

**Report B.001
Justice Committee
Presbyterian Mission Agency Board
April 16, 2015**

The Justice Committee met April 16, 2015 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY and forwards the following to the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board:

I. Consent Agenda: No items

II. For Action:

- A. That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, in reference to Mission Responsibility Through Investment proxy voting recommendations **(See B.102)**:
1. Affirm the proxy voting recommendations of the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) contained in the 2015 Shareholder Resolution Directory.
 2. Request the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation/ New Covenant Trust Company and the Board of Pensions to vote proxies on the shareholder resolutions submitted to companies in which they own stock in accordance with the recommendations listed in the 2015 Shareholder Resolution Directory.
 3. Urge the middle governing bodies, related institutions, congregations and individual members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to give serious consideration to the proxy voting recommendations when they vote on shareholder resolutions.
- B. That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following amendments to an action of the General Assembly Mission Council from May, 2012 and reflect such changes in the PDA Manual of Operations: **(See B.103)**
1. The amount allocated by PDA to Mid Councils for Initial Response Grants for immediate needs in the community following a disaster will ordinarily be up to \$7,500.
 2. The amount allocated by PDA to Mid Councils for Church Damage Assistance Grants following a disaster that puts the ministry of the particular church at risk will ordinarily be \$5,000 with no more than \$25,000 ordinarily being allocated to a Mid Council in a calendar year.
 3. Exceptions to this policy will be made with the support of the PDA Advisory Committee, which shall generally be secured by conference call. Exceptions to these amounts will be reported to the Justice Committee and the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board at their next stated meeting.

III. For Information:

- A. Re-elected James R. Ephraim, Jr. as Chair and Susan Osoinach as Vice Chair for the year 2015 to 2016.
- B. Reviewed the agenda of the meeting and VOTED to adopt with amendment. [\(B. 100\)](#)
- C. Approved the Justice Committee Minutes of September 17, 2014 with amendments. [\(B. 101\)](#)
- D. Received for information:
 - 1. Jinishian Memorial Program United States Advisory Committee and Governance Commission Minutes, October 2014 [\(B. 200\)](#)
 - 2. Educate A Child, Transform the World Campaign Update [\(B. 201\)](#)
 - 3. Presbyterian Hunger Program Advisory Committee Minutes – October 8-10, 2014 [\(B. 202\)](#)
 - 4. Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) Update On Non-Fossil Fuel Environmental Issues. [\(B.203\)](#)
 - 5. Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) Update On Climate Change and Fossil Fuel Companies [\(B. 204\)](#)
 - 6. Ministry Highlights from Presbyterian Health, Education & Welfare Association (PHEWA) and the PC (USA) Disability Concerns Consultant Program. [\(B. 205\)](#)
 - 7. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Advisory Committee Minutes – October 8-10, 2014. [\(B. 206\)](#)
 - 8. Black Lives Matter [\(B. 207\)](#)