

A CORPORATION BOARD ANTI-DISTRACTED DRIVING POLICY

When Board or Committee members are engaged in the work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation (“A Corporation”), the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (“COGA”), or the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (“PMAB”), they must comply with local, state, and federal laws concerning distracted driving and laws which regulate the use of electronic devices and cellular telephones while driving. Members of the Board of Directors of the A Corporation, COGA, and PMAB shall not participate by cellular telephone, Zoom, or other electronic platform in any Board, Committee, subcommittee, task force, or other meetings, or in any business communications with Board or Committee members, or in any other Board or Committee business, such as calls with Administrative Services Group staff, or staff of agencies of the PCUSA, while such members are driving a motor vehicle. This includes communications using providers and services such as OnStar or other services that can be utilized directly through the communications systems in a motor vehicle. In addition, Board or Committee members shall not send or review text messages or other electronic communications concerning the business of the A Corporation, COGA, or PMAB while driving a motor vehicle.

If a Board or Committee member participates in an A Corporation, COGA, or PMAB meeting or conducts any A Corporation, COGA, or PMAB business while driving a motor vehicle and utilizing a cellular telephone or other device, the Board or Committee member should find a safe parking location and put the vehicle in park before beginning a conversation and while participating in a meeting or call or sending or reviewing an electronic communication (for example, text message). Pulling over to the side of the road in order to engage in A Corporation, COGA, or PMAB business, when it is not safe to do so, is not acceptable.

For purposes of this policy, “motor vehicle” includes any vehicle, whether owned, rented, or borrowed by a Board or Committee member and regardless of the number of wheels on the motor vehicle.

Approved by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation Board
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