

JUSTICE AND PEACE ISSUES DEALT WITH AT THE 219TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Note that the Overture that SVP sent to the GA, on Peacemaking in the 21st Century, was passed in the context of another overture, as is mentioned B 15 below.

A. The following justice and peacemaking issues from the General Assembly have been referred to presbyteries and congregations. (This list and the one below are based upon the GA's assignment of these actions.) The Justice in Mission Ministry Team may be able to help implement these within their available energies.

1. Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the First Social Pronouncement of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A
2. Violence Against Women and Children on the Mexico-U.S. Border
3. Explore the Intersection of Gender and Race
4. Living Through Economic Crisis: The Church's Witness in Troubled Times
5. Compensation, Equity, Unity of the Church
6. Ending Violence with Impunity Against Women/Girls
7. Moving Money from Usurious Institutions
8. Lifting up the "Call to Restore the Creation"
9. Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call
10. War in Afghanistan War
11. Partnering for Peace in Sudan
12. Process for Negotiation of a Peace Accord in Colombia
13. Commitment to Peacemaking
14. Restoring Democracy to Honduras and Madagascar
15. Iraq
16. "Breaking Down the Walls" -- just peace in the Middle East

Some information about these is available elsewhere on the website, in a 2 ½ page summary from the Office of the General Assembly.

B. There are other issues that did not call for referral that may be of interest:

1. Protesting the Blatant Disregard for the Sanctity of Our Lord's Name in Motion Pictures and Public Broadcasting
2. Urging the United States Congress to Cap Interest Rates on Credit Card Lending
3. Supporting the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
4. Loving Our Neighbors: Equity and Quality in Public Education (K-12)
5. Renewing the Commitment to the Use of Inclusive and Expansive Language for God and the People of God
6. Endorsing "The Charter for Compassion"
7. Making Resources Available Regarding Destruction and Loss of Coastal Wetlands
8. Human Rights Update 2010
9. National Moratorium on the Imposition of the Death Penalty.
10. Review of Efforts Regarding Cultural Proficiency and Creating a Climate for Change in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
11. Forming a Committee to Study the Nature of the Church for the 21st Century
12. Call to Stand with Immigrant Presbyterians in Their Hour of Need.
13. Deep Water Horizon Oil Disaster
14. Protection of Religious Minorities (in various countries around the world)
15. Four-year process related to Peacemaking (to, e.g., "Identify, explore, and nurture new approaches to

active peacemaking and nonviolence”) (NOTE – It is within this action that SVP’s overture related to peacemaking in the 21st century was acted upon favorably.)

16. Restoration of Sustainable Agriculture in Haiti
17. Appealing for Peace and Reconciliation in Korea
18. MRTI Report of Its Engagement with Corporations Involved in Israel, Gaza, East Jerusalem, and the West Bank
19. Commending “A Moment of Truth: A Word of Faith and Hope from the Heart of Palestinian Suffering” as an Advocacy Tool
20. Seeking Compliance to U.S. Government Policy in the Use of Military Aid by all Parties in the Middle East
21. Toward Peace and Reconciliation in the Middle East (dealing with the United Nations’ report on Israel’s military operation in Gaza)

If you want details about any of these, try going to <www.pc-biz.org/Explorer.aspx> and putting in some of the words in the “keywords” field on the left side.