A Global Movement of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches

Brothers and Sisters:

Welcome to the 43<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly / Gospel Priorities Summit. Our theme this year is *"Sharpen"* based on Ephesians 4:12, "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

This Commissioner's Handbook includes two sections:

- 1) "Preliminaries" which provides important introductory material to help familiarize you to our time together, and
- 2) "Matters Received and Referred." This is the business the Assembly will address. Other documents, such as the *Rules for Assembly*, committee reports, audited financial statements, and more are available at <a href="https://www.epc.org/ga2023documents">www.epc.org/ga2023documents</a>.

To get a good overview of the work of your denominational leaders over the past year, read the Moderator's Report, National Leadership Team Report, and my report. These three reports are at the end of the Preliminary section.

We design GA to be much more than an annual meeting to conduct church business. We have numerous opportunities for equipping, edification, and worship. I hope you'll join me in praying that the God of grace and peace will send His power on us during our time together at Cherry Hills!

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