

## ITEM H.107 FOR ACTION

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**Subject: Comment on “A Resolution to Define and Interpret Standards for PC(USA) Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges from the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns”**

**“Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency, in consultation with the Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges Presidents Roundtable, to convene a racially diverse special task force of six with expertise in the field of education to define and interpret the standards for racial ethnic schools related to the PC(USA). The task force should conduct most of their business via electronic means, meeting one time face-to-face, and they should consult with current PC(USA) related racial ethnic schools on what characteristics in a school produce racial ethnic leaders in today’s multicultural society. The task force should report back to the 222nd General Assembly (2016) on their findings. “**

**Recommendation: That the Executive Committee forward the following comment to the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board with a recommendation for approval and forward to the 221st General Assembly (2014).**

**Comment:**

The Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (PMAB) approved at its February 2014 meeting that the chairperson of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board “appoint a task force consisting of representatives from the Historically Presbyterian Racial Ethnic Institutions (HPREI) and representatives from other Presbyterian-related racial ethnic educational institutions. The task force will determine how the church can be true to its commitment to the HPREI, with whom it has covenanted, while considering how other racial ethnic educational institutions can be in relationship with the PC(USA) and be considered for support.”

The Presbyterian Mission Agency Board recommends that the resolution on defining and interpreting standards for PC(USA) racial ethnic schools and colleges from the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns (ACREC) be referred to the task force appointed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board chairperson, in order to avoid duplicative efforts. Both proposed task forces include many of the same people, and the work is similar. The task force appointed by the chairperson of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board will meet at the fall Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges Presidents Roundtable meeting, which is included in the current PMAB budget, so there are minimal additional financial implications for the meeting of this task force. During this meeting, the task force will have the expertise and the time to complete the work assigned by the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board and the work in ACREC's resolution.