

Recommendations of Persons for Service on Special Committees and Task Forces

Most people serving on a General Assembly level committee or commission say that it was the encouragement of people like you – people in leadership – that opened for them the possibility of sharing their knowledge, skills, and experience in appointed and elected service. Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring that a broad spectrum of our church participates in the decision-making tables of the church.

We still need your assistance in identifying and encouraging persons who might serve well on special committees and task forces still to be appointed. **In particular, we are seeking the names of people of color, ruling elders and church members, persons 35 years of age and under, women, and those “west of the Mississippi,”** for these entities:

Cross-sectional Task Force to Develop and Publish Priorities and Guidelines for the Decade of Intercultural Transformation

The Assembly created a cross-sectional task force to develop and publish priorities and guidelines for congregations, mid councils, and General Assembly entities for the Decade of Intercultural Transformation and recommend appropriate resources to deepen understanding and skills for resisting discrimination based on race, class, gender, sex, or sexuality. Promote awareness of resources currently available that deepen understanding of intersectionality and skills for resistance including those less frequently discussed, such as interfaith competencies so essential in these times. (see pc-biz.org Item 11-11)

Jarvie Commonweal Endowment Reconciliation Team

The Assembly acted to form a Reconciliation Team to identify and engage those concerned in a peacemaking and reconciliation process and report out to the 224th General Assembly (2020). (see pc-biz.org Item 13-01)

Representative Vision Team for Ongoing Vision Discernment Work

The Assembly established a representative Vision Team as part of the denominational structure that is tasked with shepherding ongoing vision discernment work, including engaging in discernment practices in collaboration with the six agencies and the mid councils; bringing recommendations about that discernment to the agencies and/or General Assembly; and communicating the unified, dynamic vision to the broader church. (see pc-biz.org Item 04-04 (8.b))

Paid Family Leave Task Force

The Assembly created a six-person task force to study, work, pray and discern on the issue of paid family leave for PC(USA) employees, including but not limited to ministers to implement a faithful resolution with all the challenges associated with this. (see pc-biz.org Item 06-NB)

Special Committee to Study Amending the Book of Confessions to include the Letter from Birmingham City Jail

The Assembly commends the “Letter from Birmingham City Jail,” written by Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to the church for study, as a resource that provides prophetic witness that inspires, challenges, and educates both church and world, and furthermore, to begin the process outlined in G-6.03 to include it in the Book of Confessions. (see pc-biz.org Item 14-05)

Team on A Comprehensive Statement to Accompany the Confession of Belhar

Members: 7 PCUSA members plus 4 ecumenical members

The Assembly created a team of seven PC(USA) members from the fields of theology, social ethics, ethnic and racial history, law and/or philosophy, capable of contributing to a concise but comprehensive statement to be presented for approval to the 224th General Assembly (2020). As many as four other Reformed or Full Communion church representatives may be invited to serve on the team. (see pc-biz.org Item 14-01)

Please send your recommendations to Valerie Izumi, Manager for GA Nominations, at valerie.izumi@pcusa.org.

Thank you for your assistance.

Peace,

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