

**APPROVED: February 3, 2016**

**Minutes of the  
PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY BOARD OF  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
Called Meeting  
January 6, 2016**

**CONVENE** The special meeting of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board was called to order with prayer at 5:07 p.m. by the chair, Marilyn Gamm.

**BOARD MEMBERS** The following members of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board were present for all or part of the meeting:  
Ruling Elder Marsha Zell Anson, Ruling Elder Mary C. Baskin, The Reverend Gregory Chan, The Reverend Cecil Corbett, The Reverend Harold Delhagen, The Reverend James R. Ephraim, Jr., The Reverend David Ezekiel, Ruling Elder Thomas Fleming, Jr., The Reverend Marilyn Gamm, The Reverend Marci Glass, The Reverend Kenneth Godshall, The Reverend Lindsay Harren-Lewis, The Reverend Chad Herring, Ruling Elder Jeffrey Joe, The Reverend Mihee Kim-Kort, Ruling Elder Regina Meester, The Reverend Joseph Morrow, Ruling Elder Susan Osoinach, Ruling Elder Kears Pollock, The Reverend Neal Presa, Moderator of the General Assembly, Heath Rada, The Reverend Nancy Ramsay, The Reverend Marianne Rhebergen, The Reverend Alice Ridgill, Ruling Elder Melinda Lawrence Sanders, The Reverend David Shinn, Ruling Elder Patsy Smith, Ruling Elder Glen Snider, Ruling Elder Josephene Stewart, Ruling Elder Kathy Terpstra, and The Reverend Landon Whitsitt.

**AT-LARGE MEMBER** Ruling Elder Ellen Cason

**ECUMENICAL  
ADVISORY MEMBER** The Reverend James Foucher, Jr. and The Reverend Vicki Garber

**CORRESPONDING  
MEMBERS** Ruling Elder Marilee Hopkins, Ruling Elder Marc Lewis, The Reverend Eileen Lindner, Ruling Elder James Rissler, and Ruling Elder Tony De La Rosa.

**LEADERSHIP CABINET** Terri Bate, Barry Creech, Hunter Farrell, Kathy Francis, Chip Hardwick, Sara Lisherness, and Earline Williams.

**STAFF PRESENT** Susan Abraham, Gregg Brekke, Martha Clark, April Davenport, Debbie Gardiner, Denise Hampton, Mike Kirk, Lisa Robbins, and Toni Carver Smith.

**OTHER** Rev. Brian Merritt, Co-Director, Mercy Junction Justice and Peace Center and

Leslie Scanlon, Presbyterian Outlook

**ACTION 1-010616**  
**EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Excuses were offered on behalf of the following persons, and, upon motion from the floor, the Board **VOTED** to excuse the following members from the meeting:

Andrew Barron, The Reverend Mark Brainerd, Ruling Elder Marvin Brangan, Ruling Elder Rafael Medina, Ruling Elder Raul Santiago-Rivera, Ruling Elder Noelle Royer, and The Reverend Wendy Tajima.

**CONVERSATION WITH**  
**TONY DE LA ROSA**

The Board received a first-month report from interim executive director Tony De La Rosa. De La Rosa's report included results of a "values identification exercise" with Presbyterian Mission Agency staff and progress of the 2017-2018 Presbyterian Mission Agency Mission Work Plan.

**UPDATE ON THE**  
**MODERATOR'S CALL**  
**TO THE CHURCH**

Moderator Heath Rada gave an update on his Call to the Church. Rada reported that the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) had completed collecting data and that the PC(USA) Research Services was close to completing their analysis and presentation of the information.

**ADJOURNMENT &**  
**CLOSING PRAYER**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Gamm at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Abraham  
Associate for Board Meeting Support and  
General Assembly Coordination  
Presbyterian Mission Agency