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MODERATOR OF THE 2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Mary M. Fontaine, M.Div.

August 16, 2023

**To: Clerks of Presbytery**

**From: The Rev. Victor S.J. Kim**

**Re: 2023 Remits**

Dear Clerks of Presbytery:

Attached are the 2023 remits under the Barrier Act for consideration by your Presbytery.

In the past few years, we have been very encouraged to note that virtually all presbyteries responded to all the remits. Full response to remits is one of the ways our church satisfies itself that appropriate decisions are made to changes in church law.

The Book of Forms codifies the obligation to respond to Remits as follows:

257. It is the right and duty of every presbytery to take its part in the legislation of the Church, by approving or disapproving of overtures transmitted by the General Assembly, in terms of the Barrier Act, 1876.

257.1 The answer of a presbytery to a remit under the Barrier Act must be in the form of an extract minute.

257.2 The answer must be simply “approve” or “disapprove”. A qualified approval or an approval accompanied by any proposed amendment, must be taken as equivalent to rejection.

Section 293 details the procedure of the Barrier Act. Please be sure to include in your response, the number of members on the constituent roll at the time of your decision.

This year, there are two remits under the Barrier Act. To help facilitate both your response, and your presbytery’s consideration of the remits, we are providing a summary form that you may use to return your response to the remits, and a packet containing the remits on a separate page. We hope that this will simplify your photocopying and distribution.

The deadline for receipt of responses is April 1, 2024.

This comes with kind regards and wishing you and your presbytery God’s blessing.

Yours sincerely,

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