

Approved – October 5, 2010

**Minutes of the Executive Committee of the  
General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC)  
Of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Conference Call  
September 15, 2010 – 4 p.m. EST**

CALL TO ORDER	Mr. Michael Kruse, Chair of the GAMC Executive Committee called the meeting to order with prayer at 4 p.m.
ATTENDANCE	Mr. Kruse called upon Ms. Susan Abraham, recorder for the meeting, to call the roll. Those present for all or a portion of the meeting were:
<i>Members</i>	Thomas Gillespie – Chair, Discipleship Committee Michael Kruse – Chair, General Assembly Mission Council Carolyn McLarnan – Vice-chair, General Assembly Mission Council Matthew Schramm – Chair, Evangelism Mission Committee Joyce Smith – Member-at-large Linda Valentine – Member ex-officio
<i>Executive Leadership Team</i>	Joey Bailey - Deputy Executive Director, Shared Services Roger Dermody - Deputy Executive Director, Mission Jill Hudson - GAMC/OGA Middle Governing Body Relations Karen Schmidt - Deputy Executive Director, Communications and Funds Development
<i>Members Excused</i>	Clark Cowden – Chair, Vocation Mission Committee Alan Ford – Chair, Stewardship Mission Committee Roger Gench – Chair, Justice Mission Committee Aleida Jernigan – Member-at-large
<i>Recorder</i>	Susan Abraham - GAMC Staff, Office of the Executive Director
<i>Others</i>	Martha Clark - GAMC Staff, Legal Services Barry Creech – GAMC Staff, Communications and Funds Development Alejandra Sherman – GAMC Staff, Office of the Executive Director
REVIEW OF ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 2010 GAMC MEETING	Mr. Kruse stated that the purpose of the meeting is to review the draft agendas for the meetings of the Executive Committee and the GAMC and to approve the assignment of business items to mission committees.
GAMC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COVENANT	Mr. Kruse stated that the GAMC Executive Committee (GAMCX) would continue to have the recitation of the GAMCX Covenant at their face-to-face meetings but not during meetings via conference calls.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA – OCTOBER 5, 2010	Mr. Kruse led the Executive Committee through the proposed agenda for the GAMC Executive Committee. Martha Clark reported that the Final Report of the IARP may be done in closed session. No other changes were suggested for the agenda.

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GAMC MEETING AGENDA  
OCTOBER 5-8, 2010

Mr. Kruse reviewed the draft agenda for the GAMC meeting of October 5-8, 2010 (**Appendix 1**).

*Make Up Orientation and  
Community Building*

Mr. Kruse and Ms. Linda Valentine reported that there would be a make-up orientation for new members who were not at the July New Member Orientation. The orientation will be held during lunch and for an hour at the end of Committee meetings on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Joey Bailey announced that Rebecca Cook, Member-at-large, will not be attending orientation as she had withdrawn from the GAMC.

Mr. Kruse and Ms. Carolyn McLarnan from the Executive Committee will be leading the orientation along with Ms. Valentine. Mr. Joey Bailey, Mr. Roger Dermody, Mr. Vince Patton, and Ms. Karen Schmidt will be invited to speak about specific issues.

Mr. Kruse informed the Executive Committee that there would be a time for community building on Thursday evening in order for GAMC members to get acquainted with each other. Plans are also being made to set aside half an hour for community building in each committee. Ms. Jill Hudson and Mr. Matthew Schramm agreed to work on activities for Thursday evening.

*Generative Thinking at  
GAMC Meeting*

Mr. Kruse reported that on Friday morning, the Council as a whole would discuss issues emerging out of committee meetings.

For the afternoon session of generative thinking, an “open space” approach will be used. GAMC members can suggest topics, for example subjects coming out of the GAMC/MGB meeting, or prompted by the Congregational Life Survey Presentation or the committee discussions on Friday morning. Two sequential discussion times will be held. Members will select a topic for the first session, and then may select a different topic for the second session. Discussion groups will be of varying size, and for approximately 45 minutes, with a 15 minute break in between.

Mr. Kruse mentioned that he would display a chart from the book, *Governance as Leadership*, that lays out the three modes of governance, fiduciary, strategic, and generative, in order to emphasize keeping the discussions in the generative mode.

Mr. Kruse, Ms. Valentine, and Ms. Hudson will work on the details for the afternoon session of generative thinking.

*Closing Prayer*

Mr. Kruse stated that the last 30 minutes of the meeting on Friday would be devoted to closing prayer in small groups. Following prayers in small groups, the Council would gather as a whole to close out with a hymn and a benediction.

*Assignment of GAMC  
Business Items to Mission  
Committees*

Ms. Valentine reviewed the assignment of business items to mission committees (**Appendix 2**). Mr. Bailey mentioned that the Stewardship Mission Committee and the Evangelism Mission Committee would meet jointly to consider the “Santa Fe, New Mexico/Ghost Ranch Santa Fe/Plaza Resolana Property Sale or Lease.” The Executive Committee **AGREED by consensus** to approve the assignments of business as submitted.

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ACTION 1-EC-91510  
*Closed Session*

The Executive Committee **VOTED to move** into closed session at 4:48 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

Mr. Kruse called upon Ms. Abraham to call the roll. For the closed session, Executive Committee voting members and the following staff were invited to attend: Linda Valentine, Roger Dermody, Barry Creech, Martha Clark, Susan Abraham, and Alejandra Sherman. Mr. Kruse confirmed that there was a quorum.

*Introduction to Independent Abuse Panel Report (IARP)*

The Executive Committee heard a briefing of the final report of the IARP by Martha Clark to be presented at the meeting of the GAMC Executive Committee on October 5, 2010.

ACTION 2- EC – 91510  
*Rise from Closed Session*

The Executive Committee **VOTED to rise** from closed session at 5:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed business, the Executive Committee was closed with prayer by Mr. Thomas Gillespie, and Mr. Kruse adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mr. Michael Kruse  
Chair, General Assembly Mission Council

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Ms. Linda Valentine  
Executive Director, General Assembly Mission Council

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October 5-8, 2010

AGENDA

GAMC OFFICE - Show

Tuesday, October 5

- 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Audit Committee - *Win*
- 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. GAMC Executive Committee – *KY Ballroom A/B*
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner – Executive Committee (elected members) at the Valentine’s  
home

Wednesday, October 6

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. GAMC/Middle Governing Body – *KY Ballroom E*

Thursday, October 7

- 7:30 a.m. Group Breakfast – *KY Ballroom G*
- 8:30 a.m. GAMC Opening Plenary – *KY Ballroom E*
- Call to Order *Michael Kruse*
  - Welcome and Introduction of New  
GAMC Members
  - Opening Devotion *Thomas Gillespie*
  - Adoption of Agenda *Michael Kruse*
  - Roll Call *Kerry Clements*
  - Greetings from the Stated Clerk  
*Parsons* *Gradye*
  - Greetings from the Moderator *Cynthia*  
*Bolbach*
  - Report of the Chair *Michael Kruse*
  - Approval of May 2010 GAMC Minutes  
*Kruse* *Michael*
  - Report of the GAMC Nominating Committee  
*Schramm* *Matthew*

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- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by Research Services
- U.S. Congregational Life Survey
- 12:00 p.m. Recess with Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Group Lunch – ***KY Ballroom G***
- 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. GAMC Mission Committee Meetings:
- Discipleship – *KY Ballroom A*
  
  - Evangelism – *KY Ballroom B*
  - Justice – *KY Ballroom C*
  - Vocation – *KY Ballroom D*
  - Stewardship – *KY Ballroom F*
- 5:00 pm. Recess
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Group Dinner and Fellowship - ***KY Ballroom G***
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meetings Continued (*as needed*)

**Friday, October 8**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF PLENARY ROOM**

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Group Breakfast – ***KY Ballroom G***
- 8:30 a.m. Reconvene Plenary – ***KY Ballroom E***
- Opening Prayer *LaVert Jones*
- Committee Led Discussions
- Discipleship
  - Evangelism
  - Justice
  - Stewardship
  - Vocation
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Committee Led Discussions Continued
- 12:00 p.m. Group Lunch – ***KY Ballroom G***
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **GAMC Executive Committee in Closed Session – *Salon IX***

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**Appendix 1**

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| 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Committee Reports (10 minutes each): - <b><i>KY Ballroom E</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Executive Committee - H <span style="float: right;"><i>Michael Kruse</i></span></li><li>• Corporate - G <span style="float: right;"><i>Michael Kruse</i></span></li><li>• Audit - F <span style="float: right;"><i>Reginald<br/>Parsons</i></span></li><li>• Discipleship – C <span style="float: right;"><i>Tom Gillespie</i></span></li><li>• Vocation – D <span style="float: right;"><i>Clark Cowden</i></span></li><li>• Stewardship – E <span style="float: right;"><i>Alan Ford</i></span></li><li>• Evangelism – A <span style="float: right;"><i>Matthew<br/>Schramm</i></span></li><li>• Justice – B <span style="float: right;"><i>Roger Gench</i></span></li></ul> |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Break   |
| 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | New/Unfinished Business   |
| 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Generative Thinking   |
| 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.      | Closing Prayer  |
| 6:00 p.m.             | Group Dinner – <b><i>KY Ballroom G</i></b>  |

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**Assignments for General Assembly Mission Council Meeting – October 5-8, 2010**

<b>BUSINESS ITEM</b>	<b>FROM MINISTRY</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>ITEM #</b>
1. Approval of Discipleship Mission Committee Minutes – May 2010	Theology, Worship & Education	Discipleship	
2. 2012 Programmatic Emphases – Liturgical Seasons & Special Days	Communications & Funds Dev.	Discipleship	
3. Mary Holmes College Property Sale – Distribution of Proceeds	Racial Ethnic & Women’s Min.	Discipleship	
4. Approval of Evangelism Mission Committee Minutes – May 2010	World Mission	Evangelism	
5. Lease of United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan on Behalf of Forman Christian College	World Mission	Evangelism	
6. Re-designation of Egypt Custody Account	World Mission	Evangelism	
7. Approval of Justice Mission Committee Minutes – May 2010	Compassion, Peace & Justice	Justice	
8. MRTI Committee Procedures: Approval of Revisions	Compassion, Peace & Justice	Justice	
9. Faith United Against Gun Violence	Compassion, Peace & Justice	Justice	
10. After the Spill: Religious Communities Restoring the Gulf	Compassion, Peace & Justice	Justice	
11. Jarvie Commonweal Service Committee Nomination	Compassion, Peace & Justice	Justice	
12. Interfaith Disability Advocacy Coalition (IDAC)	Compassion, Peace & Justice	Justice	
13. Approval of Stewardship Mission Committee Minutes – May 2010	Shared Services	Stewardship	
14. Capital Budget Request	Shared Services	Stewardship	
15. The Data Security/Tech Policy	Shared Services	Stewardship	
16. 2011-2012 Revised Mission Program Budget	Shared Services	Stewardship	
17. Approval of Corporate Minutes – May 2010	Legal Services	Stewardship	
18. Election of Officers	Legal Services	Stewardship	
19. 2010 Manse Report	Legal Services	Stewardship	
20. Santa Fe, New Mexico/Ghost Ranch Santa Fe/Plaza Resolana Property Sale or Lease	Legal Services	Stewardship	
21. Authorization of Contract Signors	Legal Services	Stewardship	
22. Approval of Vocation Mission Committee Minutes – May 2010	Vocation	Vocation	

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23. Proposed Changes to Financial Aid Programs	Vocation	Vocation	
24. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes - July 2, 2010	Executive Director's Office	Executive Com.	
25. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes - July 28-29, 2010	Executive Director's Office	Executive Com.	
26. Chair's Appointments	Executive Director's Office	Executive Com.	
27. 219 <sup>th</sup> GA (2010) Referrals to GAMC	Executive Director's Office	Executive Com.	
28. Celebration of Holy Communion	Executive Director's Office	Executive Com.	
29. Revised GAMC Meeting Schedule	Executive Director's Office	Executive Com.	
30. Executive Committee Conference Call Dates	Executive Director's Office	Executive Com.	

