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

**Eightieth Stated Meeting
Louisville, Kentucky
April 26-29, 2006**

**As Recorded by the Staff of the
Office of the General Assembly**

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**Minutes of the
General Assembly Council
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
April 26-29, 2006**

The eightieth stated business meeting of the General Assembly Council (GAC) was held April 26-29, 2006, at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Pre-meeting events, held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25 and 26, are noted for information.

Tuesday, April 25

The Mission Funding Task Force met in Broadway A of the Brown Hotel from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the J. Graham Brown Suite.

The Personnel Subcommittee met from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the Louisville Room of the Brown Hotel, followed by dinner in the Louis XVI Room.

Wednesday, April 26

Breakfast was served beginning at 7:30 a.m. in Louis XVI Room of the Brown Hotel.

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

Convene

The General Assembly Council convened at 3:00 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 Jean Demmler, The Reverend Karen E. Dimon, Elder Charles F. Easley Sr., 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, 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 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 Linda Scholl, The Reverend Danny K. Schomer, The Reverend Allison K. Seed, The Reverend Gary F. Skinner, Andrea Catherine Stokes, The Reverend Linda W. Toth, Elder Rick Ufford-Chase, Elder Mary Lynn Walters, Elder Jane Westfall, and Elder Jim Dave Wilson.

Elder Gretta M. Simon was absent.

Ecumenical Advisory: Douglas E. Theuner.

Corresponding: The Reverend Zane K. Buxton, The Reverend James M. Collie, Elder John J. Detterick, The Reverend Sue Dickson, The Reverend Tom Gillespie, Elder Evelyn Kelly, The Reverend Clifton Kirkpatrick (Dr.), and The Reverend Jean Marie Peacock.

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 President of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc. 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, The Reverend Marian McClure, and The Reverend Gary Torrens.

The Following Invited Participants, Guests, Observers, and Staff Present for All or Part of the Time Were: John Adams (Mr.), The Reverend Tony Aja, Elder Loyda Aja, Elder Beth Basham (Dr.), The Reverend Edward Brogan, The Reverend Will Browne, The Reverend Vernon Broyles, Elder Patricia Chapman, Teresa Chrappa (Ms.), The Reverend Kerry Clements, The Reverend Dennis Cobb, The Reverend Gary Cook, The Reverend Rob Craig, Barry Creech (Mr.), The Reverend Art DeYoung, 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, Robert Klouw (Mr.), Elder Gary Luhr, Elder Sandra Moak, The Reverend Marcia Clark Myers, Elder Lillian Oats, The Reverend Emily Odom, The Reverend Jan Opdyke, Dianna Ott (Ms.), Elder Jim Rissler, Elder Susan Ryan, The Reverend Teresa Chavez Saucedo, Leslie Scanlon (Ms.), The Reverend Bill Simmons, The Reverend Joe Small, Elder Valerie Small, The Reverend Alexa Smith, Elder Mary Elva Smith, The Reverend Bill Somplatsky-Jarman, The Reverend James Thomas, The Reverend David L. Van Arsdale, The Reverend Jerry Van Marter, Keith Wulff (Mr.), and The Reverend Sharon Youngs.

ACTION 1-406 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 Pamela Deichmann, The Reverend B. Gordon Edwards, The Reverend James G. Kirk, Elder Bill Saul, Elder Andrew B. Sonneborne; corresponding members: The Reverend Karen Breckenridge and Elder Robert D. Brink; and ecumenical advisory member Douglas W. Fromm.

Quorum

A quorum was declared present for the transaction of business.

ACTION 2-406 Approve Agenda

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

ACTION 3-206 Approve February 2006 Minutes

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

Appointments

Kahaian announced the following appointments for the meeting:
Parliamentarian: Kerry Clements;
Pianist for worship service: Mary Lynn Walters; and
New business committee: Dan Schomer, Mary Lynn Walters.

Kahaian announced that the deadline for new business is Thursday, April 27, at 12 noon.

Lee Hinson-Hasty introduced and welcomed Dr. David Wallace Sr. from Johnson C Smith Interdenominational Seminary, who will preach during the service of worship.

Worship

The GAC participated in a service of worship.

2007-2008 Mission Work Plan Budget and Outcomes

John Detterick was called upon to brief the council on the work of the 2007-2008 Mission Work Plan. Detterick thanked everyone who participated in this process: council members for their prayers and words of support; members of the core team for their dedication and work; members of the Staff Leadership Team for their work with in helping to balance the budget; and the staff of Mission Support Services for crunching the numbers.

Detterick, along with Joey Bailey, provided a financial background to the situation, referring to the 2007 Cost of Essential Work (Appendix 2).

Kahaian provided rationale from the GAC Executive Committee discussion for moving into private sessions during the course of this meeting. The private sessions are to include only voting members of the council and staff members who will be outlined in the action recommended by the executive committee. Part of the rationale is that the council will be discussing personnel matters and that these are core decisions.

Masquelier assumed the chair and Kahaian brought the recommendation from the executive committee to the council.

ACTION 4-206 Approve Recommendation to Hold Private Sessions

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the following recommendation from the General Assembly Council Executive Committee:

In order to consider personnel matters, the General Assembly Council (GAC) will go into private session four times as reflected on the GAC agenda.

Pursuant to Appendix 1 of the *GAC Manual of Operations*, the private sessions will include solely voting members of the Council. Corresponding and at-large members will not be included.

In addition, the following staff members will join in all four private sessions to assist the Council: John Detterick, Helen Locklear, Don Campbell, Curtis Kearns, Marian McClure, Joey Bailey, Barry Creech, Gary Torrens, Will Browne, Marcia Myers, Gary Cook, Joe Small, Tony Aja, Sandra Moak, James Thomas, Pat Chapman, and Kerry Clements (recording secretary)

For the final two private sessions, three additional staff members will join the meeting: Peggie Blenman, Martha Clark, and Eric Graninger. For the final meeting Loyda Aja will be included as recording secretary.

Kitty Rasa dissented from the action taken.

Kahaian assumed the chair.

Moderator's Proposal

Rick Ufford-Chase, Moderator of the 216th General Assembly (2004) introduced a proposed comment to attach to all overtures that have been submitted to the 217th General Assembly (2006) regarding divestment issues in relation to Israel and Palestine. This proposal will be considered later in the meeting.

Communication Strategy

Barry Creech and Jon Brown presented a draft report on 2005-2006 GAC Mission Work Plan Communication Strategy (Appendix 3). A final report will be presented to the GAC at its meeting in September, 2006.

Governance Task Force – Staff Organizational Structure

Carol Adcock reported on behalf of the Governance Task Force. As a result of the action taken at the last GAC meeting to adopt a new organizational structure, there is now an imbalance in membership.

Adock reminded the council that the 215th General Assembly (2003) approved standing rule and Book of Order changes to the terms of persons serving on the boards of the agencies of the General Assembly. During that transition to biennial assemblies, the General Assembly Nominating Committee (GANC) was given latitude with the board composition as the agencies adjusted to the new four-year terms.

ACTION 5-206 Approve Recommendation Regarding Governance

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to ask the 217th General Assembly (2006) to grant the General Assembly Nominating Committee latitude as it determines the General

Assembly Council's composition requirements in G-13.0202, all with the goal of being in full compliance after the 218th General Assembly (2008).

Recess

Following announcements made by Kahaian, the council recessed at 6:00 p.m. with prayer offered by Fran Calderwood.

The council met for dinner in the Bluegrass Room of the Brown Hotel at 6:00 p.m.

Following dinner, an Elected Members Talent Show was held in the Crystal Ballroom beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 27, 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 8:50 a.m.

Kahaian announced the council would begin meeting in private session, as approved earlier in this meeting (Action 4-406).

Private Session

The council met in private session from 8:50 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Lunch

The council met for lunch from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the English Grill of the Brown Hotel.

Committee Meetings/Dinner

The council met in assigned committees from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner in committees at various locations.

Cashews and Questions

Members of the council gathered for an informal time of questions in the Louis XVI Room from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, April 28, 2006

Breakfast was served beginning at 7:30 a.m. in Louis XVI Room of the Brown Hotel.

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.

Kahaian announced the council would begin meeting in private session, as approved earlier in this meeting (Action 4-406).

Private Session/Lunch

The council met in private session from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., followed by lunch in the Bluegrass Room.

Reconvene in Public Session

Kahaian reconvened the council in public session in the Crystal Ballroom at 1:35 p.m., with prayer offered by Paul Masquelier.

ACTION 6-406 Approve GAC Comment on Overtures on Israel and Palestine

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve sending a comment to the 217th General Assembly (2006) to be attached to all overtures relating to our witness for peace and expressions of conscience in Israel and Palestine. [See Appendix 4 for text of comment.]

ACTION 7-406 Approve Appointment of Resource Person for Comment

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the appointment by the Chair of the General Assembly Council of the Moderator of the 216th General Assembly (2004), Rick Ufford-Chase, as the resource person for the comment regarding our witness for peace and expressions of conscience in Israel and Palestine. [See Action 6-406.]

Stated Clerk's Announcement

Clifton Kirkpatrick announced the death of William Thompson, former stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and of the reunited Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Kirkpatrick offered prayer for the gift of Thompson's life.

Communication Strategy

Jon Brown and Barry Creech led the council in a discussion of the draft communication strategy proposal (Appendix 3) through the use of small groups.

Masquelier assumed the chair.

Executive Committee Report

Nancy Kahaian presented the report of the GAC Executive Committee.

ACTION 8-406 Express Thanks to Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve sending a word of thanks to the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky for their pastoral presence and care at the Presbyterian Center during this stressful time and to the Office of the General Assembly for their pastoral stance and care.

ACTION 9-406 Approve Sending Comments to General Assembly

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to forward comments on Items 08-01, 08-02, 08-05, and 08-10 to the 217th General Assembly (2006). (See Appendix 5.)

ACTION 10-406 Approve Moving Standing Rule M to *Organization for Mission*

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to move Standing Rule M to the *Organization for Mission* (Appendix 6).

ACTION 11-406 Approve Appointment of Staff Team on Study of Incorporation

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to direct a staff team, appointed and advised by the Staff Leadership Team and the chairs of the three ministries division and of Mission Support Services, to develop and propose a design for a year of further study of the proposed incorporation of a Presbyterian Relief and Development entity as a 501(c)3 charitable non-profit corporation. The design will assure the development of criteria the council may use to assess this and any future proposals for incorporation and will be presented for consideration and approval at the September 2006 meeting of the General Assembly Council.

ACTION 12-406 Approve Procedures Subcommittee Recommendations

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the recommendations of the Procedures Subcommittee (Appendix 7).

A copy of the report of the Executive Committee is found in Appendix 8.

Mission Initiative: Joining Hearts and Hands (MIJHH)

Allison Seed reported on progress made in the campaign. At a recent meeting, leadership received the resignation of the two co-chairs, Bill Saul and Lucimarian Roberts. Seed announced that \$25 million is now committed to the campaign as part of a \$40 million goal.

ACTION 13-406 Confirm Peterson and Adams as New Co-Chairs of MIJHH

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to confirm the Reverend David Peterson and the Reverend Joanna Adams as the new co-chairs for the Mission Initiative campaign.

Break

Prior to a recessing for a break at 3:00 p.m., Kahaian announced the council would begin meeting in private session at 3:15 p.m., as approved earlier in this meeting (Action 4-406).

Private Session and Dinner

The council met in private session from 3:15 p.m. until 6:20 p.m., followed by an Appreciation Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery Ballroom of the Brown Hotel.

Private Session

The council met in private session from 9:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 29, 2006

The council met for breakfast beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the Bluegrass Room of the Brown Hotel, followed by a period of reading committee reports.

Reconvene

GAC Chair Nancy Kahaian called the meeting to order with prayer at 8:15 a.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel. At 8:30 a.m., Kahaian announced the council would begin meeting in private session, as approved earlier in this meeting (Action 4-406).

Private Session

The council met in private session from 8:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

Reconvene in Public Session

Kahaian reconvened the council in public session at 11:20 a.m. and announced that the following actions (Action 14-406 through Action 18-406) were taken by the council in private session:

ACTION 14-406 Approve SLT Review of Evangelism and Witness Programs

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** that within the budget for evangelism and witness, that the Staff Leadership Team review programs related to anything in that goal area, using primarily unified dollars, and bring to the General Assembly Council in September, 2006, alternative programs that will directly speak to communicating the gospel in clear ways which will give a stronger integrity to the mission work plan.

ACTION 15-406 Approve PMPF Funds to Fund Effective Communication

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve that \$500,000 be taken during the next two-year budget cycle from Presbyterian Mission Program Funds (PMPF) (\$250,000 in 2007, and \$250,000 in 2008) to create and fund an effective communication program for the General Assembly Council, including funding in the short-term continuation of Presbyterians Today magazine.

ACTION 16-406 Approve 2007-2008 Budgets

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the 2007-2008 budgets as amended (Appendix 9).

Kahaian announced that this action was taken with no negative votes.

ACTION 17-406 Approve Recommendations on Reorganization

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

1. From the April 2006 General Assembly Council meeting through the September 2006 General Assembly Council meeting, the General Assembly Council Executive Director will take all necessary and reasonable actions to carry out the reorganization of the GAC staff, including GAC staff leadership. Effective October 1, 2006, the reorganization will change the GAC staff leadership structure from:

Executive Director

Deputy Executive Director

3 Ministry Division Directors
Deputy for Mission Support Services
to
Executive Director
Deputy Executive Director for Witness
Deputy Executive Director for Support Services

2. The incoming General Assembly Council Executive Director shall select and hire the Deputy Executive Directors for Witness and Support Services subject to confirmation by the GAC at its September 2006 meeting. The two deputy executive directors will be hired without a designated term.
3. In regards to the current staff members serving as the Deputy Executive Director, the three Ministry Division Directors, and the Deputy for Mission Support Services, the Executive Director shall continue to operate pursuant to the provisions of the General Assembly Council Manual of Operations and the General Assembly Council Employee Handbook. If a division director resigns prior to October 1, 2006, the Executive Director will arrange for temporary leadership pursuant to the unexpected vacancy provision set out at Appendix 9, II.B [General Assembly Council Manual of Operations].
4. Due to the reorganization of the General Assembly Council staff leadership structure, those current staff members filling the positions listed in #3 (above), and their support staff, will be offered Reduction in Force packages under the General Assembly Council Employee Handbook (See General Assembly Council Employee Handbook Sections 11.01e and 11.02). These offers will be made effective October 1, 2006.
5. All staff members affected by the reduction in force are eligible to apply for all open staff positions.
6. In order to finalize the new General Assembly Council staff leadership structure, the General Assembly Council Procedures Subcommittee will propose changes to the General Assembly Council Manual of Operations to the September 2006 General Assembly Council meeting. Until such time as the General Assembly Council approves new provisions to its manual of operations, the provisions stated in this action shall be the General Assembly Council's operating procedures in regards to these matters, hereby setting aside inconsistent provisions of the General Assembly Council Manual of Operations.

Kahaian provided the following background to the action just taken: The General Assembly Council (GAC) elected body and staff are in substantial transition in 2006. One part of this transition is the change in the staff leadership of the GAC. It is anticipated the GAC staff leadership will change on October 1, 2006 from a system of an Executive Director, a Deputy Executive Director, three Ministry Division Directors and a Deputy for Mission Support Services to an Executive Director, a Deputy Executive Director for Witness and a Deputy Executive Director for Support Services. In light of these changes, it is important to establish how the transition will proceed.

ACTION 18-406 Approve Creation of Implementation Work Group

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the creation of an Implementation Work Group to plan the transition to the approved structure, and that a work group should be appointed by the chair of the General Assembly Council, in conjunction with the incoming General Assembly Council chair and made up of two representatives from the Governance Task Force, two representatives from the 2007-2008 Mission Work Plan, a member of the Procedures Subcommittee, one representative from the Mission Funding Task Force, and one member at-large, with the General Assembly Council chair and General Assembly Council executive director, Staff Leadership Team ex-officio, to report to the General Assembly Council September 2006 meeting.

Report of Mission Support Services Committee

Linda Toth presented the report of the Mission Support Services Committee.

ACTION 19-406 Approve MSS Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve the 2004 and 2005 year-end financial reports, budgets, and other reports for the 217th General Assembly (2006) (Appendix 10).

A. Relating to Budgets for General Assembly Mission Program

That the 217th General Assembly (2006) incorporate into the *Minutes* the report of the 2004 and 2005 General Assembly Mission Budget and Program.

B. Relating to Reserved or Committed Funds

1. That the 217th General Assembly (2006) receive the report of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation regarding unrestricted and committed funds as of December 31, 2005.
2. That the 217th General Assembly (2006) incorporate into its *Minutes* the following list of contingent liabilities:

Reserve funds are required to cover self-insurance for General Assembly owned property. A separate Self Insurance Fund has been established, the balance of which was \$5,946,472.49 as of December 31, 2005.

C. Relating to Support for General Assembly Mission

1. That the 217th General Assembly (2006) allocate the annual income realized in 2005 from the John C. Lord and Edmund P. Dwight Funds in support of the budget for the general mission work of the General Assembly.

2. That the 217th General Assembly (2006) incorporate into its *Minutes* the attached summary of receipts from Special Offerings for the year 2005 (Appendix 11).
2. Express its appreciation to the members and congregations of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. for the faithful financial support given to General Assembly Mission causes in 2005; and that the Assembly recognize the following presbyteries for their leadership in giving:

Leading Presbyteries in giving
to Specific Categories

<u>Category of Gift</u>	<u>Total Dollars Given</u>	<u>Per Member Giving</u>
Total Mission Giving	National Capital	Alaska
Other Specific Appeals*	National Capital	Tres Rios
Churchwide Special Offerings	National Capital	Alaska
Presbyterian Women's Giving	Pittsburgh	Eastern Oregon

*Other Specific Appeals includes gifts to Extra Commitment Opportunities, Disaster Assistance and the Theological Education Fund.

Top Ten Presbyteries
in gifts to Basic Mission Support

<u>Total Dollars Given</u>	<u>Per Member Giving</u>
The Cascades	Carlisle
Philadelphia	Santa Fe
Chicago	The Cascades
Greater Atlanta	Southeast Illinois
Donegal	Lake Michigan
Carlisle	Des Moines
Lake Michigan	Donegal
Los Ranchos	Alaska
Mission	West Virginia
Grace	Kiskiminetas

Item of Information from Mission Support Services Committee

Conrad Rocha, on behalf of Menaul School, expressed gratitude to the General Assembly Council for authorizing a loan for the school. Rocha presented a check toward payment of the loan.

The report of the Mission Support Services Committee to the General Assembly Council is found in Appendix 12.

ACTION 20-406 Convene as Board of PCUSA, A Corporation

At 11:30 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 11:38 a.m. The record of these proceedings has been produced in a separate document.

Report of Congregational Ministries Division Committee (CMD)

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

ACTION 21-406 Approve CMD Comments to General Assembly

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the Congregational Ministries Division comments on overtures to the 217th General Assembly (2006) and forward to General Assembly (Appendix 13).

The report of the Congregational Ministries Division Committee to the General Assembly Council is found in Appendix 14.

Report of National Ministries Division Committee (NMD)

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

ACTION 22-406 Approve NMD Consent Agenda

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

1. Incorporate the Presbyterian Leadership Search Effort (PLSE) program into its work as a tool for connecting youth and young adults with PCUSA vocational discernment programs (Appendix 15).
2. Approve the following amendment to the membership guidelines of the Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee (MRTI): “That two members of the committee shall be elected members of the boards of either the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation or the New Covenant Trust Company” (Appendix 16).
3. Re-elect the Reverend Curtis A. Kearns, Jr. to a fourth term as Director, National Ministries Division (Appendix 17).
4. Forward to the 217th General Assembly (2006) the following names of the 2006 Women of Faith Award Recipients:
 - Deacon Dawn Harvin
 - Deacon Betty L. Grunstra
 - Elder Grace S. Kim
 - Elder Dr. Evelyn K. Bonner
 - The Rev. Betty Meadows
 - The Rev. Carmen Rosario-Reyes

5. Forward to the 217th General Assembly (2006) the nomination of LaVert W. Jones to serve on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program Board of Directors (Appendix 18).
6. Forward to the 217th General Assembly (2006) the *Common Framework for Mission in the USA between the Presbyterian Church of Ghana and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* as presented in Appendix 19.
7. Forward to the 217th General Assembly (2006) the comment regarding the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee/Committee on Theological Education/Churchwide Personnel Services (PCC/COTE/CPS) Task Force Report as presented in Appendix 20.
8. Forward to the 217th General Assembly (2006) the following additions to the National Ministries Division's Report [Appendix 21]:
 - (Minutes, 2004, Part I, pp. 56, 68318.) 2004 *Referral: Item 10-01. Recommendation 8. To Direct Racial Ethnic Ministries to Assist the National Presbyterian Black Caucus to Develop a Strategy for Church Growth for African American Congregations—From the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns*).... IN PROGRESS
 - 2002 *Referral: Item 11-02, Report: A Comprehensive Strategy for Ministries with Native Americans: 2002 Supplemental Recommendations of the General Assembly Special Task Force on Native American Ministries, Recommendation 5, Requesting an Extension Until the 216th General Assembly (2004) for the Completion of the Comprehensive Statistical Report* (Minutes, 2002, Part I, pp. 23, 559). REPORT 4 ... A REPORT WITHOUT RECOMMENDATIONS.

The report of the National Ministries Division Committee to the General Assembly Council is found in Appendix 22.

Masquelier assumed the chair.

Report of Worldwide Ministries Division Committee (WMD)

Judy Angleberger presented the report of the Worldwide Ministries Division Committee.

ACTION 23-406 Approve Comment on Item 11-27

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve and forward the comment on Item 11-27. On Appointing a Special Committee to Explore the Radical Reduction of the Impact of Malaria in Sub-Saharan Africa to the 217th General Assembly (2006) (Appendix 23).

ACTION 24-406 Approve Renewal of Covenant with Medical Benevolence Foundation

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the renewal of the covenant with the Medical Benevolence Foundation as a validated mission support group, based upon the attached covenant agreement (Appendix 24), to be in effect through June 30, 2011, or until one of the parties requests covenant reconsideration (whichever comes first); and express the deep gratitude of the General Assembly Council to the Medical Benevolence Foundation for its continuing support of the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its partners.

ACTION 25-406 Approve MADs to 217th GA

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the following eight mission personnel to serve as Missionary Advisory Delegates to the 217th General Assembly (2006) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, June 15-22, 2006: Gloria Marriott, Roger Marriott, Cindy Morgan, Les Morgan, Elizabeth Turk, Joyce Williams, Caryl Weinberg, and Lewin Williams.

Items of Information from WMD Committee

Seed reported the following items of information from the committee:

- The committee approved the response plan for use of the 2005 Hurricane funds as proposed by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Advisory Committee. (Appendix 25)
- The committee approved a proposal for a churchwide campaign to connect every PCUSA congregation to a PCUSA missionary, including an intensive period of itineration in the fall of 2007. The program is called “Touching Mission.”
- The committee voted to approve the following appointments as chairs of WMD subcommittees for the year 2006-2007:
 - Ecumenical Partnership Subcommittee, Zane Buxton
 - Global Service and Witness Subcommittee, Carolyn McLarnan
 - People in Mutual Mission Subcommittee, Andrea Stokes

The report of the Worldwide Ministries Division Committee to the General Assembly Council is found in Appendix 26.

Report of Audit Committee

Karen Dimon presented the report of the Audit Committee. Dimon reported the following items of information from the committee:

- Reviewed and approved the Administrative Records of February 9, 2006.
- Received a progress report on the Audited Financial Statements.

- Received the audited financial statements and management letter for the Jinishian Memorial Program Armenia office.

Report of GAC Nominating Committee

Ann Moe presented the report of the GAC Nominating Committee.

ACTION 26-406 Approve Nominating Committee Recommendations

The General Assembly Council **VOTED** to approve the following recommendations from the General Assembly Council Nominating Committee:

1. Appoint the following named individual to the committee and class as indicated:
Carol J. Adcock
General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical Relations, Class of 2010;
2. Elect the following named individual to the committee and class as indicated:
Michael W. Kruse
GAC Executive Committee Personnel Subcommittee, Class of 2008; and
3. Amend the recommendation (Action 16-206) previously adopted to nominate Alan D. Ford to the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) by changing the Class of 2010 to the Class of 2008 and forward to the General Assembly Nominating Committee for election by the 217th General Assembly (2006).

The report of the GAC Nominating Committee to the General Assembly Council is found in Appendix 27.

Worship/Adjournment

Being no further business, the council was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. following a service of worship.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Associate Stated Clerks

Appendices 1-27