of the Eighth Round of Dialogue between Reformed Churches in the U.S. and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops—From the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations		No Committee Action
[00-17]	Amendments to the Board of Pensions Articles of Incorporation		No Committee Action
[00-18]	Confirmation of the Persons to Serve on the Presbyterian Historical Society Board—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly		No Committee Action



THIS ONE IS A LIBRARY OF ALL KINDS OF REFERENCE MATERIAL AND PROCEDURES.

COMMISSIONERS COULD ACCESS ALL THE WEB PAGES FROM THEIR OWN KEYBOARDS AT HOME.

ANOTHER PAGE ALLOWS COMMISSIONERS TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION, MAKE MOTIONS, TALK TO ALL OTHER COMMISSIONERS AT ONCE, OR INDIVIDUALLY, AND VOTE.

EACH SESSION INCLUDED WORSHIP, MUSIC AND PRAYER.

The Theme: From LAMENT...



From LAMENT.....to HOPE



CO-MODERATORS 2020-22

Overwhelming Choice of Assembly, on first ballot



Elder

Elona Street-Stewart



Pastor

Rev. Gregory Bentley



The
Stated Clerk
Rev. Dr. J. Herbert
Nelson





**Rev. Dr. J.
Herbert Nelson**

Executive Director of the PC(USA)'s Office
of Public Witness, Washington, D.C.

*Because of the last-minute change of venue, and the all-new conditions of meeting, including the unknown dangers of the pandemic, the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly... proposed that the 224th GA consider **only business deemed “core and critical to our governance and ecclesiology.”***

They asked these questions in devising an abbreviated agenda for the GA:

- **Is it so time-sensitive that we need to address it now?**
- **Might it have a negative impact on the church financially?**
- **Will it leave critically important leadership positions vacant?**

In other word:
*The original docket only included
these things.*

THAT WHICH CANNOT BE DEFERRED

FINANCIAL ISSUES: REVENUE, FLEXIBILITY, PERSONNEL

ASSURING CONTINUED LEADERSHIP

BUDGETING IMPLICATIONS FOR PCUSA

- *A BUDGET IS A PLAN. THE LACK OF INFORMATION ABOUT AN UNKNOWN FUTURE CREATES HUGE PROBLEMS FOR BUDGETING.*
- *BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE CHURCH EXPECTS DEEP REDUCTIONS IN OPERATING REVENUES.*
- *THE LEADERS IN LOUISVILLE NEED EXPANDED FLEXIBILITY IN BUDGET PLANNING AND SPENDING AUTHORITY IN THE COMING TWO YEARS.*

Budget Realities at PCUSA

- *Presbyterian Mission Agency is projecting a 25% revenue drop in 2020 and 2021, with a 20% reduction in 2022.*
- *The Per Capita Budget is expected to have a 35% reduction of income in 2020 and 2021, including uncollectible per capita.*
- *The Administrative Services Group will be affected by cuts from both Mission and Per Capita Budgets.*
- *That the apportionment rate for 2021 and 2022 remain where it is now, at \$8.95.*

Other Issues Arose from the 'Floor.'

Native American Churches report

San Francisco Theological Seminary separation

Racial Relations Statement

Black Mothers and Daughters Report

Other Issues Arose from the 'Floor.'

Native American Churches report-- ***ADOPTED***

San Francisco Theological Seminary separation—***FURTHER***

INFORMATION PROVIDED; ACTION DEFERRED

Racial Relations Statement--***ADOPTED***

Black Mothers and Daughters Report—***ACTION DEFERRED TO 2022***

SOCIAL JUSTICE & DIVERSITY EMPHASIS

COMING IN 2022

DEFERRED TO COLUMBUS, OH--2022

Committee meetings

ations

COMING TO COLUMBUS!!
DON'T MISS IT!

Overtures from

Other Fun

DEFERRED TO COLUMBUS, OH--2022

Committee meetings and Discussion

Committee Reports and Motions

Overtures from PCUSA Churches/Presbyteries

Other Fun



Next GA: Columbus

*So think
about it.*

***THE FOLLOWING PAGES FEATURE ACTIVE
LINKS.***

***IF YOUR COMPUTER IS INTERNET
CONNECTED, YOU MAY CLICK ON ANY LINK
TO SEE WHAT'S THERE.***

SOCIAL JUSTICE & DIVERSITY EMPHASIS

- On the Church in This Moment in History
www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000727
- GA 224 definitive statement on Black Lives Matter and call to action
- Native American Coordinating Council Report
www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000565
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- GA 224 statement on BIPOC communities, and concern for Native American churches.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EVENTS AT GA

OVERVIEW

<https://ga-pcusa.org/general-information/>

<https://presnb.com/2020/important-news-about-the-224th-general-assembly/>

REPORTING AND COMMENT

“The Presbyterian Outlook,” 202 (II) 8/3/20 <https://pres-outlook.org/2020/07/the-224th-ga-august-3-2020/> (for subscribers)

COMPLETE MINUTES of the PLENARY SESSIONS

<https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/publications/>