

**2014 General
Assembly
FINAL ACTIONS
of GA**

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BusinessItem Original Proposal Final action of the Assembly

03-01	Requesting TE's to pay per capita	Disapproved
03-02	Allowing presbyteries to forward only per capita rec'd from churches to be forwarded to higher governing bodies	Disapproved w/comment
03-03	Seeks to give non-ordained young people voice and vote; make them full commissioners	Disapproved
03-04	Biennial Assembly review committee recs	Approved as amended
03-05	OGA and PMA Per Capita budget	Approved
03-06	Advocacy for hotel and hospitality workers	Approved
03-09	Standards of conduct for GA commissioners and advisory delegates	Approved
03-13	Providing childcare at GA meetings	Referred w/comment 330/290
03-14	Designating presbytery exec as corresponding members of GA	Disapproved 452/163
04-01 , 04-03 , 04-06	Reviewing GA policy on the Two-State solution with an eye toward "liberation from all Israeli rule"; seek to position the PCUSA to side exclusively with the Palestinians	04-01 Approved 04-03 Disapproved 04-06 Approved as amended
04-02 , 04-07 , 04-05 , 04-08	Seeking divestment from Caterpillar, Hewlett Packard and Motorola Solutions Seeks boycott of all products from HP	04-02 answered with action on 04-04 04-05 Disapproved 04-07 answered with action on 04-04 04-08 Approved divestment
04-04	Pro-investment overture amended by committee to include Divestment of CAT, HP and Motorola Solutions	Approved as amended
04-09	"Resolution on Equal Rights for All Inhabitants of Israel and Palestine and on Conversations with Prophetic Voices"	Approved as amended
04-10	Acknowledging that "Zionism Unsettled" does not represent the position of the PCUSA and having it removed from sale on web site	Approved as amended - the amendment leaves the document for sale on PCUSA website
04-11	Condemns a specific act of the Israeli military; aligns PCUSA on side of legal, financial and political advocacy on behalf a specific Palestinian family	Approved as amended
04-12	Advocacy for rights of all children in the Israeli and Palestinian conflict	Approved as amended
04-13	Interfaith "off the record" talks and prayer led by Stated Clerk btn those party to the Israeli Palestinian conflict	Approved as amended
04-14	"Third Way" compromise on Israel/Palestine	Disapproved
05-01	Reorganization/reconfiguration of Synods	Answer with action on 05-04
05-02	Guaranteeing the continuance of the Synod of Puerto Rico no matter the outcome of 05-04	Approved
05-04 , 05-res	Mid Council Commission II Report and related response from Synod executives	Approved as amended - the amendment changes 8 to 10-12 synods
05-07	Dissolution of Hamni presbytery	Approved w/comment
06-01	Replacing "guided by" with "obedient to" the Scriptures in ordination standards	Disapproved (no discussion; hand vote)
06-02	Regarding sale or encumbrance of property given to a local congregation as a gift	Disapproved (no discussion; no vote count)
06-05 , 06-03	Amend G-2.0509 to disallow those who have renounced the jurisdiction during judicial proceeding from performing work in PCUSA	06-05 Approved as amended 06-03 Answered with action on 06-05
06-08	Allowing presbyteries (not only congregations) to elect and ordain commissioned ruling elders	Disapproved
06-09	Clarifying what is meant by "Essentials of the Reformed Faith"	Disapproved

06-10	Allowing for affiliate congregational membership for retired Teaching Elders	Disapproved
06-11	Allowing churches to realign with other presbyteries within the PCUSA	Disapproved
06-12	12 recommendations for changes to preparation for ministry process and ordination exams	Approved as amended
07-01	Seeks to abandon Old Testament "covenant" affirmation of Israel as the people of God	Disapproved w/comment
07-02	Amending the "Interreligious Stance of the PCUSA" paragraph in the Book of Order	Approved as amended
08-03 , 08-04	Revisions to church-wide plan for equal employment opportunity and affirmative action and revisions to PMA manual of operations that eliminate the criteria of Christian faith for employment by the denomination	08-03 Referred to PMA w/comment 08-04 Approved
08-05	Resolution to define and interpret standards for PCUSA Racial Ethnic schools and colleges	Approved
08-07	"Fairness in Ministerial Compensation: Incentives and Solidarity"	Approved as amended
08-08	"The Gospel from Detroit: Renewing the Church's Urban Vision"	Referred with comment
08-09	Adding for-profit prisons to the "sin list" of proscribed investments; targeted divestment	Approved
08-12	Institutional relationship btn PCUSA and Presbyterian Women	Approved
08-13	Recommendations to restructure PCUSA special offerings and recipients	Approved
08-14	Resolution to address child/youth protection policies and resources in the PCUSA	Approved as amended
08-15	Making the PMAB \$80 mill budget/actual expenditures transparent	Approved
09-01 , 09-07 09-21	Advocacy for gun violence prevention and advocacy for legislation leading to the registration of all guns and regulation of all ammunition	09-01 answered w/action on 09-07 09-07 approved as amended to include 09-21
09-02	2 yr study on the plight of unwanted children and special committee on abortion review	Disapproved
09-04	Advocacy for national moratorium on the imposition of the death penalty	Approved
09-05	2 year study on how to advocate for effective U.S. drug policies (legalization)	Approved
09-06	Advocacy for reform to the U.S. financial and political systems	Approved as amended
09-09	Advocacy for "food sovereignty"	Approved
09-10	Study on End of Life issues	Approved as amended
09-11	1000 days of nutrition for mother and child	Approved
09-12	Provision for trauma crisis counseling training to care for survivors related to homicide victims	Approved
09-13	Review of efforts toward cultural proficiency and creating a climate for change in the PCUSA	Approves as amended
09-15	Advocacy funding to educate against and help prevent voter suppression	Approved
09-16	"Tax Justice: a Christian Response to a New Gilded Age" is a series of recommendations for re-writing the U.S. tax code with the goal of redistribution of wealth through progressive taxation, the elimination of deductions for mortgage interest and charitable contributions	Approved
09-20	Response to global crisis of LGBT people and their families	Approved
09-22	Developing parental leave policies for pastors	Approved
10-01 , 10-02	Redefines marriage by amending Book of Order - "two people" replaces "one man and one woman"	10-1 Disapproved 10-2 Approved as amended
10-03 , 10-04	Issuing an Authoritative interpretation that redefines marriage by allowing ministers to perform same sex weddings	10-03 Approved as amended 10-04 answer w/action on 10/3 (64/4)

10-05	Seeks to allow for same-sex marriage by PCUSA pastors and in PCUSA churches in states where the practice is legal	Answered by action on 10-02
10-06	Seeks to rescind the 1991 authoritative interpretation that prohibits PCUSA pastors from performing and sessions from allowing facilities to be used for same-sex weddings	Answered with action on 10-03
10-07	Seeks to create a task force to identify common ground and reconcilable differences on same- sex marriage	Disapproved
10-08	Commissioner's resolution that would have supplied a Relief of Conscience for pastors and sessions who affirm "one man and one woman" design for marriage	Ruled out of order based on Standing Rule A.8.d.
10-NB	PMAB & OGA to engage in the process of working with churches in the task of reconciliation; visit every presbytery	Approved (by 94% of the GA
11-01	Peace discernment	Answered with action on 11-11
11-02	Spiritual and material support for the persecuted Church; turning attn to the plight of Church that is suffering in Egypt and elsewhere	Approved the minority report 482/185
11-03 , 11-05 , 11-06	Advocacy for the normalization of relations with Cuba	11-03 Approved as amended 11-05 Approved 11-06 Disapproved
11-04 , 11-10	Advocacy related to U.S. drone policies, war and surveillance	11-04 answered with action on 11-10 11-10 approved as amended
11-08	Making a test case of international law out of the situation in the Western Sahara	Approved
11-09	Advocacy for Dominicans of Haitian descent in the Dominican Republic	Approved as amended
11-11	"Risking Peace in a Violent World: Affirmations for presbytery consideration"	Approved as amended
11-13	Advocacy for comprehensive social witness policy on human trafficking as human rights issue	Approved
11-15	Encouraging the use of the Code of Conduct to protect children from sexual exploitation in Travel and Tourism industries	Approved as amended
11-16	Syria - peace and humanitarian aid	Approved as amended
11-17	Iran - nuclear non-proliferation; peacemaking & reconciliation	Approved as amended
11-18	Syria and Iraq -concern, prayer & action	Approved
12-01	Requiring participation in the Board of Pensions Plans	Disapproved
12-02	Directing Board of Pensions to distribute Plan benefits to plan members leaving PCUSA	Disapproved
12-03	On publishing the current list of churches certified as "Relief of Conscience" by the BOP	Approved
13-01	Reintroduction of <i>The Belhar Confession</i> for inclusion in the <i>Book of Confessions</i>	Approved 551/87
13-02	Proposed new Directory for Worship for study and comment	Approved
13-09	Evolution Sunday	Disapproved
14-01	1001 New Worshipping Communities church-wide initiative	Approve w/comment
14-02	"Educate a Child, Transform the World" proposal from the Presbyterian Mission Agency	Approved as amended
14-03	"Living Missionally" proposal from the Presbyterian Mission Agency	Approved w/comment
15-01	Divestment from fossil fuel companies	Refer to MRTI (469/110)
15-02	Advocacy for sustainable development	Approved as amended
15-03	Commission study of the impact of coal export projects on human health and well being	Approved as amended
15-04	Initiative to promote rights of illegal immigrants	Approved as amended