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# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MISSION COUNCIL OF THE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Ninety-fifth Stated Meeting Louisville, Kentucky May 9–11, 2012

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## Minutes of the General Assembly Mission Council Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) May 9–11, 2012

The ninety-fifth stated business meeting of the General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) was held May 9–11, 2012, at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Pre-meeting events, held May 8–9, 2012, are noted for information.

### Tuesday, May 8

The Audit Committee met starting at 2:00 p.m. in the Gallery Boardroom of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

## Wednesday, May 9

The GAMC Executive Committee met from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Secretariat B 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 and offered prayer. Jack Hodges led the Council in an opening devotional, which included the recitation of the GAMC covenant.

## ACTION 1–512 Approve Amended Agenda

After amending the agenda to move "Reflections from the Chair" from 8:45 a.m. on Friday to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, the General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve the amended 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 Steve Aeschbacher, Molly Baskin, Elder Teresa Bryce-Bazemore, The Reverend Arthur Canada, Elder William Capel, 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 Marilyn Gamm, The Reverend Roger Gench, The Reverend Jack Hodges, The Reverend Aleida Jernigan, Elder LaVert W. Jones, The Reverend Rachel Mihee Kim–Kort, Elder Michael W. Kruse, Elder Jung Nam Lee, 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, The Reverend Marianne Rhebergen, Elder Marta Rodriguez, Elder Noelle Royer, The Reverend Matthew Schramm, Elder Joyce A. Smith, Elder Glen Snider, Elder Charles Talley, and Elder Connie Tubb.

Ecumenical Advisory Member: Vicki Garber.

<u>Corresponding:</u> Elder Bill Gray, The Reverend Stephen Hsieh, The Reverend Jay Hudson, Elder Leah Johnson, Elder Marc Lewis, Elder Linda B. Valentine, and The Reverend Frank Yamada.

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 of Part of the Time Were: Terri Bate (Ms.), The Reverend Amgad Beblawi, The Reverend Ed Brogan, The Reverend Robert Brashear, Sylvia Carter (Ms.), The Reverend Molly Casteel, The Reverend Kerry Clements, Barry Creech (Mr.), The Reverend David Crittenden, The Reverend Brian Ellison, Elder Rob Fohr, The Reverend Hunter Farrell, Elder Ruth Gardner, Denise Hampton (Ms.), The Reverend Chip Hardwick, 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, Erma Jones (Ms.), Paula Kinkaid (Ms.), Elder Clare Lewis, Elder Sara Lisherness, The Reverend Philip Lotspeich, Elder Alma-jean Marion, Elder Sam Locke, The Reverend Sterling Morse, The Reverend Marcia Clark Myers, The Reverend J. Herbert Nelson, The Reverend Emily Odom, Lisa Robbins (Ms.), Alejandra Sherman (Ms.), Elder Valerie Small, The Reverend Bill Somplatsky-Jarman, Elder Jack Shelver, Melody Smith (Ms.), Elder Kathy Trott, Elder Rick Ufford-Chase, The Reverend Jerry Van Marter, The Reverend Charles Wiley, and The Reverend Robina Winbush.

## **ACTION 2–512** 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 Clarence Antioquia, Elder Cynthia Bolbach and Elder Robert Brink.

#### Quorum

A quorum was declared present for the transaction of business.

#### **ACTION 3–512 Approve February 2012 Minutes**

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 15–17, 2012, as amended.

#### **Report of the Moderator**

Michael Kruse read a communication to the council from the Moderator Cynthia Bolbach expressing her apology for not being present at this meeting and providing a report of the church and her work.

## **GAMC Nominating Committee Report I**

Sue Ezell presented the first report of the GAMC Nominating Committee.

<u>ACTION 4–512</u> Elect GAMC Members to Committees
The General Assembly Mission Council <u>VOTED</u> to elect the following individuals to the GAMC Committees as set out below:

#### **JUSTICE:**

NAME	DIV	VERS	ITY	COMMITTEE TERM	GAMC CLASS
1. Rob Brink	W M E			1	2016
2. Melissa DeRosia (Y)	W	F	C	1	2014
3. Roger Gench	W	M	C	1	2014
4. Jan Martin	W	F	Е	1	2014
5. Kears Pollock	W	M	Е	1	2016
6. Noelle Royer (Y)	W	F	Е	1	2016
7. Ecumenical Advisory Member					

### **LEADERSHIP:**

NAME	DIV	ERS	ITY	COMMITTEE TERM	GAMC CLASS
1. Cynthia BolBach	W	F	Е	1	2014
2. Jan Dowlearn	W	F	Е	1	2016
3. Jung Nam Lee	A	M	Е	1	2018
4. Cruz Negron Torres	Н	M	С	1	2014
5. Cathy Piekarski	W	F	Е	1	2014
6. Joyce Smith	В	F	Е	1	2014
7. Glen Snider	W	M	Е	1	2016

#### **FINANCE:**

NAME	DIV	ERS	ITY	COMMITTEE TERM	GAMC CLASS
1. Clay Antioquia	N	M	L	1	2014
2. Molly Baskin	W	F	L	1	2018
3. Bill Capel	W	M	Е	1	2016
4. Nancy Caudel*	W	F	Е	1	2016
5. Clark Cowden	W	M	C	1	2014
6. Jack Hodges	W	M	С	1	2014
7. Connie Tubb	W	F	Е	1	2016

<sup>\*</sup>Resigned since assignments to committees were made.

## **WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES:**

NAME	DIVERSITY			COMMITTEE TERM	GAMC CLASS
1. Steve Aeschbacher	W	M	Е	1	2014
2. Marilyn Gamm	W	F	C	1	2016
3. Mihee Kim-Kort (Y)	A	F	C	1	2016

4. Heath Rada	W	M	Е	1	2016
5. Marianne Rhebergen	W	F	С	1	2014
6. Arlin Talley (PM)	W	M	С	1	2014
7. Vicki Garber (EA)	W	F	С	1	2012

#### Key:

F = Female	M = Male		
C = Clergy	E = Elder	L = Layperson	
A = Asian	B = Black	H = Hispanic	ME = Middle Eastern
NA = Native American	W = White		D = Known Disability
AL = At-large Committee	EA = Ecumenical	PM = Presbyterian	PW = Presbyterian
Member	Advisory Member	Men	Women
Y = Young Adult			

## ACTION 5-512 Elect Piekarski to Presbyterian Women Inc. Board

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to elect Cathy Piekarski to the Presbyterian Women Inc. Board of Directors for the Class of 2015.

A copy of the Nominating Committee Report I is found in Appendix 2.

#### **Committee Leadership Election Process**

Kruse introduced the proposed committee leadership election process.

## <u>ACTION 6–512</u> Suspend Rules Regarding Committee Chair Election Procedures

The General Assembly Mission Council **<u>VOTED</u>** to approve the following motion:

That the committee chair election procedures from the GAMC Manual of Operations (Section VI.C) be suspended for the May 2012 meeting in light of the move to a new GAMC committee structure. The existing procedures described in the GAMC Manual of Operations will be used for the 2013 - 2014 elections. The procedures for the May 2012 meeting shall be as follows:

- 1. The committees shall nominate and elect their chairs, and may elect a vice-chair, for the 2012-2013 meeting cycle, at the May 2012 meeting.
- 2. The chairs shall begin their service at the end of the General Assembly.
- 3. Committee chairs shall be elected for a one-year term, renewable for one additional term.
- 4. Members of the Class of 2012 will join a new committee for the election process. They are eligible to vote in the committee elections, but they will not be eligible to serve as chair or vice chair of any of the new committees. Members of the Classes of 2014 through 2016, who have served at least one year on the Council, will be eligible for election as chair or vice chair of the new committees.

5. Members of the Class of 2014 through 2016, who have not served at least one year on the Council, will be eligible to vote in the elections but are not eligible for election as chair or vice chair of the committee.

## **ACTION 7–512** Elect Temporary Presiding Officers for Committees

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

That the following persons are elected as temporary presiding officers for the chair election committee meetings:

Finance - Arthur Canada (with vote)

Justice - Michael Kruse (without vote)

Leadership - Carolyn McLarnan (without vote)

Worshiping Communities - Matthew Schramm (with vote); and that the following members of the Class of 2012 are included as voting members in the elections held in these committees:

Finance - LaVert Jones, Alan Ford, Jean Demmler, Jack Shelver and Kathy Trott

Justice - Teresa Bryce Bazemore, Aleida Jernigan, and Bruce Reyes Chow

Leadership - Marta Rodriguez and Reg Parsons

Worshiping Communities - Sue Ezell and Ethan Powell.

## **ACTION 8–512** Approve Procedure for Committee Chair Election Process

The General Assembly Mission Council **<u>VOTED</u>** to approve the following motion:

That the following procedure may be used for the committee chair election process, if the committee desires:

#### ICEBREAKER:

The invited temporary presiding officers can begin each meeting with prayer. The committees can spend some time getting to know one another by discussing the questions below.

What inspired you to select this particular committee?

What gifts, skills or experiences do you think you will bring to this particular committee and its work?

What would you like to see take place in this particular committee and in the Council as a whole in the next two years?

What would be your prayer for this particular committee as it begins its work?

#### **VOTING:**

After the icebreaker session, the temporary presiding officer can invite each individual interested in serving as chair and vice chair to answer the first question and complete the sentences below.

What experience have you had serving as a chair or vice chair of a church or presbytery?

Fill	in	the	blan	ık	"When	I	am	doin	g	a	good	job	as	a
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The presiding officer in each committee will ask members to vote for one person to serve as chair from those who expressed interest in holding this office. The presiding officer can ask if there are nominations from the floor.

A separate election will be held for the vice chair position of each committee. The presiding officer in each committee will ask members to vote for one person to serve as vice chair from those who expressed interest in holding that office. The presiding officer can ask if there are nominations from the floor.

Votes can be cast in writing if there is more than one person who has expressed interest in serving as chair and vice chair.

A copy of the entire proposed process if found in Appendix 3.

#### Recess/Reconvene

The council recessed for a break at 3:52 p.m. and reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

#### **Cost Recovery**

Roger Dermody, Dave Crittenden and Denise Hampton made a presentation on cost allocation and recovery. Following the presentation, the council met in small groups to discuss the presentation and raise questions. A copy of the presentation is found in Appendix 4.

#### Mission Work Plan and Budget

Linda Valentine, Joey Bailey, Roger Dermody, and ministry unit directors Eric Hoey, Sara Lisherness, Chip Hardwick, Marcia Myers, Rhashell Hunter, and Hunter Farrell presented the the newly envisioned work of the council ministries. A copy of the presentation is found in Appendix 5.

The presentation concluded with the council looking at three possible logos which rebrand the council as the Presbyterian Mission Agency (pending approval by the 220th General Assembly (2012)).

#### Recess

The Council recessed at 5:56 p.m. with prayer offered by Kruse.

Council members shared dinner in committees.

#### Thursday, May 10

GAMC members met in assigned committees from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by lunch in new committees to which they have been assigned (see Action 4–512 in these minutes).

#### Reconvene

The Council was reconvened with prayer offered by Michael Kruse at 2:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel.

#### **Announcement of New Committee Chairs**

Kruse announced the election of GAMC committee chairs:

Justice: Noelle Royer, chair; Roger Gench, vice chair;

Leadership: Joyce Smith, chair; Cruz Negron-Torres, vice chair;

Finance: Connie Tubb, chair; Bill Capel, vice chair; and

Worshiping Communities: Mihee Kim-Kort, chair; Steve Aeschbacher, vice chair.

The council was led in a devotional led by Jean Demmler, David Eicher, Meg Flannagan, and Arthur Canada.

#### **Church Financial Campaign Service (CFCS)**

Karen Schmidt announced that Church Financial Campaign Service will move from the GAMC structure and to operate on their own as Church Campaign Services, LLC.

## Greetings from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation

Tom Taylor brought greetings from the Presbyterian Foundation. A copy of the presentation is found in Appendix 6.

## Mission Work Plan and Budget

Linda Valentine and staff fielded questions about the proposed mission work plan.

#### Recess/Reconvene

The council recessed for a break at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

## **ACTION 9–512** Convene in Closed Session

The General Assembly Mission Council <u>VOTED</u> to convene in closed session to discuss personnel matters with only the following members and invited persons remaining to attend the closed session: GAMC voting members, corresponding members, at large members of Stewardship Committee and Audit Committee, ecumenical advisory member, Linda Valentine, Vince Patton, Joey Bailey, Dave Crittenden, Roger Dermody, Jill Hudson, Hunter Farrell, Eric Hoey, Rhashell Hunter, Sara Lisherness, Marcia Myers, Chip Hardwick, Dottie Smith, Denise Hampton, Andrea McNichol, Barry Creech, Lisa Robbins, Ruth Gardner, Martha Clark, Mike Kirk, April Davenport, Susan Abraham, Dana Dages, Kerry Clements, and Tom Hay.

#### **Closed Session**

The council entered closed session at 3:53 p.m. and emerged from closed session at 5:00 p.m. Kruse announced that no actions were taken during the closed session.

#### Recess

The General Assembly Mission Council recessed at 5:35 p.m. following a service of worship led by Melissa DeRosia and Marilyn Gamm.

#### **Dinner and Worship**

The Council gathered for a group dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Bluegrass Room of the Brown Hotel.

## Friday, May 11

The General Assembly Mission Council reconvened in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel on Friday, May 11, 2012 at 8:35 a.m. with prayer offered by Michael Kruse. Matt Schramm led the council in a opening devotional with Cruz Negron-Torres leading the council in prayer.

#### **Evangelism Committee Report**

Matt Schramm presented the report of the committee.

## **ACTION 10-512** Approve Comments on Items 14-02, 09-01, and 15-04

The General Assembly Mission Council **<u>VOTED</u>** to approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) comments on:

- Item 14-02, On Support for the People of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) (Appendix 7, page 2);
- Item 09-01, On Celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the Presbyterian–Reformed Church In Cuba and The Mission Partnership Between the PC(U.S.A.) and The Presbyterian–Reformed Church In Cuba (Appendix 7, page 3); and
- Item 15-04, On Supporting a Peaceful, Diplomatic Solution to the U.S.–Iran Issues (Appendix 7, page 4).

### **ACTION 11–512** Approve Comment on Item 17–01

The General Assembly Mission Council <u>VOTED</u> to approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the comment on Item 17–01, On Undertaking a Parenting Initiative Called the "Institute for Effective Parental Leadership" (Appendix 7, page 5).

## **ACTION 12–512** Approve Comment on Item 21–02

The General Assembly Mission Council <u>VOTED</u> to approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the comment as amended by the committee on Item 21–02, On Instructing the General Assembly to Take Action to Implement the PC(USA)'s Policy on Inclusion of People with Disabilities. (Appendix 7, pages 6-7).

## ACTION 13-212 Approve Concurrence with PILP Comment on Items 06-06 and 06-07

The General Assembly Mission Council <u>VOTED</u> to approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) their concurrence with Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program, Inc.'s comment on Item 06–06 and 06–07 (Appendix 7, pages 8–10).

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

## **Justice Committee Report**

Roger Gench presented the report of the committee.

## **ACTION 14–512** Approve Justice Committee Consent Agenda

The General Assembly Mission Council **<u>VOTED</u>** to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approve as amended Changing Initial Funding Grants to Mid-Councils and their Churches Impacted by Disaster with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (Appendix 8, pages 3–5);
- Approve as amended and forward to the 220th GA (2012) the comment on Item 21–01, "On Instructing MRTI to Study and Report Corporate Practices of Health Insurance Companies and Possible Divestment of Same" (Appendix 8, page 6);
- Approve as amended and forward to the 220th GA (2012) the comment on Item 15–01, "On Recognizing that Israel's Law and Practices Constitute Apartheid Against Palestinian People" (Appendix 8, pages 7–8);
- Approve and forward to the 220th GA (2012) the comment on Item 14–01, "On Supporting the United Nations" (Appendix 8, pages 9–11);
- Approve and forward to the 220th GA (2012) the comment on Item 11–02, "On Calling for an End to Poverty Zone Development and for the Advocacy of Fair Development" (Appendix 8, page 12);
- Approve and forward to the 220th GA (2012) the comment on Item 15–05, "On Ethical Investment and Divestment" (Appendix 8, page 13);
- Approve and forward to the 220th GA (2012) the comment on Item 12–05, "On the Plight of Indonesian Christian Immigrants and the Passage of the Indonesian Family Refugee Protection Act" (Appendix 8, page 14);
- Approve and forward to the 220th GA (2012) the comment on Item 15–07, "On Rejecting the Use of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction Policies in Peacemaking Efforts Between Israelis and Palestinians" (Appendix 8, pages 15–16);
- Approve and forward to the 220th GA (2012) the comment on Item 11–06, "On Instructing MRTI to Report to GAMC on the Corporate Practices of Publicly Traded Corporations that Operate For-Profit Prisons" (Appendix 8, page 17);
- Approve and forward to the 220th GA (2012) the comment on Recommendation 5 of "A Resolution on Workers' Rights and Income

Inequality," from the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns (Appendix 8, page 19); and

• Approve and forward to the 220th GA (2012) the comment on "A Resolution on Racism, Incarceration and Restoration," from the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns (Appendix 8, pages 20–21).

## **ACTION 15–512** Approve Comment on Item 11–07

The General Assembly Mission Council <u>VOTED</u> to approve and forward to the 220th GA (2012) the comment on Item 11–07, "On Support of the United States Environmental Protection Agency" to the 220th GA (2012) (Appendix 8, page 18).

Gench highlighted the following items of information from the committee:

- Discussed advice from the Advisory Committees of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Committee on the Self-Development of People Regarding the Recommendations of the Special Offerings Task Force; and
- Received updates from GAMC Staff, Martha Bettis-Gee, Associate for Child Advocacy, J. Herbert Nelson, II, Coordinator for Office of Public Witness as well as representatives from the Committee on the Responsibility Through Investment, Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Advisory Committee, Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association, and Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, Advocacy Committee on Racial Ethnic Concerns, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

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

#### **Discipleship Committee Report**

Kruse assumed the chair. Steve Aeschbacher presented the report of the committee.

## ACTION 16-512 Approve Discipleship Committee Consent Agenda

The General Assembly Mission Council **<u>VOTED</u>** to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the amended comment on Items13–01, 13–04, 13–06, and 13–11, On amending W-4.9000, Marriage; Items 13–02, 13–03, 13–05, 13–08, and 13–10, On issuing an authoritative interpretation of W-4.9000 to ensure pastoral discretion; and Items 13–07, 13–12, and 13–13, On reaffirming the PC(USA)'s current marriage standards and practices (Appendix 9, pages 3–4);
- Approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the amended comment on Item 20–02, On Directing the Board of Pensions to Provide a

Medical Benefits Plan Which Will Not Pay for Abortions Except to Save the Life of the Woman – From the Presbytery of Washington (Appendix 9, pages 5–7);

- Approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the comment on Item 10–01, On Recognizing Bloomfield College as a Racial Ethnic College From the Presbytery of Newark (Appendix 9, pages 8-9);
  - Approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the comment on Item 18-01, On Amending The Book of Confessions to Include the "Confession of Belhar" From the Presbytery of National Capital (Appendix 9, pages 10–11);
- Approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the comment on Item 10–02, On Instituting a Special Offering designated to Native American Ministry for a Period of Three Years From the Presbytery of Inland Northwest (Appendix 9, pages 12–13);
- Approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the comment on "A Resolution to Reaffirm the Commitment of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to Making Just Immigration a Reality" From the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns (Appendix 9, page 14);
- Approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the comment on "Growing a Diverse Church: A Call for Unity and Reconciliation" From the General Assembly Special Task Force to Study Racial Ethnic and New Immigrant Church Growth (Appendix 9, page 15);
- Approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the comment on the Mid Council Report From the General Assembly Commission on Mid Councils (Appendix 9, pages 16–21);
- Approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the comment on the Resolution on Deborah's Daughters From the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns (Appendix 9, pages 22–25); and
- Approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the comment on "A Resolution to Encourage Participation in the Words Matter Project" From the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns (Appendix 9, pages 26–28).

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

#### **Vocation Committee Report**

Clark Cowden presented the report of the committee.

## ACTION 17-512 Approve Comment on Nature of the Church in 21st Century Report

The General Assembly Mission Council **<u>VOTED</u>** to approve and forward to the 220th General Assembly (2012) the comment on Nature of the Church in the 21st Century report (Appendix 10, pages 2–6).

## **ACTION 18–512** Approve Comment on Item 10–03

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve the comment on Item 10–03 from the Presbytery of Western New York (Appendix 10, pages 7–8).

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

#### **Stewardship Committee Report**

Alan Ford presented the report of the committee.

## ACTION 19-512 Approve Stewardship Committee Consent Agenda

The General Assembly Mission Council **<u>VOTED</u>** to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approve an allocation of \$236,500 (for requests from Building Services, Mission and Communications & Funds Development, Mail/Print Center) from the Capital Reserve Fund (Appendix 11, pages 4-5)
- Approved and recommends to the General Assembly Mission Council the allocation of National Mission Partnership Funds to synods for budget year 2013 as displayed in the following schedule:

	%	2013
Synod Name	Applied	Allocation
Alaska-Northwest	16.07%	\$ 321,201
Lakes & Prairies	11.01%	\$ 220,064
Living Waters	8.64%	\$ 172,693
Pacific	9.67%	\$ 193,280
Puerto Rico	12.27%	\$ 245,248
Rocky Mountains	7.57%	\$ 151,306
South Atlantic	6.64%	\$ 132,718
Southern Cal/Hawaii	4.45%	\$ 88,945
Southwest	23.68%	\$ 473,307
Total	100.00%	\$ 1,998,762

Computation of NMPFs Available for 2013				
2011 Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 19,132,405			
Distribution Formula	10.447%			
NMPF Allocation for 2013	\$ 1,998,762			

• Approve the revised 2012 Mission Program Budget of \$89,091,490 (Appendix 11, page 6).

## **ACTION 20–512** Approve 2010/2011 Year–End Financial Reports

The General Assembly Mission Council **<u>VOTED</u>** to approve the 2010 and 2011 year-end financial reports, budgets, and other reports for the 220th General Assembly (2012) (Appendix 11, pages 7–30):

#### A. Relating to Budgets for General Assembly Mission Program

- That the 220th General Assembly (2012) incorporate into the Minutes the report of the 2010 and 2011 General Assembly Mission Program Receipts and Expenditures Actual Compared to Budget.
- 2. That the 220th General Assembly (2012) receive the revised report of the 2012 General Assembly Mission Budget and Program in the total amount of \$89,091,490.
- 3. That the 220th General Assembly (2012) approve and recommends that the 2013 General Assembly Mission Budget and Program in the total amount of \$81,576,103 and the 2014 General Assembly Mission Budget and Program in the total amount of \$78,196,031.

#### B. Relating to Reserved or Committed Funds

That the 220th General Assembly (2012) receive the report of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation regarding unrestricted and committed funds as of December 31, 2011.

#### C. Relating to Support for General Assembly Mission

- 1. That the 220th General Assembly (2012) allocate the annual income realized in 2011 and projected for 2012 from the John C. Lord and Edmund P. Dwight Funds in support of the budget for the general mission work of the General Assembly.
- 2. That the 220th General Assembly (2012) incorporate into its Minutes the summary of receipts from Special Offerings for the years 2010 and 2011.

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

## ACTION 21-512 Convene as Board of PCUSA, A Corporation

At 9:20 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 9:25 a.m.

## **Executive Committee Report**

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

#### ACTION 22–512 Approve Attendance Rationale for 220th General Assembly (2012)

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve the attendance rationale for the 220th General Assembly (2012) (Appendix 13, pages 4–7).

## **ACTION 23–512** Approve Dates for 2012 Fall Meeting

The General Assembly Mission Council **<u>VOTED</u>** to approve September 12-14, 2012 as the dates for the fall meeting of the GAMC.

## **ACTION 24–512** Approve Motion to Postpone

The General Assembly Mission Council **<u>VOTED</u>** to postpone action on item c. of the Executive Committee Report II until after the Audit Committee has completed its report.

## **Audit Committee Report**

Reginald Parsons presented the report of the committee.

## ACTION 25-512 Receive and Forward Audit Report of Consolidated Financial Statements

The General Assembly Mission Council <u>VOTED</u> to approve receive and forward to the General Assembly the audit report of the Presbyterian Church (USA), A Corporation, Consolidated Financial Statements, December 31, 2011.

The report of the Audit Committee is found in Appendix 14.

## **Executive Committee Report (continued)**

## **ACTION 26–512** Approve Comments on Business Before the Assembly

The General Assembly Mission Council **VOTED** to approve comments as amended (indicated below) to the 220th General Assembly (2012) on (pages 8–12 of this appendix):

- a. "Privilege, Power and Policy: The Church as an Employer," from the Climate for Change Task Force;
- b. Recommendation 2 of the "Human Rights Update 2012," from the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP);
- Recommendation 5 of "Celebrating the Decade of Hearing and Singing New Songs to God" from the Advocacy Committee of Women's Concerns (ACWC); and
- d. Item 10-05, On Maintaining the Integrity of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh and Item 10-06, On Retaining the Peacemaking Offering as an Independent Offering Appropriate to World

Communion Sunday, from the Presbytery of Albany. [Note: the comment on this item was amended to insert the following sentence at the end of the proposed comment: "The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Advisory Committee, Presbyterian Hunger Program Advisory Committee and the National Self Development of People Committee have expressed similar concerns to those of these overtures, through the Justice Mission Committee of the GAMC."]

The reports of the Executive Committee are found in Appendices 12 and 13.

#### **Nominating Committee Report II**

Sue Ezell presented the second report of the committee.

## **ACTION 27–212** Elect At–Large Members of Executive Committee

The General Assembly Mission Council **<u>VOTED</u>** to approve elect the following three persons as at-large members of the GAMC Executive Committee for a one-year term, effective with the GAMC Executive Committee August 2012:

1.	Steve Aeschbacher	WMRE
2.	Cathy Piekarski	WFRE
3.	Heath Rada	WMRE

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Key.			
$\mathbf{F} = \text{Female}$	$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{Male}$		
<b>TE</b> = Teaching Elder	<b>RE</b> = Ruling Elder	L = Layperson	
$\mathbf{A} = Asian$	<b>B</b> = Black	<b>H</b> = Hispanic	ME = Middle Eastern
NA = Native American	<b>W</b> = White	Y = Young Adult	<b>D</b> = Known Disability
AL = At-large Committee Member	EA = Ecumenical Advisory Member	PM = Presbyterian Men	PW = Presbyterian Women

The report of the Nominating Committee Report II is found in Appendix 15.

The council recessed for a break at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

#### **Reflections of the Chair**

Kruse reflected on his eight years of service on the General Assembly Mission Council.

#### **Installation Service**

At 10:40 a.m. the council installed Matt Schramm as Chair and Art Canada as Vice Chair.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at the end of the installation service at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry S. Clements Associate Stated Clerk

