

**ITEM A.104**  
**FOR ACTION**

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**Subject: Comment on “Churchwide Gifts Program,” from the Presbyterian Foundation.**

**Recommendation:**

**That the Finance Committee forward the following comments on the “Churchwide Gifts Program” to the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board with a recommendation to approve and forward to the 222nd General Assembly (2016)**

**Comment:**

The Presbyterian Mission Agency acknowledges that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation “has the non-delegable fiduciary responsibility regarding the compliance of the use of restricted funds with donor instructions,” and that it is responsible for assuring “that a process is in place to ensure that the end beneficiaries use those funds as designated by the donor.” (Organization for Mission, Appendix F: Joint Report of the General Assembly Council and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation (208th General Assembly (1996), Part I, pp. 617–18).

Recommendations 1 and 2 of Item 13-04 are traditional Foundation requests for General Assembly approval. (see <https://pc-biz.org/#/search/4781> for 2014 and <https://pc-biz.org/#/search/3957> for 2012.)

Recommendations 3 and 4, however represent significant changes in the General Assembly’s mandate for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation. The 22nd General Assembly (2016) is the first General Assembly to be requested to approve this language.

Work with international partners is an area where collaboration between the Foundation and the Mission Agency is critically important. Recommendation 3 creates a General Assembly mandate for work between the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation and PC(USA)’s international partners. The Mission Agency is concerned that PC(USA) work with international partners be done collaboratively, consistent with the 1993 General Assembly policy, “[Presbyterians Do Mission in Partnership](#),” and in ways that do not duplicate efforts between these agencies or unintentionally damage PC(USA)’s relations with global partners.

Regarding recommendation 4, the Mission Agency is in general agreement, as noted above citing language from the Organization for Mission, but it is not clear what approval by the 222nd General Assembly (2016) would mean in terms of implementation.

Therefore, the Presbyterian Mission Agency asks that the General Assembly refer both recommendation 3 and 4 to the Joint Working Group between the Presbyterian Foundation and the Presbyterian Mission Agency, so that consultation can occur prior to consideration by the General Assembly in 2018.