

50th General Assembly Report

Presbyterian Church in America

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General Assembly

Our Highest Church Court

- Overview of General Assembly
 - Commissioners: 2250
 - Teaching Elders: 1559 (69.3%)
 - Ruling Elders: 691 (30.7%)
- Important Work
- Thank you for sending us!



PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



WHAT OUR
WIVES THINK WE DO

WHAT THE OPC THINKS WE DO

WHAT THE
PCUSA THINKS WE DO



WHAT DAVID
FRENCH THINKS WE DO

WHAT SCOTT EDBURG DOES

WHAT WE ACTUALLY DO

PCA Principles

A Continuing Church

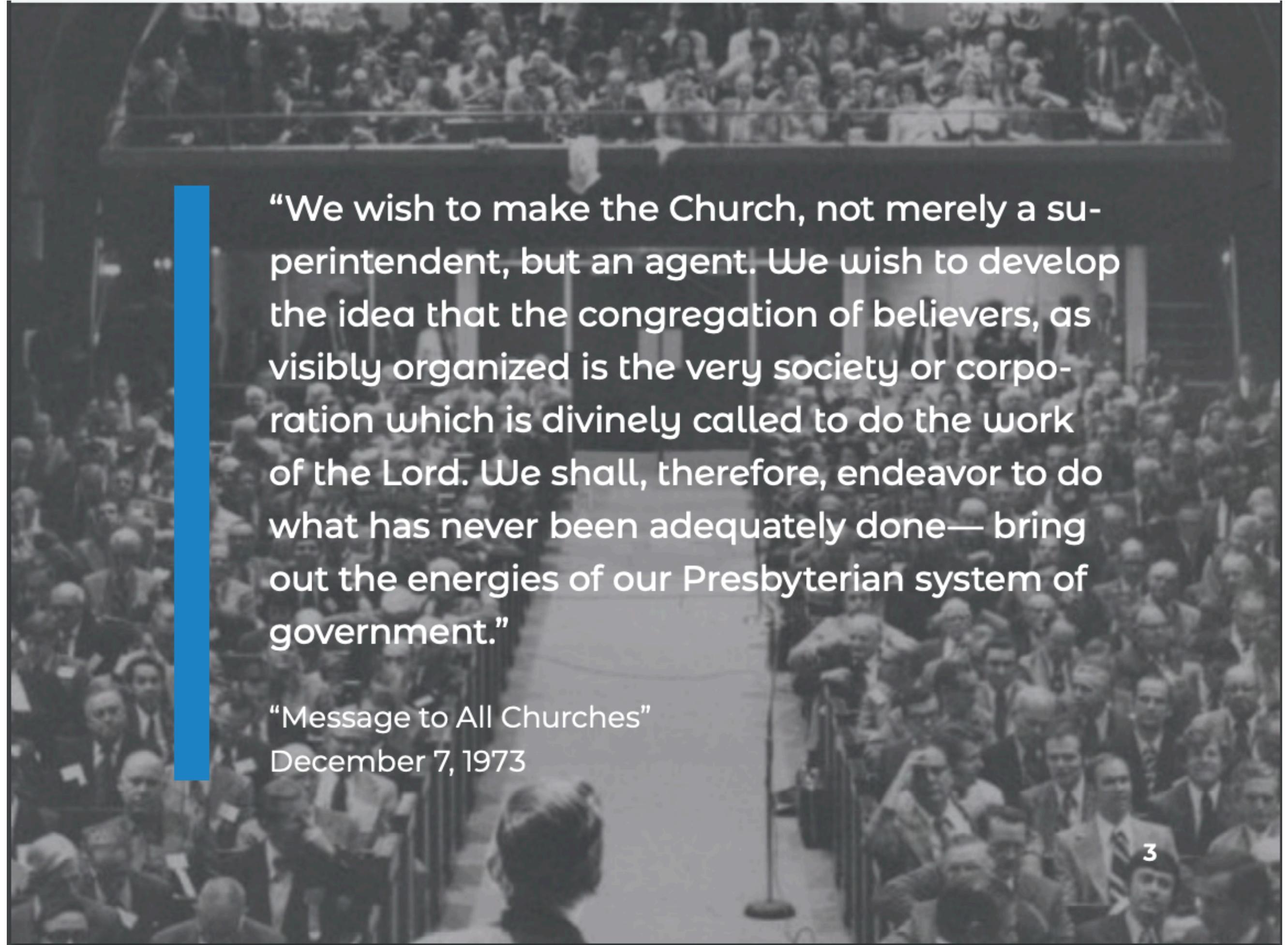
- Faithful to the Scriptures
- True to the Reformed Faith
- Obedient to the Great Commission



PCA Principles

A Continuing Church

- December 7, 1973
- Message to All Churches



Daily Summaries

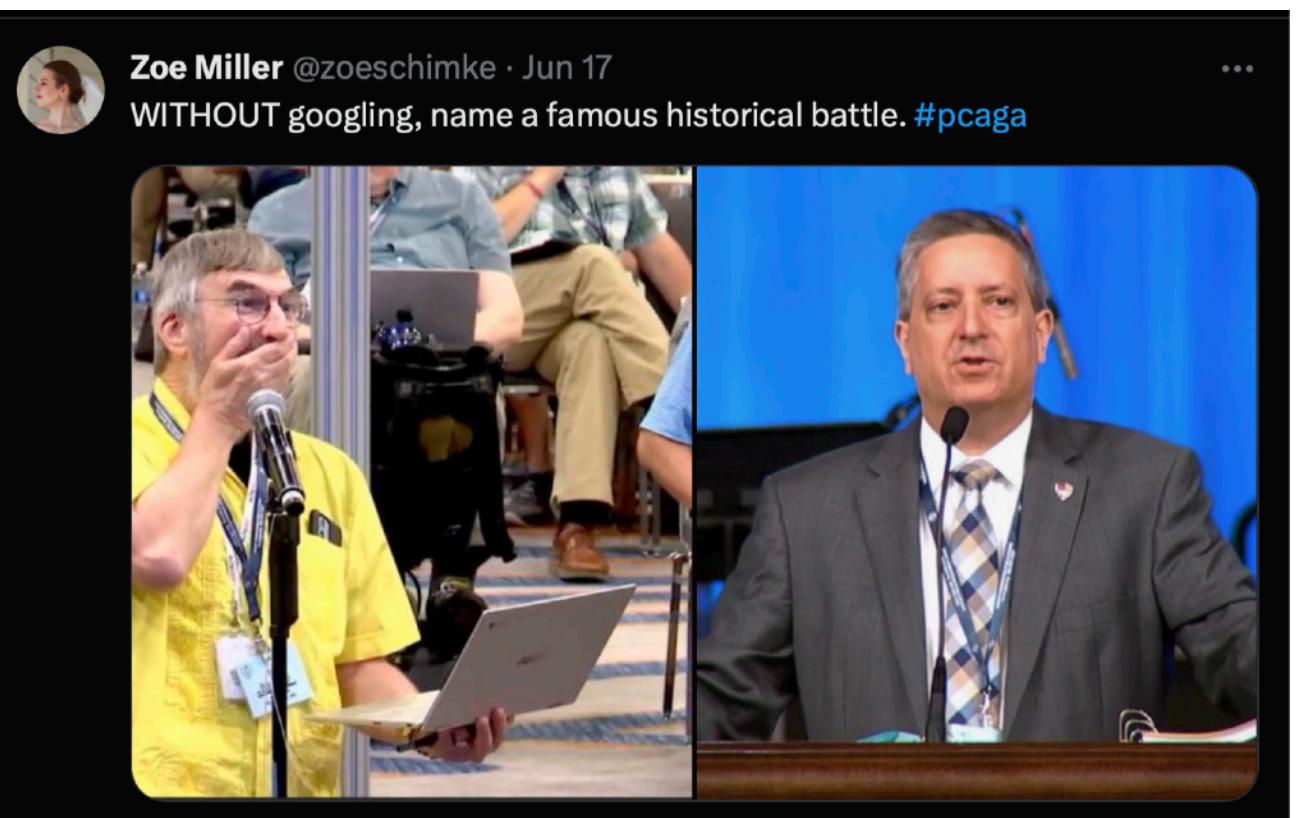
- Actions of the General Assembly on Tuesday Evening
- Actions of the General Assembly on Wednesday, June 14
- Actions Of The General Assembly On Thursday, June 15

General Impressions

- Changing of the Guard
- Stronger sense of unity, more collegiality
- Fewer controversial topics

Moderator

- TE Fred Greco,
Christ the King (Katy TX)
- Teaches Presbyterian Polity at
RTS



Worship Services



Rev. Randy Thompson

Tuesday, June 13



Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III

Wednesday, June 14



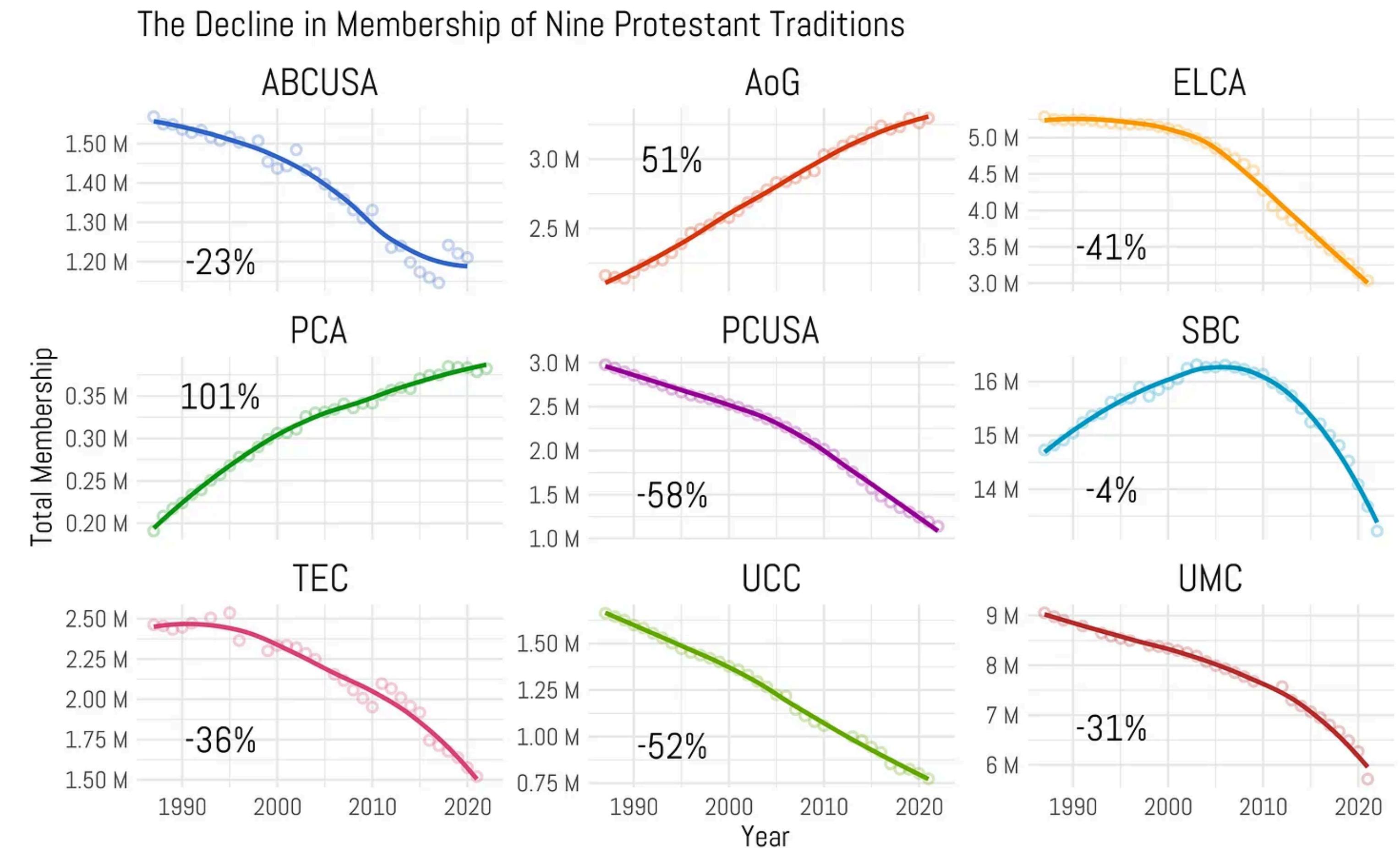
Rev. Les Newsom

Thursday, June 15

PCA is Growing

Exceeding Pre-Pandemic Levels

- 1627 Churches
- 305 Mission Churches
- 390,000 Members
(Communicants, Non-communicants, & TEs)
- “The PCA plants a church two weeks.”



@ryanburge
Data: Denominational Records

Committee Reports

Power to the Presbyteries

- Overture 7 to amend the RAO (Rules of Assembly Operation) to require committees and agencies to report response to the General Assembly's instruction.
- RUF CoC report
 - TE Zach Byrd Speech RUF Speech: <https://youtu.be/e58ksZBR3y4>
- PCA Foundation CoC report
- Increased interest in GA/grassroots oversight & accountability of PCA committees and agencies

Review Presbytery Records

- NY Metro Presbytery sent to SJC for having woman "preach" and for failing to ensure sermon/preaching in worship
 - TE Ryan Biese RPR Speech: <https://youtu.be/7OAn4lsKyE4>
 - RE Matt Fender RPR Speech: <https://youtu.be/SziNxs9IDLs>
 - TE Stephen O'Neill RPR Speech: <https://youtu.be/P3SsxIF3peY>

Nominations Committee

- Consensus that godly men were elected to permanent committees and SJC (Standing Judicial Commission).

Overtures

Ratified 2022 Overtures

- 10 Overtures from 2022 49th GA passed 2/3 of Presbyteries and were ratified by 50th GA.
- Overture 29 regarding officer qualifications amending BCO 16-4 “confessing” and “mortifying sin” in light of “progressive sanctification” answering issues raised by Revoice.
- Other amendments to the BCO include pre-trial non-disciplinary suspensions; victim protection provisions; regarding counsel for a case without process; timing for considering a complaint; regarding vote required for maintaining censure during an appeal; to allow appealing a censure in a case without process.

Overtures

- Many overtures referred back to Presbyteries for revision
- Passed O23 on sexuality to tackle the question of “identity” for officers
 - TE Steve Tipton O23 Speech: <https://youtu.be/143qXTInu3s>
- Passed and expanded O12 to petition government to end sex-change procedures ~~for minors~~
- Defeated O13 on allowing atheists to testify
 - TE Jason Piland Speech: <https://youtu.be/uHmkko8INck>
- Passed O26 limiting elder/pastor/deacon titles for unordained persons
 - TE Charles Stover Speech: <https://youtu.be/fV5Nm5Ka4c4>

A Few Moments

- Susan Hunt's PCA story <https://twitter.com/brothernelson/status/1669384343930785793?s=20>
- Dr. O. Palmer Robertson's Memories of the PCA's Founding, Aspirations for Her Future: https://www.youtube.com/live/qFTjBh6x7_U





Going Forward

What's next in the PCA?

- Hopefully concerns about human sexuality and officers are easing
- Continuing to digest and implement recommendations from the *Domestic and Spiritual Abuse* report
- Egalitarian pressures
- Richmond, VA June 2024

Resources

- <https://pcaga.org/>
- <https://pca50.org/>
- <https://pcahistory.org/>
- <https://byfaithonline.com>
- <https://www.ecrosstexas.com/>

God Bless the PCA

TE Zachary Groff

- Original: <https://youtu.be/RVtXaT4m1jU>
- Live! <https://youtu.be/fyXaxt2IPsw?t=49>

