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Providers of theological education who have significant and long-lasting relationship to the PC(USA) may enter into a formal covenant relationship with the PC(USA). “Covenant” relationships require that the theological institution meet the following criteria, and will be elaborated in the covenant document, which may include additional commitments between the parties: (1) Its mission in relation to the Presbyterian theological education enterprise is evident and substantive. It shall provide clear evidence that it intends to partner in mission with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); (2) It shall report the names of its president/executive officer and board to the General Assembly as part of COTE’s biennial report to General Assembly; (3) It demonstrably supports the teaching of Presbyterian and Reformed ecclesiastical and theological material.

The number of COTE institutional members shall be at least one more than the number of covenant members with vote.

The Standing Rules of the General Assembly provide for the presidents/executive officers (or their designee) of the theological institutions in institutional or covenant relationship with the PC(USA) to be corresponding members of the General Assembly.

VI. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation is a corporate entity of the General Assembly. It holds funds and title to property in accordance with the 1986 Deliverance of the General Assembly, its Articles of Incorporation, and its Bylaws. Among other things, it provides accounting, reporting, and financial services for the General Assembly and its entities, and employs the staff assigned to the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency. It is funded, subject to overall budget approval by the General Assembly, from unrestricted funds held by it; from restricted funds designated to it; from the portion of the various budgets of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly needed for employees, facilities, and services provided by it; from management fees; and from other fees with respect to its activities and services. The Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly shall maintain ongoing service agreements with the Administrative Services Group that will govern the provision of services.

With the exception of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly, no other agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), unless otherwise directed by the General Assembly, and with exception of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and Office of the General Assembly, is obligated to purchase or use any facilities or services provided by or through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, unless otherwise directed by the General Assembly. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, shall work together and with the other entities of the PC(USA) to help determine what facilities and services the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, may best offer or cease to offer to the church and its entities in the future. If the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation is not able to provide services that are desired/required by entities requiring service, they may procure services from another vendor.

The officers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, their terms, and their election are defined in its Bylaws. The Treasurer of the corporation shall commission the preparation of an audit report or reports by an independent public accountant of the financial position and operations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, and, to the extent not otherwise separately commissioned and prepared, the financial position and operations of the General Assembly and its other entities.

VII. Other General Assembly Corporations

A. Board of Pensions

The Board of Pensions is the legally responsible corporate body established under a civil charter for the purpose of administering the pension and benefits program of the PC(USA). It is required by law to administer these programs for the sole and exclusive benefit of its participants and members.

The relationship between the Board of Pensions and the Presbyterian Mission Agency is set forth in an official Memorandum of Understanding to provide the necessary and desirable cooperation between these bodies,