

June 30, 2026

Hey Southwood Family,

The annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) met last week in Louisville, KY. Elder Skeets Simonis and I had the privilege of seeing glimpses of God's work through our denomination's churches and ministries across the country and the world. Our shared commitment to the Gospel of Jesus, the truth of God's Word, and the mission of his Church is deeply encouraging and keeps us out of many difficult debates others are enduring. What a joy it was to celebrate over 5,000 adult professions of faith in our churches last year, continued incremental growth of the denomination over 400,000 members, and amazing stories of God's grace in our joint ministries! RUF is impacting students on campuses around the world, MTW has more global gospel opportunities than missionaries ready to send today, and Covenant College and Covenant Seminary are recovering healthy enrollment numbers for the future of the Church.

In regard to specific actions, we elected the PCA's fourth stated clerk in its 54 years – Teaching Elder Fred Greco, who begins serving immediately. Study committees seek to resource our churches on key issues of the day, and two reported back this year while also continuing their work one more year. The initial report on Christian Nationalism provides a pastoral letter to warn against certain harmful speech as well as about 30 pages featuring key affirmations and denials on the topic ([https://pcaga.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/AICReport\\_CN.pdf](https://pcaga.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/AICReport_CN.pdf)). The initial report on a directory for worship proposed updates but suggested work continue before approval ([https://pcaga.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/AICReport\\_DFW.pdf](https://pcaga.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/AICReport_DFW.pdf)). One new study committee was approved to study artificial intelligence and give guidance on the ethical use, limits, and dangers churches and members face.

On many issues of gender and sexuality, we declined lengthy discussion in light of common commitment to long-held biblical positions on the matters. We did agree to thank God for 250 years of the United States of America, sustained by his kind grace even in spite of our flaws. Thank you for praying for us and for our denomination as we have the privilege of uniting to see Christ and his kingdom exalted in every nation and generation – what a high calling!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Will