



General Assembly System and Hardware Requirements

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Introduction

As we prepare for the 2026 General Assembly, we are grateful for the many ways technology allows our churches to gather, worship, discern, and share together across distance. This information is created to support congregations as they prepare to participate in the Assembly virtually and to help ensure a smooth and meaningful experience for all.

The 2026 General Assembly will utilize BigMarker as the primary platform for virtual participation. The information provided here is intended as a guide for preparation and general direction, not as a one-size-fits-all solution. We recognize that every church has unique resources, technical capacity, and staffing, and we encourage you to adapt these recommendations to best meet the needs of your congregation, region or gathering space.

As you review the information that follows, consider your congregation's space, equipment, volunteers, and internet capabilities. Use what is helpful, adapt what you can, and feel free to scale your setup to what is realistic and sustainable for your church. If you need help, consider who in your region or congregation is available for consultation, or ask a question in the Disciples Tech Corps group on Facebook.

Our goal is to provide clear, accessible guidance that empowers every congregation, regardless of size or technical experience, to participate fully in the 2026 General Assembly and to share in this important moment in the life of the church.



Internet Browser Information



To access General Assembly you'll need to be on the latest version of Chrome, Firefox, Safari.

There are many reasons why you should update your browser regularly including:

1. Increased security benefits
2. New versions are faster
3. Avoid compatibility problems associated with older versions
4. Allow your applications to work more smoothly and efficiently
5. Allow access to the newest applications
6. Many new websites function only in newer browser versions
7. Fix issues associated with previous versions

Internet Speed Requirements

Test your internet speed using fast.com or speedtest.net

The minimum download and upload speed to join the webinar as an attendee without interruption are 2Mbps. If you fail to meet the minimum requirements, you may experience technical difficulties in the room including losing connection and poor audio and video. If you are an attendee and Webcast is enabled by the host, please choose Webcast mode.

The optimum speed for hosts and attendees who want to share microphones, webcams, desktops, and presentations is 10Mbps+. If possible, a wired connection is much more stable and will reduce the likelihood of dropped connections and interference.

If you're failing the speed test or are unable to reach these minimum requirements [please read our help article](#).

Pro-Tip: If you are using a DSL modem with a slow uplink, a 3G wireless modem, a network with some type of proxy/firewall, or a lower speed connection, your webinar experience, and quality may suffer.





Hardware Recommendations

Mobile Devices

Recommend either a quality audio connection to your mobile device, or a tethered plug-in audio.

Microphone -

Headphones that have a microphone.

BigMarker Recommended Cameras

- [AVerMedia Live Streamer CAM 313](#)
- [Logitech BCC950 Conference Camera](#)
- [Logitech BRI](#)
- [Logitech C920 HD PRO](#)
- [Razer KIYO Streaming Webcam](#)

BigMarker Recommended Microphones

- [Audio-Technica AT2020USB](#)
- [Blue Yeti USB Microphone \(For PC users\)](#)
- [MXL AC404 USB Conference Microphone](#)
- [Samson Go USB Portable Mic](#)
- [Shure MV5 \(For Apple users\)](#)



Testing

Each location is different. Therefore, we recommend pre-testing of your equipment. We have provided the following link to a YouTube video to test in your space. The goal is to ensure everyone can see and hear the video.

YouTube Link: [2025 General Assembly Video](#)

Voting Delegates

With the recent changes to The Design, each congregation and each region have three voting representatives. All ministers holding standing also have voting privileges.



To designate voting delegates, Congregations and Regions will be able to do so in ALEX, starting by the end of April 2026.

The screenshot shows the ALEX web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'ALEX - Data for Disciples', 'Home', 'Directories', and 'Admin'. A search bar and a user profile for 'ADAM' are also visible. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Regions', 'People', 'Churches', and 'Yearbooks'. The main content area is titled 'Churches > First Christian Church'. It features a 'Details' section on the left with fields for PIN (160011), Legal Name (First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)), Founded (1847), Region (Upper Midwest), District/Area (1), Status (ACTIVE), EIN, and Website. A 'Standing' section shows 'Yearbook Code' as 'Fully Chartered' and other inactive status fields. On the right, there is a 'Church Address' section with a dropdown menu set to 'All' and a location pin for '218 N 9th St, Adel, IA 50003-1439, US'. Below that is 'Contact Information (3)' with fields for 'Church Business Fax', 'Church Primary Phone', and 'Church Primary Email'. At the bottom right, there is a 'General Assembly Voting Delegates' section with a 'MANAGE DELEGATES' button and a list of delegates: Delegate 1: John Smith, Delegate 2: Jane Doe, and Delegate 3: James Kirk. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Yearbook (10 of 46)' section with a table of yearbooks from 2019 to 2025, with the 2025 entry marked as 'In Progress'.

General Assembly Voting Delegate Registration

Delegate 1	<input type="text" value="John"/>	<input type="text" value="Smith"/>	<input type="text" value="john.smith@example.com"/>	<input type="text" value="Adel"/>	<input type="text" value="IA"/>	<input type="button" value="⊖"/>
Delegate 2	<input type="text" value="Jane"/>	<input type="text" value="Doe"/>	<input type="text" value="jane.doe@example.com"/>	<input type="text" value="Des Moines"/>	<input type="text" value="IA"/>	<input type="button" value="⊖"/>
Delegate 3	<input type="text" value="James"/>	<input type="text" value="Kirk"/>	<input type="text" value="james.t.kirk@example.com"/>	<input type="text" value="Riverside"/>	<input type="text" value="IA"/>	<input type="button" value="⊖"/>

Sign-up Forms



Site Assistance Request

<https://bit.ly/lgassistance>



Volunteer Sign-up

<https://bit.ly/gatechvolunteer>



Local Gathering Site Sign-up

<https://bit.ly/lgsiteregistration>