

**ITEM B.111**  
**FOR ACTION**

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**Subject:** Comment on the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2016) – Overture 059 (Business Item #11-07) “On Committing to Play an Active Part in the Global Response to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic” – From the Presbytery of Southern New England

**Recommendation:**

**That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 059 (Business Item #11-07) “On Committing to Play an Active Part in the Global Response to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic” – From the Presbytery of Southern New England**

**Comment:**

The Presbyterian Mission Agency has consistently advocated to increase global aids funding through its Office of Public Witness, and was a key part of the coalition advocating for the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). This overture will enhance current social witness policy.

Some of the Mission Agency’s global partners in Africa have made fighting AIDS and preventing its resurgence a priority. Our World Mission personnel were consulted in the drafting of the overture and its inputs are already reflected in the submitted overture.

The Mission Agency cannot presently devote an existing staff person for the activities suggested in the overture, but would need to create a new position outside the budget if financial resources became available. Mobilizing a funds development effort toward this new priority would require a significant diversion of resources away from currently established mission and funding priorities. The startup costs for a new effort would be unlikely to generate consequential funding for the cause during the first 5 years of such efforts. We would, therefore, encourage congregations to use existing methods of fundraising, such as the portion of the Peace and Global Witness Offering retained locally to be used toward this cause, either by encouraging the support of the Presbyterian AIDS Network, or another Christian HIV/AIDS ministry with which the PC(USA) is partnership.

Link to Overture: <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6344>