

**THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
PROCEEDINGS OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD BY
ZOOM
10TH JUNE 2020**

On Zoom Wednesday 10th June 2020 at 10:11 the Ministers and Elders as Commissioners of the General Assembly appointed to meet this day convened.

The Clerk of the General Assembly invited Mr Ryan Johnson to address the council. Mr Ryan Johnson took the commissioners through Zoom etiquette.

CONSTITUTION AND WELCOME

The Moderator of the General Assembly the Rt Rev Dr Peter Langerman welcomed all commissioners and thanked them for making themselves available for the Emergency Meeting of the General Assembly. The Moderator read from Matthew 22:41-46 and delivered his address. The theme for his address was "Living under signs". The Moderator led the Council in prayer.

Roll of Commissioners

The Clerk of the General Assembly presented the roll of commissioners to the 2020 Emergency Meeting of the General Assembly 2020 as recorded with the following apologies. The Moderator Designate, the Rev Sibusiso Mkhize was unable to join the meeting later as he got a call to attend a meeting from the Premier of KwaZulu Natal, the Rev Desmond Mkhomo, the Rev Mphahlele Mhiza, Mr Thabo Rampepe and Mr Venness Mkhondo. These apologies were sustained.

The Clerk of the General Assembly declared that there was a quorum for the meeting.

AUTHORIZATION OF THE CALL OF THE MEETING

The Moderator of the General Assembly the Rt Rev Dr Peter Langerman stated that this meeting was an Emergency Meeting of the General Assembly called by him in terms of the Manual Of Faith and Order of the UPCA, Para 13.67 to deal with the proposed Agenda that was sent to all the Commissioners. The Moderator asked the council to endorse his action in calling the meeting and to approve the Agenda as constituted.

The meeting was conducted unanimously, and the Agenda was received and approved.

The Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt Rev Dr Peter Langerman, declared the Emergency meeting of the General Assembly duly constituted.

Assembly Business Committee

The Moderator called for the Business Convener to present the Business Committee report.

The Rev Dr Chris Mawdsawe presented the report.

The Convener moved that:

1. General Assembly receives the report.

This was **agreed**.

2. General Assembly agrees to adopt the Do's and Don'ts document as the standing orders for this meeting.

This was **agreed**.

3. General Assembly agrees to **postpone** the holding of the 2020 General Assembly to June/July 2021.

This was **agreed**.

4. General Assembly mandates the Assembly Business Committee to organize the General Assembly in accordance with the dictates of the circumstances of that time, should COVID-19 and related challenges make it not conducive for commissioners to assemble in a normal way in June/July 2021.

This was **agreed**.