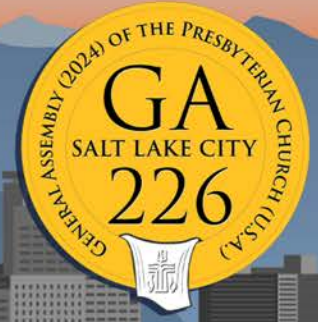


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ARMSTRONG AND LARSON ELECTED CO-MODERATORS OF THE 226TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Commissioners to the 226th General Assembly have chosen two South Carolina pastors, the [Rev. CeCe Armstrong](#) and the [Rev. Tony Larson](#), to be the next Co-Moderators. They will serve a two-year term and are the fifth straight team of Co-Moderators to win election.

Armstrong and Larson were elected Sunday night by a vote of 249 to 171 during an evening plenary in the Salt Palace Convention Center in Utah. Soon afterward, they were installed by their predecessors, the Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace and the Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, who received a standing ovation for their service and gave the victorious team a glimpse of what lies ahead. [Read more.](#)



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

All times listed in Mountain Daylight Time

[Livestreamed at the GA226 Website](#)

8:30 a.m.
Assembly Worship &
Celebration of
Communion

9:30 a.m.
Plenary 4

12:00 Noon
GA Daily
w/ Fred Tangeman

1:30 p.m.
Plenary 5

7:00 .p.m.
Plenary 6





PLENARY SESSION AN ODE TO OUTGOING LEADERSHIP

In a session that was light on business decisions but heavy on voting practice and reflections from the Stated Clerk and Co-Moderators, the second plenary for the 226th General Assembly concluded Sunday afternoon.



The Revs. Shavon Starling-Louis and Ruth Faith Santana-Grace, Co-Moderators of the 225th General Assembly (2022), opened the session by thanking the gathering for “saying yes to this important work on behalf of the larger church” before leading everyone in prayer.

[Read more.](#)

WHERE IS THE LOVE?

Salt Lake City pastor emphasizes the ‘necessity of love as the source and motivation for everything.

Although the love chapter of the Bible — 1 [Corinthians 13](#) — has become so popular that portions of it are quoted on coffee mugs and embroidered pillows, it has a deeper meaning, one that is relevant to the evolving church of today.

So said the Rev. Jamie White, pastor of [First Presbyterian Church of Salt Lake City](#), as she gave a sermon, encouraging her congregation and guests from the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to think more deeply about love. [Read more](#)



ALL ARE WELCOME

Delegates gather at Community of Grace for a spirited Sunday service

A banner on the top awning of [Community of Grace Presbyterian Church](#) that reads “God is at work here and all are welcome” is more than just words for this faith community. It is the air they breathe, the smiles they give and their radical hospitality that make them who they are.

From the opening worship led by the praise and worship team, the Sounds of Grace Choir and the Spirit of Joy Band, the Rev. Hansen Wendlandt invited visiting commissioners into a unison on a count of three “Where are you from?” call and response. [Read more](#)



UTAH CHURCH MODELS INCLUSIVE WORSHIP FOR GA COMMISSIONERS

After two busloads of General Assembly visitors had completely filled the sanctuary of [Cottonwood Presbyterian Church](#), responding with an enthusiastic — if perhaps louder than expected — “And also with you” to the pastor’s traditional greeting, all the Rev. Nathan Sautter could say was, “Wow.”
“I’d like to welcome everyone to Utah,” Sautter began, taking it all in. “The hope and prayer of our presbytery is that you get a taste, a feel and a vibe of who we are as we seek to witness to Jesus Christ in our community.” [Read more.](#)

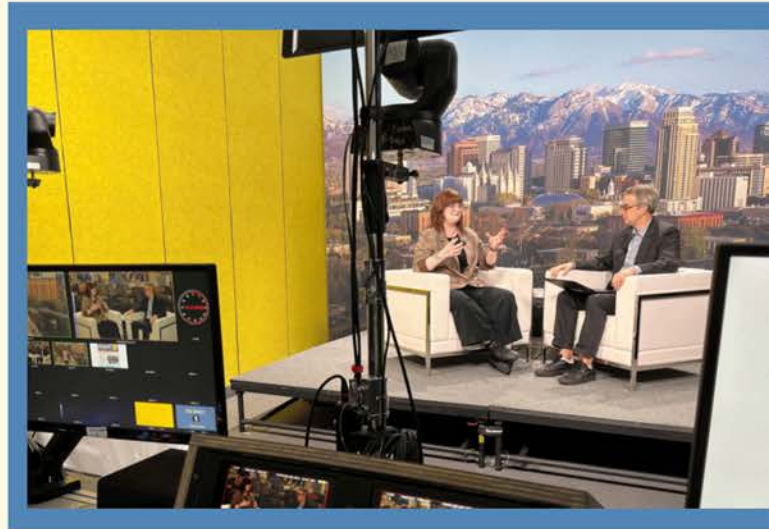




GA PLANNING DIRECTOR KATE TRIGGER DUFFERT STARTED ATTENDING GA AS A YOUNG GIRL

Kate Trigger Duffert, the director of General Assembly Planning, started coming to the assembly as a girl. This time her son, who's 6, is accompanying his mother. That's about the age Trigger Duffert started attending GA under the watchful eye of her own mother.

"I remember being overwhelmed by how big the church was," she said of her earliest GA experience during Sunday's edition of GA Daily, which is hosted each day by Fred Tangeman and can be viewed [here](#). "As I got older, conversations felt so important and so weighty. They really expanded my own perspective beyond my own congregation and community." [Read more](#)



'OUR ANCESTORS' WILDEST DREAMS'

Beloved former stated clerk, the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, is honored for his unparalleled legacy of witnessing to God's justice

In an ecclesiastical tribute — brimming over with affection, admiration, gratitude, tears, laughter and just the occasional touch of irreverence — the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, was joyfully celebrated for changing the denomination that shaped and changed him.

Nelson, a third-generation Presbyterian pastor and the first Black man chosen as the top ecclesial officer of the PC(USA), was elected as Stated Clerk by the [222nd General Assembly \(2016\)](#), a role in which he served for seven years before [stepping down](#) on June 30, 2023.

[Read more.](#)

