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Thursday, July 1, 2004, 8:30 A.M.

Commissioners, advisory delegates, and other participants worshiped together in the Hall A-B of the Grater Richmond Convention Center. J. Barrie Shepherd, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, preached the sermon.

Thursday, July 1, 2004, 9:30 A.M.

The 216th General Assembly reconvened at 9:30 a.m. with Moderator Ufford-Chase presiding. Abdoulaye Abba Moussa, Ecumenical Advisory Delegate from the Evangelical Church of the Republic of Niger, led the assembly in prayer.

### **Ecumenical Greeting**

Moderator Ufford-Chase recognized Lynne Herring, Stated Clerk, who brought greetings to the assembly from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS UPDATE: ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES**

The report of the Assembly Committee on General Assembly Procedures was presented by its moderator Leah Johnson. The total financial implications to the per capita budget for actions approved by the assembly to date is \$0 for 2004; \$25,066 for 2005; and \$31,957 for 2006.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS UPDATE: ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON MISSION COORDINATION AND BUDGETS**

The report of the Assembly Committee on Mission Coordination and Budgets was presented by its moderator Rebecca Gibbs. The total financial implication to the mission budget for actions approved by the assembly to date is \$8,700 for 2005.

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### **REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Moderator recognized Stated Clerk Clifton Kirkpatrick, who presented the procedures for approval of the General Assembly Nominating Committee report.

The Moderator then recognized Susan Davis Krummel, moderator of the General Assembly Nominating Committee. There were no floor nominations submitted within the required timeline. Krummel moved, as a single motion, the list of nominees. The assembly approved the motion. The report was concluded and is as follows:

[REPORT WILL BE INSERTED HERE LATER]

### **MODERATOR NOMINATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Moderator recognized the Susan Andrews, Moderator of the 215<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2004), who brought nominees to the 2008 and 2010 classes of the General Assembly Nominating Committee. Andrews moved, as a single motion, the list of nominees except for the names of Laura VanDale and Elona Street-Stewart. The assembly approved the motion. Andrews nominated Laura VanDale for election to the General Assembly Nominating Committee (Class of 2008). Commissioner Alison Bucklin nominated Sharlyn W. Stare from the floor to replace the Moderator Andrews' nominee, Laura VanDale. The assembly approved the nomination of Laura VanDale. Andrews nominated Elona Street-Stewart for election to the General Assembly Nominating Committee (Class of 2010). Commissioner Harper Brady nominated Penny Tvrdik from the floor to replace

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Moderator Andrews' nominee, Elona Street-Stewart. The assembly approved the nomination of Elona Street-Stewart.

### DECADE OF THE CHILD

Moderator Ufford-Chase recognized Patricia Chapman, associate for child advocacy, Social Justice Program, National Ministries Division, General Assembly Council, for a presentation on the Decade of the Child [produced by David Young](#).

### REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ISSUES

The Moderator recognized Leigh Morris, vice moderator of the Assembly Committee on Health Issues, to present the report of the committee. On behalf of the committee, Morris moved the adoption of a response to Item 11-02. Kim Nelson, commissioner from the Presbytery of San Jose, presented a minority report concerning Item 11-02. Morris spoke briefly to the main motion. Moderator Ufford-Chase recognized Nelson. Nelson introduced Gloria Albrecht, commissioner from the Presbytery of Detroit, who spoke briefly to the minority report. The floor was opened for amendments to the main motion. The assembly voted that the main motion was perfected. The Moderator declared the minority report perfected. The merits of the main motion and the substitute motion were debated. Following prayer, Moderator Ufford-Chase placed before the assembly the question, shall the minority report be substituted for the main motion? The assembly voted to substitute the [minority report for the](#) main motion ~~with the minority report~~. The assembly voted to approve the response to Item 11-02. The assembly voted to answer Item 11-03 with the action of taken on Item 11-02. The assembly voted to approve Item 11-05 with amendment. The assembly voted to approve Item 11-06. The assembly voted

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to approve Item 11-07 with comment. The assembly voted to disapprove Item 11-01 with comment. The assembly voted to disapprove Item 11-04. This concluded the committee's report and is as follows:

The 216th General Assembly (2004) approved the following recommendations: [There were no consent agenda items in this report.]

### I. Health Issues

**\$ Item 11-02. On Urging Churches to Affirm in Their Ministries the Protection of Babies in the Womb Who are Viable – From the Presbytery of Charlotte. +ACSWP + ACWC**

In Response to Item 11-02, that the 216th General Assembly (2004) approved the following:

That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk of the 216th General Assembly (2004) shall write a pastoral letter to the congregations on the issue of problem pregnancy. In order to provide pastoral and tangible support to women and families confronting problem pregnancies, their letter shall include a copy of the pamphlets published by the Women's Ministries program area, National Ministries Division, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) entitled:

- *When No Choice Is Easy: For the Pregnant Woman,*
- *When You Need the Wisdom of Solomon: Helping Others Face Problem Pregnancies,*
- *There Is Always a Father: Does the Father Have a Problem Too?,* and
- *When Pregnancy Involves Loss: Helping Others Face Problem Pregnancies.*

To be included with these excellent resources shall be the publication *Statement on Post-Viability and Late-Term Abortion*, approved by the 215th General Assembly (2003). The letter shall also affirm adoption as a provision for women who deliver children they are not able to care for, and ask our congregations to assist in seeking adoptive families within the household of faith.

It is hoped that the pastoral leadership expressed by our denomination on this sensitive issue will assist pastors and congregations and the people with whom they work.

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[Financial Implication: \$3,700 (2004) (Per Capita: OGA)]

Item 11-03. On Clarity of Late-Term Pregnancy—From the Presbytery of Beaver-Butler. +ACSWP +ACWC

That the recommendation is answered by the action taken on Item 11-02 of this report.

### II. Other

Item 11-05. On Opposing the Change in Requirements of Emission from Smoke Stack Industries—From the Presbytery of Savannah. +ACSWP

That the recommendation is approved with amendment: [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through with brackets; text to be added or inserted is shown with an underline and with brackets.]

“1. Declare our opposition to the change in requirements of emission from smoke stack industries [changes instituted by the Environmental Protection Agency on August 27, 2003, in the New Source Review permitting requirements for emissions from power plants and manufacturing facilities]. ‘The new rules would allow thousands of older power plants, oil refineries, and industrial units to make extensive upgrades without having to install new antipollution devices’ (*New York Times*, August 22, 2003, by Katherine Q. Seeley).

“2. Petition the president of the United States to draft rules that would further reduce tailpipe emissions by increasing the fuel efficiency of new [~~automobiles~~] [vehicles].

“3. Petition the major manufacturers of vehicles to accelerate the use of existing technologies that would increase fuel efficiency and to develop new technologies that would achieve further gains].

“~~3.~~ 4. Request the Stated Clerk to communicate this action to the president of the United States and the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the appropriate members of Congress. The communication should include the impact that smoke stack and tailpipe emissions is having on the health of our most vulnerable population[s] and on our environment due to acid rain[, smog, increased ozone levels, and emissions of mercury and heavy metals].”

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### III. Commissioners' Resolution

**Item 11-06. On Reaffirming Ethical Values of Fetal Tissue and Stem Cell Research.**

**That the recommendation is approved.**

**Item 11-07. (Removed from Plenary Consent Agenda). 2002 Referral: Item 13-08. *Overture 02-52. On Pastoral Resources for Women Who Have Experienced Abortion—from the Presbytery of Donegal. (Minutes, 2002, Part 1, pp. 70, 654)***

**That the response is approved with comment.**

**Comment: Committee approval only recognizes that the materials that have been prepared are in accordance with the directives of the original overture. The committee takes no action regarding the content of the brochure.**

### IV. Abortion

**Item 11-01. On Calling for the End of Abortion, and Inserting a Statement in the *Book of Order* Regarding Abortion—From the Presbytery of Upper Ohio Valley. \*ACC +ACSWP**

**That the recommendation is disapproved with comment.**

**Comment: In addition, we urge the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP), in their mandated monitoring report to the 217th General Assembly (2006) on the implementation of the assemblies' policy on problem pregnancies, to include a survey of the ministries and educational resources seeking to implement the policies and to provide further encouragement and recommendations for additional ministries and resources as needed.**

### V. Other

**Item 11-04. On Urging the FDA to Make Emergency Contraception Available Over the Counter--From the Presbytery of Baltimore. +ACWC**

**That the recommendation is disapproved.**

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### ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

Moderator Ufford-Chase recognized Nancy Thornton McKenzie, moderator of the Assembly Committee on Bills and Overtures. Upon McKenzie's recommendation, the assembly approved changing the docket to move the report of the Evangelism and Higher Education up on the docket.

### REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM AND HIGHER EDUCATION (09)

The Moderator recognized Jeanne McIver, moderator of the Assembly Committee on Evangelism and Higher Education, to present the report of the committee. The assembly approved the consent agenda: [Items 09-03, 09-04, 09-05, 09-06, 09-07, 09-10 and 09-11](#). The Moderator recognized William Teng, vice moderator of the committee, to present the next items of the report. The assembly approved Item 09-01 with amendment. The assembly approved Item 09-02 with amendment. The report of the committee was arrested.

### Closing Prayer

Following prayer led by Lisa Valenti-Hein, Youth Advisory Delegate from the Presbytery of Winnebago, the assembly recessed at 12:30 p.m. to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.