

Approved – February 23, 2010

**Minutes of the Executive Committee of the  
General Assembly Mission Council (GAC)  
Of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Conference Call  
February 2, 2010 – 3:00 p.m. EST**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Carol Adcock, GAMC Executive Committee Chair, called the meeting to order with prayer at 3:00 p.m. followed by a recitation of the Executive Committee Covenant.

**ATTENDANCE**

Mrs. Adcock called upon Ms. Nancy Hamilton, meeting recorder, to call the roll. Those present for all or a portion of the meeting were:

*Members*

Carol Adcock – GAMC Chair  
Sue Ezell – Chair, Justice Mission Committee  
Carolyn McLarnan – Chair, Evangelism Mission Committee  
Carolyn Knight – Chair, Stewardship Mission Committee  
Michael Kruse – GAMC Vice Chair  
Doug Megill – Chair, Vocation Mission Committee  
Conrad Rocha – Member-at-large  
Linda Valentine – GAMC Executive Director, ex-officio

*Executive Leadership Team*

Joey Bailey – Deputy Executive Director, Shared Services  
Curtis Kearns -- Executive Administrator  
Karen Schmidt – Deputy Executive Director for Communications and Funds Development

*Recorder*

Nancy Hamilton – GAMC Staff, Office of the Executive Director

*Others*

Martha Clark – GAMC Staff, Legal Services  
Barry Creech – GAMC Staff, Communications and Funds Development  
Leslie Scanlon -- the *Presbyterian Outlook*

*Excused*

Tom Gillespie – Chair, Discipleship Mission Committee  
Esperanza Guajardo – Member-at-large

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

Mrs. Adcock stated that the purpose of the conference call meeting is to assign items of business to the GAMC Mission Committees for the February GAMC meeting.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

ACTION 1-EC-2210

*Adopt Agenda*

Mrs. Adcock reviewed the agenda for this meeting (**Attachment 1**). The Executive Committee **AGREED by consensus** to adopt the agenda.

**REVIEW OF GAMC  
BUSINESS**

ACTION 2-EC-2210

*Approve Assignment of  
Business*

Mr. Curtis Kearns, reviewed the list of business for the February GAMC meeting (**Attachment 2**). Following the review, the Executive Committee **AGREED by consensus** to approve the assignment of business as presented and to add the following:

1. GAMC Covenant with Presbyterian Women -- to Discipleship Committee and
2. Employee Handbook to Plenary.

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STRATEGIC PROCESS  
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Ms. Linda Valentine shared, for information, the document, *Proposed General Assembly Mission Council Guiding Principles for Planning Decisions (Attachment 3)*.

The GAMC will be asked to adopt the principles. The principles will be employed when making budget decisions following the February GAMC meeting. The Executive Committee can have further discussion during the February 2010 meeting.

RENEWING “GROWING  
CHRIST’S CHURCH DEEP  
AND WIDE”

Ms. Valentine reviewed the history of “Growing Christ’s Church Deep and Wide”. The 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008) approved the call for the whole church to embrace this commitment. It was adopted as a two-year commitment. There have been many good efforts undertaken and we want to take a recommendation to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) to renew this commitment and to continue the work that is underway.

The Executive Committee expressed its thanks to the Council for initially undertaking this work.

FEEDBACK FROM  
VARIOUS CONTACTS  
*A&A Review Committee*

Mr. Doug Megill reported that he has shared the GAMC Executive Committee comments with the Advisory and Advocacy Committee Review Team and is looking forward to receiving the final report.

*PHEWA Covenant Writing  
Task Group*

Ms. Sue Ezell reported that the task group has reached consensus on a summary statement for work together. Conference calls have been scheduled to discuss the updated covenant. Each member of the task group is reviewing the parts for which they have the most information and to begin to offer revisions.

*A&A Review Team Dinner*

Mr. Mike Kruse reported that he and Ms. Ezell had the opportunity to meet over dinner with members of the two Advocacy Committees on Thursday, January 28, during the meeting held in Louisville. Some concerns were expressed:

- No provision is made to meet with the Advocacy Committees on a regular basis
- They feel a lack of responsiveness from GAMC staff
- Concern that the church is backing away from justice and advocacy issues
- Concern that we diligently follow the mandate we have been given
- They are following our fund raising efforts

The Advocacy Committee members asked many questions, which were answered to the best of their ability. More information will be shared during the February meeting.

*New Form of Government  
(FOG)Report*

Ms. Martha Clark shared information with the Executive Committee that she has reviewed the FOG report and also had a meeting with the Stated Clerk. A joint recommendation will be brought to the COGA/GAMC Executive Committee meeting to amend the new Form of Government Task Force at section G-3.0501c, by adding the words “as described in the *Organization for Mission*” so that the sentence would read:

This responsibility shall include providing those services, resources, and programs performed most effectively at the national level, **as described in the Organization for Mission**; communicating with the whole church on matters of common concern [rest of paragraph would remain the same].

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ACTION 3-EC-2210  
*Affirm Joint  
Recommendation*

The Executive Committee **AGREED by consensus** to affirm the joint recommendation of the Committee on the office of the General Assembly and the General Assembly Mission Council.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Mr. Barry Creech shared updates regarding the upcoming webinars for the General Assembly Mission Council:

1. Friday, February 5 at noon Eastern Standard Time -- Theological papers, "Christian and Jews: People of God" and "Toward an Understanding of Christian-Muslim Relations.

2. Wednesday, February 17 at noon Eastern Standard Time -- Middle East Issues. This webinar is in three parts: (1) briefing on Mission Responsibility Through Investments (MRTI) recommendations; (2) Victor Makari will report on the perspective of church partners in the region; (3) Report from the Middle East Study Team -- Ron Shive will report through the webinar (Victor and Chris Iosso). Fifteen minutes will be allowed for each of the three portions and 15 minutes will be allowed for questions and answers.

Both of these webinars will be recorded to allow those not able to participate to listen to them at their convenience.

3. Time not yet set for the webinar on the Employee Handbook. This should be set sometime with the next two weeks.

GAMC AGENDA

Ms. Valentine requested that any suggestions for the full General Assembly Mission Council February agenda be sent to Ms. Hamilton. Ms. Carolyn McLarnan noted that the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008) Moderator, Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow will be preaching at the Joint COGA/GAMC worship service.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sue Ezell closed the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Adcock adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mrs. Carol Adcock  
Chair, General Assembly Council

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Ms. Linda Valentine  
Executive Director, General Assembly Council

GAMC Executive Committee  
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AGENDA

3:00 p.m. Call to Order with Prayer

*Carol Adcock*

**Executive Committee Covenant:**

We, the General Assembly Mission Council Executive Committee, called to this ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ, covenant together to:

- Seek God's will, remaining open to fresh movement of the Holy Spirit, acting boldly and creatively for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in ministry and mission
- Relate to one another with honesty, trust, respect, openness and kindness, proclaiming God's graciousness by risking and daring transformation in our lives and work
- Be faithful stewards, seeking to make wise decisions in partnership with the greater church, doing our homework, listening to all points of view, working for consensus, and faithfully supporting decisions we have made
- Worship and pray with joy and appreciation for God's guidance in doing this work.

I. Assignment of Business to Committees for February  
GAMC Meeting

*Linda Valentine*

**(paper to be sent by 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2)**

II. Strategic Process Guiding Principles - Attached)

*Linda Valentine*

III. Renewing "Growing Christ's Church Deep and Wide"

*Linda Valentine*

IV. Feedback regarding:

*Sue Ezell*

1. Advocate/Advisory Group Dinner meeting

*Mike Kruse*

2. PHEWA Covenant Writing Task Group

4:00 p.m. Adjournment

**Assignments for General Assembly Mission Council Meeting –February 2010 Meeting**  
**(Revised -- 2/2/10)**

BUSINESS ITEM	FROM MINISTRY	ASSIGNMENT	ITEM #
1. Discipleship Committee Minutes - September	Theology, Worship & Education	DISCIPLESHIP	
2. Theology, Worship, & Education Response to Referrals	Theology, Worship & Education	DISCIPLESHIP	
3. Election of Discipleship Committee Chair	GAMC	DISCIPLESHIP	
4. Racial Ethnic/Women's Ministries/PW Response to Referrals	Racial Ethnic/Women's Ministries	DISCIPLESHIP	
5. Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges Covenant Report	Racial Ethnic/Women's Ministries	DISCIPLESHIP	
6. Cook Native American Ministries Report	Racial Ethnic/Women's Ministries	DISCIPLESHIP	
7. Toward an Understanding of Christian-Muslim Relations	World Mission	DISCIPLESHIP	
8. Christian and Jews -- People of God	World Mission	DISCIPLESHIP	
9. Covenant with Presbyterian Women	Racial Ethnic/Women's Ministries	DISCIPLESHIP	
10. Multi-Cultural Church Growth	Racial Ethnic/Women's Ministries	EVANGELISM	
11. Growing Christ's Church Deep and Wide	Evangelism and Church Growth	EVANGELISM	
12. Evangelism Committee Minutes -- September	Evangelism and Church Growth	EVANGELISM	
13. Evangelism and Church Growth Response to Referrals	Evangelism and Church Growth	EVANGELISM	
14. Presbyterian Related Institutions	Evangelism and Church Growth	EVANGELISM	
15. Election of Evangelism Committee Chair	GAMC	EVANGELISM	
16. New Strategic Direction for World Mission	World Mission	EVANGELISM	
17. Executive Committee Minutes -- Jan/Feb	Office of the Executive Director	EXECUTIVE	
18. Independent Abuse Panel Report	Sexual Misconduct Ombudsperson	EXECUTIVE	
19. Corresponding Members to the 219 <sup>th</sup> GA (2010)	Office of the Executive Director	EXECUTIVE	
20. Celebration of Holy Communion -- Presbytery Leader Formation	Middle Governing Body Relations	EXECUTIVE	
21. Strategic Process Guiding Principles	Office of the Executive Director	EXECUTIVE	
22. Comment on Form of Government Report	Office of the Executive Director	EXECUTIVE	
23. Organization for Mission Amendment	GA Nominating Committee	EXECUTIVE	
24. EDO Responses to Referrals	Office of the Executive Director	EXECUTIVE	
25. Reimbursement Policy Revision	Compassion, Peace, & Justice	EXECUTIVE	
26. Joint Responses to Referrals -- GAMC/COGA	COGA	JOINT EX. COMM	
27. Per Capita Budget	COGA/GAMC	JOINT EX. COMM	
28. GAMC/GACER Engagement Process	Compassion, Peace & Justice	JUSTICE	
29. World Mission Response to Referrals	World Mission	JUSTICE	
30. Justice Mission Committee Minutes -- September	Compassion, Peace & Justice	JUSTICE	
31. Truth Commission on Conscience in War	Compassion, Peace & Justice	JUSTICE	

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32. 2010 Proxy Voting Recommendation (MRTI)	Compassion, Peace & Justice	JUSTICE	
33. Compassion, Peace & Justice Response to Referrals	Compassion, Peace & Justice	JUSTICE	
34. SDOP Mandate -- Update	Compassion, Peace & Justice	JUSTICE	
35. Election of Justice Committee Chair	GAMC	JUSTICE	
36. Salary Recommendation - 2011-2013	Human Resources	PERSONNEL	
37. Employee Handbook Revisions	Human Resources	PERSONNEL	
38. Executive Director's End-of-Term Review (no papers)		PERSONNEL	
39. Election of GAMC Chair and Vice Chair	GAMC Nominating	PLENARY	
40. Other Nominations	GAMC Nominating	PLENARY	
41. Advocacy and Advisory Committee Review Team Report	A&A Review Team	PLENARY	
42. Election of Stewardship Committee Chair	GAMC	STEWARDSHIP	
43. Referrals to the 219 <sup>th</sup> GA (2010) -- PILP	PILP	STEWARDSHIP	
44. Stewardship Committee Administrative Notes -- September	Shared Services	STEWARDSHIP	
45. Corporate Minutes -- September	Legal	STEWARDSHIP	
46. Authorized Signors	Legal	STEWARDSHIP	
47. 2010 Manse Report	Legal	STEWARDSHIP	
48. Capital Budget Request	Shared Services	STEWARDSHIP	
49. Referrals to the 219 <sup>th</sup> GA (2010) -- Stewardship	Shared Services	STEWARDSHIP	
50. Revision to 2010 Budget -- Special Offerings	Shared Services	STEWARDSHIP	
51. Advisory Task Force on Special Offerings Annual Report	Communications/Funds Dev.	STEWARDSHIP	
52. Referrals to the 219 <sup>th</sup> GA (2010) - Communications/Funds Development	Communications/Funds Dev.	STEWARDSHIP	
53. Mission Development Resources Committee Authority Clarification	Legal	STEWARDSHIP	
54. Women of Faith Award Nominees	Racial Ethnic/Women's Ministries	VOCATION	
55. Vocation Committee Minutes -- September	Vocation	VOCATION	
56. Vocation Response to Referrals	Vocation	VOCATION	
57. PCCMP Annual Report	Vocation	VOCATION	
58. Report of Recently Certified Christian Educators	Vocation	VOCATION	
59. Election of Vocation Committee Chair	GAMC	VOCATION	

**Proposed**  
**General Assembly Mission Council**  
**Guiding Principles for Planning Decisions**

*Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Ephesians 4:15-16*

- We will seek, welcome, and value input from internal and external stakeholders.
- We will focus on ministries that can only be done at the national level, then on what can best be done at the national level. We will stop those ministries that can best be done by other parts of the church.
- We will serve the mission of the whole church, not the needs of small constituencies and special interest groups. General Assembly Mission Council ministries will enhance the ministry of congregations and partner churches.
- We will avoid duplication within our own ministries. We will consolidate and coordinate related ministries that are being done in more than one area.
- Given our current priorities and capacities, there are good ministries that we can no longer support within the General Assembly Mission Council.
- We will have a sunset rule to ensure we are relevant, faithful, effective and accountable To continuously improve:
  - All programs will be evaluated by Ministry Director's Team and the ELT at minimum every 4 years.
  - We will honor the value and loss of programs that may change or be eliminated.
- We will operate according to fiscally sustainable principles in a commitment to live within our means and in alignment with funding trends.
- The purpose of common (shared) services is to support the General Assembly Mission Council's missional work and ensure organizational accountability. The ministries and common services will work in partnership with mutual accountability, respect, and transparency.
- We will honor work/life balance.