**Meeting of the Racial Equity Advocacy Committee (REAC)**

**7-8 February 2022**

**Via Zoom**

**Present for all or some of the meeting:**

**REAC Members:**

Ashley DeTar Birt

Flora Wilson Bridges

Michelle Hwang

Sarang Kang

Noha Khoury-Bailey

Carmen Rosario

Adebisi Shofu

Holly Haile Thompson

Mirna Wasef

\*Joyce Rarumangkay (representative to PC(USA) A Corporation)

**Liaison Members:**

Erica Nelson, Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP)

Jeanne Choy Tate, Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns (ACWC)

Eric Thomas, General Assembly Committee on Representation (GACOR)

**Guests:**

Rev. Princeton Abaraoah Field Staff African Intercultural Ministries, Racial Equity & Women’s Intercultural Ministries, Presbyterian Mission Agency (Staff Liaison with the African Presbyterian Leaders Alliance, PC(USA)

Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel, Moderator of the 214th General Assembly (2002)

Kate Trigger Duffert, Manager for GA Business and Per Capita Promotion, Office of the General Assembly

Julia Henderson, Leader for GA Planning and Business Management, Office of the General Assembly

**Staff:**

Courtney Hoekstra, Associate for Advocacy Committee Support, Presbyterian Mission Agency

**Excused REAC Members**: Jorge Abdala, Fern Cloud

**Monday, February 7, 2022**

**Opening Worship and Prayer:** Mirna Wasef

**Indigenous Land Recognition**

**Introductions and Catching Up**

**Review of REAC Norms**

**November 2021 Meeting Minutes Approved**

**Current Meeting Amended and Approved**

**Chair Report:** Michelle Hwang

**Staff Report:** Courtney Hoekstra

**REAC Nominating Committee Slate Presented, Floor Opened for Nominations, Slate Approved**

**Review of REAC Revised and New Resolutions to the 225th General Assembly (2022)**

**Mission Co-Worker on the Southern Border:** Revised version approved for submission to the 225th GA (2022)

**Lack of Installed Pastoral Leadership:** Final revision to be reviewed in the next week and shared with the National Black Presbyterian Caucus

**Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Girls and Two-Spirit People:** Revision approved

**Racism as a Public Health Crisis:** Approved

**REAC Self-Study Report:** Approved

**Discussion of Israel Palestine and Comments of the Stated Clerk on MLK, Jr. Day**

**Closing Prayer:** Ashley DeTar Birt

**Tuesday, February 8, 2022**

**Opening Worship & Prayer**: Holly Haile Thompson

**Review of the 225th General Assembly (2022):** Julia Henderson, Leader for GA Planning and Business Management, Office of the General Assembly; Kate Trigger Duffert, Manager for GA Business and Per Capita Promotion, Office of the General Assembly

**Discussion of Palestine and Israel:** Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel

**Updates from Caucuses/Council/Consulting Committee, Liaisons, and Dual Members**

**Discussion on African constituencies of the PC(USA):** Rev. Princeton Abaraoah Field Staff African Intercultural Ministries

**Composed REAC Writing Team for the 225th General Assembly (2022):**

Flora Wilson Bridges

Michelle Hwang

Carmen Rosario

Bisi Shofu

Holly Haile Thompson

**Discussion on REAC Responding to the Comments of the Stated Clerk on MLK, Jr. Day**

**Closing Prayer:** Adebisi Shofu