

**ITEM C.110
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Subject: Comment to the 222nd General Assembly (2016) on the Report of the Task Force for Korean Speaking Congregations (Business Item 05-11)

Recommendation:

That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on the Report of the Task Force for Korean Speaking Congregations (Business Item 05-11)

Comment:

The Presbyterian Mission Agency has an associate for Korean Emerging Ministries in the current Presbyterian Mission Agency budget and is also in the proposed 2017-2018 budget. The Presbyterian Mission Agency welcomes and affirms Korean American congregations and leaders in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is grateful for the witness that Korean American Presbyterians have exhibited for mission, evangelism, church growth, and faith formation.

The Office of Korean Emerging Ministries in Racial Ethnic & Women’s Ministries within the Presbyterian Mission Agency equips Korean 1st generation congregations, as well as 1.5 and 2nd generation Korean-language, English-language, and intercultural congregations, the National Council of Korean Presbyterian Churches (NCKPC), the Coordinating Committee for Korean American Presbyteries (CCKAP), the Consulting Committee for Korean American Ministries (CCKAM), National Korean Presbyterian Women (NKPW), National Korean Presbyterian Men (NKPM), young adult and English ministry networks, and other groups in the church.

The overture asks that the Presbyterian Mission Agency or the Office of the General Assembly “ensure that a national level staff person has the responsibility to work with Korean-language presbyteries and congregations.” The overture also asks that a “permanent staff position” be created to support Korean congregations, “coordinated with the work of the associate for Mid Council Relations” in the Office of the General Assembly.

It is not possible to guarantee that any office or position will be permanently located in the Presbyterian Mission Agency, due to declining revenue sources in the church and limited funding. The Office is currently working to connect and equip Korean Presbyterians, through partnering with mid-councils, to support healthy and growing Korean American ministries in the church.

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