

Overture

The Atlantic Korean American Presbytery

“The Atlantic Korean American Presbytery (AKAP) overtures the 243rd Assembly of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (SOMA) to organize a Mentoring Committee for the purpose of enhancing AKAP’s life, ministry and growth, making reconciliation, and revolving issues between the leaderships of the SOMA and the AKAP.”

Rationale:

The SOMA stated clerk and the previous AKAP executive presbyter experienced difficulties in communication, and the trust and credibility between the two entities of the SOMA and the AKAP was affected adversely. As a consequence, the SOMA decided to form an Administrative Commission (AC) for the AKAP. Due to the finding that there was a lack of sufficient communication between the SOMA and the AKAP in the process of reaching the decision to form an AC, the SOMA’s decision on the AC is suspended by the order of the GAPJC. At this point, it is paramount to make efforts to rebuild trust between the SOMA and the AKAP.

1. In the previous meeting, the SOMA decided that the purpose of the AC is to help and support the AKAP’s health and vitality with the budgeted \$25,000.
2. The GAPJC recommended to develop a better relationship between the SOMA Synod and the AKAP.
3. The AKAP leaders desire to have more chances to communicate with the SOMA leadership in order to realize the goal of fostering better understanding and rebuilding trust.
4. The AKAP is the smallest presbytery in the SOMA, and it absolutely needs more care and support from the SOMA.

Organization:

1. 7 persons from both the Synod and the Presbytery.

Responsibilities:

1. to enhance communication between the SOMA and the AKAP
2. to foster mutual understanding between the SOMA and the AKAP
3. to resolve issues arising from misunderstanding
4. to cultivate understanding of each other’s cultures
5. to develop comprehensive understanding of issues and concerns unique to Korean churches
6. to provide support for the AKAP’s major areas of ministry

Period of the committee work:

1. To hold a monthly meeting for 6 months

Finance:

1. Executing \$25,000, the amount already budgeted for the mission of reinforcing the health and vitality of the AKAP, to cover expenses for meetings and training events