

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY BOARD

April 15, 2015

Executive Committee

**ITEM H.102
FOR ACTION**

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>			
A. Finance		E. Corporate Property, Legal, Finance	J. Board Nominating & Governance Subcommittee
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C. Leadership		G. Audit	
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Subject: Appointments by the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board Chair

Recommendation:

That the Executive Committee ratify the following appointments by the Board Chair:

A. Advisory Committee on the Allocation of Racial Ethnic Leadership Funds from the Christmas Joy Offering:

- 1. Loc Dai-Nguyen, Vietnamese Young Adult, Charlotte, North Carolina**
- 2. Doug Dalglish, European-American, Kingsville, Texas**
- 3. Gary Metoxen, Native-American, Surprise, Arizona**
- 4. Joyce Shin, Korean Clergy, Chicago, Illinois**
- 5. Dianna Wright, African-American Elder, Salem, North Carolina**

Background:

The 221st General Assembly (2014) approved the following recommendation of the Special Offerings Advisory Task Force (SOATF):

“That an Advisory Committee on the Allocation of Racial Ethnic Leadership Funds from the Christmas Joy Offering be established by the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (PMAB), reporting back to the PMAB by the end of 2015, to examine the implications of how the church can best

- (a) be true to its commitment to the Historically Presbyterian Racial-Ethnic Institutions with whom it has covenanted;
- (b) ensure adequate provisions for an effective program of racial ethnic leadership development for the future racial ethnic leadership needs of the church.”

The SOATF affirmed the current purposes and distributions of the Christmas Joy Offering (CJO): half to racial ethnic education and half to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. However, the Task Force felt that clarifications are needed in the current interpretation of the portion designated for racial ethnic education. Many of the schools that have historically received benefits from the offering are no longer in operation, no longer accredited, or no longer focus on the development of future leaders of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as one of their core mission objectives. Therefore, the allocation of these dollars could be used to fund new efforts to create leaders for the church. The SOATF believed that schools that are fully qualified and accredited and currently receiving CJO funds should continue to receive offering funds at percentage levels equal to their current funding. As new dollars become available through increased offering receipts or attrition of existing schools, they should be spent on racial ethnic leadership

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development efforts that are congruent with the critical needs of developing racial ethnic leadership within and for our church.

\$7280 from a part of the Christmas Joy Offering has been allotted for the advisory committee, which can meet for two days and then hold five 60-minute conference calls.

B. Strategy Advisory Group:

- 1. Mark Brainerd**
- 2. Kenneth Godshall**
- 3. Chad Herring**
- 4. Regina Meester**
- 5. Joseph Morrow**
- 6. Josephene Stewart**
- 7. Wendy Tajima**

Background:

In April 2016, the Mission Agency Board will take final action on a recommendation to the 2016 General Assembly which proposes a Mission Work Plan for 2017-2020 and a budget for 2017-2018. Staff will develop the proposal for Board feedback and approval over a period of months. The staff team working on this effort will be called the Strategy Working Group.

Consultation with Board members will occur at Board meetings and between meetings through occasional listening sessions. In addition, several Board members will be appointed as members of a Strategy Advisory Group.

The Strategy Advisory Group will:

- a. Meet at regular intervals to provide feedback to the Strategy Working Group as the Mission Work Plan is being developed.
- b. Provide input and insight to the strategic planning process from the perspective of stakeholders.
- c. Surface opportunities, sensitivities, concerns and/or potential areas of disagreement, and address or forward them appropriately.
- d. Review and provide feedback on key strategic planning documents drafted by the Strategy Working Group.

C. Assembly Action on Reconciliation:

- Cecil Corbett

Background:

Three Board members were appointed by the chair in September 2014 in response to the following referral from the 221st General Assembly (2014): Item 10NB – Recommend the 221st General Assembly (2014) direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board and the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly to engage in the process of working together with churches in the task of reconciliation, starting with visiting each presbytery and serving as a resource for each presbytery's discussion of these actions in congregations and the presbytery at-large and present voices of reconciliation for the unity of the church.

Cecil Corbett will replace Corey Schlosser Hall who is no longer a member of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board. The other two members are Marsha Zell Anson and David Shinn.

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FOR INFORMATION:

The chair appointed Landon Whitsitt to serve the unexpired term of Corey Schlosser-Hall as an at-large member of the Personnel Subcommittee. Term will end in 2017.