

## **Mission Coordinating Committee**

### **The Call to ANANEOO: Report to Leadership Council**

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*Annaneoo* is the greek word for “renewal”, a transition to the ongoing process of inward renovation through the Holy Spirit. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to be a new creation through reflection, reassessment, and recommitment. In 2020-2021, the Mission Coordinating Committee (MCC) has had to do the same. MCC continued to faithfully respond to our presbytery and strengthen some of its networks and teams. We have witnessed our congregations engaging in important conversations and cultivating innovative partnerships.

1. The MCC continues to support the presbytery mission by
  - a. Connecting and investing in ministries of our congregations.
  - b. Supporting innovative ideas, helping to share those ideas across NCP.
  - c. Helping the NCP bear public witness to the love, truth, and justice of God in Jesus Christ specifically in the areas of racism and reconciliation.
  
2. Our most significant events for MCC committee in the recent year were
  - a. NCP approved the motion, led by the Earth Care Network, to call upon the Leadership Council of the National Capital Presbytery to:
    1. Amend the “Prohibited Investments” subsection of Section 9 of NCP Financial Policies, as follows: “6. Investments in fossil fuel companies: The assets in the Portfolio shall not be invested in any company listed in the Carbon Underground 200 or companies listed in the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) 101010 and 101020.”
    2. Direct the Investment Committee to ensure compliance with subsection 3a of this overture by December 2022.
    3. Request regular updates from the Investment Committee detailing progress made towards bringing the Portfolio into compliance with subsection 3b.
  - b. The Peace and Justice Team began efforts to organize a core focus group of young adults, youth and/or churches (with the focus on young people) that will identify or create peace and justice initiatives in the presbytery and determine the next steps by proposing the planning of a Peace and Justice Youth/Young Adult Summit. This one-day (or maybe two-day) summit would provide a forum or panel discussion of young people who have taken the lead on some of these issues. The summit could also include persons from the Presbytery, the Office of Public

Witness, and staff at PC(U.S.A.) who can provide training opportunities on how to do the work of peace and justice.

- c. MCC does not have a liaison or connection to the Israel/Palestine Network. We are unaware what work is being done here, and we are curious to see what ongoing efforts are being made for peace and relief efforts with recent Israel-Gaza violence.
  - d. MCC engaged in consultancy brainstorming sessions. We discussed how to:
    1. Organize Hunger Team efforts and contacts
    2. Connect NCP to how to best support the initiatives of the Refugee Ministry Network
    3. Promote and share the work of the Self Development of People
3. The issues pressing on MCC's docket right now are
- a. COVID-19 and how it will impact our work and our communities for years to come.
  - b. Advancing racial reconciliation, including through racial sensitivity training for clergy and other leaders in NCP.
  - c. Address how to use Designated Custodial Accounts, which are funds that could be used for various mission-related purposes.
  - d. Connecting with congregations and church Mission point of contacts.
4. We see our next 3-5 years being focused on re-visioning and re-structuring the Mission Coordinating Committee. Our denomination has made drastic structural changes to how Presbyterian Mission Agency operates; MCC follows a previous organizational model. MCC wants to move towards becoming a responsive, rather than reactive, committee. We are hoping to create new relevant mission initiatives in the presbytery, while being better connected with people who are doing the work. We envision an updated liaison model that will best utilize the talents of committee members. We imagine a committee that is centered in community and connection that is free to risk.
5. The Leadership Council can best help MCC by
- a. Discussing how we define mission in NCP and evaluate what is most important to NCP congregations.
  - b. Providing high-level institutional support to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) lens in our work. MCC looks forward to working with the Leadership Council on ways to envision race-equity culture in NCP.
  - c. Providing a largely stable budget for us to plan and work to further strengthen our teams and networks.