

**Task Forces and Committees Created by the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008) – Revised July 11, 2008**

| <b>Item #</b>            | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>  | <b>TEAM</b>  | <b>APPOINTED BY</b>  | <b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>   |
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| 07-01<br>OVT 12          | 5. Commission a study on Islam and Christian-Muslim relations that would have the same scope and authority as the 1987 study on Christian-Jewish relations, to be carried out by the Interfaith Relations and Theology and Worship Offices of the General Assembly Council.   | 8 members  | GAC – (World Missions with TWE) report to the 219 <sup>th</sup> GA (2010)                              | 2008 - \$190; 2009 - \$6,390; 2010 - \$6,376; Total - 12,956 Mission - WM |
| 07-07<br>OVT 95          | 2. Instruct the Office of Theology & Worship and the Office of Interfaith Relations to undertake a study of current and evolving Presbyterian theological understanding of our relationship with our Muslim sisters and brothers. We strongly urge that such a study be done in a context of relationships and dialogue.  | 8 members  | GAC— (TWE with World Missions) report to the 219 <sup>th</sup> GA (2010)                               | 2008 - \$190; 2009 - \$6,390; 2010 - \$6,376; Total - 12,956 Mission      |
| 08-03<br>SOTF<br>Recomm. | 3. Because of the untapped hope and promise of special offerings, we recommend that the traditional practice of naming a Special Offerings Review Task Force be refashioned into an Advisory Task Force for Special Offerings that will be commissioned immediately by the General Assembly Council, pending action of the 218th General Assembly (2008), to serve for the next four years, to review the possible role and functions of special offerings. This group will make an annual report to the General Assembly Council, an interim report to the 219th General Assembly (2010), and final recommendations to the 220th General Assembly (2012) that takes place four years after its creation. | 7 members representing diversity, balance of elders and pastors, one GAC members and MGB, congregation reps (majority new to special offering discussions) | GAC – (CFD) interim report to 219 <sup>th</sup> GA (2010) and final to the 220 <sup>th</sup> GA (2012) | 2008 – 220; 2009 – 21,715; 2010 – \$6,715 Total - \$28,650 – PC-GAC       |

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| 08-16<br>GAC<br>Recomm. | That the 218th General Assembly (2008) direct the General Assembly Council to create a review committee [ <u>, with each agency reviewed having a voice on the review committee,</u> ] to review the service of the whole of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its permanent, advocacy, and advisory committees as related to the General Assembly Co   | 12 members (each agency to have a voice on committee)                           | GAC – (OED) report to the 219 <sup>th</sup> GA (2010)  | 2008 - \$290; 2009 - \$18,430; 2010 - \$10,960 Total - \$29,680<br>(Redirection of existing budget) |
| 08-21<br>ACC            | <p>B. The Restricted Funds Resolution Committee (RFRC)</p> <p>The Moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008) shall appoint a Restricted Funds Resolution Committee (RFRC) comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• two representatives designated by the Foundation Board;</li> <li>• two representatives designated by the General Assembly Council; and,</li> <li>• three persons appointed by the Moderator who are not involved in either agency, and have an understanding of the applicable principles in both Reformed theology and civil law.</li> </ul> | 7 members (two FDN reps; two GAC reps; and three not involved in either agency) | FDN and GAC reps to be appointed by appropriate agencies; Moderator to appoint three other members |   |
| 09-05<br>OVT 89         | 2.a. Direct the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, in consultation with [ <u>the Office of Theology and Worship,</u> ] the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, the Presbyterian United Nations Office, and the Presbyterian Washington Office, to prepare for the larger church a comprehensive study on the concerns raised in this overture.   | 6 members   | GAC – (ACSWP with TWE, CPJ) Report to the 219 <sup>th</sup> GA (2010)                              | 2008 - \$5,660; 2009 - \$24,650; 2010 - \$5,240 Total - \$35,550 PC – GAC                           |

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| <p>09-06<br/>ACREC</p> | <p>That the 218th General Assembly (2008) direct the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, in partnership with the Office of Child Advocacy and in consultation with the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns, to create a resolution team to study the church’s policies on public education in relationship to the issues of desegregation, affirmative action, faith-based initiatives, [<u>home schooling</u>,]charter schools, and the No Child Left Behind law, with attention to [<u>class</u>] [<del>name</del>] as well as race; making appropriate recommendations [<u>that would be presented to the 219th General Assembly (2010)</u>]</p>                                   | <p>7 members</p>   | <p>GAC – (ACSWP with CPJ and ACREC) report to the 219<sup>th</sup> GA (2010) and[, <u>if appropriate, subsequently</u>] preparing a study guide for individual and congregational use.”</p> | <p>2008 - \$170; 2009 - \$20,940; 2010 - \$11,655 Total - \$32,765 PC – GAC</p>    |
| <p>09-08<br/>ACSWP</p> | <p>2.i. That the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP), in consultation with Theology, Worship, and Education Ministry Area and the Office of Vocation, update the PC(USA)’s 1983 “Theology of Compensation” report (<i>Minutes</i>, 1983, Part I, pp. 82, 116, 689-704) to provide theological guidance to church and society with regard particularly to the impact of secular market assumptions on the compensation practices of the PC(USA).</p>  | <p>7 members</p>   | <p>GAC – ACSWP – report to the 219<sup>th</sup> GA (2010)</p>   | <p>2008 - \$6,565; 2009 - \$12,960; 2010 - \$3,220 – Total - \$22,745 PC – GAC</p> |
| <p>09-12<br/>ACWC</p>  | <p>The Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns (ACWC) recommends that the 218th General Assembly (2008) do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create a task force to design a mechanism for the study of the status of women at all levels in the church that will             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. assess the presence, participation, and effectiveness of women at all levels of the PC(USA), both elected and employed;</li> <li>b. explore and analyze attitudes about women in leadership; and</li> <li>c. describe the treatment of women in leadership positions, including how they are compensated as compared with men.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <p>7 members (2 ACWC, 1 ACREC, 4 for statistical and sociological expertise, majority to be women)</p> | <p>GAC – ACWC – report to the 219<sup>th</sup> GA (2010)</p>  | <p>2008 - \$ 0; 2009 - 19,345; 2010 - \$16,000; Total \$35,345 PC-GAC</p>          |

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| <p>09-13<br/>ACWC</p>   | <p>10. Direct the General Assembly Council, in consultation with Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns and Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns, to expand on the basic antiracism training to include modules on the intersectionality of race, gender, and [class] [name], and provide focused training on internalized oppression and privilege, with a timeline as follows:<br/>“a. the intersections of race, gender and [class] [name] by 2010</p>              | <p>8 members (2 ACREC members; 2 ACWC members; up to 4 at large committee members to include 1 young woman of color) (permanent Comm.)</p> | <p>GAC – ACWC &amp; ACREC</p>   | <p>2008 - \$0; 2009 - \$3,060; 2010 - \$3,060 Total - \$6,120 PC-GAC</p>     |
| <p>09-16</p>            | <p>3. Direct the Moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008)—in consultation with the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns, the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns, the associate for Cultural Proficiency, and the General Assembly Nominating Committee—to appoint a Climate for Change Task Force composed of eight members.</p>   | <p>8 members</p>   | <p>GA Moderator in consultation with ACREC, ACREC, Cultural Proficiency and GANC – interim report to the 219<sup>th</sup> GA (2010); final report to the 220<sup>th</sup> GA (2012)</p> | <p>2008 - \$0; 2009 - \$12,960; 2010 - \$12,960 Total - \$25,920 PC- GAC</p> |
| <p>10-02<br/>OVT 35</p> | <p>Direct the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP), in consultation with appropriate General Assembly Council staff, [PC(USA) networks, and church partners, to develop and fully fund a comprehensive study on HIV and AIDS for the PC(USA), recommending compassionate action and giving prophetic witness regarding issues related to people living with HIV and AIDS in the U.S.A. and around the world, and report to the 219th General Assembly (2010).</p> | <p>6 members</p>   | <p>ACSWP</p>  | <p>2998 - \$5,660; 2009-\$24,650; 2010-\$5,240 Total \$35,550 PC-GAC</p>     |

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| <p>10-03<br/>OVT 55</p>           | <p>The 218th General Assembly (2008) directs the appropriate PC(USA) entities to redevelop congregational resource materials, on the subject of reproductive options, to more adequately reflect the full spectrum of biblical, theological, and pastoral counsel, while remaining consistent with the policy of the 1992 report of the Special Committee on Problem Pregnancies and Abortion and the 2006 policy on Late-Term Pregnancies and Abortion. The General Assembly Council will report back to the 219th General Assembly (2010).</p>  | <p>12 members</p>  | <p>GAC – CPJ – report to the 219<sup>th</sup> GA (2010)</p>   | <p>2008 - \$\$8,378; 2009 - \$65,437; 2010 – 32,686 Total - \$106,501<br/>Mission – CPJ</p> |
| <p>04-13<br/>OVT 87</p>           | <p>2. Direct the Moderator of the General Assembly to appoint a special committee, representing the broad diversity <u>[and theological balance]</u> of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), to study the following, and report to the 219th General Assembly (2010), including any policy recommendations growing out of the study:<br/> a. The history of the laws governing marriage and civil union, including current policy debates.<br/> b. How the theology and practice of marriage have developed in the Reformed and broader Christian tradition.<br/> c. The relationship between civil union and Christian marriage.<br/> d. The effects of current laws on same-gender partners and their children.<br/> e. The place of covenanted same-gender partnerships in the Christian community.</p> | <p>15 members, representing diversity and theological balance</p>                                  | <p>GA Moderator – report to 219<sup>th</sup> GA (2010) – report to the 219<sup>th</sup> GA (2010)</p>   | <p>2008 - \$11,625; 2009- \$30,500; 2010 - 17,675 Total - \$59,350 – PC-OGA</p>             |
| <p>06-01<br/>Cmte.<br/>Motion</p> | <p>New members of this expanded task force are to be chosen from the 218th General Assembly (2008) Assembly Committee on Form of Government Revisions by the Moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008), in consultation with the moderator and vice moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008) Assembly Committee on Form</p>  | <p>11 members – FOG Task Force and members of the GA Committee on Form of Government Revisions</p> | <p>GA Moderator in consultation with moderator and vice-moderator of Assembly Committee – revised report to Stated Clerk by 10/15/09; church by</p> | <p>2008 - \$8,275; 2009 - \$64,530; 2010 - \$25,350 Total \$98,155 - PC-OGA</p>             |

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|                 | of Government Revisions.   |  | 1/15/10; to 219 <sup>th</sup> GA   |  |
| 11-28           | [ <u>The 218th General Assembly (2008) requests that the Moderators of the 218th, 217th, and 216th General Assemblies (2008), (2006), and (2004) select a nine-member committee from a broad spectrum of viewpoints from PC(USA) members</u> ] to prepare a comprehensive study, with recommendations, that is focused on Israel/Palestine within the complex context of the Middle East.  | 9 members (broad spectrum of viewpoints) | Moderators of the 218, 217, and 216 <sup>th</sup> GA's   | 2008 - \$8,455; 2009 – 27,925; 2010 – 5,380 Total \$41,760 PC-OGA  |
| 13-06<br>OVT 92 | On Correcting Translation Problems of the Heidelberg Catechism.  | 15 members                               | OGA – Report to the 219 <sup>th</sup> GA(2010)   | 2008 - \$0; 2009- \$28,050; 2010 - \$3,050 Total \$31,100 PC - OGA |
| 13-07<br>OVT    | 1. Direct the Moderators of the 216th, 217th, and 218th General Assemblies (2004, 2006, and 2008)—in consultation with the Stated Clerk, the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns (ACREC), the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, and the Office of Theology and Worship—to initiate the process described in G-18.0201b by appointing a committee[, <u>separate from any committee assigned to the Heidelberg Catechism,</u> ] to consider amending the confessional documents of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to include the Belhar Confession in <i>The Book of Confessions</i> and to report to the 219th General Assembly (2010). | 15 members                               | Moderators of the 216 <sup>th</sup> , 217 <sup>th</sup> , and 218 <sup>th</sup> GA's in consultation with Stated Clerk, ACREC, Peacemaking, Theology and Worship | 2008 - \$0; 2009 \$28,050; 2010 - \$3,050 Total \$31,100 PC-OGA    |