

MEMORANDUM
June 24, 2019

TO: Rev. Joseph L. Morrow, Rev. Warren Lasane, Presbyterian Mission Agency Board of Directors
FROM: Rev. Larryetta Ellis, Elder Marco Grimaldo and the Moving Forward Implementation Commission
CC: Rev. Diane Moffett, Elder Chris Mason, Elder Bridgete-Anne Hampden, Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Kathy Newkirk
RE: Special Called Meeting of the Moving Forward Implementation Commission

On June 23rd, the Co-moderators of the Moving Forward Implementation Commission (MFIC) convened a special called meeting of the Commission in response to requests from the Stated Clerk. The 223rd General Assembly authorized the MFIC to “take any and all administrative action necessary to accomplish the Moving Forward Implementation Commission vision with respect to the Way Forward Commission initiatives and the June 5, 2018 Administrative Supplement.” To that end, commission affirmed the following actions:

1) The Moving Forward Implementation Commission voted to immediately suspend the Manual of Operations of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board II.G.(6)(b) where it contradicts the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, General Assembly Actions and other documents empowering the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation Board and the transfer of responsibilities and duties, and/or to take other such actions necessary in its power to prevent immediate and future obstruction in the work and responsibilities of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation Board.

2) The Moving Forward Implementation Commission voted to implement the following as an immediate amendment to the Manual of Operations of the Presbyterian Mission Agency II.G.(6)(b) and, additionally, to bring this to the 224th General Assembly as a proposed amendment to the Organization for Mission of the General Assembly Section VI as Paragraphs 6 and 7:

- When the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation is a party in litigation, then the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation Board has sole responsibility to engage, instruct, and direct outside counsel and manage the litigation unless it delegates that responsibility by specific board action.
- In any secular action or litigation in which Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the General Assembly, or the Stated Clerk is named as a defendant, the proper party to respond to litigation and to seek to be substituted as the named party to defend the litigation is the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation Board will in all such instances consult with the entity or officer incorrectly named before taking such action.

The MFIC calls on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board of Directors to acknowledge receipt of the memorandum and immediately comply with its directives.