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**MINUTES OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MISSION COUNCIL
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
Ninety-second Stated Meeting
Louisville, Kentucky
March 30–April 1, 2011**

**As Recorded by the Staff of the
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**Minutes of the
General Assembly Mission Council
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The ninety-second stated business meeting of the General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) was held March 30–April 1, 2011, at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Pre-meeting events, held March 29–30, 2011, are noted for information.

Tuesday, March 29

The Audit Committee met from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Gallery Ballroom of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Wednesday, March 30

The GAMC Executive Committee met from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Secretariat B Room of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Members of the GAMC Executive Committee met with members of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly for lunch and a meeting from 12:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the Gallery Ballroom of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Convene

The General Assembly Mission Council convened at 3:00 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Michael Kruse, chair of the General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC), called the meeting to order with prayer. Sue Ezell led the Council in an opening devotion and prayer. Kruse led the council in the recitation of the GAMC covenant.

ACTION 1–311 Approve Agenda

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve the agenda (Appendix 1).

Roll Call

Kerry Clements, Associate Stated Clerk, Office of the General Assembly, called the roll by naming the absentees and reporting requests to be excused.

The Following Members of the General Assembly Council Present for All or Part of the Time Were: Elder Clarence Antioquia, Elder Cynthia Bolbach, Elder Teresa Bryce, The Reverend Arthur Canada, Elder William Capel, The Reverend Orlando Carr, Elder Dhyana Cassie, Elder Nancy Caudel, The Reverend Clark Cowden, Elder Jean Demmler, The Reverend Melissa DeRosia, Elder Jan Dowlearn, The Reverend Susan J. Ezell, Elder Alan D. Ford, The Reverend Roger Gench, The Reverend Thomas W. Gillespie, The Reverend Jack Hodges, Elder Robert James, The Reverend Aleida Jernigan, Elder LaVert W. Jones, Elder Michael W. Kruse, Elder Jacquelin J. Lyman, Elder Janet Martin, Elder Carolyn M. McLarnan, The Reverend Cruz Negron-Torres, The Reverend Reginald V. Parsons, Elder Cathryn C. Piekarski, Elder Kears Pollock, Elder Ethan R-C Powell, Elder Heath Rada, The Reverend Bruce Reyes-Chow Elder

Marta Rodriguez, Elder Noelle Royer, The Reverend Matthew Schramm, Elder Joyce A. Smith, Elder Glen Snider, and Elder Connie Tubb.

The Following Ecumenical Advisory Members Present for All or Part of the Time Were: The Reverend Philip Hougen and The Reverend Michael Kinnamon.

Corresponding: Elder Gloria Albrecht, The Reverend William Carl III, The Reverend Stephen Hsieh, The Reverend Jay Hudson, Elder Leah Johnson, Elder Marc Lewis, The Reverend Gradye Parsons, Elder Belinda Rice, The Reverend Tom Taylor, and Elder Linda B. Valentine.

The Following Deputy Executive Directors Present for All or Part of the Time Were: Elder Joey Bailey, The Reverend Roger Dermody, and Elder Karen L. Schmidt.

The Following Members of the General Assembly Council Staff (Offices of the Executive Director and the Executive Administrator) Present for All or Part of the Time Were: Susan Abraham (Ms.), Martha Clark (Ms.), Dana Dages (Ms.), Elder April Davenport, Debbie Gardiner (Ms.), Elder Courtney Hoekstra, Elder Michael Kirk, and Elder Vince Patton.

The Following Invited Participants, Guests, Observers, and Staff Present for All or Part of the Time Were: Elder James R. Ackley, Terri Bate (Ms.), Elder Gary L. Batty, Elder Amgad Beblawi, Beneva Bibbs (Ms.), The Reverend Tod Bolsinger, Elder Marie Bowen, The Reverend Bob Brashear, Elder Rob Bullock, Sylvia Carter (Ms.), The Reverend Molly Casteel, The Reverend Tom Chadwick, Elder Perry Chang, The Reverend Kerry Clements, Barry Creech (Mr.), The Reverend David Crittenden, The Reverend Brian Ellison, The Reverend Carmen Fowler, The Reverend Hunter Farrell, Elder Brian Frick, Teresa Grant (Ms.), Carol Hartmann (Ms.), The Reverend Thomas Hay, The Reverend Lee Hinson-Hasty, The Reverend Eric Hoey, The Reverend Jill Hudson, The Reverend Rhashell Hunter, The Reverend Chris Iosso, Paula Kinkaid (Ms.), Elder Mei-Hui Lai, Clare Lewis (Ms.), The Reverend Joyce Lieberman, Elder Sara Lisherness, Elder Samuel Locke, Elder Philip Lotspeich, Elder Jack Marcum, Elder Alma-Jeun Marion, The Reverend Sterling Morse, The Reverend Marcia Clark Myers, Dianna Ott (Ms.), Elder Jim Rissler, Lisa Robbins (Ms.), The Reverend Bill Somplatsky-Jarman, Leslie Scanlon (Ms.), Elder Jack Shelver, Alejandra Sherman (Ms.), Elder Valerie Small, Dottie Smith (Ms.), Becca Snipp (Ms.), Tim Stepp (Mr.), Judson Taylor (Mr.), The Reverend Karl Travis, Elder Kitty Ufford-Chase, Elder Rick Ufford-Chase, The Reverend Jerry Van Marter, The Reverend Jane Searjant Watt, The Reverend Charles Wiley, Elder Chris Wolf, Elder Alice Wyatt, and The Reverend Bill Young.

ACTION 2-311 Approve Excused Absences

Excuses were offered on behalf of the following persons and, upon motion from the floor, the General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to excuse the following members from this meeting: Elder Steve Aeschbacher, Elder Robert Brink, and The Reverend Rachel Mihee Kim-Kort; and corresponding members: Elder Robb Maggs and The Reverend Nancy Muth.

Quorum

A quorum was declared present for the transaction of business.

ACTION 3-311 Approve October 2010 Minutes

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 7-8, 2010, as presented.

Greetings from the Moderator

Cynthia Bolbach, moderator of the 219th General Assembly (2010), updated the council on what she has encountered in terms of the hopes and dreams of the church.

Report of the Chair

Michael Kruse reflected on how the General Assembly Mission Council moves forward toward whatever is next.

Report of the GAMC Executive Director

Linda Valentine outlined the work of staff focusing on fostering healthy congregations and communities of faith. She included such examples as the development of a new curriculum entitled "Feasting on the Word," the connection of congregations with international partners through mission networks, the development of a strategy for collegiate ministries, the training provided by the Office of Public Witness, and the ways that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance connects congregations with devastated communities and opportunities for mission.

Recess/Reconvene

The Council recessed for a break at 4:00 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

Leadership Initiative Report and Conversations

Linda Valentine and Marcia Myers reported on the Six-Agency Leadership Initiative project. At a recent event, 30 diverse leaders from across the church gathered to share their leadership stories and experiences. The Council moved into small group discussions.

Recess

The Council recessed at 5:35 p.m. with a time of reflection and prayer led by Kruse.

Thursday, March 31

GAMC members met in assigned committees from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by lunch in the Bluegrass Room of the Brown Hotel.

Reconvene

The Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom with an opening prayer and devotion led by Melissa DeRosia.

Middle Governing Body Commission Conversation

Tod Bolsinger led the Council through a process that the Middle Governing Body Commission is using to elicit ideas and feedback from different areas of the church on the role and future of middle governing bodies.

Break/Reconvene

The Council recessed for a break at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

Congregations and Other Communities of Faith

Roger Dermody presented the concept of creating 1001 new worshipping communities of faith in the next ten years. Other presenters included Sterling Morse, Rhashell Hunter, Eric Hoey, Philip Lotspeich, and Tom Taylor.

Break/Reconvene

The Council recessed for a break at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m.

Altered Landscape of Giving

Dave Crittenden presented the Council with a view to how giving patterns have changed. The Council met in small groups to discuss this presentation. The PowerPoint presentation can be found in Appendix 2.

Report from Economic Crisis Study Team (ACSWP)

Gloria Albrecht and Jean Demmler, members of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy made a presentation on the work of the committee and its particular assignment from the 219th General Assembly (2010) to study the economic crisis. Following small group discussions, Art Canada led the Council in prayer.

Recess

The General Assembly Mission Council recessed at 5:55 p.m. following a time of reflection and prayer led by Michael Kruse.

Dinner and Conversations

The Council gathered for a group dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Bluegrass Room and from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for “Cashews and Conversations” in Broadway B on the subject of “The Future of the Church.”

Friday, April 1

The General Assembly Mission Council reconvened in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel on Friday, April 1, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. with prayer and devotion offered by Reginald Parsons. The meeting was called to order by Michael Kruse, chair of the GAMC.

Greetings from the Stated Clerk

Gradye Parsons, stated clerk of the General Assembly, brought greetings to the GAMC and outlined the study that the GAMC staff has been engaged in along with staff from the Office of the General Assembly. The study has focused on Gil Rendle’s book “Journey in the Wilderness.”

ACTION 4-311 Convene as Board of PCUSA, A Corporation

At 8:47 a.m., the General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to convene as the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, and Its Constituent Corporations until 8:54 a.m.

Executive Committee Report

McLarnan assumed the chair. Kruse presented the report of the committee.

ACTION 5-311 Approve Heiserman Deadline Extension

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve extending the deadline for application to the Heiserman Fund for mission partnership grants to the Synod of Puerto Rico and the Synods of Northeast/Mid-Atlantic to April 1, 2011.

ACTION 6-311 Approve Foundation Bylaw Amendments

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, the General Assembly Mission Council hereby approves the amendments to the bylaws of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation ("Foundation") as approved by the Foundation's Board of Trustees on February 19, 2011.

ACTION 7-311 Accept Invitation from PCK for September 2012

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to accept an invitation from the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK) to hold a GAMC meeting in Seoul, Korea, in September 2012 and express its deep appreciation to the PCK for this generous invitation.

Connie Tubb voted to oppose this motion and requested that her vote be recorded in the Minutes.

ACTION 8-311 Approve Changes to Manual and Organization for Mission

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve the proposed changes to the *GAMC Manual of Operations* and the *Organization for Mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* (see pages 6-11 of Appendix 3) with the following amendment:

In the last sentence of the new paragraph (prior to the list of related committees) in Appendix 1, Section IX of the GAMC Manual of Operations, insert "Ordinarily" at the beginning of the sentence and strike "considered" and replace with "granted," so that the sentence now reads: "Ordinarily such requests will be granted, subject to available time on the docket, and the relevance of the request."

Kruse assumed the chair.

The reports of the Executive Committee are found in Appendices 3 and 4.

Audit Committee Report

Reginald Parsons presented the report of the committee, which can be found in Appendix 5.

Nominating Committee Report

Sue Ezell presented the report of the committee.

ACTION 9-311 Elect Rodriguez and Smith to Executive Committee

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to elect the following two persons as at-large members of the GAMC Executive Committee for a one-year term, effective with the GAMC

Executive Committee July 2011 Retreat and ending with the adjournment of the 220th General Assembly (2012):

- Marta Rodriguez Hispanic Female Elder
- Joyce Smith Black Female Elder

ACTION 10–311 Elect Antioquia to ACREC

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to elect Clay Antioquia to the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns (ACREC), Class of 2014.

The report of the Nominating Committee is found in Appendix 6.

Evangelism Committee Report

Matthew Schramm presented the report of the committee.

ACTION 11–311 Approve Walton Award Recipients

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve the following outstanding New Church Developments as the 2011 Walton Award Recipients which were selected and recommended by the Mission Development Resources Committee at its March 16, 2011 meeting to each receive a one-time \$40,000 award:

1. Temecula Valley Korean Presbyterian Church, Riverside Presbytery, Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, Wildomar, CA;
2. Mision Hispana El Buen Pastor, Salem Presbytery, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, Winston-Salem, NC;
3. Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church, Salem Presbytery, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, Chapel Hill, NC;
4. Covenant Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Redwoods Presbytery, Synod of the Pacific, Santa Rosa, CA; and
5. Grace Presbyterian Church, Cherokee Presbytery, Synod of South Atlantic, Dawsonville, GA.

The report of the Evangelism Committee is found in Appendix 7.

Justice Committee Report

Roger Gench presented the report of the committee.

ACTION 12–311 Appoint Jernigan to PW Creative Ministries Offering Committee

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to appoint Aledia Jernigan to serve on the Presbyterian Women Creative Ministries Offering Committee for one three-year term from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014.

ACTION 13–311 Approve MRTI Recommendations

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to:

1. Affirm the proxy voting recommendations of the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) contained in the 2011 Shareholder Resolution Directory (pages 2–8 of Appendix 7).

2. Request the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation/ New Covenant Trust Company and the Board of Pensions to vote proxies on the shareholder resolutions submitted to companies in which they own stock in accordance with the recommendations listed in the 2011 Shareholder Resolution Directory (pages 2–8 of Appendix 7).
3. Urge the middle governing bodies, related institutions, congregations and individual members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to give serious consideration to the proxy voting recommendations when they vote.

Gench highlighted the following items of information from the committee:

- The Committee heard updates from Advisory Committee on Social Witness and Policy, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Advisory Committee, Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare, Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns, Advocacy Committee on Racial Ethnic Concerns, and reviewed the Compassion, Peace and Justice Update;
- Roger Gench reported that Noelle Royer will be the liaison to Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare;
- The Committee viewed a presentation from Brian Ellison, Chair of the MRTI Committee, titled “What Every Presbyterian Should now about MRTI and Faith-Based Investing by the PC(USA);” and
- The Committee took no action of recommended revisions to the Policies and Procedures of the Committee on the Mission Responsibility Through Investment.

The report of the Justice Committee is found in Appendix 8.

Discipleship Committee Report

Tom Gillespie presented the report of the committee.

Gillespie highlighted the following items of information from the committee:

- Received a report on Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges from Beneva Bibbs, Associate, Educational and Financial Support, Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges. It was noted that the continuation of the disbursement from the Christmas Joy Offering to Cook Native American Ministries will be reviewed by the Discipleship Committee in September 2011. The committee approved to send a delegation, including a GAMC member and GAMC staff, to Cook Native American Ministries prior to September. The delegation will return to this Committee in September with a recommendation concerning Christmas Joy Offering disbursements;
- Received an update on Congregational Ministries Publishing (CMP) from Clare Lewis. The first two months of self-sustainability show revenue over budget and over last year’s sales. The adult curriculum, *Being Reformed, Faith Seeking Understanding*, continues to be the ‘showpiece’ for CMP. In collaboration with the Office of Theology and Worship, a study on the *Confession of Belhar* was released in February 2011 for use in congregational discernment and study. *Feasting on the Word* curriculum is launching Fall 2011. This is a fully collaborative project between CMP and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation

(PPC). This ecumenical, downloadable resource is based on the *Feasting on the Word* commentary series produced by PPC in collaboration with Columbia Seminary;

- Heard a presentation on “Racial Ethnic and Cross Cultural Church Growth – Vision and Strategies” from Sterling Morse, Coordinator for Cross Cultural Ministries and Congregational Support, Mei-Hui Chen Lai, Associate for Asian Congregational Support, Lonnie Oliver, Associate for African American Congregational Support, and Martha Sadongei, Church Specialist for Native American Congregational Support;

The report of the Discipleship Committee is found in Appendix 9.

Vocation Committee Report

Clark Cowden presented the report of the committee.

Cowden highlighted the following items of information from the committee:

- The Committee engaged in Generative Discussion around:
 - Call Trends
 - Pastoral Residency Program
 - Presbyterian Panel on Congregational Leadership November 2010
 - Six Agencies Leadership Initiative Consultation.
- Received a verbal report from the Committee on Theological Education by Rev. Dr. William Carl, President of Pittsburgh Seminary and Lee Hinson-Hasty where they referred to the Report from the Committee on Theological Education (COTE);

The Council viewed a newly produced video titled “Raising Up Leaders.”

The report of the Vocation Committee is found in Appendix 10.

Stewardship Committee Report

Alan Ford presented the report of the committee.

ACTION 14-311 Approve Stewardship Committee Consent Agenda

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approved and recommends to the General Assembly Mission Council the allocation of National Mission Partnership Funds to synods for budget year 2012 as displayed in the schedule;

Synod Name	% Applied	2012 Allocation
Alaska-Northwest	16.07%	\$ 351,010
Lakes & Prairies	11.01%	\$ 240,487
Living Waters	8.64%	\$ 188,720
Pacific	9.67%	\$ 211,218

Puerto Rico	12.27%	\$ 268,008
Rocky Mountains	7.57%	\$ 165,348
South Atlantic	6.64%	\$ 145,035
Southern Cal/Hawaii	4.45%	\$ 97,199
Southwest	23.68%	\$ 517,232
Total	100.00%	\$ 2,184,257

Computation of NMPFs Available for 2012	
2010 Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 26,407,983
Less Separate Distribution - Osborn Gift	-\$ 5,500,000
2010 Net Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 20,907,983
Distribution Formula	10.447%
NMPF Allocation for 2012	\$ 2,184,257

NMPF portion of gift @ 10.447%	
2010 Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 5,500,000
Distribution Formula	10.447%
Allocated and Held in PMPF	\$ 574,585

- Approved and recommends that the General Assembly Mission Council approve the reallocation of Independent Abuse Review Panel Transition Team funds from Presbyterian Mission Program Fund (PMPF) and additional funds of \$70,664 as noted in the following schedule; and

IARP	Balance of Allocation	Proposed Revised Allocation	Additional Amount Requested
2010	56,708	-	
2011	187,776	198,574	
2012		116,574	
Total	244,484	315,148	70,664

- Approve the nominations of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program and the General Assembly Nominating Committee, to elect the persons to membership on the Presbyterian Mortgage Corporation as displayed in the schedule.

Class of 2014

William C. Nelson WMO 56-65 The Cascades PAC PILP
 Jay J. Wilkinson WME 56-65 Twin Cities Area LAK AL

Class of 2012

Alicia F. Williams WFC 46-55 Maumee Valley COV PILP

ACTION 15-311 Approve Revised Mission Budgets for 2011 and 2012

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve the revised 2011 – 2012 Mission Program Budgets to \$87,653,927 for 2011 and \$84,819,905 for 2012.

ACTION 16-311 Approve Capital Reserve Allocation

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve an allocation of \$297,004 (for requests from Building Services, Mail/Print Services, Information Technology and Mission & Communications and Funds Development) from the Capital Reserve Fund.

The report of the Stewardship Committee is found in Appendix 11.

Recess/Reconvene

The council recessed at 9:55 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

Report of the Special Offerings Task Force

Karl Travis presented an interim report from the task force and Council members met in small groups to discuss the methodologies for gathering data and provide input to the task force as it completes its work.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. with prayer led and offered by Michael Kruse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry S. Clements
Associate Stated Clerk