

**ITEM P.102**  
**ACTION ITEM FOR GAC BUSINESS**

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	A. Evangelism		D. Vocation		G. PC(USA), A Corporation
	B. Justice		E. Stewardship		H. Executive Committee
	C. Discipleship		F. Audit		I. Personnel Committee
X	P. Plenary				

**Subject: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Incorporation Task Force**

**Recommendation:** The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Incorporation Task Force recommends the GAC not proceed with incorporation of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This recommendation is based on research done by the PDA Inc. Task Force and given the challenges and expenses involved, the PDA Inc. Task Force.

**Background:**

See attached PowerPoint Slides

# Interim Report

## **GAC Task Force on the Incorporation of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

# Task Force Membership

- Carol Hylkema
- Joseph Johnson
- Betty Jones
- Eileen Lindner
- Carolyn McLarnan
- Gary Skinner
- Linda Scholl
- Karl Travis

## Staff

- Martha Clark, General Counsel
- Eric Graninger, General Counsel (thru February 2008)
- Annette Wimsett, Sr. Administrative Assistant,  
Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry

# Task Force Process

# Review of Items in Study Team Report

A Progress Report



## Items Addressed to Date...

- Item **B**: Regarding One Great Hour of Sharing
- Item **C**: Regarding promotion of One Great Hour of Sharing
- Item **D**: Regarding funds development, three sources
- Item **G**: Regarding Government Funds

## Items Addressed to Date...

- Item **I**: Regarding a Business Plan
- Item **M**: Regarding restrictions on government funding
- Item **N**: Regarding percentage of government funds relative to overall budget
- Item **O**: Regarding criteria as to registering in foreign nations

## Items Addressed to Date...

- Item **P**: Regarding grants to other PCUSA development entities
- Item **Q**: Regarding staff members being Presbyterian
- Item **K**: Understanding the potential for corporate matching gifts

## Issues Yet to Be Resolved...

- Item **A**: Regarding continuation of Advisory Committee
- Item **E**: Regarding use of GAC's Communications and Funds Development
- Item **F**: Regarding PDA Inc's use of other GAC support services
- Item **H**: Regarding meeting the standards of charitable relief corporations

## Issues Yet to Be Resolved...

- Item **J**: Regarding costs of meeting the reporting needs of the new corporation
- Item **R**: Interpreting a new PDA within the church's broader mission
- Item **S**: Liability and Risk Management

# GAC Discussion:

What are the merits  
of incorporation?



# Primary Advantages of Incorporation

- Improve donor convenience to give through corporate matching gifts
- Broaden the Presbyterian witness (to be listed on charitable websites, etc.)
- Assist international registration
- Ability to access government and other organizations' funds

# Primary Challenges of Incorporation

- Hopes for incorporation may not be realized
  - Matching corporate funds are uncertain and insubstantial
  - Increased accounting and administrative expenses likely to overshadow growth in budget
  - Expense of creating and maintaining the corporation higher than anticipated
  - International registration is complex and uncertain, and may unintentionally strain historic ecumenical partnerships
  - Government funds come with expensive reporting requirements and cumbersome limitations

## Next Step

GAC makes decision to  
move forward,  
or not to move forward