## PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY BOARD April 15-17, 2015 Theology, Worship, and Education Ministry Area

## **ITEM D.208**

## **Update on the Directory for Worship**

FOR INFORMATION

Following the last Presbyterian Mission Agency Board meeting, Theology and Worship completed a comprehensive communications plan for the Directory for Worship revision. That plan was sent to the Worshiping Communities committee through the chair.

We have followed through with the plan to this point. This activity includes:

- A Presbyterian News Service story on the proposed revision (September 2014)
- Three workshops at the Fall Polity Conference (October)
- A webinar on the Directory for Worship through the Company of New Pastors and a related Presbyterian News Service story (October)
- A podcast on the Directory for Worship for Presbyterian seminary students (October)
- An hour-long presentation and Q/A at the Moderators' Conference (November)
- A column on the Directory for Worship revision by Presbyterian Mission Agency Board Chair Marilyn Gamm, "Great Co-Mission" (November)
- A video conference with members of the Advisory Committee on the Constitution (December)
- Presentations at the North American Academy for Liturgy (January 2015)
- Two workshops at a Presbyterian Association of Musicians event on small churches (January)
- Presbytery workshops on the Directory for Worship (February, March)
- Notice of the proposed revision in an article for *Presbyterians Today* (March)
- A column on the Directory for Worship revision by Presbyterian Mission Agency Executive Director Linda Valentine, "Faithful Mission" (March)
- A featured item in "Grace & Gratitude," the monthly e-blast of Theology, Worship, and Education (April)

In March 2015 we also initiated another social media push to keep the revision of the Directory before the church, including carousel features on the PC(USA) and Presbyterian Mission webpages.