

**Last Call to Sessions, Teaching Elders, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Presbytery Council and Staff, and Corporation Trustees,
– For Counsel on GA Business Items by the beginning of the 222GA,
June 18, 2016 –
For our GA Commissioners and YAAD**

**A Primer of Mature Christian Counsel (III) for its
Commissioners, Alternate Commissioners, and Young Adult
Advisory Delegate (YAAD), regarding the
Communications, Overtures, and Committee
Recommendations that form the Business Items
for consideration by the
222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church
(U.S.A.)**

Part 2: 222 General Assembly Business Items



Call for Presbytery Session and Teaching Elder Consideration – 31 March, 2016

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Past Moderator of the Presbytery of Nevada**

**For the Presbytery of Nevada
Committee on Equipping the Saints**

Business Items coming to the 222nd General Assembly

Business Items coming to the 222nd General Assembly are referred first to one of the 14 Commissioner Committees for their consideration, consolidation and preparation for presentation to the full assembly for action in its plenary session. These Committees consider both old and new business, as follows.

2016 222 GA Committees		
Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
00	Plenary	See the GA Manual 2016 for details of the GA plenary.
01	Business Referrals	The moderators and vice moderators of the assembly committees, as a group, shall function as the Assembly Committee on Business Referral. The moderator and vice moderator of the Assembly Committee on Bills and Overtures shall function as the moderator and vice moderator of this committee as well. This committee shall report to the assembly for its action at the first meeting of the General Assembly for the transaction of business.
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03	General Assembly Procedures	Consider matters related to: meetings of the assembly and standing rule amendments, except those items assigned to the Way Forward Committee; per capita budget; operation of the Office of the General Assembly; statistics; publishing of reports; General Assembly Nominating Committee process; special committees; commissioners and advisory delegates credentials/leaves of absence; GA child protection policy.
04	The Way Forward	Consider matters related to: Overtures referring to structure of the meetings of the General Assembly; COGA and other conversations on ecclesiology; business concerning the future of six agency structure; reports of the Agency Review Committees for the OGA and the PMA
05	Mid Councils	Consider matters related to: the ongoing strengthening and nurturing of the mid councils of the PCUSA; mid council boundaries including Synod boundaries; mid council-related referrals; the report of the Mid Council Commission
06	Church Polity	Consider matters related to: amendments to Foundations of Presbyterian Polity (chapters 1 and 3), Form of Government

2016 222 GA Committees

Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
	and Ordered Ministry	Chapters I–IV, VI with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; requests for interpretation; amendments to the Rules of Discipline with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; recruiting, enlistment of persons to service of church; Advisory Committee on Litigation; Advisory Committee on the Constitution.
07	Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations	Consider matters related to: Approval and enactment of the Belhar Confession; amendments to Chapter V of the Form of Government with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; requests for interpretation; matters dealing with relationships with, and attitudes toward, other religious movements or bodies; conversations with other Presbyterian denominations; nominations for ecumenical advisory delegates; nominations for delegations to corresponding churches; reports of corresponding bodies
08	Middle East Issues	Consider matters related to: Peacemaking, international military affairs and the arms race primarily involving the nations of the Middle East; Middle East monitoring committee; MRTI recommendations concerning Middle East nations.
Our Teaching Elder Commissioner, Bob Kelley is a member of the Middle East Issues committee		
09	Immigration and Environmental Issues	Consider matters related to: the church's response to US immigration policies and related issues; plight of refugees worldwide; matters related to carbon fuels and the environment.
10	Mission Coordination	Consider matters related to: Mission programs authorized by General Assembly; PC(USA) vision and mission goals; Organization for Mission and General Assembly Mission Council Manual of Operations; mission budget; audits; church-wide compensation; initiatives on church growth and the 1001 Worshiping Communities program.
Our Ruling Elder Commissioner, Marshall Hanson is a member of the Mission Coordination committee		
11	Social Justice Issues	Consider matters related to: Concerns of church in national affairs; national military matters; matters relating to righteousness and justice of persons/organizations.
12	Peacemaking and International Issues	Consider matters related to: Peacemaking, international military affairs, and the arms race except matters touched upon by the Middle East Peacemaking Issues Committee; international matters; human rights; international economic justice; global evangelism and education.
13	BOP, PILP, PPC, and Foundation	Consider matters related to: Report of Board of Pensions; business related to the church's pension, annuity, and medical plans; other forms of such programs, including government or private retirement programs; business related to the Presbyterian Church

2016 222 GA Committees		
Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
		(U.S.A.) Foundation and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.
14	Theological Issues and Institutions	Consider matters related to: Amendments to the Directory for Worship and Chapter II of the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; authority and interpretation of Scripture; Christian educators; theological institutions; celebration of Lord's Supper requests.
Now that the committees have been selected and their interests defined, you can probably do as good a job of assigning business items to the committees as the Committee on Business referrals will.		

Three Old Business Items Available for Review and Comment:

- **The Belhar Confession**
- **Five Proposed Peacemaking Affirmations**
- **Proposed Revision to the *Directory for Worship***

The Belhar Confession.

The 221st General Assembly (2014) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall the Confession of Belhar be included in the *Book of Confessions*?

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Approved By The 221st General Assembly (2014)

Approval of Belhar **required 114 affirmative** presbytery votes;

Vote of the presbyteries, as of cutoff date:

FINAL: Affirm: 144 Neg: 25 No Action: 2

Per the Book of Order:

G-6.03 AMENDING THE BOOK OF CONFESSIONS

Amendments to the confessional documents of this church may be made only if all the following steps are completed:

a. The proposal to amend *the Book of Confessions* is approved by the General Assembly for study in the church.

- b. The General Assembly appoints a committee of ruling elders and teaching elders, numbering not fewer than fifteen, of whom not more than two shall be from any one synod, to consider the proposal. This committee shall consult with the committee or council from which the proposal originated. It shall report its findings to the next General Assembly.
- c. The next ensuing General Assembly considers the report of the study committee and approves the proposed amendment and recommends it to the presbyteries for vote.
- d. The proposed amendment receives the approval in writing of two thirds of the presbyteries.
- e. The proposed amendment is approved and enacted by the next ensuing General Assembly following the amendment's receipt of the necessary two-thirds approval of the presbyteries.

Per G-6.03e, the Commissioners to the 222nd General Assembly shall address this constitutional requirement to consider the Confession of Belhar for inclusion in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Part 1. The Book of Confessions.

Background: This item was first referred to the presbyteries for vote by the 220th GA in 2012. The presbytery of Nevada rejected the question by voting in the negative. The presbyteries of the denomination rejected the question by failing to reach the necessary 2/3 majority affirming the question.

The item was again referred to the presbyteries for vote by the 221st GA in 2014. The Presbytery of Nevada again rejected the question by voting in the negative. The presbyteries of the denomination did not reject the question by surpassing the necessary 2/3 majority affirming the question.

In addition to the advice and counsel provided by Council, Trustees, Teaching Elders, and the Sessions, the Commissioners **could and may wish to request** the Presbytery to inform them of their current level of affirmation or rejection of this question by requesting a discussion and an advisory vote in its Spring meeting, March 6, 2016.

Five Proposed Peacemaking Affirmations

The 221 GA sent to the presbyteries, staff agencies, and seminaries the following five affirmations on Peacemaking – as the denomination had not made a statement on Peacemaking since before terrorism appeared on the world scene. The request came to the Presbyteries in December, 2014 over the signature of the Stated Clerk of GA. Shown are the affirmations presented and the positions on their wording as taken by the Presbytery of Nevada in our Spring Presbytery meeting, 2015. As the whole church was requested to do, we forwarded our positions to the GA committee working the issue and they are due to report their results to the 222 GA.

Five Proposed Peacemaking Affirmations	
As Presented for comment:	As passed by Nevada Presbytery:
1. We affirm that peacemaking is essential to our	1. We affirm that peacemaking in the name of Jesus

Five Proposed Peacemaking Affirmations

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faith in God’s reconciling work in Jesus Christ, whose love and justice challenge hatred and conflict, and whose call gives our church a mission to present alternatives to violence, fear, and misused power.	Christ is important work for the Church.
2. We confess our complicity in the world’s violence even as we pray for the Spirit’s courage to “unmask idolatries,” to speak truth about war and oppression, to stand with those who suffer, and to respond to acts and threats of violence with ministries of justice, healing, and reconciliation.	2. We grieve the violence we see around the world and affirm the Church’s crucial role in providing ministries of justice, healing and reconciliation to those who are suffering under such hostility.
3. We reclaim the power and authority of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Reconciler, who proclaims God’s reign, who inspires the prophetic church, [by] forgiving, healing, and undoing violence, and who overcomes evil through the cross and resurrection.	3. We believe it is the redeeming act of God through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that motivates and directs the mission and ministry of the Church.
4a. We seek to understand the nonviolent revolutions and armed struggles of our time by drawing on the traditions of Christian pacifism, just war, just peacemaking and active nonviolence, and by cultivating moral imagination through prayer, study, and engagement with friends and enemies.	(4a. Reject the first sentence with no rewrite.)
4b. ... Even as we actively engage in a peace discernment process, we affirm our responsibility of continuing the long tradition of support by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for our sisters and brothers who serve in the U.S. military, veterans, and their families.	4. The Presbyterian Church (USA) affirms our continuing support for our sisters and brothers who serve in the U.S. military, veterans, and their families.
5. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves earnestly to seek and promote loving, nonviolent responses to conflict in our daily lives, in our communities, and in our world, to risk calling our nation back from the practices of empire to the highest ideals of our heritage, and to practice	5. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we earnestly commit ourselves to seek God’s grace in all relationships of life.

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boldly the things that make for peace	

Proposed Revision to the *Directory for Worship*

In an email from the Presbyterian Mission Agency, sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015, Chip Hardwick, its Director, Theology, Worship, and Education, mentioned the following 221 GA action in an “also ran” news item. This was the first we’d heard of it (including our 221GA commissioners and alternates):

The 221st General Assembly (2014) has called on Presbyterians to study and comment on the proposed revision to the Directory for Worship, a reorganization and simplification of the current document (in the 2013-2015 edition of the Constitution of the PCUSA, Part 2, *The Book of Order*). Comments must be received via email no later than July 1, 2015.

Discussion among our presbytery leadership as this business item was made known to the presbytery in April 2015 found that there was not enough time for a reasoned study at our congregational, worship committee level by the deadline so no study was conducted within the presbytery and no input to the GA committee was made. The existing DFW (at the time) was 78 pages long. The proposed revision would be approximately 60 pages (of comparable page size).

The proposed revision is as far-reaching as was the “newFOG” revision to the form of government. Probably the most important Christians activity, worship is fairly well defined and directed in scripture – which should dominate the content of any Directory for Worship (See Genesis 4 for the importance and consequences of getting it right (in obedience to God) versus getting it wrong (as an invention of man’s fallen nature). In the version provided on the PCUSA website; however, there were no scriptural references included – nor did it appear that there will be any scriptural references included in the proposal to GA.

At the direction of GA, the definition of marriage was not addressed in the proposed revision, as it was the subject of a separately proposed amendment to the Constitution.

The proposed revision (at that time), a map between the then-existing and then-proposed versions were provided on the PCUSA website. A side-by-side comparison of their texts are provided in Appendix C.

Please see this [Primer Part 3](#) for a side-by-side textual comparison of the current and the proposed Directory for Worship as circulated for church-wide study and comment last summer.

New Business Items Available for Review and Comment:

Recently assigned to the 222GA's commissioner committees (and renumbered to reflect that assignment), these are the business items proposed for consideration by the 222GA, so far (according to www.pc-biz.org as of May 15, 2016) – aligned to their committee of assignment:

Please see this Primer **Part 4** for the Presbyterian News Service articles addressing the committee's business item assignments as published by press time.

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Item	Item Title
[01-01]	Proposed Docket.
[01-A]	THE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP TEAM AND OTHER PLAYERS
[01-B]	THE COMMITTEE PROCESS
[01-C]	ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR COMMITTEES
[01-D]	SAMPLES
[01-E]	BIBLE STUDY

These items are primarily information items for this committee and are not business items for the GA's consideration.

02	Bills and Overtures	Responsible for Referral of Business. This committee shall neither retain any items of business for its own consideration, nor suppress any matter that comes before it. However, business that substantially duplicates matters already before the assembly may be declined by this committee and reported to the assembly with a statement of the committee's action. See the GA Manual 2016 for more detail.
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There are no business items currently listed in pc-biz for this committee. All GA business items flow through this committee to one of the consideration committees.

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Item	Item Title
[03-01]	On Amending Standing Rule E.2.d.(2) Concerning Resources and E.2.f.(3) Concerning Oral Presentation to Assembly Committees—From the Presbytery of Central Florida.
[03-02]	On Revising the Racial Ethnic Composition Component of the Session Annual Report of Church Statistics—From the Presbytery of Elizabeth.
[03-03]	On Directing COGA to Bring to the 223rd General Assembly (2018) Proposals Regarding Changes in the Moderator’s Election and Assembly Committee Meetings Process—From the Presbytery of St. Andrew.
[03-04]	On Adding the Category “Multiracial” to the Listing of Racial Classifications in the Annual Report from Congregations—From the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.
[03-05]	On Amending the Annual Statistical Report to Include a New Category “Partners in Ministry”—From the Presbytery of Arkansas.
[03-06]	On Adding New Standing Rule B.5.b., Assembly Committee Moderators—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.
[03-07]	Amendment to Standing Rule B.3.a., Presbyterian Women—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.
[03-08]	Election of Associate Stated Clerk—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.
[03-09]	Site Selection for the 225th General Assembly (2022)—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.
[03-10]	Recommended Benchmarks for OGA and PMA--From the General Assembly Committee on Representation
[03-11]	On Amending Standing Rules B.4. and F.5.d. Concerning the Role of the ACC and PJC When Constitutional Questions are Considered by the General Assembly--From the Presbytery of Grand Canyon (See also Items 04-13 and 06-12)
05/09/16	[11-15] [Item 11-15 became Item 03-12. There is no Item 11-15.] has been edited.
05/09/16	[11-15] [Item 11-15 became Item 03-12. There is no Item 11-15.] has been created.
[03-12]	Approve "A Standard Definition of Supplier Diversity."
[03-13]	Joint COGA/PMA Budget Proposals for General Assembly Per Capita Budgets 2016–2018
[03-A]	Minutes, Office of the General Assembly
[03-B]	Minutes, Presbyterian Historical Society
[03-C]	Minutes, General Assembly Committee on Representation
[03-Info]	GACOR Report on the AAEEO and Supplier Diversity (SD) Achievements of the Six Agencies, 2014–2016
[03-Info]	General Assembly Nominating Committee Agency Summary
[03-Info]	GACOR Agency Summary

[03-01]	On Amending Standing Rule E.2.d.(2) Concerning Resources and E.2.f.(3) Concerning Oral Presentation to Assembly Committees—From the Presbytery of Central Florida. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/5275
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[03] General Assembly Procedures
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Central Florida Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would give all voices a more equal access to / for committee presentations by removing current (but, frustrating) restrictions on provision and distribution of material and testimony and providing a more level playing field for all points of view on a matter. Current rules limit input and may unfairly advance a specific agenda on an item consideration.	
Counsel:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly Action Committee Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minority Report Rationale Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rationale Amended Recommendation Financial Implication Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice from the ACC Attachment Other Comments Concurrence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carlisle Florida Great Rivers Huntingdon New Covenant Additional Resources (3) 	

[03-02]	On Revising the Racial Ethnic Composition Component of the Session Annual Report of Church Statistics—From the Presbytery of Elizabeth. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6288
Impact: This overture would create a racially and culturally diverse GA entity to revise the survey instrument used in the Racial Ethnic Composition Component of the Sessions' Annual Report of Church Statistics to more clearly reflect the racial, ethnic, AND cultural diversity in our churches.	
Counsel:	
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[03] General Assembly Procedures
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Elizabeth Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 	

5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
1.	New York City
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[03-03]	On Directing COGA to Bring to the 223rd General Assembly (2018) Proposals Regarding Changes in the Moderator’s Election and Assembly Committee Meetings Process—From the Presbytery of St. Andrew. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6294
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[03] General Assembly Procedures
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	St. Andrew Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would move the election of the Moderator and Vice Moderator and thus, the start/end of their term of office to the end of the Assembly’s meeting (rather than its start) – having these officers then act as ambassadors of the assembly that elected them (over which they did not preside; but, during which they ‘exhibited leadership to the body’) before moderating the next assembly.
Please note:	This might distract the work of the Assembly with the Moderator and Vice Moderator candidates’ continuous electioneering <i>during</i> the Assembly.
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale
2.	Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
1.	Foothills
2.	New Harmony
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[03-04]	On Adding the Category “Multiracial” to the Listing of Racial Classifications in the Annual Report from Congregations—From the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6300
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[03] General Assembly Procedures
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Greater Atlanta Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would broaden the Racial Classification used by the denomination in its reporting and analysis by adding the new category “multiracial” to its listing of racial classifications in the annual congregation report that is the data source used to build the denomination’s member-demographics statistics for the General Assembly each year.

Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. Baltimore
	2. Chicago
	3. Southeastern Illinois
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[03-05]	On Amending the Annual Statistical Report to Include a New Category “Partners in Ministry”—From the Presbytery of Arkansas. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6324
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[03] General Assembly Procedures
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Arkansas Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would amend the Annual Statistical Report to include a new category, “Partners in Ministry” (defined as individuals ‘fully participating in the ministry of the church’), so a congregation’s vitality is accurately reflected in those statistics.	
Please see the overture for its definition of ‘fully participating in the ministry of the church.’	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. Foothills
	2. Huntingdon
	3. Santa Fe
7.	Additional Resources (1)

[03-06]	On Adding New Standing Rule B.5.b., Assembly Committee Moderators—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000064
Source:	Committee

Committee:	[03] General Assembly Procedures
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This new, practical rule would allow the Committee Moderator to speak to (report) the work of the committee (if the Moderator is not currently a commissioner) without a cumbersome process to grant such privilege in Plenary.
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale

[03-07]	Amendment to Standing Rule B.3.a., Presbyterian Women—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000065
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[03] General Assembly Procedures
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This would add the Moderator of Presbyterian Women, Inc. to the list of corresponding members, bringing GA into line with our presbytery (and most others) regarding its relationship to Presbyterian Women.
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale

[03-08]	Election of Associate Stated Clerk—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000066
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[03] General Assembly Procedures
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	An ad hoc item, would elect Teaching Elder Beth Hessel to a first, four-year term as Associate Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale

[03-09]	Site Selection for the 225th General Assembly (2022)—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000067
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[03] General Assembly Procedures
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This ad hoc item would hold the 225th General Assembly (2022) in Columbus, Ohio, June 25–July 2, 2022 – at the invitation of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.	
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale

[03-10]	Recommended Benchmarks for OGA and PMA--From the General Assembly Committee on Representation. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000068
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[03] General Assembly Procedures
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Committee on Representation (GA)
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: Implementing a staffing study, this item would reset the hiring goals for the OGA and PMA regarding diversity on staff and among suppliers. As these agencies are now over-goal, could effectively reduce future hiring of women and racial minorities.	
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendation 1. 2. Recommendation 2 3. Rationale <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall Rationale 2. Rationale for Rec. 1 3. Rationale for Rec. 2

[03-11]	On Amending Standing Rules B.4. and F.5.d. Concerning the Role of the ACC and PJC When Constitutional Questions are Considered by the General Assembly--From the Presbytery of Grand Canyon (See also Items 04-13 and 06-12) https://pc-biz.org/#/search/3000150
Source:	Unknown
Committee:	[03] General Assembly Procedures
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration

Impact: This item would make several changes in the standing rules to afford a patient review and then recommendation by the ACC to the Plenary for items before the GA Plenary discovered to have constitutional implications.

Please read this a fairly long and technical proposal.

Counsel:

05/09/16	[11-15] [Item 11-15 became Item 03-12. There is no Item 11-15.] has been edited.
05/09/16	[11-15] [Item 11-15 became Item 03-12. There is no Item 11-15.] has been created.
[03-12] New	Approve "A Standard Definition of Supplier Diversity." https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000031
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Committee on Representation (GA)
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration

Impact: Triggered by a referral from the 221GA, this recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approve the document, "A Standard Definition of Supplier Diversity," as found in Appendix A on PC-Biz.

Please read this a fairly long and technical document – it is significant; but, its business model has not achieved the outcomes hoped for in USA industry for the last 30 years under such federal government supported social experimentation – rather it quickly becomes ruthlessly gamed by businesses with figurehead participants which frustrates any meaningful social change.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
7. Additional Resources
8. Resource Persons
9. Advocates

Pc-biz further lists its budget proposal [03-13], three sets of minutes, and three information items for the **General Assembly Procedures** Committee, as shown above. These are not reviewed here.

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04	The Way	Consider matters related to: Overtures referring to structure of the

	Forward	meetings of the General Assembly; COGA and other conversations on ecclesiology; business concerning the future of six agency structure; reports of the Agency Review Committees for the OGA and the PMA
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[04-01]	On Amending G-3.0503 and G-6.04 Regarding Meetings of the General Assembly and Amending the Constitution—From the Presbytery of Foothills.
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[04-03]	On Amending G-6.04e.to Require a Two-Thirds Majority Vote to Amend the Constitution—From the Presbytery of the Foothills.
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[04-05]	On Adding a New Standing Rule L.2. Identifying the Right of Presbyteries and Synods to Submit Overtures Changing the Standing Rules—From the Presbytery of the Foothills.
[04-06]	On Amending G-3.05 On the Review of the Manual of the General Assembly—From the Presbytery of the Foothills.
[04-07]	On Merging the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly into a Single Entity—From the Presbytery of Santa Fe.
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[04-09]	On Creating a General Assembly Reform Coordinating Committee to Renew the Practice of Our Reformed Polity for the 21st Century—From the Presbytery of Foothills.
NEW- [04-10]	On Amending Book of Order G-6.04e and Standing Rule F.5.b.(1) to Require Two-Thirds Vote on Constitutional Changes—From the Presbytery de Cristo.
[04-11]	Report of the Committee to Review the Presbyterian Mission Agency
[04-12]	Report of the Committee to Review the Office of the General Assembly.
[04-13]	On Amending Standing Rules B.4. and F.5.d. Concerning the Role of the ACC and PJC When Constitutional Questions are Considered by the General Assembly--From the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. (See also Items 03-11 and 06-12.)
[04-Report]	When We Gather at the Table

See also: <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2016/3/8/rada-asks-new-york-audience-input-financial-priori/> **Rada asks New York audience for input on financial priorities, structure**

PC(USA) Moderator’s conversations seek new way forward March 8, 2016

Thirty participants joined Heath Rada, moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City for discussion and input on the future of the denomination. New York was Rada’s third stop on a [five-city conversation tour](#). Two previous meeting took place in Atlanta. Upcoming meetings are scheduled March 12 in San Diego, Calif., and March 19 in Ames, Iowa.

The conversations are follow-up to Rada’s [“Call to the Church”](#) issued last summer and are meant to complement information collected by a [Committee on the Office of the General Assembly](#) (COGA) survey. Results of these conversations, along with other data collected, will be forwarded to [“The Way Forward”](#) committee of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the PC(USA) meeting this summer in Portland, Ore.

“My goal today is to go away with a list of five or six ideas of what the people here want the church to be,” Rada said. “I don’t have an idea what that is; that’s why you’re here.” ... Results of the discussions will be collated into a standardized format so **top priorities can be presented to “The Way Forward” committee of the General Assembly.** The results will include information collected at the five discussions attended by Rada and from the 10 other groups conducting the discussion facilitated by a video message from the moderator.

Read the article on the site ...

[04-01]	On Amending G-3.0503 and G-6.04 Regarding Meetings of the General Assembly and Amending the Constitution—From the Presbytery of Foothills. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/5289
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Foothills Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would refocus and limit the Dockets of subsequent GAs to issues of the Six Great Ends of the church, one Great End per Assembly – interrupted every third Assembly to consider only those amendments proposed to the Constitution that have 15% of the presbyteries’ concurrence going in.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Calvin 2. Middle Tennessee 3. New Harmony 7. Additional Resources (2)

[04-02]	On Amending Standing Rule B.2.b.to Add the Category “Presbyter Advisory Delegates”—From the Presbytery of the Foothills. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/5292
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Foothills Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would add a category of advisory delegate to GA: executive presbyter. 20% of the presbyteries would elect such a delegate on a rotating basis established by the Committee on the General Assembly.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation

	1.	Rationale
	2.	Amended Recommendation
4.		Financial Implication
5.		Comment
	1.	Advice from the ACC
		1. Attachment
	2.	Other Comments
6.		Concurrence
	1.	Beaver-Butler
	2.	John Calvin
	3.	Middle Tennessee
	4.	New Harmony
7.		Additional Resources (2)

[04-03]	On Amending G-6.04e. to Require a Two-Thirds Majority Vote to Amend the Constitution—From the Presbytery of the Foothills. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/5293
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Foothills Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would require a two-thirds majority and subsequent approval and enactment by the next GA to amend the <i>Book of Order</i> – which is now the requirement for amending the <i>Book of Confessions</i> .	
Counsel:	
	1. Assembly Action
	2. Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. Inland Northwest
	2. John Calvin
	3. Middle Tennessee
	4. New Harmony
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[04-04]	On Adding G-3.0105c. to Permit a Presbytery to Abstain on Constitutional Changes—From the Presbytery of the Foothills. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/5294
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Foothills Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration

Impact: This overture would allow a presbytery to record its abstention, if so desired, on item(s) referred by a GA to the presbyteries for vote.

Please note: By *Roberts Rules of Order*, Newly Revised, 11th ed., the choice to abstain is a right of the voter; however, since by *The Book of Order*, G-6.03d and G-6.04e, the affirmation of a question regarding changing the Constitution requires a majority or two-thirds majority, respectively, of the presbyteries – not the majority of the presbyteries voting the question – the effect of abstaining from voting is the same as voting ‘No’ on the question.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
 1. John Calvin
 2. Middle Tennessee
 3. Yukon
7. Additional Resources (2)

[04-05]	On Adding a New Standing Rule L.2. Identifying the Right of Presbyteries and Synods to Submit Overtures Changing the Standing Rules—From the Presbytery of the Foothills. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/5295
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Foothills Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would allow Presbyteries and synods to submit overtures to amend or suspend the standing rules – and would allow / restrict the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly to offering advice to the Assembly only as it does on other Standing Rules matters.	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beaver-Butler 2. John Calvin 3. Middle Tennessee 4. New Harmony 	

7.	Additional Resources (2)
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[04-06]	On Amending G-3.05 On the Review of the Manual of the General Assembly—From the Presbytery of the Foothills. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/5296
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Foothills Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would formally create a new responsibility for the General Assembly – to review the Manual of the General Assembly regularly – and allows the presbyteries and synods to submit overtures to amend, delete, or suspend sections thereof. But, they do it now, anyway.	
Counsel:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Calvin 2. Middle Tennessee 3. New Harmony 7. Additional Resources (2) 	

[04-07]	On Merging the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly into a Single Entity—From the Presbytery of Santa Fe. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6290
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Santa Fe Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would, by the next 223 rd GA, 2018, replace the current OGA, PMA, and the corporation of the PCUSA with a new agency; merging their missions, functions, responsibilities, and management; specifying its board membership and its officers, its executive officers and managers; and directing creation of a task force to create its plan of union which shall address the details of the merger and a staffing plan.	
Please see COM 001 Report of the Committee to Review the Presbyterian Mission Agency, above and OVT 21, below.	
Counsel:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 	

	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. de Cristo
	2. Sierra Blanca
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[04-08]	On Authorizing the Hiring of a Consultant to Assess the Relationship of OGA and PMA and the Need for Their Continued Existence as Two Separate Entities—From the Presbytery of St. Andrew. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6293
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would hire a top-tier national consultant with expertise in organizational analysis to assess and make recommendations on the nature, function, and relationship of the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency to each other and to the presbyteries and congregations of the PC(USA), including the need for their continued existence as two distinct entities – and have the ACC recommend action to the 223 rd GA (2018).
Counsel:	
	1. Assembly Action
	2. Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. Charleston-Atlantic
	2. Huntingdon
	3. Mid-South
	4. New Harmony
	5. Southeastern Illinois
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[04-09]	On Creating a General Assembly Reform Coordinating Committee to Renew the Practice of Our Reformed Polity for the 21st Century—From the Presbytery of Foothills. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6299
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Foothills Presbytery

Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would organize regional gatherings of the commissioners to General Assemblies, to include ruling elders, teaching elders, deacons, educators, presbytery and synod staff persons, and lay persons, to come together to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • study the core principles of our historic polity, • reflect upon the sweeping religious, political, cultural, and social changes in which we find ourselves, and • advise the General Assembly Reform Coordinating Committee regarding the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ content and organization of the Constitution, ○ creation of a strategic ten-year, shared denominational mission plan, • and devise the most effective structures to faithfully and boldly uphold our Reformed polity and practice.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beaver-Butler 2. New Harmony 3. Presbytery of John Calvin 7. Additional Resources (2)

[04-10]	On Amending Book of Order G-6.04e and Standing Rule F.5.b.(1) to Require Two-Thirds Vote on Constitutional Changes—From the Presbytery de Cristo. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6341
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	de Cristo Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would apply the super-majority requirement for affirmation of a change to the <i>BOO</i> that currently exists for affirming a change to the <i>BOC</i> . Please note the conceptual relationship of this overture to the overtures of the Foothills reorganization overtures (specifically, Ovt 007), above.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments

6.	Concurrence
1.	Grand Canyon
7.	Additional Resources (1)

[04-11]	Report of the Committee to Review the Presbyterian Mission Agency https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6323
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Committee to Review the Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
<p>Impact: To save money and improve operations, the Committee to Review the Presbyterian Mission Agency reports their year-long review’s findings here to The Way Forward Commissioners Committee, recommending three actions to the 222GA:</p> <p>1. On the mechanics of appointing a committee to explore merging the Presbyterian Mission Agency with the Office of the General Assembly.</p> <p>2. On the mechanics of appointing a committee to review the PMA Board for restructure and repair to its mission.</p> <p>3. That GA directs the PMA, OGA, PILP, and PPC (all agencies within the denomination’s Louisville headquarters building) to explore sharing their commonly used business services to their common advantage.</p> <p>Counsel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendation 1 2. Recommendation 2 3. Recommendation 3 4. Rationale <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addendum - 02.16.2016 2. Executive Summary 3. Rationale for Recommendation 1 4. Rationale for Recommendation 2 5. Rationale for Recommendation 3 6. Rationale Overall 5. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence 7. Additional Resources (2) 	

[04-12]	Report of the Committee to Review the Office of the General Assembly. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000023
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Committee on Review of OGA
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration

Impact: To save money and improve operations, the Committee to the Office of the General Assembly reports their year-long review's findings here to The Way Forward Commissioners Committee, recommending four actions to the 222GA:

1. Make the Committee to Review the OGA permanent.
2. Instruct the OGA to plan out to 5 years.
3. That GA directs the PMA, OGA, PILP, and PPC (all agencies within the denomination's Louisville headquarters building) to explore sharing their commonly used business services to their common advantage.

Counsel:

1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendations (listed)
1.	Rationale
1.	Rationale - Overall
2.	Rationale for Recommendation 1
3.	Rationale for Recommendation 2
4.	Rationale for Recommendation 3
5.	Rationale for Recommendation 4

NEW- [04-13]	On Amending Standing Rules B.4. and F.5.d. Concerning the Role of the ACC and PJC When Constitutional Questions are Considered by the General Assembly--From the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. (See also Items 03-11 and 06-12.) https://pc-biz.org/#/search/3000152
Source:	Unknown
Committee:	[04] The Way Forward
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	As would Items 03-11 and 06-12, all growing out of a larger concern for the stability of our constitution, this Way Forward Committee recommendation would amend the <i>BOO</i> to require a two thirds majority (vice the current simple majority) of the presbyteries to affirm a referred constitutional amendment to the <i>Book of Order</i> – similar to the super-majority requirement now necessary for amending the <i>Book Of Confessions</i> . As this significantly changes the dynamic of amending how we govern ourselves as a denomination, please read this item very carefully on pc-biz.
Counsel:	The Advisory Committee on the Constitution advises the 222nd General Assembly (2016) that this amendment to the <i>Book of Order</i> be disapproved.
	Recommendation
	Rationale
	Comment
	Advice from the ACC

Pc-biz further lists [04-Report] for **The Way Forward** Committee, as shown above. It is not reviewed here.

Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
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05	Mid Councils	Consider matters related to: the ongoing strengthening and nurturing of the mid councils of the PCUSA; mid council boundaries including Synod boundaries; mid council-related referrals; the report of the Mid Council Commission
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Item	Item Title
[05-01]	On Rescinding the Actions of the 221st General Assembly (2014) That Directed the Establishment of a New Configuration of Synod Boundaries (Item 05-04)—From the Presbytery of Santa Fe.
[05-02]	On Restoring the Boundaries of the Presbytery of the Pacific to Its Status Prior to the 2012 Revisions—from the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii.
[05-03]	On Appointing an Administrative Commission to Recommend Boundary Changes to Achieve No More Than Ten to Twelve Synods—From the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.
[05-04]	On Appointing an Administrative Commission to Recommend Synod Boundary Changes Creating Seven Synods Aligned with the Seven Regions of the Association of Stated Clerks—From Presbytery of Maumee Valley.
[05-05]	On Amending G-3.0106 Requiring All Councils to Adopt a Dependent Care Policy—From the Presbytery of Great Rivers.
[05-06]	On Developing a National Child Protection Policy Model—From the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley.
[05-07]	On Amending the Current Authoritative Interpretation of G-3.0403c Concerning Nongeographic Presbyteries—From the Eastern Korean Presbytery.
[05-08]	On Replacing the Current Authoritative Interpretation of G-3.0403c with New Text—From the Eastern Korean Presbytery.
[05-09]	A Resolution to Ensure Adoption and Implementation of Child/Youth Protection Policies and Resources in the PC(USA)—From the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns.
[05-10]	A Resolution to Require and Expand Family Leave Policies—From the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns.
[05-11]	Task Force for Korean Speaking Congregations Report
[05-12]	Request for Constitutional Interpretation of Resolving Tensions between F-1.0403, F-1.0404, and F-3.0202—From the Synod of the Northeast
[05-13]	Synod Report Regarding Synod Boundaries.
NEW- [05-14]	On Merging the Presbyteries of Central Washington and Northwest Coast—From the Synod of Alaska-Northwest.
NEW- [05-15]	On Requesting Exemption on any Action the Assembly Might Take to Reduce the Number of Synods—From the Synod of Alaska-Northwest.
[05-A]	Review of Synod Minutes
[05-RD]	Resource Directory – removed from pc-biz
[05-Res]	GAPJC Remedial Complaint 222-05 MacKellar v. Synod of the Northeast.

Probable addition to this committee:

[OVT-083]	On Merging the Presbyteries of Central Washington and Northwest Coast—From the Synod of Alaska-Northwest
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[05-01] Ovt-17	On Rescinding the Actions of the 221st General Assembly (2014) That Directed the Establishment of a New Configuration of Synod Boundaries (Item 05-04)—From the Presbytery of Santa Fe. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6289
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)

Sponsor:	Santa Fe Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would rescind the action taken by the 221st General Assembly (2014) regarding Item 05-04 (<i>Minutes</i> , 2014, Part I, pp. 319ff), the report of the Mid Council Commission, directing the establishment of a new configuration of synod boundaries. This overture is in direct conflict with OVTs 035 and 041, below.	
Please note: The coordinating Councils of Nevada Presbytery and the Synod of the Pacific have recently also concurred with this overture on behalf of the Presbytery and the Synod, respectively. See item 05-13, below for the Synods' mandated report(s).	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale
2.	Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
1.	Boise
2.	Central Washington and Northwest Coast (with Additional Rationale)
3.	Cimarron
4.	Covenant (S)
5.	de Cristo
6.	Eastern Oregon
7.	Kendall (with Additional Rationale)
8.	Nevada
9.	Plains and Peaks
10.	Sacramento
11.	San Joaquin
12.	San Jose
13.	Sierra Blanca
14.	Stockton
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[05-02] Ovt-31	On Restoring the Boundaries of the Presbytery of the Pacific to Its Status Prior to the 2012 Revisions—from the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6306
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Synod of Southern California and Hawaii
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would restore the boundaries of the Presbytery of the Pacific to their status prior to the 2012 revisions, which allowed Malibu Presbyterian Church to become a part of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara and allowed the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu to become a part of the Presbytery of San Diego. As both of these churches subsequently left the denomination and are, therefore, no longer members of those neighboring presbyteries, there is no longer a reason to maintain the somewhat unusual boundary adjustments made to accommodate the desires of these two churches to become members of the neighboring presbyteries.	

Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. Huntingdon
	2. Santa Barbara
7.	Additional Resources (1)

[05-03] Ovt-35	On Appointing an Administrative Commission to Recommend Boundary Changes to Achieve No More Than Ten to Twelve Synods—From the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6310
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Scioto Valley Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would appoint a GA administrative commission to recommend the boundary changes necessary to achieve a total of no more than ten to twelve synods to the 223rd General Assembly (2018). Please note this overture is in direct conflict with [05-01] (OVT 017) – which Nevada Presbytery’s Council has concurred on behalf of the presbytery and [05-04] (OVT 041), below.	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources (1)

[05-04] Ovt-41	On Appointing an Administrative Commission to Recommend Synod Boundary Changes Creating Seven Synods Aligned with the Seven Regions of the Association of Stated Clerks—From Presbytery of Maumee Valley. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6326
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Maumee Valley Presbytery

Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would form a GA administrative commission to align synod boundaries with the seven regions of the Association of Stated Clerks. Please note this overture is in direct conflict with [05-01] (OVT 017) – which Nevada Presbytery’s Council has concurred on behalf of the presbytery and [05-03] (OVT 035), above.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence 7. Additional Resources (1)

[05-05] Ovt-042	On Amending G-3.0106 Requiring All Councils to Adopt a Dependent Care Policy— From the Presbytery of Great Rivers. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6327
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Great Rivers Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would add to the new policy requirement affirmed by the presbyteries last year the following: <i>All councils shall adopt and implement a dependent care policy.</i> Please note: As predicted when considering last year’s addition, this list grows ...
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Castle 2. Santa Fe 7. Additional Resources (1)

[05-06] Ovt-063	On Developing a National Child Protection Policy Model—From the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6348
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils

Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Susquehanna Valley Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would deploy such a model, training, and materials to denominational councils.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence 7. Additional Resources (1)

[05-07] Ovt-073 Rec-01	On Amending the Current Authoritative Interpretation of G-3.0403c Concerning Nongeographic Presbyteries—From the Eastern Korean Presbytery. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6357
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Eastern Korean Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would allow that “A Presbytery may transfer an organized racial ethnic or immigrant congregation to a non-geographic presbytery that can meet the congregation’s particular mission needs. Ordinarily, this non-geographic presbytery would be within the bounds of the same synod. Such transfers require approval of both the sending and receiving presbyteries, as well as the synods and the General Assembly. “
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Midwest Hanmi

[05-08] Ovt-073 Rec-02	On Replacing the Current Authoritative Interpretation of G-3.0403c with New Text—From the Eastern Korean Presbytery. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6358
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils

Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Eastern Korean Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would add this limitation: <i>“Presbyteries, including nongeographic presbyteries, shall not start ministries within the geographic bounds of other presbyteries and synods without the approval of those councils.”</i>
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendation 1 2. Recommendation 2 3. Rationale <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale for Rec. 1 2. Rationale for Rec. 2 4. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Midwest Hanmi

[05-09] New	A Resolution to Ensure Adoption and Implementation of Child/Youth Protection Policies and Resources in the PC(USA)—From the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000032
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns would clarify and separate the requirement for all councils [to adopt and implement a sexual misconduct policy and a child protection policy (bold- added last cycle)] to a requirement for both a [<i>youth protection policy</i> and a sexual misconduct policy]. <i>These two policies shall be two different policies with differentiated intents (as their topics imply).</i>
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC – these are very important, please read them.

[05-10] New	A Resolution to Require and Expand Family Leave Policies—From the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000035
Source:	Committee

Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns would urge all (maybe should read – each) presbyteries and congregations to create a family leave policy and further direct the six agencies of the General Assembly (Board of Pensions, Foundation, Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc., Presbyterian Mission Agency, and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation) to improve their family leave policies by the 223rd General Assembly (2018) with specified conditions, numbers, and amounts.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 4. Expect ACC to make comments and recommendations similar to 05-09 above.

[05-11] New	Task Force for Korean Speaking Congregations Report https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000089
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	The six recommendations from the Task Force for Korean-Speaking Congregations would have the 222GA take specific steps to have its agencies preserve the progress of the Korean congregations and non-geographic presbyteries through whatever synod re-structuring may take place and be specifically accountable to the 23GA regarding their progress to this end.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence 7. Additional Resources (1)

[05-12] New	Request for Constitutional Interpretation of Resolving Tensions between F-1.0403, F-1.0404, and F-3.0202—From the Synod of the Northeast https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000096
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Advisory Committee on the Constitution

Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This request for an Authoritative Interpretation apparently proposes three alternative content/directions for resolution by the 222GA (in PC-Biz, the requesting Synod's request is only reported in the ACC comments). The Advisory Committee on the Constitution's comments (the only content displayed in PC-Biz) asserts that there is no such alleged tension and that the remedies proposed are not in keeping with the Constitution.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale

[05-13] New	Synod Report Regarding Synod Boundaries. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000099
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This report replaces 16 reports (one from each synod) mandated by the 221GA; but, unilaterally consolidated by the Stated Clerk upon noting a meeting of the synods earlier this year as they concluded their independent studies and met to compare their findings. The report recommends that the 222GA: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Act to rescind the recommendation of the 221st General Assembly (2014) with regard to reducing the total number of synods. 2. Retain the current boundaries and ecclesial responsibilities of the sixteen synods of the PC(USA). 3. Encourage synods to continue accelerating mission partnerships and exploring shared functions to the maximum extent practicable to effectively and efficiently meet the requirements of the <i>Book of Order</i> for synods. This report is fully consistent with item 05-01 (Ovt-017), above. The Synods' individual reports have been submitted for attachment to this consolidated report; but, are somehow not accessible through PC-Biz.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence 7. Additional Resources (2)

NEW- [05-14]	On Merging the Presbyteries of Central Washington and Northwest Coast—From the Synod of Alaska-Northwest. https://pc-biz.org/#/search/3000141
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Synod of Alaska-Northwest
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration

Impact: This request would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to approve the merger of the Presbytery of Central Washington and the Presbytery of Northwest Coast to form a new presbytery to be known as the Presbytery of Northwest Coast.
Counsel:
Recommendation
Rationale

[05-15]	On Requesting Exemption on any Action the Assembly Might Take to Reduce the Number of Synods—From the Synod of Alaska-Northwest. https://pc-biz.org/#/search/3000142
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[05] Mid Councils
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Synod of Alaska-Northwest
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: As did the Synod of Puerto Rico in the last GA (successfully), this request would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) exempt the Synod of Alaska-Northwest from any action the assembly might take to reduce the number of synods, which may include forcing the Synod of Alaska-Northwest to merge all or in part with another synod, in order that it might continue as a reduced function synod as provided by G-3.0404. ”	
Counsel:	
Recommendation	
Rationale	

The last two items, 05-A, and 05-Res, are information for the committee and are not reviewed here.

This next item will probably be assigned to this committee:

NEW- [OVT-083]	On Merging the Presbyteries of Central Washington and Northwest Coast—From the Synod of Alaska-Northwest. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000141
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	Unassigned
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Synod of Alaska-Northwest
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would merge the Presbyteries of Central Washington and the Northwest Coast to form a new presbytery to be known as the Presbytery of Northwest Coast	
This report is fully consistent with item 05-01 (Ovt-017), above. The Synods’ individual reports have been submitted for attachment to this consolidated report; but, are somehow not accessible through PC-Biz.	
Counsel:	
Recommendation	
Rationale – none given in PC-BIZ!	

Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
06	Church Polity and Ordered	Consider matters related to: amendments to Foundations of Presbyterian Polity (chapters 1 and 3), Form of Government Chapters I-IV, VI with Advisory Committee on the

	Ministry	Constitution advice; requests for interpretation; amendments to the Rules of Discipline with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; recruiting, enlistment of persons to service of church; Advisory Committee on Litigation; Advisory Committee on the Constitution.
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Item	Item Title
[06-01]	On Amending G-2.0509 by Deleting Recently Added Language Dealing with Renunciation of Jurisdiction—From the Presbytery of New Covenant.
[06-01]	On Amending G-2.0509 by Deleting Recently Added Language Dealing with Renunciation of Jurisdiction—From the Presbytery of New Covenant.
[06-02]	On Amending G-2.0607c. to Add Training in Evangelism—From the Presbytery of Tampa Bay.
[06-03]	On Amending G-1.0304, “The Ministry of Members,” by Adding “Caring for God’s Creation”—From the Presbytery of New Castle.
[06-04]	On Amending G-3.0203 to Allow for Virtual Attendance in Session Meetings When Appropriate Technology Is Available—From the Presbytery of Lake Erie.
[06-05]	On Amending the Second Paragraph of G-3.0109 Regarding Parity in Committees of Councils Above the Session—From the Presbytery of St. Andrew.
[06-06]	On Adding Section G-2.1104, Administrative Personnel Association (APA)—From the Presbytery of Central Nebraska.
[06-07]	On Amending G-2.0509 to Clarify the Relationship to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of a Person Who Has Renounced the Jurisdiction of the Church—From the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.
[06-08]	On Amending the Book of Order to Clarify Titles to Ordered Ministry—From the Presbytery of Great Rivers.
[06-09]	On Amending G-2.0301, “Ruling Elder Defined,” to Allow for Individually Commissioned Ruling Elders—From the Synod of the Northeast.
[06-10]	On Amending G-2.0509 and D-10.0401 to Clarify the Relationship to the PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church—From the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.
[06-11]	On Amending G-3.0104 to Clarify the Role of Ecclesiastical Officers—From the Presbytery Of Detroit.
[06-12]	On Amending Book of Order G-6.02 and G-6.04e and Standing Rules B.4. and F.5.d. Concerning the Role of the ACC and PJC When Constitutional Questions Are Considered by the General Assembly—From the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.
[06-13]	On Amending Section G-2.1001 to Clarify the Discretion Given Presbyteries to Utilize Commissioned Ruling Elders—From the Presbytery de Cristo.
[06-14]	On Creating a Rules of Discipline Task Force Charged with Revising the Rules of Discipline—From the Presbytery of Chicago.
[06-15]	Recommendation to Amend G-2.1101, Forms of Certified Church Service, in the Book of Order and also Approve National Certifying Bodies—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.
[06-16]	A Resolution to Extend Time Limits on Abuse Reporting in Instances of Gross Negligence—From the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns.
[06-Info]	Mid Councils Statements of Compliance with the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission Decisions
[06-Info]	Mid Councils Statements of Compliance with the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission Decisions
[06-Info]	General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission
[06-Info]	Advisory Committee on Litigation Agency Summary
[06-Info]	Advisory Committee on the Constitution Agency Summary.
[06-Info]	Voting on Amendments
[06-RD]	Resource Directory
[06-SelfStudy]	Report of the Self-Study Committee of the Presbyteries’ Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates to the 222nd General Assembly (2016).

[06-01] Ovt-002	On Amending G-2.0509 by Deleting Recently Added Language Dealing with Renunciation of Jurisdiction—From the Presbytery of New Covenant. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/5288
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	New Covenant Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
<p>Impact: This overture would modify the <i>Book of Order</i> paragraph affirmed by the presbyteries last year on handling accused teaching elders who renounce jurisdiction rather than face trial by rescinding the prohibition of hiring persons who renounce jurisdiction from any form of employment (paid or volunteer) by any PCUSA entity. This proposal is does not cure the existing institutional inequality of treatment arising from both the ordered ministry of the accused and character of the accusation. In addition, it would remove the practical consequences of the renunciation by certain accused persons while barring prosecution / resolution of charges made against that person. See also [06-07] and [06-10], below.</p>	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment – this is important advice, please read. Same advice is given for 06-01, 06-07, and 06-10. 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charlotte 2. Cimarron 7. Additional Resources (2) 	

[06-02] Ovt-011	On Amending G-2.0607c. to Add Training in Evangelism—From the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/5297
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Tampa Bay Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
<p>Impact: This overture would, over a zero to three year period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cease and eliminate investment by the Board of Pension and Presbyterian Foundation in fossil fuel companies 2. Retain the minimal investment necessary where such stock is currently held to exert stockholder activism to reduce carbon footprint 3. ‘Call on’ (require) the Stated Clerk of GA to publicly urge similar divestment of all stockholders in such companies and funds by way or announcement of the PCUSA’s action; and 4. ‘Call upon’ entities of the PCUSA to similarly educe any such investment and their carbon footprint. <p>Please note: The State of Nevada may be heading differently with its Public Utilities Commission virtually eliminating new (and maybe existing) independent commercial and residential use of solar power.</p>	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation 	

1.	Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. Huntingdon
	2. Kiskiminetas
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[06-03]	On Amending G-1.0304, “The Ministry of Members,” by Adding “Caring for God’s Creation”—From the Presbytery of New Castle. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6285
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	New Castle Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would add ‘caring for God’s creation’ to the other eleven member-involvement options in the Ministry of Members’ enumerated here.
Counsel:	
	1. Assembly Action
	2. Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
	3. Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
	4. Financial Implication
	5. Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
	6. Concurrence
	1. Boston
	2. Cascades
	3. Heartland (with Additional Rationale)
	4. Homestead
	5. Inland Northwest
	6. Lake Michigan
	7. Monmouth
	8. Northern New England
	7. Additional Resources (2)

[06-04] Ovt-014	On Amending G-3.0203 to Allow for Virtual Attendance in Session Meetings When Appropriate Technology Is Available—From the Presbytery of Lake Erie. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6286
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.

Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Lake Erie Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would bring the Book of Order into line with both current technology and Roberts Rules of Order's explicit language and would allow a <u>Session</u> (but not councils above session) the ability to meet for any purpose either physically, virtually, and/or in a mix thereof as long as the meeting technology permits its conduct with full administration and participation of the members so meeting.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC – ACC counsels that the intent of this overture is already allowable; but, notes some specific requirements for implementation at session level. Please read their counsel before trying this at home! <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Florida 2. Huntingdon 3. Palo Duro 4. Pittsburgh 5. Southeastern Illinois 7. Additional Resources (2)

[06-05] Ovt-020	On Amending the Second Paragraph of G-3.0109 Regarding Parity in Committees of Councils Above the Session—From the Presbytery of St. Andrew. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6292
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	St. Andrew Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would delete the current, additive diversity requirement (usually interpreted and implemented to mean 'TEs and REs in as equal number as possible,' (though it doesn't really say that), to wit: Committees of councils higher than the session shall consist of both teaching elders and members of congregations, with at least one half being members of congregations.) and would not replace this additive diversity requirement with any new expression; rather, relying solely on the diversity provisions of F-1.0403, G-3.0103) which do not address the TE/RE ratio. Please read all of G-3.0109 to get the full impact.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication

5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC – Important advice, please read.
	1. Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
1.	Foothills
2.	Mid-South
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[06-06] Ovt-024	On Adding Section G-2.1104, Administrative Personnel Association (APA)—From the Presbytery of Central Nebraska. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6298
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Central Nebraska Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: Ignored since New-FOG, this overture would reinsert the Administrative Personnel Association (APA)'s certification program into the Book of Order and re-state recognition of its proper place and its long and dedicated service to entities and councils of the PCUSA.	
Please note: The overture contains the technical details of certifications offered to its members.	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale
2.	Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC – raises some good points all of which could/should be fixed with appropriate modification in the Church Polity and Ordered Ministry committee. Please read G-2.1103 Christian Educators for a comparative context, content and structure.
	1. Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
1.	East Iowa
2.	Florida
3.	Minnesota Valleys
4.	New Castle
5.	San Jose
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[06-07] Ovt-027	On Amending G-2.0509 to Clarify the Relationship to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of a Person Who Has Renounced the Jurisdiction of the Church—From the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6301
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Greater Atlanta Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration

Impact: This overture would modify the *Book of Order* paragraph affirmed by the presbyteries earlier this year on handling teaching elders who renounce jurisdiction rather than face trial to limit its prohibition of employment (paid or volunteer) to read: *as long as the former teaching elder remains outside of the membership and jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ...*

This proposal could encourage reconciliation in some manner as a path back to full communion; however, it does not cure the existing institutional inequality of treatment arising from both the ordered ministry of the accused and character of the accusation and it lacks the requirement for resolution of the accusation. See items 06-01 and 06-10.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC – Same advice as given for 06-01, 06-07, and 06-10
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
 1. Southeastern Illinois
 2. Western Reserve
7. Additional Resources (2)

[06-08] New	On Amending the Book of Order to Clarify Titles to Ordered Ministry—From the Presbytery of Great Rivers. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6328
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Great Rivers Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would change the titles of Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders back to their pre-newFOG expressions (Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Lay Pastors, respectively) in the Constitution. The basis for the proposed change essentially is ‘confusion’ with the NewFOG terms.	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC – provides an historical rational for disapproval. An interesting historical read – as is the proponents’ rationale. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charleston-Atlantic 2. Huntingdon 3. Minnesota Valleys 	

	4. New Castle
	5. Santa Fe (with Additional Rationale)
	7. Additional Resources (1)

[06-09] Ovt-044	On Amending G-2.0301, “Ruling Elder Defined,” to Allow for Individually Commissioned Ruling Elders—From the Synod of the Northeast. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6329
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Synod of the Northeast
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would allow for ordaining Ruling Elders to that ordered ministry without, at the same time, appointing them to service on the Session.	
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC – is of interest to the basic definition of elder. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monmouth 2. Newton 7. Additional Resources (1)

[06-10] Ovt-046	On Amending G-2.0509 and D-10.0401 to Clarify the Relationship to the PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church—From the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6331
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Twin Cities Area Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would provide only one way back to a work relationship after renunciation – self-accusation with a plea of guilt and accept censure and rehabilitation without a trial or participation of the victim – whether guilty or not. Please see items 06-01 and 06-07.	
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC – Same advice as given for 06-01, 06-07, and 06-10.

	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. Cimarron
7.	Additional Resources (1)

[06-11] Ovt-052	On Amending G-3.0104 to Clarify the Role of Ecclesiastical Officers—From the Presbytery Of Detroit. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6338
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Detroit Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would ‘clarify’ the relationship of a Stated Clerk vis-à-vis any / every other officer of a council above session to be ‘the council’s <i>chief ecclesiastical administrator and the one who relates to other governing bodies and Christian communions, interprets council actions, represents the council, staffs the council’s permanent judicial commission, and is the council’s executive secretary and parliamentarian.</i> ’ May directly impact the specific duties of sitting or anticipated General or Executive Presbyters or other officers who may have been assigned such duties by the councils that appointed them and codified these duties in either or both their employment contracts and/or Manuals of Operation. Would not significantly impact the Presbytery of Nevada on this specific item (as we have no such ‘presbyters’ or ‘other officers’). Would require direct assignment of these duties to its Stated Clerk; however. Other concerns, however, remain.	
Counsel:	
	1. Assembly Action
	2. Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC – advises that this role assignment may overreach the Constitution’s definition of the role. Please read.
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. East Iowa
	2. Minnesota Valleys
7.	Additional Resources (1)

[06-13] Ovt-061	On Amending Section G-2.1001 to Clarify the Discretion Given Presbyteries to Utilize Commissioned Ruling Elders—From the Presbytery de Cristo. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6346
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	de Cristo Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: As it may meet the mission strategy of the presbytery or its ministries, this overture would formalize the presbytery’s ability to define the scope of a CRE’s commission beyond the implied limitation of service to a single validated ministry (e.g., a single congregation). For example, although this makes our CRE Rob Schlee’s ministry to both the Hawthorne and Tonopah churches formally acceptable, it imposes several restrictions that do not now	

limit his service.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC – asserts that the proposal is not necessary – sufficient power is granted to presbyteries now to fulfill their mission strategy.
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
 1. Grand Canyon
7. Additional Resources (1)

[06-14] Ovt-069	On Creating a Rules of Discipline Task Force Charged with Revising the Rules of Discipline—From the Presbytery of Chicago. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6354
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Source:	Presbytery
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Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
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Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
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Sponsor:	Chicago Presbytery
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Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
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Impact: This overture would follow the newFOG and Directory of Worship revision study with a study to revise the Rules of Discipline to incorporate ‘advances’ from the secular world in its new construction.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
7. Additional Resources (1)

[06-15] New	Recommendation to Amend G-2.1101, Forms of Certified Church Service, in the Book of Order and also Approve National Certifying Bodies—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000063
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Source:	Committee
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Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
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Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
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Sponsor:	No Assignment
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Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
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Impact: This **Committee on the Office of the General Assembly** recommendation would provide the authority

for approving such certifying bodies upon their application for such approval. The three current applicants are: the Administrative Professionals Association, Educator Certification Committee, and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. Tangentially related to 06-06; but, indicates that all three professions should be treated in G-2.110X alike – with parallel descriptive paragraphs (to right an nintended result of the NewFOG amendment).

Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Recommendation 1
2.	Recommendation 2
3.	Rationale
1.	Rationale for Rec. 1
2.	Rationale for Rec. 2
4.	Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources (1)

[06-16] New	A Resolution to Extend Time Limits on Abuse Reporting in Instances of Gross Negligence—From the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000034
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[06] Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns recommendation would add persons whose gross negligence enabled the sexual abuse of another person or persons to the list of those who are also to be held accountable for the abuse of children, expands the definition of behavior that may fall under the disciplinary process, and removes the time limitation.
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale

Items 06-16, five 06-info, 06-RD, and 06-SelfStudy are information to the **Church Polity and Ordered Ministry** committee and are not analyzed here.

Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
07	Ecumenical and	Consider matters related to: Approval and enactment of the Belhar Confession; amendments to Chapter V of the Form of

	Interfaith Relations	Government with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; requests for interpretation; matters dealing with relationships with, and attitudes toward, other religious movements or bodies; conversations with other Presbyterian denominations; nominations for ecumenical advisory delegates; nominations for delegations to corresponding churches; reports of corresponding bodies
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Item	Item Title
[07-01]	Delegation to the General Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches—From the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations.
[07-02]	Churches to Invite to Send Ecumenical Advisory Delegates to the 223rd General Assembly (2018)—From the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations.
[07-03]	Recommendation to Approve Belhar
[07-A]	Minutes, General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations.
[07-Info]	General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Agency Summary
[07-Res]	Resources for the committee ...
[07-SelfStudy]	The General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations 2016 Self-Study

[07-01] New	Delegation to the General Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches—From the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000078
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[07] Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations slate nominates persons by position or name as delegates to the General Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches -- a housekeeping action.	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 	

[07-02]	Churches to Invite to Send Ecumenical Advisory Delegates to the 223rd General Assembly (2018)—From the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000079
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[07] Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) invite the usual list of ecumenical advisory delegates to the 223rd General Assembly (2018) -- another housekeeping action.	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 	

2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale

[07-03] Old Biz	Recommendation to Approve Belhar https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000093
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[07] Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This pro-forma General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations recommendation results from the presbyteries' affirmation of the question: Shall the Confession of Belhar be added to the <i>Book of Confessions</i> ? The <i>Book of Order</i> , Chapter 6 requires such a proposed and affirmed change to the <i>Book of Confessions</i> be approved by the subsequent GA – and such approval has never yet been denied. Please see “ Old Business Items ,” p 17, above, regarding Nevada’s negative vote on this question.	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale

Items 07-A, -info, -Res, and -SelfStudy are information to the **Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations** committee and are not analyzed here.

Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
08	Middle East Issues	Consider matters related to: Peacemaking, international military affairs and the arms race primarily involving the nations of the Middle East; Middle East monitoring committee; MRTI recommendations concerning Middle East nations.

Our Teaching Elder Commissioner, Bob Kelley is a member of the Middle East Issues committee

Item	Item Title
[08-01]	On Boycott of All HP Inc. and Hewlett Packard Enterprise Products—From the Synod of the Covenant.
[08-02]	On Advocating for the Safety and Well-being of Children of Palestine and Israel—From the Synod of the Covenant.
[08-03]	On Upholding Peoples and Partners in the Middle East and in the United States—From the Presbytery of New York City.
[08-04]	On Calling for the RE/MAX Corporation to Cease Selling Property in West Bank Settlements—From the Presbytery of the Redwoods.
[08-05]	On Removing the Divestment Mandate by the 221st General Assembly (2014) Regarding

Item	Item Title
	Caterpillar, Inc., Motorola Solutions, and Hewlett-Packard—From the Presbytery of Flint River.
[08-06]	Israel-Palestine: For Human Values in the Absence of a Just Peace—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.

This committee will probably be assigned this new overture:

[OVT-086]	On Prayerfully Studying the Palestinian Civil Society Call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS)—From the Presbytery of New Hope.
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[08-01] Ovt-036	On Boycott of All HP Inc. and Hewlett Packard Enterprise Products—From the Synod of the Covenant. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6311
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Source: Presbytery

Committee: [08] Middle East Issues

Event: 222nd General Assembly (2016)

Sponsor: Synod of the Covenant

Type: General Assembly Full Consideration

Impact: This overture would **encourage the necessary social paradigm changes** in denominational entities and seek to:

- **boycott of all products manufactured and sold by HP Inc. and Hewlett Packard Enterprise until the companies cease to profit from all (allegedly) non-peaceful pursuits and (alleged) violations of human rights in Israel/Palestine, and**
- **communicate this action to all other PC(USA) councils and entities and strongly encourage these groups and organizations to endorse this boycott, calling upon all Presbyterians to be led by their conscience in the face of human rights violations, ongoing oppression, violence, and injustice;**
- **while informing our ecumenical partners of this action, both nationally and globally, encouraging them to do the same.**

Please note: While it encourages private sanctions and advocates political sanctions against nations and companies, interestingly this overture does not call for any national or international court to determine the truth of its underlying assumptions/allegations/accusations.

Counsel:

1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources (1)

[08-02] Ovt-037	On Advocating for the Safety and Well-being of Children of Palestine and Israel—From the Synod of the Covenant. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6312
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Source: Presbytery

Committee: [08] Middle East Issues

Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Synod of the Covenant
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would encourage the necessary social paradigm changes in denominational entities and direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency, through the Office of Public Witness, to advocate and witness for the human rights of the children of Palestine and Israel until there is an amendment in the practices of the state of Israel whom they allege to be out of compliance with international humanitarian laws, specifically the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.	
Please note: While it encourages private sanctions and advocates political sanctions against nations and companies, this overture does not call for any national or international court to determine the truth of its underlying assumptions/allegations/accusations in the report upon which it is based.	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cimarron 2. Southeastern Illinois 7. Additional Resources (1) 	

[08-03] Ovt-049	On Upholding Peoples and Partners in the Middle East and in the United States—From the Presbytery of New York City. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6334
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[08] Middle East Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	New York City Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would recognize, strengthen, and specifically support continuing Christian church presence in the Middle East to include soliciting support and protections from the US government and UN and from all denominations of Christian, Jewish, and Muslim organizations and institutions.	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chicago 	

	2.	Cimarron
	3.	Grace
	4.	Los Ranchos
	7.	Additional Resources (1)

[08-04] Ovt-062	On Calling for the RE/MAX Corporation to Cease Selling Property in West Bank Settlements—From the Presbytery of the Redwoods. https://www.pc-biz.org/#!/search/6347	
Source:	Presbytery	
Committee:	[08] Middle East Issues	
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)	
Sponsor:	Redwoods Presbytery	
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration	
Impact:	This overture would commit the GA Stated Clerk to orchestrate the denomination to harass local RE/MAX franchises to abandon their corporation’s policy of ‘discriminatory’ sales and profiteering in Palestinian housing.	
Counsel:		
	1.	Assembly Action
	2.	Committee Recommendation
	1.	Minority Report
	1.	Rationale
	3.	Recommendation
	1.	Rationale
	2.	Amended Recommendation
	4.	Financial Implication
	5.	Comment
	1.	Advice from the ACC
	1.	Attachment
	2.	Other Comments
	6.	Concurrence
	1.	Santa Fe
	7.	Additional Resources (2)

[08-05] New	On Removing the Divestment Mandate by the 221st General Assembly (2014) Regarding Caterpillar, Inc., Motorola Solutions, and Hewlett-Packard—From the Presbytery of Flint River. https://www.pc-biz.org/#!/search/3000002	
Source:	Presbytery	
Committee:	[08] Middle East Issues	
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)	
Sponsor:	Flint River Presbytery	
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration	
Impact:	This overture would:	
	1. Remove the divestment mandate (regarding the American companies of Caterpillar, Inc., Motorola Solutions, and Hewlett-Packard because of their assumed direct business involvement in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict) presented to the Board of Pensions and other Presbyterian organizations by the 221st General Assembly (2014) and that profitable investments be allowed with those three companies as the Board of Pensions and other Presbyterian organizations determine.	
	2. Take action to urge all church institutions to give careful consideration to possible investments in Israel-Palestine that advance peace and improve the lives of Palestinians and Israelis.	
Concurrence:	None yet, needs one to be heard.	
Counsel:		
	1.	Assembly Action
	2.	Committee Recommendation

1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale

[08-06]	Israel-Palestine: For Human Values in the Absence of a Just Peace—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000055
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[08] Middle East Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would direct 17 specific actions, grouped within six topic areas, to specific denominational agencies and offices with the possible hope that they would resolve Palestine-Israel strife. The 6 areas are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. For the dignity of all persons, b. For self-determination of peoples through democratic means, c. For building community through social, economic, and political enterprises that increase capacity and support for reconciliation, d. For equality under the law and reduction in the separation that fosters inequality, e. For acknowledgment and confession of our complicity in the injustices in Israel-Palestine, and f. In solidarity with those who suffer. <p style="text-align: center;">This is a very long report and a very long list of actions – please read carefully.</p>
Counsel:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence 7. Additional Resources (1)

The **Middle East Issues** committee has no info or self-study items at this time.

This item; however, will probably be added to this committee:

[OVT-086]	On Prayerfully Studying the Palestinian Civil Society Call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS)—From the Presbytery of New Hope. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000144
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	Unassigned
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	New Hope Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

to do the following:

1. Prayerfully study the call from Palestinian civil society for boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) against the state of Israel (see at <http://www.pacbi.org/etemplate.php?id=66>).
2. Engage in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue with the authors and signatories of this document, including our historic church partners in Palestine, in order to better understand and interpret the call for BDS that was issued in 2005.
3. Serve as a prophetic witness with a voice of humility and wisdom amidst the controversy and confusion around the BDS call.
4. Direct the Presbyterian U.N. Office to facilitate dialogue events regarding BDS, which would include the authors of the 2005 civil society call and any interested Presbyterians.
5. Direct the Stated Clerk to distribute, for prayerful study, the text of the Palestinian call to all PC(USA) congregations.

Counsel:

Recommendation

Rationale -- This is a complex issue – please read the rationale on pc-biz very carefully.

May be referred here, but not as of 05/17/16:

NEW [OVT-086]	On Prayerfully Studying the Palestinian Civil Society Call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS)—From the Presbytery of New Hope. https://pc-biz.org/#/search/3000144
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	Unassigned
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	New Hope Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to do the following:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prayerfully study the call from Palestinian civil society for boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) against the state of Israel (see at http://www.pacbi.org/etemplate.php?id=66). 2. Engage in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue with the authors and signatories of this document, including our historic church partners in Palestine, in order to better understand and interpret the call for BDS that was issued in 2005. 3. Serve as a prophetic witness with a voice of humility and wisdom amidst the controversy and confusion around the BDS call. 4. Direct the Presbyterian U.N. Office to facilitate dialogue events regarding BDS, which would include the authors of the 2005 civil society call and any interested Presbyterians. 5. Direct the Stated Clerk to distribute, for prayerful study, the text of the Palestinian call to all PC(USA) congregations. 	
Counsel:	
Recommendation	
Rationale	
Concurrence	
Palisades	

Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
09	Immigration and Environmental	Consider matters related to: the church's response to US immigration policies and related issues; plight of refugees worldwide; matters related to carbon fuels and the environment.

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Item	Item Title
[09-01]	On PC(USA) Fossil Fuel Divestment From the Presbytery of San Francisco.
[09-02]	On an Alternative to Divestment from the Fossil Fuel Industry From the Presbytery of New Covenant.
[09-03]	On Faithful Engagement with the Issue of Climate Change From the Presbytery of New Covenant.
[09-04]	On Faithful Response to Climate Change From the Presbytery of New Covenant.
[09-05]	On Communicating Gratitude for and Study of the Encyclical “Laudato Si” From the Presbytery of Santa Fe.
[09-06]	On Responding to Our Sisters and Brothers Who Are Refugees or Internally Displaced From the Presbytery of New York City.
[09-07]	On Approving an “Affirmation of Creation” From the Presbytery of Boston.
[09-08]	On Witnessing Against Environmental Degradation and Affirming Public Policy to Support Good Stewardship of Natural Resources From the Presbytery of Seattle.
[09-09]	Mission Responsibility Through Investment Report on Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies.
[09-10]	Collaborative Agenda on Environmental Stewardship From the BOP, OGA, FDN, PILP, PMA, PPC.
NEW- [09-11]	On Amending G-1.0304, “The Ministry of Members,” by Adding “Caring for God’s Creation” From the Presbytery of New Castle.

This entire list of items (00-01 through 09-10) may have been expunged by some action during the week or 04/27/16 – as shown below. It is retained here for your information in case such expunging action did not in fact occur. Item 09-11 was referred to this committee after the week of 04/27/16.

04/27/16	The Immigration and Environmental Issues committee is no longer considering [09-01] On PC(USA) Fossil Fuel Divestment–From the Presbytery of San Francisco..
[09-01] Ovt-012	On PC(USA) Fossil Fuel Divestment–From the Presbytery of San Francisco. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6284
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[09] Immigration and Environmental Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	San Francisco Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
<p>Impact: This overture would recognize a so-called moral mandate for humanity to shift to a sustainable energy regime in a way that is both just and compassionate and that this mandate compels us to action as a denomination to divest from the fossil fuel industry even as we reduce our use of fossil fuels and shrink our carbon footprint. Specific divestment and other actions are directed to the financial agencies of the denomination, specifically:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cease and eliminate investment by the Board of Pension and Presbyterian Foundation in fossil fuel companies 2. Retain the minimal investment necessary where such stock is currently held to exert stockholder activism to reduce carbon footprint 3. ‘Call on’ (require) the Stated Clerk of GA to publicly urge similar divestment of all stockholders in such companies and funds by way or announcement of the PCUSA’s action; and 4. ‘Call upon’ entities of the PCUSA to similarly educe any such investment and their carbon footprint. <p>Please note: The State of Nevada may be heading differently with its Public Utilities Commission virtually eliminating new (and maybe existing) independent commercial and residential use of solar power.</p> <p>Please read this item to understand them and the likelihood of their goal achievement and rational interplay.</p>	
Counsel:	
	1. Assembly Action
	2. Committee Recommendation

1. Minority Report	1. Rationale
3. Recommendation	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication	
5. Comment	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence	
1. Boston	2. Monmouth
2. Cascades	3. Muskingum Valley
3. Chicago	4. New Castle
4. East Tennessee	5. Newton
5. Genesee Valley	6. Pacific
6. Geneva	7. Redwoods
7. Giddings-Lovejoy (with Additional Rationale)	8. Sacramento
8. Greater Atlanta	9. San Jose
9. Heartland (with Additional Rationale)	10. Southern New England
10. Hudson River (with Additional Rationale)	11. Twin Cities Area
	12. Western North Carolina
Additional Resources (2)	

04/27/16	The Immigration and Environmental Issues committee is no longer considering [09-02] On an Alternative to Divestment from the Fossil Fuel Industry—From the Presbytery of New Covenant..
[09-02] Ovt-032	On an Alternative to Divestment from the Fossil Fuel Industry—From the Presbytery of New Covenant. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6307
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[09] Immigration and Environmental Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	New Covenant Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proclaim that we are called to faithfully exercise stewardship over the earth and all of its creatures (...), 2. Affirm that it is both possible and practical for us to effect meaningful change that addresses the issues of climate change through (... divestment-alternative means), 3. Hold complete divestment from the fossil fuel industry in abeyance because it does not meet the denomination’s long-standing process for consideration of divestment (... and instead (list of five alternative actions), 4. Encourage (list of actors) to take a list of certain divestment-alternative actions, and 5. Direct the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, in collaboration with Congregational Ministries Publishing or The Thoughtful Christian, and working with other organizations that have parallel goals in order to maximize our effectiveness, to develop a policy paper and educational materials on (a list of divestment alternatives). <p style="text-align: center;">Please read this item to understand these divestment alternative actions and the likelihood of their goal achievement and rational interplay.</p>
Counsel:	
	1. Assembly Action
	2. Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
	3. Recommendation

	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. Grace
	2. Huntingdon
	3. Palo Duro
	4. Tres Rios
	5. Wyoming
7.	Additional Resources (1)

04/27/16	The Immigration and Environmental Issues committee is no longer considering [09-03] On Faithful Engagement with the Issue of Climate Change—From the Presbytery of New Covenant.
[09-03]	On Faithful Engagement with the Issue of Climate Change—From the Presbytery of New Covenant. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6308
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[09] Immigration and Environmental Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	New Covenant Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would encourage the necessary social paradigm changes in denominational entities and direct the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (in collaboration with organizations that have parallel goals) to develop policy and allied educational materials to assist congregations and councils of the church in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding the impact of climate change and in • taking individual and collective action to slow climate change, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ shareholder activism; ○ investments in renewable energy; ○ advocacy at local, state, federal, and international levels for policies to price and thus reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and ○ local efforts to reduce carbon footprint consistent with the 2006 call for denominational carbon neutrality, and the 2008 “Power to Change” recommendations. 	
Counsel:	
	1. Assembly Action
	2. Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources (1)

04/27/16	The Immigration and Environmental Issues committee is no longer considering [09-04] On Faithful Response to Climate Change—From the Presbytery of New Covenant.
[09-04] Ovt-34	On Faithful Response to Climate Change—From the Presbytery of New Covenant. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6309
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[09] Immigration and Environmental Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	New Covenant Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would encourage the necessary social paradigm changes in denominational entities and direct the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (in collaboration with organizations that have parallel goals) to advocate at local, state, and federal levels for policies to rationally price the production of carbon and, therefore, reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This advocacy would include:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with other organizations that have parallel goals to maximize the effectiveness of individual and collective action to slow climate change. • Developing policy and educational materials to assist congregations and councils of the church in understanding the impact of climate change and how to take action to slow climate change. 	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cimarron 2. Winnebago 7. Additional Resources (1) 	

04/27/16	The Immigration and Environmental Issues committee is no longer considering [09-05] On Communicating Gratitude for and Study of the Encyclical “Laudato Si”—From the Presbytery of Santa Fe.
[09-05] Ovt-	On Communicating Gratitude for and Study of the Encyclical “Laudato Si”—From the Presbytery of Santa Fe. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6332
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[09] Immigration and Environmental Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Santa Fe Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would thank Pope Francis I for his efforts in preparing and courageously circulating the encyclical, “Laudato Si,” and to encourage its study and use throughout the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and encourage its study within PCUSA congregations.	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation 	

	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. Cimarron
7.	Additional Resources (1)

04/27/16	The Immigration and Environmental Issues committee is no longer considering [09-06] On Responding to Our Sisters and Brothers Who Are Refugees or Internally Displaced—From the Presbytery of New York City.
[09-06] Ovt-41	On Responding to Our Sisters and Brothers Who Are Refugees or Internally Displaced—From the Presbytery of New York City. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6333
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[09] Immigration and Environmental Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	New York City Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would direct GA officers and agencies to provide leadership in diligently advocating for and seeking more hospitable US government and UN refugee resettlement policies, actions, and related issues to include increased funding to support humanitarian agencies, international refugee camps, and direct financial support that is often indispensable for internally displaced families in countries such as Iraq and Syria, and the multitude of other people, forced by fear and violence, to flee their national boundaries..
Counsel:	
	1. Assembly Action
	2. Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. Grace
	2. Los Ranchos
7.	Additional Resources (1)

04/27/16	The Immigration and Environmental Issues committee is no longer considering [09-07] On Approving an “Affirmation of Creation—From the Presbytery of Boston.
[09-07] Ovt-060	On Approving an “Affirmation of Creation—From the Presbytery of Boston. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6345
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[09] Immigration and Environmental Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Boston Presbytery

Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would require the Stated Clerk of GA to publish to the councils of the denomination for their study, reflection, and approval a statement that is at odds with the plain reading of scripture concerning Creation and its order.
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Milwaukee 2. Wabash Valley 7. Additional Resources (1)

04/27/16	The Immigration and Environmental Issues committee is no longer considering [09-08] On Witnessing Against Environmental Degradation and Affirming Public Policy to Support Good Stewardship of Natural Resources—From the Presbytery of Seattle.
[09-08] New	On Witnessing Against Environmental Degradation and Affirming Public Policy to Support Good Stewardship of Natural Resources—From the Presbytery of Seattle. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000003
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[09] Immigration and Environmental Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Seattle Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to empower the Office of Public Witness (OPW) in Washington, D.C., and the Presbyterian Ministry to the United Nations to witness against environmental degradation and to affirm public policy that supports good stewardship of natural resources.
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale

04/27/16	The Immigration and Environmental Issues committee is no longer considering [09-09] Mission Responsibility Through Investment Report on Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies.
[09-09] New	Mission Responsibility Through Investment Report on Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000021
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[09] Immigration and Environmental Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)

Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This report would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016), upon recommendation from the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment and use its findings to congratulate those who are behaving responsibly, urging others to do the same through ‘vigorous action’ across several specific business areas, and keeping the MRTI on its path for continuing watchdog activities.
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation Rationale

04/27/16	The Immigration and Environmental Issues committee is no longer considering [09-10] Collaborative Agenda on Environmental Stewardship—From the BOP, OGA, FDN, PILP, PMA, PPC.
[09-10]	Collaborative Agenda on Environmental Stewardship—From the BOP, OGA, FDN, PILP, PMA, PPC. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000100
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[09] Immigration and Environmental Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This report would have the Board of Pensions, Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc., Presbyterian Mission Agency, and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation recommends that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) endorse the Collaborative Agenda for Environmental Stewardship
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale

NEW- [09-11]	On Amending G-1.0304, “The Ministry of Members,” by Adding “Caring for God’s Creation”—From the Presbytery of New Castle. https://pc-biz.org/#/search/6285
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[09] Immigration and Environmental Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	New Castle Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This report would have the 222GA refer to the presbyteries for their affirmation (adding the bolded, highlighted, and italicized phrase): Shall G-1.0304 be amended as follows: [Text to be added is shown as italic.] “G-1.0304 The Ministry of Members “Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission. A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church. Such involvement includes: “proclaiming the good news in word and deed, “taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation, “lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,

“studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
 “supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
 “demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
 “responding to God’s activity in the world through service to others,
 “living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
 “working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,
 “caring for God’s creation,
 “participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
 “reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one’s membership, and considering ways in which one’s participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.”

Counsel:

Recommendation

Rationale

Comment

Advice from the ACC

Concurrence

1. Boston
2. Cascades
3. Heartland (with Additional Rationale)
4. Homestead
5. Inland Northwest
6. Lake Michigan
7. Monmouth
8. Northern New England

Additional Resources (2)

The **Immigration and Environmental Issues** committee has no info or self-study items at this time.

Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
10	Mission Coordination	Consider matters related to: Mission programs authorized by General Assembly; PC(USA) vision and mission goals; Organization for Mission and General Assembly Mission Council Manual of Operations; mission budget; audits; church-wide compensation; initiatives on church growth and the 1001 Worshiping Communities program.

Our Ruling Elder Commissioner, **Marshall Hanson** is a member
 of the **Mission Coordination** committee

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Item	Item Title
[10-01]	On Seeking to Eradicate Slavery from the Supply Chains of Vendors and Other Businesses That the PC(USA) and Its Various Bodies Do Business—From the Presbytery of Newark.
[10-02]	Regarding the Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) Committee—From the Presbytery of Charleston-Atlantic.
[10-03]	On Taking Specific Action to Address the Worsening Plight of the African American Male—From the Presbytery of Pittsburgh.
[10-04]	Approve the Revised Presbyterian Mission Agency Manual of Operations.
[10-05]	Rescind the 1990 "General Assembly Mission Program Budget Policy and Procedures."
[10-06]	Amendments to the Organization for Mission.
[10-07]	Proposed Changes and Updates to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Churchwide Plan for Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action.
[10-08]	Report of the Special Offerings Review Task Force.
[10-09]	"Empowered & Hopeful"—Women of Color Consultation Report.
[10-10]	Living Missionally Recommendation—From the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board.
[10-11]	A Resolution to Contribute to a Proactive, Health-Giving Ministry to and Relationship with Our Clergywomen—From the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns.
[10-12]	A Resolution to Ensure Just Compensation Practices for Those Employed via Third Party Contractors—From the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns.
[10-13]	On Achieving a 5:1 Ratio Between the Highest-Paid and Lowest-Paid Employees of PMA—From the Presbytery of Newton.
NEW -[10-14]	2017–2018 Presbyterian Mission Agency Work Plan.
[10-A]	Presbyterian Mission Agency—Women of Faith Awards
[10-B]	Minutes, PC(USA), A Corp.
[10-Info]	Report of Changes to the Appendices of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Manual of Operations.
[10-Info]	Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity Report of Progress.
[10-Info]	Report of the Presbyterian Mission Agency on Current Task Forces, Work Groups, and Ad Hoc Committees.

[10-01] Ovt-045	On Seeking to Eradicate Slavery from the Supply Chains of Vendors and Other Businesses That the PC(USA) and Its Various Bodies Do Business—From the Presbytery of Newark. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6330
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Newark Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would encourage the ministries and agencies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to be aware and take certain steps to discourage the presence of slavery in their chains of commerce and investment.
Counsel:	
Concurrence:	None yet
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment

	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[10-02]	Regarding the Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) Committee—From the Presbytery of Charleston-Atlantic. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6339
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would create a parallel polity for handling divestment (and perhaps other) recommendations. This would wrest their before the fact approval from the General Assembly and vest it and its implementation in a newly-composed MRTI committee which would act as a commission on these (and perhaps other, unnamed) matters. Such MRTI actions would be shrouded in secrecy until long after the fact of implementation has been taken, rendering them essentially irreversible by the Assembly after their reporting to and review by the Assembly.	
Counsel:	
Concurrence: None yet	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence 7. Additional Resources (1)

[10-03] New	On Taking Specific Action to Address the Worsening Plight of the African American Male—From the Presbytery of Pittsburgh. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6349
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Pittsburgh Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would establish a five-city pilot project of specific programs for improving the potential of the African-American male in their communities, funded and supported by councils lower than GA.	
Counsel:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication

5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
1.	Charleston-Atlantic
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[10-04]	Approve the Revised Presbyterian Mission Agency Manual of Operations. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000013
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) approve the revised Presbyterian Mission Agency Manual of Operations. <i>The revision correct one reference to the Book of Order and deletes one PMA-written guidance reference.</i>
Please Note:	<i>With the sad recent history of the PMA and the failure of oversight of its Board, this may or may not be a sufficient revision to its manual. The deleted reference is a transparency portal for this agency and its deletion may further shroud its actions. Recognize bureaucratic paranoia no matter how it is shrouded in "cost savings" and other language. Pay attention to the several committees looking into both the PMA and the consolidation of PMA with OGA.</i>
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale

[10-05] New	Rescind the 1990 "General Assembly Mission Program Budget Policy and Procedures." https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000025
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) approve the revised Presbyterian Mission Agency Manual of Operations. <i>The revision correct one reference to the Book of Order and deletes one PMA-written guidance reference.</i>
Please Note:	<i>With the sad recent history of the PMA and the failure of oversight of its Board, this may or may not be a good idea. The deleted policy and procedures have served the agency and its expected new Board will be in a better position to assess its application to the future. Recognize the bureaucratic paranoia of an out-going administration no matter how it is shrouded in "applicability" and other language. Pay attention to the several committees looking into both the PMA and the consolidation of PMA with OGA.</i>
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation

	1. Rationale
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[10-06] New	Amendments to the Organization for Mission. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000026
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) amend the Organization for Mission document to clean up some wording and add Presbyterian Women, Inc. to the list of <i>Corporations Related to the General Assembly</i> .	
Counsel:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 	

[10-07] New	Proposed Changes and Updates to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Church-wide Plan for Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000061
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This recommendation, stemming from a 221GA directive, would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) amend the 1994 Church-wide Plan for Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action to respond to the 221GA's concerns for relevance to today's status with a broadly-based, Agency review and revision. Please read this proposed plan it is an extensive revision and a great step forward.	
Counsel:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 	

[10-08] New	Report of the Special Offerings Review Task Force. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000012
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) in response to three referrals from the 221GA:	

1. Revise the \$20 million by 2020 goal for Special Offerings receipts to \$20 million by 2025 as the aspiration of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
2. Affirm the current interpretation and distribution of Special Offering as the pattern for 2018–2021 (these four programs: *Christmas Joy Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, and Peace & Global Witness Offering*).
3. Maintain funding to the remaining historically Presbyterian racial ethnic institutions (HPREIs) at current percentages of the Christmas Joy Offering (CJO). (As of the date of this report, the HPREIs that qualify for funding through CJO are The Menaul School, Presbyterian Pan American School, and Stillman College.)
4. Allocate funds that have become available from HPREIs that no longer qualify for funding through the CJO to support and advance the work of racial ethnic and women’s ministry in their programs of racial ethnic leadership development.

Please read this proposed plan in detail on PC-Biz.

The Rev Joey Lee, Presbytery Executive, Presbytery of San Jose (in our Synod) served on the task force that proposes this item.

Counsel:

- 1. Assembly Action
- 2. Committee Recommendation
 - 1. Minority Report
 - 1. Rationale
- 3. Recommendation
 - 1. Recommendations 1-2
 - 2. Recommendations 3-4
 - 3. Rationale
 - 1. Rationale for Rec. 1-2
 - 2. Rationale for Rec. 3-4

[10-09] New	“Empowered & Hopeful”—Women of Color Consultation Report. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000014
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This recommendation, stemming from a 221GA referral, would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016):	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency, through Racial Ethnic & Women’s Ministries, to continue to sponsor racial ethnic and women’s leadership institutes to develop women of color leaders in the church, so that they will have opportunities to serve fully in ministry and leadership. 2. Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency, through Racial Ethnic & Women’s Ministries, to continue to provide and support opportunities for women of color to attend trainings and professional development events. 	
Counsel:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 	

[10-10] New	Living Missionally Recommendation—From the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000017
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination

Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This recommendation, stemming from two 221GA referrals, would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) :
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledge the Presbyterian Mission Agency’s efforts, among others, to rally the church around “Living Missionally.” 2. Release the Presbyterian Mission Agency from the directives “to develop tangible metrics to determine success and impact,” and “identify strategies for deeper engagement.”
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale

[10-11] New	A Resolution to Contribute to a Proactive, Health-Giving Ministry to and Relationship with Our Clergywomen—From the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000033
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) :
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) to design, create, and bring to fruition four annual regional gatherings of clergywomen across the United States to address reoccurring themes within the Women's Listening Visits, including, but not limited to, leadership development; peer support for new clergywomen (including second-career clergywomen [not age-specific]); mentoring; pay equity; call process; and networking. 2. Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) to extend the listening groups during the Women’s Decade of Hearing and Singing New Songs to God to proactively include the voices of racial ethnic women, increasing the geographical spectrum (especially including Midwest and Western U.S.). Groups shall consist of full- and part-time clergywomen, chaplains, associates, and Christian educators in both rural and urban settings. 3. Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) to create a virtual work group comprised of one member of the Women's Ministry staff, one member of Research Services staff, at least two members of the Status of Women team, and two members of ACWC to review and respond with action steps addressing the needs of clergywomen across the PC(USA) as articulated within the gender and leadership in the PC(USA) survey conducted in 2015. 4. Strongly urge mid councils to create a Clergy Women’s Network (CWN) that provides mentoring, coaching, community building, and support. This CWN would allow clergywomen serving the church to give and receive support through interpersonal relationships, professional guidance, and biannual (twice a year) gatherings. 5. Direct the six denominational agencies to collaboratively create and share the expense of new leadership development opportunities for all clergywomen with special emphasis on the following groups: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) newly ordained clergywomen—five years and under, (b) second-career clergywomen, (c) racial ethnic clergywomen, and (d) clergy women desiring to serve at administrative and executive levels. 6. Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) to write theologically undergirded curriculum specifically addressing issues facing women in ministry, sexism, and gender equity for the purpose of training mid councils and local congregations.
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report

1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
1. Rationale

[10-12] New	A Resolution to Ensure Just Compensation Practices for Those Employed via Third Party Contractors—From the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000080
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) direct the six agencies of the General Assembly (Board of Pensions, Foundation, Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc., Presbyterian Mission Agency, and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation) to develop standards that take into account and protect the wages and fringe benefits of outsourced employees based on Presbyterian theology and policy on work and workers.	
Please note: Although this ‘feels good,’ its implementation may destroy any independent contractor relationship to the outsources – making these workers “employees” under the plethora of Federal and unique State laws that govern such status and opening the door to claims to back-pay and benefits under these laws.	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale

[10-13] New	On Achieving a 5:1 Ratio Between the Highest-Paid and Lowest-Paid Employees of PMA—From the Presbytery of Newton. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000071
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Newton Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to establish the goal of achieving, in a reasonable period of time, a 5:1 ratio between the highest-paid and lowest-paid employees of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA), beginning with new PMA positions, understanding this to be a partial return to earlier policy and a practical embodiment of missional solidarity.	
Please note: Similar socialist policies have not worked out well in private for- or non-profit practice to date – inhibiting the organizations from attracting needed talent and resulting in mediocre output and toxic work environments as perceived compensation / appreciation inequities appear in the workforce (real or not).	
Counsel:	
Concurrence: None yet	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale

NEW-[10-14]	2017–2018 Presbyterian Mission Agency Work Plan. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000136
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
<p>Impact: The General Assembly has directed the Presbyterian Mission Agency, through the <i>Organization for Mission</i>, to “develop and propose, for General Assembly approval, the mission directions, goals, objectives, and priorities of the Presbyterian Mission Agency; doing so by taking into account the mission work being done by sessions, presbyteries, and synods, and to propose for General Assembly approval an accompanying budget that will implement the mission work plan of the Presbyterian Mission Agency” (V.c.). The Presbyterian Mission Agency fulfills this directive through presentation of the accompanying Mission Work Plan and Budget for approval. This plan and budget may (or may not) survive the probable PMA and OGA restructuring resulting from the PMA review and its recommendations items [04-11, 04-12], above.</p> <p>Please read the item on PC-Biz to see the proposed work-plan and budget.</p>	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 	

[10-A] New	Presbyterian Mission Agency—Women of Faith Awards https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000019
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[10] Mission Coordination
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	Final Action by Committee
<p>Impact: This recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) recognize the following Women of Faith award recipients at the 222nd General Assembly (2016):</p> <p>Commissioned Ruling Elder Lucy Apatiki, Ruling Elder Sarah Noble-Moag, Ruling Elder Clarissa Walker Whaley.</p> <p>Please read the item on PC-Biz to see why these women are so rightly proposed for such recognition.</p>	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee Final Action 2. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 	

Items 10-B and 10-info (3) are information to the **Mission Coordination** committee and are not analyzed here.

Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
11	Social Justice Issues	Consider matters related to: Concerns of church in national affairs; national military matters; matters relating to righteousness and justice of persons/organizations.

Item	Item Title
[11-01]	On Adding a New Standing Rule F.5.c. Regarding Social Witness Policy Statements or Resolutions at the General Assembly—From the Presbytery of the Foothills.
[11-02]	On Setting Aside “Forming Social Policy” at the Next Three General Assemblies—From the Presbytery of the Foothills.
[11-03]	On Choosing to Be a Church Committed to the Gospel of Matthew 25—From the Presbytery of the Cascades.
[11-04]	On Supporting the Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Regarding Protecting Individuals from Violence and Discrimination—From the Synod of the Covenant.
[11-05]	On the Admission of, and Apology for, Harms Done to the LGBTQ/Q Members of the PC(USA), Family and Friends—From the Presbytery of New York City.
[11-06]	On Resources for Learning, Reflection, and Reconciliation—From the Presbytery of John Knox.
[11-07]	On Committing to Play an Active Part in the Global Response to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic—From the Presbytery of Southern New England.
[11-08]	On Offering an Apology to Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians—From the Presbytery of Baltimore.
[11-09]	On Celebrating a Significant Social Witness Anniversary—From the Presbytery of Chicago.
[11-10]	On Reconciliation and Engagement in a New Civil Rights Movement—From the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy.
[11-11]	On Advocacy Against Factory Farming—From the Presbytery of Monmouth.
[11-12]	On the PC(USA) Continuing Its Efforts to Dismantle Racism within Our Denomination and the Larger Society—From the Presbytery of Baltimore.
[11-13]	Election Protection and Integrity in Campaign Finance—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.
[11-14]	Resolution on Abiding Presence: Living Faithfully in End of Life Decisions—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.
05/09/16	[11-15] [Item 11-15 became Item 03-12. There is no Item 11-15.] has been edited.
05/09/16	[11-15] [Item 11-15 became Item 03-12. There is no Item 11-15.] has been created.
[11-15]	Approve "A Standard Definition of Supplier Diversity."
[11-16]	On Equipping and Mobilizing Member Congregations to Better Serve Those Living with HIV/AIDS—From the Presbytery of National Capital.
[11-17]	On Reviewing the Doctrine of Discovery—From the Presbytery of National Capital.
[11-18]	A Review of Efforts Regarding Cultural Proficiency and Creating a Climate for Change in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)—From the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns (ACREC).
[11-19]	ACREC Recommendations to the General Assembly
[11-20]	Recommendations Regarding “Gospel from Detroit: Renewing the Church’s Urban Vision”—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.

Item	Item Title
11-21]	Human Trafficking and Human Rights: Children of God, Not for Sale—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.
NEW- [11-22]	Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community—From the Presbyterian Mission Agency
NEW- [11-23]	On Therapies Purporting to Change Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity—From the Synod of the Covenant.
NEW- [11-24]	Churchwide Conversation on Race, Ethnicity, Racism1 and Ethnocentricity Report—From the Presbyterian Mission Agency.
[11-Info]	Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns Agency Summary
[11-Info]	The Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns (ACWC) Agency Summary 2014–2016
[11-Info]	Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP) Agency Summary.
[11-SelfStudy]	Self-Study Report

[11-01] Ovt-004	On Adding a New Standing Rule F.5.c. Regarding Social Witness Policy Statements or Resolutions at the General Assembly—From the Presbytery of the Foothills. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/5290
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Foothills Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would require any social witness policy statement or resolution first must have the concurrence of one-third of the presbyteries before consideration by an Assembly. The Assembly shall consider referring any divisive policy to the presbyteries for study and discernment at presbytery and congregational levels before any other action.	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beaver-Butler 2. Inland Northwest 3. John Calvin 4. Middle Tennessee 5. New Harmony 7. Additional Resources (2) 	

[11-02] Ovt-005	On Setting Aside “Forming Social Policy” at the Next Three General Assemblies—From the Presbytery of the Foothills. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/5291
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues

Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Foothills Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would ‘temporarily’ restrict ACSWP to encouraging presbytery discussion of social witness concerns while restricting it from proposing or editing social witness policy proposals for the next 3 GAs; while allowing presbyteries to propose social witness policy to GA unfettered.	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beaver-Butler 2. Inland Northwest 3. John Calvin 4. Middle Tennessee 5. New Harmony 7. Additional Resources (2) 	

[11-03] Ovt-030	On Choosing to Be a Church Committed to the Gospel of Matthew 25—From the Presbytery of the Cascades. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6305
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Cascades Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would have the denomination recommit itself to specific actions at all levels to social justice related to the poor – as described in Matthew 25, specifically:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommit ourselves at the congregational level, the mid council level, and the national levels of our church to locate ourselves with the poor, to advocate with all of our voice for the poor, and to seek opportunities to take risks for and with the poor (in the soup kitchens and catholic worker houses, among the immigrants, with those working to end mass incarceration, and with those who seek to protect all of us, especially the poorest of the poor around the world, from the vagaries of climate change). 2. Call on our churches to commit to a year of Bible study focused on issues of social justice. 3. Call on our presbyteries and synods to examine their own practice, placing these commitments at the center of their concerns, and to streamline the way that issues of immediate significance can be forwarded to the General Assembly by adopting procedures so that overtures and proposals on peacemaking and social justice concerns from sessions and committees may be considered quickly. 4. Facilitate the processes by which these concerns can be brought before us as a national body by resisting new barriers to overture submissions such as additional concurrences, tighter deadlines, or new overture topic restrictions at any General Assembly. 5. Commit to focusing a significant block of the time allotted for future General Assemblies on creating opportunities in consultation with the Committees on Local Arrangements to engage all of the commissioners, delegates, and observers in acts of service to and with communities at risk. 6. Assure that there are voices of those who are most at risk from within our church and outside of it (including 	

interfaith voices), who are invited to share with and challenge the assembly, both in the plenary and committee sessions.

7. Create a “cycle of social engagement” that will assure that concerns around confronting racism, environmental concerns, standing against violence and militarism, and advocating for the dispossessed come before the assembly on a regular and consistent basis, soliciting overtures from presbyteries before each General Assembly on topics of the most immediate concern.

Over-focus on a single passage of scripture might have the denomination (or any church body) ignore the other five great ends of the church and the whole counsel of scriptural teaching on this passage’s topic(s), as well.

Please review the definition of a cult as it relates to overemphasis on some scripture over all other scripture.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
 1. Hudson River
 2. Long Island
 3. Monmouth
 4. Sheppards and Lapsley
7. Additional Resources (2)

[11-04] Ovt-038	On Supporting the Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Regarding Protecting Individuals from Violence and Discrimination—From the Synod of the Covenant. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6313
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Synod of the Covenant
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to do the following:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Express its appreciation for the Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, “Discrimination and violence against individuals based on their sexual orientation and gender identity” (May 4, 2015), and commend this report to congregations and presbyteries for study and action. 2. Commit the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to support the goals expressed in the report to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. protect individuals from violence; b. prevent torture and ill-treatment; c. decriminalize homosexuality and to repeal other laws used to punish individuals on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity; d. protect individuals from discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity; and e. protect rights to freedom of expression, association, and assembly, and to take part in the conduct of public affairs. 3. Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency, through its Office of Public Witness, to identify and encourage legislation to accomplish the above goals in the United States and U.S. territories, giving attention to the strategies enumerated in the report. 4. Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency, through its Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, to pursue 	

- ways to advocate for these goals within the United Nations system, giving attention to the strategies enumerated in the report.
5. Communicate these goals to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, in particular the World Mission personnel, as well as other PC(USA)-related organizations engaging in global mission activities.
 6. Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency to consider context-sensitive ways to help mission co-workers address issues of safety and respect for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons.
 7. Direct the Stated Clerk to communicate this action to the ecumenical agencies to which the General Assembly belongs and our ecumenical partners, encouraging consideration and adoption of similar actions.
 8. Direct the Office of Immigration Issues to develop resources that are responsive to the particular needs of LGBT immigrants, and to provide support to congregations wishing to welcome LGBT persons seeking asylum.

Please note: Although points 2 c and 2d are probably not supportable from scripture, the rest, including points 6 and 8 certainly are.

Please note: The relationship of this item to the Belhar Confession.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
 1. Boise
 2. Detroit
 3. Southeastern Illinois
7. Additional Resources (1)

[11-05] Ovt-050	On the Admission of, and Apology for, Harms Done to the LGBTQ/Q Members of the PC(USA), Family and Friends—From the Presbytery of New York City. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6335
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	New York City Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016):	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Affirm and witness these truths: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. We come to understand forgiveness, healing, mercy, and reconciliation by God’s actions through Jesus Christ’s teachings and the Risen Christ in our midst. b. We are reconciled to God and one another by the forgiveness of our acts of sinfulness, through the Christ who is our peace and who breaks down the walls of hostility and division. c. Further, we understand that ours is a faith and ministry of forgiveness, healing, mercy, and reconciliation that requires admission of the harms we have done to one another. d. That the fullness of our new life in Christ calls for a unity of Spirit, a sharing of gifts, and a valuing of all parts 	

- of the Body of Christ in the spirit of true forgiveness.
- e. We confess that our actions have fallen short of these truths in the marginalization of our sisters and brothers who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ/Q), admitting
- 1) that harms have been done to this community by the denomination's participation in the creation of barriers to God's call to our sisters and brothers, based on sexual identity, sexual orientation, and gender identity;
 - 2) that charges have been instigated with the intention of preventing qualified individuals called by God to serve based on sexual identity and orientation;
 - 3) that the Constitution of the PC(USA) has been erroneously used to support these charges, resulting in the use of the denomination's court system, in effect, being co-opted to discipline others for who they are; and
 - 4) that the denomination has participated in or been silent about challenging the destruction of the careers of faithful servants who identified as LGBTQ/Q.
2. Affirm, confess, and apologize as follows:
- Admit that the PC(USA) has been wrong in the way it has treated the LGBTQ/Q community.
- a. Apologize for the teachings and actions that have created marginalization of our sisters and brothers, adding to the erroneous belief that people who identify as LGBTQ/Q should be considered unworthy to serve fully or be honored as family within and without the church.
 - b. Acknowledge that during this struggle we have often treated one another in ways that did not reflect the presence of the Risen Christ in our midst, including those in opposition to one another, as well as those within their own communities.
 - c. State publicly that the PC(USA), as a denomination, makes this pronouncement as an act of forgiveness, healing, mercy, and reconciliation.
 - d. Acknowledge that this admission and apology lifts up the constitutional changes that have been duly implemented to dismantle the lines that have divided us from one another and the ways in which we have been called to serve, including but not limited to Amendment 10-A, Gifts and Requirements (Proposed Amendments to the Constitution: Part 3 of 3, 2010); the authoritative interpretation on marriage, and Amendment 14F, Marriage (Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, 2014).
- Please read this item's attached pdf in PC-Biz and the detail of this item to understand its rationale.
- Please note:** The relationship of this item to the Belhar Confession.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
 1. Chicago
 2. Genesee Valley
7. Additional Resources (2)

[11-06] Ovt-New	On Resources for Learning, Reflection, and Reconciliation—From the Presbytery of John Knox. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6336
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	John Knox Presbytery

Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) declare the years 2016 and 2017 to be a time of learning about and reflecting on the ways in which American society, culture, and political institutions have marginalized and disempowered Americans from communities of color, and a time of emphasis on reconciliation among black and white Americans within the PC(USA) and the United States of America. This call for learning, reflection, and reconciliation should include but not be restricted to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of curricula on issues such as “white Privilege” and racial justice for study on the congregational and/or presbytery level. • Development of models for peacemaking within communities where racial division is keenly felt. • Provision of strategies for legislation to deal with issues of racial injustice at local, state, and national levels. • Provision of resources to congregations/communities of programs that enhance positive race-relations that are already in place within communities across the nation. • Encouraging church members to face our inherent racial prejudices and confess them to God and to one another, and seek reconciliation on an individual level as well as throughout our church and nation.
	Please read the rationale to see how this item responds to recent, tragic events.
	Please note: The relationship of this item to the Belhar Confession.
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Giddings-Lovejoy 2. Milwaukee 7. Additional Resources (1)

[11-07] Ovt-New	On Committing to Play an Active Part in the Global Response to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic—From the Presbytery of Southern New England. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6344
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Southern New England Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to do the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give thanks for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the medical advances that have enabled better management of HIV, slowing the spread of the virus and allowing HIV-positive individuals to live longer and fuller lives; b. the responses of national governments and international agencies that have helped to improve access to these life enhancing medications; and c. the sustained and compassionate responses of faith communities to the HIV and AIDS epidemic. 2. Acknowledge

- a. the continuing threat posed by HIV and AIDS, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa; and
 - b. the current window of opportunity for eliminating the serious public health threat posed by HIV by 2030 through effective and coordinated action by a range of actors, including governments, medical professionals, community organizations, and faith communities.
3. Commend to congregations for study and action “Becoming an HIV and AIDS Competent Church: Prophetic Witness and Compassionate Action,” approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) (*Minutes*, 2010, Part I, pp. 72, 1370ff.).
4. Commit to playing an active part in the global response to HIV and AIDS at this critical juncture, and, in particular, to
- a. direct the Stated Clerk, in collaboration with PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, to urge the Secretary of State, the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, and other relevant U.S. officials to increase global funding dedicated to fighting the HIV and AIDS epidemic, and to request that some of the funds be allocated to the support of faith-based organizations engaged in public education about HIV and AIDS and addressing the stigma and discrimination that continue to inhibit effective responses to the disease;
 - b. direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency, through World Mission, to
 - 1) encourage and accompany global partners working to raise awareness of the HIV and AIDS epidemic and to promote appropriate responses to the disease;
 - 2) educate PC(USA) constituencies, including congregations and mission networks, about the urgency of action to prevent a resurgence of HIV infections through media such as bulletin inserts, publications, and social media; and
 - 3) mobilize financial resources to support education and stigma-reduction initiatives, both domestically and in cooperation with global partners.
 - c. direct the Stated Clerk to raise these concerns with other Christian denominations in the U.S.A., through ecumenical organizations such as the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, the World Council of Churches, the World Communion of Reformed Churches, and Church World Service, and to seek coordinated responses to expand access to affordable medical care, including appropriate medications and therapies to respond to the health challenges presented by HIV and AIDS.

Please read the rationale to understand the immediacy of need for this action.

Counsel:

- 1. Assembly Action
- 2. Committee Recommendation
 - 1. Minority Report
 - 1. Rationale
- 3. Recommendation
 - 1. Rationale
 - 2. Amended Recommendation
- 4. Financial Implication
- 5. Comment
 - 1. Advice from the ACC
 - 1. Attachment
 - 2. Other Comments
- 6. Concurrence
 - 1. Mission
 - 2. New Castle
- 7. Additional Resources (2)

[11-08] Ovt-065	On Offering an Apology to Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians— From the Presbytery of Baltimore. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6350
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Baltimore Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration

Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to offer an apology to Native Americans, Alaska natives, and native Hawaiians¹ and to do the following:

1. That the PC(USA) and its members apologize to United States citizens of Native American ancestry, both those within and beyond our denomination.
2. That the Moderator of the PC(USA) share this apology with the ninety-five PC(USA) Native American congregations on behalf of the denomination. The means of sharing this apology shall be coordinated with the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Native American Congregational Support Office and with the PC(USA)'s Native American Consulting Committee (NACC).
3. That the Office of the General Assembly share this apology with Native American tribal authorities in the United States. The means of sharing this apology shall be coordinated with the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Native American Congregational Support Office and with the PC(USA)'s Native American Consulting Committee (NACC).
4. That the General Assembly commend this apology to the entire PC(USA) in all its expressions for their use in the work of reconciliation among all peoples.

Please see the full text of the proposed apology and the rationale for this item.

Please note: The relationship of this item to the Belhar Confession.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
 1. Santa Fe
7. Additional Resources (1)

[11-09] Ovt-070	On Celebrating a Significant Social Witness Anniversary—From the Presbytery of Chicago. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6355
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Chicago Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016):	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Affirm that our Presbyterian involvement in society in the quest for justice and peace is a fundamental aspect of Reformed Christianity as “the promotion of social righteousness,” as well as the “exhibition of the Kingdom of God to the world,” both of which are Great Ends of the Church and fundamental to the unity of theology and ethics in our Confessions, notably The Confession of 1967 and the Belhar Confession. 2. Celebrate the 80th anniversary of the formation of social witness bodies in both the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., respectively the “Department of Social Education and Action” and the “Permanent Committee on Moral and Social Welfare” (both described in the rationale). 3. Commend those many Presbyterians who have served on the successor committees and many study teams over 	

- the years, including the current members and staff of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, for their faithful and consistent stewardship of the social witness policy of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
4. Urge *Presbyterians Today* to devote significant space in one of the remaining editions in 2016 to this anniversary and a survey of significant developments and accomplishments of each body.
 5. Urge the presbyteries and congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to plan events and studies during the next year to commemorate this anniversary of an important responsibility in the life of our Reformed denomination and recommit to faithful discernment and action.

Please note: The relationship of this item to the Belhar Confession.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
 1. Santa Fe
7. Additional Resources (1)

[11-10] Ovt-New	On Reconciliation and Engagement in a New Civil Rights Movement—From the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000001
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
<p>Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) call for radical reconciliation and an active engagement in a new civil rights movement. This should begin with both deep self-examination and bold action within the PC(USA) and our nation addressing the structural racism all around us. Since the justice system in the United States is not now serving and protecting each of us equitably, God calls us in this moment to respond beyond our collective comfort to demand urgent reforms of police policies and judicial practices. The period of reflection and action should begin with, but not be limited to, the following Calls to Action issued by the Ferguson Commission.</p> <p>The PC(USA) is urged to act with others to demand:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the U.S. Congress enact “Protecting Communities and Police Act,” proposed by Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill. 2. That local and state jurisdictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • revise use of force policies and training, • appoint special prosecutors in police use of force cases, • update use of force policies related to fleeing suspects, • improve police training to include social interaction, implicit bias, and cultural responsiveness, • create, develop, and strengthen meaningful civilian review of police departments. 3. That local and state courts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eliminate incarceration for minor offenses, • establish alternative sentencing options, • treat nonviolent offenses as civil violations, 	

- create community justice centers.

Please note: The relationship of this item to the Belhar Confession.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
 1. Baltimore

[11-11] Ovt-New	On Advocacy Against Factory Farming—From the Presbytery of Monmouth. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000004
This item may be better placed in the Immigration and Environmental Issues committee (09) than here.	
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Monmouth Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) :	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness to advocate wherever possible in favor of alternatives to CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) or IFAPS (Industrial Food Animal Production Sites), commonly known as factory farms, and to advocate against measures that support industrialized animal farming. 2. Direct the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness to advocate in support of farm and processing plant workers, “fence line” communities surrounding factory farms, racial ethnic farmers, and family farmers and ranchers. 3. Remind the church of the 1990 proclamation, “Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice,” which asserts that humanity and nature are so inextricably bound that the suffering of one affects the other. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has a history of affirming that protection of the environment is an essential part of the Christian faith. 4. Encourage all levels of the denomination (presbyteries, congregations, and individual members) to purchase only meat that carries the minimal certification of “Certified Humane Raised & Handled.” 	
Counsel:	
Concurrence: None yet	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 	

[11-12] Ovt-	On the PC(USA) Continuing Its Efforts to Dismantle Racism within Our Denomination and the Larger Society—From the Presbytery of Baltimore. https://www.pc-
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	biz.org/#/search/6352
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Baltimore Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) continue its efforts to dismantle racism within our denomination and the larger society by doing the following:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct the Office of the Stated Clerk and the Presbyterian Mission Agency, through its Executive Director, to present to the 223rd General Assembly (2018) a detailed six-year plan containing explicit procedures for renewed implementation of every strategy detailed in the church-wide strategies (as listed under the “Points of Engagement” and specifically directed towards the General Assembly, synods, presbyteries, and congregations) in “Facing Racism: A Vision of the Beloved Community,” which was approved by the 211th General Assembly (1999). 2. Establish and convene a “Racism Truth and Reconciliation Commission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)” that is charged with conducting a church-wide listening campaign to hear the voices of peoples long silenced regarding the state of institutional racism and oppression within our church. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This commission shall report the result of its listening campaign to the General Assembly meeting in Baltimore in 2020. The report shall include a statement of findings and recommendations to be voted upon by the General Assembly. Approved actions shall begin implementation within the following year. b. The commission shall consist of twenty persons (ten ruling elders and ten teaching elders); fifteen of these persons shall identify as people of color. In addition, every effort should be made to achieve geographic representation from every synod. The commission shall be appointed by the Moderator and shall be constituted no later than December 31, 2016. It shall be chaired by a former Moderator or Vice-Moderator of the General Assembly who will serve as a member of the commission. The commission shall be resourced and funded through the Office of the Stated Clerk. 6. The commission shall meet twice annually beginning in 2017, and shall conduct the work of the listening campaigns on a regional basis. The commission shall determine strategies to carry out its work and present these strategies in a report to the 223rd General Assembly (2018) for their approval.
	Please note: The relationship of this item to the Belhar Confession.
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Castle 7. Additional Resources (1) 8. Resource Persons 9. Advocates

[11-13]	Election Protection and Integrity in Campaign Finance—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000045
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)

Sponsor:	Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	Triggered by two referrals from the 221GA, this recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) do the following:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the following response, “Election Protection and Integrity in Campaign Finance,” to both Items 09-15 and 09-06 from the 221st General Assembly (2014) on voter suppression and campaign finance reform, and that this response serve as the requested update to “Lift Every Voice: Democracy, Voting Rights, and Electoral Reform (2008),” which is to be sent by the Stated Clerk to mid councils as a resource to advocate “for voter rights in a more just and democratic society.” 2. Approve the following statement: Statement of Concerns for the U.S. Electoral Process (a long and detailed policy statement).
	<p>Please read this item on PC-Biz to understand the policy statement proposed and the rationale for this item. Please note : The proposed statement’s opening definition of the purpose of government is at odds with the Scots Confession, CHAPTER XXIV The Civil Magistrate, ff and the Second Helvetic Confession, CHAPTER XXX</p> <p>Of the Magistracy, ff, and the Westminster Confession of faith, CHAPTER XXV / CHAPTER XXIII</p> <p>Of the Civil Magistrate, ff.</p>
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence 7. Additional Resources 8. Resource Persons 9. Advocates

[11-14] New	Resolution on Abiding Presence: Living Faithfully in End of Life Decisions—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000053
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	Triggered by a referral from the 221GA, this recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) do the following:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the pastoral guidebook, “Abiding Presence: Living Faithfully in End-of-Life Decisions,” as a theologically and ethically grounded resource for pastoral care in light of new medical and legal choices involving the prolongation or cessation of life, to be made available through appropriate electronic and print means. 2. Approve the affirmation and recommendations following for Christian public witness in support of the advance care planning, healthcare access, and respect for personal conscience described in the guidebook. 3. Encourage Presbyterian medical personnel, caregivers, pastors, deacons, and other providers of end-of-life treatment, care, and support to lead studies and discussions of these resources on a regular basis within their congregations and communities to strengthen the understanding and use of advance directives.

Affirmation: Faithful Living at the End-of-Life (a long and detailed policy statement goes here).

4. In order to support persons facing end-of-life decisions, the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):
 - a. Encourages all members and friends active in the denomination to develop their own end-of-life directives, “living wills,” durable powers of attorney for health care, Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLSTs), or other vehicles recognized by their states, to guide their treatment in the case of incapacity and/or irreversible medical decline. Copies of these documents should be shared with both primary and secondary (fallback) persons selected to carry the power of making health-care decisions when one is unable to do so oneself. Furthermore, it is very illuminating to discuss one’s end of life values and preferences with the range of family members, physicians, nurses, and congregational care providers.
 - b. Affirms the value of discussions between patients and their physicians, family members, ministers/chaplains/other pastoral care givers, social workers, and hospice personnel, and affirms the inclusion of appropriate reimbursement by private and public healthcare insurers, such as state and national networks developed under the Affordable Care Act. Such advocacy—which “Abiding Presence” may directly assist—is part of “the distribution of the best health care for all people regardless of race, gender, or economic standing.” This confirms the goal of the 1983 General Assembly in the “Covenant of Life and the Caring Community,” in light of advances in pain management and palliative care through both hospital and hospice programs.
 - c. Affirms the judicial and legislative precedents of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Cruzan decision and the Patient Self-Determination Act (both in 1990) that protect the rights of competent individuals (or their designated representatives) to refuse all life-prolonging medication, hydration, and/or nutrition, and enjoins healthcare facilities to provide guidance for each patient to have advance directives for medical treatment.
 - d. Recognizes the diversity of theological and ethical positions among Presbyterians regarding legalization of PAD (physician aid-in-dying), and calls upon those states legalizing PAD to research and carefully regulate the law’s effects upon persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and those who are socially, economically, emotionally and psychologically vulnerable. Also, all states should enhance the scope of end-of-life choices by enacting public policies that will increase and sustain the quality and availability of palliative care, hospice care, and long-term care. It is affirmed that the patient is the moral agent in these circumstances with appropriate safeguards to insure that the patient is not mentally ill or coerced. This position is based on the Reformed affirmation of the “freedom of Christian conscience” and caution against implicit assumptions that death is always preferable to extreme suffering.¹
 - e. Supports careful studies of the range of impacts of PAS or aid-in-dying laws, funded by appropriate federal and state authorities, and including perspectives of nurses, religious caregivers, and family members (frequently female) who may be present at death.² Any in-depth theological and ecumenical study of PAS would be wise to consider enduring medical-ethical traditions,³ including those of nursing; disparities among state and federal laws/regulations and health insurance provisions; and the impact of PAS on palliative care, which is not limited to terminal and/or hospice situations.
 - f. Encourages organ donation as a way to share a very gracious gift and as a commitment that can be part of one’s advance directives.
 - g. Encourages the careful planning of funerals, burials, and cremation, in ways that celebrate the resurrection and presence of God, honor the bodies we have been given, and remember the individual in community. Congregations are encouraged to provide worship resources for advance planning in this area, particularly if they also maintain columbaria or cemeteries on their properties.

Please read this item on PC-Biz to understand the policy statement proposed and the rationale for this item.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
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6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

05/09/16	[11-15] [Item 11-15 became Item 03-12. There is no Item 11-15.] has been edited.
05/09/16	[11-15] [Item 11-15 became Item 03-12. There is no Item 11-15.] has been created.
[11-15] New	Approve "A Standard Definition of Supplier Diversity." https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000031
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Committee on Representation (GA)
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: Triggered by a referral from the 221GA, this recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approve the document, "A Standard Definition of Supplier Diversity," as found in Appendix A on PC-Biz.	
Please read this a fairly long and technical document – it is significant; but, its business model has not achieved the outcomes hoped for in USA industry for the last 30 years under such federal government supported social experimentation – rather it quickly becomes ruthlessly gamed by businesses with figurehead participants which frustrates any meaningful social change.	
Counsel:	
10.	Assembly Action
11.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
12.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale
2.	Amended Recommendation
13.	Financial Implication
14.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments
15.	Concurrence
16.	Additional Resources
17.	Resource Persons
18.	Advocates

[11-16] Ovt-New	On Equipping and Mobilizing Member Congregations to Better Serve Those Living with HIV/AIDS—From the Presbytery of National Capital. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000073
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	National Capital Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):	
1. Equip and mobilize its member congregations to better serve those living among us with HIV-AIDS by the development of the following initiatives:	
a. A mission-based program to create a certificate program in response to the action of the 219th General Assembly (2010), "Becoming an HIV, AIDS, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C Competent Church: Prophetic	

<p>Witness and Compassionate Action” (<i>Minutes</i>, 2010, Part I, pp. 72–73, 1370ff). This effort will support the church in its continued prophetic witness on issues of HIV and AIDS, to specifically expand the prophetic witness into practical application.</p> <p>b. An annual HIV-AIDS conference that would be conducted in partnership with the ten seminaries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).</p> <p>2. Instruct the Fund Development Office to work with the Presbyterian AIDS Network (PAN) to coordinate a development strategy and activities to raise the following revenue to support these initiatives: \$150,000 over a three-year period to be utilized to operationalize these two initiatives.</p> <p>Please read this item on PC-Biz to understand the detailed rationale for this item.</p>
<p>Counsel:</p>
<p>Concurrence: None yet</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence 7. Additional Resources 8. Resource Persons 9. Advocates

<p>[11-17] Ovt-New</p>	<p>On Reviewing the Doctrine of Discovery—From the Presbytery of National Capital. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000074</p>
<p>Source:</p>	<p>Presbytery</p>
<p>Committee:</p>	<p>[11] Social Justice Issues</p>
<p>Event:</p>	<p>222nd General Assembly (2016)</p>
<p>Sponsor:</p>	<p>National Capital Presbytery</p>
<p>Type:</p>	<p>General Assembly Full Consideration</p>
<p>Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiate a process of review of the Doctrine of Discovery that would commence at the end of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) and that would: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. include a comprehensive review of the history of the Doctrine of Discovery; b. include a review of actions taken by other denominations and religious groups to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery, including the explanatory and educational materials created and recommendations developed by these groups related to the Doctrine of Discovery; and c. include contacting Native American tribes and individuals in order to understand how this doctrine impacts them. 2. Prepare a report that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. describes the Doctrine of Discovery and explains its history; b. makes recommendations of how congregations in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) [PC(USA)] can support Native Americans in their ongoing efforts for sovereignty and fundamental human rights; c. describes how relationships with specific Native American individuals and tribes can be developed; d. suggests specific ways in which congregations may recognize, support, and cooperate with Native American individuals, tribes, and nations who reside within their communities; and e. recommends whether the 223rd General Assembly (2018) should or should not repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery. <p>Please note: The relationship of this item to the Belhar Confession.</p>	

Counsel:	
Concurrence: None yet reported in PC-Biz, though asserted in the Rationale.	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale
2.	Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

[11-18] New	A Review of Efforts Regarding Cultural Proficiency and Creating a Climate for Change in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)—From the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns (ACREC). https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000037
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Advocacy Committee on Racial-Ethnic Concerns
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This committee recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):	
1. Direct the six agencies of the General Assembly to have their leadership meet twice a year to collaborate and improve their cultural proficiency (or comparable initiative) goals and resources.	
2. Direct the six agencies of the General Assembly to ensure that all employees of their agency are aware of and have access to the agency’s cultural proficiency (or comparable initiative) plan and goals.	
3. Direct ACREC, in consultation with the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns (ACWC) and the General Assembly Committee on Representation (GACOR), to set a two-year focus for each cycle of cultural proficiency goals for all of the agencies to follow in order to cover all aspects of cultural proficiency effectively and with clarity.	
Please note: The relationship of this item to the Belhar Confession and its implementation in the denomination’s bureaucracy.	
Please read the rationale for this item in PC-Biz.	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale
2.	Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence

7.	Additional Resources
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

[11-19] New	ACREC Recommendations to the General Assembly https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000039
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Advocacy Committee on Racial-Ethnic Concerns
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration

Impact: This committee recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):

1. Incorporate the review of the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns' Manual of Operations and meeting minutes as a part of ACREC's regular six-year, self-study review process with the General Assembly, removing this responsibility from the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, in alignment with the process used for the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns (ACWC).
2. Direct the two agencies that are under their six-year General Assembly review to assign a representative to attend one ACREC meeting per year in their two-year review cycle for the purpose of developing a collaborative work relationship.
3. Direct the two agencies that are under their six-year General Assembly review to invite one representative from ACREC to attend one meeting of that agencies' board or comparable governing body per year in the two-year cycle.
4. Direct all six agencies to apply Recommendations 2 and 3 above in the years when all six agencies are under review by the General Assembly.
5. Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) to give the privilege of vote in addition to voice on Presbyterian Mission Agency committees and boards on which ACREC has representation.
6. Recommend that a comprehensive sampling frame consisting of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) church members be maintained by the Presbyterian Mission Agency for the purpose of future sampling surveys.

Please note: The relationship of this item to the Belhar Confession and its implementation in the denomination's bureaucracy.

Please read the rationale for this item in PC-Biz.

Counsel:

1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
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	5. Rationale
	1. Rationale for Recommendation 1
	2. Rationale for Recommendation 2-4
	3. Rationale for Recommendation 5
	4. Rationale for Recommendation 6
	6. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments

6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

[11-20] New	Recommendations Regarding “Gospel from Detroit: Renewing the Church’s Urban Vision”—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000052
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This committee recommendation would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):	
1. Approve the following brief affirmation in partial fulfillment of the action of the 221st General Assembly (2014):	
City Churches: Convictions, Conversations, and Call to Action (a detailed statement – please read on PC-Biz)	
2. Affirming God’s call to seek the welfare of the city and to organize God’s people for the proclamation of the Gospel and the promotion of racial, economic, and social equity and justice for all citizens of Detroit, Portland, and other cities, take the following actions in both mission strategy and public witness:	
a. In mission strategy: (a detailed list – please read on PC-Biz)	
b. In Public Witness: (a detailed list – please read on PC-Biz)	
Please read the rationale for this item in PC-Biz.	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale
2.	Amended Recommendation
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8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

NEW-[11-21]	Human Trafficking and Human Rights: Children of God, Not for Sale—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000133
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)

Sponsor:	Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy and the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns recommend that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) do the following:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve its proposed “Statement of Concern: The Many Faces of Human Trafficking” 2. Approve its proposed six recommendations for Christian social witness. 3. Receive the supporting study, considering all three parts as “Human Trafficking and Human Rights: Children of God, Not for Sale.” 	
This is a thorough proposal on human trafficking – similar to the new law in Nevada which was advocated and supported by the Religious Alliance In Nevada over the past several legislative sessions – and then takes a next important step to address the structural conditions that encourage such trafficking.	
Please read the full proposal and its rationale for this item in PC-Biz.	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 	

NEW- [11-22]	Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community—From the Presbyterian Mission Agency https://pc-biz.org/#/search/3000154
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This must be a report – this is all that is in PC-BIZ	
Counsel:	

[11-23]	On Therapies Purporting to Change Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity—From the Synod of the Covenant. https://pc-biz.org/#/search/3000140
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Synod of the Covenant
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • express its disapproval of sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts, sometimes called “conversion” or “reparative therapy”; • direct all agencies of the General Assembly to refrain from supporting, sponsoring, or implementing therapies or ministries that attempt to alter a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity; and strongly discourage congregations, presbyteries, synods, and affiliated educational institutions from sponsoring or supporting such programs; • direct the Stated Clerk, the Office of Public Witness, and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations to support national, federal, state, and local legislation to prohibit licensed mental health practitioners from subjecting minors to “conversion therapy” practices that attempt to change their sexual orientation or gender identity; • encourage congregations to equip themselves to provide support and accurate information about sexual orientation and gender identity and expression to families that have lesbian, gay, bisexual, 	

<p>transgender, and questioning members, with attention to biblically and culturally competent resources, including professional association and federal agency resolutions and guidelines on affirmative approaches to LGBTQ children, youth, and adults.</p> <p>This is another media firestorm issue – please read it in entirety on PC-BIZ.org</p>
<p>Counsel:</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>
<p>Rationale</p>

NEW- [11-24]	Churchwide Conversation on Race, Ethnicity, Racism1 and Ethnocentricity Report—From the Presbyterian Mission Agency. https://pc-biz.org/#/search/3000155
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[11] Social Justice Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
<p>Impact: The Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, on behalf of the Churchwide Conversation on Race, Ethnicity, Racism, and Ethnocentricity Team, recommends that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) recommends three extensive actions creating a church-wide awareness and study program within the denomination on racism, ethnicity, and women’s issues.</p> <p>Please read this extensive proposal and its rationale on PC-BIZ.</p>	
Counsel:	
1.	Recommendation
1.	Recommendation 1
2.	Recommendation 2
3.	Recommendation 3
4.	Rationale

Items 11-info (3) and 11-SelfStudy are information to the **Social Justice Issues** committee and are not analyzed here.

Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
12	Peacemaking and International Issues	Consider matters related to: Peacemaking, international military affairs, and the arms race except matters touched upon by the Middle East Peacemaking Issues Committee; international matters; human rights; international economic justice; global evangelism and education.

Item	Item Title
[12-01]	On Acknowledging and Reconciling for Killing Korean Civilians in July 1950—From the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse.
[12-02]	On Celebrating the Completion of the Six-Year Discernment on Peacemaking—From the Presbytery of Mission.
[12-04]	Overture Pertaining to the Congo—From the Presbytery of Chicago.
[12-05]	On Affirming Nonviolent Means of Resistance Against Human Oppression—From the Presbytery of Muskingum Valley.
[12-06]	Risking Peace in a Violent World: Five New Peacemaking Affirmations—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.
[12-07]	New Hopes and Realities in Cuban-American Relations: A “Nuevo Momento”—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.
[12-08]	[Not Referred for Lack of a Concurrence.] On Urging PC(USA) Members to Promote Nonviolent Resolution to Disagreements—From the Presbytery of National Capital.

[12-01] Ovt-025	On Acknowledging and Reconciling for Killing Korean Civilians in July 1950—From the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6297
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[12] Peacemaking and International Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
<p>Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledge that American troops knowingly killed at least 150 Korean civilians (and probably between 250 and 300, mostly women and children) on July 26–29, 1950, near the village of No Gun Ri, and offer apology and condolences to the approximately forty surviving victims. 2. Instruct the Stated Clerk to communicate to the president of the United States and to members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, requesting them to acknowledge the responsibility of the United States military for the deaths of those Korean civilians, to officially apologize for the actions of United States troops at No Gun Ri, and to provide appropriate compensation to the surviving victims and to the families of those killed or wounded in the No Gun Ri incident. 3. Instruct the Presbyterian Mission Agency to arrange a meeting between United States soldiers who were present at No Gun Ri and Korean survivors of the incident there, for the purpose of resolving the long pent-up resentments and feelings of guilt, and moving toward true forgiveness and reconciliation. 4. Recommend to John Knox Press/Geneva Press that they publish an English translation of the true-story novel, <i>Do You Know Our Pain?</i>, written by the late Eun-yong Chung, whose two infant children were killed at No Gun Ri and whose wife was severely wounded there. 5. Establish a task force within the Presbyterian Mission Agency consisting of at least two staff persons from the World Mission Office and two staff persons from the Office of Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministry charged to research the events at No Gun Ri and coordinate the response of the PC(USA) as outlined in this overture. 6. Transmit this overture and rationale, containing information about the events in Korea in 1950, to the churches and presbyteries of the PC(USA) and recommend study of materials including <i>Do You Know Our Pain?</i> and the book <i>The Bridge at No Gun Ri</i> by Charles J. Hanley, Sang-hun Choe, and Martha Mendoza. 	

AP journalists whose reporting of the incident won the Pulitzer Prize for investigative journalism in 2000.
 7. Instruct the Presbyterian Mission Agency to consult with the PC(USA)'s mission partners in South Korea, including the Presbyterian Church in Korea (PCK) and the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK), about the feasibility of jointly commissioning and funding the construction of a memorial church on the grounds of or near the No Gun Ri Peace Park in South Korea.

Please note: The relationship of this item to the Belhar Confession.

Please read the rationale for this item in PC-Biz.

Counsel:

- 1. Assembly Action
- 2. Committee Recommendation
 - 1. Minority Report
 - 1. Rationale
- 3. Recommendation
 - 1. Rationale
 - 2. Amended Recommendation
- 4. Financial Implication
- 5. Comment
 - 1. Advice from the ACC
 - 1. Attachment
 - 2. Other Comments
- 6. Concurrence
 - 1. Atlantic Korean
- 7. Additional Resources (2)
- 8. Resource Persons
- 9. Advocates

[12-02] Ovt-028	On Celebrating the Completion of the Six-Year Discernment on Peacemaking—From the Presbytery of Mission. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6302
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Source:	Presbytery
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Committee:	[12] Peacemaking and International Issues
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Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
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Sponsor:	Mission Presbytery
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Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
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Impact: This overture would ask the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to:

1. Celebrate with gratitude and joy the completion of the six-year discernment process initiated by the 219th General Assembly (2010) to “seek clarity as to God’s call to the church to embrace nonviolence as its fundamental response to the challenges of violence, terror, and war” and to “identify, explore, and nurture new approaches to active peacemaking and nonviolence” (*Minutes*, 2010, Part I, pp. 68, 967).
2. Call upon Presbyterians at all levels of the church to employ the understandings and insights gained by this process to meet the challenge of the 219th General Assembly (2010) to respond to and prevent violence on the local level, the national level, and the international level through prayer, direct action, and advocacy; and to address sexism, racism, and other patterns of oppression as tasks of peacemaking and justice seeking.
3. Recognizing that discerning God’s will is an ongoing task, commit to continue to seek clarity as to God’s call to the church to embrace nonviolence as its fundamental response to the challenges of violence, terror, and war; and to continue to explore and nurture new approaches to active peacemaking and nonviolence as the peacemaking witness and ministry of the church grows.

Please read the short rationale for this item on PC-Biz.

Counsel:

- 1. Assembly Action
- 2. Committee Recommendation
 - 1. Minority Report
 - 1. Rationale
- 3. Recommendation

	1.	Rationale
	2.	Amended Recommendation
4.		Financial Implication
5.		Comment
	1.	Advice from the ACC
	1.	Attachment
	2.	Other Comments
6.		Concurrence
	1.	Hudson River
	2.	Southeastern Illinois
7.		Additional Resources (2)
8.		Resource Persons
9.		Advocates

Item 12-03 did not appear on PC-Biz during the analysis period.

[12-04] Ovt-New	Overture Pertaining to the Congo—From the Presbytery of Chicago. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6353
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[12] Peacemaking and International Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Chicago Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would ask the 222 nd General Assembly (2016) to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Affirm its support for free, fair, and credible elections in all countries guided by the following principles: (a detailed list – Please read on PC-Biz) Express its support for the peoples of Sub-Saharan Africa in their peaceful efforts to ensure regular and credible opportunities to elect public officials and influence the formulation of public policy. Direct the Stated Clerk to communicate to the president of the United States, the U.S. State Department, relevant Congressional leaders, and international bodies, as appropriate, the General Assembly’s particular concern for the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and to call upon the U.S. government and international bodies to join with other nations and religious and humanitarian organizations to promote credible, fair and transparent elections in the DRC by: (another detailed list – Please read on PC-Biz) the United Nations, to advocate for public policies that are consistent with the principles and objectives set out in Recommendations 1 through 3, taking into account existing treaties and encouraging international cooperation to promote collective security, human and civil rights, and effective electoral participation in the DRC and other nations in Sub-Saharan Africa and around the world. This would include, in particular, encouraging the United Nations to work with member states to promote electoral best practices and to develop and implement mechanisms to assess and improve standards of governance, and encouraging the U.S. government to condition its diplomatic recognition, trade, and aid on the implementation of such human rights and fair governance standards. Encourage presbyteries, congregations, and individual members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to: (a third detailed list – Please read on PC-Biz)
	Please read this item on PC-Biz to understand both the proposal and its rationale.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly Action Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Minority Report Rationale Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rationale Amended Recommendation

4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources (1)
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

[12-05] Ovt-071	On Affirming Nonviolent Means of Resistance Against Human Oppression—From the Presbytery of Muskingum Valley. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6356
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[12] Peacemaking and International Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Muskingum Valley Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would ask the 222 nd General Assembly (2016) to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Affirm the historic means by which the Church of Jesus Christ, and specifically the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), has engaged in nonviolent witness for the sake of identifying and calling a stop to forms of human oppression in American society and throughout the world. Acknowledge that such tools have historically included calls for boycott, decisions to divest from companies that profit from violence and oppression, and the establishment of sanctions to be applied by governments and other entities towards states and other organizations that may intentionally or unintentionally support acts of violence and oppression thrust upon innocent people. Create resources that teach the church about its theology of peacemaking and nonviolence in relation to its historical decisions to boycott companies and/or their products, divest from holdings in corporations that profit from non-peaceful and violent pursuits, and otherwise call for sanctions by entities that have the power to effect positive change. Direct the Stated Clerk to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> communicate this action to all other PC(USA) councils and entities, as well as the entire membership of the PC(USA), calling upon them to build greater awareness of our historical witness for peaceful and nonviolent resistance to oppression; and inform our ecumenical partners of this action, both nationally and globally, making the resources we create available to them as well.
	Please read this item's rationale on PC-Biz.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly Action Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Minority Report Rationale Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rationale Amended Recommendation Financial Implication Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Advice from the ACC Attachment Other Comments Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Genesee Valley Additional Resources (1) Resource Persons Advocates

[12-06] New	Risking Peace in a Violent World: Five New Peacemaking Affirmations—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000047
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[12] Peacemaking and International Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
<p>Impact: This ACSWP recommendation would ask the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to: Ten other recommendations surround this one which the Presbytery of Nevada not only worked on; but, became the national model for working it (according to the Louisville staffer).</p> <p>...</p> <p>10. Approve the following affirmations to guide the peacemaking witness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> We affirm that peacemaking is essential to our faith in God’s reconciling work in Jesus Christ, whose love and justice challenge evil and hatred, and who calls the church to present alternatives to violence, fear, and misused power. We confess our complicity in the world’s violence and our failures to stand with those who suffer, even as we pray for the Spirit’s courage to unmask idolatries, speak truth about war and oppression, and respond with ministries of justice, healing, and reconciliation. We follow Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Reconciler, and reclaim the power of nonviolent love evident in his life and teaching, his healings and reversals of evil, his cross and resurrection. Learning from nonviolent struggles and counting the costs of war, we draw upon the traditions of Just War, Christian pacifism, and Just Peacemaking to cultivate moral imagination and discern God’s redemptive work in history. We commit ourselves to practice the things that make for peace in our daily lives, families, and communities, to risk calling our nation back from the practices of empire to the highest ideals of our heritage, and to take part in social movements for a domination-free order. <p>After the eleventh recommendation, this paragraph follows:</p> <p>Building on these, a Peacemaking Commitment for the 21st century would include continuing the work of discerning the chief challenges to peace and security facing each body (the “signs of the times”), a call to repentance and rededication, deeper study of Jesus and nonviolence in the early church and since, exercises of moral imagination to address moral injuries sustained in war (both personal and collective), and then identifying specific risks the congregation or body would be willing to take for peace. These might include acts of solidarity across still-tragic racial divides, hospitality to homeless veterans or asylum seekers, opposition to specific wars, questioning needs for additional surveillance, and other actions based in the Love that drives out fear.</p> <p>Please read this item in its entirety and its rationale on PC-Biz. Note that the se five affirmations are also listed above as “old business” Nevada’s version varies considerably from this version.</p> <p>Please Note: the influence of the Belhar Confession of these statements.</p>	
. Counsel – on the whole recommendation:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly Action Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Minority Report Rationale Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rationale 	

Nevada’s version:

- We affirm that peacemaking in the name of Jesus Christ is important work for the Church.

2. We grieve the violence we see around the world and affirm the Church’s crucial role in providing ministries of justice, healing and reconciliation to those who are suffering under such hostility.
3. We believe it is the redeeming act of God through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that motivates and directs the mission and ministry of the Church.
4. The Presbyterian Church (USA) affirms our continuing support for our sisters and brothers who serve in the U.S. military, veterans, and their families.
5. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we earnestly commit ourselves to seek God’s grace in all relationships of life.

[12-07] New	New Hopes and Realities in Cuban-American Relations: A “Nuevo Momento”—From the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000076
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[12] Peacemaking and International Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
<p>Impact: This ACSWP recommendation would ask the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the following affirmation and receive the study paper and discussion questions (as found in the Rationale section): Affirmation of Cuban and U.S. Presbyterian Mission Achievements and Goals for the Future (This is a detailed study paper -- – please read it on PC-Biz.) 2. Approve the following recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For the Church: (There are four detailed recommendations here – please read them on PC-Biz.) b. In Support of Changes in Cuban Church Life: Support the IPRC’s efforts to receive legal recognition as a church through changes in Cuban law concerning religious bodies, consistent with their exercise of religious liberty¹, and with control over the disposition or improvement of church properties. Recognizing the possibility of more competition for members if foreign capital is allowed to pour without restraint into some kinds of religious groups, we affirm the importance for congregations that are part of historically recognized churches to continue to receive contributions to their mission from overseas partners. We acknowledge that sometimes when hopes outrun realities people may seek new religions promising almost magic change and prosperity; let us learn also from the mistakes and successes of churches in countries that have gone through major social transitions. c. For Governmental and NGO Engagement: Support church, civil, and governmental groups working alongside the Cuban government to protect undeveloped areas and the Cuban environment from ill-considered mining, housing, or industrial uses, to plan responsible tourism that enhances biodiversity, and to cooperate with international efforts to reduce greenhouse gases, preserve Caribbean ecology, etc. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will seek to support environmental and social responsibility in the visits of its partner congregations and in the recreational travel of families and individuals. d. For international Financial Mechanisms and Corresponding National Policies: (There are three detailed recommendations here – please read them on PC-Biz.) e. For Reducing Military Hostility and Restoring International Law: (There are five detailed recommendations here – please read them on PC-Biz.) <p>Please read this item in its entirety and its rationale on PC-Biz.</p>	
Counsel – on the whole recommendation:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale

	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources (1)
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

[12-08] Ovt-New	[Not Referred for Lack of a Concurrence.] On Urging PC(USA) Members to Promote Nonviolent Resolution to Disagreements—From the Presbytery of National Capital. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000072
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[12] Peacemaking and International Issues
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	National Capital Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would ask the 222 nd General Assembly (2016) to: 1. Urge all members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • act, both as individuals and as congregations, to promote nonviolent resolution of disagreements, be they of a personal or a national level; • undertake actions consistent with breaking down the barriers between ourselves and persons who might be wrongly considered “the other,” such as engaging in conversation, or joining at table, or providing support to persons holding religious beliefs, and/or of ethnicities, and/or of nationalities other than our own; • commit to taking at least one specific action towards working toward the goal of a less violent world; and • be mindful, while so acting, of the power of humility and service, rendered in love, as we regard in awe our risen Lord. 2. Direct the Stated Clerk to communicate this action to all other PC(USA) councils and entities. Please read this item’s rationale on PC-Biz – this item could have new life in this committee as a commissioners referral..
Counsel:	1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment 1. Advice from the ACC 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence 7. Additional Resources 8. Resource Persons 9. Advocates

Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
13	BOP, PILP, PPC, and Foundation	Consider matters related to: Report of Board of Pensions; business related to the church's pension, annuity, and medical plans; other forms of such programs, including government or private retirement programs; business related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.

Item	Item Title
[13-01]	The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program, Inc. Report to the 222nd General Assembly (2016)
[13-02]	Recommendation from the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.
[13-03]	Recommendation to Confirm Election of Directors of New Covenant Trust Company, N.A.—From the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation.
[13-04]	Churchwide Gifts Program
05/17/16	[13-06] [13-06 is removed; will be contained in the GANC Slate.
[13-05]	Confirm Individuals to PILP Board of Directors
[13-06]	PMA Election to the Board of Pensions.
NEW-[13-07]	Confirm the Election of the President of the PC(USA) Investment and Loan Program.
[13-A]	Minutes, Board of Pensions
[13-B]	Minutes, Presbyterian Church Foundation
[13-C]	Minutes, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation
[13-D]	Minutes, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program
[13-Info]	Presbyterian Publishing Corporation Agency Summary—2016.
[13-Info]	New Covenant Trust Company, N.A.
[13-Info]	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation Agency Summary

[13-02]	Recommendation from the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000011
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[13] BOP, PILP, PPC, and Foundation
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Publishing Corporation
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: The Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation recommends that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) confirm the reelection of Marc Lewis to a third, four-year term as president and publisher of Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.	
Please read the rationale for this item in PC-Biz.	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale
2.	Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments

6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

[13-03] New	Recommendation to Confirm Election of Directors of New Covenant Trust Company, N.A.—From the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000049
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[13] BOP, PILP, PPC, and Foundation
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Foundation
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation recommends that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) confirm the following directors of its subsidiary, New Covenant Trust Company, N.A., who have been elected for 2015–2016, consistent with the Deliverance for New Covenant Trust Company, N.A., as approved by the 211th General Assembly (1999) and amended by the 212th and 214th General Assemblies (2000) and (2002), and subject to applicable law:	
Other:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Copenhaver Browne, Attorney, White, Female, Married, Lay, Under 50, Synod of the Northeast. • Christopher Y. Nicholas, Retired, Asian, Male, Married, Lay, Over 50, Synod of Living Waters. 	
This is a housekeeping item – please read the rationale in PC-Biz.	
Counsel:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence 7. Additional Resources 8. Resource Persons 9. Advocates 	

[13-04] New	Churchwide Gifts Program https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000050
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[13] BOP, PILP, PPC, and Foundation
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Foundation
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This Presbyterian Church Foundation recommendation would ask the 222 nd General Assembly (2016) to:	
1. Continue its church-wide gifts program, as well as utilize the Foundation’s subsidiary, New Covenant Trust Company, N.A., for the benefit of churches, church organizations, and individuals who wish to use the foregoing to make gifts as an expression of Christian faith and stewardship.	

2. Explore and initiate ways to enhance its expertise and capacity in support of planned and deferred giving (including wills emphasis) and to explore the services of New Covenant Trust Company, N.A., that will allow these programs and entities to be ever more effective contributors toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission for the Glory of God.
3. Continue to explore and cultivate the growing number of national and worldwide ecumenical and business relationships consistent with the mission and witness of the PC(USA) to further advance the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation's & New Covenant Trust Company's (NCTC's) work to serve the church in ministry and mission.
4. Continue the Foundation's commitment to its fiduciary obligation to ensure funds are used in accordance with donor intent. This is especially important now as donors increasingly require more transparency from the mission and ministry organizations they support.

Please read the rationale for this item on PC-Biz.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
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3. Recommendation
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[13-05] New	Confirm Individuals to PILP Board of Directors https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000022
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[13] BOP, PILP, PPC, and Foundation
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
<p>Impact: The Presbyterian Mission Agency Board recommends that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) confirm the following named individuals to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program, Inc., Board of Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Bass, Caucasian Male Ruling Elder, 56–65, Presbytery of Seattle, Synod of Alaska-Northwest, PCUSA Foundation Board, New Nomination • David Ezekiel, Caucasian Male Teaching Elder, 46–55, Presbytery of Chicago, Synod of Lincoln Trails, Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, New Nomination • Chad Herring, Caucasian Male Teaching Elder, 36–45, Presbytery of Heartland, Synod of Mid-America, Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, New Nomination • Thomas McNeill, Black Male Ruling Elder, 56–65, Presbytery of Southern New England, Synod of the Northeast, At-Large New Nomination • Manley Olson, Caucasian Male Ruling Elder 75+, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Synod of Lakes and Prairies, Synod New Nomination • Josephene Stewart, Caucasian Female Ruling Elder, 56–65, Presbytery of Charlotte, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, At-Large PILP Corporation New Nomination • In Yang, Asian American Teaching Elder 46–55, Presbytery of Riverside, Synod of Southern California 	

and Hawaii, At-Large Re-nomination

Please read the rationale for this item on PC-Biz.

Counsel:

- 1. Assembly Action
- 2. Committee Recommendation
 - 1. Minority Report
 - 1. Rationale
- 3. Recommendation
 - 1. Rationale
 - 2. Amended Recommendation
- 4. Financial Implication
- 5. Comment
 - 1. Advice from the ACC
 - 1. Attachment
 - 2. Other Comments
- 6. Concurrence
- 7. Additional Resources
- 8. Resource Persons
- 9. Advocates

[13-06] New	PMA Election to the Board of Pensions. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000016
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[13] BOP, PILP, PPC, and Foundation
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: The Presbyterian Mission Agency Board recommends that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) elect Mary C. Baskin to the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Class of 2020.	
Another Housekeeping item. If you have read this far, you have read the whole item!	
Counsel:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Assembly Action2. Committee Recommendation<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Minority Report1. Rationale3. Recommendation<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Rationale2. Amended Recommendation4. Financial Implication5. Comment<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Advice from the ACC<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Attachment2. Other Comments6. Concurrence7. Additional Resources8. Resource Persons9. Advocates	

Items 13-A-D, 13-info (3) are information to the **BOP, PILP, PPC, and Foundation** committee and are not analyzed here.

Committee Number	Committee Name	Committee Interest
14	Theological Issues and Institutions	Consider matters related to: Amendments to the Directory for Worship and Chapter II of the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; authority and interpretation of Scripture; Christian educators; theological institutions; celebration of Lord's Supper requests.

Item Number	Item Title
[14-01]	On Amending W-4.9000 by Replacing with New Text—From the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas.
[14-02]	Regarding Endorsing the Clergy Letter Project—From the Presbytery of the Cascades.
[14-03]	On Amending W-2.4011 by Adding Language Regarding Who Can Access the Lord's Supper—From the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois.
[14-04]	Revised Directory for Worship.
[14-05]	Mountain Retreat Association Board of Directors.
[14-06]	Approve New Trustees Elected by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Theological Institutions--From the Committee on Theological Education.
[14-07]	Approve the Presidents of Columbia Theological Seminary and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary--From the Committee on Theological Education.
[14-08]	Grant Permission to Theological Institutions to Celebrate the Lord's Supper--From the Committee on Theological Education.
[14-09]	Covenant Between the General Assembly of the PC(USA) and El Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico--From the Committee on Theological Education.
[14-10]	Request for Docket Time for the Late President of Columbia Theological Seminary--From the Committee on Theological Education.
[14-11]	Recognize Persons for Outstanding Lifetime Contributions to Theological Education--From the Committee on Theological Educations.
[14-12]	Recommendation to Create a Special Committee to Study the Reformed Perspective of Christian Education in the 21st Century—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.
[14-A]	Minutes, Committee on Theological Education
[14-Info]	Committee on Theological Education Agency Summary.

[14-01] Ovt-	On Amending W-4.9000 by Replacing with New Text—From the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6287
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[14] Theological Issues and Institutions
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would ask the 222 nd General Assembly (2016) to return the PCUSA to its historic, biblical definition of marriage to be between a man and a woman. Please read this extensive overture and its rationale on PC-Biz. Also read the ACC's advice. Please note: Although the current paragraph was affirmed 3 to 1 by the presbyteries in 2015 – Nevada Presbytery voted strongly <u>against</u> that question.
Counsel:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale

	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
	1. Atlantic Korean
	2. Eastern Korean
	3. Midwest Hanmi
	4. Mississippi
	5. San Fernando
7.	Additional Resources (2)

[14-02] Ovt-029	Regarding Endorsing the Clergy Letter Project—From the Presbytery of the Cascades. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6304
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[14] Theological Issues and Institutions
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Cascades Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would have the denomination yoke itself to judicatories in other Christian denominations and a few hundred Unitarian Universalist and Buddhist clergy to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • divide Truth, • distinguish between scriptural ‘truth’ and scientific ‘truth’ and embrace evolution as a foundational scientific truth (versus a theory among theories), and then, • teach evolution to our children without reservation. 	
Please refer to 2 Cor 6, especially 6:14.	
Please read the long letter in the overture and its rationale to understand what the GA is being asked to do.	
Counsel:	
	1. Assembly Action
	2. Committee Recommendation
	1. Minority Report
	1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation
	1. Rationale
	2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
	1. Advice from the ACC
	1. Attachment
	2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources (2)
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

[14-03] Ovt-	On Amending W-2.4011 by Adding Language Regarding Who Can Access the Lord’s Supper—From the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6325
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	[14] Theological Issues and Institutions

Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Southeastern Illinois Presbytery
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	This overture would amend W-2.4011 to broaden the definition of those who would have access to the Lord's Supper to include: a. The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized seek the presence of Jesus Christ, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus. <i>Baptized Children</i> b. Baptized Children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity. (W-4.2002) Please read this overture and its rationale to understand its purpose and intent.
Counsel:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assembly Action 2. Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report 1. Rationale 3. Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation 4. Financial Implication 5. Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments 6. Concurrence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cimarron 2. Florida 3. Huntingdon 4. Palo Duro 7. Additional Resources (1) 8. Resource Persons 9. Advocates

[14-04] New	Revised Directory for Worship. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000018
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[14] Theological Issues and Institutions
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact:	The Presbyterian Mission Agency Board recommends that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) direct the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed revised Directory for Worship to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative vote. [PLEASE NOTE that the latest draft of the proposed revision to the Directory for Worship incorporates the new language on Christian marriage as approved by the 221st General Assembly (2014) in Amendment 14-F.] Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Directory for Worship

DRAFT OF PROPOSED REVISION: November 2015

Please read this recommendation in PC-Biz – and the comparative study (Current Text - Proposed Text) at Appendix C of this Primer. This is the last of the “Old Business” items. It stands between the NewFOG revision of several years ago and the revision to the Rules of Discipline whose study is proposed to be gin in item 06-14, above.

This proposal was supposed to have received church-wide study; but, it was announced very obscurely and very late. The Presbytery of Nevada determined that there wasn’t enough time to study and make input by the early deadline imposed.

Although the ACC advises that the revision meets all of the criteria the 221GA had for it, being scripturally based was not a criteria. **There are no scripture references provided for any part of this document.**

This proposal need a true, church-wide study, its approach(es) vetted in the Confessions and footnoted, and all of its provisions vetted in scripture and footnoted.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
7. Additional Resources
8. Resource Persons
9. Advocates

[14-05]	Mountain Retreat Association Board of Directors. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000015
Source:	Agencies
Committee:	[14] Theological Issues and Institutions
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Presbyterian Mission Agency
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: The Presbyterian Mission Agency Board recommends that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) approve the following nominee to the Mountain Retreat Association, Inc.’s Board of Directors: Class of 2018: Dean Thompson—Presbyterian Mission Agency Board	
Another housekeeping task – in its entirety.	

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments

6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

[14-06]	Approve New Trustees Elected by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Theological Institutions--From the Committee on Theological Education. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000082
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[14] Theological Issues and Institutions
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Committee on Theological Education
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: The Committee on Theological Education recommends the 222nd General Assembly (2016) approve the new trustees elected by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) theological institutions in 2014–2016: (Many listed – please see PC-Biz.)	
More housekeeping tasks.	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale
2.	Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

[14-07]	Approve the Presidents of Columbia Theological Seminary and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary--From the Committee on Theological Education. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000084
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[14] Theological Issues and Institutions
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Committee on Theological Education
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: The Committee on Theological Education recommends that the 222nd General Assembly (2016)	
1. Approve Leanne Van Dyk as president of Columbia Theological Seminary and David Esterline as president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.	
2. Docket time in the plenary session for each president to make brief remarks.	
More housekeeping tasks. Please read the rationale in PC-Biz.	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale

3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale
2.	Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

[14-08]	Grant Permission to Theological Institutions to Celebrate the Lord's Supper--From the Committee on Theological Education. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000083
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[14] Theological Issues and Institutions
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Committee on Theological Education
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: The Committee on Theological Education recommends that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) grant permission to the following theological institutions to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in 2016–2017: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Columbia Theological Seminary, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, McCormick Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, San Francisco Theological Seminary, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico, and Auburn Theological Seminary.	
More housekeeping tasks. Please read the rationale in PC-Biz.	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation
1.	Minority Report
1.	Rationale
3.	Recommendation
1.	Rationale
2.	Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment
1.	Advice from the ACC
1.	Attachment
2.	Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

[14-09]	Covenant Between the General Assembly of the PC(USA) and El Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico--From the Committee on Theological Education. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000085
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[14] Theological Issues and Institutions
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)

Sponsor:	Committee on Theological Education
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: The Committee on Theological Education recommends that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) approve the revised Covenant Between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and El Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico below.	
A COVENANT BETWEEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) AND EL SEMINARIO EVANGÉLICO DE PUERTO RICO 2010–2016	
Brings the relationship into a better expression allowing broadened accreditation and clearer understanding of this and other institutional relationships.	
Please read the covenant and its rationale on PC-Biz.	
Counsel:	
1.	Assembly Action
2.	Committee Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minority Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale
3.	Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale 2. Amended Recommendation
4.	Financial Implication
5.	Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice from the ACC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2. Other Comments
6.	Concurrence
7.	Additional Resources
8.	Resource Persons
9.	Advocates

Items 14-10 and 14-11 are housekeeping and are not reviewed here.

[14-12]	Recommendation to Create a Special Committee to Study the Reformed Perspective of Christian Education in the 21st Century—From the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000077
Source:	Committee
Committee:	[14] Theological Issues and Institutions
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	No Assignment
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly recommends that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) create a Special Committee to Study the Reformed Perspective of Christian Education in the 21st Century to report to the 223rd General Assembly (2018). The COGA recommends that the work of this committee include:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. assessing the historic roles Christian education and certified Christian educators have played in the formation of faithful followers of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian church and determine how our common history informs the future of educational ministry in the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); b. examining the current state of Christian education not only in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but also ecumenically, while exploring means by which to lift up and strengthen the educational ministries of congregations and councils of the church; c. investigating how persons engaged in educational ministry, paid and volunteer, can offer themselves as resources to the denomination; d. studying current trends in employment of Christian educators within the congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including consulting with the Board of Pensions about educator 	

participation in benefit programs through the Board of Pensions, to determine whether there needs to be any changes in the present certification process, so as to make the certification process more accessible to persons, paid and volunteer, serving in educational ministry in congregations and councils of the church;

e. partnering with racial ethnic caucuses and gatherings of small membership congregations to explore how resources and certification in the PC(USA) can be reflective of the diversity in the church; and

f. exploring means of creating awareness and increasing value in the field of Christian education while helping the entire church think critically and faithfully about the necessity for Christian education in our ever-evolving reality.

This may do for Christian Education what earlier studies did for the *Book of Order*.
 This is the entirety of this item.

Counsel:

1. Assembly Action
2. Committee Recommendation
 1. Minority Report
 1. Rationale
3. Recommendation
 1. Rationale
 2. Amended Recommendation
4. Financial Implication
5. Comment
 1. Advice from the ACC
 1. Attachment
 2. Other Comments
6. Concurrence
7. Additional Resources
8. Resource Persons
9. Advocates

Items 14-info and 14-A are information to the **Theological Issues and Institutions** committee and are not analyzed here.

This item may be added to this committee; however:

[OVT-082]	On Therapies Purporting to Change Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity—From the Synod of the Covenant. https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000140
Source:	Presbytery
Committee:	Unassigned
Event:	222nd General Assembly (2016)
Sponsor:	Synod of the Covenant
Type:	General Assembly Full Consideration
Impact: This overture would have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • express its disapproval of sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts, sometimes called “conversion” or “reparative therapy”; • direct all agencies of the General Assembly to refrain from supporting, sponsoring, or implementing therapies or ministries that attempt to alter a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity; and strongly discourage congregations, presbyteries, synods, and affiliated educational institutions from sponsoring or supporting such programs; • direct the Stated Clerk, the Office of Public Witness, and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations to support national, federal, state, and local legislation to prohibit licensed mental health practitioners from subjecting minors to “conversion therapy” practices that attempt to change their sexual orientation or gender identity; 	

- encourage congregations to equip themselves to provide support and accurate information about sexual orientation and gender identity and expression to families that have lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning members, with attention to biblically and culturally competent resources, including professional association and federal agency resolutions and guidelines on affirmative approaches to LGBTQ children, youth, and adults.

Counsel:
Recommendation
Rationale

Items 14-A and –Info are information to the committee and is not analyzed here.

Not referred as of 05/17/16 (Please see the end of the Committee 8 list):

[OVT-086]	On Prayerfully Studying the Palestinian Civil Society Call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS)—From the Presbytery of New Hope.
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End of 222GA Business Items on PC-BIZ

Format for offering counsel on Business Items identified as coming to the 222nd General Assembly, 2016;

Dear Commissioner and Delegate,

After prayerful consideration of the information related to Business item number __, titled: _____, the Holy Scriptures, my/our review of the counsel of the church and both parts of its Constitution as exists on this item, my/our assessment of the circumstances surrounding our denomination, my/our review of the appropriate religious press coverage of this item, as exists, and my/our discussions with other mature Christians who are also knowledgeable of this business item, my/our counsel to you is to (please pick and elaborate upon one of the following):

___ support the content of this business item in such form as it may appear before the General Assembly or its committee(s), because:

___ oppose the content of this business item in such form as it may appear before the General Assembly or its committee(s), because:

___ modify or support the modification of the content of this business item in such form as it may appear before the General Assembly or its committee(s), as follows:

... because:

Please sign and date your counsel.

For your response to this call for counsel, please send your counsel in an email to: **Art Ritter (Art@AGRitter.com)**, by **March 25, 2016**, for inclusion in Primer II, which is scheduled for distribution by Equipping Ministries on April 1 (no fooling), 2016.

Additionally, you may wish to communicate the following:

To the Presbytery Council,
Please consider concurring with Overture number __, titled _____ to ensure that it gets considered by the 222nd GA because: .

Send such in an email directly to our **commissioners, alternates, and delegate:**

Teaching Elder Commissioner: The Reverend Robert Kelly, Spanish Springs PC, Sparks. 'Robert Kelley' bob@the-kelleys.net Bob is assigned to the **Middle East Issues** Committee (08).

Ruling Elder Commissioner: Marshall Hanson, Henderson PC, Henderson. 'Marshall Hanson' mhanson@interact.ccsd.net

Marshall is assigned to the **Mission Coordination** committee (10).

Alternate* Teaching Elder Commissioner: The Reverend Ed Lockett, Jr.
b.e.lockett.jr@gmail.com

Alternate* Ruling Elder Commissioner: Elaine Noble, the.nabob@sbcglobal.net

And please send a copy to: DeLois Basnett (deloismb@cox.net), chair of Equipping Ministries, copy to Rebecca Watkins, Chair of Council (Rwatkins54@aol.com), Joan Jeffers, Stated Clerk of Presbytery (statedclerknevada@gmail.com), and Art Ritter, assembler of the Primer (Art@AGRitter.com) as soon as possible, as the General Assembly fast approach.