

Approved – May 9, 2012

**Minutes of the Executive Committee of the
General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC)
Of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Conference Call
April 18, 2012 – 1 p.m. EST**

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Michael Kruse, Chair, called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) to order with prayer.

ATTENDANCE Mr. Kruse called upon Ms. Susan Abraham, recorder for the meeting, to call the roll. Those present for all or a portion of the meeting were:

Members

Steve Aeschbacher – Chair, Discipleship Mission Committee
Clark Cowden – Chair, Vocation Mission Committee
Alan Ford – Chair, Stewardship Mission Committee
Roger Gench – Chair, Justice Mission Committee
Michael Kruse – Chair
Carolyn McLarnan – Vice-chair
Marta Rodriguez – Member-at-large
Matt Schramm – Chair, Evangelism Mission Committee
Joyce Smith – Member-at-large
Linda Valentine – Member ex-officio

Executive Leadership Team

Joey Bailey – Deputy Executive Director, Shared Services
Roger Dermody – Deputy Executive Director for Mission
Vince Patton – Executive Administrator
Karen Schmidt – Deputy Executive Director, Communications and Funds Development (via phone)

Recorder

Susan Abraham – GAMC Staff, Office of the Executive Director

Others

Barry Creech, GAMC Staff, Communications and Funds Development
Dana Dages, GAMC Staff, Office of the Executive Director

PURPOSE OF MEETING Mr. Kruse stated that the purpose of the conference call meeting was to review the agendas and to assign items of business to the GAMC Mission Committees for the May GAMC meeting.

UPCOMING WEBINAR Ms. Linda Valentine announced that a webinar on Cost Recovery will be held for Council members on May 1 at 3 p.m. EST. An email message will be sent to all Council members inviting them to participate in the webinar since we will be discussing cost recovery during the opening plenary session of the Council meeting on May 9.

ACTION 1- EC-041812
MEETING AGENDAS

Ms. Valentine led the Executive Committee through the draft agendas for the GAMC and the GAMC Executive Committee meetings in May and the Executive Committee **VOTED to approve** the agendas as proposed (**Appendices 1 and 2**).

ACTION 2 - EC-041812
BUSINESS ITEMS ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEES

Ms. Valentine reviewed the assignment of business items to mission committees (**Appendix 3**). The Executive Committee **VOTED to approve** the assignment of business as submitted.

UPDATE ON CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Kruse gave an update on appointments to the GAMC Governance Task Force and the Task Force of racial ethnic leaders to advise the GAMC on Special Offerings funds used for racial ethnic church leadership development. Mr. Kruse reported that he had received names of 35 racial ethnic leaders after consulting with the General Assembly Nominating Committee (GANC), the General Assembly Committee on Representation (GACOR) and the Advocacy Committee on Racial Ethnic Concerns (ACREC). Names of seven task force members will be presented to the Executive Committee for ratification at the meeting in May.

ACTION 3- EC-041812
CLOSED SESSION

The Executive Committee **VOTED to convene** in closed session at 1:53 p.m. to discuss personnel matters with only members of the Executive Committee and the following invited persons:

- Linda Valentine and
- Barry Creech

ACTION 4 - EC-041812
RISE FROM CLOSED SESSION
ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

The Executive Committee **VOTED to rise** from closed session at 1:56 p.m. and announced that no actions were taken in the closed session.

Having completed business, the Executive Committee was closed with prayer at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Michael Kruse
Chair, General Assembly Mission Council

Ms. Linda Valentine
Executive Director, General Assembly Mission Council

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ITEM H.100
GAMC Executive Committee
May 9, 2012
The Brown Hotel, 335 W. Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
502-583-1234

Room –
AGENDA

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

7:30 a.m. Executive Committee Breakfast –

8:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Convene with Prayer**

Michael Kruse

Recitation of GAMC 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.*

8:40 a.m. ACTION ITEMS:

➤ Adoption of Agenda – **H.100**

Michael Kruse

➤ Approval of Minutes – **H.101**

Michael Kruse

- a. February 15, 2012
- b. March 29, 2012
- c. April 18, 2012
- d. May 2, 2012

➤ GA Attendance Rationale – **H.102**

➤ Chair Appointments – **H. 103**

➤ Celebration of Holy Communion – **H. 104**

1. Six Agency Leadership Initiative Consultation

2. Racial Ethnic Seminarians Conference
3. 2012 Presbyterian Women's Gathering
4. Presbytery Leader Formation

➤ September 2012 GAMC Meeting Dates – **H.105**

9:00 a.m.

Comments on Reports to the General Assembly

*Linda Valentine &
Barry Creech*

- A Review of Efforts Regarding Cultural Proficiency and Creating a Climate for Change in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) – ACREC – **H.106**
- Human Rights Update – ACSWP (Rec. #2) – **H.107**
- Celebrating the Decade of Hearing and Singing New Songs To God – ACWC (Rec. #5) – **H.108**

9:15 a.m.

Mission Work Plan and Budget

Linda Valentine

9:45 a.m.

Mission Work Plan and Budget - Closed session

10:15 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

General Assembly Highlights

Linda Valentine

- Overview of Business
- Role of GAMC Executive Committee at GA
- GAMC exhibit, communications and presentations

11:15 a.m.

Review of Committee Business:

- Discipleship
- Evangelism
- Justice
- Stewardship
- Vocation

*Steve Aeschbacher
Matthew Schramm
Roger Gench
Alan Ford
Clark Cowden*

12:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m.

Governance Discussion

2:15

Chair's Report

Michael Kruse

2:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MISSION COUNCIL
THE BROWN HOTEL
335 W. BROADWAY
LOUISVILLE, KY 40202
502.583.1234
May 9 – 11, 2012
AGENDA

GAMC OFFICE - J. Graham Brown Room

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

2:00 p.m. Audit – *Gallery Boardroom (16th floor)*

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Executive Committee – *Secretariat B*

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. GAMC Plenary – *Crystal Ballroom*

- Welcome and Call to Order *Michael Kruse*
- Opening Devotional
- GAMC Covenant *Michael Kruse*
- Adoption of Agenda
- Roll Call
- Approval of February 2012 GAMC Minutes

3:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. GAMC Chair’s Report *Michael Kruse*

3:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. GAMC Nominating Committee Report *Sue Ezell*

3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Committee Leadership Election Process *Michael Kruse*

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. BREAK

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cost Recovery *Roger Dermody, Dave
Crittenden and Denise Hampton*

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mission Work Plan and Budget *Linda Valentine and Staff
Leaders*

6:00 p.m. Recess with Closing Prayer

6:30 p.m. Dinner in Committees

Thursday, May 10, 2012

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Group Breakfast – *English Grill*

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. GAMC Mission Committee Meetings:

- Discipleship – *Citation B*
- Evangelism – *Citation A*
- Justice – *Secretariat B*
- Vocation – *Secretariat A*

- Stewardship – *Bluegrass Room*

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch in New Committees – Group Building and Leadership Election

- Justice – *Secretariat B*
- Leadership – *Citation A*
- Finance – *Citation B*
- Worshiping Communities – *Secretariat A*
- Class of 2012 – *Thoroughbred Lounge*

Staff and Others –English Grill

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. GAMC Meeting Reconvenes – *Crystal Ballroom*

- Opening Prayer and Devotion

2:45 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Church Financial Campaign Service (CFCS) Recognition *Karen Schmidt*

2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Greetings – Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation *Tom Taylor, President and CEO*

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Mission Work Plan and Budget *Linda Valentine*

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. BREAK

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. CLOSED SESSION
 • Mission Work Plan and Budget Details

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Worship

6:30 p.m. GAMC Farewell Dinner – *GAMC Nominating Committee*

Friday, May 11, 2012 COMMITTEE REPORTS AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF PLENARY HALL

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Group Breakfast – *Bluegrass Room*

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. GAMC Plenary – *Crystal Ballroom*
 Opening Devotional

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Reflections of the Chair *Michael Kruse*

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Committee Reports

- Evangelism – A.001 *Matt Schramm*
- Justice – B.001 *Roger Gench*
- Discipleship – C.001 *Steve Aeschbacher*
- Vocation – D.001 *Clark Cowden*
- Stewardship – E.001 *Alan Ford*
- Corporate – F.001 *Michael Kruse*
- Executive Committee – H.002 *Michael Kruse*
- Audit – I.001 *Reginald Parsons*

- Nominating Committee - J.002

Sue Ezell

Closed Session

11:45 a.m.

Installation Service

BOX LUNCHES – *South Foyer*

GAMC Executive Committee
Assignments for General Assembly Mission Council Meeting – May 9-11, 2012

ITEM #	BUSINESS ITEM	COMMITTEE	FROM MINISTRY
C.100	Discipleship Mission Committee Agenda	Discipleship	
C.101	Discipleship Mission Committee Minutes – Feb. 2012	Discipleship	
C.102	Ovt 09, 010, 016, 020, 028, 040, 048, 055, 056, 065, 066, 071, 072 – On Amending and /or Issuing Authoritative Interpretation of W-49000	Discipleship	Theology, Worship & Education
C.103	Ovt 013 – On Directing the Board of Pension to Provide a Medical Benefits Plan which will not Pay for Abortions Except to Save the Life of the Woman	Discipleship	Racial Ethnic and Women’s Ministries/PW
C.104	Ovt 027 – On Recognizing Bloomfield College as a Racial Ethnic College.	Discipleship	Racial Ethnic and Women’s Ministries/PW
C.105	Ovt 39 – On Amending the Book of Confessions to Include the Confession of Belhar” to the 220 th GA (2012)	Discipleship	Theology, Worship & Education
C.106	Ovt 063 – On Instituting a Special Offering Designated to Native American Ministry for a Period of Three Years.	Discipleship	Racial Ethnic and Women’s Ministries/PW
A.100	Evangelism Mission Committee Agenda	Evangelism	
A.101	Evangelism Mission Committee Minutes – Feb. 2012	Evangelism	
A.102	Ovt 085 – On Celebrating the 45 th Anniversary of the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba.	Evangelism	World Mission
A.103	Ovt 022 – On Instructing the GA to Take Action to Implement the PC(USA)’s Policy on Inclusion of People with Disabilities	Evangelism*	Compassion, Peace & Justice
A.104	Ovt 023 – On Undertaking a Parenting Initiative Called the “Institute for Effective Parental Leadership.	Evangelism*	Compassion, Peace & Justice

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ITEM #	BUSINESS ITEM	COMMITTEE	FROM MINISTRY
A.105	Ovt 049 – On Supporting a Peaceful, Diplomatic Solution to the US – Iran Issues.	Evangelism*	World Mission
A.106	Ovt 91 - On Support for the People of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)	Evangelism*	Compassion, Peace & Justice
B.100	Justice Mission Committee Agenda	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice
B.101	Justice Mission Committee Minutes – Feb. 2012	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice
B.102	PDA Grants to Presbyteries Impacted by Disaster	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice
B.103	Ovt 07 – On Instructing MRTI to Study and Report Corporate Practices of Health Insurance Companies and Possible Divestment of Same to the 220 th GA (2012)	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice
B.104	Ovt 021 – On Recognizing that Israel’s Law and Practices Constitute Apartheid Against Palestinian People	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice
B.105	Ovt 051 – On Supporting the United Nations	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice
B.106	Ovt 054 – On Calling for an End to Poverty Zone Development and for the Advocacy of Fair Development.	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice
B.107	Ovt 058 – On Ethical Investment and Divestment	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice
B.108	Ovt 88 - On the Plight of Indonesian Christian Immigrants	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice
B.109	Ovt 95 - On Instructing MRTI to Report to GAMC on the Corporate Practices of Publicly Traded Corporations that Operate For-Profit Prisons	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice

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ITEM #	BUSINESS ITEM	COMMITTEE	FROM MINISTRY
B.110	Ovt 96 - On Support of the United States Environmental Protection Agency	Justice	Compassion, Peace & Justice
P.100	GAMC Agenda	Plenary	
P.101	GAMC Minutes	Plenary	
P.102	Committee Leadership Election Process	Plenary	Executive Director's Office
J.001	GAMC Nominating Committee Report	Plenary	
E.100	Stewardship Committee Agenda	Stewardship	
E.101	Stewardship Committee Minutes – Feb. 2012	Stewardship	
E.102	Revised 2012 Budget	Stewardship	
E.103	2013-2014 Budget	Stewardship	
E.104	Preliminary GA Reports (Dec. Mission & PMPF, Budgets)	Stewardship	
E.105	Capital Requests	Stewardship	
E.106	2013 National Mission Partnership Fund Allocations	Stewardship	
F.101	Corporate Committee Minutes – Feb. 2012	Corporate	
F.102	2012 Manse Allowances	Corporate	
G.101	Corporate Minutes – Feb. 2012	Corporate	

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ITEM #	BUSINESS ITEM	COMMITTEE	FROM MINISTRY
D.100	Vocation Mission Committee Agenda	Vocation	
D.101	Vocation Mission Committee Minutes – Feb. 2012	Vocation	
D.102	Nature of the Church of the 21 st Century	Vocation*	Executive Director's Office
D.103	Ovt 93 - On Supporting Young Adults in Mission and Leadership	Vocation	World Mission
H.100	GAMC Executive Committee Agenda	Executive Committee	
H.101	Approval of Executive Committee Minutes	Executive Committee	
H.102	GA Attendance Rationale	Executive Committee	Executive Director's Office
H. 103	Chair Appointment	Executive Committee	
H. 104	Celebration of Holy Communion	Executive Committee	Vocation, REWM/PW and Mid Councils
H.105	September 2012 Meeting Dates	Executive Committee	Executive Director's Office
	Comments on Reports to GA		
H.106	Creating a Climate for Change (ACREC)	Executive Committee	Executive Director's Office
H.107	Human Rights Update (ACSWP)	Executive Committee	Executive Director's Office
H.108	Celebrating the Decade of Hearing and Singing New Songs to God (ACWC)	Executive Committee	Executive Director's Office
I.100	Audit Committee Agenda	Audit	Audit

*Items moved to this committee to balance workload in committees