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REPORT

OF THE

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BUILDING PROJECTS

1. The Special Committee on Building Projects was revived by the Commission of Assembly in November 2011, with a rôle similar to the remit of the original Committee. All Presbyteries were instructed to nominate up to two persons from within their Bounds having skills in the disciplines of building design and construction, or in finance and project management, to serve as members of the Committee on Building Projects. The expectation was that the Special Committee's rôle would be to carry out an initial technical assessment of any new build project where the Central Building Fund was proposed as the preferred funding channel.

2. The Central Building Fund has made considerable progress and buildings have been purchased to date to serve as manses in a number of our congregations. All of these buildings, however, were dwelling houses already existing and professionally prepared 'Home Reports' have thus been available in each case to satisfy our own needs and those of mortgage lenders in terms of their standard of construction and maintenance. It had been initially thought that the Committee might have been called upon to provide advice to congregations contemplating a new build designed and constructed to meet their specific needs. To date no such project has been brought forward and there has, therefore, not been a need to convene a meeting of the Special Committee on Building Projects. At their last meeting the General Trustees agreed to request the Special Committee to take up future responsibility for upkeep and maintenance of non-congregational property but there has been no further progress to date on this proposal.

3. It is now felt that there would be benefit from, a) requesting that Presbyteries review their current representation on the Committee, and b) that the Committee be restructured by the General Assembly as an Advisory Panel.

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PROPOSED DELIVERANCE

1. The General Assembly receive and adopt the Report of the Special Committee on Building Projects;

2. The General Assembly take note of and approve the proposal by the General Trustees that the Committee be asked to take up responsibility for oversight and maintenance of non-congregational property for which title is vested in the names of the General Trustees;

3. The General Assembly instruct Presbyteries to review the list of those who represent them on the Special Committee and to nominate as necessary men having suitable technical skills;

4. The General Assembly re-designate the Special Committee as the Advisory Panel on Building Projects.