

## Stated Meeting Agenda Q&A

The following questions, comments and requests have been received by the Stated Clerk relating to the Agenda for the October 2 & 3, 2020 Stated Meeting. This document outlines how these matters will be managed.

Additional questions or concerns should be communicated via email to [statedclerk@ptcaweb.org](mailto:statedclerk@ptcaweb.org)

### **1. Received from TE Doug Mitchell HR, and a member of the Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission:**

I have questions about the following:

Strategic Ministries Fund ("Bucket 2"). PLT is seeking to resume discussion with the proponents of the "Jubilee Proposal" with respect to the use of these funds and to bring back a recommendation to the presbytery for action. (See PLT Report #11.)

9. Recommendations from the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Shakopee, MN. The AC's recommendations, involving a substantial amount of "Bucket 2" funds, will be included in the discussion about the Jubilee Proposal and brought back to the presbytery for action. (See PLT Report #12.)

Are we just acting to resume the discussion on the Jubilee Proposal? How will that discussion be carried out?

As the final member of the AC for Dayton Avenue, I have a strong interest in maintaining enough funding beyond the Jubilee Proposal for the funding for the tenant programming in the affordable housing development.

#### **Response:**

The questions TE Mitchell raises are important. PLT Chair Rocky Rockenstein reports that the PLT's conversations with the Jubilee Proposal proponents resulted in the recommendations contained in the Consent Agenda, Item IV.A.10. This is an interim recommendation because discussions with Jubilee Proposal proponents is nearing consensus on a process to make recommendations to the Presbytery on all the current suggested claims on the Strategic Ministries Fund (Bucket #2).

Chair Rockenstein explains that the suggested claims total over \$5 million while the available funds total about \$3 million. The aim would be to start the recommendation process in late December or early January and complete it in May of 2021. Until that process is complete, suggested claims would not be processed except as permitted by Consent Agenda Item IV.A.10. Programming at Liberty Plaza could gain funding consideration either under the revised proposal for the use of Bucket #2, to be submitted to Presbytery in 2021, or under the existing Opportunity Grant use of Bucket #2 permitted by Consent Agenda Item IV.A.10, dependent on the size of the proposed grant. An application for an Opportunity Grant would be directed to the new Mission, Scholarship, and Grants Committee, which should begin to meet in late January or early February of 2021.

### **2. Questions were received from several presbyters about the election of committee members, chairs and the implementation of the new committee structure.**

#### **Response:**

PLT determined that implementation of the new committee structure will occur in stages. The first stage involves the transition of the Committee on Ministry to the new Commission on Ministry and its four Teams, and the Nominating Committee is nominating a slate for election to serve on the Commission and Teams. This has been the

focus of the Nominating Committee's work to date. The second stage of implementation will involve the new Mission, Scholarships and Grants Committee, and the third stage will address all other committees, teams, commissions and boards of the presbytery.

**3. TE Scott Larson moves and TE Paul Moore seconds the following motion:**

Since new church development is vital to the ongoing ministry of this Presbytery, and it costs little to begin the conversation, recruit interested parties, develop vision and discern needs in potential communities; and since the changing landscape of the American Church in the midst of this pandemic creates an ideal time to plan for the future as we emerge from this pandemic; we move that the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area invite Presbyterian Mission Agency and 1001 New Worshipping Communities to lead an Exploring Missional Leadership Event to be hosted via Zoom at the earliest opportunity.

**Response:**

This motion will be added to the agenda for the stated meeting, and addressed during the meeting.

**4. A concern was received from several presbyters about clerical errors** in various reports, including misspelled names.

**Response:**

We try really hard to make sure reports and presbytery documents are error free. And we apologize for these errors, which will be corrected. If anyone notices mistakes such as these, please bring them to the attention of the stated clerk so that we can address them.

**5. There were no requests for items to be removed from the Consent Agenda.**