

**CALL OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY FOR APRIL 26, 2018 AT 2:00 P.M. BY
CONFERENCE PHONE CALL**

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Synod of the Covenant, Article IV, C. 3, Moderator Johanna Jozwiak with the concurrence of Minister of the Word and Sacrament and Vice-Moderator Aaron Meadows, Presbytery of Eastminster; Ruling Elder Jenifer Arnold, Presbytery of Eastminster; Minister of Word and Sacrament Raphael Francis, Presbytery of Detroit; Ruling Elder Nahida Gordon, Presbytery of Muskingum Valley; Ruling Elder Gilliam Holzhauser-Graber, Presbytery of Maumee Valley, and Minister of Word and Sacrament David Tilly, Presbytery of Maumee Valley: has called for a Special Synod Assembly by conference phone call for April 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. On the recommendation of the Moderators' Committee for the Synod of the Covenant to Overture the 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to answer the 05-03 Overture from the Presbytery of Cincinnati. (Overture included in this mailing)
2. On recommendation of the Moderators' Committee to appoint Ruling Elder Johanna Jozwiak as the Overture Advocate for this Overture.
3. On recommendation of the Moderators' Committee appoint an Administrative Commission for the Synod of the Covenant to deal with matters related to Overture 05-03, any future follow up that is needed and to hire any legal or ecclesiastical council that is needed. Recommended members are Ruling Elder Johanna Jozwiak, Synod Moderator; Minister of Word and Sacrament Aaron Meadows, Synod Vice-Moderator; Ruling Elder Jennifer Arnold, Moderator of Personnel Services Committee; Ruling Elder Ruth Azar, Moderator of CECA; Minister of Word and Sacrament Pat Megregian, Moderator of CORI; and Minister of Word and Sacrament, David Bartley, Synod of the Covenant Stated Clerk. Minister of Word and Sacrament Raafat Zaki, Synod Executive; will staff the Administrative Commission.
4. On recommendation of the Moderators' Committee to approve expenses of up to \$10,000 for the expenses of the Administrative Commission.
5. On recommendation of the Moderators' Committee to approve funding for Moderator Johanna Jozwiak and Vice-Moderator Aaron Meadows to attend General Assembly on behalf of the Synod of the Covenant.