

**219th General Assembly
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By Jackie Scott, Elder Commissioner**

So many Presbyterians so little time! My very first glance at thousands of people being decent and in order was the 219th General Assembly. Truly we went to reflect the will of the people but first and foremost to seek and represent the will of Christ.

I arrived late Friday night and there was still someone waiting alone at the hotel to welcome me and give me guidance. I felt like I had arrived at home after a long business trip and was told to get good rest because I would surely need it. And so my duties were about to begin.

Early Saturday morning was registration day for me then off to the Riverside Conversations, which were pre-assembly workshops for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates. These were question and answer sessions directly with the task force committees. There was time to visit the exhibit hall where we were treated to a group dinner for orientation to the GA agencies before moving on to the first business meeting of the General Assembly. The election process of the Moderator was an interesting process. Our own Maggie Lauterer represented us well. Cynthia Bolbach promised jokingly, when she was asked by a YAAD what would happen if she did not win, she said, “Total chaos”. She held her own during the entire week of rivers of flowing water in the form of many tears by all attending the assembly.

The late nights of committee meetings were refreshed by each mornings worship services. This was the most organized event that I have ever attended anywhere. The hospitality will be hard to match anywhere. I am most grateful for the experience. My sincere gratitude goes to the Western North Carolina Presbytery for covering us with the whole Armour and chocolates too.

Truly Blessed,

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