

## ITEM B.105 FOR ACTION

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>			
	A. Finance	E. Corporate Property, Legal, Finance	J. Board Nominating & Governance Subcommittee
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**Subject:**           **Comment to the 221<sup>st</sup> GA (2014) - Overture 055 “On Authorizing a Consultative Process to Provide Guidance for the Church’s Response to the Dramatic Changes Taking Place in Cuba—From the Presbytery of Santa Fe.”**

**Recommendation:**

**That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 055 “On Authorizing a Consultative Process to Provide Guidance for the Church’s Response to the Dramatic Changes Taking Place in Cuba—From the Presbytery of Santa Fe.”**

**Comment:**

This overture displays a familiarity with the remarkably strong relationship that has remained between the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbyterian Church in Cuba over the years. It recognizes the significant changes underway within Cuba and in that country's relations with other nations in the Caribbean, Latin America, and Europe. The overture proposes a cost-effective way to build upon the work of the Cuba Mission Network and the mission partnerships that have made our Presbyterian witness and connection so distinctive and durable. The dual consultation model is designed to include a diversity of voices framed by the mission of the church. The consultation in Cuba, to be developed with our mission partners, would be arranged by the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy and World Mission in full accordance with the requirements of U.S. law and the hopes of that church. As in other social witness and mission reports prepared for the General Assembly in the past, the goal is to gather faithful persons with significant experience and expertise whose prayer and reflection may help guide both our churches for years to come.