Next Generation Committee

Standing Committee Report 39th General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Next Generation convened at 3:20 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019 and met once. Chairman TE Jason Steele opened the meeting with prayer. TE Steele had members of permanent Next Generation Ministries Council who were present introduce themselves. TE Steele welcomed guests and these were unanimously approved to have voice in the meeting. TE Andy Koesters (of the permanent committee) briefly described the history and work of the committee.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

- 1. Recommendation GA39-23
- 2. Minutes of the Permanent Committee

B. Recommendations:

1. That **Recommendation GA39-23**, from Next Gen, that the 39th General Assembly encourage each presbytery in creation of Next Generation Networks for children, youth, and college workers in collaboration with the Next Generation Council **be adopted as amended** (see below).

That **Recommendation GA39-23**, from Next Generation Ministries Council, that the 39th General Assembly encourage each presbytery in creation of Next Generation Networks for children, youth, and college workers (paid and/or volunteer) in collaboration with the Next Generation Ministries Council. We recommend that presbyteries give time and opportunity for Next Generation Ministries network workers to give announcements and promote events/opportunities to collaborate. These networks would include ordained and non-ordained workers. Next Generation Ministries Council will contact each Stated Clerk of the presbyteries to connect and help launch the networks.

2. Additional **Recommendation**, from Next Generation Ministries Council, that the 39th General Assembly **APPROVE** to encourage and support Next Generation Ministry Leaders by promoting and providing training events, resources, mentoring and networking opportunities. The Committee will also coordinate the allocation of scholarship funds to provide financial assistance to individuals wishing to participate in relevant conferences and events.

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	(proposed amendment is in <i>bold italics</i>)
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The Standing Committee on Next Generation Ministries recommends that additional recommendation *be adopted as amended (see above)*.

3. That the **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated August 29, 2018, October 18-19, 2018, December 4, 2018, March 14, 2019, March 19, 2019, and April 30, 2019 be approved with minor notations.

C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee:

1. Per Rules of Assembly 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus consent motion:

[NOTE: a recommendation amended by the Standing Committee, substitute recommendation or additional recommendation in C.2 are not eligible for the omnibus consent motion.]

Minutes of the Permanent Committee

D. Information from the permanent Next Generation Ministries Council

Members of the permanent Next Generation Ministries Council described some of the wonderful work and resources available to the next generation ministry workers. The

importance of coming along parents and families in discipling the next generations instead of replacing parents was stressed.

Representatives from Coalition for Campus Outreach (CCO) briefly described their ministry.

Dan Boulton from Great Commission Publications provided information on the resources they have available, including curriculum for student ministries and free on-site training for workers.

Members of the standing committee broke up in to small groups from each presbytery to pray and brainstorm ideas for encouraging development of a Next Generation network in their presbytery.

The Standing Committee commends the members of the permanent Next Generation Ministries Council for their good work during the past year.

Committee Chair TE Jason Steele closed the meeting with prayer at 5:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

, Chairman

TE Jason Steele

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