

Generosity Resources CommitteeReport to the 40th General Assembly



Bobby Cobbs Chairman

Summary of Work, 2019-2020:

- 1. Refined purpose to help presbyteries, local churches, and church members maximize current and long-term giving.
- 2. Refined focus to provide local churches and their members greater access to online resources regarding stewardship as essential part of discipleship and church growth.
- 3. Presented Generosity Resources at several presbytery meetings and GA.
- 4. Continued to expand and strengthen Generosity Resources strategic alliance with recommended partner ministries.

Recommendations to the 2020 General Assembly:

None

Work of the Committee in 2019-2020:

Progress continues to be made regarding refining the committee's priorities since its rebranding from the EPC Foundation in 2018. Three significant areas of emphasis included increasing presbytery representation on the committee, expanding online resources available to churches and its members regarding cash and non-cash giving, and promoting awareness of Generosity Resources to the denomination.

Presbytery Representation

A priority of the committee this past year has been to increase representation among presbyteries, thereby providing greater ability to promote the services and resources of Generosity Resources. Today our committee consists of six members elected by the EPC, one presbytery delegated member, one ex-officio member, and one field representative.

This represents coverage to eight of the EPC's fourteen presbyteries. Our goal for 2020-2021 is to have every presbytery represented.

Expanding Online Stewardship Resources

The Generosity Resources Committee provides education and training resources and support for cash and non-cash giving, assistance with planning and conducting capital major gifts campaigns (medium-range giving), and legacy planning and giving. Resources include partnerships with National Christian Foundation (NCF), Crown Ministry, Auxano, Generis, Financial Planning Ministry, Orchard Ministry, and Philanthrocorp. As additional resources become available, the Generosity Resources Committee will promote awareness through its website and at the local and presbytery level.

Recommendations to the 2020 General Assembly:

Committee Members:

RE Bobby Cobbs (Chairman), Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
TE Ben Borsay, Presbytery of the Midwest
TE Kevin Byma, Presbytery of the East
RE Mark Eibel, Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest
RE Ted Hailes, Presbytery of the Central South
TE Jeff Porter, Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic
TE Rus Howard, Presbytery of the Rivers and Lakes (Presbytery Representative)
Tim Stephenson, Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean (ex-officio)
Bob Welsh, Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean (Field Representative)

Committee Meeting Dates:

June 19, 2019—39th General Assembly, Denver, Colorado July 31, 2019—Video Conference August 26, 2019—Video Conference September 16, 2019—Video Conference October 28, 2019—Video Conference January 10, 2020—Video Conference March 19, 2020—Video Conference

Respectfully submitted,

Robby Cobbs, Chairman

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