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Dear Committee of the General Assembly,

The GA Committee on Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations would like to thank you for all of your hard work especially over these last weeks, and express our deep awareness of and appreciation for the difficult decisions you have had to make and will continue to make during this challenging time. We also fully understand the need to limit the matters under discussion at the upcoming meeting of the General Assembly. In this spirit we humbly submit to you for your consideration several documents that we have worked on over the last two years which we think are directly relevant to the nature of the moment in which we find ourselves. The statement on antisemitism (COM 96),the statement on Islamophobia (COM97),and the overture to form a commission to write a new PCUSA Confession((OVT - 004) pertain precisely to this moment and can help guide our actions as we live into our collective commitment to meet the moment as a Matthew 25 church. We ask therefore that you might consider the inclusion of these statements for discussion, especially in the light of current attacks on mosques and Muslims, and on synagogues and Jews, as both communities are erroneously blamed for the virus Covid19, and very importantly also, the unacceptably high death rates of African Americans from Covid19, which are related to hundreds of years of racism and repression, exclusion and limited access to decent health care.

Thank you very much,

Heidi Hadsell, Chair, GA Committee on Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

OVT -004 - "On Forming a Commission to Write a New PCUSA Confession to be Considered for Inclusion in the Book of Confessions."

<https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/300514>

COM 96 Statement Renouncing Antisemitism:

<https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000691>

Com 97 Statement Renouncing Islamophobia:

<https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/300692>

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/fbi-offers-5000-reward-information-fire-missouri-islamic/story?id=70347330>