

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL REPORT TO PRESBYTERY

April 14, 2020

For Action:

Council recommends Presbytery concur on an Overture to GA submitted by Seattle Presbytery:
"Promoting peace with justice with the Presbyterian Church of Colombia"

Council recommends Presbytery concur on Overture [OVT-038] to GA submitted by John Calvin Presbytery "On Benefit Equity Among Mid Council Executive Staff."

Reporting on Actions by Council:

Executive Presbyter Bridge Consultant

Council unanimously voted to hire Rev. Nancy Dolan to serve as Executive Presbyter Bridge Consultant. She will serve part-time (7-10 hours per week) from April 1 – July 31, 2020, with potential for monthly extensions. Her focus will be on helping the Presbytery (pastors and churches) respond to COVID-19, supporting COM, helping the Council lead and preparing the way for the Transformational Presbyter.

April 14 Presbytery Meeting via Zoom Video Conference

Council voted to hold the stated Assembly meeting as planned, via Zoom. Instructions and link to be provided on the website.

COVID-19 Response Team

Council approved the formation of a COVID-19 Response Team to:

- Gather information
- Communicate regularly with churches and pastors
- Provide guidance for facing new technology / situations
- Connect people with others

The COVID-19 Response Team is not a standing committee but a task force that would dissolve once the impact of the virus is ended. It has the following members: Chuck Johnson (Presbytery Moderator), Catherine Martin (COM Moderator), Alex Regets (Mission Committee), Barb D'Souza (Rockford Westminster Commissioned Pastor), Ron Barkby (Elgin First Elder), Nancy Dolan (Executive Bridge Presbyter) and Eric Heinekamp (Stated Clerk).

Authority and responsibility: This group was formed by council and reports to council. The Presbytery assembly could give the Team greater authority, perhaps as an administrative commission to act on behalf of the presbytery as it relates to church matters such as real estate.