

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PROCEDURES

03

REPORT ONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
216TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2004)

[The full text of the items referred to this committee may be found in the Reports to the General Assembly under tab 03.]

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There are recommendations contained in this report that will be moved as part of a consent agenda. Such items are marked with an asterisk (“*”) and are so indicated in the Table of Contents below.

There are recommendations contained in this report that have financial implications and are indicated with a “\$” sign next to the item. The details of the financial implication are provided with the item in the context of the report, and are so indicated in the Table of Contents below.

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The Assembly Committee on General Assembly Procedures recommends that the 216th General Assembly (2004) approve the following recommendations:

Publication Matters

***Item 03-01. Changes in Publication of the *Minutes*.**

1. That Recommendation 1. be approved.

Vote: 51/0/1

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2. That Recommendation 2. be approved.

Vote: 52/0/0

***Item 03-02. Use Session Annual Statistical Report Regarding Invitation of Racial Ethnic Ministers.**

That the recommendation be disapproved.

Vote: 48/3/1

***Item 03-03. Direct the Stated Clerk to Prepare a Comparative Statistical Report, to Include a Summation of the Sources and Uses of Funds by Presbyteries, Synods—From the Presbytery of Albany. +OGA**

That the recommendation be approved.

Vote: 48/0/1

General Assembly

Item 03-04. Change Dates for Birmingham Assembly (2006).

That the recommendation be approved.

Vote: 50/0/0

***Item 03-05. Amend Standing Rule D. to Include Provision for Special Meetings.**

That the recommendation be approved with amendment:

Amend “5.b.” as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through and with brackets; text to be added or inserted is shown with an underline and with brackets.]

“b. The Book of Order establishes the minimum number of signatures to require a called meeting. The Moderator, upon receipt of the petition, shall ask the Stated Clerk to ~~[do]~~ [complete] the following within thirty days.”

Vote: 52/0/0

***Item 03-06. Instruct Presbyteries to Work on Diversity and Inclusiveness When Electing/Selecting Commissioners to GA.**

That the recommendations be approved.

Vote: 48/2/1

Item 03-07. Amend Standing Rule B.5.e. Regarding the Timeline for Submitting Commissioners' Resolutions—From the Presbytery of Eastminster. +COGA

That the recommendation be disapproved.

Vote: 30/16/6

\$ Item 03-08. Amend G-13.0104 to Require Annual Meetings of the General Assembly—From the Presbytery of National Capital. *ACC +COGA

That the recommendation be disapproved.

Vote: 49/1/2

[Original Financial Implications: \$66,000 (2008); \$2,202,126 (2009); \$70,000 (2010) (Per Capita)]

[Original Financial Implication: \$456,125 (2009) (Mission)]

[Committee Action: \$0 (2008); \$0 (2009); \$0 (2010)]

\$ Item 03-09. Direct GAC to Provide an Introduction to Anti-Racism Training for Assemblies in 2006, 2008, and 2010, Making Recommendations in 2010 for Future Events—From the Presbytery of Detroit. +COGA/GAC +ACREC

In response to this item, that the 216th General Assembly (2004) approve the following:

1. Requests that the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) and the General Assembly Council (GAC) create a proposal regarding the implementation of presenting an Introduction of Antiracism Training at each General Assembly and bring the proposal before the 217th General Assembly (2006).

2. Request the implementation of said proposal at the 218th General Assembly (2008), the 219th General Assembly (2010), and the 220th General Assembly (2012).

3. Direct that antiracism training be provided for all members of the General Assembly Council in their meetings for the numbers of years described in 1 and 2 above.

Vote: 53/0/0

[Original Financial Implications: \$85,980 (2008) (Per Capital-OGA)]

[Committee Action: \$0 (2008)]

Item 03-23. Introduction to Anti-Racism Training for Assemblies in 2006, 2008, and 2010, and at General Assembly Council Meetings—From the Presbytery of San Francisco. +ACREC

That the recommendation be answered by the action taken on Item 03-09 of this report.

Vote: 53/0/0

\$ Item 03-22. Appoint a Panel to Study the Apportionment of General Assembly Commissioners from Presbyteries—From the Presbytery of San Diego. +COGA

That the recommendation be disapproved.

Vote: 25/19/8

[Original Financial Implications: \$7,700 (2004) (Per Capita—OGA)]

[Committee Action: \$0 (2004)]

Historical Society

***Item 03-10. Amend Standing Rule E.7. and G.3.c. Regarding the Presbyterian Historical Society.**

That the recommendation be approved.

Vote: 48/3/0

\$ Item 03-11. On the Montreat Historical Center—From the Presbytery of South Louisiana. +COGA

That the recommendation be referred to the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly-appointed task force, who will report in 2006.

[Note: This task force, formed in 2001 after receiving a report from an archival consultant Warner-Yakel, is comprised of members of Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA), General Assembly Council (GAC), Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS), and the Montreat community.]

Vote: 51/1/0

[Original Financial Implications: \$221,500 (2005); \$230,200 (2006) (Per Capita-OGA)]

[Committee Action: \$0 (2005); \$0 (2006)]

Item 03-24. Direct OGA to Develop a Long-Range Plan for the Department of History to Provide for Regional Historical Centers—From the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

That the recommendation be referred to the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly-appointed task force, who will report in 2006.

[Note: This task force, formed in 2001 after receiving a report from an archival consultant Warner-Yakel, is comprised of members of Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA), General Assembly Council (GAC), Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS), and the Montreat community.]

Vote: 51/1/0

Advisory Delegates

\$ Item 03-12. Amend the Standing Rules to Increase the Number of YADs to the Biennial Meetings of the General Assembly—From the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. +COGA +ACREC, ACWC

That the recommendation be approved.

Vote: 41/7/4

[Original Financial Implications: \$20,800 (2008) (Per Capita-OGA)]

\$ Item 03-13. Amend Standing Rule A.2. Regarding Advisory Delegates—From the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys. +COGA

That the recommendation be referred to the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly for review regarding appropriate levels of youth, missionary, ecumenical, and theological student delegates' participation. A report and recommendations should be brought back to the 217th General Assembly (2006).

Vote: 36/9/7

[Original Financial Implication: \$49,680 (2008) (Per Capita-OGA)]

[Committee Action: \$0 (2008)]

Item 03-14. Amend Standing Rule A.2. to Give Advisory Delegates the Same Privilege in Committee as They Have in Plenary—From the Presbytery of Northeast Georgia. +COGA +ACREC +ACWC

That the recommendation be disapproved.

Vote: 41/9/2

Item 03-15. Amend Standing Rule A.2. to Remove Advisory Delegate Vote in Assembly Committees, and to Investigate the Possibility of Study Credit for YADs—From the Presbytery of the Peaks. +COGA +ACREC +ACWC

That the recommendation be disapproved.

Vote: 40/10/1

Per Capita

Item 03-16. Per Capita Budget Recommendations.

1. That Recommendation 1. be approved.

Vote: 51/0/0

2. That Recommendation 2. be approved.

Vote: 51/0/0

[Note: Item 03-16, Recommendations 3.a.–b. and 4., will appear in 03 Assembly Committee on General Assembly Procedures Report Two, which will be presented to plenary on Saturday, July 3.]

5. That Recommendation 5. be approved.

Vote: 50/0/0

Item 03-17. Amend G-9.0404d Regarding Per Capita—From the Presbytery of Lake Erie. *ACC +COGA

That the recommendation be disapproved.

Vote: 43/3/5

Other

Item 03-18. ACC Request for an Interpretation Concerning GA Moderator as an Entity.

That the recommendation be approved.

Vote: 45/1/4

Item 03-19. Amend Standing Rule F. Regarding Moderator of the General Assembly.

That the recommendation be approved with amendment:

Amend “3.c.(5)” as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through and with brackets; text to be added or inserted is shown with an underline and with brackets.]

“(5) *Not less than fifteen days before the convening of the General Assembly, the Stated Clerk shall distribute to commissioners and advisory delegates an information packet containing the following material regarding each candidate for Moderator [and Vice-Moderator] who is known to the Stated Clerk and who wishes to be included.*”

Vote: 49/0/2

***Item 03-20. Amend Standing Rule A.3. Regarding Corresponding Members.**

That the recommendation be approved.

Vote: 49/0/1

***Item 03-21. Study Recent General Assemblies Concerning “Affinity Groups” and “Special Interest Organizations.”**

That the recommendation be approved.

Vote: 50/0/0

Commissioners’ Resolutions

Item 03-25. On Providing Disability Awareness Training for Commissioners to the 217th General Assembly (2006).

That the recommendation be approved.

Vote: 47/0/0

Item 03-26. Emphasizing the Importance of Scripture.

That the recommendation be approved.

Vote: 33/12/3

***Item 03-27. Recording Commissioners’ Votes in the *Minutes of the General Assembly*, Part I.**

That the recommendation be disapproved.

Vote: 49/0/0

Committee Final Action and Report to Plenary

[The items listed below were acted upon and approved by the assembly committee. No further action is needed, and is here for information only.]

Item 03-A. Minutes, Presbyterian Historical Society.

That the minutes are approved.

Vote: 47/0/2

Item 03-B. Minutes, General Assembly Committee on Representation.

That the minutes are approved.

Vote: 50/0/0