

Saturday, July 3, 2004, 8:30 A.M.

Commissioners, advisory delegates, and other participants worshiped together in the Hall A-B of the Grater Richmond Convention Center. The preacher for the morning worship was Chris Glaser, elder from Atlanta Georgia.

Saturday, July 3, 2004, 9:30 A.M.

The 216th General Assembly reconvened at 9:30 a.m. with Moderator Ufford-Chase presiding. David Tenbrook, youth advisory delegate from the Presbytery of San Francisco led the assembly in prayer.

**REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON  
BILLS AND OVERTURES**

The report of the Assembly Committee on Bills and Overtures, was presented by its moderator, Nancy Thornton McKenzie, who reported that the committee had reviewed the minutes of the General Assembly through Friday morning, July 2, 2004; had found them in order; and that in accordance with the Standing Rules of the General Assembly, the minutes of the remaining meetings shall be sent to the Bills and Overtures subcommittee for review after the meeting. McKenzie reported that the committee had received protests and dissents, found them in decorous language and that these protest would be recorded in the Minutes as follows: [Insert list of protests here, dissents will be printed with the business item to which they refer.]

Moderator Ufford-Chase recognized Vice-Moderator Jean-Marie Peacock, who assumed the chair.

## **REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES**

The report of the Assembly Committee on International Issues was presented by its moderator, Justin Johnson. The assembly voted to approve a response to Item 13-07. The assembly voted to answer Item 13-01 with the action taken on Item 13-07. The assembly voted to approve a resolution in response to Item 13-03. On behalf of the committee, Johnson moved the disapproval of Item 13-04. David Henry, commissioner from the Presbytery of Utah, presented a minority report concerning Item 13-04. Johnson spoke briefly to the main motion. Henry spoke briefly to the minority report. After opening the floor for amendments, Vice-Moderator Peacock declared the main motion and the minority reports perfected. The merits of the main motion and the substitute motion were debated. Peacock placed before the assembly the question, shall the minority report be substituted for the main motion? The assembly voted not to substitute the minority report for the main motion. The assembly voted to approve the response to Item 13-04. Johnson introduced Marcia Borgeson, vice-moderator of the committee, who presented the next section of the report. The assembly approved Item 13-05 with comment. The assembly approved Item 13-06. Johnson assumed presentation of the remainder of the report. The assembly approved Item 13-08 with amendment. The assembly approved Item 13-09 with amendment. The assembly voted to approve Item 13-10 with amendment. The assembly approved the referral of Item 13-11. The assembly approved Item 13-12 with amendment.

This concluded the report of the committee and is as follows:

**The 216<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2004) approved the following recommendations:**

## Taiwan

**Item 13-01. On Expressing our Solidarity with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and with the Taiwanese People—From the Presbytery of New Covenant. +ACSWP, ACREC**

**That the recommendation is answered by the action taken on Item 13-07 of this report.**

**Item 13-07. On Expressing Our Solidarity with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and with the Taiwanese People—From the Presbytery of the Pacific. +ACSWP, ACREC**

**In response to this recommendation, that the 216th General Assembly (2004) approved the following:**

**The 216th General Assembly (2004), recognizing and honoring the feelings about national identity expressed on both sides of the Taiwan Straits, reaffirms the action of the 208th General Assembly (1996) in both its “Resolution: Taiwan Monitoring” (*Minutes*, 1996, Part I, pp. 522–23, paragraphs 36.443–.456) and the ‘affirmations concerning partnership in mission with Christians in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China’ (*Minutes*, 1996, Part I, pp. 381–82, paragraphs 34.019–.027). In addition, the 216th General Assembly (2004) does the following:**

**1. Directs the Stated Clerk to commend both the Taiwan Center for Disease Control for its prompt and thorough action in addressing the outbreak and management of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and the United States of America Center for Disease Control and Prevention for its mission and continuing commitment to engage in the international public health community and, particularly, for its involvement with Taiwan during the SARS outbreak.**

**2. Directs the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP), in consultation with the General Assembly Council (GAC) and the National Taiwanese Presbyterian Council (NTPC), to continue its monitoring of the mainland China/Taiwan relationship as an emerging issue fraught with danger and to consider providing study materials on the situation.**

**3. Calls on Presbyterians and General Assembly entities to advocate for access that permits direct interaction and provision of services in the World Health Organization for Taiwan and other peoples and places in times of health crisis.**

**4. Encourages all Presbyterians to become familiar with issues and concerns of the East Asia region and the United States foreign policy in regards to the United States-Taiwan-mainland China triangular relationship.**

**5. Invites all Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)-related media outlets and publications, such as *Presbyterians Today*, *Stewardship for Public Life* (Washington Office), and *Church & Society* magazine to devote one publication on the human rights and democracy development in Taiwan.**

#### **Other**

**Item 13-03. On Authorizing the Inclusion of a Fund to Combat HIV/AIDS and Diseases of Poverty in Africa in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering—From the Presbytery of New Castle. +GAC +ACREC, ACWC**

**In response to this recommendation, that the 216th General Assembly (2004) approved the following resolution:**

**The 216th General Assembly (2004) directs the General Assembly Council, Worldwide Ministries Division, of the PC(USA) to make a concerted, coordinated effort to lift up and publicize the existing Extra Commitment Opportunities pertaining to HIV/AIDS issues. There is no question that there is an overwhelming need for funds to address this crisis in Africa and around the world.**

**[Financial Implication: 2005: \$33,500; 2006: \$22,500 (Mission-Unrestricted)]**

**Item 13-04. On Global Population Stabilization and Reduction—From the Presbytery of Lackawanna. +ACWC**

**That the recommendations are disapproved.**

**Item 13-05. Human Rights Update.**

**That the recommendations are approved with comment.**

**Comment: The “Human Rights Update 2003–2004” should not be construed by the members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as the definitive statement of all the human rights violations received by the General Assembly Council during the course of the year.**

**Item 13-06. Remove Talisman Energy from the GA Divestment List.**

**That the recommendation is approved.**

## Commissioners' Resolutions

### Item 13-08. On the Murders of Women in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

That the recommendations are approved with amendment.

1. Amend Recommendation 1. 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.]

**“1. Instruct the Stated Clerk to express the concern, dismay, and grief of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to [President Vicente Fox and] Governor Patricio Martinez Garcia, State of Chihuahua, Mexico, over the systematic murder and disappearance of large numbers of young women in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, over the last eleven years.”**

2. Amend Recommendation 4. 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.]

**“4. Direct the General Assembly Council to participate in~~], and request the Moderator of the 216th General Assembly (2004) to represent the PC(USA) in,~~ a service to be planned by ~~[Pesos]~~ [Pasos] de Fe, the presbyteries of Sierra Blanca and Tres Rios, in dialogue with the church in Mexico and other ecumenical partners to join in public witness and worship that cries out for justice and claims the promise of the Resurrection.”**

### Item 13-09. On Opposition to the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA).

That the recommendations are approved with amendment. [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.]

**“That the 216<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2004) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) do the following:**

**“1. Declare our opposition to the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) [in its current form, as it fails to adequately protect workers' rights, human rights, food security, and environmental standards, and it limits the ability of governments and sovereign indigenous peoples to regulate corporations to protect the common good].**

**“2. Direct the Stated Clerk to communicate with the president of the United States and members of Congress the opposition of the Presbyterian**

Church (U.S.A.) to the Central American Free Trade Agreement [and other free trade agreements].

~~“3. Direct the General Assembly Council, [in consultation with borderlands synods and presbyteries, to prepare a study document on the Central America Free Trade Agreement,] [through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) programs dealing with economic justice, hunger, and advocacy, to promptly communicate the General Assembly position to the U.S. trade representative, U.S. senators and representatives, congressional committees with trade jurisdiction, and state legislators,] with emphasis on those sections [of CAFTA and other free trade agreements] that negatively affect our partners [in Central America].~~

~~“4. [Urge synods, presbyteries, and congregations to study the impact of the Central America Free Trade Agreement on our] [Request the General Assembly Council to identify] sisters and brothers [and institutional partners] [in Central America and to communicate their concerns to members of Congress.] [who have been impacted by free trade policies, and help interpret these stories and effects to church members through itineration in the U.S. and inclusion of these into a congregational study guide on trade issues and economic globalization.]~~

~~“5. Direct the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment [(MRTI)] to explore the implications of CAFTA [and other free trade agreements] and advise the General Assembly.~~

~~“6. Call on presbyteries, churches, and church members to do the following:~~

~~“a. Become educated about how CAFTA, and other free trade agreements, can further economic globalization policies that are unsustainable and unjust, by drawing on the resources of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Presbyterian Washington Office, and other offices of the National and Congregational Ministries Divisions.~~

~~“b. Advocate with state legislators and U.S. senators and representatives, urging them to oppose CAFTA and other free trade agreements in their current form.~~

~~“c. Join in coalitions with community and nonprofit groups, including other Christian denominations, which are organizing opposition to CAFTA and other free trade agreements with similar provisions.”~~

Item 13-10. On Rescinding Policies Regarding Cuba That Cause Hardship to Families.

**That the recommendation is approved with amendment. [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.]**

**Strike the existing language and insert the following:**

**“[That the 216th General Assembly (2004) call upon the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department to rescind new regulations published in the June 16, 2004, *Federal Register* and permit travel to Cuba.]”**

**Item 13-11. Regarding Adult Basic Education.**

**That the recommendation is referred to the General Assembly Council, Global Education and International Leadership Development Office and the International Presbyterian Education Network, with the encouragement that issues of adult basic education be raised with partners as plans are made for Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) involvement with and support of international church partners’ educational ministries.**

**Item 13-12. On Commissioning 2005 Mission Co-Workers During the 100th New Wilmington Missionary Conference.**

**That the recommendation is approved with amendment. [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.]**

**“That the 216th General Assembly (2004), meeting in Richmond, Virginia, from June 26-July 3, 2004, direct that the commissioning of mission [~~co-workers~~] [personnel and volunteers] in 2005 shall take place during the meeting of the 100th New Wilmington Missionary Conference, July 23-30, 2005.”**

**Ecumenical Greetings**

On behalf of the General Assembly, the committee received ecumenical greetings from the following ecumenical delegates, representatives, and guests:

Bishop Munjita Kamuya, Moderator, the United Church of Zambia

The Reverend Dr. Dieudonne Massi Gams, General Executive Society of the Eglise Presbyterienne Camerounaise and President of the Alliance of Reformed Churches in Africa

The Reverend Antonio Neves Mussaqui, Moderator, the Presbyterian Church of Angola

The Reverend Dr. Jean Emile Ngue, General Scty, Federation of Evangelical Churches of Cameroun

The Reverend Wilbert Sayimani, Clerk of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe, Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa

The Reverend Paul Neshangwe, pastor in the Presbytery of Zimbabwe, Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa

The Reverend John P. Chalmers, The Church of Scotland

The Reverend Dr. Soon Kwon Kim, Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Korea

The Reverend Ok Nam Kim, Moderator, Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea

Moderator Ufford-Chase assumed the chair.

## **REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON MISSION COORDINATION AND BUDGETS**

Report Two of the Assembly Committee on General Mission Coordination and Budgets was presented by its moderator, Catesby Woodford. The assembly approved Item 07-03, recommendation 3. with amendment.

This concluded the report of the committee and is as follows:

**The 216th General Assembly (2004) approved the following recommendation:**

**\*Item 07-03. Mission and Program Budget, Recommendation 3.**

**That Recommendation 3. is approved with amendment to read 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.]**

**“The General Assembly Council recommends that the 216th General Assembly (2004) approve the 2005 General Assembly Mission Budget and Program in the amount of \$114,891,603 for revenue, and expenditures in the amount of \$114,387,431, and the 2006 General Assembly Mission Budget and Program in the total amount of \$115,048,841], and direct the General**

**Assembly Council to make the adjustments necessary to incorporate into these budgets the items with financial implications that have been approved by the 216th General Assembly (2004)].”**

The assembly voted not to reconsider the motion to refer the Stated Clerk election process to COGA.

### **Speak-Out**

Commissioners, advisory delegates, and corresponding members were given an opportunity to speak out on issues of importance to them that were not related to business before the assembly. The speak-out period lasted five minutes, with thirty-second limits on individual speeches.

## **REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES**

Report Two of the Assembly Committee on General Assembly Procedures was presented by its moderator, Judith Hartley. Hartley reported that actions taken by the assembly have increased the per capita budget by \$8,900 in 2004, \$155,972 in 2005, and \$162,088 in 2006. The assembly approved Item 03-16, recommendation 1. as amended. The assembly approved Item 03-16, recommendation 2. The assembly approved Item 03-16, recommendation 3. as amended. The assembly approved commissioners' vouchers amounting to a total sum of \$177,610.11 plus an additional 114 vouchers yet to be processed according to the same policies.

This concluded the report of the committee and is as follows:

**The 216th General Assembly (2004) approved the following recommendations:**

**Item 03-16. Per Capita Budget.**

**1. That Recommendation 3.a. is approved as amended. [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.]**

**“a. approve the Proposed 2005 Per Capita Expenditure Budget totaling ~~[\$12,403,390]~~ [\$12,559,362] and a Proposed 2006 Expenditure Budget totaling ~~[\$15,003,117]~~ [\$15,165,205];**”

**2. That Recommendation 3.b. is approved.**

**3. That Recommendation 4. is approved as amended. [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.]**

**“4. The Committee of the Office of the General Assembly and the General Assembly Council recommend two proposals to the 216th General Assembly (2004) for determining a per capita apportionment rate for each year 2005, and 2006:**

**“~~[Proposal I: To approve a per capita rate of \$5.46 for 2005, per active member (a reduction of five cents per capita), and a per capita rate of \$5.56 for 2006 (an increase of ten cents per capita), OR]~~**

**“Proposal II: To approve a per capita rate of ~~[\$5.51]~~ [\$5.57] for each year 2005 and 2006, per active member ~~(same as in 2004, without change for the two years).~~”**

**Commissioners' Vouchers.**

**The Assembly Committee on General Assembly Procedures is also charged with approving commissioners' expense vouchers.**

**The Assembly Committee on General Assembly Procedures recommended that the 216th General Assembly (2004) approve commissioners' vouchers amounting to a total sum of \$177,610.11 plus an additional 114 vouchers yet to be processed according to the same policies.**

The youth advisory delegates from the committee offered thanks to members of the Committee on Local Arrangements and all the volunteers.

### **OGA Thanks to 2002 Local Committee**

The Moderator recognized Assistant Stated Clerks Dennis Cobb and Deb Davies for a presentation to the Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA) from the Presbytery of the James. Dennis Cobb introduced COLA Co-moderators R. Jack Sadler and Pat Valentine and thanked them for their service to the church on behalf of the 216th General Assembly (2002). Cobb presented the COLA co-moderators with a gift of a stoneware plate engraved to the Presbytery of the James. Cobb then presented a gift of a banner to the Moderator from the participants in the Project Burning Bush, a program of Union Theological Seminary.

### **Youth Advisory Delegate Presentation**

Moderator recognized Anthony Elfering and Helen Halverson, co-moderators of the Youth Advisory Delegate Caucus, for a youth advisory delegate presentation. Gifts were presented to the Stated Clerk and to the Moderator.

### **Greetings from the 2006 Local Arrangements Committee, Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley**

Moderator recognized the co-moderator of the 217th General Assembly (2006), Dana Waters, to bring greetings from the 2006 Committee on Local Arrangements of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. Waters introduced a video on the city of Birmingham.

### **Introduction of Leadership for Year Ahead General Assembly Council and the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly**

Moderator Ufford-Chase recognized Neal Presa, vice-chairperson of the General Assembly Council (GAC), and Katherine Cunningham, moderator of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA). Katherine Cunningham introduced the new COGA moderator, Steve Grace, and the new vice-moderator, Jim Collie. Grace recognized the work of Katherine Cunningham during the past year as moderator. Presa introduced the new General Assembly Council chair, Nancy Kahaian, and the vice-chair, Paul Masquelier.

#### **Thanks to Staff**

Moderator Ufford-Chase recognized Stated Clerk Clifton Kirkpatrick, who expressed thanks to staff, volunteers, and the 216th General Assembly (2004) Committee on Local Arrangements. Kirkpatrick introduced a brief video showing the work done behind the scenes to get ready for the assembly meeting.

#### **Announcements**

Kirkpatrick announced that 372 commissioners have contributed a total of \$6,928 to hunger efforts in the region through their observation of a simple meal during the course of the assembly. A total of 1,763 books and more than \$4,000 in cash was received for the program Books for Ghana.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moderator gave a prayer and blessing to the assembly and declared “By the authority granted to me by the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* and the

rules of this assembly, I declare the 216th General Assembly (2004) adjourned, and dissolved upon the convening of the 217th General Assembly (2006) on June 15, 2006, in Birmingham, Alabama.” The 216th General Assembly (2004) stood adjourned at 11:35 a.m.