WHEREAS, the Disciples Center for Public Witness (the Center), created as a partnership between the Christian Church Capital Area and National City Christian Church by resolution at the 2000 regional assembly of the Capital Area, to serve the entire church in the area of justice advocacy and social witness; and

WHEREAS, the Center was founded by the Drs. William Chris Hobgood and Alvin O. Jackson and located at National City Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Disciples Center for Public Witness is to inform, connect and empower Disciples of Christ and other Christians for ecumenical and interfaith justice advocacy in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Center carries out its mission in common action with our denominational, ecumenical and interfaith partners; and

WHEREAS, the Center has grown into a shared ministry of the Capital Area region, Disciples congregations in the DC area (Twelfth Street, Michigan Park, Shepherd Park and Iglesia Cristiana Nacional) as well as Light of the World Christian Church in Indianapolis, Park Avenue Christian Church in New York and Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Center voluntarily enters into formal and informal partnerships with ministries of the denomination including the Office of General Minister and President, Disciples Home Missions, Week of Compassion and Council of Christian Unity; and

WHEREAS, the Center shares two partnership ministries, (Refugee and Immigration Ministries and Human Rights Ministries) with Disciples Home Missions; and

WHEREAS, the Center partners with Week of Compassion as coordinator of Disciples participation in Ecumenical Advocacy Days where the 2013 gathering’s emphasis is food security and as minister of economic justice who helps educate Disciples about public policy dealing with poverty, hunger issues and concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Center voluntarily structures its work to be consistent with the shared justice advocacy priorities of the ministries of the church, general assembly resolutions and statement by the General Minister and President; and
WHEREAS, the current executive director of the Center is a member of the Justice Table and serves as a justice advocacy consultant and public policy advisor to the General Minister and President;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Orlando, Florida, July 13-17, 2013, accepts Disciples Center for Public Witness as a Recognized Organization of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Administrative Committee of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly ADOPT GA-1335. (Discussion time: 12 minutes)