

Press Release from the Unification Commission
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Today, the PC(USA) Unification Commission (UC) voted to sunset the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) and the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (PMAB) on December 31, 2024. The UC gives God thanks for COGA and PMAB and predecessor bodies for the committed service they have provided for decades to the PC(USA). The UC recognizes their important leadership and intends to collaborate closely with these governing bodies on the transition of their responsibilities to the UC.

“COGA and PMAB have faithfully served our church with great dedication for many years. In this season of unification, the UC is grateful that our colleagues in ministry have been preparing for this process to unify their governance functions with OGA and PMA. We look forward to working with them to make this as smooth of a transition as possible,” said Cristi Scott Ligon, Co-Moderator of the UC.

The UC recognized in their meeting that the process of dissolving COGA and PMAB and assuming all governance functions for both governance bodies is complex. In preparation for this transition, the UC has been gathering information and planning to proactively manage potential challenges. “We recognize that making this transition successful will take thoughtful collaboration. The UC stands ready to continue to work closely with COGA and PMAB throughout this process,” said Felipe Martinez, Co-Moderator of the UC.

“We are grateful for those who answer the call to serve General Assembly standing committees and boards,” said Stated Clerk Jihyun Oh, “and we are particularly grateful for those who have served on PMAB and COGA as the Unification Commission announces the necessary step of bringing the work of those two bodies to a close so that the work of a unified governing board might begin. God is at work among us, and we continue to pray for wisdom for the UC and all those seeking our faithful way forward in the midst of the complexity of unifying OGA and PMA.”

An important part of this process will be honoring the service provided by these governing bodies, which the UC plans to do at its January 2025 meeting. “I look forward to the opportunity to honor the PMAB’s many years of service and dedication to the PMA,” stated Diane Moffett, Executive Director of PMA. “Their wisdom, courage, and unwavering support have played a major role in the growth and development of Matthew 25 and the vision for mission in the PC(USA). While I will miss working with our board, I know the actions of the commission are important to the process of unification. I covet prayers for all who are impacted by this change, and I eagerly anticipate the positive things God is doing as we move towards unification.”

The Unification Commission was established by the 225th General Assembly (2022) to oversee and facilitate the unification of the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) into a single agency, revise the *Organization for Mission* to reflect this change, and work to align the entities, boards, committees, and constituent bodies of the General Assembly toward long-term faithfulness and financial sustainability of its mission within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).