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(Operational Business Item)

**NEW CONGREGATION ESTABLISHMENT**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are a people divinely commissioned to Go and make Disciples . Over the last twenty years we have increasingly realized that one of the most effective ways to reach new people and make disciples is by planting new churches. At the 1989 General Assembly, we set a goal of starting 200 new congregations by the end of the decade. At the 1999 General Assembly 149 starts were reported.

In his 2020 Vision, our General Minister and President has challenged us to be more effective in starting new churches. Church Extension has responded to that challenge by calling together an expanded team to ignite the whole church in starting as many new churches in as many ways as possible. Church Extension also sponsored a New Church Summit in November, 2000, calling together representatives of regions, general units, seminaries, and new church pastors to learn, pray, plan, and launch a church-wide movement. A heightened commitment and new energy for starting new churches resulted from the Summit. Action Teams that were formed at the Summit continue work in dimensions of the movement, such as leader recruitment and development, churches starting churches, resources for new churches.

We have a great challenge before us to start at least 1000 new churches in the next 20 years. It cannot be the job of the general church, the regions, existing congregations, or the seminaries alone. We must all take action to fulfill the Great Commission.

WHEREAS, Jesus Christ commissioned us to Go and make Disciples, and

WHEREAS, our General Minister and President has issued the challenge to start at least 1000 new churches by the year 2020; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will become actively involved in carrying out the Great Commission in our congregations and in starting new communities of faith;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, July 13-17, 2001, acknowledge and celebrate the following congregations which have been established and/or received since the 1999 Cincinnati General Assembly:

AZ	Gilbert, AZ	Community Christian Church of Gilbert
	Phoenix, AZ	Templo Cristiano Central
CAN	Montreal, Quebec, CAN	Metropolitan Christian Church
CRM	Aurora, CO	Fireside Christian Church
	Salida, CO	Salida Community Christian Church
FL	Fern Park, FL	Iglesia Cristiana Hispana (Discipulos de Cristo) Del Norte de Orlando
GA	Atlanta, GA	God s City of Refuge Christian Ministry
	Decatur, GA	First Korean Christian Church
	Stone Mountain, GA	The Rock Christian Church
GRKC	Kansas City, MO	Remnant of God Christian Fellowship
	Kansas City, MO	El Rey De Gloria
IN	Brownsburg, IN	Community Christian Church
KY	Union, KY	New Horizon Christian Church
MI	Detroit, MI	Serenity Christian Church
MID-AM	St. Louis, MO	World Mission Christian Church
	Lebanon, MO	Journey Christian Church
NC	Greensboro, NC	Shalom Community Christian Church
	High Point, NC	High Point Christian Church
	Hubert, NC	Agape Christian Church
	Raleigh, NC	Calvary Church of Christ
	Wendell, NC	Grace Fellowship Christian Church
NOEAST	W. Orange, NJ	New Life Christian Church
	Buffalo, NY	Harriet Tubman Christian Church
NOWEST	Auburn, WA	The Rock
	Moses Lake, WA	First Christian Church
	Tacoma, WA	New Creation Christian Church
OH	Columbus, OH	New Fellowship
OR	Portland, OR	The View
PSW	Bakersfield, CA	Iglesia Cristiana Hispana
	Downey, CA	Familia de Fe Cristiana
	Garden Grove, CA	Southern California United Korean Christian Church
	Gardena, CA	Returning to the Lord Christian Church
	La Crescenta, CA	Los Angeles Christian Church
	Los Angeles, CA	Amen Cultural Mission Christian Church
	Los Angeles, CA	Han Arum Christian Church
	Los Angeles, CA	Iglesia Cristiana at McCarty Memorial Christian Church
	Los Angeles, CA	Southern California Church of Christ
	Norwalk, CA	Fellowship Christian Church
	Oceanside, CA	First Christian Church Iglesia

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	Pomona, CA	Korean American Fellowship
	Riverside, CA	Iglesia Cristiana Oasis en el Desierto
	Santa Monica, CA	Kwang Eun Korean Church
	Newhall, CA	Sonshine Christian Church
	Torrance, CA	Torrance Korean Fellowship
	Westlake, CA	Iglesia Cristiana Adonai (Disciples of Christ)
	Whittier, CA	Iglesia Cristiana Del Este De Whittier
PA	Pittsburgh, PA	Open Arms Church
SC	Summerville, SC	Deliverance Christian Church
SW	Garland, TX	First Chinese Christian Church
	Aztec, NM	Christ, Ray of Hope Christian Church
	Aledo, TX	Community Christian Church
TN	Crossville, TN	Christian Church of the Cumberland