

Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

66 Years of Trusting the Nonviolence
of Jesus Christ

Dear Committee 9,

Some of the issues before your committee have peacemaking aspects. **Here's our view!**

Please let us know if PPF can help you.

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Mission Coordination

Tip for GA Committees: church staff can offer clarification, history, advice and answer questions on the issues that you are addressing, but only when requested by a committee member. **Ask the chair!**

09-03 On Amending the Process for Forming Social Witness Policy

PPF does not support 09-03. Here's why:

While a more open process can result in better policy proposals, the current procedures are designed to protect unapproved drafts from unfair press and public scrutiny.

We disagree with including all presbytery comments on unfinished reports as part the final documents distributed to GA commissioners. There is no way to ensure that every participating presbytery would use a thorough process of study and research before it submits a comment. One presbytery may comment based on years of study and experience, but another may comment without careful study. It is unlikely that every presbytery would have access to all of the expertise or could take the time available to ACSWP or a national task force.

We propose a middle ground: instituting an additional cycle of consultations and revisions after a preliminary report has been made public. This feedback could assist ACSWP or other national task forces in finalizing the report.

PPF offers "**Principles to Guide our Work**" on the conflict between Israel and Palestine, honoring the wide range of voices that we need to hear. See www.presbypeacefellowship.org/resources/principles

Find PPF briefing info on peace-related issues facing GA at the **PPF Booth #631** in the Exhibit Hall or at www.presbypeacefellowship.org

Briefing Paper for GA Committee

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09-20 On Supporting Young Adults in Mission and Leadership Development in the PC(USA) PPF recommends support

PPF prioritizes support for young adults in our own work. Many on the Colombia Accompaniment team, our National Committee and part-time staff are former Young Adult Volunteers.

Investing in YAVs enlivens the Presbyterian family, helps to carry out the work of the church today and helps retain skilled church members and leaders for the future. If \$1 million can be found to invest in the next generation of Presbyterians, this is the program we would choose.

Committee 9 will consult with Committee 10 on 10-10-- Neither Poverty Nor Riches: Compensation, Equity and the Unity of the Church PPF recommends support for 10-10

As the report says, "there are issues of justice involved in decisions about pay, who pays it and how much is given." Should we import corporate compensation models into our congregations and governing bodies or are there justice-based alternatives?

Who We Are: Founded in 1944, the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship is a national community of almost 3,000 Presbyterians who believe Jesus calls the church to help reduce the level of war and violence in the world. We are a non-partisan group, open to all Presbyterians, funded entirely by our members, many of whom have served as mission workers around the world and as activists on war and peace issues for decades. Except for Executive Director Rick Ufford-Chase and a part-time staff, we are all volunteers who pay our own expenses to attend GA. We receive no funds from outside lobby groups. For more details, see www.presbypeacefellowship.org