# Minutes of the Executive Committee of the <br> General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) <br> Of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 

## Minneapolis, Minnesota

July 2, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

Members

Executive Leadership Team

Recorder
Others

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
ACTION 1-EC-7210
MINUTES 6/2/10
ACTION 2-EC-7210

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The $210^{\text {th }}$ stated meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Assembly Mission Council was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the chair, Mrs. Carol Adcock. Mrs. Adcock led the Executive Committee members in prayer and recitation of the GAMC Executive Committee Covenant.

Those present for all or a portion of the meeting were:
Carol Adcock - GAMC Chair
Sue Ezell - Chair, Justice Mission Committee
Tom Gillespie - Chair, Discipleship Mission Committee
Esperanza Guajardo -- Member-at-large
Carolyn Knight - Chair, Stewardship Mission Committee Michael Kruse - GAMC Vice Chair
Carolyn McLarnan - Chair, Evangelism Mission Committee
Doug Megill - Chair, Vocation Mission Committee
Conrad Rocha - Member-at-large
Linda Valentine - GAMC Executive Director, ex-officio
Joey Bailey - Deputy Executive Director for Shared Services Roger Dermody - Deputy Executive Director for Mission Jill Hudson - Coordinator, Middle Governing Body Relations Curtis Kearns - Executive Administrator Karen Schmidt - Deputy Executive Director for Communications and Funds Development

Nancy Hamilton - GAMC Staff, Office of the Executive Director
Susan Abraham - GAMC Staff, Office of the Executive Director Terri Bate - GAMC Staff, Communication and Funds Development Martha Clark - GAMC Staff, Legal Services Barry Creech - GAMC Staff, Communication and Funds Development Jerry Van Marter - the News

Mrs. Adcock reviewed and the Executive Committee VOTED to adopt the agenda for this meeting (Appendix 1).

The Executive Committee reviewed and VOTED to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2010 Executive Committee conference call.

Mrs. Adcock, in a moment of personal privilege welcomed Mr. Roger Dermody, new Deputy Executive Director for Mission and Ms. Susan Abraham, hired to replace Ms. Nancy Hamilton as the new Executive Associate for the GAMC Executive Director's Office. Ms. Adcock also reported that Mr. Curtis Kearns, Executive Administrator, and Ms. Nancy Hamilton, Executive Associate are retiring in September.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION 3-EC-7210

GAMC/MGB MEETING, OCTOBER 2010

FUNDING OF THE GAMC

MAY MANAGEMENT
REPORTS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ITEMS Revised/Additional Comments

General Assembly
Assignments

Review of GA Calendar

The Executive Committee VOTED to ratify the Chair's addition of the General Counsel to the list of GAMC Corresponding members to the $219^{\text {th }}$ GA (2010) and to include the General Counsel in the list of GAMC Corresponding members from this point forward.

Ms. Jill Hudson reported on plans for the upcoming meeting of the General Assembly Mission Council and Middle Governing Bodies to be held on October 6, 2010. The planning committee chose the theme, "Deep Change" for the meeting and an assessment tool, Change Style Indicator, will be used. The meeting will address how we handle and manage change and to reflect on our working partnerships with the Middle Governing Bodies. The GAMC will partially cover the expenses for the assessment tool.

Ms. Linda Valentine distributed and reviewed for information, a bound booklet, Funding Trends (1996-2009) of the General Assembly Mission Council. This information will be used with the new Executive Committee during the retreat of July 28-29, 2010 and will be posted on the GAMC website. It is also intended to be used with the General Assembly Committee \#9, Mission Coordination, during the discussion of the mission budgets. (Note: the booklet will be kept with the GAMC's office file for this meeting.)

Mr. Joey Bailey reviewed the May management reports (Appendix 2). He noted that revenue continues to decrease while staff continues to hold expenses down.

Mrs. Adcock reported that the subcommittee established for approving and sending additional comments to the General Assembly (Action 10-EC-610, June 9, 2010 Executive Committee conference call minutes), approved a revised comment on Item 09-04, On Support of Missionary Funding, and a new comment on Item 09-20, On Supporting Young Adults in Mission and Leadership Development in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Appendix 3).

Mr. Curtis Kearns led the Executive Committee in a review of assignments for monitoring and resourcing items of business during the General Assembly (Appendix 2, June 9, 2010 Executive Committee conference call minutes). Talking points for resourcing items of business will be given to and reviewed with elected members on a schedule given by Mr. Roger Dermody.

Mrs. Adcock highlighted events scheduled for GAMC elected and staff members during the General Assembly:

- July 3 -- 8:30 - Noon, Riverside Conversations (optional); 1:30 p.m., GA Convenes; 3:00 p.m.; GAMC Overview; 5:00 7:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall; 7:00 p.m. GA Plenary, Moderator Election, Top 10 reception to recognize mission giving (Ms. Valentine's suite at the Hilton following plenary.)
- July 5-12:00 p.m. Luncheon for Executive Committee and Executive Leadership Team in room 200-I
- July 6-12:00 p.m. Luncheon for Executive Committee and Executive Leadership Team in room 200-I
- July 8 - Noon - Lunch for staff and elected at Westminster Presbyterian Church (Calvin's Café).


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July 2, 2010

TIME OF SHARING

PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Executive Committee members ending their GAMC service shared some thoughts regarding their experiences and wisdom gained during their term. They expressed gratefulness for the opportunity to serve and for the friendships they will cherish. The general theme of the advice offered was, "make new members welcome!" Ms. Karen Schmidt presented each Executive Committee member ending their service with the GAMC, a special Presbyterian's Today magazine cover featuring their individual photograph.

Mrs. Adcock called upon Ms. Carolyn McLarnan who closed the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Adcock adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was followed by lunch together and then a tour of the GA Exhibit Hall and preparation for Commissioner Orientation on Saturday afternoon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Carol Adcock
Chair, General Assembly Mission Council

Ms. Linda Valentine
Executive Director, General Assembly Mission Council


Revised - June 28, 2010

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minneapolis Conventions Center, Room 202AB
July 2, 2010
Minneapolis, Minnesota
9:00 a.m. I. Convene with Prayer and Covenant - Carol Adcock

## Executive Committee Covenant

We, the General Assembly Mission Council Executive Committee, called to this ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ, covenant together to:

- Seek God's will, remaining open to fresh movement of the Holy Spirit, acting boldly and creatively for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in ministry and mission
- Relate to one another with honesty, trust, respect, openness and kindness, proclaiming God's graciousness by risking and daring transformation in our lives and work
- Be faithful stewards, seeking to make wise decisions in partnership with the greater church, doing our homework, listening to all points of view, working for consensus, and faithfully supporting decisions we have made
- Worship and pray with joy and appreciation for God's guidance in doing this work.
a) Adopt Agenda
b) Approve Executive Committee Minutes of June 9, 2010
c) Ratify Chair's addition of General Counsel to the list of Corresponding Members to the $219^{\text {th }}$ GA (2010)
d) GAMC/MGB Meeting of October 6, 2010
"Change Style Indicator" Assessment Tool
II. Funding of the GAMC - Updated Information
- Review of May Management Report - Joey Bailey


## III. General Assembly Items:

a) Additional Comments - Revised Comment on Item 09-04
b) Review of GA Assignments (presented 6/9/10 - attached)
c) Review of GA Calendar

## IV. Last Minute Instructions:

a) Reporting In
b) Cell Phone Numbers

10:30 a.m. V. Time of Sharing:
a) Joint Wisdom and Reflections - Sharing of Experiences
b) Gathering of Thoughts and Advice for New Leadership and Members of the GAMC - "If Only I Had Known . . ."
12:00 p.m. VI. Adjournment with Prayer followed by:
a) Lunch Together
b) Tour of GA Exhibit Hall/Preparation for Commissioner Orientation on Saturday Afternoon

Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly Mission Program
Additions to or (Use) of Net Assets

Minutes of the GAMC Executive Committee July 2, 2010 Appendix 2





General Assembly Mission Program Receipts Actual Compared to Budget as of May 31, 2010

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| Receipts | MISSION BUDGET |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unrestricted |  |  | Restricted |  |  |  | Grand Total |  |  |
|  | Annual Budget | YTD Actual | YTD 2009 | Annual Budget | YTD Actual | YTD 2009 |  | Annual Budget | YTD Actual | YTD 2009 |
| I. Support from Congregations \& Presbyteries |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic Mission Support |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shared Mission Support Directed Mission Support | 10,200,000 | 2,496,029 | 2,790,727 | 3,800,000 | 972,654 | 1,108,968 |  | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 10,200,000 \\ 3,800,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 2,496,029 \\ 972,654 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2,790,727 \\ & 1,108,968 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 10,200,000 | 2,496,029 | 2,790,727 | 3,800,000 | 972,654 | 1,108,968 |  | 14,000,000 | 3,468,683 | 3,899,695 |
| Churchwide Spec. Offerings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Christmas Joy <br> One Great Hour of Sharing <br> Peacemaking <br> Pentecost <br> Witness | - | - | - | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 4,400,000 \\ 7,500,000 \\ 1,000,000 \\ 880,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,472,704 \\ 2,370,079 \\ 168,008 \\ 46,148 \\ 739 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 2,563,232 \\ 1,377,733 \\ 211,940 \\ 83,870 \\ 3,483 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 4,400,000 \\ 7,500,000 \\ 1,000,000 \\ 880,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $2,472,704$ $2,370,079$ 168,008 46,148 739 | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 2,563,232 \\ 1,377,733 \\ 211,940 \\ 83,870 \\ 3,483 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
|  | - | - |  | 13,780,000 | 5,057,678 | 4,240,258 |  | 13,780,000 | 5,057,678 | 4,240,258 |
| II. Supplementary Support (Beyond Budget) <br> From Congregations \& Presbyteries \& Individuals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Specific Appeals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emergency and Disaster Relief <br> Extra Commitment Opportunity (ECO) <br> Mission Initiative Joining Hearts \& Hands <br> Special Missionary Support <br> Hunger <br> Theological Education Fund | - <br> - <br> - <br> - | - |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,500,000 \\ 8,680,000 \\ 573,923 \\ 141,500 \\ 500,000 \\ 1,700,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,897,554 \\ 2,337,216 \\ 225,384 \\ 77,354 \\ 220,771 \\ 464,043 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 701,616 \\ 1,970,782 \\ 248,750 \\ 59,511 \\ 182,118 \\ 561,630 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,500,000 \\ 8,680,000 \\ 573,923 \\ 141,500 \\ 500,000 \\ 1,700,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,897,554 \\ 2,337,216 \\ 225,384 \\ 77,354 \\ 220,771 \\ 464,043 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 701,616 \\ 1,970,782 \\ 248,750 \\ 59,511 \\ 182,118 \\ 561,630 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
|  | - | - | - | 14,095,423 | 14,222,322 | 3,724,407 |  | 14,095,423 | 14,222,322 | 3,724,407 |
| Add'l Forms of Giving |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Presbyterian Women <br> Bequests and Annuities <br> Other Gifts <br> Validated Mission Support <br> Grants from Outside Fdns. | $\begin{array}{r}900,000 \\ 2,500,000 \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}- \\ 215,033 \\ - \\ - \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 213,595 } \\ 62,886 \\ - \\ - \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 52,000 \\ 200,000 \\ 125,000 \\ 12,000 \\ 983,342 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 79,558 \\ 168,000 \\ - \\ 33,303 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15,000 \\ 33,488 \\ - \\ 114,244 \\ 76,812 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 952,000 \\ 2,700,000 \\ 125,000 \\ 12,000 \\ 983,342 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 294,591 <br> 168,000 33,303 | $\begin{array}{r} 228,595 \\ 96,374 \\ - \\ 114,244 \\ 76,812 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
|  | 3,400,000 | 215,033 | 276,481 | 1,372,342 | 280,861 | 239,544 |  | 4,772,342 | 495,894 | 516,025 |
| III. Endowments, Interest and Dividends |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PC (USA) Restr. Endow. Fds. <br> PC (USA) Unres. Endow. Fds. <br> Pby. Mission Program Fund <br> Outside Trusts <br> Jarvie Commonweal Fund <br> Jinishian Fund <br> Short Term Investment | $\begin{array}{r} 7,505,853 \\ 250,000 \\ 800,000 \\ - \\ - \\ 500,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,510,786 \\ 63,259 \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ 210,429 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,904,274 \\ 137,830 \\ 527,648 \end{array}$ $296,841$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,461,130 \\ - \\ 579,631 \\ 135,000 \\ - \\ 1,923,425 \\ 700,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,106,359 \\ - \\ 113,765 \\ 120,000 \\ - \\ 624,340 \\ 127,679 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,791,109 \\ - \\ - \\ 151,252 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 6,461,130 \\ 7,505,853 \\ 829,631 \\ 935,000 \\ - \\ 1,923,425 \\ 1,200,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,106,359 \\ 2,510,786 \\ 177,024 \\ 120,000 \\ - \\ 624,340 \\ 338,108 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,791,109 \\ 1,904,274 \\ 137,830 \\ 678,900 \\ - \\ 495,212 \\ 685,552 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
|  | 9,055,853 | 2,784,474 | 2,866,593 | 9,799,186 | 3,092,143 | 2,826,284 |  | 18,855,039 | 5,876,617 | 5,692,877 |


| IV. Other |  |  |  |  | 36,250 | 75,477 | 454,833 | 36,250 | 75,477 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Partner Churches and Other |  | - | - | 454,833 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hubbard Press | 50,000 | 12,500 | 400,000 |  | - | - | 50,000 | 12,500 | 400,000 |
| Sales: Curriculum | - | - | - | 2,923,500 | 728,113 | 775,683 | 2,923,500 | 728,113 | 775,683 |
| Sales: Program Services | 491,671 | - | - | 10,673,113 | 3,523,154 | 3,557,005 | 11,164,784 | 3,523,154 | 3,557,005 |
| Sales: Resources | - | 491,671 | 2,807 | 1,824,809 | 936,984 | 928,564 | 1,824,809 | 1,428,655 | 931,371 |
| Other Income | 617,438 | 110,922 | 139,351 | - | - | - | - | 110,922 | 139,351 |
|  |  | 615,093 | 542,158 | 15,876,255 | 5,224,501 | 5,336,729 | 16,493,693 | 5,839,594 | 5,878,887 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 23,273,291 | 6,110,629 | 6,475,959 | 58,723,206 | 28,850,159 | 17,476,190 | 81,996,497 | 34,960,788 | 23,952,149 |
| V. Prior Year Accumulations | 2,512,125 | 3,332,845 | 1,788,768 | 9,332,651 | $(4,916,689)$ | 6,302,592 | 11,844,776 | (1,583,844) | 8,091,360 |
| VI. Admin. Cost Allocation | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TTL RCPTS, PY ACCUM \& ADJS | 25,785,416 | 9,443,474 | 8,264,727 | 68,055,857 | 23,933,470 | 23,778,782 | 93,841,273 | 33,376,944 | 32,043,509 |

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# General Assembly Mission Program Budget Compared to Actual <br> May 31, 2010 

The following are highlights of activities through May 31, 2010:

## RECEIPTS

Shared Mission Support receipts decreased $\$ 294,698$. Directed Mission Support receipts decreased \$136,314.

Total Special Offering receipts increased $\$ 817,420$. Christmas Joy receipts decreased $\$ 90,528$, and One Great Hour of Sharing increased $\$ 992,346$ due to the early arrival of Easter.

Other Specific Appeals increased $\$ 10,490,901$. Emergency and Disaster Relief increased $\$ 10,195,938$. The largest increase was for Haiti Relief in the amount of $\$ 10,079,706$. ECOs increased $\$ 359,420$ which is mostly for World Mission. Hunger receipts increased $\$ 38,653$. This increase includes $\$ 45,930$ in receipts for Haiti Hunger.

Hubbard Press receipts decreased $\$ 387,500$. In 2009, a one-time contribution of $\$ 350,000$ was received from Hubbard Press.

Sales: Curriculum net sales and other revenues totaled $\$ 728,113$ in 2010 compared to $\$ 775,683$ in 2009. The major difference is the recognition of ECOs and other sources of funds totaling \$69,102 more than last year.

Program Services: A decrease in revenues is related to the reimbursement of insurance expenses from other related entities.

# General Assembly Mission Program Budget Compared to Actual As of May 31, 2010 

## EXPENDITURES

Total unrestricted expenditures were $\$ 9,443,474$ in 2010 compared to $\$ 8,264,727$ in 2009. Total restricted expenditures were $\$ 23,926,455$ in 2010 compared to $\$ 23,778,782$ in 2009.

Mission - Vocation's restricted expenses are low compared to budget due to timing of grant payments.
Theology Worship and Education's curriculum expenses through May 2010 were $\$ 1,218,373$ compared to $\$ 1,077,988$ in 2009 . The main differences were caused by $\$ 47,453$ of material obsolescence and a change in the calculation of Cost of Goods Sold. Overhead is no longer recovered against the product. Expenditures are now recognized immediately through payroll and benefits and not at the time the product is sold or discarded through obsolescence.

Evangelism and Church Growth's unrestricted expenditures are high compared to budget due to the classification of $\$ 550,000$ of Youth Triennium's unrestricted expenses which will not be recovered from Special Events' restricted revenue until the event occurs in July. Restricted expenditures are low compared to budget due to timing of grant payments and recovery for Youth Triennium.

Compassion, Peace and Justice's unrestricted expenses are low compared to budget due to staff vacancies in two offices for the first quarter of 2010. Restricted expenses are lower this year in comparison to last year due to PDA expenses.

World Mission's unrestricted expenses are higher this year due to the Young Adult Volunteers' office no longer being funded by the Pentecost Offering.

Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministry restricted expenses are lower due to timing of grant payments by Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges.

Shared Services - Information Technology's unrestricted expenses decreased because salaries and benefits are lower due to restructuring. Finance and Accounting's unrestricted expenses increased due to added fees related to the new ADP payroll system.

Other - Shared expenses were higher due to replacement reserves of $\$ 208,333$. There were no replacement reserves for 2009.

Restricted Fund Allocation - This expense represents a grant to the Sacramento Presbytery to train ministers for preaching and teaching the Bible.

Board of Pensions - Restricted expenditures are higher by $\$ 848,905$ in 2010 due to a timing issue in payment; 2009 payments were made in June.

Investment Management Fees are higher in 2010 than in 2009 by $\$ 79,420$ due to bank processing fees for Haiti receipts.

## 1. Item 09-04 -On Support of Missionary Funding Comment

The General Assembly Mission Council is very appreciative to Shenango Presbytery for its long-standing support of international mission co-workers. During 2009-2010, the GAMC has, in fact, reversed the decline in the number of mission co-workers, having made this a priority for this budget cycle. The GAMC increased its financial support for international mission personnel and launched a funds development effort to provide sustained support for this initiative.
Since July of 2009, the GAMC has been engaged in an intensive strategy process for the 2011-2012 ministry cycle. As part of that process, the GAMC sought input from across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), at all levels, regarding strategic priorities for 2013 and beyond. The GAMC conducted stakeholder research (including paired weighings, a Presbyterian Panel survey, and video interviews with church leaders), listening sessions (seeking trends for the future in the world and in the church), and analyzed funding patterns for GAMC mission efforts.
The results of this research showed that Presbyterians look to the GAMC for support across a broad range of ministries, both domestic and international, and there is no consensus top priority ministry.
Over recent years, the GAMC has remained solid in its commitment to international mission personnel, as demonstrated by the percentage of its budget committed to their support. In 2011-2012, the percentage of the GAMC budget committed to mission personnel will increase.

| Mission Personnel as a Percentage of GAMC budget |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $2007^{*}$ | $2008^{*}$ | $2000^{*}$ | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| Mission Personnel | $\$ 10,717,823$ | $\$ 10,169,926$ | $\$ 9,456,202$ | $\$ 10,198,702$ | $\$ 10,867,933$ | $\$ 10,429,639$ |
| GAMC | $\$ 100,196,515$ | $\$ 94,187,351$ | $\$ 86,085,504$ | $\$ 93,841,273$ | $\$ 82,097,234$ | $\$ 80,550,613$ |
| $\%$ of GAMC | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ |  |  | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| * 2007,2008 and 2009 are actual figures | $13 \%$ | $13 \%$ |  |  |  |  |

In a very real sense, the more that Presbyterians give, the more mission personnel the General Assembly Mission Council will be able to send. We continue to seek the necessary funds to sustain the increase in 2010 and beyond. Our mission workers serve on behalf of the whole church. We need the support of the whole church to continue this long-sought growth.
The General Assembly Mission Council is not able to sustain the increase in mission personnel into 20112012 without additional financial support. The General Assembly Mission Council encourages those who want to see the number of international mission personnel increase to give to Extra Commitment Opportunity account E132192. In addition, the General Assembly Mission Council requests that the General Assembly amend the overture from Shenango Presbytery, so that it would read:

That the 219th General Assembly (2010) instruct the General Assembly Mission Council to continue to make missionary support among the highest priorities in the 2011 and 2012 budgets. In order to sustain the long-awaited reversal in the numbers of mission personnel, the 219th General Assembly (2010) invites each presbytery to participate in sharing the costs of one mission co-worker during 2011 and 2012.

## 2. GAMC COMMENT ON 09-20

Comment on 09-20-From the General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC).
The General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) is very appreciative to the Presbytery de Cristo for its support of the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program. Item 09-20, as proposed by Presbytery de Cristo has a significant financial impact: one million dollars in 2011 and again in 2012.

If adopted by the General Assembly, this overture would require the elimination of multiple programs within the GAMC mission budget. The GAMC requests that the GA disapprove Item 09-20 and respond to this request by drawing attention to the churchwide giving opportunities already in place to support the YAV program.

# General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) Minutes of the Executive Committee <br> July 2, 2010 <br> Appendix 3 

## Rationale

The YAV program began in 1994 with goals "to identify, assess, recruit, prepare, and deploy a large number of Presbyterians for service and learning experiences in cross-cultural, cross-economic settings ... To assist individuals and congregations to understand our cultural captivity as U.S. citizens... to empower a new generation of Christian leadership for the church and for the world ... and to evangelize and revitalize congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ..." for "... as many as one hundred young adults [to] be introduced to the 206th General Assembly - the vanguard of an undertaking aimed at nothing less than changing the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)..." (Minutes, 1994, Part I, p. 214).

Over one thousand Young Adult Volunteers have joined in national and international service and learning during the past sixteen years. As these young adults continue to mature and respond to God's call for faithfulness and transformation, many become church and community leaders, committed to the missional values learned and practiced during their time as YAVs.

There are currently six national YAV sites in cities around the U.S. and six international sites with global partners in other countries. YAVs serve for one year with a commitment to spiritual growth, simple living, mission service and learning, vocational discernment, and leadership development.

The YAV program is currently funded through a combination of unrestricted contributions, endowments, 25 percent of the Pentecost Offering, grants from presbyteries and participating community agencies within the U.S., and fund raising on the part of YAV participants.

In a very real sense, the more that Presbyterians give, the more Young Adult Volunteers the General Assembly Mission Council will be able to support. An extra commitment opportunity account is available for support: \#E049075. Funds given through this account are used for programmatic site support or to directly support young adult volunteers through reimbursement of outstanding student loans, housing and food allowance, and/or a travel subsidy. The YAV program needs the support of the whole church to expand this important ministry. The GAMC requests that the General Assembly respond to this overture by drawing attention to these giving opportunities.


