

REPORT H.001
GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE
PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY BOARD
March 22-24, 2017

FOR ACTION

The Board Governance Task Force recommends that the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board:

- 1. Authorize the Board Governance Task Force to explore and propose revisions to the Manual of Operations at the September 2017 meeting of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, that would decrease the number of Presbyterian Mission Agency Board members serving on other committees.**

- 2. Suspend all nominations to these committees, unless the nomination is mandated by the General Assembly, until the September 2017 Presbyterian Mission Agency Board meeting.**

Rationale

The General Assembly mandates that the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board send representatives to fill seven slots on other General Assembly agencies or committee. The list includes:

- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions President Selection Committee (as needed)
- General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
- Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program
- Stated Clerk Review/Nominations Committee (as needed)
- Committee on the Office of the General Assembly
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation

Twenty-one more persons are deployed to committees, beyond the mandate of the General Assembly. This model has not been sustainable (finding nominees has been very difficult) and has not accomplished the level of communication between bodies that was originally desired. Furthermore, it has created frustration for committees when board members have not been able to fulfill their assignments. For Board members who are not retired, few of them have the number of vacation days necessary to serve on multiple national committees, in addition to the number of days that are already given to service on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, its committees and task forces.

Now is the time for the Board to explore using other models for communication between bodies and to allow board members to focus their service on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board.