

**Report D.001**  
**Worshiping Communities Committee**  
**Presbyterian Mission Agency Board**  
**April 15-16, 2015**

**The Worshiping Communities Committee met on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky and forwards the following to the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board:**

**I. For Consent:** No Items

**II. For Action:** No items

**For Information:**

- A. Approved Worshiping Communities Committee Agenda as revised. [D.100](#)
- B. Approved the Minutes from the April 24, 2014. [D.101](#)
- C. Elected David Shinn as Chair and Marsha Anson as Vice Chair for 2015-2016.
- D. Approved the Mission Development Resources Committee (MDRC) Grant Policy and Ratification of Actions in a joint session with the Finance Committee. The joint action will be presented by the PC(USA), A Corporation. Item [D.102](#)
- E. The committee was unable to appoint a liaison to the MDRC at this meeting. The committee requests that the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board Nominating Committee considers the liaison appointment to the MDRC when filling the current vacancy in the committee. [D.103](#)
- F. Chip Hardwick and Vera White presented an update on the 1001 New Worshiping Communities. [D.200](#)
- G. Jason Santos joined the meeting via Skype to give an update on Collegiate Ministries. [D.201](#)
- H. Ray Jones introduced Ann Philbrick who presented the New Beginnings Update report. [D.202](#)
- I. Magdy Girgis presented a report on the work of the Middle Eastern Ministries. [D.204](#)
- J. Héctor Rodríguez presented a report on the Portuguese-language Congregational Support office on behalf of Almir Dias. [D.205](#)
- K. David Gambrell presented an update on the Directory for Worship. [D.208](#)
- L. Raafat Zaki spoke on the Advice and Counsel memorandum from the Advocacy Committee on Racial Ethnic Concerns. [D.300](#)