

**ITEM B.103**  
**FOR ACTION**

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>					
	A. Finance		E. Corporate Property, Legal, Finance		J. Board Nominating & Governance Subcommittee
X	B. Justice		F. PC(USA), A Corporation		P. Plenary
	C. Leadership		G. Audit		
	D. Worshiping Communities		H. Executive Committee		

**Subject: Faith Forum on Middle East Policy**

**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.**

**Background:**

The Faith Forum on Middle East Policy is a network of Christian denominations and organizations working for a just peace in the Middle East. The Faith Forum is focused primarily on Israel/Palestine but also works on issues in the broader region including Iran and Syria.

Many organizations participating in the Faith Forum are directly engaged in humanitarian, peacebuilding, and development work in partnership with churches and social service agencies in the Middle East. These first-hand connections enable the Faith Forum to advocate policies that promote human welfare, shared security, justice, and peace, and to broaden public support for them.

The Faith Forum represents a diversity of perspectives and provides a table where organizations identify common ground and strategies for common action. Specific initiatives of the group are undertaken where there is significant shared interest, and organizations engaged with the Faith Forum have the freedom to participate or not in any initiative that is undertaken. All communications and actions undertaken through the Faith Forum represent only the positions of those organizations that specifically sign on to that particular initiative, enabling effective and respectful engagement across a range of matters where organizations wish to work together in specific ways on a shared concern.