NO. 1116
(SENSE-OF-THE-ASSEMBLY)

ADDRESSING ANTI-MUSLIM ACTION IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

WHEREAS, we have been called to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9) and we are to "pursue peace with everyone" (Hebrews 12:14); and

WHEREAS, all people are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26) and are loved by God (John 3:16) and are rightfully loved by us as our neighbors (Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:36-40); and

WHEREAS, over six million Muslims in the United States and nearly one million Muslims in Canada live peacefully and contribute in positive ways to society; and

WHEREAS, the number of people in the United States who hold "unfavorable opinions" about Islam is the highest level since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, according to a Washington Post-ABC poll released in September 2010; and

WHEREAS, the protest of the proposed Muslim Community Center in New York City near the site of the 9/11 terrorist attacks – over which there are legitimate differences of opinion – was often expressed in intensely anti-Muslim terms; and

WHEREAS, acts against mosques such as graffiti, arson and property damage have occurred during the past year*; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 General Assembly Resolution 0519 "Encouraging Interfaith Engagement" states, "[W]e see interreligious relationships as one of God's special callings in our time;" and

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada understand ourselves to be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world and therefore are called to welcome others even as we have been welcomed by God;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, meeting in Nashville, TN, July 9-13, 2011, condemns anti-Muslim speech and activity and calls upon the Church to promote respect, civility and love toward our Muslim neighbors; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that in addition to the ongoing work being done by the church concerning Muslim-Christian relations, this General Assembly urges all expressions of the church to engage in interfaith dialogue and action so that mutual regard and understanding between Muslims and Christians will be deepened.

Disciples Peace Fellowship

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT Business Item No. 1116. (Discussion time 12 minutes)

* **Jacksonville, FL , May 2010**: Vandals firebombed the Islamic Center of Northeast Florida.
Sources: www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2010/05/12/Mosque-in-Jacksonville-Fla-firebombed/UPI-85931273693653/

Phoenix, AZ, August 2010: Vandals threw paint on the floor, shot out windows, and wrote anti-Muslim slurs on the walls of a local mosque.
Sources: www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2010/09/08/20100908phoenix-mosque-vandalized-abrk.html#ixzz0zdBKQd7w

Bridgeport, CT, August 2010: Picketers targeted a mosque during Ramadan and shouted "murderers" and "Jesus hates Muslims" at worshippers, including children.
Sources: www.ctpost.com/news/article/Angry-protesters-descend-on-mosque-606515.php

Detroit, MI, May 2010: Vandals damaged a local mosque twice in one week.
Sources: www.ww4report.com/node/8625

Hudson, NY, September 2010: Three men spray-painted an anti-Muslim epithet on the back wall of a
Sources: http://online.wsj.com/article/APebf11f7773e04470bfe7007e7b474aa1.html

Murfreesboro, May 2010: Opponents of a planned mosque have vandalized the mosque site, including setting fire to construction vehicles.
*Sources:*http://abcnews.go.com/WN/murfreesboro-tennessee-mosque-plan-draws-criticism-residents/story?id=10956381

San Antonio, TX, September 2010: A mosque was vandalized with spray-paint and worshippers' cars were targeted with graffiti and anti-Muslim messages.
Sources: http://www.kens5.com/news/Local-Mosque-Vandalized-102283944.html

Wilson, May 2010: A new mosque was vandalized shortly after it opened following a long anti-Mosque campaign conducted by local residents.
Sources : www.fox6now.com/news/witi-100505-sheboygan-muslims,0,4795698.story

Hamilton, Ontario, January 2010:_Vandals firebombed a mosque and school.
http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/story/2010/01/04/hamilton-mosque-firebomb.html

NO. 1117
(SENSE-OF-THE-ASSEMBLY)

A CALL FOR REFLECTION AND ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

WHEREAS, the mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) declares its passion for justice grounded in Micah 6:8 as declared in our vision statement: “to be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.”

WHEREAS, in Matthew 25:40 Jesus teaches moral responsibility in the reign of God is strongest for those most in need, saying “just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me”; and

WHEREAS, throughout the past two centuries, for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), global presence and witness have been a gift of God's mission through the church; and

WHEREAS, our international commerce and public affairs should be governed by an obligation to ensure the common good, and to resist policies and practices that do injustice and violence to others; and

WHEREAS, Global Ministries has encouraged congregations to recognize "Congo Week," (an initiative created by Friends of the Congo) the third week in October, in their respective annual worship calendars as a week of commemoration for the millions of victims of the scramble for Congo’s resources and a stand for justice in solidarity with the people of the Congo; and

WHEREAS, the Community of Disciples of Christ in Congo (CDCC), in what today is the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), formerly known as Zaire, was founded in 1889 and has been related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the 62 protestant denominations united under the ecumenical umbrella of the Church of Christ in the Congo have consistently decried the brutal and unmitigated exploitation of the Congo’s immense mineral resources; and

WHEREAS, since the advent of Congolese independence on June 30, 1960, the continued greed of global corporations for precious and strategic raw materials from the Congo and failure of the international community to respond to the documented human rights abuses of Congolese victims has contributed to the failure of the Congo state;[i] and

WHEREAS, the series of invasions of the Congo by proxy states Rwanda and Uganda that commenced in 1996 have facilitated unfettered access to Congolese natural resources by international corporations and their collaborators in the Congo; have not only undermined democratic advancements, but have also cost

the lives of an estimated 6,000,000 Congolese; have subjected up to a half million Congolese women and girls to rape, including sexual mutilation by multiple armies from Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, and Burundi; and have increased dramatically the incidence for HIV/AIDS among women and girls, thus creating a health time bomb with dire consequences for the Congo; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 45,000 Congolese reportedly perish monthly in Eastern Congo as a direct or indirect result of the militarization of mines by elite networks of militia supported by business interests in the Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, and the industrialized world, at the detriment of Congolese socio-economic development and liberation; and

WHEREAS, these criminal behaviors are orchestrated and maintained by those seeking to profit from unfettered access to Congolese strategic natural resources (notably coltan, cobalt, tungsten, cassiterite, in addition to diamonds, gold, copper, uranium, oil, timber), in order to benefit mostly private wealth in industrialized nations, yet subjugating the Congolese people, despite the wealth of their natural resources, to poverty, suffering, slave labor, and human trafficking;[ii] and

WHEREAS, the response of the international community, including the United Nations, has demonstrated a double standard in the application of international justice because of financial greed and disregard for the value of Congolese people;[iii] and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in Nashville, TN July 9-13, 2011 encourages all expressions of the church to pray, reflect, educate and advocate on behalf of sisters and brothers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our church encourage the development of legislation such as the Conflict Minerals Law 2010[1] approved by the U.S. Congress and the Trade in Conflict Minerals Act introduced to the Canadian Parliament in 2010 requiring manufacturers to trace the source of minerals used in the production of consumer electronics for the purpose of developing a conflict-free mineral supply chain and more ethical mining practices, most particularly in the Democratic Republic of Congo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that individuals and ministries of the church choose products that are labeled “DRC conflict free” when purchasing electronic products, once such labeling begins[2]; and

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[1] The current law, generally referred to as the "Conflict Minerals Law", was included as Section 1502 of the Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, passed by the US Senate on May 20, 2010 and signed by President Barack Obama on July 21, 2010.

[2] The current legislation is expected to take effect in 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Global Ministries continue to identify resources for all expressions of the church on the matter of the exploitation of people in the extraction of the mineral wealth of the Congo; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that all expressions of the church work with Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ to carry out advocacy and education across the globe for the Congo.

Division of Overseas Ministries

[A resolution of the Common Global Ministries Board, through the Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to the General Assembly in 2011. A similar resolution has been submitted to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ in 2011.]

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT Business Item No. 1117. (Discussion time 24 minutes)

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[i] Stephen, Chris. "Conflict Minerals and Congo's Brutal War." Crimes of War. 24 January 2010. http://www.crimesofwar.org/onnews/news-congo7.html and Shah, Anup. "The Democratic Republic of Congo." Global Issues. 24 January 2010. http://www.globalissues.org/article/87/the-democratic-republic-of-congo#AnInternationalBattleOverResources

[ii] Carroll, Rory. "Multinationals in scramble for Congo's wealth." Guardian.co.uk. 24 January 2011. http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2002/oct/22/congo.rorycarroll

[iii] Ibid.

NO. 1118
(OPERATIONAL BUSINESS ITEM)

CELEBRATE AND REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE VISION OF PLANTING NEW MISSION

WHEREAS, the Biblical witness of scripture calls us towards "making disciples" in the Great Commission, the Great Commandment, and in the practice of the early church as it spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the historical record of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) demonstrates a practice of spreading the gospel through the formation and adoption of new congregations since our very inception; and

WHEREAS, our formative documents within our church demonstrate a long-term commitment to evangelism and acceptance of the mantle of "...our mission of witness and service to all people"[1]; and

WHEREAS, our church has adopted a vision of being a "faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian Spirituality and a passion for Justice" (Micah 6:8)[2]; and

WHEREAS, we have adopted our Mission "To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8)[3]; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has adopted the 2020 vision of establishing 1,000 new congregations by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, we have repeatedly reaffirmed our commitment towards establishing new Disciples congregations in every General Assembly throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, Disciples celebrate the planting of more than 700 new and affiliating congregations since 2001 with more than 78 percent of these congregations still in formation; and

WHEREAS, Disciples new congregations represent tremendous growth in the racial/ethnic diversity of our church, allowing Disciples to look more reflective of the face of America; and

WHEREAS, Disciples have depended on the service and commitment of more than 700 new church pastors who have sacrificed personally in the establishment of these new congregations with little financial backing from denominational sources; and

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[1] The Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
[2] The Mission Imperative of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
[3] The Mission Imperative of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

WHEREAS, the vitality and sustainability of new mission communities depend on the commitment, passion and sacrifice of highly skilled leaders who inspire, empower and model God's mission in the world; and

WHEREAS, Disciples have supported new congregations by an average of only $3,500 per congregation each year through our offerings and Regional support, with only half of all existing Disciple congregations supporting the Pentecost offering; and

WHEREAS, given that former sources of support have declined, including grant revenue from Lilly Endowment, as a Church we will need to seek new ways to encourage congregations to support new church efforts; and

WHEREAS, new congregations of the past 20 years represent the most growth and giving towards our common mission fund, and represent the greatest number of new additions and baptisms of all our congregations;[4] and

WHEREAS, there are still four states in the United States and 25 metropolitan areas in the United States and Canada that do not have a Disciples presence[5]; and

WHEREAS, sixty-five percent of the U.S. population still does not live near a Disciples congregation[6];

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, meeting in Nashville, TN, July 9-13, 2011, celebrates that since 2009 the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has welcomed 88 new and affiliating congregations that are listed in this docket; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that this assembly will encourage the church to fulfill its long-term mission – not only in word, but in deed – to form more congregations with financial support, congregationally initiated projects, the recruitment and training of gifted planters and leaders, and prayerful support of robust Disciples church planting.

New Church Ministry

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT Business Item No. 1118. (Discussion time 12 minutes)

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[4] The Yearbook
[5] PERCEPT
[6] PERCEPT

Region/Area	Project Name	New Church Planter	City	State	Started
AL-NW FL	South Baldwin Christian Church	Roger Beason	Foley	AL	2002
AL-NW FL	Grateful Life Community Church	Sherry Birney	Huntsville	AL	2004
AL-NW FL	Primera Iglesia Cristiana (DC) Hispana	Jose Matos	Anniston	AL	2004
AL-NW FL	Primera Iglesia Hispana Discipulos de Cristo.	Jose & Anna Diaz	Mary Esther	FL	2008
AL-NW FL	Ambassadors for Christ	Pamela Wilson-Willie	Greenville	AL	2009
AL-NW FL	Christian Church Ebenezer Emmaus	Frito Pierre	Naples	FL	2009
AL-NW FL	Cristo Viene II	Daniel Mendez	Montgomery	AL	2010
AZ	Chalice Christian Church	Linda Miller	Gilbert	AZ	2001
AZ	Templo Cristiano Central	Job Cobos	Phoenix	AZ	2001
AZ	Coolwater Christian Church	David Shirey	Cave Creek	AZ	2002
AZ	Iglesia Cristiana El Buen Samaritano	Anna y Rafael Grado	Phoenix	AZ	2002
AZ	Iglesia Cristiana (Discipulos de Cristo) en Glendale	Minerva Guzman	Glendale	AZ	2003
AZ	Centro Cristiano Nuevo Horizonte Internacional	Israel Giovanni Leivee Silva	El Mirage	AZ	2003
AZ	Iglesia Cristiana Principe de Paz	Joaquin Torres	Tucson	AZ	2004
AZ	Centro Vida de Sahuarita (UCC/DOC partnership)	Pedro Goycolea	Sahaurita	AZ	2005
AZ	Haitian Christian Ministry	Abner Lamy	Gilbert	AZ	2005
AZ	Desert Heritage Christian Church, AZ	Paul Whitlock (UCC/DOC)	Mesa	AZ	2006
AZ	La Vida Nueva	Karelia Campillo Zenil	Tempe	AZ	2007
AZ	Cristo Vive (Discipulas de Cristo) de West Phoenix	Antonio Reyes	Avondale	AZ	2007
AZ	Alfa y Omega Ministry	Elias Garcia	Phoenix	AZ	2009
CA, N NV	Bethel Christian Church	Moon Lee	Alameda	CA	2003
CA, N NV	CHAM Deliverance Ministry	Scott Wagers	San Jose	CA	2003
CA, N NV	First Korean Christian Church	Young In Cho	Oakland	CA	2005
CA, N NV	New Spring Christian Church	Hai Nam/ Gloria Seo	San Jose	CA	2006
CA, N NV	Visalia Disciples Fellowship	Niel Climer	Visalia	CA	2006
CA, N NV	First Mongolian Christian Church	Ogi Otgonbayar Luvsan	Oakland	CA	2006
CA, N NV	the Table	Tami Groves	Berkeley	CA	2007
CA, N NV	Walking Faith Korean-American CC	Daniel Lee Kyung-Min	Sunnyvale	CA	2007
CA, N NV	Revival Church in Sacramento	Cheol Woong Kim	Sacramento	CA	2007
CA, N NV	Inside Out	Sara Steen/Robert Shively	Oakland	CA	2008
CA, N NV	Sinapi Seed Fellowship	John Wu	Palo Alto	CA	2008
CA, N NV	Tapestry Ministries	Mary Donovan Turner, Mark Wilson, Leon Bacchues, Bill Shive, Lois Hansen	Berkeley	CA	2008
CA, N NV	La Puerta Abierta Christian Church	Mario Herrera	Walnut Creek	CA	2008
CA, N NV	Iglesia del Puebo	Heraclio & Obdulia Hernandez	Porterville	CA	2009
CA, N NV	Via Dolorosa Samoan CC	Taulau Tupua	Modesto	CA	2010
CA, N NV	Casa de Oracion	Uriel Rodriguez	Antioch	CA	2010
CA, N NV	Primera Iglesia Cristiana de Fresno	Yolanda Marquez-Lucar	Fresno	CA	2010
CANADA	McMaster Community Church	Jae-Young Ree	Hamilton	Ontario	2003
CANADA	Church of God of Montreal	Rev. Jean Meleck Honore	Montreal Nord	Quebec	2005
CANADA	Missionary Church of Prayer	Rev. Lucien Mezidor	Laval	Quebec	2005
CANADA	The City Baptist Church	Rev. Jean-Levelt Jeune	Basile Le-Gtrand	Quebec	2005
CANADA	Metropolitan	Revs. Guy and Adelle Saint Armand	Montreal	Quebec	2005
CANADA	Coastline Song	Neil Bergman	Bedford	NovaScotia	2005
CANADA	Lluvias de Gracia Christian Church	Mauricio Morales	Toronto,	Ontario	2006
CANADA	Happy Family Christian Church	Juan Carlos Rodriguez	Calgary	Alberta	2006
CANADA	All Peoples Church	Scott MacIsaac	Charlottetown	PE	2009
CAP AREA	Iglesia Cristiana la Vida Abundante	Idia Rodriguez	Mt. Rainier	MD	2003
CAP AREA	United by Faith Christian Church	Andrea Foster	Laurel	MD	2004
CAP AREA	Haitian Pentecostal Church (DOC)	Rev. Gabrielle Montilus	Salisbury	MD	2006
CAP AREA	Christian Family Church (DOC)	Elie Charles	Brentwood	MD	2008
CAP AREA	The Christian Church	Gabriella Montelus	Seaford	DE	2008
CAP AREA	Jabbock International Ministries		Forestville	MD	2010
CTR RKY MTN	Milagro Christian Church	Amy Piatt	Pueblo	CO	2002
CTR RKY MTN	Jesu Cristo El Buen Pastor	Isaias Rodriguez	Loveland	CO	2003
CTR RKY MTN	Tabernaculo de Restauracion Casa de Dios	Damaso y Maritza Morales	Denver	CO	2004
CTR RKY MTN	Welcome Table Christian Church	Lisa Worthington	Thornton	CO	2004
CTR RKY MTN	Iglesia Discipulos de Odres Nuevos del Tercer Dia	Hugo y Rosalia Guerra	Fort Lupton	CO	2005
CTR RKY MTN	Iglesia Cristiana el Maestro	Damaso Morales			2006
CTR RKY MTN	AGAPE Church	Shelly Garrison	Colorado Springs	CO	2009
CTR RKY MTN	Park Hill CC	Manuel & Sadie Torres	Pueblo	CO	2009
CTR RKY MTN	First Cong CC of Samoa in Utah	Sai T. Tafaoialii	Mango	UT	2009
CTR RKY MTN	Centro Nueva Vida Iglesia Apostolica Templo alfa y Omega	Efrain Arredondo/Leonor Fierro	Denver	CO	2009
CTR RKY MTN	St. Francis of Assisi CC (DOC)	Charles Hines	Salt Lake City	UT	2010
FL	Faith Grace Ministries	Willie Green & Luke Green	Ft. Myers	FL	2001

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FL	Iglesia Cristiana (Discipulos de Cristo) Emanuel	Ramon Ortiz	Kissimmee	FL	2002
FL	Iglesia Cristiana Renuevo	Jairo Garcia	Kissimmee	FL	2002
FL	Primera Iglesia Cristiana	Daniel Balboa	Tampa	FL	2002
FL	Iglesia Cristiana Discupulos de Cristo	Vilson Hurtado	Miami	FL	2002
FL	Bethsaida Christian Church	Joubert Michel	Miami	FL	2003
FL	Schekinah Christian Church	Louis Josue	Miramar	FL	2003
FL	Eglise Evangelique Source D'Eau Vivre	Constant Brave	Pembroke Pines	FL	2003
FL	Christian Community Life Center	Henri Norey	Oakland Park	FL	2003
FL	Salem Evangelical Christian Church	Rubin Vertus	North Miami	FL	2003
FL	Eglise Evanglique Maranatha	Kingston Guerrier	Miami	FL	2003
FL	Sancitified Christian Church	Christianor Augustin	Miami	FL	2003
FL	Mount Zion Christian Church	Offrande Auguste	Miami	FL	2003
FL	The Grace Center Ministries	Phillip Servius	Miami Gardens	FL	2003
FL	Jordain River Christian Church	Christian Eugene	Miami	FL	2003
FL	Good Sheperd Christian Church	Jacques Nicholas	Miami	FL	2003
FL	Trinity Haitian Christian Church	Joseph Blanc	North Miami	FL	2003
FL	New Bethel Christian Church	Elie Floradin	Miami	FL	2003
FL	Second Alliance Disciples of Christ Church	Carlos Jean Claude	Miami	FL	2003
FL	Samarie Christian Church	Rodin Alexis	North Miami Beach	FL	2003
FL	Eglise Missionnaire Perlerin	Ernest Costume	Miami	FL	2003
FL	Alliance Evangelical Christian Church	Jean Jonel Toussaint	Miami	FL	2003
FL	El-Ghanna Christian Church, Inc	Jacsaint Francisque	Miami	FL	2003
FL	United Parish of Celebration	Jim Davis (James H. "Jim" Davis, DM)	Celebration	FL	2003
FL	Eglise Evangelique MITSPA		Pompano Beach	FL	2003
FL	Primera Iglesia Cristiana Misionera de Poinciana	Israel Martinez	Kissimmee	FL	2004
FL	Mision Faro de Esperanza	Luis G. Velez; former - Carmen Rivera	Orange Park	FL	2004
FL	Unity Independent Church of God	Ducois Forestal	Miami	FL	2004
FL	Sanctify Church of the New Jerusalem	Jonas Milice	Pompano Beach	FL	2005
FL	Salem Evangelical Church	Cedeon M. Olibrice	Miami	FL	2005
FL	New Alliance Christian Church	Marier C. Toussaint	North Miami Beach	FL	2005
FL	Mision Cristiana de Ponciana	Alicia Hernaiz	Kissimmee	FL	2005
FL	Christ is My Rock Church	Julia Joseph	Miami	FL	2005
FL	The True Christian Church of Jesus Christ	Claude Lafortune	Homestead	FL	2005
FL	Redemption Evangelical Church	Sagesse Joseph	Miani	FL	2005
FL	Maranatha Christian Church	Ernest Duval	Greenacres	FL	2005
FL	Eben-Ezer Church	Rony Jean-Baptiste	Pompano Beach	FL	2006
FL	Bethlehem Evangelical Christian Church	Christopher Francois and Daniel Dauphin	N. Miami	FL	2006
FL	New Golgotha Christian Church	Charles Michel Jean Baptiste	Miami Gardens	FL	2006
FL	Combattan for Christian Church	Fredo St. Charles	Port St. Lucie	FL	2006
FL	Mision Crisitana Nuevo Amanecer	Lasdislao Sanchez Jr.	Tampa	FL	2007
FL	Iglesia Cristiana Fe y Esperanza	John Quinones	Ocala	FL	2007
FL	New Jerusalem Worship Center	Abdias Jules	Port St. Lucie	FL	2007
FL	Eglise Chretienne International de Jesus	Rivel Dumaine	Oakland Park	FL	2007
FL	Cathedral of Blessing	Geraldo & Debora Demiranda	Sarasota	FL	2008
FL	Light of the World	Derrick Lamar Smith	Tallahassee	FL	2009
FL	Arise Christian Church	Samuel Robles, Jr.	Orlando	FL	2009
FL	Iglesia Cristiana Dando Vida	Luis Feliciano	Lakeland	FL	2009
FL	Christian Church Ebenezer Emmaus	Frito Pierre	Naples	FL	2009
FL	Tabernacle of Christ Ministries	Belizario Noel	Miami	FL	2009
FL	Celebration Christian Church	Bob Parks	Temple Terrace	FL	2009
FL	Apologetics Church of Christ	Jean-Duquens Striplet	Orlando	FL	2009
FL	Centro Cristiano Tabernaculo de la Uncion	Raul & Elizabeth Andino	Kissimmee	FL	2010
FL	Centro Vida Familiar Disc De Cristo	Jose Sanchez	Kissimmee	FL	2010
GA	Eagles Landing Christian Church	Lynn White	McDonough	GA	2001
GA	Centre Evangelique la Pierre Angulaire	Chimiste Doriscar	Auburn	GA	2002
GA	Mount Vernon	Jon Ford	Monroe	GA	2007
GA	Christian Church in Savannah	Roger Sizemore	Savannah	GA	2008
GA	YeSu Community Church	Ruth Park Swalve	McDonough	GA	2009
GA	ICDC Gethsemani	Hebert y Rubi Malqui	Valdosta	GA	2009
GA	Whole Armor of God Ministries	Christopher Goss	Atlanta	GA	2009
GA	Good Neighbor CC	Chung Kim	Alpharetta	GA	2009
GA	Casa Del Alfarero	Rafael/Wanda Collado	Snellville	GA	2009
GA	First Christian Zo Church	Lian Taithul	Clarkston	GA	2010
GRR	Lakeshore Drive Christian Church	Jeff Robinette	Hot Springs	AR	2001
GRR	Elm Tree Christian Church		Bentonville	AR	2002

Region/Area	Project Name	New Church Planter	City	State	Started
GRR	Real Faith Community Church	Gene Lawson	Clarksdale	MS	2004
GRR	New Generation Christian Fellowship	James Green	Pascagoula	MS	2007
GRR	Mundo de Fe	Sergio Macuil	Little Rock	AR	2007
GRR	River of Grace CC	Holly Patton	Little Rock	AR	2008
GRR	Life Renewal Community Church	Wanda Stallings	Starkville	MS	2009
GRR	Disciples Christian Fellowship	David Graham	Texarkana	TX	2009
IL/WI	Faith Alive Christian Church	Randy Williams	Peoria	IL	2002
IL/WI	Korean Christian Church		Springfield	IL	2003
IL/WI	Native American Christian Church	Paul Lampley	Benton	IL	2004
IL/WI	Iglesia Hispana Cristiana Evangelica Discipulos de Cristo	Roberto Romero	Milwaukee	WI	2004
IL/WI	Family of Hope Christian Church	Ayanna Johnson	Blue Island	IL	2005
IL/WI	Yesarang Christian Church	Paul Byungkwon Chae	Arlington Heights	IL	2006
IL/WI	Network Christian Church	Dan & Amanda Jassman	Bloomington	IL	2009
IL/WI	New Church	Hyoung & Sue Yang	Glenview	IL	2010
IL/WI	Manna Church	Joel Chun	Northbrook	IL	2010
IL/WI	Happy Christian Church	Paul Yoo	Wilmette	IL	2010
IL/WI	Centro Cristiano El Poder Del Amor	E. David Garcia	Berwyn	IL	2010
IN	Walk In The Light Christian Church	Clarence Bolden	Indianapolis	IN	2002
IN	New Light Christian Church	Michael Scaife	Indianapolis	IN	2002
IN	Emmaus Christian Church	Henzy Green	Indianapolis	IN	2002
IN	Casa del Alfarero	Daphne Arias	Indianapolis	IN	2003
IN	Iglesia Hispana Casa de Oracion	Hilario Nunez	Union City	IN	2004
IN	Temple of Christ	Cedric Perry	Indianapolis	IN	2005
IN	Grace Chapel Christian Church	Helen Walton	Indianapolis	IN	2005
IN	Chin Christian Church	Sun Meng	Indianapolis	IN	2005
IN	Living Water Christian Church	Charles Webb	Indianapolis	IN	2007
IN	New Revelation	Richard Reynolds	Indianapolis	IN	2009
IN	DisciplesNet Church	Deborah Phelps	Indianapolis	IN	2010
IN	Amazing Grace Christian Church	Preston Adams	Indianapolis	IN	2010
Kansas City	New Vision Christian Church	Kevin Harris	Kansas City	MO	2001
Kansas City	El Rey de Gloria	Angel Olivas	Kansas City	MO	2001
Kansas City	Budd Park Haitian Church	Antoine J. Jean-Baptiste	Kansas City	MO	2002
Kansas City	Living Water Christian Church	Laura Guy	Parkville	MO	2003
Kansas City	Family Faith Christian Church	Lisa Engelken	Mission	KS	2003
Kansas City	Monte de Zion	Francisco y Guadalupe Vasquez	Kansas City	KS	2003
Kansas City	Iglesia Cristiana Rios de Agua Viva	Josue Torres	Shawnee	KS	2004
Kansas City	Bread of Life Christian Church	Michael Yarbrough	Shawnee	KS	2004
Kansas City	New Song Christian Church	Jeff Hon; co-pastors: Roxanne Grant and Kristin Dow	Kansas City	MO	2006
Kansas City	Breakthrough Community Church	Daniel Kimani	Olathe	KS	2006
Kansas City	Transformation Family Life Center	Michael Portley, Jr.	Kansas City	KS	2008
Kansas City	Elijah Rock Church	Curtis Davis	Kansas City	KS	2009
Kansas City	Alpha y Omega Iglesia C DOC	Edith Mendoza	Liberty	MO	2009
Kansas City	Iglesia Cristiana Linaje Escojido	German & Fredy Omas Mendoza	Independence	MO	2009
Kansas City	Cumunidad Cristiana Agape	David & Anna Porras	Kansas City	MO	2009
Kansas City	El-Shaddai Int'l Ethiopian Church	Mekuriachew Kassa	Lenexa	KS	2010
Kansas City	Nueva Creacion Iglesia Cristiana	Alfredo & Else Vazquez	Overland Park	KS	2010
Kansas City	International Believers in Jesus Christ	John Akinwale	Kansas City	MO	2010
KS	Iglesia Discipulos de Cristo Somos Uno	Guillermo Reyes	Garden City	KS	2005
KS	Breakthrough Community Church	Anthony Macari	Wichita	KS	2007
KY	Kaleidescope Christian Church	Amelia Cloud	Georgetown	KY	2003
KY	New Century/Shekinah	Jennifer Straub	Louisville	KY	2004
KY	The Prodigal's House	Morgan Gilkey	Paris	KY	2006
KY	Saint Paul Christian Church	Dennis Falls	Ft. Wright	KY	2007
KY	The Gathering	Don Vanzant	Lexington	KY	2007
KY	Luther Luckett Christian Church	Dean W. Bucalos	Jefferstown	KY	2008
KY	Iglesia Cristiana Discipulos de Cristo	David Agrisoni	Lexington	KY	2008
MI	New Covenant Christian Church	Arnold Lakes	Flushing	MI	2002
MI	Harvest Time Evangelistic Outreach	Jim & Joyce Starr	Muskegon	MI	2003
MI	True Foundation Christian Church	Viola Greene	Flint	MI	2004
MI	Full Gospel Christian Church	Gwendolyn Pettway	Detroit	MI	2005
MI	Beacon Hill CC DOC	Carolyn and Wayne Ten Roberts	Canton	MI	2008
MI	Triumphant Temple of Praise	Frank Gilliard	Flint	MI	2009
MI	Fuente de Auga Viva	Jose & Dinorah Suraez	Holland	MI	2010
MID-AM	Liberation Christian Church	Dietra Wise	University City	MO	2007
MID-AM (OL)	Disciples Christian Church (DOC)	Tim Wells	Nevada	MO	2003
MID-AM (SG)	St. Louis Central Christian Church	Joo Seop Ko	St. Peters	MO	2002
MID-AM (SG)	Pan De Vida	David Ramirez	Saint Joseph	MO	2009
MID-AN (SE)	The Body of Christ CC	Jarvis James	St. Louis	MO	2010
MT	Seeker's Harbor	Becky Taylor	Billings	MT	2005
MT	New Day Fellowship	Doug Garner	Missoula	MT	2005

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NC	Sun Coast Christian Church Myrtle Beach	Bill Genda	Myrtle Beach	SC	2002
NC	Chapel Hill Christian Church	Mike Shannon, Rebecca McCulloh (Mike Byerly is no longer there)	Chapel Hill	NC	2003
NC	Hope Community Church	David Miller	Greensboro	NC	2004
NC	New Church Project in Wilson	Bobby Swinson	Wilson	NC	2004
NC	True Community Christian Church	Jackie McHenry	Burlington	NC	2004
NC	Canaan Christian Church	John Howard	Greensboro	NC	2004
NC	Wake Forest New Church Start	Jamie Eubanks	Wake Forest	NC	2005
NC	True Destiny Christian Church	Sean and Kimberly Weaver	Charlotte	NC	2006
NC	Saint Mary Church	Elder Gladys Brewer	Goldsboro	NC	2007
NC	Christians United Mission	Elder Phyllis Forte	Zebulon	NC	2007
NC	Rose of Sharon Mission	Elder Mary Brown	Durham	NC	2007
NC	Mustard Seed Faith Mission	Elder Cathy Hall	Rocky Mount	NC	2007
NC	Powerhouse of Praise	Elder Katie Armstrong	Spring Hope	NC	2007
NC	Deliverance Tabernacle	Elder Betty Gardner	Ayden	NC	2007
NC	Fresh Anointing	Elder Rodney Parker	Greensboro	NC	2007
NC	New Covenant Church Ministries	Elder Darian Grantham	Goldsboro	NC	2007
NC	Faith and Praise Mission	Elder Antony Atkinson	Wilson	NC	2007
NC	Saint Paul Church (Black Creek)	Elder David Sutton	Wilson	NC	2007
NC	First Church	David Beard	Laurinburg	NC	2007
NC	Grace Chapel Mission	Elder Chester Richardson	Newton Grove	NC	2007
NC	Saint Peter Church	Elder Tyrone Haney	Kingston	NC	2007
NC	New Mount Zion Christian Church		Dover	NC	2007
NC	Saint John Church	Derrick Chapman	Dover	NC	2007
NC	Antioch Church	Elder Andrew Jones	Hookerton	NC	2007
NC	Heart to Heart	Charles Milles	LaGrange	NC	2007
NC	Saint Mark Mission	Elder Gene McCloud	New Bern	NC	2007
NC	Saint Matthew Church		Riverdale	NC	2007
NC	Anointed Remnant	Elder Freddie Hackney	Arapahoe	NC	2007
NC	Sojourner Christian Church	Dennis Lundblad	Asheville	NC	2007
NC	Alpha and Omega Mission (Hispanic Ministry)	Evangelist Juan Hernandez	Goldsboro	NC	2007
NC	Triumphant Ones Ministries	Carrie Bolton	Pittsboro	NC	2008
NC	Rejuvenation & Empowerment CC	Kennard Weaver	Garner	NC	2010
NC	New Generation Christian Church	Addie M. Harris Rawls	Clayton	NC	2010
NC	Open Hearts Gathering	Dennis R. M. Teall-Fleming	Gastonia	NC	2010
NC	Messiah Community CC	C/O First Christian Church	Winston-Salem	NC	2010
NC	Restoration Community Ch of Christ		Garner	NC	2010
NC	New International CC	Jose Capiz	Raleigh	NC	2010
NE	Aliento del Cielo (CC DOC)	Daniel Zapata	Omaha	NE	2007
NE	Disciples of Christ	Nolan Pierce/Barbara Pierce	Cozad	NE	2009
NE	Enfocándonos en Dios	Geraldine Schinck	Ashland	NE	2010
NE	SouthPointe Christian Church	Craig Walls	Lincoln	NE	2001
NE	CrossBridge Christian Church	Jim Gordon	Lincoln	NE	2002
NEASTERN	Eglise Pentecostitste De Pecheurs D'Hommes	Jean A. Rejouis	Rosedale	NY	2001
NEASTERN	Abundant Joy	Willard W. C. Ashley, Sr.	Jersey City	NJ	2001
NEASTERN	Hope Church	Wendy Miller Olapade	Roslindale	MA	2002
NEASTERN	Disciples Christian Church	Donna Bevereese	Princeton Junction	NJ	2002
NEASTERN	Rich Spring Christian Church	Eun Soo Lee	Flushing	NY	2002
NEASTERN	Hope Church - House of Prayer	Clifford Wright	Bound Brook	NJ	2002
NEASTERN	Mision Cristiana del Condado de Westchester	Angel Bonilla	Bronx	NY	2003
NEASTERN	Riverside Salem UCC/DOC	Jon & Kathy Goddard	Grand Island	NY	2003
NEASTERN	Eglise de Dieu de la Piscine de Siloe	Jean Glozy	Mt Vernon	NY	2004
NEASTERN	Christ Salvation Mission	Virginia Williams	Buffalo	NY	2004
NEASTERN	Next S.T.E.P Christian Ministries	Patrina Freeman	Rochester	NY	2004
NEASTERN	Nuevo Comienzo	Amarilys Miralles	East Hartford	CT	2004
NEASTERN	Faithful Church of God	Jean Claude Michel	Baldwin	NY	2004
NEASTERN	New Birth Christian Church	Louis St. Fort	Queens	NY	2004
NEASTERN	Bethel Holiness Church	Rev. St. Fleur Jeuse	Bridgeport	CT	2005
NEASTERN	Church of God of the New Jerusalem	Rev. Emont Prosper	Bridgeport	CT	2005
NEASTERN	Good News Tabernacle Mission	Renaud Piton	New York	NY	2005
NEASTERN	New Church	Rev. Ertha Fenelon	Brooklyn	NY	2005
NEASTERN	Church Burden of Souls for Christ	Christophe Leger	Brooklyn	NY	2005
NEASTERN	Primitive Church of Jesus Christ	Rev. Saint Juste Morancy	Cambria Heights	NY	2005
NEASTERN	Reaching out to You Ministries	Shirley Welch	Asbury Park	NJ	2005
NEASTERN	Church of God of the New Jerusalem	Holny Jean-Louis	Stamford	CT	2005
NEASTERN	Iglesia Cristiana	Hector Mendez	Hartford	CT	2006
NEASTERN	United Christian Church	Meschac Alexandre	Mattapan	MA	2006
NEASTERN	Eglise Ebenezer Dunazareen Libre de Boston	Raoul Pierre	Mattapan	MA	2006
NEASTERN	Eglise Chretenne Siloe	Sol Pierre	Brockton	MA	2006

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NEASTERN	Heavenly Pilgrims Evangelical Church	Elives Tannis	Maplewood	NJ	2006
NEASTERN	Church of God of the Great Commission	Israel Louis Jacques	Brooklyn	NY	2006
NEASTERN	Ray of Hope	David Dixon	Pleasantville	NJ	2007
NEASTERN	Unboxed Church	Glenn Kelley	Magnolia	NJ	2007
NEASTERN	New Congregation	David Milien	Dorchester	MA	2007
NEASTERN	Exodus Baptist Church	Dubuisson Jodis	Randolph	MA	2007
NEASTERN	Redemption Zion Church	Isaac Dulcio	West Orange	NJ	2007
NEASTERN	Evangelical Church of the Living God	Simon Louissaint/Louis Joseph	Rahway	NJ	2007
NEASTERN	New Church	Joseph and Andrienne Lodovic	New Rochelle	NY	2007
NEASTERN	Tabernacle of Christ	Julien Brunel Laguerre	Brooklyn	NY	2007
NEASTERN	Evangelcal Crusade of Soul Winners	?? Check ing for dupe	Brooklyn	NY	2007
NEASTERN	The Pub Church	Xochitl Alvizo	Cambridge	MA	2008
NEASTERN	Bethel Christian Church	Jerome Herold	Brooklyn	NY	2008
NEASTERN	Geshsemane Haitian Church of God	Joshua Salomon	Hyde Park	MA	2008
NEASTERN	Good People CC	Yongsun Jang	Flushing	NY	2009
NEASTERN	Jubilee Chapel	Paul Yang	Langley	BC	2009
NEASTERN	New Church	Jean Edner Georges	Philadelphia	PA	2010
NEASTERN	Church	Yves Emile	East Orange	NJ	2010
NEASTERN	Evangelique Chietienne Church	Edouard Vilnea	Philadelphia	PA	2010
NEASTERN	Yahweh-Rapha Project	Jeannot Saget	Roselle	NJ	2010
NEASTERN	2nd Haitian Church of God	Jean Raphael	Philadelphia	PA	2010
NEASTERN	New Life Changing Through Faith	Wilfred & Isabelle Audate	Elmot	NY	2010
NWEST	Comunidad Cristiana	Griselda Rivera	Tacoma	WA	2002
NWEST	Congregational Christian Church of Samoa in Washington	Paulo Lealaitafea	Federal Way	WA	2002
NWEST	Journey Christian Church	Karisa Rickard/ Tracia Salzer	Rathdrum	ID	2006
NWEST	Korean Crystal Christian Church	Youn Su Nam	Lynwood	WA	2006
NWEST	Mannam Christian Church	Jong Hong	Lynnwood	WA	2007
NWEST	Friends of the ONE	Wahhab Baldwin and Katherine Diamond	Kent	WA	2007
NWEST	Ciudad de Dios	Arturo and Arcilio Crespo	Pasco	WA	2010
OH	Paul Easton Church At Glenellen	Jeffrey Mincher	North Lima	OH	2002
OH	Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel (DOC)		Mentor	OH	2002
OH	Light Of The Community Christian Church (DOC)	Willie J. Barnes-Jackson	Dayton	OH	2004
OH	Mision Cristiana Faro de Luz	Crucita Marrero	Lorain	OH	2004
OH	Mision Cristiana Nueva Vida	Vanesa Rivera	Cleveland	OH	2004
OH	Cristianos Unidos Church	Luis A. Morales	Campbell	OH	2004
OH	Brighter Day (Disciples of Christ)	Jeff Jackson	Mantua	OH	2005
OH	New Song Community Church	Yvonne Gilmore-Essig	Columbus	OH	2007
OH	Iglesia Cristiana Mana (DOC)	Iluminado Castellano	Columbus	OH	2007
OH	Shawneespring Community Church	Larry Nielson	Harrison	OH	2008
OH	Living Faith Community Church	Thomas and Kelley Parker	Dayton	OH	2008
OK	New Beginning Christian Church	Donna Jackson	Tulsa	OK	2001
OK	New Vessels Christian Church	Boyze C. Edwards	Oklahoma City	OK	2001
OK	Iglesia Cristiana El Shaddai	Francisco Hernandez	Enid	OK	2001
OK	Mision Cristiana Oklahoma City	Raul de Leon	Oklahoma City	OK	2004
OK	Christ Way Christian Church		Altus	OK	2004
OK	Odyssey Christian Church	Phil Ball	Tulsa	OK	2005
OK	In the Spirit CC	Sharyn Cosby-Willis	Tulsa	OK	2007
OK	Carney Christian Church	Jackie Roberts	Carney	OK	2008
OK	Iglesia Cristiana	Victor Michel	Oklahoma City	OK	2009
OR	Calvary Christian Church	Frederick Woods	Portland	OR	2004
OR	Ione Community	Stacy Shelton	Ione	OR	2006
OR	Peniel Ministries	Hector Curiel	Portland	OR	2006
OR	New Zion Christian Church	Willie Hurst	Portland	OR	2007
OR	Iglesia Escudo y Fortaleza	Agustin Martinez	Salem	OR	2007
OR	Tree of Righteousness	James and Milele Hobbs	Portland	OR	2008
OR	Nueva Iglesia	Jose Regalado	Salem	OR	2008
PA	Iglesia Discupulos de Cristo Luz y Verdad	Pedro Eliezer Hernandez	Bethlehem	PA	2003
PA	New Life Deliverance	Rose Sparrow Melton	Willingboro	NJ	2004
PA	Haitian Pentecostal Church of the Living God	Pierre Chery	Burlington	PA	2004
PA	Family Christian Church	Marie Elise St. Elion	Willingboro	NJ	2004
PA	Church of God by Faith International	Joyce Ladson	Easton	PA	2004
PA	Mont Sinai Christian Church of God (DOC)	Emilia Metellus	Philadelphia	PA	2004
PA	Brotherly Church of God	Charles St. Aude	Philadelphia	PA	2004
PA	Restoration Christian Church	Frantz LeBlanc	Thorndale	PA	2004
PA	Empowerment Ministries CC	William Sparrow	Trenton	NJ	2005
PA	Grace Worship Center	Tubman Sarpee	Philadelphia	PA	2005
PA	The Word Church International	John Harris	Bala Cynwyd	PA	2007
PA	Iglesia Cristiana Tabernaculo de Oracion (Discipulos de Cristo)	Oscar Cruz	Mt. Lebanon	PA	2007
PA	Canoe Camp Penna (UCC/DOC)	Sharon Littrell	Wellsboro	PA	2008

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PA	New Defining Church	Eliezer Ortiz	Manchester	CT	2009
PA	Family Christian Church	Bernard Alardin	Philadelphia	PA	2009
PA	Primero Iglesia Cristiona	Manuel J. Dortha	Pomona	PA	2009
PAC-SW	Centro Familiar Cristiano Restauracion	Joel Cabrera	San Bernardino	CA	2001
PAC-SW	Mission Gathering	Rich McCullen	San Diego	CA	2002
PAC-SW	Sierra Christian Church , Las Vegas	Jo Ann Bynum	Las Vegas	NV	2002
PAC-SW	Sansang Bohoon Christian Church	Choong Nam Rhee, Young Ja Rhee	Orange	CA	2002
PAC-SW	United Church Of the Valley	Randall Leisey	Murrieta	CA	2002
PAC-SW	Na Num Christian Church	Chang Ryul Yoo	Phelan	CA	2003
PAC-SW	Calvary Faith Christian Church	Joseph Ahn	Los Angeles	CA	2003
PAC-SW	Calvary Faith Christian Church	Martin Hyung Park	Encino	CA	2004
PAC-SW	Centro de la Familia Cristiana	Isay Alvarez	Vista	CA	2004
PAC-SW	San Pablo Iglesia Cristiana	Jose Valdez	San Diego	CA	2004
PAC-SW	Iglesia Fuente de Vida Christian Church	Jose Linares	Fontana	CA	2004
PAC-SW	Iglesia Cristiana DOC de Lancaster	Gloria and Valentín Silva	Lancaster	CA	2004
PAC-SW	Lord's Love Christian Church	Sarah Seoh	Los Angeles	CA	2004
PAC-SW	New Dream Church	David H. Kim	Fullerton	CA	2004
PAC-SW	Iglesia Cristiana Discipulos de Cristo	Angeles Coronado	Downey	CA	2004
PAC-SW	Iglesia Cristiana del Este de Whittier	Alfredo Lopez	Whittier	CA	2004
PAC-SW	Primera Iglesia Cristiana de Norte Hollywood	Alfredo Gomez	N. Hollywood	CA	2004
PAC-SW	Family With Destiny Christian Community	Joel de Leon	San Diego	CA	2004
PAC-SW	Sallim Christian Church	Jinsuk and Myungsun Cheon	Newport Beach	CA	2004
PAC-SW	Iglesia del Valle Van Nuys	Ernesto y Paula Ramirez	Van Nuys	CA	2004
PAC-SW	Iglesia del Valle North Hollywood	Alfredo Gomez	North Hollywood	CA	2005
PAC-SW	The Beloved House of Bethany CC (DOC)	David Tang & John Z. Zheng	Los Angeles	CA	2005
PAC-SW	Abundant Church (Japanese)	Ski Joan	Torrance	CA	2005
PAC-SW	Logos Christian Church	Myo Sook Cho	Las Vegas	NV	2005
PAC-SW	Casa de Oracion de Fullerton	Xose Escamilla	San Diego	CA	2005
PAC-SW	New Light Mission Christian Church	Kwi Jong Byeon	Alhambra	CA	2006
PAC-SW	La Premiere Eglise Evangelique Haitienne	Deliverance Jean-Charles	Las Vegas	NV	2006
PAC-SW	Centro de Alabanza Emanuel	Javier Gonzalez	San Bernardino	CA	2006
PAC-SW	First Samoan Congregational Christian Church	Esekielu Tapu	Garden Grove	CA	2006
PAC-SW	Iglesia Unido en Cristo of Downey	David Becerra	Downey	CA	2006
PAC-SW	Primera Iglesia Cristiana	Carmen Lopez	Whittier	CA	2006
PAC-SW	Familia de Fe Christian Church	Gary Curtis	Claremont	CA	2006
PAC-SW	Hosea Chapel	Gilbert Saldate	Alhambra	CA	2006
PAC-SW	Iglesia Cristiana Encuentro con Dios	Nasario Orozco	Fontana	CA	2006
PAC-SW	Returning to the Lord Christian Church	Sylvester Warsaw, SR	Gardena	CA	2007
PAC-SW	South Bay Korean Christian Church	Dae Jan Ahn	Torrence	CA	2007
PAC-SW	Sonshine Christian Church	Richard Assad	Newhall	CA	2007
PAC-SW	Chosen Generation Fellowship	David Yu	Temple City	CA	2007
PAC-SW	Altar de Restauracion	Frank and Sandra Pineda	Canyon ountry	CA	2007
PAC-SW	Primera Iglesia Cristiana de Ventura	Rosendo Lomeli	Whttier	CA	2007
PAC-SW	Jesus Village Church	Kyung Han Kim	Las Vegas	NV	2007
PAC-SW	Hollywood Bethany Christian Church	Mitchell Curry	Hollywood	CA	2007
PAC-SW	Silver Lakes Christian Church	Jung An Kim/ Kenneth Byun	Helendale	CA	2007
PAC-SW	Hawaii Glory Church	Kyung Ho Bae	Honolulu	HI	2007
PAC-SW	Centro Cristiano de Libertad	Pedro Caraballo	North Las Vegas	NV	2007
PAC-SW	SaeGil Christian Church	So Young Park	Burbank	CA	2008
PAC-SW	Good Shepherd Christian Church	JangSik Choi	Glendale	CA	2008
PAC-SW	Downey Memorial Christian Church	Annica Terrones	Rancho Cucamonga	CA	2009
PAC-SW	Iglesia Seguidores de Cristo	Minor Escalante	Inglewood	CA	2009
PAC-SW	Iglesia Cristiana de Sun Valley	Samuel Ramirez	Sherman Oaks	CA	2009
PAC-SW	Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel	Victor Ortega	Fontana	CA	2009
PAC-SW	Iglesia Amistad Cristiana	Marcos Macias	Riverside	CA	2009
PAC-SW	Praise Community	Phillip Bereal	Bellflower	CA	2009
PAC-SW	Primera Iglesia de Lynwood	Lillian y Wilfredo Del Pilar	Carson	CA	2009
PAC-SW	Primera Iglesia Cristiana (DOC)	Manuel y Dortha Maná	Pomona	CA	2009
PAC-SW	Iglesia Cristiana Arbol de Vida	Javier y Sandra Marin	Brea	CA	2009
PAC-SW	First Samoan Congregational Church	Momoli (Joe) Papalii	Long Beach	CA	2010
PAC-SW	New Heaven Mission	Jonathan Seo Byung Kil	Los Angeles	CA	2010
PAC-SW	Iglesia Cristiana Adonai	Gilberto Ovando	Van Nuys	CA	2010
SC	The Church House of Ministries	Jeanette Jordan	Summerville	SC	2003
SC	My Father's House Ministry Christian Church	Melvin Brown	Ladson	SC	2003
SC	The Church House of Ministries of Moncks Corner	Martha Watson	Moncks Corner	SC	2006

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SC	Path of Life	Lula Samuel	Columbia	SC	2007
SC	Andrews Christian Church	Mary Goodman	Andrews	SC	2007
SC	Alpha and Omega Ministries	Charles Black	Bamberg	SC	2009
SC	Shalom Christian Church	Al Paul Brown/Earl Ravenell	Ridgeville	SC	2009
SW (NE TX)	Iglesia Palabra Viva	Silvestre Chavez	Center	TX	2009
SW (BLUE)	Hyde Park Korean Christian Church	Gyoo Nam Yum	Austin	TX	2001
SW (BLUE)	Iglesia Cristiana Primera Raymondville	Moises and AIdeLaborico	Raymondville	TX	2002
SW (BLUE)	The Comforter Christian Church	Samuel y Lydia Felix	Kyle	TX	2003
SW (BLUE)	Iglesia Cristiana Betania	Ismael Brionez	Corpus Christi	TX	2003
SW (BLUE)	Good Shepherd Christian Church	Elliot Richmond	Austin	TX	2004
SW (BLUE)	Primera Iglesia Cristiana	Hector Pena	San Benito	TX	2006
SW (BLUE)	Primera Iglesia Cristiana	Santiago Sanchez	Edinburg	TX	2006
SW (BLUE)	Templo Revelacion	Bernardo Rincon	Laredo	TX	2007
SW (BLUE)	Iglesia Cristiana Monte Olivos	Jenny Ibanez	Fort Sam Houston	TX	2007
SW (BLUE)	Iglesia Cristiana Monte Zion	Peter Ortiz	Austin	TX	2008
SW (BLUE)	North Central CC	Doug Deuel	San Antonio	TX	2009
SW (BLUE)	Hope United	Ron Trimmer	Georgetown	TX	2009
SW (BLUE)	Iglesia Monte Sinai	Patricio Torres	Rusk	TX	2010
SW (BLUE)	Iglesia Cristiana Roca de Salvacion	Gilberto & Olga Trinidad	San Antonio	TX	2010
SW (BLUE)	Iglesia Cristiana "Horeb"	Rebeca Duarte	Laredo	TX	2010
SW (BLUE)	New Freedom CC	Abe Parker	Austin	TX	2010
SW (CENTRAL)	Wylie Christian Church	Doug Roysden	Abilene	TX	2001
SW (CENTRAL)	Church on the Journey (A Ministry of the Christian Church (DOC))	Suzanne Rolen, Gary Groves	Midland	TX	2004
SW (COASTAL)	Iglesia Restauracion	Noe Castro	Houston	TX	2004
SW (COASTAL)	Iglesia Renovada Zion	Ezequias Vazquez	Houston	TX	2004
SW (COASTAL)	Tree of Life Christian Church	Tamara Fincher	The Woodlands	TX	2007
SW (COASTAL)	Canvas	Chris Parrott	Houston	TX	2007
SW (COASTAL)	Iglesia Cristiana Shekinah	A. Yezid Garzon	Katy	TX	2007
SW (COASTAL)	Restore CC	Robert & Mindy Fugarino	Katy	TX	2009
SW (HI-PLAINS)	Pampa Christian Church	Arturo Chanax	Pampa	TX	2007
SW (N TX)	First Chinese Christian Church	Lian Jiang	Allen	TX	2001
SW (N TX)	Iglesia Cristiana Oasis de Esperanza	Jose and Patricia Almanza	Dallas	TX	2001
SW (N TX)	Iglesia Cristiana Shalom	Manuel and Maria Puente	Irving	TX	2002
SW (N TX)	Iglesia Cristiana Bethel	Julio Danilo Estrada	Garland	TX	2002
SW (N TX)	Rosemont Christian Center	Raul and Awilda Tejera	Dallas	TX	2003
SW (N TX)	Centro Cristiano de Restauracion Familiar	Martin Camacho	Garkand	TX	2004
SW (N TX)	Iglesia Tabernaculo de Restauracion y Esperanza	Raul Lucas	Dallas	TX	2005
SW (N TX)	Destiny Worship Center CC	Phillip Ward	Cedar Hill	TX	2005
SW (N TX)	The Way at Northway Christian Church	Jennie Churchman	Ft. Worth	TX	2006
SW (N TX)	New Life Christian Church	Irie Session C/O rosemont Christian Center	Dallas	TX	2006
SW (N TX)	Iglesia Mision La Roca	Daniel Guzman	Dallas	TX	2006
SW (N TX)	Iglesia Velle de Saron	Roberto Vela	Dallas	TX	2006
SW (N TX)	Vision Mundial La Familia	Angelo Pavesio	Grand Prairie	TX	2007
SW (N TX)	Ethiopian Christian Church	Feron Woldemmanuel	Allentown	TX	2007
SW (NE TX)	Templo Christiano Fuente de Vida	Daniel and Asbedama Arroyo	Bullard	TX	2003
SW (NE)	Covenant Christian Church	Steven and Diana Russell	Paris	TX	2002
SW (NE)	Iglesia Cristiana Rey de Reyes	Fabian Lopez	Nacogdoches	TX	2004
SW (NE)	Centro de Restauracion Familiar	Teodoro & Raquel Baires	Kauffman	TX	2005
SW (NE)	Iglesia Cristo Esla Victorio	Sylvia Mazias	Gladewater	TX	2007
SW (NE)	Getzemani Christian Church	Apolinar Leon	Tyler	TX	2007
SW (NE)	Iglesia Filadelfia	Plinio Cordova	Nacogdoches	TX	2010
SW (TRES)	East Mountain United Church	Roxroy Reid	Edgewood	NM	2003
SW (TRES)	Primera Iglesia Cristiana Hispana - El Paso	Julian Ibarra	El Paso	TX	2005
SW (TRES)	Oasis Christian Comunidad	Debra Clugy-Soto	El Paso	TX	2008
SW (TRES)	Viento de Gracia	Moises Colmenero	Santa Fe	NM	2008
SW (TRINITY)	Burning Bush Christian Church	Velva Waites	Ft. Worth	TX	2001
SW (TRINITY)	Iglesia Cristiana Mision Paz y Gozo	Priscila Norat	Grapevine	TX	2002
SW (TRINITY)	New Covenant Christian Church		Killeen	TX	2003
SW (TRINITY)	Iglesia Cántico Nuevo	Carlos Lopez	Killeen	TX	2004
SW (TRINITY)	Iglesia Cristiana Monte Horeb	Marta Sanchez	Temple	TX	2004
SW (TRINITY)	Grace Christian Fellowship	Troy Smith	Burleson	TX	2007
SW (TRINITY)	Temple New Church Group	Don Mayfield	Temple	TX	2010
TN	New Direction Christian Church	Stacy Spencer	Memphis	TN	2001
TN	Saving Station Christian Church	Carolyn Bibbs	Memphis	TN	2003
TN	Freedom's Chapel	Rosalyn Nichols	Memphis	TN	2003
TN	New Vision Outreach Ministry	Ben Thomas	Arlington	TN	2003
TN	The Promise Christian Church	Jay Hutchens	Jackson	TN	2004
TN	The Journey Christian Church	Dan Henley	Cordova	TN	2004
TN	Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida	Marta Flores	Memphis	TN	2006
TN	Iglesia Christiana (Doc)	Justina/Francisco Rivera	Antioch	TN	2009

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TN	Trinity Church and Cristian Center	Melvin Nalley	Memphis	TN	2009
TN	Nouvelle Aliance Cretian L'elise	Celet-Nkobe Wanga	Nashville	TN	2009
TN	Revival Center of Praise	Anthony Berry	Chattanooga	TN	2009
TN	New Church	William Crowder	Nashville	TN	2010
UPPER MID	Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Jerusalem	Salomon Garcia	Sioux Falls	SD	2002
UPPER MID	Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Jerusalen	Ezequiel Morales	Huron	SD	2004
UPPER MID	Iglesia Cristiana Agape (DOC)	Juan Sing	Ames	IA	2004
UPPER MID	Washington Christian Church	Linda Foor	Washington	IA	2004
UPPER MID	Spirit of Joy	Jan & Joy Linn	Lakeville	MN	2004
UPPER MID	Spirit of Hope	Sonja Van Dusseldorp	Pella	IA	2005
UPPER MID	Minnesota Korean Dordom Church	Henkug Choi	Crystal	MN	2006
UPPER MID	Peosta Worship Center	David Minnihan	Peosta	IA	2007
UPPER MID	Open Source	Stephen Haney	Rochester	MN	2010
VA	Fresh Harvest Christian Church	Leroy Winbush	Woolvine	VA	2003
VA	Shaw Christian Church	Merinda Easley	Eden	NC	2004
VA	Church of the Covenant (UCC/DOC)	David Edwards	Lynchburg	VA	2005
VA	Olive Branch Christian Church	Naomi Andrews	Lynchburg	VA	2007
VA	Mt. Top 1st CC of Martinsville	Zeke Zanatos	Martinsville	VA	2009
VA	Chalice Christian Church	Lynn Sparrow Christy	Virginia Beach	VA	2009

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(ITEM FOR REFLECTION AND RESEARCH)

MORAL INJURY AND SPIRITUAL CARE IN A TIME OF WAR

Proposal for Reflection and Research:

That the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, meeting, July 9 – 13, 2011, in Nashville, Tennessee, accept "Moral Injury and Spiritual Care in a Time of War" as an item for Reflection and Research during the 2011-2013 biennium. This reflection and research process would be accountable by report to the Administrative Committee, the General Board, and the 2013 General Assembly.

This process would encourage the church to engage in reflection, prayer, and education around conscience, moral injury, and spiritual care in a time of war. According to section 2.4 of the Special Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly, the Administrative Committee would work with the submitters of this item in developing ways for members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to:

1) Discern how the moral and spiritual life of individuals, families, and churches are affected by war;
2) Study the role of religious communities in addressing moral injury and spiritual care in a time of war, including the needs of military personnel, their families, their congregations and communities.

Background

Those who go to war and those who see them off to war and greet their return face an array of moral, spiritual, and pastoral concerns. Prayer, ritual, mutual support, and the shared search for moral and theological understanding are among the ways that those who send persons to war can stand with those who go to war and return. This item for reflection and research focuses on moral injury, spiritual care and healing in a time of war.

Instruction in moral principles and the development of moral conscience are crucial dimensions of Christian faith. The capacity and will to do what is right are matters of faith. The potential damage caused by the violation of conscience is recognized by religious traditions and civil authorities.

"Moral injury," sometimes called "spiritual injury," is a term that Veterans Administration (VA) mental health professionals have begun to use about an injury of war. The VA clinicians define moral injury as the devastating negative consequences of "perpetrating, failing to prevent, or bearing witness to acts that transgress deeply held moral beliefs and expectations." Moral injury was identified as both a contributing and an aggravating factor to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), but unlike PTSD, it involves a conscious moral dimension and is sometimes called "spiritual injury."

Research on moral injury indicates it is a significant contributor to clinical depression, addiction, violent behavior, and suicide, though its preliminary status means moral injury remains off the official list of injuries treated by VA clinicians.[i]

The idea behind "moral injury," however, is not new. Through the Bible and history we have understood that our actions and their consequences have potential to wound our souls. In difficult situations, such as war or other times of extremity, moral decision-making can be agonizing and carry life or death consequences. Moral suicide can lead to physical suicide.[ii]

For these reasons, we call for the Administrative Committee to explore ways for the whole church to engage in reflection, research, prayer and education so that we might respond to brokenness and be agents of healing in a time of war.

First Christian Church, Oakland, CA
Park Avenue Christian Church, New York

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly ACCEPT Business Item No. 1119 as an Item for Reflection and Research.

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[i] (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19683376). See also www.conscienceinwar.org/events/report-release

[ii] Suicide rates among active duty military, which have been climbing since 2003, are at unprecedented rates; in some cases, such as the Marines and Army, the annual rate in 2009 was double the 2006 rate. In addition, veterans constitute twenty percent of all U.S. suicides, while veterans are fewer than ten percent of the population. The Veterans Administration continues to attempt to stem the tide of veteran suicides, an average of eighteen a day, with little success; among the six thousand suicides a year, an especially large number are among veterans under age 35, even though fewer than one percent of Americans now serve in the military. http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=49971 covers suicide in veterans, VA efforts at prevention, and mentions active duty military. http://www.military.com/news/article/services-tackle-rising-suicide-rates.html and in Marines, http://www.wthitv.com/dpps/military/marines/Initial-data-show-Marine-suicides-declined-in-2010_3691909, current military service numbers at DOD, http://www.defense.gov/pubs/dod101/index.html and veterans' percentages are at http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=126573303.

NO. 1120
(SENSE-OF-THE-ASSEMBLY)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has longstanding commitments ensuring the basic human rights of all persons[1]; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking, also known as "trafficking in persons," is a global, widespread and illegal practice which violates basic human rights, including the United Nations Declaration of Universal Human Rights Article 4, and is against God's intention for the human community found in scripture, e.g., in Isaiah 58:6 (NRSV), "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?;" Hebrews 13:3 (NRSV), "Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured;" Luke 4:18 (NRSV), "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free;" and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the use of force, coercion, fraud or abduction to exploit the person for profit or service; and

WHEREAS, "victims of human trafficking are subjected to labor and/or sexual exploitation, which may take many forms including debt bondage, commercial sexual abuse of children, prostitution, pornography, bride trafficking, child soldiering, domestic servitude and forced labor"[2]; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the fastest-growing criminal industry in the world and is tied with arms dealing as the second largest worldwide criminal industry,[3] generating approximately $32 billion dollars annually[4]; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of State[5], approximately 800,000 people are trafficked across national borders, and up to 27 million adults and

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[1] Sense-of-the-Assembly Resolutions: (2009) No. 0915, "Axis of Friendship;" (2007) No. 0728, "The Church's Response to the War in Iraq;" (2005) No. 0520, "Promoting Peace for All in the Sudan;" (1999) No. 9913, "Calling for the Closure of the School of the Americas;" (1997) No. 9715, "Resolution of Police Accountability."
[2] National Council of Churches. (2008). "Resolution on Human Trafficking," http://www.ncccusa.org/NCCpolicies/humantrafficking.htm.
[3] UN High Commissioner for Refugees. (October 2010). http://www.unhcr.org/refworld/docid/4cb3f5172.html.
[4] Roger Plant, International Labour Organization. (2008). "ILO Experts to Highlight Critical Aspects of Human Trafficking at Vienna Forum" http://www.ilocarib.org.tt/portal/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1203&Itemid=1318.
[5] United States Department of State. (June 2010). "Trafficking in Persons Report" http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/82902.pdf

children worldwide are coerced into forced labor or other service, many in their own countries; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 14,500 - 17,500[6] persons and an estimated 800 – 1200 persons[7] are trafficked annually into United States and into Canada respectively, often in the communities where we live, work and worship; and

WHEREAS, women and children represent the largest percentage of those being trafficked worldwide[8]; and

WHEREAS, there are 244,000[9] children and youth in the United States estimated to be at risk of child sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS in the United States, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, (reauthorized in 2008), made human trafficking a Federal crime in the United States It was enacted to prevent human trafficking overseas, to protect victims and help them rebuild their lives in the U.S., and to prosecute traffickers of humans under Federal penalties[10]; and

WHEREAS, in Canada the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act of 2001 was enacted which, in part, made Human Trafficking a criminal offence.[11]

WHEREAS, the U.S. Senate Concurrent Resolution 40,[12] passed on June 22, 2007, supported the annual observance on January 11th of Human Trafficking Awareness Day to increase awareness of this global injustice; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA has called upon its member communions to study and engage in advocacy on issues of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Disciples Women has had human trafficking as the ministry's advocacy priority as evidenced in ministries across the United States and Canada and at the 2010 Quadrennial Assembly, and will continue this advocacy priority for the current quadrennium; and

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[6] HumanTrafficking.org. http://humantrafficking.org/countries/united_states_of_america

[7] April 2009 Report from ARPA Canada http://arpacanada.ca/index.php/issuesresearch/religious-freedom/556-human-trafficking-modern-day-slavery-in-canada-

[8] International Labour Organization. (2008). "ILO Experts to Highlight Critical Aspects of Human Trafficking at Vienna Forum" http://www.ilocarib.org.tt/portal/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1203&Itemid=1318

[9] Estes, Richard J. and Neil A Weiner. "The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in the US, Canada, and Mexico." The University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work: 2001, Study funded by the Department of Justice.

[10] US Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/about/index.html

[11] Department of Justice Canada, http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/I-2.5/page-4.html#anchorbo-ga:l_3-gb:s_117

[12] US Senate Concurrent Resolution 40, passed on June 22, 2007, supported the annual observance on January 11th of Human Trafficking Awareness Day (http://www.ncccusa.org/news/senateresontrafficking.html).

WHEREAS, resources for education and advocacy regarding Human Trafficking are available through Disciples Women, Global Ministries, and other organizations[13] ;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2011 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, meeting July 9 – 13, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee, declare its opposition to human trafficking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) encourage its members, congregations and various expressions and manifestations to engage in education about the issue of trafficking in persons in our own communities and around the world, and in advocacy efforts to end this criminal and abusive practice; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that members, congregations and various expressions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) be encouraged to advocate for the ongoing funding and strengthening of the U.S. Trafficking Victims Protection Act of2000 [14] and to advocate and support the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act of 2001 in Canada.

Office of Disciples Women

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[13] National Council of Churches in the USA's "Social Creed for the 21st Century" was approved at the NCC General Assembly on November 7, 2007 (http://www.ncccusa.org/news/ga2007.socialcreed.html); "The Rescue and Restore Campaign," an initiative of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Administration for Children and Families (ACF) which maintains a public awareness website to combat human trafficking and a referral hotline to connect victims with NGO's in their local area (Rescue & Restore Campaign website offers outreach kits to educate and assist health care providers, social service providers, and law enforcement officers in their efforts to identify and help victims of trafficking http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/index.html), referral hotline: 1-888-373-7888; international bodies and campaigns of the United Nations along with other ecumenical and anti-trafficking networks, such as Not for Sale, the Polaris Project, and the Freedom Network, that seek to bring an end to human trafficking in the United States and abroad; and the U.S. Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 last reauthorized in 2008 as the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=h110-7311) to provide trafficking victims-related appropriations for activities of (1) the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking; (2) the Secretary of Health and Human Services; (3) the Secretary of State; (4) the President; (5) the Secretary of Labor; (6) the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; (7) the Secretary of Homeland Security; and (8) the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. This act provides funding through 2011 and is subject to further amendment and reauthorization.
http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/pages/DW-SocialActionBreakChainsResources

[14] The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 was last reauthorized in 2008 as the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=h110-7311) to provide trafficking victims-related appropriations for activities of (1) the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking; (2) the Secretary of Health and Human Services; (3) the Secretary of State; (4) the President; (5) the Secretary of Labor; (6) the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; (7) the Secretary of Homeland Security; and (8) the Administrator of the Untied States Agency for International Development. It provides funding through 2011 and is subject to further amendment and reauthorization.

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT Business Item No. 1120. (Discussion time 12 minutes)

NO. 1121
(SENSE-OF-THE-ASSEMBLY)

JUSTICE IN EDUCATION REFORM

WHEREAS, most of our nation's children depend on public schools for their education[1]; and

WHEREAS, previous General Assemblies have affirmed the value of public education[2]; and

WHEREAS, many in the ecumenical community are recently and currently concerned about the performance and reform of public schools[3]; and

WHEREAS, there is currently much discussion by policymakers and others about achievement gaps in public schools and how to close those gaps[4]; and

WHEREAS, there is a move today among policymakers (especially federal policymakers) to deal with these achievement gaps by closing struggling schools and substituting publicly funded charter schools that are managed by private boards[5]; and

WHEREAS, this approach leaves traditional neighborhood public schools to serve the majority of students with special needs, English language learners, children who are homeless, and children who do not fit the specific profiles of many charter schools and thus will not be accepted by them[6]; and

WHEREAS, a just system of public education is our best hope for addressing the needs of ***all*** our children[7]; and

WHEREAS, a just system of public education addresses the resource opportunity gaps underneath achievement gaps in our public schools,[8] as well as the issues of race, class and geographical/residential location that affect these resource opportunity gaps[9];

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church meeting in Nashville, TN, July 9 – 13, 2011, affirms that education reform must be approached in a way that deals with the justice issues of race, class, special needs, and geographical/residential location in relation to the more equitable distribution of resource opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assembly urges all Disciples to engage actively in prayerful reflection, study, and public conversation about public education, including charter schools, through the lens of these justice concerns; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly urges all Disciples to contact policy-makers and advocate for an approach to public education reform that is just and equitable, and that will continue to provide a quality education to all our children, regardless of race, class, special needs or geographical/residential location.

Family and Children's Ministries of Disciples Home Missions

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT Business Item No. 1121. (Discussion time 12 minutes)

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[1] Participation in Education: Elementary/Secondary Education, Public School Enrollment, National Center for Education Statistics, http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/2010/section1/indicator02.asp.

[2] See, for example, resolutions 7155 and 8347.

[3] See, for example, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, *An Alternative Vision for Public Education: A Pastoral Letter on Federal Policy in Public Education: An Ecumenical Call for Justice* (May 18, 2010): http://ww.ncccusa.org/elmc/pastoralletter.pdf; The United Church of Christ, *2011 Justice & Witness Ministries Message on Public Education:* http://www.ucc.org/justice/public-education/2011-justice-witness.html; *The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy Readies Papers for General Assembly* (2010): http://www.pcusa.org/news/2010/2/1/acswp-readies-papers-general-assembly. See also http://www.ucc.org/justice/public-education/federal-policy-to-reauthorize.html and http://www.trinitydc.edu/president/2010/07/race-to-the-top-who-wins.

[4] Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, NAACP, NAACP LDF, National Council for Educating Black Children, National Urban League, Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and Schott Foundation for Public Education, "Civil Rights Framework for Providing All Students an Opportunity to Learn through Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act," July 26, 2010; U.S. Department of Education, *A Blueprint for Reform: The Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act*, March 2010; Gail Sunderman and Heinrich Mintrop, "Why High Stakes Accountability Sounds Good but Doesn't Work—And Why We Keep Doing It Anyway," The Civil Rights Project Proyecto Derechos Civiles, April 2009; The Education Trust, "Closing the Gaps," http://www.edtrust.org/issues/pre-k-12/closing-the-gaps.

[5] U.S. Department of Education, *A Blueprint for Reform: The Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act*, March 2010, "School Turnaround Grants," p 12.

[6] Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, NAACP, NAACP LDF, National Council for Educating Black Children, National Urban League, Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and Schott Foundation for Public Education, "Civil Rights Framework for Providing All Students an Opportunity to Learn through Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act," July 26, 2010, pp. 9-10; also Diane Ravitch, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System* (New York: Basic Books, 2010), p. 145.

[7] Schott Foundation for Public Education, "Why We Can't Wait for Superman," (2010) http://www.otlcampaign.org/sites/default/files/resources/OTL_TalkingPoints_Superman_0.pdf,

[8] Resource opportunities include such things as pre-school, experienced stable teaching staff, well equipped science labs, broadband connectivity, computers that work, up to date textbooks, clean buildings in good repair, etc.

[9] Schott Foundation for Public Education, "Lost Opportunity: A 50 State Report on the Opportunity to Learn In America," 2009, http://www.otlstatereport.org/50_state_report_national_summary.pdf.

NO. 1122
(OPERATIONAL, POLICY AND ORGANIZATIONAL ITEM)

PREVENTING SEXUAL ABUSE AND MINISTERING TO ITS VICTIMS

WHEREAS*,* the act of the sexual abuser is illegal, sinful and inconsistent with the love of God as revealed in Jesus; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the church respond compassionately, comprehensively and effectively to victims; and

WHEREAS, we, as the body of Christ in the world, have a responsibility to minister to all those who suffer; and

WHEREAS*,* in order to prevent sexual abuse, we must acknowledge that some clergy and other church leaders have abused their power and authority to violate boundaries and engaged in inappropriate sexual behaviors and relationships;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all expressions of the church – congregations, regions, and general ministries - nurture the spiritual wholeness of victims of sexual abuse and provide avenues for healing and reconciliation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly acknowledges that each situation requires individualized care and response as the church seeks to walk with victims of abuse on their journey of healing; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, meeting July 9-13, 2011 at Nashville, Tennessee*,* calls all expressions of the church to:

- minister to all those who have suffered from sexual abuse
- stand in solidarity with all victims
- provide sexual abuse prevention education for children and adults
- adapt church space and plan transportation to reduce the privacy that can permit sexual misconduct to occur
- adopt misconduct prevention policies that provide a structure for investigation, action, and follow-up on complaints of sexual misconduct
- employ psychological testing, require criminal background checks and boundary training for candidates for the Order of Ministry
- require criminal background checks and sexual abuse prevention education for all paid and volunteer staff

General Commission on Ministry

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT Business Item No. 1122. (Discussion time 12 minutes)

NO. 1123
(SENSE-OF-THE-ASSEMBLY)

SUPPORT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH BY OPPOSING BULLYING IN SCHOOLS, THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Bible tells us that all people are created in God's image and are beloved children of God; and

WHEREAS, Jesus teaches that we are to love God by loving our neighbor; and

WHEREAS, the Church is called to seek justice for all people, especially to protect those who are most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, the General Minister and President has declared a biennium goal focusing on ministry to, with, by and for children, youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has committed itself to care for children, providing a safe place for learning, growing and spiritual development including initiation of ministries such as Light a Candle for Children; and

WHEREAS, a person is bullied when he or she is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more other persons, and he or she has difficulty defending himself or herself.[i]

WHEREAS, bullying in schools and in the community impacts all of God's children including those who participate in bullying, those who are victims of bullying and especially those who suffer such extreme emotional distress as a result of bullying that it leads to self injury, including suicide; and

WHEREAS, bullying happens because of many factors including, but not limited to, sexual orientation, immigration status, economic status, cognitive and physical ability, weight, race and culture; and

WHEREAS, social media, text messaging and other forms of digital media provide opportunities to engage in bullying outside the realm of personal contact, even allowing adults the ability to pose as children; and

WHEREAS, recently a number of children and teens have attempted or committed suicide as a result of bullying at school and in the community, including particularly among gay teens; and

WHEREAS, silence of the church in the face of bullying and of suicides brought on by bullying implies the giving of permission for such acts; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) claims the identity of being a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, meeting in Nashville, Tennessee July 9 – 13, 2011, renew its support, love and ministry to, for, with and by all children, youth and young adults; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this General Assembly denounces bullying as sinful and harmful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this General Assembly calls on congregations to work with local communities to address bullying and other forms of harassment, including educating children, youth, and adults about preventing, identifying and reporting bullying; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Disciples Home Missions continue to identify resources for congregations and regions on the matter of bullying; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this General Assembly calls on regional ministries to address the issue of bullying within our camp and conference programs; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that this General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) instructs the General Minister and President to work with appropriate ministries of the church to support children and youth regardless of their sexual orientation, economic ability, immigration status, cognitive and physical abilities, weight, race or culture in order that all of God's children will experience the love of Jesus and wholeness in a fragmented world.

Office of General Minister and President
Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries
Central Rocky Mountain Region Camp and Conference Ministry
Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin
Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada
Disciples Home Missions
Disciples Peace Fellowship
GLAD Alliance
Reconciliation Ministries
Christian Church in Oklahoma
Christian Church in Kansas

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT Business Item No. 1123. (Discussion time 12 minutes)

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[i] Definition taken from Dan Olweus, creator of the *Olweus Bullying Prevention Program,* from his book, *Bullying at School: What We Know and What We Can Do*

No. 1124
(Operational Business Item)

RE-ELECTION OF THE GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, the Administrative Committee of the General Board has complied with the procedures and requirements set forth in *The Design* for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Standing Rules of the General Board, in the nomination of Sharon E. Watkins for re-election as General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with those procedures, the General Board has voted "to forward the name;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, July 9-13, 2011, re-elects Sharon E. Watkins, to the position of General Minister and President for a term of six years beginning July 14, 2011 and ending at the conclusion of the General Assembly in July 2017.

General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in the United States and Canada

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
APPROVE Business Item No. 1124.

NO. 1125
(OPERATIONAL, POLICY AND ORGANIZATIONAL)

REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE – TIME AND PLACE

The 2015 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 19 – 23, 2015.

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT Business Item No. 1125. (Discussion time 12 minutes)

No. GA 1126
(Operational Business Item)

REPORT OF THE GENERAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For Officers of the General Assembly

For Moderator

Regina Morton moved "home" to Tennessee from Renton Washington in 2009. She is a member of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis where she loves serving in the nursery and is studying to become a Stephen's Minister.

While living in Washington, Regina held positions as elder, moderator, usher, and children's Sunday school teacher in her Disciples congregation. Regina was also an active member of the Northwest Regional Board. Regina was nominated to the General Board by the General Nominating Committee in 2006. She has chaired the Personal, Policies and Procedures Committee and the Review/Search and Call Committee while also being a member of the Governance and Administrative Committees.

Regina holds a Masters degree in Applied Behavioral Science from City University of Seattle and earned her Bachelor degree in education from Tennessee State University. Regina is a certified personal life coach and a teacher at heart, who advocates for fairness and justice. She has served in Bible Study Fellowship International since 1985 in various capacities including Children's Supervisor.

Regina enjoys pursuing activities that nourish her soul—facilitating post play discussions, traveling, collecting art and artifacts, reading, listening to blues and jazz, watching movies and spending quality time with friends and family, especially her very outspoken 100 year old Aunt Fannie. She is a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

For First Vice Moderator

Susan Ward Diamond is the Senior Minister at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Montgomery, Alabama. Before coming to Montgomery in May of 2003, she served for thirteen years as Senior Minister of First Christian Church (Disciples) in Naples, Florida. She has a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, a Master of Divinity from Brite Divinity School and a Bachelor degree from Texas Christian University.

Susan has invested herself in ministry and mission through the local, regional and general expressions of the church, as well as through her community. She has served on numerous local ecumenical and civic boards in both Naples and Montgomery. Susan has also served on the regional boards of the Florida and Alabama-Northwest Florida regions and as chairperson of the Program Committee on Church Development for the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region. Susan has served the General Church as a board member of the Christian Church Foundation since 2004 and as the Foundation's representative to the General Board from 2008-2010.

Susan is married to her husband Ron Diamond. They are the proud parents of their miniature dachshund Sweet Pea and "adopted parents" of Rosa and Aggie Kwambolsa, two little girls in Kenya whom they help to support and send to school.

For Second Vice Moderator

Rick Ikeda has been a resident of the Salem, Oregon area since graduating from Willamette University with a degree in physics. After a brief career as a science and math teacher, Rick moved to the business world where he currently is Vice President in charge of purchasing and technology for Western Tool Supply.

Rick is an active member of First Christian Church in Salem, having served in various capacities over the years including both domestic and international youth mission trips. He has served on the Oregon Regional Board, is the Oregon Region's representative to the General Board, is currently on the Administrative Committee, Audit Committee and the Review/Search and Call committee. Rick is also active with Habitat for Humanity and the Interfaith Hospitality Network, both in Salem.

Rick is married to his wife Beverly and has two adult daughters, Rochelle and Andrea.

For membership on the General Board
January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2015
(Nominated from the General Nominating Committee)

Vy Nguyen, Asian American, Clergyman, (23-29) Northern California / Nevada
Eli Rolon, Asian American and Hispanic, Layman (23-29) Illinois-Wisconsin
Bernice Cintron, Hispanic, Laywoman (50-59) Oregon
Fernando Morales, Hispanic, Clergyman (30-39) Florida
Caroline Hamilton, Caucasian, Laywoman (18-22) Southwest
Jean O'Brien (50-59), Clergywoman Michigan
Laura Jennison Reed, Laywoman (23-29) Northwest
Yvonne Gilmore Essig, Clergywoman (30-39) Ohio
Of the persons being nominated:

3 laywomen
1 layman
2 are clergywomen
2 clergyman
5 are racial ethnic persons
(1 African Americans, 2 Hispanics, 1 Asian, 1 Asian / Hispanic)
1 is 22 or younger

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE GENERAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Nominated from the Administrative Committee of the General Board

For election through the 2015 General Assembly

Larry Love (NC/N) W, C, M
Jean Blackburn (TN) W, L, F
Phil Smith (Mid-Am) B, L, M
Michelle Gloyer-Harris (GKC) H, C, F
Sandhya Jha (NC/N) A, C, F

Of the four-person class of 2015:
1 is a laywomen
1 is a layman
1 are clergymen
2 are clergywomen
3 are racial ethnic persons (1 African American, 1 Hispanic, 1 Asian)

Continuing members of the General Nominating Committee through the 2011 General Assembly include:

Hanna Arambel, Chair (GRR) W, L, F
Eleanor Demus (IL/WIS) B, L, F
Lian Jiang (SW) A, C, M
Hilda Robles, Vice-Chair (FL) H, L, F
Lorenzo York (OH) B, C, M

Of the five-person class of 2011:
3 are laywomen
2 are clergymen
4 are racial ethnic persons (2 African Americans, 1 Hispanic, 1 Asian)

In keeping with *The Design* of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the members of the Corporation of the Division of Disciples Home Missions and the Corporation of the Division of Overseas Ministries were elected by the General Board at its April 2009 meeting. They are reported here to comply with the Bylaws of the two divisions:

DISCIPLES HOME MISSIONS

The General Board **elected** the following persons in the

Class of 2017:

Lisa Buday (PA) F, W
Chad Cline (SW) M, W
Young Sook Kim (PSW) C, A
Valerie Melvin (NC) C, B
Dale Richmond (KS) M, W

The following persons are continuing members:

Class of 2015:

David Geenen (IL/WI) C,W
Alan Hilberg (PSW) C,W
Lee Parker (VA) C,W
KK Wiseman (TN) C,W
Richie Sanchez (FL) C, H

Class of 2013:

George Crawford (NW) L, B
Janet Fountain (CAN) L,W
Jim Hockman (SC) L, W
Candyce Black (SW) L, B
Jean Vandergrift (NOEAST) C, W

DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES

Class of 2014

Wilfredo del Pilar (PA) L, Ha
Zenobia Guess-Mayo (OK) L, B
Phyllis Ann Hallman (AZ) L, W
John R. Kleinschmidt III (KY) L, W
Marilyn Whittaker (VA) L, B

The following persons are continuing members:

Class of 2013

Stephanie Crowder (TN) C, B
Donald Gillett (KY) C, B
Tabitha Isner (IL-WI) C, W
Daniel Lauer (OR) L, W
Joel Saucedo (VA) C, H

Class of 2012

Bonnie Carenen (IL-WI) L, W
Danny Stewart (MIDAM) C, W
Carol Nichols (GKC) L, W
Ester Lee (SW) L, A

Class of 2011

Garry Sparks (IL-WI) C, W
Sara Laroche (SW) L, W
Linda McCrae (IN) C, W
Eugene James (MI) C, B

NO. 1127
(OPERATIONAL BUSINESS ITEM)

AMENDING THE SPECIAL RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, the "Special Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly", revised 1989, Rule VI H states "Speeches on Items for Reflection and Research shall be limited to one in favor of acceptance and one opposed to acceptance, and will be limited to five minutes each"; and

WHEREAS, the "Special Rules of Procedures for the General Assembly", revised 1989, Rules VI I states, "On Items for Reflection and Research, there will be one speech in favor of acceptance and one speech opposed, followed by the vote. (Speeches in this classification will be limited to five minutes and cannot be reduced by action of the assembly.)"; and

WHEREAS, the "Special Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly" were last revised in 2009 at the Indianapolis General Assembly and the above sentences about speeches on Items for Reflection and Research were inadvertently left out of the 2009 revision; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of, according to "Special Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly" 2.4.1, "Items for Reflection and Research introduce critical issues that require further exploration before they could be addressed in resolutions, study documents, or items dealing with church policies or operations, and those that may never lend themselves to "yes-no" votes," so the focus of the Assembly debate on an Item of Reflection and Research should be on whether or not to accept the item for refection and research, not on the critical issue itself; and

WHEREAS, the "Special Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly" may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting members of the General Assembly present and voting, as long as proposed amendments are circulated in advance as regular business items of the General Assembly;

THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) gathered in Nashville, TN July 9 – 13, 2011 amend its rules of procedure by inserting under the section related to Items of Reflection and Research to read: "7.1.4.2 there will be one speech in favor of acceptance and one speech opposed, followed by the vote. (Speeches in this classification will be limited to five minutes and cannot be reduced by action of the assembly.)"; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED the title 7.8 of “Special Rules of Procedures of the General Assembly” to read “The total time for debate unless otherwise noted in these rules.”

General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in the United States and Canada

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT Business Item No. 1127. (Discussion time 12 minutes)

NO. 1128

REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE – UPDATE ON 2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

As part of the reorganization of the General Board and of the General Board living more fully into its responsibilities, seven committees have been established to do the work of the Board; Governance, Mission Finance, Audit, Counsel and Mediation, General Ministry Covenantal Dialogue, General Minister and President's Vision Advisory and General Assembly.

The General Assembly Committee of the General Board has a two-fold responsibility. First – the General Assembly Committee replaced the former Time and Place Committee and thus will be bringing a separate business item to approve the location and date of the 2015 General Assembly.

The second responsibility is to follow up on approved or referred resolutions which contained actionable items from the previous General Assembly and report back to the current General Assembly.

Updates to the 2009 General Assembly resolutions include:

0915 Axis of Friendship

The General Assembly Committee is continuing to follow up with the submitters of the resolution to learn of what progress has been made in promoting September 12th of each year as an Axis of Friendship Day.

0916 Be a Global Mission Church

Since the 2009 General Assembly in Indianapolis:

- 18 Congregations have become recognized as Global Mission Churches, bringing our denominational total to 33
- 7 Regions have become recognized Global Mission Regions, bringing our total to 18
- Global Ministries has developed a guide for local youth groups to become recognized as Global Mission Youth Groups
- In conjunction with the Office of Disciples Women, Global Ministries has developed a guide for Disciples Women in Global Missions

Future progress may be followed at www.globalministries.org

0919 Christian Unity and War

The 2009 General Assembly in Indianapolis referred this resolution to the Council on Christian Unity to work with Disciples Peace Fellowship in further investigation. Robert Welsh, President of Council on Christian Unity will bring an update and presentation at the end of the formal presentation of our report.

0920 Renewing Disciples Support for Farm Worker Ministry

Since the 2009 General Assembly in Indianapolis, Disciples Farm Worker Ministry (DFWM) has become a membership-based organization affiliated with Disciples Home Missions (DHM). Members are encouraged to make donations to cover the costs of the organization's ministry, with those funds being managed by DHM under the guidance of the DFWM leadership team. Members of DFWM regularly receive e-mail updates on farm-worker issues. DFWM has renewed Disciples' relationship with the National Farm Worker Ministry (NFWM) by providing funding each year and sending a member of the DFWM leadership team to NFWM board meetings. Further information may be found at www.discipleshomemissions.org.

0922 Theological Foundations and Policies and Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

A report covering the implementation of this document will be brought to the assembly by Ben Bohren, Chair of the General Commission on Ministry.

0923 Call for an Open Meeting Policy for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

At the 2010 General Board meeting, an Open Meeting Policy Taskforce was named to work on an Open Meeting Policy. The taskforce has met via conference call and will continue to pursue development of an Open Meeting Policy.

The General Board has reviewed Report No. 1128 from the General Assembly Committee. The report is submitted to the General Assembly for consideration and discussion. No action is required. (Discussion time 48 minutes)