



# 2026 General Synod

Mon 6/8: 3-5pm Registration/Sign-In for Delegates/Guests (Patrick Room of Young Lodge)

Tues 6/9: 8am-Noon Registration/Sign-In for Delegates/Guests (Patrick Room of Young Lodge)

Tues 6/9: Opening Worship begins at 1:30 in the Youth Activity Building

**222nd Annual Meeting**

**June 9-11**

**Bonclarken Conference Center**

TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE SYNOD MEETING USE THE LINK OR QR CODE BELOW:

<https://tinyurl.com/424fj8kn>



# Letter From the Synod Planning Committee

**Fathers, Brothers, Staff, and Honored Guests,**

Greetings in the name of our King and Head of His Church, Jesus Christ.

In just over four months, Lord willing, we will gather on June 9-11, 2026, at our Bonclarken Conference Center for the 222nd Stated Meeting of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. It is a great privilege to meet in such a beautiful setting as Bonclarken once again.

All eligible members of the court are expected to make every effort to be physically present for this meeting of the General Synod. "Virtual" participation will only be allowed in accordance with Recommendation #3 from the Executive Board's report, approved as amended at the 2021 Meeting of General Synod, which reads:

"Those members of the court residing outside the continental U.S. or having emergency situations of illness, financial hardship or exceptional circumstances, shall be allowed, by agreement of the Principal Clerk and Moderator of Synod, to participate in any meeting of the General Synod that is broadcast electronically, with the approval of that meeting of the General Synod (as one of the first items of business)."

Anyone desiring to make use of this provision must contact the Principal Clerk and the Moderator of Synod with their request prior to registering for General Synod as a "virtual delegate". You will not be allowed to participate virtually and receive an electronic link until you have the agreement of the Principal Clerk and Moderator as stated above. You may contact the Principal Clerk at [principalclerk@arpsynod.org](mailto:principalclerk@arpsynod.org), to express your rationale for the need to participate virtually.

I would like to encourage **all ARP Ministers and Elders** to begin preparing now for the great privilege and duty of participation as a delegate. When the packet becomes available, read all of it. And plan to stay for the entire meeting. Although we can only hope to get close to the level of efficiency that Moderator Walkup achieved last year, we will do our best! Come ready to partake of the Lord's Supper on Tuesday afternoon, and to worship at each session, praying for a quiet spirit and the setting aside of everything else but the Word being preached. Also, come ready to fellowship. As Paul longed to see his brothers always and mentioned them so often at the closing of his letters, let us desire to renew old - and start new - friendships. Lastly, come ready to deliberate, listen, and learn, taking in everything that is discussed.

**To all Sessions**, my prayer is that you will do everything possible to get your pastor(s), students under care, and at least one elder, to this meeting. Perhaps if you are blessed financially, consider helping other churches in your vicinity who may not be able to afford the full cost of attendance.

**To Presbyteries**, please forward all communications about Synod to your full presbytery email list, along with an announcement from the floor at your Spring meeting, encouraging registration. And, of course, if you have memorials, get those as well as your statistical reports and overture results, to us in a timely manner.

**To Synod's boards, standing committees and special committees**, I would ask for diligence in convening and attending your Spring meetings, and in crafting comprehensive and timely reports for the packet. FOG 13.2.D. is helpful here: "A board shall make an annual report to the appointing court, giving full statement of all business transacted, actions taken during the year, and newly initiated and/or planned programs."

It is our prayer, in whatever we do, whatever business we transact, that God be glorified, His will be done, and that it would serve to strengthen the ARP church and its members and make new disciples here and abroad. Please pray for me, Vice-Moderator-Elect Rhett Carson, outgoing Moderator David Walkup, and outgoing Vice-Moderator Frank Hunt as we lead the meeting. Pray as well for the officers of the court, staff, and guests. Above all, pray for the delegates to strive for excellence and to be filled with wisdom, patience, and diligence, and for those who will be preaching the Word.

I want to thank the staff and leadership at Bonclarken, Central Services Staff, and the Executive Board's Committee on Administration for all that they do and are doing as we prepare for this meeting.

The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.

In Christ,  
Beard McAulay, Moderator-Elect  
(On Behalf of the Synod Planning Committee)