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(Operational Business Item)

CELEBRATING NEW CONGREGATIONS

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, we the members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), affirm our call as a Great Commission church to actively invite people into relationship with Christ (Matthew 28:19);

WHEREAS, nearly half of the U.S. population, and nearly two-thirds of the Canadian population is not in relationship with any community of faith;

WHEREAS, 65 percent of the U.S. population does not live near a Disciples congregation today;

WHEREAS, it is the vision of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice. (Micah 6:8);

WHEREAS, we embrace the 2020 Vision, and the audacious goal of establishing 1,000 new congregations by the year 2020;

WHEREAS, countless individuals have dedicated their lives as New Church Planters to respond to God's call on behalf of Disciples, despite personal sacrifice;

WHEREAS, more than 140 congregations have been formed since the year 2000, representing the highest rate of growth in congregations since the 1920s;

WHEREAS, Disciples continue to demonstrate unprecedented commitment to partner with one another throughout the life of the church to support the launch of new congregations;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that this Assembly, meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, October 17-21, 2003, enthusiastically welcomes and celebrates these newly initiated congregations:

Disclaimer:

Any time a list of this nature is printed there are omissions and additions. This list is our current, best estimate of new congregations printed for the General Board on July 18, 2003. Since that printing there will likely be a number of additional new congregations, and several that may have closed (our current success rate still exceeds 80 percent). A congregation is counted as new when it has a church planter, actively engaged in gathering a community of faith in a community.

This list includes new congregations that have begun gathering since January 2001 and have continued to meet as of July 2003.

Alabama-Northwest Florida	Foley, AL	South Baldwin Christian Church
Arizona	Cave Creek, AZ	Coolwater Christian Church
	Gilbert, AZ	Chalice Christian Church
	Mesa, AZ	Iglesia Cristiana Monte Sinai
	Phoenix, AZ	Iglesia Cristiana El Buen Samaritano
	Phoenix, AZ	Templo Cristiano Central
California, North-Nevada	Berkeley, CA	University Korean Christian Church
	Oakland, CA	Junghoon Christian Church
	Tracy, CA	Gateway Christian Church
Canada	Hamilton, Ontario	McMaster Community Church
Capital Area	Mt. Rainier, MD	Iglesia Vida Abundante
	Falls Church, VA	Primera Iglesia Cristiana
Central Rocky Mountain	Pueblo, CO	The Ultimate Goal

	Ogden, UT	New Beginnings Christian Church
	Cheyenne, WY	Disciples Path Christian Fellowship
Florida	Celebration, FL	United Parish of Celebration
	Ft. Myers, FL	Faith Grace Ministries
	Haines City, FL	Iglesia Cristiana Fuente de Uncion
	Kissimmee, FL	Iglesia Cristiana (Discipulos de Cristo)
		Emanuel
	Kissimmee, FL	Iglesia Cristiana Renuevo
	Margate, FL	Hope Christian Church
	Miami, FL	Iglesia Cristiana Discupulos de Cristo
	Orange Park, FL	Mision Faro de Esperanza
	Tampa, FL	Primera Iglesia Cristiana
Georgia	Gordon, GA	Gordon Christian Church (Campsite)
	Lawrenceville, GA	Centre Evangelique la Pierre Augulaire
	Marietta, GA	First Korean Christian Church
	McDonough, GA	Eagles Landing Christian Church
Great River	Bentonville, AR	Elm Tree Christian Church
	Hot Springs, AR	Spring Valley Christian Church
Illinois and Wisconsin	Arlington Heights, IL	Evergreen Christian Church
	Peoria, IL	Faith Alive Christian Church
Indiana	Indianapolis, IN	Emmaus Christian Church
	Indianapolis, IN	New Light Christian Church Indianapolis, IN
		Walk In The Light Christian Church
	Indianapolis, IN	Casa del Alfarero
Kansas	Wichita, KS	Good Harvest Christian Church
Kansas City, Greater	Gardner, KS	Family Faith Christian Church
	Kansas City, MO	Budd Park Haitian Church
	Kansas City, MO	Iglesia Cristiana de Kansas City, KS
	Kansas City, MO	El Rey de Gloria
	Kansas City, MO	Remnant of God Christian Fellowship
Kentucky	Lexington, KY	Kaleidoscope Christian Church
	Mayfield, KY	House of Disciple
Michigan	Flint, MI	New Covenant Christian Church
Mid-America	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis Lord s Christian Church
North Carolina	Chapel Hill, NC	Chapel Hill Christian Church
	Charlotte, NC	Primera Iglesia Cristiana
	Raleigh, NC	Vietnamese Grace Church
	Winston-Salem, NC	Serenity United Church of Christ
Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	SouthPointe Christian Church
	Lincoln, NE	CrossBridge Christian Church
Northeastern	Roslindale, MA	Hope Church
	Bound Brook, NJ	Hope Church
	Jersey City, NJ	Abundant Joy
	Princeton Junction, NJ	Disciples Christian Church
	Bronx, NY	Mision Cristiana del Condado de Westchester
		Westchester
	Flushing, NY	A Church in Christ
	Flushing, NY	Rich Spring Christian Church
	Riverside Salem, NY	Riverside Salem UCC/DOC
	Roosevelt, NY	Eglise Pentecostitste De Pecheurs
North west	Federal Way, WA	Congregational Christian Church of Samoa in Washington
		Bethesda Christian Church
	Seattle, WA	

	Tacoma, WA	Comunidad Cristiana
	University Place, WA	Amazing Grace Christian Church
Ohio	Mentor, OH	Mision Cristiana Emanuel (DC)
	North Lima, OH	The Saturday Church At Glenellen
Oklahoma	Enid, OK	Iglesia Cristiana El Shaddai
	Oklahoma City, OK	New Vessels Christian Church
	Tulsa, OK	New Beginnings
Pacific Southwest	Altadena, CA	Holy Trinity Christian Church
	Glendale, CA	Church of Love
	Las Vegas, NV	Sierra Christian Church
	Los Angeles, CA	La Iglesia Primitiva
	Murrieta, CA	United Church Of the Valley
	Santa Monica, CA	Fellowship Christian Church
	Orange, CA	Sansang Bohoon Christian Church
	San Bernardino, CA	Centro Familiar Cristiano Restauracion
	La Jolla, CA	Mission Gathering
Pennsylvania	Bethlehem, PA	Iglesia Discupulos de Cristo Luz y Verdad
	Philadelphia, PA	Templo Genesis
South Carolina	Bamberg, SC	Light of the World Baptist Christian Church
	Cross, SC	My Father s House Christian Church
	North Myrtle Beach, SC	New Covenant Christian Church
	Summerville, SC	The Church House of Ministries
Southwest	Austin, TX	Hyde Park Korean Christian Church
	Corpus Christi, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Betania
	La Blanca, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Getsemani
	New Braunfels, TX	Holy Ground Christian Church
	Raymondville, TX	Iglesia Cristiana de Raymondville
	San Benito, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Betel
	San Marcos, TX	Iglesia Cristiana de Kyle
	Abilene, TX	Wylie Christian Church
	Houston, TX	New Covenant Christian Church
	Houston, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Jehová Nissa
	Sugar Land, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Renacer
	Lubbock, TX	Mision Cristiana
	Dallas, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida
	Dallas, TX	Casa de Misericordia
	Dallas, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Oasis de Esperanza
	Dallas, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Filadelfia
	Dallas, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Galilea
	Dallas, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Principe de Paz
	Garland, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Bethel
	Irving, TX	Centro Cristiano Filadelfia
	Irving, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Shalom
	Lewisville, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Leon de Juda
	Plano, TX	First Chinese Christian Church
	Greenville, TX	Trinity Christian Church
	Paris, TX	Covenant Christian Church
	Arlington, TX	Iglesia Cristiana Mision Paz y Gozo
	Ft. Worth, TX	Burning Bush Christian Church
	Killeen, TX	New Covenant Christian Church
Tennessee	Memphis, TN	New Direction Christian Church

	Memphis, TN	Freedom s Chapel
	Memphis, TN	New Vision Outreach Ministry
Upper Midwest	Sioux Falls, SD	Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Jerusalem
Virginia	Goochland, VA	Goochland Christian Church
	Midlothian, VA	Hope Christian Church

LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED that this General Assembly applauds the unity of vision that these

Disciples partners have demonstrated by their support of this ministry:

Church Extension

Disciples Home Mission

Pension Fund

Christian Board of Publication

National Benevolent Association

Christian Church Foundation

Church Finance Council

Office of General Minister and President and Communication Ministries

Division of Higher Education

Division of Overseas Ministries

General Board (through the Mission Council)

North American Pacific/Asian Disciples

Hispanic Ministries Office

National Convocation

Every Disciples region and area in the United States and Canada

Numerous established congregations that have partnered with new churches

New congregations that already are supporting the launch of new churches

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that this General Assembly rededicates itself to promote and support the Pentecost Offering as one expression of faithfulness to God s call to start new congregations.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that all General Assembly participants be encouraged to ignite the passion of Disciples in their congregations to develop relationships with other congregations, regions, areas, and/or the office of New Church Ministry in the mission of starting a new church in North America.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that we show our gratitude to God by continuing to pray without ceasing for new congregations and their leaders, and that we join together now in gratitude to God with this hand-clap of praise.