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**MINUTES OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY COUNCIL
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

Seventy-ninth Stated Meeting

**Louisville, Kentucky
February 7–11, 2006**

**As Recorded by the Staff of the
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**Minutes of the
General Assembly Council
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

February 7–11, 2006

The seventy-ninth stated business meeting of the General Assembly Council (GAC) was held February 7-11, 2006, at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Pre-meeting events, held September 6–7, 2006, are noted for information.

Monday, February 6

The Personnel Subcommittee met from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Louisville Room of the Brown Hotel, followed by dinner in the Louis XVI Room.

Tuesday, February 7

Breakfast was served at 7:00 a.m. in Broadway C of the Brown Hotel.

The Restricted Funds Subcommittee met from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Louis XVI Room of the Brown Hotel.

The Executive Committee met from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Broadway B of the Brown Hotel.

The Executive Committee met jointly with the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly for lunch at 12:00 p.m. in Broadway C of the Brown Hotel.

The Executive Committee met jointly with the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Gallery Ballroom of the Brown Hotel.

Convene

The General Assembly Council convened at 3:35 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Nancy Kahaian, Chair of the General Assembly Council, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Kerry Clements, Associate Stated Clerk, Office of the General Assembly, called the roll by naming the absentees and reporting requests to be excused.

The Following Members of the General Assembly Council Present for All or Part of the Time Were:

Elder Jonathan N. Abiera, Elder Frank Adams, Elder Carol J. Adcock, The Reverend Susan R. Andrews (Dr.), The Reverend Judy A. Angleberger, Elder Stephen N. Benz, Elder John Bolt, Elder Frances N. Calderwood, Elder Maximo J. Callao (Dr.), Elder J. Michael Castonis, The Reverend George M. Conn Jr., Elder John E. Davison, Elder Pamila G. Deichmann, Elder Jean Demmler, The Reverend Karen E. Dimon,

Elder Charles F. Easley Sr., The Reverend B. Gordon Edwards, The Reverend Susan J. Ezell, Elder Joanne V. Fassett, Elder Alan D. Ford, Elder Issac St. Clair Freeman, Elder Kristen York Gerling, The Reverend Thomas W. Gillespie, Elder Edwin A. Gonzalez, The Reverend Lewis Spottswood Graves, Elder Esperanza Guajardo, Elder Carol G. Hylkema, Elder Frances D. Irwin, Elder Mary Jane Jakobsen, Elder Betty C. Jones, Elder LaVert W. Jones, The Reverend Nancy Kahaian, The Reverend Mary Marks King, The Reverend James G. Kirk, The Reverend Linda A. Knieriemen, Elder Carolyn C. Knight, Elder Michael W. Kruse, Elder Yong Lee, The Reverend Melvin G. Lowry, Elder Jacquelin J. Lyman, The Reverend Paul J. Masquelier Jr., Elder Carolyn M. McLarnan, Elder Doug Megill, Elder Ann H. Moe, The Reverend Dale Lindsay Morgan, Elder Kenneth R. Newbold, Elder Alice Okazaki, Elder Manley E. Olson, Elder Ethan R-C Powell, Elder Catherine P. Rasa, Elder Ellen R. Rexing, The Reverend Joe W. Rigsby, Elder Conrad M. Rocha, Elder Bill Saul, Elder Linda Scholl, The Reverend Danny K. Schomer, The Reverend Allison K. Seed, The Reverend Gary F. Skinner, Elder Andrew B. Sonneborn, Andrea Catherine Stokes, The Reverend Linda W. Toth, Elder Rick Ufford-Chase, Elder Mary Lynn Walters, and Elder Jim Dave Wilson.

Elder Choong Jeong Kim was absent.

Ecumenical Advisory: Douglas E. Theuner.

Corresponding: Mary C. (Molly) Baskin, The Reverend Karen Breckenridge, The Reverend Zane K. Buxton, The Reverend James M. Collie, Elder John J. Detterick, The Reverend Tom Gillespie, The Reverend Nile Harper, Elder Evelyn Kelly, The Reverend Clifton Kirkpatrick (Dr.), The Reverend Jean Marie Peacock, and Elder Earldean V.S. Robbins.

The Following Members of the General Assembly Council Staff--Office of the Executive Director, Present for All or Part of the Time Were: Wanda Fuller (Ms.), Debbie Gardiner (Ms.), Nancy Hamilton (Ms.), and Alejandra Sherman (Ms.).

The Following Division Directors, the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director, the Deputy for Mission Support Services, and the Presidents of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc., Board of Pensions, and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation Present for All or Part of the Time Were: Elder Joey Bailey, The Reverend Donald G. Campbell, Elder John Detterick, The Reverend Jay Hudson, The Reverend Curtis A. Kearns, Jr., The Reverend Helen Locklear, Elder Rob Maggs, The Reverend Marian McClure, Elder Davis Perkins, and The Reverend Gary Torrens.

The Following Invited Participants, Guests, Observers, and Staff Present for All of Part of the Time Were: John Adams (Mr.), The Reverend Tony Aja, Elder Loyda Aja, Elder Walter Baker, Elder Beth Basham (Dr.), The Reverend James D. Berkley, The Reverend Edward Brogan, The Reverend Will Browne, The Reverend Vernon Broyles, Elder Patricia Chapman, Teresa Chrappa (Ms.), The Reverend Kerry Clements, Vennie Constant (Ms.), The Reverend Dennis Cobb, The Reverend Gary Cook, Brian Coulter (Mr.), Barry Creech (Mr.), The Reverend Belinda Curry, Deborah Davies (Ms.), Elder Mary Lou Davison, David Dobson (Mr.), Judy Gollither (Ms.), Elder Steve Grace, Eric Graninger (Mr.), Pam Green (Ms.), The Reverend Pat Hendrix, The Reverend Lee Hinson-Hasty, The Reverend Chris Iosso, The Reverend Elenora Giddings Ivory, Greg Kapfhammer (Mr.), Paula Kinkaid (Ms.), The Reverend Mark Koenig, Elder Sara Lisherness, Elder Gary Luhr, The Reverend Angela Madden, The Reverend Victor Makari, Elder Sandra Moak, Margaret G. Mulloy (Ms.), The Reverend Marcia Clark Myers, The Reverend David Nelson, Elder Lillian Oats, The Reverend

Emily Odom, The Reverend Jan Opdyke, The Reverend Gradye Parsons, The Reverend Kathy Reeves, Elder Joan Richardson, Elder Susan Ryan, The Reverend Teresa Chavez Saucedo, The Reverend Les Sauer, Leslie Scanlon (Ms.), Elder Terry Schlossberg, Evan Silverstein (Mr.), The Reverend Bill Simmons, The Reverend Joe Small, Elder Valerie Small, The Reverend Alexa Smith, Elder Mary Elva Smith, The Reverend Bill Somplatsky-Jarman, Elder Jesse Swanigan, The Reverend James Thomas, The Reverend Carol Tompkins, Gail Tucker (Ms.), The Reverend David L. Van Arsdale, The Reverend Jerry Van Marter, Regina Wampler (Ms.), Cynthia White (Ms.), The Reverend Charles Wiley, and The Reverend Sharon Youngs.

ACTION 1-206 Approve Excused Absences

Excuses were offered on behalf of the following persons, and upon motion from the floor, the General Assembly Council **VOTED** to excuse these members from this meeting: Elder Edwin A. Gonzalez, The Reverend Lewis Spottswood Graves, The Reverend Mark E. Hong, Elder Reginald S. Kuhn, The Reverend John C. Pruitt, Elder Gretta M. Simon, Elder Jane Westfall; corresponding member: Elder Robert D. Brink; and ecumenical advisory member Douglas W. Fromm.

Quorum

A quorum was declared present for the transaction of business.

Plans for Evening Worship

Rick Ufford-Chase, Moderator of the 216th General Assembly, was recognized. Ufford-Chase updated the council on plans for the evening worship.

Appointments

Kahaian announced the following appointments for the meeting:
Parliamentarian: Zane Buxton; and
New business committee: Dan Schomer, Mary Lynn Walters.

Kahaian announced that the deadline for new business is Friday at 12 noon.

ACTION 2-206 Approve Agenda

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the agenda (Appendix 1).

Orientation to Les

Sharon Youngs provided a brief orientation to Les, the electronic system developed for reading and tracking business for a meeting of the General Assembly.

ACTION 3-206 Approve Fall 2005 Minutes

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of September, 2005 as presented. Typographical errors discovered after the minutes have been printed have been corrected in the official record.

Review of Topics

Kahaian reviewed the major topics of this meeting.

Discussion of Governance Task Force Report

Led by Chair Carol Adcock, members of the Governance Task Force, using a “fishbowl” methodology, engaged in a discussion of the proposal from the task force.

Performance Excellence Task Force Report

Chairperson Karen Dimon, reported on the work of the Performance Excellence Task Force, and how it intersects with the Mission Work Plan.

Mission Work Plan ‘07-’08 Report

Chair Charles Easley, along with members of the Mission Work Plan ‘07-’08 Task Force, presented a report on the work of the group.

Recess

Following announcements made by Kahaian, the council recessed at 5:55 p.m. with prayer offered by Kris Gerling.

The council met jointly for dinner with members of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly in the Bluegrass Room of the Brown Hotel at 6:15 p.m. Following dinner, a service of worship was held at Central Presbyterian Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the council were invited to join members of the Governance Task Force for a time of conversation from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Broadway A of the Brown Hotel.

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

The council met for breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Bluegrass Room of the Brown Hotel.

Worship and Reconvene

A service of worship was held in the Crystal Ballroom beginning at 8:30 a.m. Following worship, Kahaian reconvened the council at 9:10 a.m.

Election of Officers

Parliamentarian Zane Buxton outlined the procedures for the election of officers. Walter Baker and Karen Breckenridge will serve as tellers.

Ann Moe presented the report of the General Assembly Council Nominating Committee concerning the election of officers for 2006-2007.

The names of John Bolt, Charles Easley, Carol Hylkema, and Allison Seed were brought to the floor to stand for Chair of the General Assembly Council, 2006-2007. There were no other nominations from the floor. The tellers distributed paper ballots to all voting members.

While the ballots were being tallied, Steve Benz presented a report on the work of East Tennessee Presbytery in responding to the needs of the Katrina hurricane through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

ACTION 4-206 Elect Allison Seed as Chair, 2006–2007

On the second ballot, the General Assembly Council **VOTED** to elect Allison Seed to serve as chair of the General Assembly Council for 2006-2007.

The names of John Bolt, Charles Easley, and Carol Hylkema were brought to the floor to stand for Vice-Chair of the General Assembly Council, 2006-2007. The tellers distributed ballots to all voting members. During tallying of the ballots, Francie Irwin reported on a mission trip planned by her congregation to Gulfport, Mississippi, to aid in Katrina relief.

ACTION 5-206 Elect Charles Easley as Vice–Chair, 2006–2007

On the first ballot, the General Assembly Council **VOTED** to elect Charles Easley to serve as vice–chair of the General Assembly Council for 2006-2007.

Recess and Reconvene

The council recessed for a break at 9:47 a.m. and reconvened at 9:53 a.m.

Change Dynamics Presentation

Kahaian introduced Jay Wittmeyer from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, who made a presentation based on change dynamics to the council.

The council recessed for a break at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m., at which time the change dynamics presentation was resumed.

Recess for Lunch

The council recessed at 12 noon with prayer offered by Melvin Lowry, and met for lunch in the English Grill of the Brown Hotel.

Reconvene and Recess

The council reconvened at 1:05 p.m. and engaged in conversation around the morning's presentation. The council then recessed with prayer offered by Paul Masquelier at 1:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

The council met in assigned committees from 2:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Conversation with Members of Governance Task Force

Members of the council were invited to join the members of the Governance Task Force for a time of conversation from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in J. Graham Brown Room of the Brown Hotel.

The council met with assigned committees for dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 9, 2006

The council met for breakfast in the English Grill of the Brown Hotel from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Committee Meetings/Lunch

The council met in assigned committees from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The council met for lunch in the English Grill from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The council met in assigned committees from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, February 10, 2006

Members of the council met for breakfast and report reading time in the Bluegrass Room of the Brown Hotel from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Members of the GAC Nominating Committee met for breakfast in the J. Graham Brown Room of the Brown Hotel at 7:30 a.m.

Worship/Reconvene

The council met for worship at 8:30 a.m. in the Crystal Ballroom. The General Assembly Council was reconvened in the Crystal Ballroom by Chair Nancy Kahaian at 9:00 a.m.

Orientation to Les

Kerry Clements provided a brief orientation to Les, the electronic system for delivering documents used at the meeting.

Governance Task Force Report

Kahaian called on Carol Adcock, chair of the Governance Task Force, to present the recommendation. After a few preliminary remarks, on behalf of the task force, Adcock moved the adoption of the structure for GAC as outlined in the report (Appendix 2).

ACTION 6-206 Approve Amendment to Increase Youth/Young Adult Membership on GAC

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to amend the recommendation by changing the numbers of youth/young adult members from three to four youth/young adult members, increasing the number of presbytery executives and synod executives by one, and decreasing the number of GA (General Assembly) commissioners from three from the three previous assemblies to two GA commissioners from the three previous assemblies.

ACTION 7-206 Approve Amendment to Add One Corresponding Member from COGA

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to amend the recommendation to read that the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly be represented by one corresponding member on the General Assembly Council.

A motion that the vote on this task force recommendation (as amended) be taken by paper ballot failed.

ACTION 8-206 Approve Reconsideration of Motion to Take Vote by Paper Ballot

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to reconsider their previous vote on the motion to vote on the task force recommendation by paper ballot.

ACTION 9-206 Approve Voting on Task Force Recommendation by Paper Ballot

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to take the vote on the Governance Task Force recommendation by paper ballot.

Break/Reconvene

Ballots were distributed to voting members. While tellers tallied the votes, the council recessed for a break from 10:25 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Upon reconvening, Kahaian announced the results.

ACTION 10–206 Approve Governance Task Force Recommendation, As Amended

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the Governance Task Force recommendation (as amended by Action 6-206 and Action 7-206). [A copy of the amended recommendation is found in Appendix 3.]

ACTION 11–206 Approve Changes to Documents Related to Governance Task Force Recommendation

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve changes to the *Book of Order*, the General Assembly Council's *Manual of Operations*, and the *Organization for Mission* as outlined in Appendix 2, with the following changes and notations:

- Other related changes consistent with the action taken.
- Changes to the *Book of Order*, the General Assembly Council's *Manual of Operations*, and the *Organization for Mission* documents affected by the amendments that were made to the Governance Task Force plan adopted by the GAC in Action 10-206.
- A correction in the *Book of Order* amendment concerning section 13.0202, in which reference should be made to “three” classes, rather than “two.”
- A correction in the *Book of Order* amendment concerning section G-13.0107 (last sentence on representation) to include a reference to G-4.0403.

Mission Work Plan (2007–2008) Team Report

Chair Charles Easley reported for the Mission Work Plan (2007–2008) Team. On behalf of the team, Easley moved the recommendation in the team's report (Appendix 4).

ACTION 12–206 Approve Amendment to Strike “Religious;” Insert “Church”

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to amend the recommendation by striking “religious” and inserting “church” in the section on evangelism.

ACTION 13–206 Approve Amendment to Section on Reformed Identity

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to amend the section of the recommendation on Reformed Identity so that it now reads as follows [strike-through indicates deletion; *italics* indicates language to be inserted]: “Encourage and support presbyteries and congregations to further develop their members' ability to appreciate and understand their Reformed identity, *experience and practice disciplines of reformed spirituality*, and apply ~~it~~ *them* in today's world. (Spirituality and Discipleship.)”

ACTION 14–206 Approve Recommendation of Mission Work Plan Team 2007–2008, As Amended

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the recommendation of the Mission Work Plan Team 2007–2008 as amended by Action 12-206 and Action 13-206. [A copy of the amended recommendation is

found in Appendix 5.]

Mission Initiative Report

Bill Saul presented a report on the progress of the Mission Initiative: Joining Hearts and Hands campaign. Saul introduced Tim Hart-Anderson, who spoke to a gift to support an HIV/AIDS project in Cameroon through the Mission Initiative project.

Update on Vice-Moderator

Kahaian recognized Jean Marie Peacock, Vice-Moderator of the 216th General Assembly (2004). Peacock provided an update on the work of her congregation in New Orleans during the Hurricane Katrina aftermath. Moderator Rick Ufford-Chase offered prayer for the Katrina victims and the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Recess for Lunch

The council recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. following prayer led by Betty Jones. The council met for lunch in the Bluegrass Room.

Reconvene

Kahaian reconvened the council at 1:05 p.m.

Doug Theuner, ecumenical advisory member of the council, spoke to ongoing conversation in the Presbyterian-Episcopal bilateral dialogue.

Paul Masquelier assumed the chair.

Mission Funding Task Force

Conrad Rocha presented a report on the work of the Mission Funding Task Force.

Greetings from the Church of South Africa

Cliff Kirkpatrick introduced guests from the Church of South Africa, who brought greetings to the church and to the council.

Advocacy Committee on Womens' Concerns

Karen Breckenridge presented a brief report on the work of the advocacy committee.

Presbyterian Publishing Corporation

Davis Perkins and David Dobson presented a report on the work of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.

Recess/Reconvene

Masquelier recessed the council for a break at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened the council at 2:12 p.m.

Advocacy Committee on Racial Ethnic Concerns

Evelyn Kelly presented a report on the work of the advocacy committee.

Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy

Nile Harper presented a report on the work of the advisory committee.

Audit Committee Report

Chair Karen Dimon presented the report of the Audit Committee. The following items were highlighted for information:

- Approval of the administrative record of September 22, 2005;
- Approval of Internal Control Assurance Review for the Theology work area;
- Receipt of follow-up on the Immigrant Ministries work area;
- Approval of the internal audit for the Stewardship and Mission Funding work area;
- Discussion of the audit committee's actions from the September 2005 General Assembly Council meeting;
- Discussion of the General Assembly's referral from Special Offerings Review Task Force;
- Approval of revision to the Audit Plan;
- Receipt of update on the Congregational Ministries Publishing internal audit; and
- Election of Mary Lynn Walters as Audit Committee Chair for 2006-2007.

Recess/Reconvene

Masquelier recessed the council for a break at 2:40 p.m. and reconvened the council at 2:45 p.m.

General Assembly Council Nominating Committee

Ann Moe reported for the General Assembly Council Nominating Committee.

ACTION 15–206 Elect Okazaki, Knight, and Wilson to PILP Board

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to elect and forward for confirmation by the 217th General Assembly (2006) the following named individuals to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program, Inc. Board of Directors:

- Alice Okazaki, Class of 2008
- Carolyn Knight, Class of 2010
- Jim Dave Wilson, Class of 2010

ACTION 16–206 Forward Name of Ford to GANC for Election to BOP

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to forward to the General Assembly Nominating Committee for election by the 217th General Assembly (2006), the following named individual to the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A:

- Alan D. Ford, Class of 2010

ACTION 17–206 Forward Names of Edwards and Guarjardo to GANC for Election to ACSWP

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to forward to the General Assembly Nominating Committee (GANC) for election by the 217th General Assembly (2006), the following named individuals to the

Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy:

- B. Gordon Edwards, Class of 2008
- Esperanza Guajardo, Class of 2010

ACTION 18–206 Forward Name of Deichmann to GANC for Election to Stated Clerk Review/Nomination Committee

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to forward to the General Assembly Nominating Committee for election by the 217th General Assembly (2006), the following named individual to the Stated Clerk Review/Nomination Committee:

- Pamila G. Deichmann

ACTION 19–206 Elect Gillespie, Gonzalez, and Okazaki to GAC Executive Committee

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to elect the following named individuals as at-large members of the GAC Executive Committee:

- Thomas W. Gillespie, Class of 2007
- Edwin A. Gonzalez, Class of 2007
- Alice Okazaki, Class of 2007

ACTION 20–206 Elect Guajardo to End of Term Review of Kearns

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to elect the following named individual to serve on the end-of-term review team of National Ministries Division Director Curtis Kearns:

- Esperanza Guajardo

Kahaian assumed the chair.

Divestment Issue

Kahaian recognized Moderator Rick Ufford-Chase, who called for a period of discernment prior to the next GAC meeting in April on the issue of divestment.

Change in the Church

Lee Hinson-Hasty introduced Ted Wardlaw, president of Austin Seminary, who made a presentation to the council on the topic “Change in the Church.”

Recess

Kahaian noted that the council would reconvene at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2006. The first report on that day will be from the Worldwide Ministries Division Committee.

The council was recessed at 4:35 p.m. with prayer led by Esperanza Guajardo.

At 6:00 p.m. the council gathered for dinner in the Gallery Ballroom at the Brown Hotel, followed by a time of entertainment at 7:30 p.m. with the West Market Street Stompers, a traditional New Orleans jazz band.

Saturday, February 11

The council met for breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the Bluegrass Room of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, followed by a period of reading.

Reconvene

GAC Chair Nancy Kahaian called the meeting to order with prayer at 8:45 a.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel.

Les Orientation

Sharon Youngs provided a brief overview of features now available on the electronic business system (Les) in use at this meeting of the council and asked all participants to provide feedback by completing the evaluation instrument.

Worldwide Ministries Division Committee Report

Sue Ezell presented the report of the Worldwide Ministries Division Committee.

ACTION 21–206 Approve Marian McClure for Term as WMD Director

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve Marian McClure for a four year term of office as Director of the Worldwide Ministries Division (WMD).

ACTION 22–206 Approve WMD Final Response to Referrals to 217th GA

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the final responses to referrals from Worldwide Ministries Division to the 217th General Assembly (2006). [Full text of the responses is found in Appendix 6.]

ACTION 23–206 Approve Covenant with Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the covenant {Appendix 7} continuing the Validated Mission Support Group relationship between the General Assembly Council and the Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship for another five years (the spring meeting of the GAC in 2011).

ACTION 24–206 Authorize Staff to Proceed in Palestinian Resolution

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to authorize staff to proceed in the following way in responding to the action of the 216th General Assembly (2004) on Commissioners' Resolution 04-19:

1. Prepare detailed plans which:

- A) Promote visits to the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza;
- b) Support our Palestinian Christian partners in providing low-cost housing for their communities, and;

- c) Expand international marketing for Palestinian crafts and products.
2. In these economic development plans, honor PC(USA) policy regarding opposition to the use of violence and terror, and regarding the right of Israel and Palestine to exist within legitimate and secure borders.
3. Report further to the General Assembly Council in April 2006.

ACTION 25–206 Express Appreciation to Incorporation Study Team

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to express its appreciation for the work of the Relief and Development Incorporation Study Team whose members include: Jerry Bedford, Chair, Fahed Abu-Akel, Elizabeth Braun, Barbara Campbell-Davis, Louise Davidson, Gordon Edwards, and Bruce Gillette.

On behalf of the committee, Ezell moved the following recommendation (G-G01):

That the General Assembly Council (GAC) approves and forward the following recommendations from the report of the Presbyterian Relief and Development Study Team to the 217th General Assembly (2006) as amended:

1. Approve formation of a new charitable corporation to be called Presbyterian Relief and Development, Inc. in order to:
 - a. Strengthen the responsiveness and effectiveness of Presbyterian relief and development programs.
 - b. Enhance Presbyterians' awareness of, involvement in and support for these activities.
 - c. Generate public awareness of and wider support for Presbyterian relief and development programs.
 - d. Facilitate closer collaboration with Presbyterian and other partners in these ministries.
2. Approve the mission of this new corporation be as follows:
 - A. Responding to the needs of people and communities impacted by disasters through immediate relief, rebuilding, mitigation, and preparedness efforts.
 - b. Seeking grassroots empowerment and economic development in communities impacted by poverty, neglect, war, environmental degradation, political oppression and unjust policies.
 - c. Educating the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (PCUSA) and the public about the realities and causes of disasters and poverty, and about the personal, corporate, and governmental actions needed to address them.
 - d. Advocating for national and international policies and programs that benefit those most impacted by disasters, poverty, and injustice and that empower their self-development.

- e. Supporting the PCUSA at all levels, its partner churches, and its ecumenical partners, in similar relief and development efforts.
 - f. Providing channels by which PCUSA congregations and individuals can support the relief and development efforts of the PCUSA, its international partner churches, and ecumenical alliances.
 - g. Administering, in accordance with the directives of the benefactors, endowment income relating to relief, development, hunger, refugee assistance, and health that are assigned to it by the PCUSA.
3. Adopt the accompanying Deliverance, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for Presbyterian Relief and Development, Inc. (Appendices 8, 9, and 10).
 4. Approve that the new corporation be formed effective January 1, 2007, if the way be clear.
 5. Approve that the corporation shall report to the General Assembly Council.
 6. Approve that the initial President of the new corporation be nominated by Worldwide Ministries Division (WMD) for election by the GAC subject to confirmation by the 218th General Assembly (2008).
 7. Approve that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), and Jinishian Memorial Program (JMP) be incorporated into the new entity as detailed in the Deliverance, and that the staff of these programs be assigned to the new corporation as of the incorporation date.
 8. Approve that all assets, liabilities, and income streams assigned to these programs be transferred to the new corporation as of the incorporation date, and that the new corporation be assigned these programs' current share of One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) income.
 9. Approve that the new corporation be housed in the Presbyterian Center and that GAC personnel and compensation policies guide its Board of Directors.
 10. Approve that a Memorandum of Understanding be drafted by the WMD to address additional details of the working relationship between GAC and Presbyterian Relief and Development, Inc. not addressed in these recommendations and documents, and that the GAC review and affirm the Memorandum of Understanding annually.

And further recommends that the GAC:

11. Make provision for nominating a slate of candidates for initial membership on the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.
12. Approve that WMD request International Health Ministries (IHM) and the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) to study the comparative benefits of being included in Presbyterian Relief and Development, Inc. and bring a recommendation to the WMD Committee to bring to the GAC.

13. Recommend that the GAC Governance Task Force and the GAC Executive Committee review the board structure section and recommend changes, if necessary, to the April 2006 GAC meeting.

ACTION 26–206 Postpone Consideration of Recommendation G-G01 until April, 2006, GAC Meeting

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to postpone consideration of recommendation G-G01 from the Worldwide Ministries Division Committee (separate incorporation of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Jinishian Memorial Program as a charitable organization) until the council's April meeting to provide time for additional study and reflection, seeking particular consultation with the Mission Funding Task Force and others as may be appropriate, addressing the following issues and others as may arise. [Authors of this motion noted that: we recognize that this also effectively delays final action on possible incorporation until the 2008 General Assembly.]

ACTION 27–206 Reconsider Motion to Postpone Action on Recommendation G-G01 until April, 2006, GAC Meeting

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to reconsider Action 26-206.

ACTION 28–206 Defeat Motion to Postpone Action on Recommendation G-G01

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to defeat the motion to postpone consideration of recommendation G-G01 until the April 2006 meeting of the GAC.

Kahaian announced that the motion originally made by the WMD Committee (recommending approval of item G-G01) is the current motion on the floor.

ACTION 29–206 Postpone Consideration of Recommendation G-G01 until April, 2006, GAC Meeting

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to postpone consideration of recommendation G-G01 from the Worldwide Ministries Division Committee until the council's April meeting.

ACTION 30–206 Approve Exemption to PDA Guidelines

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to:

1. Approve a one-time exemption to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Operating Guidelines to allow a portion of the donations to the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita humanitarian response account to be used for the purpose of rebuilding Presbyterian churches in the affected region
2. Request that the PDA Advisory Committee be provided a complete plan for using all available resources for church rebuilding before any humanitarian response funds are used for this purpose
3. Stipulate that the amount of Disaster Assistance humanitarian response funds committed to church rebuilding (in addition to giving specifically for this purpose) shall not exceed 20%

of the total non on-line giving to the general humanitarian assistance account for the months of September 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006

4. Clarify that this action represents neither a permanent change nor a suspension to the PDA Operating Guidelines.

ACTION 31–206 Approve Commissioning of Mission Personnel by Session, Presbytery, or Synod

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** that:

1. For Mission Personnel and volunteers called and sent by the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. as a denomination, a session, presbytery or synod may commission said mission personnel and volunteers, within the context of worship, and with representation of staff or elected from various governing bodies of the church, including the General Assembly Council.
2. Resources should be developed that can be used by a session, presbytery or synod for commissioning services.

Recess/Reconvene

The council recessed for a break at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Congregational Ministries Division Committee Report

Charles Easley presented the report of the Congregational Ministries Division Committee.

ACTION 32–206 Approve CMD Report to GA

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the report of the Congregational Ministries Division to the General Assembly (Appendix 11).

Masquelier assumed the chair.

National Ministries Division Committee Report

Allison Seed presented the report of the National Ministries Division Committee.

ACTION 33–206 Approve MRTI Proxy Voting Recommendations

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to:

- A. Affirm the proxy voting recommendations of the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) contained in the 2006 Shareholder Resolution Directory (Appendix 12).
- B. Request the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation/ New Covenant Trust and the Board of Pensions to vote proxies on the shareholder resolutions submitted to companies in which they own stock in accordance with the recommendation listed in the 2006 Shareholder Resolution Directory (Appendix 12).
- C. Urge the middle governing bodies, related institutions, congregations and the individual members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to give serious consideration to the proxy voting recommendations when they vote on shareholder resolutions.

ACTION 34–206 Forward NMD Report to 217th GA

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to forward the National Ministries Division report (as amended by the National Ministries Division Committee) to the 217th General Assembly (2006) for review and action (Appendix 13).

Mission Support Services Committee Report

Linda Toth and Frank Adams presented the report of the Mission Support Services Committee.

ACTION 35–206 Approve Allocation from Capital Reserve Budget

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve an allocation of \$186,850 from the Capital Reserve Budget (Appendix 14).

ACTION 36–206 Approve Allocation from PMPF for 2004 Shortfall to Fund Mission Personnel

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve an allocation from the Presbyterian Mission Program Fund (PMPF) in the amount of \$600,000 for the 2004 shortfall incurred in the giving of Directed Mission Giving to fund mission personnel.

ACTION 37–206 Approve Final Responses from PILP to 217th GA

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the final responses to referrals from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (Appendix 15) to the 217th General Assembly (2006).

ACTION 38-206 Convene as Board of PCUSA, A Corporation

At 11:15 a.m., the General Assembly Council **VOTED** to convene as the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, and Its Constituent Corporations until 11:21 a.m. The record of these proceedings has been produced in a separate document.

Karen Dimon assumed the chair.

Executive Committee

Nancy Kahaian presented the report of the Executive Committee.

ACTION 39–206 Concur with Appointment of Perkins as PPC President and Publisher

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to concur with the appointment of Dr. Davis Perkins as President and Publisher of Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.

ACTION 40–206 Approve Two Percent Adjustment for Executive Director

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve a two percent lump sum adjustment (\$3,026) for the Executive Director.

ACTION 41–206 Approve Changes to GAC Manual of Operations; Delay Action on Appendix 10

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to:

- 1) approve changes to the General Assembly Council Manual of Operations (see Appendix 16),
- 2) delay action until April 2006 on a recommendation to amend Appendix 10 of the GAC Manual of Operations, and
- 3) approve the deletion of Appendix 16 of the GAC Manual of Operations entitled “Staff Cabinets and Staff Teams.”

ACTION 42–206 Approve GAC Report to the 217th GA

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the GAC report to the 217th General Assembly (2006).

ACTION 43–206 Approve Per Capita Budget Recommendations

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the following recommendations relating to the Per Capita budget:

1. That the General Assembly Council recommend that the 217th General Assembly (2006) incorporate into the *Minutes* the 2004 and 2005 Per Capita Apportionment Budget and Statement of Activities.

2. (a) That the General Assembly Council approve and recommend to the 217th General Assembly (2006) the Proposed 2007 Expenditure Budget totaling \$12,473,683 and a Proposed 2008 Expenditure Budget totaling \$14,954,257. (Appendices 17 and 18)

(b) That the General Assembly Council approve and recommend to the 217th General Assembly (2006) that \$1,213,977 be designated from the 2007 per capita budget (about half the cost of the General Assembly meeting), and be reserved for use in the year of the General Assembly meeting (2008). (Appendices 17 and 18)

3. That the General Assembly Council, approve and recommend to the 217th General Assembly (2006) a per capita apportionment rate of \$5.72 per active member for 2007, and that the same rate be effective for 2008, without change. (Appendix 18)

ACTION 44–206 Approve Allocation of Designated Funds for OGA and GAC Task Forces

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to recommend that the 217th General Assembly (2006) approve the attached allocation of designated funds for OGA, and GAC task forces totaling \$2,199,553 for 2006, \$1,928,458 for 2007, and \$1,787,571 for 2008. (Appendix 19)

ACTION 45–206 Approve Response to Referral on Antiracism Training

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the joint COGA/GAC response to the 2004 referral, item 03-09 on Antiracism Training at General Assembly:

2004 Referral: Item 03-09. On Directing the GAC to Provide an Introduction to Antiracism Training for the Assembly in 2006, 2008, and 2010, and Making Recommendation in 2010 for Future Events – From the Presbytery of Detroit (Minutes, 2004, Part I, pp.45, 176-77). The overture was amended as follows:

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 GA (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.

Proposed Response:

The joint GAC/COGA proposal is to conduct an Introduction to antiracism training for commissioners, to include: worship, an overview of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) commitment to antiracism and the continuing impact of racism in our lives and in the church, small group exercises and discussion. The workshop will be approximately 3 hours. The staff of Justice & Compassion (NMD) and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program (CMD) will continue to work with appropriate OGA staff to implement this proposal.

Items of Information from Executive Committee

Kahaian reported the following items of information from the committee:

- The Executive Committee approved the Conflict of Interest report.
- The committee ratified the appointments to two task forces related to orientation process and to travel guidelines.
- That Executive Committee approved changing the dates for the September 2007 GAC meeting from September 26-29, 2007 to September 19-22, 2007.
- The committee approved the calling of an additional General Assembly Council meeting to be held in Chicago, Illinois on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 for the purpose of electing a new General Assembly Council Executive Director.
- As requested at the last GAC meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the attendance of GAC members at the General Assembly meeting.

Kahaian assumed the chair.

New Business

One item of new business was brought to the council.

ACTION 46-206 Elect Shannahan, Smith, Kenney, and Rea to PILP Board

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to elect the following persons to membership on the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program:

GANC Nomination – Class of 2010

1. John H.K. Shannahan	WML	56-65	Sheppards and Lapsley	LW	AL	Re-nomination
2. Alvin Smith	BME	56-65	Detroit	COV	AL	Re-nomination
3. Douglas Kenney	WML	56-65	Lehigh	TRI	AL	New
4. James B. Rea	OML	46-55	Pacific	SCH	P	New

Executive Director Search Committee

Karen Dimon reported for the Executive Director Search Committee. The first round of interviews will be held in late March. A candidate will be brought to the called GAC meeting on May 23, 2006.

Prayers of Concern

Paul Masquelier offered prayer upon hearing of the death of the football coach at Menaul School.

Steve Grace offered prayer upon announcing the death of Diane Wheeler, a former member of the GAC.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the council was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. following a service of worship, led by Jim Kirk, Sue Ezell, Gordon Edwards, Mary Lynn Walters, and Jane Jacobsen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry S. Clements
Associate Stated Clerk

Appendices 1- 19