

**Minutes of the General Board  
Of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
April 12 – 15, 2008**

**Hilton Indianapolis North Hotel**

**Indianapolis, Indiana**

**D. Newell Williams, Moderator**

**Overview of Meeting**

First Vice Moderator, Ayanna Johnson, led worship to open and close all plenary sessions. General Board Anti-Racism training and World Café Host training were held on Saturday afternoon. This was followed by an opening dinner and worship at Allisonville Christian Church. Celebrations of the current General Board members and of new and departing Regional and General leaders were part of worship. General Minister and President, Sharon Watkins, presented the State of the Church Address - Our Common Mission/State of the Church – Movement for Wholeness during worship as well.

Moderator Newell Williams preached the sermon at the Sunday morning worship. Sharon Watkins presented the context for The Principles of Mission Alignment, the topic for a new group discussion model at General Board, World Café. This model was also used to discuss the Elements of the Plan. Reports were heard from each of the General Ministries, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Vision Team, the Ministry and Money Task Force, the Mission Funding Task Force and the General Assembly Program Coordinator, Patti Case, among others. On Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Second Vice Moderator presided over the plenary sessions. Don Shelton filled in for Bill Bailey as parliamentarian.

**Business of the General Board**

- VOTED** To adopt the agenda, with changes
- VOTED** To approve the minutes from the April 28 – May 1, 2007 General Board Meeting.
- VOTED** Approval of the Consent Agenda

**GB-08-0581** Ratification of Mail Ballots

**GB-07-0532 VOTED:** Elected the 2011 class of the General Assembly Credentials Committee.

**GB-07-0533 VOTED:** Election of the 2011 Class of the Time and Place Committee.

**GB-07-0543 VOTED:** Amend and update the Articles of Incorporation.

**GB-07-0544 VOTED:** Restore the corporate name.

**GB-07-0535 VOTED:** Continuation of the 2007 DMF allocation percentages for 2008.

## Receipt of Regional Reports

**GB-08-0548** Alabama-Northwest Florida  
**GB-08-0549** Arizona  
**GB-08-0550** Northern California-Nevada  
**GB-08-0554** Florida  
**GB-08-0555** Georgia  
**GB-08-0557** South Idaho  
**GB-08-0558** Illinois-Wisconsin  
**GB-08-0559** Indiana  
**GB-08-0560** Kansas  
**GB-08-0561** Greater Kansas City  
**GB-08-0562** Kentucky  
**GB-08-0563** Michigan  
**GB-08-0564** Mid-America  
**GB-08-0565** Montana  
**GB-08-0566** Nebraska  
**GB-08-0567** North Carolina  
**GB-08-0568** Northeastern  
**GB-08-0569** Northwest  
**GB-08-0570** Ohio  
**GB-08-0571** Oklahoma  
**GB-08-0572** Oregon  
**GB-08-0573** Pacific Southwest  
**GB-08-0574** Pennsylvania  
**GB-08-0575** South Carolina  
**GB-08-0576** Southwest  
**GB-08-0577** Tennessee  
**GB-08-0578** Upper Midwest  
**GB-08-0579** Virginia  
**GB-08-0580** West Virginia

The following General Ministry Reports were received.

**0801** General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), including the Office of General Minister and President, Committees, Commissions and Minutes.

**0802** Christian Board of Publication

**0803** Christian Church Foundation

**0804** Church Extension  
New Church Ministry

**0805** Church Finance Council

**0806** Council on Christian Unity

**0807** Disciples Benevolent Services

**0808** Disciples of Christ Historical Society  
DisciplesWorld, Inc.

**0709** Disciples Home Missions  
Christmount Christian Assembly  
Inman Christian Center  
National Evangelistic Association

	Urban Spirit/KB Ministries, Inc.
<b>0810</b>	Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries
	United Christian Missionary Society
<b>0811</b>	Higher Education and Leadership Ministries
<b>0812</b>	Pension Fund
<b>0813</b>	Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries
<b>0814</b>	National Convocation of the Christian Church
<b>0815</b>	North American Pacific/Asian Disciples
<b>0816</b>	College of Regional Ministers

**GB-08-0582 Principles for Mission Alignment and the Mission Alignment Coordinating Council**

**VOTED** The 2008 General Board accepts the Principles for Mission Alignment as foundational work for a Mission Alignment Coordinating Council. The Mission Alignment Coordinating Council (MACC) will be named by the General Minister and President and the Moderator of the Assembly. The Council will present a full report of their work including a plan for mission alignment and next steps in pursuing the 2020 Vision to the 2009 General Board, including required action by the 2009 Indianapolis General Assembly. OGMP will assume responsibility for funding the expenses of the council.

**GB-08-0583 Report of the Mission Fund Task Force**

**VOTED** To approve the appendixes

**GB-08-0584 Disciples Mission Fund Update**

**VOTED** To receive the report

**GB-08-0585 Ministry and Money Report (Implementation Update)**

**VOTED** To receive the report

**GB-08-0586 21<sup>st</sup> Century Vision Team Report**

**VOTED** To receive the report

**GB-08-0587 2009 General Assembly Update**

**VOTED** To receive the report

**GB-08-0588 Mandatory Boundary Training for General Ministry Clergy**

**VOTED** All ordained and licensed ministers engaged in General Ministries (those whose standing is certified with GCOM) obtain sexual ethics boundary training either through the General Ministry where they serve or through the Region where they reside. It is understood that

military chaplains will obtain such training from the military and chaplains in federal prisons will obtain such training from federal prison authorities. The 2009 GCOM Standing Form will include a question to ascertain if such training has been received.

**GB 08-0589            Administrative Committee Report to the General Board**

**VOTED**            To receive the report

**GB-08-0590            2007 General Assembly Resolutions Update**

**VOTED**            To receive the report

**GB-08-0591            Report of the General Nominating Committee of the General Board**

**VOTED**            to approve the report of the General Nominating Committee, as stated in the General Board docket, pages 359 – 362. By approving the report, the General Board confirms the members the Boards of Directors for Christian Board of Publication, Church Extension, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (with correction) and Disciples Benevolent Services. The approval confirms members of the Boards of Trustees for National Convocation and the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation. The approval elects members of the Week of Compassion Committee. The approval elects members of the Boards of Directors for the Christian Church Foundation, Pension Fund of the Christian Church, Disciples Home Missions and Division of Overseas Ministries.

**GB-08-0592            Approval of the Identity Statement**

**VOTED**            To approve the Identity Statement

**GB-08-0593            Common General Assembly General Synod 2013**

**VOTED**            To approve recommendations as stated

**GB-08-0594            Pentecost Offering Covenant Report**

**VOTED**            To receive the report

There being no further business to come before the General Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM, April 15, 2008.