

**Report B.001
Justice Committee
Presbyterian Mission Agency Board
September 23, 2015**

The Justice Committee met on September 23, 2015 at The Crown Plaza Airport Expo Center in Louisville, Kentucky and forwards the following to the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board:

I. Consent Agenda: No Items

II. For Action:

- A. Recommends that the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following addition to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Manual of Operations, from the PDA Advisory Committee. (Attachment [B.102](#))

An important element of PDA national response protocols involves PDA National Response Team members and/or staff offering ministry of presence by worshiping with affected congregations the first Sunday following a disaster.

On occasion, a disaster occurs at such a time that Teaching Elders are required to be part of the response. When Teaching Elders who belong to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Volunteer/Response Team (NRT), are needed to deploy at a time that would require them not being able to fulfill their pulpit obligations at their home church, PDA will, if requested, reimburse the NRT member's church for pulpit supply expenses (honorarium for substitute preacher) up to an amount defined in that church's presbytery policy. If there is no presbytery policy in place to cover such honoraria, PDA will reimburse up to \$200.00 upon request of the church.

- B. Recommends that the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board in reference to the Six Agency “Collaborative Agenda on Environmental Stewardship.” (Attachment [B.103](#))
1. Endorse the attached Collaborative Agenda for Environmental Stewardship
 2. Commit to the Common Activities to Care for God’s Creation described in section II of the Collaborative Agenda, and
 3. Recommend to the 222nd General Assembly (2016) its endorsement of the Collaborative Agenda for Environmental Stewardship.

III. For Information:

- A. The Justice Committee reviewed the agenda of the meeting and VOTED to adopt without amendment. ([B.100](#))
- B. The Justice Committee approved the Justice Committee Minutes of April 16, 2015 without amendment. ([B.101](#))

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C. The Justice Committee received for information:

1. The Jinishian Memorial Program United States Advisory Council and Governance Commission Minutes, June 8, 2015. ([B.200](#))
2. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Advisory Committee Minutes, July 29, 2015. ([B.201](#))
3. The Missional Relationship Agreement between the National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC) and World Mission. ([B.202](#))
4. Generative Topic: The New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

Respectfully submitted,

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