

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY BOARD

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Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry Area

**ITEM B.103
FOR ACTION**

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>					
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Subject: Ecumenical Poverty Initiative – Addition to the Approved Affiliates List

Recommendation:

That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve membership in and affiliation with the Ecumenical Poverty Initiative, the successor organization to the former National Council of Churches (NCC) Poverty Initiative.

Background:

The Ecumenical Poverty Initiative, formerly the NCC Poverty Initiative, strives to educate, train, and mobilize people of faith to eradicate poverty--through public witness, prayer, and direct action. They work with both national and state/local faith organizations to better advocate for those in need.

The NCC is currently undergoing a structural reorganization, through which it has chosen to spin off its program ministries, including the NCC Poverty Initiative. The Ecumenical Poverty Initiative remains ecumenical in scope and function, but is now housed and administered by the Disciples Justice Action Network. It is, therefore, the successor organization to a ministry that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has supported and engaged in for many years.

The Office of Public Witness has been invited to send a representative to a newly constituted Working Group that will advise the Initiative and its new staff.

For more information about the Ecumenical Poverty Initiative, visit <http://www.faiithendpoverty.org/>.