

Report of Ruling Elder Commissioner Roger Clowes

I was appointed Moderator of the Financial Resources Committee for the 225th General Assembly. When it came time to go to Louisville for our committee meeting, I came down with Covid. My Vice Moderator Rev. Felipe Martinez took over leading the committee for the three days of their time in Louisville working on the Committee's agenda, which included 15 items of business. He led with Courage, Creativity and Compassion. He did a great job with only two days notice. I thank God for Felipe's Leadership.

Roger Clowes

Addendum:

The Financial Resources Committee considered the report of a Special Committee on Per-Capita based Funding and National Church Financial Sustainability. The report included a recommendation on unifying the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) by establishing a commission to oversee such a process. The Financial Resources Committee amended the report, recommending that the General Assembly set up a committee, not a commission.

After debate in plenary, the General Assembly acted to form a commission, after all. This commission will oversee and facilitate the unification of the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) into a single agency. The commission will work to align the entities, board, committees and constituent bodies of the General Assembly toward long-term faithfulness and financial sustainability. Once unification is finalized, the commission will determine a structure and present a new Organization for Mission to the 227th General Assembly (2026).