A Suggested Template for Presbytery Assembly Meetings in 2016

An attempt to make Assembly Meetings more structured and user-friendly for commissioners and Presbytery leadership

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM   Registration Table Open

This hour allows for those who travel a distance, or who are delayed, to register. Also, there may be some who do not feel the need for a lengthy worship at a Presbytery meeting. All have the choice of arriving in time for worship or arriving just in time for the business part of the Assembly.

9:00 AM   Opening Worship*

No more than 30 minutes would be scheduled for worship. Worship leaders must plan accordingly.

9:30 AM   Call to Order*

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM   Presbytery Business, Enrichment, and/or Workshop

Presbytery Cabinet also might recommend that certain items of business have an "order of the day", a fixed amount of time in the docket which could only be extended by vote of the Assembly. If a committee or a team requests 15 minutes, use of the order of the day would require the Moderator to stop the report/presentation and ask the Assembly if they would permit an extension of a determined amount of time.

12:00 PM   Sharing of Good News & Printed Announcements*

The oral part of this time would only be for the sharing of Good News. Announcements would be made through printed hand-outs.

12:15 PM   Adjournment for Lunch*

We would recommend to each host congregation that the lunch be soup, salad, and sandwiches which would simplify the preparation and allow for more or less folks to eat. The past few assemblies have had only 30-40 people show up for lunch. We would also request that take-out boxes be provided for those who would need to get on the road right away.

*Order for the Day. Can only be extended by majority vote of the Assembly