

**ITEM H.204
FOR INFORMATION**

Subject: Special Offerings Review Task Force interim report

The Special Offerings Review Task Force was commissioned by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. We have been given several tasks, by the *Organization for Mission* and the General Assembly:

1	Provide for review and evaluation of the causes supported by churchwide special offerings, and consider new causes in light of established criteria.
2	Review performance, accountability, and accumulation of reserves on an annual basis and forward its findings to the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA)
3	Send findings and active questions to the successor task force.
4	Make an annual report to the PMAB, and final recommendations to the 222nd General Assembly (2016)
5	Examine the role of Special Offerings within the larger communication and funds development contexts of the denomination
6	Encourage and expand the role of the Special Offerings as a connective tissue of the church
7	Identify what Special Offerings can do best and what steps need to be taken in order to enable them to do that well,
8	Clarify and simplify the process for considering programs and causes to be included in Special Offerings
9	Respond to the PMAB referral regarding the regarding the Historically Presbyterian Racial Ethnic Educational Institutions report.
10	Consider the allocation of Racial Ethnic Leadership Development funds for 2018-2022
11	Work with Communications and Funds Development staff on an ongoing basis in promotion and implementation of the findings of the Special Offerings Task Force

The Special Offerings Review Task Force has, in the last twelve months

- Held a conference call June 6, 2015
- Held a conference call August 11, 2015
- Will meet face-to-face September 22-24, 2015

Our final report and recommendations will be presented to the PMAB at its February 2016 meeting, and then at the 222nd General Assembly (2016).