

ITEM D.102
ACTION ITEM FOR GAC BUSINESS

<i>FOR GAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>			
A. Evangelism	X	D. Vocation	G. PC(USA), A Corporation
B. Justice		E. Stewardship	H. Executive Committee
C. Discipleship		F. Audit	I. Personnel Committee
P. Plenary			

Subject:

Interim committee to work with Mission Personnel Relations Office of World Mission in approving mission personnel appointments between GAC meetings.

Recommendations:

- 1. That the Leadership and Vocation Committee authorize an interim committee of Bill Saul, Betty Jones, Doug Megill, and Andy Sonneborn to work with the Mission Personnel Relations Office so mission personnel appointments may continue to be made between GAC meetings. A new committee will be named at the September GAC meeting.**
- 2. That the General Assembly Council will give this sub-committee and future appointed sub-committees of the L & V committee the designated authority to officially approve any mission personnel actions in their name and on their behalf. The Actions they approve would then be brought to the GAC for confirmation only.**

Background:

According to the Mission Co-Worker Handbook of the Presbyterian Church (USA) approved by the General Assembly Council in February 2001 the following is required for their appointment:

(Handbook pg. 14)

B. Appointment Action

Mission personnel of World Mission are employees of the General Assembly. As mission personnel, an appointment "Action" which defines the term of service and details of appointment will be reviewed and submitted for approval by the General Assembly Council at one of its regular meetings. At the conclusion of Orientation a copy of the appointment Action will be mailed to the church, (or presbytery) of each newly appointed person.

The current process for approving Mission Personnel Actions has been for a sub-committee of the Leadership & Vocation committee to look closely at the actions and send the approval to the Mission Personnel Relations Office in World Mission. Then all the Actions that have been approved by the sub-committee are brought to the GAC for general approval. These personnel actions are happening on a regular basis and thus a committee needs to be available to review and approve them before each GAC meeting. Since most of the members of the Leadership and Vocation committee are rotating off in June, the above action makes provision for continuing this responsibility. Also, an internal audit has illuminated the fact that many mission personnel are appointed before they can be officially approved at a GAC meeting. In order to comply with our guidelines we ask that the sub-committee have the authority to approve the Actions when GAC is not meeting.