

Approved February 15, 2012

**Minutes of the Executive Committee of the  
General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC)  
Of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Conference Call  
January 25, 2012 – 1 p.m. EST**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Michael Kruse, Chair, called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) to order with prayer.

**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:

*Members*

Steve Aeschbacher – Chair, Discipleship Mission Committee  
Clark Cowden – Chair, Vocation Mission Committee  
Roger Gench – Chair, Justice Mission Committee  
Michael Kruse – Chair  
Carolyn McLarnan – Vice-chair  
Marta Rodriguez – Member-at-large  
Matt Schramm – Chair, Evangelism Mission Committee  
Linda Valentine – Member ex-officio

**EXCUSED**

Alan Ford – Chair, Stewardship Mission Committee  
Joyce Smith – Member-at-large

*Executive Leadership Team*

Joey Bailey – Deputy Executive Director, Shared Services  
Roger Dermody – Deputy Executive Director for Mission  
Vince Patton – Executive Administrator  
Karen Schmidt – Deputy Executive Director, Communications and Funds Development

*Recorder*

Susan Abraham – GAMC Staff, Office of the Executive Director

*Others*

Martha Clark – GAMC Staff, Legal Services  
Barry Creech – GAMC Staff, Communications and Funds Development  
Dana Dages – GAMC Staff, Executive Director's Office  
Eric Hoey – GAMC Staff, Evangelism and Church Growth  
Sam Locke – GAMC Staff, Communications and Funds Development

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Ms. Linda Valentine introduced co-chairs of the Special Offerings Advisory Task Force (SOATF), Karl Travis and Sarah Butter. Mr. Travis and Ms. Butter presented the report of the Advisory Task Force which included the General Assembly mandate to the SOATF, the process used by the Advisory Task Force to gather feedback, overview of giving to Special Offerings over the years, and recommendations to both the GAMC and GA. Members of the

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MISSION COUNCIL**

**February 15-17, 2012**

**GAMC Executive Committee**

**Item H.101**

Executive Committee were invited to offer comments on the report.

**REVIEW OF AGENDAS**

Mr. Kruse requested Ms. Valentine to lead the Executive Committee through the proposed agendas for the GAMC Executive Committee and the GAMC meetings on February 15-17, 2012. No changes were made to the draft agendas (**Appendices 1 & 2**).

**APPROVAL OF BUSINESS ITEMS  
ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEES  
ACTION 1- EC-12512**

Mr. Vince Patton reviewed the assignment of business items to mission committees (**Appendix 3**). The Executive Committee **VOTED to approve** the assignment of business as submitted.

Mr. Barry Creech informed chairs of mission committees that Mr. Travis and Ms. Butter were available to answer questions related to the SOATF Report in committees. Chairs were asked to contact Mr. Creech, if they wished to have Mr. Travis and Ms. Butter visit their committee so he could coordinate their schedule.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having completed business, the meeting of the Executive Committee was closed with prayer by Mr. Kruse at 2.24 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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**ITEM H.100**  
**GAMC Executive Committee**  
**February 15, 2012**  
**The Brown Hotel, 335 W. Broadway**  
**Louisville, KY 40202**  
**502-583-1234**

**Room –**  
**AGENDA**

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

**8:30 a.m. Welcome/Call to Order/Prayer**

*Michael Kruse*

***Recitation of GAMC 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.

**8:40 a.m. ACTION ITEMS:**

*Michael Kruse*

- Adoption of Agenda – **H.100**
- Approval of Minutes – **H.101**
  - a. September, 2011
  - b. November 9, 2011
  - c. November 17, 2011
  - d. December 8, 2011
  - e. January 25, 2012

*Michael Kruse*

- Chair Appointments - **H.102**

*Michael Kruse*

**8:50 a.m. ➤ Executive Director's Office Report to the 220<sup>th</sup> GA (2012) – H.103**

*Linda Valentine*

- Corresponding Members to the 220<sup>th</sup> GA (2012) – **H.104**

*Linda Valentine*

**9:00 a.m. ➤ Procedures Subcommittee Report**

- GAMC Missional Relationships – **H.105**

*Carolyn McLarnan*

- GAMC Gift Acceptance Policy – **H.106**
- GAMC Committee Structure – **H.107**
- GAMC Related Committee Guidelines – **H. 108**

<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	➤ 2013-2016 Mission Work Plan - <b>H.109</b>	<i>Michael Kruse</i>
	➤ GAMC Committee Structure - <b>H.110</b>	<i>Michael Kruse</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	BREAK	
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	➤ Special Offerings Advisory Task Force (SOATF) <b>H.111</b>	<i>Karl Travis</i>
<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	➤ Domestic Mission Task Force - <b>H.112</b>	<i>Clark Cowden</i>
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	➤ Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP)	<i>Jean Demmler &amp; Bill Capel</i>
<b>11:50 a.m.</b>	<b>REPORTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Financial Overview</li><li>➤ Funds Development</li></ul>	<i>Joey Bailey</i> <i>Karen Schmidt</i>
<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>REVIEW OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Discipleship</li><li>➤ Evangelism</li><li>➤ Justice</li><li>➤ Stewardship</li><li>➤ Vocation</li></ul>	<i>Steve Aeschbacher</i> <i>Matthew Schramm</i> <i>Roger Gench</i> <i>Alan Ford</i> <i>Clark Cowden</i>
<b>12:20 p.m.</b>	<b>CLOSED SESSION - Personnel &amp; Litigation Matters</b>	<i>Martha Clark</i>
<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	Adjourn with prayer	
<b><u>LUNCH AND JOINT MEETING WITH COGA –</u></b>		
<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	Welcome/Opening Prayer	<i>John Wilkinson</i>
	Sharing Food and Fellowship	
<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	Report of the Commission on Mid-Councils	<i>Tod Bolsinger</i>
<b>2:15 p.m.</b>	Overview/Approval of Per Capita Budget	
	Overview/Approval of GA Referral	
	Closing Prayer	<i>Michael Kruse</i>
<b>2:45 p.m.</b>	Adjournment	

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MISSION COUNCIL**  
**THE BROWN HOTEL**  
**335 W. BROADWAY**  
**LOUISVILLE, KY 40202**  
**502.583.1234**  
**February 15 – 17, 2012**  
**AGENDA**

**GAMC OFFICE - J. Graham Brown Room**

**Tuesday, February 14**

2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.      Audit Committee Meeting -

**Wednesday, February 15**

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.      GAMC Executive Committee Meeting –

12:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.      GAMC Executive Committee and COGA Lunch and Joint Meeting –

3:00 p.m.

**GAMC Opening Plenary –**

- Welcome and Call to Order
- Opening Devotional
- GAMC Covenant
- Adoption of Agenda
- Roll Call
- Approval of September 2011 GAMC Minutes

*Michael Kruse*  
*Mihee Kim-Kort*

3:30 p.m.

- Greetings from the GA Moderator
- GAMC Chair's Report
- GAMC Executive Director's Report
- Introduction of TWE Director

*Cynthia Bolbach*  
*Michael Kruse*  
*Linda Valentine*  
*Roger Dermody*

4:00 p.m.

- GAMC Nominating Committee Report
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
  - Other Nominations

*Sue Ezell*

4:15 p.m.

Break

4:30 p.m.

2013-2016 Mission Work Plan

*Michael Kruse*

5:15

Council Structure

*Michael Kruse*

6:00 p.m.

Recess with Closing Prayer

6:30 p.m.

Dinner by Committees

**Thursday, February 16**

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.      Group Breakfast -

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      GAMC Mission Committee Meetings:

- Discipleship –
- Evangelism –
- Justice –
- Vocation –
- Stewardship –

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch in Committees

1:30 p.m. **GAMC Plenary –**  
Greetings and Opening Devotion - *COTE* *Michael Jenkins*  
1:45 p.m. Special Offerings Advisory Task Force Report *Karl Travis*

2:45 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m. Committee Topics

- Stewardship – *Alan Ford*
- Evangelism – *Matt Schramm*
- Discipleship – *Steve Aeschbacher*
- Justice – *Roger Gench*
- Vocation – *Clark Cowden*

*Discuss inclusion of Domestic Mission Task Force report in plenary.*

5:00 p.m. Update Conversations

5:30 p.m. Recess with Closing Prayer

6:30 p.m. Worship and Group Dinner with the Presbyterian *Dave Davies and ?*  
Foundation Board – *Henry Clay Building*

### Friday, February 17

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF PLENARY ROOM**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Group Breakfast -

8:30 a.m. GAMC Plenary – *Crystal Ballroom*  
Opening Prayer  
Greetings from the Stated Clerk *Gradye Parsons*

8:45 a.m. Committee Reports

- Corporate *Michael Kruse*
- Audit *Reginald Parsons*
- Executive Committee *Michael Kruse*
- Discipleship *Steve Aeschbacher*
- Evangelism *Matt Schramm*
- Justice *Roger Gench*
- Stewardship *Alan Ford*
- Vocation *Clark Cowden*

12:00 p.m. Closing Worship and Adjournment *Bruce Reyes Chow*

#### **BOX LUNCHES –**

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. GAMC/Foundation Work Group Meeting

**Assignments for General Assembly Mission Council Meeting – February 15-17, 2012**

ITEM #	BUSINESS ITEM	COMMITTEE	FROM MINISTRY
C.100	Discipleship Mission Committee Agenda	Discipleship	
C.101	Discipleship Mission Committee Minutes – September 2011	Discipleship	
C.102	Response to Referrals - TWE	Discipleship	Theology, Worship & Education
C.103	APCU Covenant	Discipleship	Theology, Worship & Education
C.104	Response to Referrals – RE&WM/PW	Discipleship	Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministry/PW
A.100	Evangelism Mission Committee Agenda	Evangelism	
A.101	Evangelism Mission Committee Minutes – September 2011	Evangelism	
A.102	Response to Referrals - ECG	Evangelism	Evangelism & Church Growth
A.103	Approval of List of Related Schools, Colleges and Universities	Evangelism	Evangelism & Church Growth
A.104	Church Parsonage & Church Loan Fund, Fifty Million Fund, & Special Church Extension Fund Redesignations	Evangelism	Evangelism & Church Growth
A.105	1001 Worshipping Communities	Evangelism	Evangelism & Church Growth
A.106	Response to Referrals – World Mission	Evangelism	World Mission
A.107	Approval of Women of Faith Award Nominees	Evangelism	Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministry/PW
B.100	Justice Mission Committee Agenda	Justice	

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ITEM #	BUSINESS ITEM	COMMITTEE	FROM MINISTRY
B.101	Justice Mission Committee Minutes – September 2011	Justice	
B.102	Response to Referrals - CPJ	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice
B.103	MRTI: Proxy voting Recommendations	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice
H.001	GAMC Executive Committee Report One	Plenary	
P.100	GAMC Agenda	Plenary	
P.101	GAMC Minutes – March 30-April 1, 2011	Plenary	
	Election of Chair and Vice-Chair	Plenary	GAMC Nominating Committee
	Other Nominations	Plenary	GAMC Nominating Committee
E.100	Stewardship Committee Agenda	Stewardship	
E.101	Stewardship Committee Minutes – September 2011	Stewardship	
E.102	Capital Budget Requests	Stewardship	
E.103	Revised 2012 Budget	Stewardship	
E.104	Response to Referral – Stewardship	Stewardship	Shared Services
E.105	Response to Referrals – CFD	Stewardship	Communication & Funds Dev.



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ITEM #	BUSINESS ITEM	COMMITTEE	FROM MINISTRY
I.100	Audit Committee Agenda	Audit	Audit
G.101	Corporate Minutes – September 2011	Stewardship	
G.102	Authorization of Contract Signors	Stewardship	Legal Services
G.103	2012 Manse Allowances	Stewardship	Legal Services
G.104	Electronic Records Policy	Stewardship	Legal Services
D.100	Vocation Mission Committee Agenda	Vocation	
D.101	Vocation Mission Committee Minutes – September 2011	Vocation	
D.102	Christian Educators Certified in 2011	Vocation	
D.103	Ida Belle Ringling Fund Redesignation	Vocation	
D.104	PCCMP Annual Report	Vocation	
H.100	GAMC Executive Committee Agenda	Executive Committee	
H.101	Approval of Executive Committee Minutes –	Executive Committee	
H.102	Appointments by the Chair	Executive Committee	
H.103	Executive Director’s Office Report to the 220 <sup>th</sup> GA (2012)	Executive Committee	

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ITEM #	BUSINESS ITEM	COMMITTEE	FROM MINISTRY
H.104	Corresponding Members to the 220 <sup>th</sup> GA (2012)	Executive Committee	Office of the Executive Director
H.105	Procedures Subcommittee Report	Executive Committee	
H.106	GAMC Missional Relationships		
H.107	GAMC Gift Acceptance Policy		
H.108	GAMC Committee Structure		
H.109	GAMC Related Committee Guidelines		
H.109	2013-2016 Mission Work Plan	Executive Committee	
H.110	GAMC Committee Structure	Executive Committee	
H.111	Special Offerings Advisory Task Force Report	Executive Committee	
H.112	Domestic Mission Task Force	Executive Committee	

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