

APPROVED: February 3, 2016

**Minutes of the
PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY BOARD OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) AND THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.), A CORPORATION BOARD
Called Meeting
January 21, 2016**

CONVENE The special meeting of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board was called to order with prayer at 5:01 p.m. by the chair, Marilyn Gamm.

BOARD MEMBERS Ruling Elder Mary C. Baskin, The Reverend Mark Brainerd, The Reverend Gregory Chan, The Reverend James R. Ephraim, Jr., The Reverend David Ezekiel, The Reverend Marilyn Gamm, The Reverend Marci Glass, The Reverend Kenneth Godshall, The Reverend Chad Herring, Ruling Elder Jeffrey Joe, The Reverend Mihee Kim-Kort, The Reverend Joseph Morrow, Ruling Elder Susan Osoinach, The Reverend Neal Presa, The Reverend Nancy Ramsay, The Reverend Alice Ridgill, Ruling Elder Melinda Lawrence Sanders, The Reverend David Shinn, Ruling Elder Glen Snider, Ruling Elder Josephene Stewart, The Reverend Wendy Tajima, Ruling Elder Kathy Terpstra, and The Reverend Landon Whitsitt, and Ruling Elder Carol Winkler.

AT-LARGE MEMBER Ruling Elder Ellen Cason, and Ruling Elder Kathy Trott

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS Ruling Elder Marilee Hopkins, Ruling Elder Marc Lewis, The Reverend Eileen Lindner, Ruling Elder James Rissler, The Reverend Ray Roberts, Ruling Elder Tony De La Rosa, and The Reverend Flo Watkins.

LEADERSHIP CABINET Barry Creech, Kathy Francis, Chip Hardwick, Rhashell Hunter, Sara Lisherness, and Earline Williams.

STAFF PRESENT Susan Abraham, Gregg Brekke, Martha Clark, Debbie Gardiner, and Mike Kirk.

OTHER Leslie Scanlon, Presbyterian Outlook

ACTION 1-012116
EXCUSED ABSENCES Excuses were offered on behalf of the following persons, and, upon motion from the floor, the Board **VOTED** to excuse the following members from the meeting:

Ruling Elder Marsha Zell Anson, Andrew Barron, Ruling Elder Marvin

Brangan, Ruling Elder Thomas Fleming, Jr., The Reverend Vicki Garber, The Reverend Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Ruling Elder Rafael Medina, Ruling Elder Raul Santiago-Rivera, Ruling Elder Noelle Royer, and Ruling Elder Patsy Smith.

**UNEXCUSED
ABSENCES**

The Reverend Cecil Corbett, The Reverend Harold Delhagen, Ruling Elder Regina Meester, Ruling Elder Kears Pollock, Moderator Heath Rada, and The Reverend Marianne Rhebergen.

QUORUM

A quorum was declared present for the transaction of business.

**ACTION 2-012116
CONVENE IN CLOSED
SESSION**

The Presbyterian Mission Agency Board of Directors **VOTED** to convene in closed session at 5:04 p.m. as the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation Board to discuss personnel, litigation and property matters with only voting members of the Board, at-large members of the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee, and the following individuals, who are invited to remain and attend all or a portion of the closed session meeting:

1. Tony De La Rosa
2. Earline Williams
3. Barry Creech
4. Terri Bate
5. Hunter Farrell
6. Kathy Francis
7. Chip Hardwick
8. Rhashell Hunter
9. Sara Lisherness
10. Martha Clark
11. Mike Kirk
12. Susan Abraham
13. Debbie Gardiner

**ACTION 3-012116
RISE FROM CLOSED
SESSION**

The Presbyterian Mission Agency Board and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation Board **VOTED** to rise from closed session at 5:48 p.m. No actions were taken in closed session.

**REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE TO
REVIEW THE
PRESBYTERIAN
MISSION AGENCY**

Creech led the Board through the Report of the Committee to Review the Presbyterian Mission Agency (**Appendix 1**). In the ensuing discussion, Board members expressed their appreciation for the work of the Review Committee in highlighting aspects of PMA operations meriting improvement.

Gamm announced her intent to appoint a task group to prepare responses to the recommendations of the Review Committee. Board members were invited to send any comments they wish to include as information to the

task group to Debbie Gardiner. The task group's response to the General Assembly recommendations in the report will be presented to the Board for approval at the April meeting and forwarded to the General Assembly.

**ADJOURNMENT &
CLOSING PRAYER**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Gamm at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Abraham
Associate for Board Meeting Support and
General Assembly Coordination
Presbyterian Mission Agency