GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY September 24, 2024

[From the meetings of 06/11/2024, 08/13/2024, and 09/10/24]

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S ACTION: None

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

(Presbytery Records)

The General Council VOTED to grant access to documents requested by Kyle Coombs, including granting access to our records held at the Presbyterian Historical Society that are relevant to his research.

(Presbytery Meetings)

The General Council VOTED to approve holding the September 24, 2024 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery in person only. The reasons for this decision include: the Presbytery is currently short-staffed, the inclusion of the Open Source Meeting format, and the subjects to be discussed are better discussed in-person.

The General Council VOTED to approve presenting the Necrology Report at the Stated Presbytery Meeting in November.

(Committee on Operations)

The General Council VOTED to refer the final development of the Anti-Harassment Policy to the Committee on Operations.

The General Council VOTED to direct the Committee on Operations to set up a designated account starting in 2025 so that donations can be received and approved disbursements made to support churches as they provide required medical coverage for pastoral leaders' spouses, children, and/or families. While this is a designated account, these funds will be restricted to use as described above. The BOP Response Team will work with the COM to develop a policy for how these funds are to be managed and disbursed within the Presbytery.

(Committee on Ministry)

The General Council VOTED to encourage the BOP Response Task Group to consider the ideas shared by the Collaborative Committee related to the possible creation of a fund to support churches/pastors funding medical coverage through the BOP for spouses, children, and families.

UPCOMING PRESBYTERY MEETING DATES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024	10:00am	Hybrid / Marion, United
Tuesday, November 19, 2024	1:00pm	Hybrid / Elmira, First
Saturday, January 25, 2025	10:00am	Online Only