

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES - INTRODUCTIONS**

### **Assembly Council**

Ensures the work of the church is carried out and communicated between General Assemblies. The Council makes recommendations concerning national policies, budgets and denominational vision.

### **Church Doctrine Committee**

Reviews doctrinal issues and makes recommendations to the General Assembly for determining and declaring the church's doctrinal positions.

### **Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee**

Facilitates and maintains relationships with ecumenical and interfaith councils, committees and consultations, while developing strategies concerning peaceful and respectful ecumenical and interfaith education and work.

### **Committee on Church History**

Encourages an appreciation of The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Reformed heritage as a part of the Church, Holy and Catholic.

### **International Affairs Committee**

Considers international issues, makes recommendations to the General Assembly on matters of international concern, communicates with the Government of Canada on matters of international concern and helps Presbyterians be aware of important international issues for study, prayer and action.

### **Life and Mission Agency Committee**

Provides resources to the church that envision innovative models for ministries, responds to disasters, helps refugees, supports development projects, aids communication, works with Indigenous people, plans youth events, explores issues of faith and justice and offers guidance for discerning vocations for ordained ministry.

### **Maclean Estate Committee**

Oversees the property, staff and endowment fund of Crieff Hills Community Retreat and Conference Centre while supporting and promoting its programs.

### **National Indigenous Ministries Council**

Grounded in self-determination and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the National Indigenous Ministries Council focuses on Indigenous Peoples, strengthening relationships with the church, promoting Indigenous ministries and Indigenous justice. The Council is accountable to Indigenous Peoples within the church and shall be guided by the wisdom of their elders, and as a standing committee, it is accountable to the General Assembly.

### **Pension and Benefits Board**

Oversees Pension and Benefits administration, monitors the solvency of the Pension Fund, recommends changes to its constitution to the General Assembly, files required documents with the Pension regulatory authorities and selects actuarial and other consultants as required.

### **Theological Colleges**

Knox College Governing Board, The Presbyterian College Board of Governors and St. Andrew's Hall Board provide consultation, support and guidance regarding the colleges' faculty and programs.

### **Trustee Board**

Under authority of the Parliament of Canada and the Legislatures of all 10 Provinces, the board acquires and manages properties, enters into contracts, invests funds, issues annuities, establishes pension plans and executes documents on behalf of the church.

The Terms of Reference for General Assembly Standing Committees are available at  
[presbyterian.ca/gao/committee-to-nominate](http://presbyterian.ca/gao/committee-to-nominate)

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