

PC-BIZ: TRACKING ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

NARRATOR 1: Hello, my name is NARRATOR 1. I would like to tell you more about the online system for business to the 218th General Assembly meeting of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Commissioners and Advisory delegates are asked to consider a great deal of business. Knowing how assembly business is organized will most likely help you understand it. PC-biz is the new name for the electronic system that will be the primary way commissioners and advisory delegates will access assembly business.

You will be receiving much more information about PC-biz and help with how to use the system. For now, here is a bird's eye view of PC-biz:

Before the assembly: As business items become available throughout the spring, they will be posted on PC-biz, which will be available online at www.pcusa.org/ga218. Anyone, including commissioners and advisory delegates, who wishes to do so can access the items through a public view. Each recommendation coming to the assembly is assigned an identification number. The first two digits of the number indicate the assembly committee to which the business will be assigned, pending approval by commissioners. The last two digits will serve as an item number for that particular piece of business that will be handled by the committee. You are encouraged to read through all of the business materials, becoming especially well acquainted with the business items your committee will address.

During the assembly: In each committee, a recorder will work from a laptop to record the committee's action on each business item while you follow along either on your own laptop or on a large screen in the room that will display the committee recorder's work as it is being done. In plenary sessions, you will work from your own laptop to access business items.

After the assembly: The history of each assembly action – from the original overture or motion to the final action taken by the assembly – will be available through PC-biz.

This year's assembly will be a less-paper assembly, not necessarily paperless. Provisions are already being made on a case-by-case basis for commissioners and advisory delegates who, for various

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reasons, will need to have printed copies of assembly business items. These individuals will need a large three-ring binder in which to keep and organize the material.

Remember, you will receive more information about PC-biz as the assembly nears. In the meantime, as you have questions, please visit www.pc-biz.org.

This is only a brief introduction to PC-biz. Again, more information will be available on the web at www.pcusa.org/ga218.

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