Top Sheet for the Unification Commission Interim Governance Operating Manual

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Overview

This manual was developed as a supplement to the Commission charge by the 224th General Assembly (Attachment 3). It assumes the values stated in the Covenant of the UC (Attachment 2) with the additional working goal of guiding the unification process so that the unified agency can resource mid-councils as they equip disciples of Jesus Christ across the PCUSA to do vital ministry in the world.

What is the purpose of this manual?

To provide guidance to the Unification Commission (UC) and the executive leadership of the Interim Unified Agency (IUA) as the UC assumes governance tasks which were formerly handled by the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board.

What is the scope of the manual?

The scope has two parts:

- Who: This manual addresses the work of appointed and corresponding members of the UC and its partners in the staff of IUA and the Administrative Services Group who provide support for the UC.
- 2. When/how long: It is intended to assist the UC during the transition to a unified board and agency.

How is this different from the charter of the UC?

The role of interim governance requires certain additional responsibilities which are primarily derived from the Manual of the General Assembly, the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board Manual, and the Manual for the Committee on the Office of General Assembly. The additional responsibilities fall in three areas:

- Roles and Responsibilities of UC Co-Moderators and appointed members
- Committee structure
- Clarification of the relationship between the UC and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly/Executive Director (SC/ED) of the IUA.

Why are cross references to other documents and/or manuals not included here?

This manual assumes the existence and primacy of The Constitution of the PCUSA. At the same time it provides a path for governance responsibilities derived from GA-approved manuals and operating documents. The manuals that informed the creation of this document include:

- The Manual for the General Assembly
 - Standing Rules of the General Assembly
 - The Organization for Mission (2022-2024 version)

- The Manual for the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (2018)
- The Manual of Operations for the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board

Who can change this document?

The Unification Commission.

How often will this document be reviewed?

We expect this to be an ongoing process during this interim period. The manual may need to be amended as unanticipated governance needs emerge. This manual will be used as a starting point for the final proposal for the unified board governance document.

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- 1 The Interim Governing Board Operating Manual provides direction to the Unification Commission
- 2 (UC) as they assume the governance work formerly managed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency
- 3 Board (PMAB) and the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA). This manual
- 4 provides the parameters within which the UC will govern the Interim Unified Agency (IUA) and
- 5 support the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and Executive Director of the IUA (SC/ED) in
- 6 making strategic decisions, preserving mission focus, and ensuring proper stewardship of
- 7 resources while creating a unified and sustainable organization. With the adoption of this manual,
- 8 the UC shall embody the governance of the IUA while continuing its work as the Unification
- 9 Commission (UC).

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I. Organizing Principles

The following core principles inform the interim governance process:

- A. Mission and Ministry: The church, as the body of Christ, exists to share the love of Christ with the world. This principle guides all decisions regarding the structure and purpose of the unified organization.
- B. Participation and Accountability: Every member of the organization—whether commission members, staff, or volunteers—must be accountable to the General Assembly (GA), adhering to its vision and mission directives. The new governance structure intends to ensure stakeholder engagement and provide for transparency as indicated by the Open Meeting Policy approved in revised form by the 218th General Assembly (2008) (see Item V.E.2.c of this document for details).
- C. Unity and Diversity: In line with PCUSA's theology and our partnership commitments, the unified organization shall affirm the strength of a unity characterized by mutual interdependence in which diversity contributes to wholeness..
- D. Faithful Stewardship: Recognizing that all resources are entrusted to the church by God, the governance structure must ensure faithful stewardship in the use of assets, finances, and human resources in its work and witness.
- E. Connectional Church: The unified organization's work shall include providing support for mid-councils and congregations

II. Unification Commission Emphasis

A. In the work of unifying the former Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency, agencies of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ("General Assembly" or "Assembly"), the UC holds these principles to be essential: Relational, Streamlined, Nimble, Justice-Focused, and Vision-Driven. In addition to these principles, the work of the UC should continue to emphasize:

- B. Respect for Each Entity's History and Identity: Each organization comes with its own heritage, traditions, and contributions to the mission of the General Assembly and, pursuant to the Book of Order, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The new governance structure recognizes and, where possible, incorporates these identities while crafting a common future.
- 42 C. Inclusivity in Decision-Making: The transition to a unified organization should be 43 inclusive and collaborative, ensuring that voices from both predecessor 44 organizations are heard and considered during the process.
 - D. Streamlining Operations for Greater Mission Impact: The new governance should ensure operational efficiency and clear decision-making processes to maximize mission effectiveness.

48 III. Term

The UC shall serve as the Interim Governing Board until such time as the General Assembly approves the permanent governing structure and board for the IUA. The period between the adoption of this Operating Manual and the approval of the permanent governing structure shall be called "the interim period".

IV. Membership

In addition to the Commission charter responsibilities, the twelve members of the UC will take on the additional responsibility of governing the IUA. In this interim period, staffing and the participation of the Co-Moderators of the General Assembly will follow the original commission as approved by the 225th General Assembly (2022). Additionally, one of the Co-Moderators of the 226th General Assembly (2024) shall have voice and vote on the Ministry Coordination Committee to ensure coordination in areas of their responsibility relevant to the planning and procedures of the General Assembly. Both Co-Moderators of the General Assembly will have voice but not vote when the commission acts as a whole body. In addition, the SC/ED of the IUA will serve as corresponding member with voice but not vote.

In this interim period, the UC member appointed as a representative from the Board of the A Corporation shall serve as a representative of the UC to the A Corporation Board.

V. Interim Governance Roles & Responsibilities

The review of the Organization for Mission (2022-2024) and the operation manuals for COGA and PMAB have provided critical guidance in establishing the UC's interim governance and operational roles and responsibilities.

A. Interim Governing Board Overview

71 72 73 74 75 76 77	В.	The UC's role in interim governance requires a blend of theological, intercultural, corporate, and fiduciary expertise, all enveloped in prayer. The UC ensures that the work of the IUA continues to support the broader mission of the Church, focusing a support for mid-councils and congregations as they carry out their mission. The Interim Governing Board maintains continuity in mission, facilitates the transition toward unification, and prepares for the creation of the final unified board and agency.		
78	C.		vernance Roles	
79		Mission Priority and Strategic Planning		
80 81		a)	Provide oversight of unification planning and activities within the IUA, including oversight of the Unification Management Office (UMO);	
82 83		b)	Ensure alignment of the IUA's work with the General Assembly's mission priorities;	
84 85		C)	Ensure that directives from the Assembly are effectively implemented and reported;	
86 87 88		d)	Support the SC/ED as they lead the implementation of Assembly directives within the IUA, including reviewing and adapting priorities and strategies, and aligning resources to fulfill mission goals;	
89 90		e)	Support SC/ED as they review and adapt priorities and strategies in alignment with the General Assembly's vision and God's calling.	
91		2. Finan	cial & Resource Oversight	
92		a)	Ensure the proper stewardship of resources;	
93 94		b)	Support the budget development process led by staff leadership, including Ministry Priorities and Strategies	
95 96		c)	Forward recommended budgets to the General Assembly for approval;	
97 98		d)	Recommend the GA per capita apportionment to the General Assembly;	
99 100		e)	Approve any changes which would result in an increase to the General Assembly approved operating budget;	
101 102		f)	Ensure the accountability of the IUA to the General Assembly through regular reviews of financial, human resources, and program planning;	
103 104		g)	Collaborate with the A Corp Board as needed regarding personnel procedures and compensation guidelines for IUA staff.	
105		3. Gene	ral Assembly Planning	
106 107 108		a)	Support the SC/ED and staff to ensure effective planning for upcoming assemblies, including scheduling, program coordination, and site logistics;	
109 110		b)	Review and approve, in consultation with the GA Moderator(s) and SC/ED, the General Assembly's program, business and worship	

planning.

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112		4.	Leadership Support and Evaluations	
113			a)	Providing critical guidance and input to the IUA through the SC/ED;
114			b)	Provide counsel and support to the SC/ED as they carry out their
115				responsibilities;
116			c)	Forward to GA recommended nominations and/or appointments to
117				ecclesial and General Assembly related executive leadership roles
118				within the IUA;
119			d)	Monitor and ensure accountability for the work of the SC/ED; including
120				reporting the completion of the evaluation of the work of the SC/ED to
121		_	0	the General Assembly.
122		5.		l Assembly Committee Support
123			a)	Receive reports and provide feedback and/or recommendations from
124				permanent committees, special committees, standing committees,
125				and advocacy and advisory committees;
126			b)	Provide necessary linkage to the General Assembly for those entities
127		0	Ctalcala	needing access to complete their work.
128		6.		older Engagement
129			a)	Ensure collaboration and communication with relevant committees
130				and Agency/entity boards, including the SC/ED;
131 132			b)	Collaborate with mid-council leaders as needed to support new and emerging ministries
133			c)	Support mid council leaders and IUA staff as needed.
134	D.	Comi	mittees	•
135		1.	Committee Structure	
136			The UC	may create one or more committees to fulfill its roles and
137				sibilities. The UC Co-Moderators shall appoint each Committee Chair,
138			subject	to the approval of the UC. The UC Co-Moderators shall recommend
139				mbers of each committee, subject to the approval of each Committee
140				nd the UC. The SC/ED is an ex officio member of each committee with
141			voice b	ut not vote.
142				ttees are responsible for completing assigned work. The listed
143			-	sibilities in this manual may be adjusted as work progresses. Any
144				ttee reports with recommendations or action items for General
145				bly approval shall pass through the UC.
146			Starr sr	nall be assigned to inform and support the work of each committee.
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147		2.		ng Committee
148		2.	The Pla	nning Committee shall be composed of the UC Co-Moderators, each
148 149		2.	The Pla	nning Committee shall be composed of the UC Co-Moderators, each mmittee Chair, and the SC/ED. The purpose of the Planning Committee
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152 The Planning Committee will support the UC Co-Moderators with any 153 decisions related to the UC and governance. 154 The Planning Committee shall have no decision-making authority on behalf of 155 the UC. 156 3. **Relationships Coordination Committee** 157 Roles derived from the UC charter: (Item 1.d.) The commission will have the 158 authority to review, adapt, align as necessary, and organize the role(s) and 159 relationships of those committees of the General Assembly, entities, boards, 160 committees and constituent bodies that are not explicitly established in the 161 Book of Order toward long-term faithfulness, financial sustainability, and a 162 unified new structure. 163 Responsibilities include: 164 Understanding, navigating, and making recommendations to the UC a) 165 regarding mid-council relationships and support; 166 b) Identifying and making recommendations regarding existing and future 167 linkages with other boards, committees, or entities; 168 Receiving reports from, and providing any necessary linkage to the c) 169 General Assembly for the Advisory and Advocacy committees or other 170 groups/entities that reported through or work directly with COGA and 171 PMAB; 172 Receiving reports from appointed/assigned representatives to other d) 173 boards, advisory or advocacy committees, and/or other 174 entities/committees. 175 Roles derived from interim governance include GA Committee Support (see 176 V.B.5) and Stakeholder Engagement (see V.B.6). 177 Responsibilities include: 178 Designing processes for receiving reports, feedback, and/or e) 179 recommendations from permanent and special committees, 180 commissions, standing committees, advocacy and advisory 181 committees; 182 Receive reports and provide feedback and/or recommendations from f) 183 permanent and special committees/commissions and standing 184 committees, advocacy and advisory committees; 185 Provide necessary linkage to the GA for those entities needing access g) 186 to complete their work; 187 h) In coordination with the SC/ED, determine processes for navigating 188 and strengthening mid-council relationships including: receiving 189 feedback from mid-council leaders and ensuring support and 190 coordination between mid council leaders and IUA staff. 191 Ministry Coordination Committee 4.

192 Roles derived from the UC charter: (Item 1.e) This commission shall have the 193 power to combine, unify, eliminate, and/or create any necessary 194 organizational structure, including personnel and budget, to accomplish these 195 missional strategies and priorities. 196 Responsibilities include: 197 Ensuring that mission critical work and/or oversight responsibilities 198 formerly carried by COGA/PMAB is managed and/or reassigned in the 199 interim period; 200 Coordinating with and providing oversight for SC/ED; b) 201 Coordinating with and providing oversight for the UMO; c) 202 d) Receiving critical reports as requested by senior staff. 203 Roles derived from interim governance include Mission Priority & Strategy (see 204 V.B.1), General Assembly Planning (see V.B.3), and Leadership Support & 205 Evaluation (see V.B.4). To enable the completion of responsibilities relevant to 206 General Assembly planning and procedures, one of the Co-Moderators of the 207 General Assembly shall be a member of the Ministry Coordination Committee 208 with voice and vote. 209 Responsibilities include: 210 e) Design a process to facilitate ongoing review of mission effectiveness 211 and program delivery; 212 Identify which positions within the organization require board approval f) 213 and collaborate with SC/ED for appointment; 214 Work with SC/ED to develop an outline for the Report to the 227th g) 215 General Assembly on the Interim Unified Agency and support with 216 SC/ED in drafting the Report on the Interim Unified Agency to the 217 General Assembly; 218 h) Develop the final organization for mission for the unified agency, 219 including board structure and roles. See Section 10.0 Transition To 220 Permanent Board for details 221 i) Draft the Report on Unification for the General Assembly that includes 222 the completion of unification activities, the final organization for 223 mission document, and the final recommended Ministry Priorities and 224 Strategies for the new agency; 225 In coordination with the General Assembly Nominating Committee j) 226 (GANC) identify candidates for the Unified Agency governing body 227 based on needs and competencies and forward to the General 228 Assembly the recommended nominations and/or appointments to the 229 Unified Agency governing body, Presbyterian Investment & Loan 230 Program (PILP), Presbyterian Historical Society, and others as needed;

231 232 233		k)	In coordination with the Co-Moderators of the General Assembly and the SC/ED, review and recommend GA docket and assignment of		
233 234 235		l)	business to the committees; Receive report from SC/ED regarding, worship planning and general assembly programs.		
236	5.	Resou	urce Coordination Committee		
237		From	the UC charter: (Item 1.f) The commission shall review, address, and		
238 239 240 241 242		align the financial agreements including per capita, restricted, and unrestricted funds, among the Foundation, the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the Office of the General Assembly, and the Presbyterian Church (USA), A Corporation (A Corp) to support the new Organization for Mission so that each area of mission and adequate funds to sustain its mission long-term.			
243		Respo	onsibilities include:		
244		a)	Coordinating with ASG on budget/finance and resource development.		
245 246 247		b)	Coordinating with the A Corp board, where necessary and appropriate, for the overall stewardship of the resources of the PCUSA;		
248		c)	Coordinating with ASG regarding critical issues that emerge related to		
249		• ,	financial resources, stewardship of property, technological		
250			resourcing, and human resources;		
251 252		d)	Receiving regular reports from the SC/ED, the President, HR Director, and CFO/COO of A Corp and any other PCUSA executives as		
253			requested in order to recommend any necessary actions to the UC.		
254 255			Roles derived from interim governance include Financial & Resource Oversig (see V.B.2).		
256		Respo	onsibilities include:		
257 258 259 260		e)	Defining the system-level processes, including specific process steps and owners, that support the IUA and UC working effectively with ASC and the A Corp Board; these processes include but are not limited to finances, human resources, legal, and enterprise risk management.		
261 262			Make recommendations to the Ministry Coordination Committee for incorporation into the governance design;		
263		f)	Supporting the budget development process led by staff leadership,		
264		-,	including ensuring that goals and priorities are set and forward to the		
265			General Assembly for approval;		
266		g)	Developing the policy that defines the frequency and focus of		
267			financial, personnel, and program planning reviews;		
268		h)	Collaborating with SC/ED and ASG to determine GA per capita		
269		:\	apportionment that will be recommended to the General Assembly;		
270 271		i)	Recommending for UC approval any changes which would result in an increase to the General Assembly approved operating budget.		

272	E.	UC Co-Moderators				
273 274 275 276 277		1.	comm UC in a hold c	o-Moderators of the UC hold the overall responsibility of leading the ission and the governing body. In this role, they set the priorities for the alignment with the strategy for the IUA, determine the meeting schedule ommittees accountable for the timely completion of their work, and ate commission meetings.		
278		2.		ation of the SC/ED		
279 280			a)	Implement the process, as described in Attachment 1, for conducting performance reviews.		
281 282			b)	Monitor the performance of the SC/ED through regular discussions on priorities, progress, and issues;		
283 284			c) d)	Conduct performance evaluation in compliance with the process; Report to GA the completion of the evaluation.		
285	F.	UCI	Meetings			
286		1.	Agend			
287 288			a)	The Planning Committee shall meet approximately three weeks prior to each scheduled UC meeting to set the agenda.		
289 290			b)	The agenda shall be distributed to the UC no later than five business days prior to each scheduled UC meeting.		
291		2.				
292 293 294			a)	Regular Meetings. The UC shall finalize their schedule of meetings for a calendar year no later than the December of the prior calendar year. This schedule of Regular Meetings shall be made public.		
295 296 297 298 299			b)	Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by a Co-Moderator, or by any three or more members. Such a Special Meeting shall only be held upon at least one (1) day's written notice to all Members. Any such notice shall set forth the time and place of the meeting and state the purpose for which it is called.		
300 301 302			c)	All UC meetings shall be public to promote transparency. Per the Open Meeting Policy, closed sessions shall be held only with regard to discussions of personnel, property, security, or litigation.		
303		3.	Minute	es		
304 305 306			a) b)	Minutes shall be taken at all UC meetings and Committee meetings. Minutes from UC meetings shall be made available to the public after approved by the UC.		
307	G.	The	Stated C	Clerk & Executive Director		
308 309 310 311		1.	Standi Stated	on of the Stated Clerk. The Stated Clerk shall be elected per the ng Rules of the General Assembly. The Stated Clerk shall serve as the I Clerk of the General Assembly and the Executive Director of the Interimal Agency (SC/ED).		

312 313 314 315 316		2.	Roles and Responsibilities. The position of SC/ED encompasses two distinct roles: the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and the Executive Director of the Interim Unified Agency. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly's roles and responsibilities are derived from the Standing Rules of the General Assembly and the Book of Order.
317 318 319 320		3.	Accountability. During the period of interim governance, the SC/ED is accountable through the UC to the General Assembly for the performance of the duties of the office of Stated Clerk and the responsibilities of the Executive Director of the IUA. This authority is derived from the Standing Rules H.2.a.(2)).
321 322 323		4.	Budget. The SC/ED, in coordination with the President of A Corporation, shall provide a budget to the UC during the (Insert quarter of year or alternate year) for approval and in preparation for General Assembly.
324 325		5.	Reports. The SC/ED, in conjunction with staff, shall develop the following reports provide them to the UC through the Ministry Coordination Committee:
326			a) Report on Ministry Priorities, Programs, and Strategies;
327			b) Report on the Interim Unified Agency;
328			c) Report on Unification;
329			d) Other reports to the UC as requested.
330		6.	Evaluation. The SC/ED shall have regular performance reviews as described in
331 332			Attachment 1. The process shall be adapted and implemented by the UC Co- Moderators.
333 334 335		7.	Participation in UC Meetings. The SC/ED shall attend and take part in the meetings of the UC but may not vote. The SC/ED shall be a non-voting member of all committees.
336	H.	Com	nmunications
337 338 339 340 341		1.	Communication with Staff (including ASG. The UC and SC/ED shall maintain regular communication, to ensure that staff members are kept informed about changes in governance, structure, and operational adjustments. These communications will be jointly developed by the UC, IUA, and ASG and distributed through appropriate channels.
342 343 344 345		2.	Communication with Stakeholders. Regular updates should be shared with mission partners, mid councils, and congregations to maintain transparency and ensure support for unification. These communications include UC meeting minutes and other communications distributed by the UMO.
346 347 348 349		3.	Public Statements. The UC shall, when appropriate, make public statements regarding the progress of unification, emphasizing the vision for the unified organization. These communications will be developed in collaboration with the SC/ED and the Unified Communications Office.

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Transition to Permanent Board

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351 352	1.	Transition Plan: At the end of the Unification process when there is a clear operations structure, the UC will develop a transition plan including:		
353		a) A permanent governing structure;		
354 355		b) A recommendation that the GA Nominating Committee, in consultation with and the GA Committee on Representation,		
356		nominate the slate of nominees to the permanent governance body fo		
357		election by the 227th General Assembly.		
358	2.	Documents for General Assembly: The UC will forward to General Assembly		
359		the following documents for approval:		
360 361		 a) A recommended final governance document (organization for mission); 		
362		b) Any recommendations for amendments to existing standing rules,		
363		manuals, and/or other governing documents;		
364		c) Any additional recommendations related to the new agency structure.		
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Attachment 1

From the Manual for the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly APPENDIX A: PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

A. Stated Clerk:

There will be two forms of assessment of the Stated Clerk's work: 1) an annual review, and (2) an end-of-term evaluation.

Annual Review

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly will annually review the work of the Stated Clerk (Standing Rule E.1.d.(2)).

The annual review will be based on work objectives developed by the Stated Clerk and approved by the committee.

At the fall meeting, the committee will meet with the Stated Clerk to review work performance for the past year, and in light of the review to consider work objectives for the year ahead.

Result of the annual review shall be given to the Stated Clerk in writing.

2. End-of-Term Evaluation

The Stated Clerk Nomination Committee will be responsible for conducting an end-of-term evaluation (see Standing Rule G.1.C.(1)(d)).

The end-of-term evaluation must include a recommendation whether the Stated Clerk should be considered for reelection.

B. Review of Other Staff:

The Stated Clerk shall be responsible for ensuring that the review and evaluation of all other staff is done on a regular basis. The result of the review of department directors shall be reported to the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.

Commission for the Unification of the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency

COMMISSION COVENANT

- To pray for one another
- To speak and listen with respect
- To inhale and exhale, to remember to breathe
- To have a posture of open mindedness, ready to listen, not quick to make decisions but seek understanding first
- To offer grace as we share collective witness
- To address things authentically, transparently and directly
- To make tough decisions
- To not be bound by our assumptions
- To be open to the Spirit's new options we haven't even considered
- To stay trusting in God
- To know when to speak and act, and know when to be quiet and wait for decisions to come in their time
- To be sensitive to the mindset of staff from OGA and PMA, to pray for them, to be a calming force
- To be consistent in how we communicate officially and unofficially
- To not take ourselves too seriously
- To support and care for one another
- to address things authentically, transparently, directly with the intention of gaining clarity in discussion.
- to assume good intentions.

 $\underline{https://oga.pcusa.org/section/committees/ga-special-committees-and-task-forces/commission-unification-oga-pma/\#covenant}$

Adopted on December 17, 2022 Amended on April 5, 2024

Attachment 3

[FIN-10] Align in Mission, Purpose, and the Use of Resources: Report of the Special

Committee on Per-Capita Based Funding and National Church Financial

Sustainability

Source: Committee

Committee: [FIN] Financial Resources

Prefile #: [COM-085]

Event: 225th General Assembly (2022)

Sponsor: Special Committee on Per-Capita Based Funding and National Church Financial

Sustainability

Type: General Assembly Full Consideration

Action Summary

Recommendation	Action			
On Recommendation (Recommendation 1), the Financial Resources Committee acted as follows:	Approve as Amended (CA)			
On Recommendation (Recommendation 1), the General Assembly acted as follows:	Approve as Amended (AA)			
On Recommendation (Recommendation 2), the Financial Resources Committee acted as follows:	Approve as Amended (CA)			
On Recommendation (Recommendation 2), the General Assembly acted as follows:	Approve as Amended (AA)			
Financial Implications	2023	2024	Total	
Per Capita	\$59,386 (\$0.05)	\$65,136 (\$0.06)	\$124,522	

Assembly Action

On Recommendation (Recommendation 1), the General Assembly acted as follows:

Approve as Amended

Electronic Vote - Plenary

Affirmative: 321 Negative: 54 Abstaining:

Final text: Show Amended Text

- 1. Form a commission to oversee and facilitate the unification of the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) into a single agency, revise the Organization for Mission to reflect this change, and work to align the entities, boards, committees, and constituent bodies of the General Assembly toward long-term faithfulness and financial sustainability of its mission within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
 - a. The commission shall establish missional and ecclesial coordination and determine the strategies and priorities, across all entities, committees, and constituent bodies of the General Assembly where all available dollars, responsibilities, and charges are evaluated and unified to provide the best accomplishment of General Assembly goals.
 - b. The commission shall provide governance for and have the authority to assume all governance functions of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (PMAB) and the Committee on the General Assembly (COGA) as the commission deems necessary.
 - c. The commission will consult with representatives from OGA, PMA, and all other agencies, committees, staff, and PC(USA) entities and their boards, including the advocacy and advisory committees, and mid councils. Additionally, the executive leadership of PMA and OGA shall participate as requested.
 - d. The commission will have the authority to review, adapt, align as necessary, and organize the role(s) and relationships of <u>those</u> committees of the General Assembly, entities, boards, committees and constituent bodies that are not explicitly established in the Book of Order toward long-term faithfulness, financial sustainability, and a unified new structure.
 - e. This commission shall have the power to combine, unify, eliminate, and/or create any necessary organizational structure, including personnel and budget, to accomplish these missional strategies and priorities.
 - f. The commission shall review, address, and align the financial agreements including per capita, restricted, and unrestricted funds, among the Foundation, the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the Office of the General Assembly, and the Presbyterian Church (USA), A Corporation (A Corp) to support the new Organization for Mission so that each area of mission has adequate funds to sustain its mission long-term.
 - g. This commission shall not have the power to change the boards or bylaws of the Board of Pensions (BOP), the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC), the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc. (PILP), the Presbyterian Foundation (PF), or the Presbyterian Church (USA), A Corp, but may make recommendations to these agencies in an effort to better align the mission goals and priorities of the General Assembly.
 - h. The commission recommendation for participation shall include:
 - i. One member each from the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA), the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (PMAB), and the Board of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation.
 - ii. Two members from the Per Capita and Financial Sustainability Committee (PCFSC).
 - iii. A member of the Moving Forward Implementation Commission (MFIC) or its successor.
 - iv. Two commissioners from the 225th General Assembly (2022).
 - v. Two members-at-large from the larger church, including persons with expertise in strategic planning, visioning, experience on administrative commissions, and/or institutional reorganization.

- vi. To ensure representation, COGA, PMAB, MFIC, A Corp, and PCFSC will submit the names of four possible members to serve on the commission.
- vii. The Moderator or Moderators of the 225th General Assembly (2022), after consultation with the General Assembly Nominating Committee (GANC) and the General Assembly Committee on Representation (GACOR), will name the commission.
- viii. Staff from the Office of the General Assembly, the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and the Administrative Services Group (ASG) of A Corp will provide support to the work of the commission.
- ix. Two Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAAD) from the 225th General Assembly (2022).
- x. In forming the commission, attention will be paid to best practices of representation to ensure that in addition to representation from agencies, there is diversity in identities, particularly including race, age, sexuality, and gender.
- i. Once unification is finalized, the commission shall determine the structure moving forward and present the new Organization for Mission to the 227th General Assembly (2026).