CALL TO ORDER

The 214th stated meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Assembly Mission Council was called to order by chair, Mr. Michael Kruse. Mr. Kruse led the Executive Committee members in prayer and recitation of the GAMC Executive Committee Covenant.

ATTENDANCE

The following persons were present for all or a portion of the meeting:

Members

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

Executive Leadership Team

Joey Bailey – Deputy Executive Director for Shared Services
Roger Dermody – Deputy Executive Director for Mission
Jill Hudson – Coordinator, Mid Council Relations
Vince Patton – Executive Administrator
Karen Schmidt – Deputy Executive Director for Communications and Funds Development

Recorder

Susan Abraham – GAMC Staff, Office of the Executive Director

Others

Terri Bate – GAMC Staff, Communications and Funds Development
Arthur Canada, GAMC Elected Member
Bill Capel – GAMC Elected Member
Martha Clark – GAMC Staff, Office of Legal Services
Barry Creech – GAMC Staff, Communications and Funds Development
Dave Crittenden – GAMC Staff, Communications and Funds Development
Dana Dages – GAMC Staff, Office of the Executive Director
April Davenport – GAMC Staff, Office of Legal Services
Hunter Farrell, GAMC Staff, World Mission
Bethany Furkin – GAMC Staff, Presbyterian News Service
Eric Hoey – GAMC Staff, Evangelism and Church Growth
Rhashell Hunter – GAMC Staff, Racial Ethnic Women/Presbyterian
ACTION 1-EC-050912
ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Mr. Kruse reviewed and the Executive Committee **VOTED to adopt** the proposed agenda for this meeting *(Appendix 1).*

ACTION 2-EC-050912
APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES
The Executive Committee **VOTED to approve** the minutes of the following Executive Committee meetings as presented:

- February 15, 2012
- March 29, 2012
- April 18, 2012
- May 2, 2012

ACTION 3-EC-050912
ATTENDANCE RATIONALE FOR THE 220TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2012)
Ms. Linda Valentine presented and the Executive Committee **VOTED to approve** the GAMC Attendance Rationale for the 220th GA (2012) for 287 persons, both elected members and staff *(Appendix 2).*

ACTION 4-EC-050912
CHAIR APPOINTMENTS
The Executive Committee **VOTED to ratify** the following appointments of the chair:

1. **Task Force of Racial Ethnic Leaders to Advise the GAMC on Special Offering funds for Racial Ethnic Church Leadership Development:**

   - **Carroll Jenkins**, Black TE. Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns
   - **Joey Lee**, Asian TE. Joey is the Presbytery Executive for San Jose Presbytery. He has served on the GAMC Mid-Council Advisory Board.
   - **Emily McGinley**, chair, Asian TE. (Young Adult) Emily currently serves on the GA Nominating Committee and will complete six years of service at the close of this General Assembly. She is the Interim Director for Alumni/Alumnae Relations at McCormick Theological Seminary and the former Director of Common Ground, a program that supported persons of color in church leadership.
• **Joe Morrow**, Black/Asian RE. (Young Adult) Joe oversees Chicago Semester, an initiative for college students to gain experience and participate in theological and vocational reflection as interns with various non-profit organizations. He was a member of the Special Committee on the Nature of the Church in the 21st Century.

• **Paul Roberts**, Black TE. Paul is the President and Dean at Johnson C. Smith.

• **Joanne Rodriguez**, Hispanic RE. Joanne is the director of the Hispanic Theological Initiative at Princeton University and assists young Latinos in pursuing theological education.

• **Elona Street-Stewart**, Native American RE. Elona is a synod executive for racial ethnic concerns and community empowerment for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies as well as a member of the St. Paul, MN, School board. She has experience with Native American education and leadership development in the PCUSA.

**Background:** The above appointments were made in response to the following recommendation of the Special Offerings Advisory Task Force that was approved by the GAMC in February.

“Appoint a task force consisting of racial ethnic leaders from across the church to advise the GAMC on Special Offering funds used for racial ethnic church leadership development. To impact 2014 funds allocation, the Task Force shall be appointed promptly by the Chair of the General Assembly Mission Council, in consultation with GANC, GACOR, and ACREC, with a mandate to report to the April 2013 GAMC meeting. That $5000 from the Christmas Joy Offering be allocated for the work of the task force.”

2. **Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI)**

• Sue Ezell, Class of 2014
• Mihee Kim-Kort, Class of 2016

The GAMC Executive Committee **VOTED to approve** the celebration of Holy Communion at the following events:

1. **Six Agency Leadership Initiative Consultation (October 29-31)** in Baltimore, Maryland.


4. **Presbytery Leader Formation Residency (May 13-18)** at the San
The GAMC Executive Committee **VOTED to approve** September 12-14, 2012 as the dates for the fall meeting of the GAMC and forwarded the recommendation to the GAMC for approval.

**Background:**
At the February 2012 meeting, the GAMC approved changes to the dates and location of its meeting in September 2012 from September 12-13 in Seoul, Korea, to September 11-13 or September 12-14 in Louisville. It was recommended that the GAMC approve September 12-14 as the dates for the fall meeting, since a hotel that could provide the space and rooms for the meeting had been secured for those days.

**Comments to the 220th General Assembly (2012):**

**ACTION 7-EC-050912**

“Privilege, Power and Policy: The Church as an Employer,” from the Climate for Change Task Force.

**ACTION 8-EC-050912**


**ACTION 9-EC-050912**

Recommendation 3 of “Celebrating the Decade of Hearing and Singing New Songs to God” from the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns.

**ACTION 10-EC-050912**

Overture 101 (Item 10-05) “On Maintaining the Integrity of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering,” from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh and Overture 103 (Item 10-06) “On Retaining the Peacemaking Offering as an Independent Offering Appropriate to World Communion Sunday,” from the Presbytery of Albany.

**ACTION 11-EC-050912**

The Executive Committee **VOTED to approve** adding the name of David Crittenden to the list of Corresponding Members to the 220th General Assembly (2012) *(Appendix 4):*

Ms. Valentine announced Ms. Karen Schmidt’s resignation from her position as Deputy Executive Director of Communications and Funds Development. She thanked Ms. Schmidt for her service on the GAMC and for her efforts to further Christ’s mission through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Ms. Valentine reported that Mr. Crittenden has been appointed to serve on the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) in Ms. Schmidt’s place. Members of the ELT are also corresponding members to the General Assembly.
MISSION WORK PLAN AND BUDGET
The Executive Committee received a report of the 2013-2016 Mission Work Plan and 2013-2014 Budget from the Executive Director, Linda Valentine, Deputy Executive Director for Shared Services, Joey Bailey and Deputy Executive Director for Mission, Roger Dermody. The Executive Committee also heard reports from the directors of the ministry areas on how the work of each area aligns with the plan.

ACTION 12-EC-050912
CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION
The Executive Committee VOTED to convene in closed session at 9:49 a.m. to discuss personnel matters with only members of the Executive Committee and the following invited persons:

- Linda Valentine
- Roger Dermody
- Vince Patton
- Karen Schmidt
- Barry Creech
- Dave Crittenden
- Joey Bailey
- Denise Hampton
- Andrea McNicol
- Lisa Robbins
- Ruth Gardner
- Rhashell Hunter
- Hunter Farrell
- Marcia Myers
- Chip Hardwick
- Sara Lisherness
- Eric Hoey
- Jill Hudson
- Martha Clark
- Mike Kirk
- April Davenport
- Dana Dages
- Lisa Abraham

ACTION 13-EC-050912
RISE FROM CLOSED SESSION
The Executive Committee VOTED to rise from closed session at 10:38 a.m. and recessed for break.

RECONVENE
Following break, the Executive Committee reconvened in open session at 10:55 a.m. and the chair, Mr. Kruse, announced that there were no actions to report from the closed session.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS
In order to inform Executive Committee members of key issues coming to the 220th General Assembly and the role of GAMC staff and elected members at GA, Ms. Valentine gave a Power Point presentation (Appendix 5 ) that highlighted the following:

- Questions Before the Assembly
- How GAMC relates to GA
- How GA Guides the work of the GAMC
• How GAMC Partners with OGA to Support GA
• Role of GAMC Executive Committee Members at GA

Mr. Vince Patton distributed a General Assembly Committee Preference Form on which members of the Executive Committee were requested to indicate the committee they would be willing to monitor during GA (Appendix 6). Mr. Roger Dermody presented a lay out of the exhibit area.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS
The chairs of each of the Mission Committees reported on committee business at this GAMC meeting. (Refer to attachment 7 for committee agendas.)

LUNCH
The Executive Committee was recessed for lunch at 11:37 a.m. with prayer led by Ms. Jill Hudson.

RECONVENE
The Executive Committee reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

GOVERNANCE DISCUSSION
Mr. Kruse welcomed Mr. Kears Pollock, chair of the Governance Task Force. Mr. Pollock invited members of the Executive Committee to share concerns that relate specifically to how the GAMC currently operates and to offer input that would help guide the work of the Task Force.

CHAIR’S REPORT
Mr. Kruse informed the Executive Committee that he would be giving the chair’s report during Plenary on Friday morning. He encouraged Executive Committee members to enable GAMC staff to establish connections with their local congregations and presbyteries in order to educate them about the work of the GAMC.

Ms. Valentine thanked Mr. Kruse for his testimonials and reiterated the need for elected members to help staff make those connections because it’s those connections that enable the GAMC to inspire, equip and connect the church.

Mr. Kruse made the following announcements:

• Nancy Caudel’s resignation from the GAMC
• Frank Yamada, President and Professor of Hebrew Bible at McCormick Theological Seminary, will be representing the COTE at this GAMC meeting
• Meg Flanagan from Presbyterian Publishing Corporation will be leading us through songs from the New Presbyterian Hymnal during the GAMC meeting

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Kruse closed the meeting of the Executive Committee with prayer at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Michael Kruse  
Chair, General Assembly Mission Council

Ms. Linda Valentine  
Executive Director, General Assembly Mission Council
Call to Order and Convene with Prayer

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.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Adoption of Agenda – H.100
  
- Approval of Minutes – H.101
  a. February 15, 2012
  b. March 29, 2012
  c. April 18, 2012
  d. May 2, 2012

- GA Attendance Rationale – H.102
- Chair Appointments – H. 103
- Celebration of Holy Communion – H. 104
5. Six Agency Leadership Initiative Consultation

6. Racial Ethnic Seminarians Conference

7. 2012 Presbyterian Women’s Gathering

8. Presbytery Leader Formation

- September 2012 GAMC Meeting Dates – **H.105**  
  *Vince Patton*

9:00 a.m.

- Comments on Overtures and Reports to the General Assembly  
  *Linda Valentine & Barry Creech*

  - A Review of Efforts Regarding Cultural Proficiency and Creating a Climate for Change in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) – ACREC – **H.106**
  - Human Rights Update – ACSWP (Rec. #2) – **H.107**
  - Celebrating the Decade of Hearing and Singing New Songs To God – ACWC (Rec. #5) – **H.108**
  - Comments on Overtures (Special Offerings) – **H.109**

- Corresponding Member to the 220th General Assembly (2012) – **H.110**  
  *Linda Valentine*

9:30 a.m.  
Mission Work Plan and Budget  
*Linda Valentine*

10:00 a.m.  
Mission Work Plan and Budget - **Closed session**

10:30 a.m.  
Break

10:15 a.m.  
General Assembly Highlights  
*Linda Valentine*

- Overview of Business
- Role of GAMC Executive Committee at GA
- GAMC exhibit, communications and presentations

11:30 a.m.  
Review of Committee Business:

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

12:15 p.m.  
Lunch – **Citation A**

1:15 p.m.  
Governance Discussion  
*Kears Pollock*

2:15  
Chair’s Report  
*Michael Kruse*

2:30 p.m.  
Closing Prayer and Adjournment
ITEM H.102
FOR ACTION

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Subject: Attendance Rationale for the 220th General Assembly (2012).

Recommendation:
That the GAMC Executive Committee approve and forward to the General Assembly Mission Council for consent the attached Attendance Rationale for the 220th General Assembly (2012) for a total of 287 persons.

Background:
Prior to each General Assembly, the General Assembly Council approves a General Assembly Attendance Rationale.
### RATIONALE FOR ATTENDANCE TO THE 220TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2012)

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Comments to the 220th General Assembly (2012)


The recommendations of the Climate for Change Task Force propose substantive changes in the responsibilities of the General Assembly Committee on Representation (GACOR). The Book of Order mandate for committees on representation states:

“Councils above the session shall establish by their own rule committees on representation to fulfill the following functions: to advise the council regarding the implementation of principles of unity and diversity, to advocate for diversity in leadership, and to consult with the council on the employment of personnel, in accordance with the principles of unity and diversity in F-1.0403.” (G-3.0103)

The word “council” in this sentence refers to the presbytery, synod, or General Assembly, and so, the role of the General Assembly Committee on Representation is to:

- Advise the General Assembly regarding the implementation of principles of unity and diversity
- Advocate for diversity in leadership
- Consult with the General Assembly on the employment of personnel, in accordance with the principles of unity and diversity in F-1.0403.

The Climate for Change Task Force recommendations also refer to the mandate for committees on representation that is found in “A Churchwide Plan for Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action.” However, this mandate consists entirely of language from the old “Form of Government” which was eliminated in 2011. The only current mandate for committees on representation is referenced above from the current Book of Order.

In 1994, the General Assembly created two advocacy committees for examining critical aspects of the church’s ministry, as described in the “Organization for Mission”:

- “The Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns shall assist the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to give full expression of the rich diversity of its membership as specified in the Book of Order, F-1.0403. The Committee shall be a prophetic voice for involving racial ethnic people in the formation of public policy, particularly where race is a factor that negatively impacts the quality of life of people of color. The committee will also monitor the implementation of policies adopted by the church that impact the quality of life of racial ethnic people in the church and in the world.

- The Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns shall assist the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to give full expression of the rich diversity of its membership as specified in the Book of Order, F-1.0403. The committee shall monitor and evaluate policies, procedures, programs, and resources regarding the way in which they impact the status and position of women in the church and the world; and shall advocate for full inclusiveness and equity in all areas of the life and work of the church in society as a whole.

Among other responsibilities, these committees are charged with:
• Preparing policy statements, resolutions, recommendations, reports, and Advice and counsel memoranda on women’s or racial ethnic concerns to the General Assembly at the request of the General Assembly, the GAMC, or on its own initiative.

• Advising the GAMC on matters of women’s or racial ethnic concerns including statements concerning pressing issues the council may wish to consider between meetings of the General Assembly.

• Monitoring the implementation of women’s or racial justice policies and programs relative to women’s or racial ethnic concerns.

• Through advocacy maintaining a strong prophetic witness to the church and for the church on existing and emerging issues of women’s or racial ethnic concern.

In addition, the General Assembly has given the GAMC responsibility for: “Approval and monitoring of the “Churchwide Plan for Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action.”” (Organization for Mission, V. D.5.)

The General Assembly Mission Council has been a leader in exceeding the denomination’s Equal Employment Opportunity goals of 40% women and 20% racial ethnic persons. The GAMC’s 2011 Equal Employment Opportunity report shows a workforce of 312 members that is 70% female and 25% racial ethnic. Over the past six years, the GAMC workforce has decreased by 152 members, yet the percentages have continued to exceed the goal, and remain remarkably consistent (2005 – 71% female and 26% racial ethnic).

The GAMC is committed to the highest levels of excellence with regard to Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action, in the areas of employment, supplier diversity, and cultural proficiency. The recommendation rightly notes GAMC competence in these areas when it directs GAMC personnel to train and guide other GA agencies in these areas.

If the GA approves the recommendation for an expanded role for the GA Committee on Representation, then the GAMC would request that clarification be given to General Assembly agencies regarding the overlapping mandates, and multiple reporting structures, in these areas. Currently the GAMC and the other Assembly agencies already report employment and supplier diversity information to ACREC and to the General Assembly. ACREC reports to the General Assembly regarding its findings from each agency. This recommendation adds another reporting mechanism – the General Assembly Committee on Representation. The GAMC believes that a streamlined reporting process will produce the best results, and the least distraction from the General Assembly’s mission directions.

The GAMC would also note that many of the recommendations in this item retain an outdated understanding of the role of the GAMC. From 1987 through 2006, the General Assembly Mission Council had a superintending role among the General Assembly agencies; that is, it had some responsibility for providing coordination between Assembly agencies, and providing centralized support for equal employment opportunity, etc. In 2006, the Book of Order mandate for the work of the GAMC was amended to focus its work on mission activities.

For example, changes included:

• To institute and coordinate a churchwide plan for to provide resources to support equal employment opportunity and affirmative action for members of racial ethnic groups, for women, for various age groups, for persons regardless of marital condition (married, single, widowed, or divorced), and for persons with disabilities;
• To develop and engage in churchwide planning to propose, for General Assembly approval, the mission directions, goals, objectives, and priorities of the church. The General Assembly Mission Council, doing so by taking into account the mission work being done by sessions, presbyteries, and synods, and to propose for General Assembly approval an accompanying budget that will implement the mission work plan of the General Assembly Council;

• To coordinate the work of General Assembly agencies and bodies, synods and presbyteries, in light of these mission directions, goals, objectives, and priorities;

• To review the work of General Assembly agencies and bodies in light of General Assembly mission directions, goals, objectives, and priorities;

While the GAMC engages in ministry collaboratively with the other Assembly agencies, readily commits staff members to joint projects, and shares best practices, it no longer has a supervisory role with respect to the other agencies.

b. Recommendation 2 of the “Human Rights Update 2012,” from the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP)

“No Human Rights Day,” December 10, be included in the program calendar, liturgical resources, web-postings, and public witness activities of appropriate GAMC offices;”

Each year, General Assembly program staff are invited to submit programmatic emphases for inclusion in the Presbyterian Planning Calendar. The GAMC has established guidelines by which proposals are reviewed. Nominations occur in the summer, for approval by the GAMC at its September meeting. In September 2011, the programmatic emphases for the 2013 Presbyterian Planning Calendar were approved.

“Human Rights Day” (December 10) is already included in the list of programmatic emphases for 2013. This date has also been listed in every Presbyterian Planning Calendar from 1993-2012.

c. Recommendation 5 of “Celebrating the Decade of Hearing and Singing New Songs to God” from the Advocacy Committee of Women’s Concerns (ACWC):

“Direct the GAMC to provide annual funding in the amount of $7000 for the Joint Working Group (up to eight members) to meet independently of the ACWC and the ACREC once each year, to be incorporated into the per capita budget every year.”

The GAMC currently budgets $3,060 in per capita funds for the Joint Working Group. This proposal would increase the annual meeting expense amount, funded by per capita, by $3,940.00, necessitating either a reduction in GAMC programs funded by per capita, or an increase in the per capita rate.

Special Offerings are an important part of the connectional fabric that unites Presbyterians together in mission. In recent years, declining receipts have weakened this bond, and diminished the impact of Presbyterian witness.

Every four years, Special Offerings are reviewed to ensure that they are well-coordinated, and relevant to PC(USA) mission. Concerned by the continued decline in Special Offerings, the General Assembly, in response to the quadrennial review of 2008, directed that the next four year review be enlarged to include:

- A review of the possible role and functions of Special Offerings
- Ways to encourage and expand the role of Special Offerings as a connective bond in the church
- Identification of what Special Offerings can do best and what steps need to be taken in order to enable them to do that well
- Clarification and simplification of the process for considering programs and causes to be included in Special Offerings.

This was in addition to their primary assignment – to provide for review and evaluation of the causes supported by churchwide special offerings, and to consider new causes in light of established criteria.

The Special Offerings Advisory Task Force has spent the four years investigating the current context, and has proposed significant changes in the way Presbyterians engage Special Offerings in support of the mission of the church. Their recommendations should be carefully considered.

The central focus of their recommendations is that the decline in Special Offerings can be reversed. The task force calls the church to embrace a goal of $20 million in annual receipts by 2020. The GAMC has responded to this call, embracing the goal, and is encouraging the General Assembly to adopt it also. The task force is recommending substantive changes in order to meet that goal. As with any call for change, some are concerned about the impact of that change on existing ministries. These are the factors that commissioners will have to weigh as they discern where God is leading the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). As an important step in that discernment, the GAMC urges commissioners to read the Special Offerings Advisory Task Force report firsthand, rather than relying upon accounts from others as to what the report recommends. Reversing the decline, and reaching $20 million in annual receipts by 2020 is too important to be left to secondhand information on what the report recommends.

Among the clarifications that should be made to the overtures received thus far:

- Several overtures are concerned about the possibility of decreased funding for particular programs as a result of the changes. The Special Offerings Advisory Task Force report, however, argues that the risk of doing nothing to reverse the overall decline is greater. If the goal of reaching $20 million in annual receipts by 2020 is met, then more than 50% in additional funds will be available for mission.

- Some are concerned that without an explicit connection to existing denominational programs, Special Offerings receipts will be diminished. The example from other denominations, however, is that donors give to causes, not programs. When other denominations promote their
special Offerings, they are not explicit in advance with programs or allocation percentages. They do report specific allocations as a matter of year-end accountability for disbursements.

- The changes proposed by the Special Offerings Advisory Task Force do not eliminate the designation on any gifts to Special Offerings. Each Special Offering will be specifically designated toward the purpose for which it was received. The proposals call for the GAMC to allocate funds biannually, as part of the GA budget approval process, within these designations. The key difference here is that the Special Offerings Advisory Task Force recommendations call for the offerings to be designated toward particular causes, not toward particular programs. Donors retain the right to designate their gifts specifically, if they so desire.

- The task force found strong evidence that the denomination was unwilling to support more than four Special Offerings. 81% of pastors, and 69% of ruling elders felt that four Special Offerings was either the right number, or too many.

- Finally, there is some confusion in the overtures concerning what actions have been taken by the GAMC in this regard. The GAMC has endorsed the goal of annual receipts of $20 million by 2020, and has created a new staff position to focus efforts toward this end. The GAMC was not asked to approve any particular changes in Special Offerings, either to create new offerings or eliminate existing offerings, as this is properly a General Assembly decision, in response to the direction of the 2008 General Assembly. The GAMC asks that commissioners prayerfully consider the recommendations of the Special Offerings Advisory Task Force. The opportunities to reverse the decline, and generate new funds for mission are important to our witness as Presbyterians.
Subject: Corresponding Member to the 220th General Assembly (2012)

Recommendation: That the GAMC Executive Committee approve adding the name of David Crittenden to the list of Corresponding Members to the 220th General Assembly (2012) and forward to the General Assembly Mission Council for information:

Background:

The Rev David Crittenden, a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), has been appointed to serve as a member of the Executive Leadership Team of the General Assembly Mission Council. All members of the Executive Leadership Team are corresponding members to the General Assembly. In addition to continuing his role as Director of Stewardship, Crittenden will assume managerial responsibility for administration and leadership within the Communication and Funds Development Team.

Crittenden has served the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in various capacities for more than thirty years. He has served as the Director of Stewardship for the General Assembly Mission Council, coordinating the mission agency’s effort to inspire, equip and connect Presbyterians to faithful giving as an act of Christian discipleship and engaging and supporting the whole church in strengthening stewardship. Before joining the staff of the General Assembly Mission Council, Crittenden served sixteen years on the staff of the Synod of Lincoln Trails, ten of which he served as the co-executive. Among his responsibilities for the synod, Crittenden was manager and executive of the synod’s investment and loan program, supervisor of financial activities and staff, synod representative to denominational mission funding gatherings and national consultations, and consultant to congregations in the area of stewardship and financial discipleship. He served fifteen years as a pastor in Indiana and Illinois and five years as an associate pastor in Nebraska.
Walking, Running, Soaring in Hope

“but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” - Isaiah 40:31
Questions Before the Assembly

• What kind of council life do we need going forward?
• What is our understanding of marriage?
• How can we contribute to peace in Israel/Palestine?
• How do we determine fitness for ministry?
Questions Before the Assembly

- Can we receive a new ecumenical translation of the Heidelberg Catechism?
- How do we respond to immigration?
- Do we need to amend the newly adopted Form of Government?
- Can we answer the call to give birth to 1001 New Worshipping Communities?
How GAMC relates to GA
How GA Guides the work of the GAMC

GA
- Policy for implementation
- Specific Direction and Advice
- Approve mission work plan and budget
- Election of Council members and confirmation of Executive Director

GAMC
- Advocacy and Advisory Committee
GAMC’s Inputs and Responses to the Work of GA

GA
• Response to Referrals
• New Initiatives and Recommendations
• Comments on the Business Submitted by Others
• Mission Work Plan and Budget
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GAMC
How GAMC Partners with OGA to Support GA

- Participation in Leadership Briefing
- Resource coordinators, Resource People & Transcriptionist
- Transportation of items to and from GA
- Financial, Legal and Communication Support
- Ecumenical and Interfaith Delegates and Mission Worker Commissioning
- Worship Related Events
GAMC Executive Committee

Members

• **Corresponding Members**
  - Seats in Plenary
  - Speak on behalf of GAMC when needed

• **Monitor Committees**
  - Represent GAMC
  - Familiar with business
  - Resource people support Business
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GAMCX Member Assignments

Committee Resource Assignments – Persons designated to resource committees represent knowledgeable sources of information for given topics. These persons are listed in the Resource Directory and can be called upon by committee leadership to answer questions and clarify issues that may arise in the course of the discussion.

GAMC Monitoring/Reporting Assignments – GAMC members attending the 220th General Assembly are requested to track business in committees and to report on committee processes at the scheduled luncheons on Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3.

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Evangelism Mission Committee
*The Brown Hotel-Citation A*
May 9-10, 2012
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**Wednesday, May 9, 2012**

6:30 P.M. Committee Dinner  
*Theater Square Marketplace*  
Welcome/Prayer  
Matthew Schramm  
Distribution of Information and Action Items

**Thursday, May 10, 2012**

8:30 A.M.  
Convene with Worship and Prayer  
*Citation A*

8:40 A.M.  
*For Action:*  
A.100 Adoption of the Evangelism Mission Committee Docket  
A.101 Approval of Evangelism Mission Committee Minutes, February 2012

8:45 A.M.  
Stony Point Annual Report  
Rick Ufford-Chase

9:00 A.M.  
World Mission (WM) comments on Overtures  
Mike Parker and WM Staff  
For Action:  
A.106 Comment on Overture 91/ (Item 14-02): On Support for the People of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)  
A.102 Comment on Overture 85/ (Item 09-01): On Celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church In Cuba and The Mission Partnership Between the PC(U.S.A.) and The Presbyterian-Reformed Church In Cuba  
A.105 Comment on Overture 49/ (Item 15-04): On Supporting a Peaceful, Diplomatic Solution to the U.S.-Iran Issues

10:00 A.M.  
Break

10:10 A.M.  
*Order of the Day: Joint meeting with Vocation Committee*  
Report from Young Adult Catalyst  
Rob Fohr

10:25 A.M.  
Focused discussion on Directional Goal: Young Adults

10:35 A.M.  
Report from World Mission: International Evangelism-Vietnam  
Mike Parker

10:45 A.M.  
Report from Evangelism and Church Growth: New Beginnings, Technology, and Connecting Leaders  
Philip Lotspeich and Ray Jones

11:05 A.M.  
Focused discussion on Directional Goal: Transformational Leaders
11:15 A.M.  

*For Action:*

A.104  
Comment on Overture 23/ (Item 17-01): On Undertaking a Parenting Initiative Called the “Institute for Effective Parental Leadership”

A.103  
Comment on Overture 22/ (Item 21-02): On Instructing the General Assembly to Take Action to Implement the PC(U.S.A.)’s Policy on Inclusion of People with Disabilities

A.107  
GAMC Concurrence with Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program, Inc.’s Comment to the 220th General Assembly (2012) – Overture 38 (Item 06-06) and Overture 42 (Item 06-07)

12:00 P.M.  
Adjournment
Justice Mission Committee  
*Brown Hotel – Secretariat B*  
*May 9-10, 2012*

**AGENDA**

### Wednesday, May 9

6:30 PM  Dinner  
*The Market Place at Theatre Square*

### Thursday, May 10 – Brown Hotel – Secretariat B

8:30 AM  Opening Prayer  
*Bruce Reyes-Chow*

Welcome and Introductions  
*Roger Gench*

*For Action*

**B.100**  Approval of Agenda  
*Roger Gench*

**B.101**  Justice Mission Committee Minutes – February 2012  
*Roger Gench*

**B.103**  Comment to Overture 07 – On Instructing MRTI to Study and Report Corporate Practices of Health Insurance Companies and Possible Divestment of Same to the 220th GA (2012)  
*Brian Ellison and Bill Somplatsky-Jarman*

**B.104**  Comment to Overture 021 – On Recognizing that Israel’s Law and Practices Constitute Apartheid Against Palestinian People  
*Bill Somplatsky-Jarman and Sara Lisherness*

**B.105**  Comment to Overture 051– On Supporting the United Nations  
*Sara Lisherness*

**B.106**  Comment to Overture 054 – On Calling for an End to Poverty Zone Development and for the Advocacy of Fair Development  
*Ruth Farrell and J. Herbert Nelson II*

**B.107**  Comment to Overture 058 – On Ethical Investment and Divestment  
*Brian Ellison and Bill Somplatsky-Jarman*

**B.108**  Comment to Overture 088 – On the Plight of Indonesian Christian Immigrants  
*Mienda Uriarte, J. Herbert Nelson II and KT Ockels*
B.109 Comment to Overture 095 – On Instructing MRTI to Report to GAMC on the Corporate Practices of Publicly Traded Corporations that Operate For-Profit Prisons

   Brian Ellison and Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

B.110 Comment to Overture 096 – On Support of the United States Environmental Protection Agency

   Rebecca Barnes-Davies and Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

B.111 Comment to Overture 092 – On Rejecting the Use of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction Policies in Peacemaking Efforts Between Israelis and Palestinians

   Brian Ellison and Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

B.112 Comment on ACREC Workers’ Rights and Income

   Stephen Hsieh

B.113 Comment on A Resolution on Racism, Incarceration & Restoration – ACREC

   Stephen Hsieh

10:00 AM Break

B.102 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – Grants to Presbyteries Impacted by Disaster

   Sara Lisherness

   Information Item 230 – Advice from the Advisory Committees of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Committee on the Self-Development of People Regarding the Recommendations of the Special Offerings Advisory Task Force

   Roger Gench

11:15 AM Updates

Together With Children – Our Work with Children in Peru

   Martha Bettis-Gee and Rebecca Barnes-Davies

   The Presbyterian Office of Public Witness

   J. Herbert Nelson II

   Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment

   Brian Ellison

   Committee Representatives and Corresponding Members

12:00 PM Closing Prayer

   Noelle Royer
Discipleship Mission Committee
The Brown Hotel – Citation B
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Wednesday, May 9
6:30 PM Committee Dinner
Thoroughbred Lounge

Thursday, May 10
8:30 AM Opening prayer
Steve Aeschbacher
C.100 Approval of Agenda
Steve Aeschbacher
C.101 Approval of February 2012 meeting minutes
Steve Aeschbacher

8:40 AM For Action:
C.102 Overtures on Amending and/or Issuing Authoritative Interpretation of W-4.9000
Charles Wiley
C.103 Overture 13 – Medical Benefits Plan which will Not Pay for Abortions Except to Save the Life of the Woman
Rhashell Hunter
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C.106 Overture 63 – Special Offering designated to Native American Ministry
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C.107 Comment on ACREC’s report on Just Immigration
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C.108 Comment on Growing a Diverse Church from the GA Special Task Force to Study Racial Ethnic and New Immigrant Church Growth
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10:00 AM Break

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Rhashell Hunter

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Follow-up discussion on the role of the GAMC in making disciples
Steve Aeschbacher
Marta Rodriguez

12:00 PM Closing Prayer
Marta Rodriguez
Vocation Mission Committee  
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Wednesday, May 9, 2012
6:30 PM  Dinner  The Marketplace at Theatre Square

Thursday, May 10 – Brown Hotel – Citation B
9:00 AM  Welcome  Clark Cowden, chair

Opening Worship – Acts 10 9:29, 44-48

Sharing Question:  Where have you seen God at work in the last three months?

D.100  Approval of Agenda

For Action:


9:45 AM  Order of the Day  Philip Lotspeich

D.102  Nature of the Church of the 21st Century

10:10 AM  Order of the Day – Joint Meeting with Evangelism in Citation A

D.103  Ovt 93 - On Supporting Young Adults in Mission and LeadershipShannon Langley

Greetings from Committee on Theological Education (COTE)  Frank Yamada  
McCormick Theological Seminary

For Information:

206  Mission Personnel Actions  Nancy Cavalcante

12:00 Noon  Closing Prayer  Cathy Piekarski, vice chair
**ITEM # E.100**  
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Subject: Agenda

**Recommendation:** That the Stewardship Committee approve the following meeting agenda:

**Stewardship/Corporate Committee Meeting**  
The Brown Hotel  
Bluegrass Room – 2nd Floor  
335 W. Broadway  
Louisville, KY 40202  
502-585-1234  
May 9-10, 2012

**Wednesday, May 9, 2012 – Hurstbourne Country Club**  
*Depart from 4th Street Entrance immediately following adjournment of GAMC Plenary*  
6:00 p.m.

Stewardship Committee Dinner – Prayer  
Stewardship/Corporate Committee Meeting  
Welcome – Alan Ford  
Opening Prayer and Devotion – Arthur Canada & Jean Demmler

Call to Order – Alan Ford  
1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda (E.100)  
2. Introductions/Farewells/Community Building  
3. Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program (PILP) – Coordinated Loan Program Report – Jay Hudson/Jim Rissler (224)  
4. Cost Recovery Follow-up Question & Answer Session  
Closing Prayer – Jack Shelver

**Thursday, May 10, 2012**  
Group Breakfast – English Grill  
Stewardship/Corporate Committee Meeting – Bluegrass Room – 2nd Floor  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Welcome – Alan Ford  
Opening Prayer – Kathy Trott  
Call to Order – Alan Ford

1. Conference Center Updates  
   a. Stony Point Center Update – Rick and Kitty Ufford-Chase  
   b. Stony Point Task Force Update - Melissa DeRosia  
   c. Ghost Ranch Update – Brian Frick
2. Discussion and Approval of 2012 Revised Mission Program Budget (E.103)  9:30 a.m.
   ** The 2012 Revised Mission Budget is also part of the Financial Reports to the 220th General Assembly (2012) listed below. (#4.b.) **

3. Discussion and Approval of 2013-2014 Mission Budgets (E.104, pp. 11 - 15)***
   ** The 2013-14 Mission Budgets are part of the Financial Reports to the 220th General Assembly (2012) listed below. (#4.b.)***

4. Consent Agenda:  9:45 a.m.
   a. Approval of Minutes of Stewardship Committee February Meeting (E.101)
   b. Financial Reports to the 220th General Assembly (2012) (E.104)
   c. Capital Budget Requests (E.105)
   d. 2013 National Mission Partnership Fund Allocations (E.106)
   e. February 2012 Corporate Committee Minutes (Corporate) (F.101)
   f. 2012 Manse Allowance Report (F.102)
   g. Update Check Signers on PNC Bank Accounts (F.103)
   h. February 2012 Corporate Minutes (Corporate) (G.101)

5. Break  10:00 a.m.

6. Information Items:  10:15 a.m.
   a. Financial Reports:
      1) Management Report – March 31, 2012 (215)
      2) PMPF Report – March 31, 2012 (216)
      3) Per Capita Report – March 31, 2012 (217)
      4) Curriculum Report – March 31, 2012 (218)
      5) Stony Point Financials – March 31, 2012 (219)
      6) Ghost Ranch Financials – March 31, 2012 (220)
      7) Endowments and Gift Report – December 2011 – February 2012 (221)
      8) Financial Implications Report for Overtures to 220th General Assembly (2012) (222)
   b. Communications & Funds Development (CFD) Update:  10:45 a.m.
      1) CFD Annual Report (225)
      2) 2011 World Mission Funds Development Report (226) – Terri Bate
      3) 2011 Special Offerings Management Report (227) – Sam Locke
      4) 2012 Special Offerings Management Report – 1st Quarter (229) – Sam Locke
      5) Church Financial Campaign Services Update (228)

7. New Business
   b. Presbyterian Foundation – 1st Quarter Performance – Anita Clemons  11:30 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned with Prayer – Jack Hodges

Lunch:
Elected Members – Lunch in new Committees (Locations to Be Announced)  12 – 1:30 p.m.
Staff – English Grill
See GAMC Agenda for remainder of meeting