

**Minutes  
Justice Committee of the  
Presbyterian Mission Agency Board  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
The Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY  
September 17, 2014**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**  
**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Justice Committee of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board was called to order and opened in prayer by the Chair, James R. Ephraim Jr. at 2:07pm on Wednesday September 17, 2014, at The Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY.

**ATTENDANCE**

Those present for all or a portion of the meeting were:

James R. Ephraim, Jr.	Joseph Morrow
Susan Osoinach	Kears Pollock
Cecil Corbett	Noelle Royer
Lindsay Harren-Lewis	Kathy Terpstra
Mary Jorgenson	James E. Foucher Jr.

*EXCUSED*                      None

*OTHERS*

Sara Lisherness – Mission Agency Staff, Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry  
Bill Somplatsky-Jarman – Mission Agency Staff, Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry  
Champaka Srinivasan – Mission Agency Staff, World Mission Ministry  
Tonia Trice – Mission Agency Staff, Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry  
Shannon Beck, Mission Agency Staff, World Mission Ministry  
Greg Allen-Pickett – Mission Agency Staff, World Mission Ministry  
Ginna Bairby – Mission Agency Staff, Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry  
Terri Bate – Mission Agency Staff, Funds Development Ministry  
Amgad Beblawi – Mission Agency Staff, World Mission Ministry  
Ruth Farrell – Mission Agency Staff, Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry  
Courtney Hoekstra – Mission Agency Staff, Executive Office  
Chris Iosso – Mission Agency Staff, Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry  
Mark S. Jones Sr. - Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns  
Mark Koenig – Mission Agency Staff, Compassion, Peace & Justice Ministry  
Laurie Kraus – Mission Agency Staff, Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry  
Rosemary C. Mitchell – Mission Engagement Advisor, Office of Public Witness/  
United Nations  
Roy Roberts – Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy  
Cynthia White – Mission Agency Staff, Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministry

**COMMITTEE  
ACTIONS:**

**HALF IN TEN  
CAMPAIGN**

The Justice Committee **VOTED** to approve the following recommendation:

**(B.102)** That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve adding the Half in Ten Campaign to the Approved Affiliates List. That the Office of Public Witness (OPW) and other program areas be given permission to work with this coalition and the related TalkPoverty.org blog on issues of poverty and economic inequality. **(Attachment 1 B.102)**

**FAITH FORUM ON MIDDLE EAST POLICY (B.103)** The Justice Committee **VOTED** to approve the following recommendation:  
That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve adding the Faith Forum on Middle East Policy to the Approved Affiliates List. That the Office of Public Witness (OPW) and other program areas be given permission to work with this coalition on just peace in the Middle East. **(Attachment B.103)**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Reviewed the agenda of the meeting and VOTED to adopt. (B. 100)
- B. Approved the Justice Committee Minutes of April 24, 2014 (B. 101)
- C. Received the referrals from the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly (2014) for information (B. 104)
- D. The Justice Committee received the following items for information:
  - Jinishian Memorial Program United States Advisory Committee Minutes, May 15-16, 2014 (B. 200)
  - Jinishian Memorial Program Governance Commission Minutes, May 15-16, 2014 (B. 201)
  - The Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns open letter regarding the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly (2014) Divestment Action.
  - Written report from Mission Responsibility Through Investment.
- E. The Justice Committee engaged in a generative discussion with the Leadership Committee on the topic of Racism and Poverty. The discussion included a Bible study titled “What It Means To Be A Good Neighbor” followed by a video titled “TED Talks: We Need To Talk About An Injustice” by Bryan Stevenson. The Chairs from the Justice and Leadership Committees opened up the floor for discussion asking the questions, “What can we learn from the video? How can we implement what we learned in our work?”

**ADJOURNMENT** James Ephraim closed in prayer and adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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James R. Ephraim Jr., Chair

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Shannon Beck, Resource Staff

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Bill Somplatsky-Jarman, Resource Staff

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Tonia Trice, Recorder