

Some Major actions of GA #227

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NOTE: You can review all these actions and all the other actions of the 227th General Assembly at www.pcbiz.org/

- 1) Naming what Israel is doing/has done in Gaza “genocide” (RIW-04)
- 2) Adding a question to the Ministry Discernment Profile about whether congregations will consider an LGBTQia+ candidate (GEN-06)
- 3) Affirmed the offering of gender-affirming healthcare to all people, including youth and adults (GEN-02)
- 4) Creating a commission to investigate the closure of Presbyterian World Mission (RIW=01)
- 5) Creating an advisory group to work with Louisville staff to develop a new missiological statement for the PCUSA (RIW-02)
- 6) Prohibiting the use of non-disclosure covenants in employee relations (CON-02)
- 7) Significantly edited the proposed Organization for Mission, increasing accountability to and authority of the General Assembly, and reducing the authority of staff and A Corp leaders to take unilateral actions (GAR-05)
 - a. This came after staff chose to eliminate the Theology and Worship, Peacemaking, and Presbyterian World Mission offices between assemblies, without bringing these moves to the General Assembly for approval
 - b. This was one part of the evidence showing a lack of trust in PCUSA leadership
- 8) Approved a strong stance against Christian nationalism (RUS-01 and RUS-07)
- 9) Voted to meet in Puerto Rico in 2028 (GAO-01)
- 10) Voted for a fully in-person assembly in 2030 (GAO-02)
- 11) Dealt with the presence of Presbyterians for the Kingdom—Turning Point USA, Presbyterian style—which led to YAAD divisions and some divisiveness in committee work