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

Eighty-second Stated Meeting

**Louisville, Kentucky
March 14–16, 2007**

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

March 14-16, 2007

The eighty-second stated business meeting of the General Assembly Council (GAC) was held March 14-16, 2007, at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Pre-meeting events, held March 13-14, 2007, are noted for information.

Tuesday, March 13

The Audit Committee met at 10:30 a.m. in Broadway B of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Personnel Subcommittee met at 4:00 p.m. in the Gallery Boardroom of the Brown Hotel.

Wednesday, March 14

The Executive Committee met from 9:00 a.m. to 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 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 2:30 p.m. in the Gallery Ballroom of the Brown Hotel.

Convene

The General Assembly Council convened jointly with the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly at 3:00 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Catherine Ulrich, Moderator of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, called the meeting to order. A service of worship and witness was led by Allison Seed, Chair of the General Assembly Council.

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 Frank Adams, Elder Carol J. Adcock, Elder Stephen N. Benz, Elder John Bolt, Elder J. Michael Castonis, Elder John E. Davison, Elder Pamela G. Deichmann, Elder Jean Demmler, Elder Charles F. Easley Sr., The Reverend B. Gordon Edwards, The Reverend Susan J. Ezell, Elder Alan D. Ford, The Reverend Thomas W. Gillespie, Elder Edwin A. Gonzalez, The Reverend Joan S. Gray (ex-officio), Elder Esperanza Guajardo, Elder Catreliia Hunter, Elder Carol G. Hylkema, Elder Betty C. Jones, Elder LaVert W. Jones, Elder Choong Jeong Kim, The Reverend Mary Marks King, The Reverend Linda A. Knieriemen, Elder Carolyn C. Knight, Elder Michael W. Kruse, Elder Reginald S. Kuhn, Elder Jacquelin J. Lyman, 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 Ellen R. Rexing, Elder Conrad M. Rocha, Elder Bill Saul, Elder Linda Scholl, The Reverend Dan K. Schomer, The Reverend Allison K. Seed, Elder Andrew B. Sonneborn, Andrea Catherine Stokes (Ms.), The Reverend Linda W. Toth, Elder Mary Lynn Walters, and Elder Jim Dave Wilson.

Ecumenical Advisory: Douglas W. Fromm.

Corresponding: Elder Jerri Rodewald, The Reverend Zane K. Buxton, Elder John Baugh, Elder Noushin Framke, The Reverend Clifton Kirkpatrick (Dr.), Elder Linda B. Valentine, and The Reverend Jeffrey Bullock.

The Following Members of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly Present for the Joint Meeting Were: Elder James Babcock, Elder John Baugh, Elder Barbara Corwin, The Reverend Joan Gray, Elder Steve Grace, Elder Kent Grimes, The Reverend Helen Baily Cochrane, The Reverend Jerrod Lowry, The Reverend John Purcell, The Reverend Catherine Ulrich, The Reverend John Wilkinson, and Elder Robert Wilson.

The Following Deputy Directors, Executive Administrator, and the Presidents of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc., Present for All or Part of the Time Were: Elder Joey Bailey,

The Reverend Jay Hudson, The Reverend Curtis A. Kearns, Jr., Elder Karen L. Schmidt, and The Reverend Tom Taylor.

The Following Members of the General Assembly Council Staff (Offices of the Executive Director and the Executive Administrator) Present for All or Part of the Time Were: Martha Clark (Ms.), The Reverend Emily Enders-Odom, Debbie Gardiner (Ms.), Eric Graninger (Mr.), Nancy Hamilton (Ms.), The Reverend Chris Iosso, Alejandra Sherman (Ms.), The Reverend Gary Torrens, Keith Wulff (Mr.), and David York (Mr.).

The Following Invited Participants, Guests, Observers, and Staff Present for All of Part of the Time Were: Elder Loyda Aja, The Reverend James D. Berkley, The Reverend Edward Brogan, The Reverend Will Browne, The Reverend Molly Casteel, The Reverend Kerry Clements, The Reverend Jim Collie, Barry Creech (Mr.), April Davenport (Ms.), Deborah Davies (Ms.), The Reverend Lesley Davies, The Reverend Bob Ellis, Teresa Grant (Ms.), Elder Joyce Evans, Pam Green (Ms.), Elder Laurie Griffith, The Reverend Jack Haberer, The Reverend Vanessa Hawkins, Toya Hill (Ms.), The Reverend Lee Hinson-Hasty, The Reverend Eric Hoey, The Reverend Rhashell Hunter, The Reverend Elenora Giddings Ivory, Paula Kinkaid (Ms.), The Reverend Rob Klouw, The Reverend Bill Lancaster, Elder Sara Lisherness, Elder Gary Luhr, The Reverend Victor Makari, Elder Tim McCallister, Jewell McCrae (Ms.), The Reverend Marcia Clark Myers, Elder Chris Nicholas, Elder Gordon Nielsen, The Reverend Emily Odom, Elder Mary Pace, The Reverend Gradye Parsons, Elder Susan Penrod, Elder Joan Richardson, Elder Doska Ross, The Reverend Teresa Chavez Saucedo, Leslie Scanlon (Ms.), The Reverend Bill Simmons, Elder Margery Sly, The Reverend Joe Small, Elder Valerie Small, Elder Jesse Swanigan, The Reverend Mark Tammen, Elder Julia Thorne, The Reverend David L. Van Arsdale, The Reverend Jerry Van Marter, The Reverend Robina Winbush, Joe Williams (Mr.), and The Reverend Sharon Youngs.

ACTION 1-307 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 Joanne V. Fassett, The Reverend Gary F. Skinner, Elder Rick Ufford-Chase (ex-officio); corresponding member: The Reverend Reginald V. Parsons.

Quorum

A quorum was declared present for the transaction of business.

Report on Middle Governing Body Vitality

John Bolt, Carolyn Knight, and Barbara Corwin presented a brief report on the meeting held recently, entitled “Communion and Conversation,” a dialogue about the future identity, mission, funding, staffing and, in some cases, boundaries of our presbyteries and synods.

Developments with/in the Church

Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, and Linda Valentine, Executive Director of the General Assembly Council, introduced a discussion topic focusing on how the Office of the General Assembly and the General Assembly Council are working together and can build upon

those joint efforts to forge an even stronger relationship for the benefit of the whole church. The joint committees, along with staff from both agencies, discussed assigned topics in small groups.

Vocation Theme

Marcia Clark Myers introduced a brief video on the topic of Christian vocation, followed by small group discussion on the topic. Lee Hinson-Hasty offered prayer at the conclusion of the conversations.

National Elders Conference

Bob Wilson, Vice-Moderator of the 217th General Assembly (2006), and Barbara Corwin made an announcement about the planning for the National Elders Conference to be held in Louisville, Kentucky from August 29-31, 2007.

Recess

Following announcements, the council recessed at 5:50 p.m. with prayer offered by Helen Baily Cochrane.

Dinner and Worship

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 Portland Presbyterian Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dale Lindsay Morgan served as the preacher for the service.

Members of the council were invited to a time of refreshment and conversation at 9:00 p.m. in the Brown Hotel.

Thursday, March 15, 2007

The council met for breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 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 8:05 a.m., led by Thomas Gillespie. Following the service of worship, Seed reconvened the council at 8:25 a.m.

Members of the council recited the GAC Covenant adopted at their last meeting (Appendix 1).

Appointments

Zane Buxton and Jerri Rodewald were appointed to serve as tellers for the election of officers.

ACTION 2-307 Approve Consent Agenda

The General Assembly Council **APPROVED** (by consensus) the consent agenda (Appendix 2).

Report of Implementation Work Group

Steve Benz presented a report on the work of this group and explained the new committee structure to be used in this meeting of the General Assembly Council. (See Appendix 3.)

Manley Olson assumed the chair.

Election of Chair/Vice-Chair

Carolyn McLarnan presented the report of the General Assembly Council Nominating Committee concerning the election of officers for 2007–2008.

The names of Charles Easley, Allison Seed, and Andrea Stokes were brought to the floor to stand for Chair of the General Assembly Council, 2007–2008. There were no other nominations from the floor. The tellers distributed paper ballots to all voting members.

ACTION 3–307 Elect Allison Seed as Chair, 2007–2008

On the first ballot, the General Assembly Council **VOTED** to elect Allison Seed to serve as chair of the General Assembly Council for 2007–2008.

The names of Charles Easley and Andrea Stokes were brought to the floor to stand for Vice-Chair of the General Assembly Council, 2007–2008. The tellers distributed ballots to all voting members.

ACTION 4–307 Elect Charles Easley as Vice-Chair, 2007–2008

On the first ballot, the General Assembly Council **VOTED** to elect Charles Easley to serve as vice-chair of the General Assembly Council for 2007–2008.

ACTION 5–307 Elect Members to Goal Area/Shared Support/Audit Committees

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to elect the following individuals as set out below for the period of March 2007—June 2008:

JUSTICE AND COMPASSION

NAME	DIVERSITY			GOAL CLASS	TERM
Edwards, B. Gordon	W	M	C	2008	2
Ezell, Susan	W-D	F	C	2010	2
Fassett, Joanne	W	F	E	2008	1
Guajardo, Esperanza	H	F	E	2010	2
Hylkema, Carol	W	F	E	2008	2
McLarnan, Carolyn	W	F	E	2010	2
Olson, Manley	W-D	M	E	2008	2
Skinner, Gary	W	M	C	2008	2
Stokes, Andrea	W	F	L	2008	2
Fromm, Douglas (Ecumenical Representative)	W	M	C	2008	2

SPIRITUALITY AND DISCIPLESHIP

NAME	DIVERSITY			GOAL CLASS	TERM
Bolt, John	W	M	E	2008	2
Gillespie, Thomas	W	M	C	2008	1
Hunter, Catrelia	B	F	E	2010	-
Kim, Choong Jeong	A	M	E	2010	2
Morgan, Dale	W	F	C	2008	2
Scholl, Linda	W	F	E	2010	2
Walters, Mary Lynn	W	F	E	2010	2
Wilson, Jim Dave	B	M	E	2008	1
Ecumenical Representative – to be named					

LEADERSHIP AND VOCATION

NAME	DIVERSITY			GOAL CLASS	TERM
Deichmann, Pamila	W	F	E	2008	2
Jones, Betty	W	F	E	2008	1
King, Mary	W	F	C	2008	2
Megill, Douglas	W	M	E	2010	2
Moe, Ann	W	F	E	2008	2
Saul, Bill	W	M	E	2008	2
Schomer, Dan	W	M	C	2008	2
Sonneborn, Andrew	W-Y	M	E	2010	2

EVANGELISM AND WITNESS

NAME	DIVERSITY			GOAL CLASS	TERM
Adcock, Carol	W	F	E	2010	2
Castronis, J. Michael	W	M	C	2010	2
Demmler, Jean	W	F	E	2008	1
Gonzalez, Edwin	H	M	E	2008	2
Knieriemen, Linda	W	F	C	2008	2
Lyman, Jacquelin	W	F	E	2008	1
Powell, Ethan	W-Y	M	E	2008	1
Rexing, Ellen	W	F	E	2008	1
Ufford-Chase, Rick	W	M	E	2008	2

SHARED SUPPORT

NAME	DIVERSITY			GOAL CLASS	TERM
Adams, Frank	W	M	E	2008	2
Benz, Stephen	W	M	E	2008	1
Davison, John	W	M	E	2008	2
Ford, Alan	W	M	E	2008	1

Jones, Lavert	B	M	E	2008	1
Knight, Carolyn	W	F	E	2010	2
Kruse, Michael	W	M	E	2010	2
Kuhn, Reginald	W	M	E	2008	2
Newbold, Kenneth	W	M	E	2008	2
Okazaki, Alice	A	F	E	2008	1
Rocha, Conrad	H	M	E	2010	2
Toth, Linda	W	F	C	2008	2
VanArsdale, David (At-large)	W	M	C	2008	2

SHARED SUPPORT SUBCOMMITTEES

FINANCE	COMMUNICATIONS	FUNDS DEVELOPMENT
Adams, Frank Ford, Allan Kuhn, Reginald Toth, Linda	Jones, LaVert Knight, Carolyn Kruse, Michael Rocha, Conrad VanArsdale, David (At-Large)	Benz, Steve Davison, John Newbold, Ken Okazaki, Alice

AUDIT

NAME	DIVERSITY			GOAL CLASS	TERM
Stokes, Andrea	W	F	L	2008	2
Walters, Mary Lynn	W	F	E	2010	2
Kim, Choong Jeong	A	M	E	2010	2
Swanigan, Jesse	B	M	E	2008	2
Neilson, Gordon	W	M	E	2010	1

KEY:

M = Male	F = Female	C = Clergy	L = Layperson
E = Elder	A = Asian	B = Black	H = Hispanic
ME = Middle Eastern	NA = Native American	W = White	D = Known Disability
Y = Youth	YA = Young Adult		

Break/Reconvene in Committees

The council recessed for a break at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened in goal area and shared support committee meetings.

The council met in assigned committees from 10:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m.

Reconvene in Plenary

The council recessed for a break at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened in plenary in the Crystal Ballroom at 3:45 p.m.

Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy

Gordon Edwards and Chris Iosso presented an overview of the work of the committee. (See Appendix 4.)

Ethics Policy Overview

Eric Graninger led the council through a brief training on the ethics policy that applies to council members.

Mission Initiative: Joining Hearts & Hands

David York and Tom Gillespie presented a report on the ongoing work of this funds development project.

Mission Funding Task Force

Members of the task force (Conrad Rocha, Jim Collie, Gradye Parsons, Reg Kuhn, Linda Knieriemen, Dan Schomer, Carol Hylkema, Linda Toth, and Charles Easley) presented a report. A draft report is found in Appendix 5.

Incorporation Study Criteria

Eric Graninger, Alan Krome, and Gradye Parsons reported on the work of the study group. This group led the council through a report that will be considered later in the meeting for action (Appendix 6).

Mission Responsibility Through Investment

Carol Hylkema updated the council on the committee's work and activities.

Presbyterian Women Presentation

A presentation of a gift from Dr. Salim Sahiouny of the Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon was made to Presbyterian Women, represented by Catrelia Hunter, Betty Jones, Carolyn McLarnan, and Ellen Rexing.

Recess/Dinner

The council recessed at 6:05 p.m. with prayer offer by John Baugh. Dinner was served in the Bluegrass Room of the Brown Hotel at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

The council met in assigned committees, as necessary, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 16, 2007

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

Worship/Reconvene

The General Assembly Council was reconvened in the Crystal Ballroom by Vice-Chair Charles Easley at 8:30 a.m. Prayer was offered by Easley.

ACTION 6–307 Approve September 2006 Minutes

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 26–29, 2006 as presented. Typographical errors discovered after the minutes have been printed have been corrected in the official record.

Seed assumed the chair

GAC Nominating Committee Report

Carolyn McLarnan presented the report of the committee.

ACTION 7–307 Reassign Benz and Demmler

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to reassign the following GAC members to goal area committees: Steve Benz, from Shared Support to Vocation and Leadership; and Jean Demmler, from Evangelism and Witness to Shared Support.

ACTION 8–307 Elect Olson and Rocha to Executive Committee

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to elect the following GAC members to serve in at-large positions on the GAC Executive Committee for the period of March 2007–June 2008:

Manley Olson	WME-D	2008
Conrad Rocha	HME	2010

Easley assumed the chair

Executive Committee Report

Allison Seed presented the report of the committee.

ACTION 9–307 Approve Heiserman Bequest Recommendations

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the following Heiserman Bequest Task Force Report recommendations:

1. Send one percent (1%) of the Heiserman Bequest received by the GAC to the Synod of the Rocky Mountains; send three percent (3%) of the Heiserman Bequest received by the GAC to the Presbytery of the Plains and Peaks; send one percent (1%) of the Heiserman Bequest received by the GAC to the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Yuma, Colorado. These amounts are provided to these governing bodies without restrictions. The GAC asks these governing bodies to inform the GAC how the governing bodies spent these monies.
2. Allocate \$1.5 Million to the Capital Replacement Reserve.
3. Allocate \$996,653 to the National Mission Partnership Funds.
4. Dismiss the Heiserman Bequest Task Force with appreciation for their hard work.

ACTION 10–307 Adopt Report of Incorporation Criteria Study

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to adopt the report of the Incorporation Criteria study team, *Criteria and Standards Applied by the General Assembly Council When it Considers Proposals for New Corporations* (Appendix 6), and dismiss the Incorporation Criteria study team.

ACTION 11–307 Create Implementation Subcommittee for Incorporation Study

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to create a subcommittee of five GAC members (appointed by the GAC chair and representing each of the four goal area committees and the shared services committee) to review and consider the report and recommendations of the Incorporation Study (Appendix 6) and to report to the September 2007 GAC meeting.

ACTION 12–307 Approve Report of GAC Review Committee

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the report of the GAC Review Committee, *General Assembly Council Presbyterian Church, USA Report to the Review Committee*, and forward it to the General Assembly Committee for Review (Appendix 7).

ACTION 13–307 Confirm Schmidt as Deputy Executive Director

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to confirm the GAC Executive Director's selection of Elder Karen Schmidt as the Deputy Executive Director for Communication and Funds Development (Appendix 8).

ACTION 14–307 Confirm Establishment of Joint Vocation Office

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to confirm the establishment of the General Assembly Council and Office of the General Assembly Joint Vocation Office as outlined in Appendix 9.

Linda Valentine introduced the following new directors: The Reverend Rhashell D. Hunter (Director of Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries), The Reverend Eric Hoey (Director of Evangelism and Church Growth), and The Reverend Tom Taylor (Deputy Executive Director for Mission).

The report of the Executive Committee is found in Appendix 10.

Evangelism and Witness Report

Linda Knieriemen presented the report of this goal area committee.

ACTION 15–307 Refer Topic to Appropriate Goal Area Committee

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to refer to the appropriate goal area committee the topic of how to draw and support men into the life of the PC(USA).

Knieriemen reported two items of information:

- The Evangelism and Witness Goal Area Committee elected Linda Knieriemen as its Chair. J. Michael Castronis was appointed Vice-Chair for the year 2007–2008.
- The committee amended and affirmed the General Assembly Council Goals, Objectives and Outcomes, 2007-2008 for the Evangelism and Witness Goal Area. (See Appendix 11.)

The report of the Evangelism and Witness Goal Area Committee is found in Appendix 12.

Justice and Compassion Report

Andrea Stokes presented the report of this goal area committee.

ACTION 16–307 Approve Justice and Compassion Consent Agenda

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Affirm the proxy voting recommendations of the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) contained in the 2007 Shareholder Resolution Directory (Appendix 13); request the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation/ New Covenant Trust Company and the Board of Pensions to vote proxies on the shareholder resolutions submitted to companies in which they own stock in accordance with the recommendations listed in the 2007 Shareholder Resolution Directory (Appendix 13); and urge the middle governing bodies, related institutions, congregations and individual members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to give serious consideration to the proxy voting recommendations when they vote on shareholder resolutions.
2. That the General Assembly Council having reviewed the annual reports as called for in the *Covenant of Agreement for Shared Ministry between NMD and PHEWA*, note in the minutes that they have been reviewed. (See Appendix 14.)

ACTION 17–307 Receive MRTI Report on Hilton

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to

1. Receive the report of the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) on the unresponsiveness of Hilton Hotels to a request for dialogue about a corporate code addressing child prostitution and trafficking;
2. Urge Hilton Hotels to engage in dialogue with MRTI and other religious organizations about this serious issue, and how it can be addressed through proactive corporate action; and
3. Encourage MRTI to inform Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) entities and members about the situation with Hilton Hotels, and enlist their participation in communicating to the company about the need for positive action to address child prostitution and trafficking.

ACTION 18–307 Express Concern for Middle East Issues

The General Assembly Council **VOTED**

1. That on behalf of World Mission and the Peace and Justice Program, the Middle East Area Office express the concern PC(U.S.A.) shares with the Evangelical Church of Iran (ECI), and communicate its prayerful support of the ECI for its engagement in peacemaking;
2. That the General Assembly Council (GAC) acknowledge with gratitude the U. S. Administration's willingness to consider participation in dialogue that would include Iran and Syria, upon the invitation of the Iraqi government. In acknowledging this important step, the GAC recognizes that the journey toward peace is long and complex, and encourages the U.S. leaders to persist and not lose heart, pledging our prayers;
3. That the GAC lift up to church members the PC(U.S.A.)'s policies on nuclear weapons, and the dangers of military confrontation;
4. That the GAC urge congregations and individual church members to encourage U.S. political leaders to make serious efforts to enter into and persist in direct diplomatic

dialogue with leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran, so that by all means, a military confrontation would be avoided;

5. That the GAC also invite Presbyterian military chaplains to engage with the church in prayers for God's peace and wellbeing of all peoples in the region; and
6. That the GAC make available on the church's web site, through appropriate program areas, useful resources for the church to consider for prayer and advocacy for peace, particularly with regard to an intensifying climate of tension with Iran and a potential military confrontation.

Stokes reported two items of information:

- Andrea Stokes was elected Chair and Manley Olson was appointed Vice-Chair of the Justice & Compassion Goal Area Committee for the year 2007–2008.
- The Committee made suggestions and affirmed the General Assembly Council Goals, Objectives and Outcomes, 2007–2008 for the Justice & Compassion Goal Area
(Appendix 15).

The report of the Justice and Compassion Goal Area Committee is found in Appendix 16.

Spirituality and Discipleship Report

Dale Lindsay Morgan presented the report of this goal area committee.

ACTION 19–307 Approve Covenant with Church Educators

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the covenant with the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (Appendix 17).

Morgan reported two items of information:

- The committee amended and approved the General Assembly Council Goals, Objectives and Outcomes, 2007-2008, for the Spirituality & Discipleship Goal Area (Appendix 18); and
- The committee elected Dale Lindsay Morgan Chair, and she appointed John Bolt Vice Chair, of the Spirituality & Discipleship Goal Area Committee.

The report of the Spirituality and Discipleship Goal Area Committee is found in Appendix 19.

Leadership and Vocation Report

Mary Marks King and Steve Benz presented the report of this goal area committee.

ACTION 20–307 Approve Leadership and Vocation Consent Agenda

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Flu Pandemic Policies for International Mission Personnel and Staff of World Mission (WM) and Relief and Development (R&D) who travel internationally [Appendix 20]; and
- Revised Policy for Continuing Education for Mission Co-Workers [Appendix 21]

ACTION 21–307 Adopt Proposal on Care of Chaplains

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to adopt in principle, the “Proposal Regarding the Care of Chaplains” and refer it to the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel (PCCMP) and the Office of Vocation for appropriate language, editing and distribution to Presbytery Committees on Ministry (Appendix 22).

The report of the Leadership and Vocation Goal Area Committee is found in Appendix 24.

Shared Support Report

Frank Adams presented the report of the Shared Support Committee.

ACTION 22–307 Approve Shared Support Consent Agenda

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. The attached resolution of agreement for fees assessed by the Presbyterian Foundation (FDN) to trust and estate payouts, rather than investments or permanent funds to be held by the FDN for the Presbyterian Church (USA), A Corporation (Appendix 25); and
2. Amendments to the Bylaws of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation so that Annex A reflects ten (10) Constituent Corporations and is essentially in the form as set out in Appendix 26.

ACTION 23–307 Approve Allocation from Capital Reserve Fund

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve an allocation of \$575,615 (\$410,000 OIS; \$68,615 Building Services; and \$97,000 Mail/Print Center) for requests from the Office of Information Services and Presbyterian Center Services from the Capital Reserve Fund (Appendix 27).

ACTION 24–307 Approve Additional Amounts from PMPF for 2007 and 2008 Budgets

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve additional amounts of \$718,390 from Presbyterian Mission Program Fund (PMPF) for the 2007 Mission Budget and \$686,382 from PMPF for the 2008 Mission Budget. (Appendix 28).

For information, Adams reported that Carolyn Knight was appointed as Shared Support Committee Vice Chair; Ken Newbold appointed as Funds Development Subcommittee Chair; Mike Kruse appointed as Communication Subcommittee Chair; and Frank Adams will serve as the Finance Subcommittee Chair.

The report of the Shared Support Committee is found in Appendix 29.

Audit Committee Report

Mary Lynn Walters presented the report of the committee.

ACTION 25–307 Approve Receipt of Occupational Fraud Presentation in September

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to receive the occupational fraud presentation, presented by Internal Audit, at the September General Assembly Council meeting.

Walters reported four items of information. The committee:

1. Reviewed and approved the Administrative Record of September 28, 2006;
2. Reviewed and approved the updated General Assembly Council Audit Committee Charter;
3. Received the Internal Control Review report completed by Crowe Chizek; and
4. Re-elected Mary Lynn Walters as the Audit Committee Chair for 2007–2008.

The report of the Audit Committee is found in Appendix 30.

ACTION 26–307 Convene as Board of PCUSA, A Corporation

At 9:47 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 9:50 a.m. The record of these proceedings has been produced in a separate document.

New Business

ACTION 27–307 Approve Resolution on Linda Valentine

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the following resolution:

Whereas Linda Valentine has displayed

- Energy, abundant and perpetual, in travels and conversations with Presbyterians all across the church;
- Intelligence, not only in what she knows but in her willingness to listen, to learn and discern;
- Imagination in her vision for the church and in the vision she elicits from others; and
- Love by her love of God in Christ Jesus and her love of neighbor in the church and the world, a love that is the guiding principle by which she guides the church;

Therefore, the General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) expresses appreciation for Linda's leadership during her first year as Executive Director, and we pledge to continue our support of her ministry by our friendship and in our prayers.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the council was adjourned at 10:16 a.m. following a service of worship led by Thomas Gillespie.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry S. Clements
Associate Stated Clerk