

## **No. 0326**

(Organizational Business Item)

### **ACCEPTING DISCIPLESWORLD, INC., AS A RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH**

**ADOPTED** by the General Assembly

**WHEREAS**, free and open journals of news, opinion and mission, offering a diversity of viewpoints, have played vital roles in shaping the theology, identity, and character of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) during the past 180 years; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of Disciples responded with enthusiasm to the new journal DisciplesWorld in 2002, after the last remaining general periodical expired; and

**WHEREAS**, from its inception in March 2002, DisciplesWorld has sought to serve all manifestations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the church's institutions in return offering advertising and other support of the new journal; and

**WHEREAS**, The Design for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) provides for recognizing other organizations (paragraph 47) in addition to general administrative units of the church; and

**WHEREAS**, DisciplesWorld, Inc., governed by a rotating Board of Directors representative of the diversity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), desires a recognized covenantal relationship with the entire church and wants its service and financial reports reviewed regularly by plenary bodies of the church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, responding to the need to preserve for the whole church the journalistic tradition dating from the era of Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone, has sponsored DisciplesWorld, Inc., for recognition by the General Assembly;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, October 17-21, 2003, accepts DisciplesWorld, Inc., publisher of DisciplesWorld magazine, as a recognized organization of the Christian Church, offering its service and financial reports to the Assembly through the Disciples of Christ Historical Society; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Assembly urges Disciples to use and support DisciplesWorld as part of the overall communications mechanism of the church.