

ITEM H.103 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
B. Justice		F. PC(USA), A Corporation	P. Plenary
C. Leadership		G. Audit	
D. Worshiping Communities	X	H. Executive Committee	

Subject: Celebration of Holy Communion

Recommendation:

- 1. That the Executive Committee approve the following request from the Board of Pensions:**

The Board of Pensions on behalf of the Presbyterian CREDO program requests permission to serve communion at Presbyterian CREDO conferences offered on the following dates:

2016 CREDO Conference dates	
Dates	Location
March 6-14, 2016	Mo Ranch
March 28-April 4, 2016	Roslyn (RO)
April 18-25, 2016	Ferncliff
May 2-9, 2016	Wooded Glen
May 16-23, 2016	Lake Logan (RO – year 2)
June 6-13, 2016	Lake Logan (RO)
Sept. 12-19, 2016	Roslyn
October 3-10, 2016	Ferncliff
October 18-24, 2016	Wooded Glen (RO – year 2)
October 31 – Nov. 7, 2016	Solomon
Nov. 8-14, 2016	Wooded Glen (RO)

Background:

Each team is comprised of eight faculty members. All officiants and servers are ordained Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).

As history, Presbyterian CREDO was begun in 2005 by adopting and adapting the model of CREDO from the Church Pension Group of the Episcopal Church. As of June, 2015, we have offered 60 conferences for over 1,600 of our clergy and Presbytery staff. Each conference is eight days in length, and the rhythm of each day includes worship, plenary sessions, workshops, individual consultations, some fun activities, and time for reflection and discernment. Conferences are designed to offer renewal for participants and an opportunity to be attentive to the workings of the Holy Spirit within them. We focus on four component areas: Spiritual Development, Vocation, Health and Finance.

- 2. That the Executive Committee approve the celebration of Holy Communion at the following events sponsored by Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries this fall. An ordained teaching elder will administer communion at each of these events.**

- **October 1-3 Study on the Status of Women Consultation, Chicago, IL**
- **October 22-25 Racial Ethnic & New Immigrant Seminarians Conference, Clinton, TN**
- **November 5-7 Race & Ethnicity Conference, Stony Point, NY**
- **November 10-12 Native American Leadership Development Institute, Greensboro, NC**
- **November 11-13 Racial Ethnic & New Immigrant Coaches Training Event, Greensboro, NC**
- **November 12-14 Women of Color Consultation, Greensboro, NC**

Background:

Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries holds a number of leadership training events as well as consultations each year. These leadership events focus on developing racial ethnic, new immigrant, women and young adult transformational leaders. The ministry area does this through training and coaching events and leadership development institutes. Communion is served during these events.

3. **That the Executive Committee approve the requests from the Office of Mid-Council Relations to celebrate Holy Communion at the:**
 - **Polity Conference, Opening Worship on Sunday, October 11.**
 - **Worship at the pre-conferences, Association of Mid Council Leaders, Association of Stated Clerks, General Assembly Committee on Representation (Synod Committees on Representation will be their guests), Moderators Conference, New Stated Clerk Training on Friday, October 9 - Sunday, October 11.**

FOR INFORMATION:

The chair and vice-chair approved the request to serve Holy Communion, administered by the Rev. Lakeisha Bradshaw and the Rev. Denise Anderson, at the Racial Ethnic Executive Leadership Institute at the Montreat Conference Center on August 21, 2015.

Background:

Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries held its Racial Ethnic Executive Leadership Institute at the Montreat Conference Center on August 19-21. The event provides racial ethnic women and men with an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills, to network and to be intentional about pursuing leadership roles and positions in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Many of the participants were nominated by mid council leaders.

Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries sponsors two to three leadership institutes each year. The leadership institutes identify, inspire, equip and connect racial ethnic persons, new immigrants, women and young adults to serve in leadership positions in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). These events strengthen and nurture the gifts of racial ethnic persons, new immigrants and women and inspire them to greater leadership roles in the church.