

1 NO. 0917

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3 (OPERATIONAL BUSINESS ITEM)

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5 CELEBRATE AND REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TOWARD
6 THE VISION OF CHURCH PLANTING

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8 WHEREAS, the Biblical witness of scripture calls us toward “making disciples” in the
9 Great Commission, the Great Commandment, and in the practice of the early church as
10 it spread throughout the world; and

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

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16 WHEREAS, our formative documents within our church demonstrate a long-term
17 commitment to evangelism and acceptance of the mantle of “...our mission of witness
18 and service to all people”¹; and

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20 WHEREAS, our church has adopted a vision of being a “faithful, growing church, that
21 demonstrates true community, deep Christian Spirituality and a passion for Justice”
22 (Micah 6:8)²; and

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

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

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31 WHEREAS, we have repeatedly reaffirmed our commitment toward establishing new
32 Disciples congregations in General Assemblies since 1969; and

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34 WHEREAS, Disciples celebrate the planting of more than 600 new and affiliating
35 congregations since 2001 with more than 80 percent of these congregations chartered
36 or still in formation; and

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

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)

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WHEREAS, Disciples have depended on the service and commitment of more than 600 new church pastors, who have sacrificed personally in the establishment of these new congregations with little financial backing from denominational sources; 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, new congregations of the past 20 years represent the most growth and giving towards our common mission fund and the greatest number of new additions and baptisms of all our congregations⁴; and

WHEREAS, there are still four states in the United States without a Disciples congregation and 25 metropolitan areas in North America that do not have a Disciples presence⁵; and

WHEREAS, sixty-five percent of the U.S. population still does not live near a Disciples congregation⁶;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) celebrates at this assembly that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has welcomed more than 600 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 through financial support, congregationally initiated projects, the recruitment and training of gifted planters, and prayerful support of robust Disciples church planting.

New Church Ministry

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT Business Item No. 0917. (Debate time: 12 minutes)

⁴ The Yearbook
⁵ The Yearbook
⁶ PERCEPT

Region/Area	Project Name	New Church Planter	City	State
AL-NW FL	Primera Iglesia Hispana Discipulos de Cristo.	Jose & Anna Diaz	Ft. Walton Beach	FL
AZ	Cristo Vive (Discipulos de Cristo) de West Phoenix	Antonio Reyes	Avondale	AZ
AZ	La Vida Nueva	Karelia Campillo Zenil	Tempe	AZ
CA, N NV	The Table	Tami Groves	Berkeley	CA
CA, N NV	Walking Faith Korean-American CC	Daniel Lee Kyung-Min	Sunnyvale	CA
CA, N NV	Tapestry Ministries	D. Mark Wilson	Berkeley	CA
CA, N NV	Inside Out	Sara Steen/Robert Shively	Oakland	CA
CA, N NV	La Puerta Abierta Christian Church	Mario Herrera	Walnut Creek	CA
CA, N NV	Sinapi Seed Fellowship	John Wu	Palo Alto	CA
CANADA	Eglise Vie Noovelle	Blaise Clotaire		
CANADA	Crossroads Christian Church	Scott Macissac	Charlottetown	PE
CANADA	Word of Life Christian Church	Christian Murengera	Toronto,	ONT
CANADA	Happy Family CC of	Juan Carlos Rodriguez	Alberta	ONT
CAP AREA	Christian Family Church (DOC)	Elie Charles	Brentwood	MD
CAP AREA	The Christian Church	Gabriella Montelus	Seaford	DE
CTR RKY MTN	First Cong CC of Samoa in Utah	Sai T. Tafaoalii	Mango	UT
CTR RKY MTN	Pueblo project	Eduardo and Rosa	Pueblo	CO
CTR RKY MTN	NOT World Christian Fellowship	Mark Rowland	Roswell	NM
CTR RKY MTN	Living Bread Christian Church	Shelly Garrison	Colorado Springs	CO
CTR RKY MTN		Manuel & Sadie Torres	Pueblo	CO
FL	Eglise Chretienne International de Jesus	Rivel Dumaine	Ft Lauderdale	FL
FL	Iglesia Cristiana Fe y Esperanza	John Quinones	Ocala	FL
FL	Iglesia Cristiana Manatial de Vida	Maria del Canela	Jacksonville	FL
FL	Iglesia Cristiana Shekinah	Pedro Angel Diaz	Kissimmee	FL
FL		Jean Baptiste	Port St. Lucie	FL
FL	New Jerusalem Worship Center	Abdias Jules	Port St. Lucie	FL
FL	Mision Crisitana Nuevo Amanecer	Lasdislao Sanchez Jr.	Tampa	FL
FL	Cathedral of Blessing	Geraldo & Debora Demiranda	Sarasota	FL
FL	Iglesia & Ministerios Cristianos Logos	Norberto Fonseca	Kissimmee	FL
FL	Arise Christian Church	P. O. Box 721837	Orlando	FL
GA	Mount Vernon	Jon Ford	Monroe	GA
GA	Christian Church in Savannah	Roger Sizemore	Savannah	GA
GRR	Mundo de Fe	Sergio Macuil	Little Rock	AR
GRR	River of Grace CC	Holly Patton	Little Rock	AR
GRR	New Generation Christian Fellowship	James Green	Moss Point	MS
GRR	Life Renewal Community Church	Wanda Stallings	Starkville	MS
GRR	Disciples Christian Fellowship		Texas	AR
IL/WI	Network Christian Church	Dan & Amanda Jassman	Colfax	IL
IN	Living Water Christian Church	Charles Webb	Indianapolis	IN
Kansas City	Transformation Family Life Center	Michael Portley, Jr.	Kansas City	KS
Kansas City	Alfa y Omega Iglesia Cristiana (DOC)	Edith Mendoza	Liberty	MO
Kansas City	The River - Kansas City	Kelli Driscoll	Kansas City	MO
KS	Joyous Celebration Community Church	Timothy Lang	Ellis	KS
KS		Rhonda J. Glenn	Larned	KS
KS	Breakthrough Community Church	Anthony Macari	Wichita	KS
KS	Comunidad Cristiana Agape	David and Anna Porras	Kansas City	KS
KS	Iglesia Cristiana Linaje Esogido	German Mendoza	Independence	MO
KY	Harmony Place		Union City	KY
KY	Gesmaine Christian Church			KY
KY	The Gathering	Don Vanzant	Lexington	KY
KY	Vision Christian Church	Shauna McGhee	Lexington	KY
KY	Iglesia Cristiana Discipulos de Cristo	David Agrinsoni	Lexington	KY
KY	Luther Luckett Christian Church	Dean W. Bucalos	Jefferstown	KY
MI	Beacon Hill CC DOC	Carolyn and Wayne Ten Roberts	Canton	MI
MID-AM (SG)	Liberation Christian Church	Dietra Wise	University City	MO
MID-AM (SG)	Life Wind Chrisitan Church	Larry D. Hill	Lake St. Louis	MO
MID-AM	Pan de Vida	David Ramirez	Saint Joseph	MO
NC	New Life International CC	Jose Capiz	Raleigh	NC
NC	Powerhouse of Praise	Elder Katie Armstrong	Bailey	NC
NC	Communion of Faith CC	Dara Cobb	Huntersville	NC
NC	Interstate Ministries	Elder Terence Jenkins	Clayton	NC

NC	Faith and Praise Mission	Elder Antony Atkinson	Wilson	NC
NC	Christians United Mission	Elder Phyllis Forte	Zebulon	NC
NC	New Mount Zion Christian Church		Dover	NC
NC	Mount Olive Church		Kenly	NC
NC	Heart to Heart		LaGrange	NC
NC	First Church		Laurinburg	NC
NC	Little Rock Church		Pikeville	NC
NC	Saint Matthew Church		Riverdale	NC
NC	Rose of Sharon Mission	Elder Mary Brown	Durham	NC
NC	Deliverance Tabernacle	Elder Betty Gardner	Ayden	NC
NC	Saint John Church		Dover	NC
NC	Mission of Love	Dr Naomi Williams	Goldsboro	NC
NC	New Covenant Church Ministries	Elder Darian Grantham	Goldsboro	NC
NC	Saint Mary Church	Elder Gladys Brewer	Goldsboro	NC
NC	Fresh Anointing	Elder Rodney Parker	Greensboro	NC
NC	Antioch Church	Elder Andrew Jones	Hookerton	NC
NC	Saint Peter Church	Elder Tyrone Haney	Kingston	NC
NC	Saint Mark Mission	Elder Gene McCloud	New Bern	NC
NC	Grace Chapel Mission	Elder Chester Richardson	Newton Grove	NC
NC	Mustard Seed Faith Mission	Elder Cathy Hall	Rocky Mount	NC
NC	Saint Paul Church (Black Creek)	Elder David Sutton	Wilson	NC
NC	Sojourner Christian Church	Dennis Lundblad	Asheville	NC
NC	Anointed Remnant	Elder Freddie Hackney	Arapahoe	NC
NC	Alpha and Omega Mission (Hispanic Ministry)	Evangelist Juan Hernandez	Goldsboro	NC
NC	Triumphant Ones Ministries	Carrie Bolton	Pittsboro	NC
NC	Christian Church Winston-Salem		Winston-Salem	NC
NE	Church of the Open Door	Dana Bainbridge	Omaha	NE
NE	Aliento del Cielo	Obed Garza	Omaha	NE
NE		John Bueno	Omaha	NE
NEASTERN	Eglise de Dieu de la Piscine de Siloe	Jean Glozy	Mt. Vernon	NY
NEASTERN	Point Mass	Andy Snyder	Brooklyn	NY
NEASTERN	The Pub Church	Xochitl Alvizo	Cambridge	MA
NEASTERN	Geshemane Haitian Church of God	Joshua Salomon	Hyde Park	MA
NEASTERN	Ray of Hope	Kennard Weaver	Pleasantville	NJ
NEASTERN		Dean Cochren	Syracuse	NY
NEASTERN	Unboxed Church	Glenn Kelley	Magnolia	NJ
NEASTERN	Evangelical Church of the Living God	Simon Louissaint/Louis Joseph	Inselin	NJ
NEASTERN	Zion Pentecostal Church	Isaac Dulcio	West Orange	NJ
NEASTERN	New Congregation	David Milien	Dorchester	MA
NEASTERN	Exodus Baptist Church	Dubuisson Jodis	Randolph	MA
NEASTERN	Tabernacle of Christ	Julien Brunel Laguerre	Brooklyn	NY
NEASTERN	Evangelical Crusade of Soul Winners		Brooklyn	NY
NEASTERN	New Church	Joseph and Andrienne Lodovic	New Rochelle	NY
NEASTERN	Bethel Christian Church	Jerome Herold	Brooklyn	NY
NWEST	Friends of the ONE	Wahhab Baldwin and Katherine Diamond	Kent	WA
NWEST	Ciudad de Dios	Arturo and Arcilio Crespo	Pasco	WA
OH	Living Faith Community Church	Thomas and Kelley Parker	Dayton	OH
OH	New Song Community Church	Yvonne Gilmore-Essig	Columbus	OH
OH	Iglesia Cristiana Mana (DOC)	Iluminado Castellano	Columbus	OH
OH	Shawneespring Community Church	Larry Nielson	Harrison	OH
OK	Carney Christian Church	Jackie Roberts	Carney	OK
OK	In the Spirit CC	Sharyn Cosby-Willis	Tulsa	OK
OR	New Zion Christian Church	Willie Hurst	Portland	OR
OR	Iglesia Escudo y Fortaleza	Agustin Martinez	Salem	OR
OR	Nueva Iglesia	Jose Regalado	Salem	OR
OR	Tree of Righteousness	James and Milele Hobbs	Portland	OR
PA		Bernard Aladin	Philadelphia	PA
PA	The Word Church International	John Harris	Bala Cynwyd	PA
PA	Iglesia Cristiana Tabernaculo de Oracion (Discipulos de Cristo)	Oscar Cruz	Mt. Lebanon	PA
PA	Canoe Camp Penna (UCC/DOC)	Sharon Littrell	Wellsboro	PA
PA		Eliezer Ortiz	Hartford	CT
PAC-SW	Returning to the Lord Christian Church	Sylvester Warsaw, SR	Gardena	CA
PAC-SW	Sonshine Christian Church	Richard Assad	Newhall	CA

PAC-SW	Chosen Generation Fellowship	David Yu	Temple City	CA
PAC-SW	South Bay Korean Christian Church	Dae Jan Ahn	Torrance	CA
PAC-SW	Altar de Restauracion	Frank and Sandra Pineda	Canyon ountry	CA
PAC-SW	Hollywood Bethany Christian Church	Mitchell Curry	Hollywood	CA
PAC-SW	Hawaii Glory Church	Kyung Ho Bae	Honolulu	HI
PAC-SW	Jesus Village Church	Kyung Han Kim	Las Vegas	NV
PAC-SW	Silver Lakes Christian Church	Jung An Kim/ Kenneth Byun	Helendale	CA
PAC-SW	Iglesia Seguidores de Cristo	Ernesto Ramierez	Hawthorne	CA
PAC-SW	Primera Iglesia Cristiana de Ventura	Rosendo Lomeli	Whittier	CA
PAC-SW	Primera Iglesia de Barstow	Carlos Marin	Barstow	CA
PAC-SW	Centro Cristiano Libertad	Pedro Caraballo	North Las Vegas	NV
PAC-SW	Good Shepherd Christian Church	Jang Shik Choi	Glendale	CA
SC	Andrews Christian Church	Mary Goodman	Andrews	SC
SC	Path of Life	Lula Samuel	Columbia	SC
SC	Alpha and Omega	Charles A. Black	Bamberg	SC
SC	Shalom Christian Church	Deveta Brown	Bonneau	SC
SW	Templo Revelacion	Bernardo Rincon	Laredo	TX
SW (BLUE)	Iglesia Cristiana Monte Zion	Peter Ortiz	Round Rock	TX
SW (BLUE)	Iglesia Cristiana Monte Olivos	Jenny Ibanez	Fort Sam Houston	TX
SW (BLUE)	North Central CC	Doug Deuel	San Antonio	TX
SW (COASTAL)	Iglesia Cristiana Shekinah	A. Yezid Garzon	Katy	TX
SW (COASTAL)	Canvas	Chris Parrott	Houston	TX
SW (HI-PLAINS)		Arturo Chanax	Pampa	TX
SW (N TX)	Ethiopian Christian Church	Feron Woldemmanuel	Allentown	TX
SW (N TX)	Vision Mundial La Familia	Angelo Pavesio	Grand Prairie	TX
SW (NE)	Iglesia Cristo Esla Victorio	Sylvia Mazias	Gladewater	TX
SW (NE)	Christian Liberty Center	Apolinar Leon/Connie Torrez	Tyler	TX
SW (TRES)	Oasis Christian Comunidad	Debra Clugy-Soto	El Paso	TX
SW (TRES)	Viento de Gracia	Moises Colmenera	Santa Fe	NM
SW (TRINITY)	Grace Christian Fellowship	Troy Smith	Burleson	TX
TN	Iglesia Christiana (DOC)	Justina & Francisco Rivera	Antioch	TN
TN	Nouvelle Aliance Cretian L'elise	Celet-Nkobe Wanga	Nashville	TN
TN	Trinity Church and Cristian Center	Melvin Nalley	Memphis	TN
UPPER MID	New Life Christian Church	George Lair	Granger	IA
UPPER MID	Peosta Worship Center	David Minnihan	Peosta	IA
VA	Olive Branch Christian Church	Naomi Andrews	Lynchburg	VA
VA	Mt. Top 1st CC of Martinsville	Zeke Zanatos	Martinsville	VA