

**ITEM B.107
FOR ACTION**

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Subject: Comment to the 222nd GA (2016) - Overture 023 (Business Item #12-01) “On Acknowledging and Reconciling for Killing Korean Civilians in July 1950 – From the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse”

Recommendation:

That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 023 (Business Item #12-01) “On Acknowledging and Reconciling for Killing Korean Civilians in July 1950 – From the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse” to the 222nd GA (2016).

Comment:

Every war is tragic. As it is with so many stories of war, No Gun Ri is an incident fraught with many conflicting accounts. The Presbyterian Mission Agency grieves that lives were lost and that families continue to struggle.

While supporting such a meeting in principle, the Presbyterian Mission Agency does not have the capacity nor the financial resources needed to arrange such a meeting. Further, the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK) and the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK), global partners of the Presbyterian Mission Agency in South Korea, have not named this as a critical issue in need of our intervention. We believe it would be more appropriate to instruct the Presbyterian Mission Agency to communicate with our Korean partners and take appropriate action based on their request, whether advocacy with U.S. Government or other steps.

Link to Overture - <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6297>