

Press Go to pick up administration of Presbyterian Foundation

A resolution that the administration and oversight of the Presbyterian Foundation – which distributes grants for mission – be incorporated into the work of Press Go – also charged with funding missional opportunities – was approved by General Assembly.

The Presbyterian Foundation, established by the 1996 General Assembly, will now be administered by Press Go, which was established by General Assembly 2008 to collectively fund promising mission and growth ideas. Press Go also administers the Mission Enterprise Fund.

In response to a question from the floor of Assembly about what would happen to the Foundation's existing funds, Council of Assembly deputy convener, Jenny Flett confirmed that the Foundation would continue to exist and its capital fund would be protected. "The change would simply allow administration of the Foundation grant process to be undertaken by Press Go," explained Jenny, who also advised that the grants process and application criteria would remain the same, though would likely be administered under the small grants process currently used by Press Go.

Press Go Board's terms of reference already include provision for distributing funds from the Presbyterian Foundation, however because the Presbyterian Foundation was established by Assembly, General Assembly needs to give the mandate for the change.