

**ITEM B.113
FOR ACTION**

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>			
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Subject: Southern Presbyterian Mission in Japan Board Matter Appointment

Recommendation:

That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (“PMAB”) approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Director, World Mission be named designated representative and respond to the needs of the Southern Presbyterian Mission in Japan (“Japan Mission”), working with the Representative Director of the Japan Mission board to approve and remove individuals to the Japan Mission board, in accordance with the constitution of the Japan Mission; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager, World Mission be named as the alternate designated representative empowered to act in the stead of Director, World Mission in the event that the Director, World Mission is unable to act when needed.

Background:

The Southern Presbyterian Mission in Japan has a Board of Trustees of seven members. Per the constitution of the Japan Mission, those members are to be selected by existing trustees and approved by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (“PCUSA”). Approval by PCUSA has been interpreted to mean that approval must be given by the PMAB, and past practice has been to have the PMAB approve members of the Japan Mission.

The current needs of the Japan Mission board are such that action is required more frequently than the current meeting schedule of the PMAB or even its Executive Committee. As well, the Japanese government is demonstrating an expectation of immediate response to their requests as the process of achieving approval for the new constitution of Japan Mission progresses. Based on these needs in Japan for more immediate action, World Mission requests the PMAB provide the proposed delegation of authority to approve board membership for the Japan Mission to the Director of World Mission and, in his absence, the General Manager, World Mission.