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3 **(OPERATIONAL BUSINESS ITEM)**

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5 **CHANGING THE MEETING TIME OF GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE**  
6 **CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**  
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8 WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
9 meeting in Denver, Colorado, July 25-29, 1997, voted to hold only summer  
10 General Assemblies in order to include more children, youth, young adults,  
11 families and lay persons; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the 2001 Summer Assembly experienced a 3% decline in  
14 participation from that in 1997, the 2005 Summer Assembly experienced a 32%  
15 decline in participation from that in 1997 and the 2007 Summer Assembly  
16 experienced a 27% decline in participation from that in 1997 (based on Yearbook  
17 figures); and  
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19 WHEREAS, the Mission Imperatives of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
20 adopted in July 2000 include our covenant that affirms our need to “strengthen  
21 relationships among all manifestations of the church, [and] share mutually and  
22 more fully the stewardship of God’s gifts of our life in Christ”; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the 2020 Vision of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) includes  
25 “The calling and forming of new leaders and the continuing re-forming of current  
26 leaders”; and  
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28 WHEREAS, having a summer General Assembly every other year has a  
29 significant negative impact on the Regional summer camp and conference  
30 programs that historically have developed our children, youth, and young adults  
31 as Disciples and leaders in the Church; and  
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33 WHEREAS, having alternating summer and fall General Assemblies would allow  
34 youth to participate in a General Assembly once in their high school careers  
35 without missing school; and  
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37 WHEREAS, alternating fall and summer General Assemblies would require  
38 Regions to plan their camp and conference programs around the General  
39 Assembly only once every four years, making staffing and scheduling less  
40 difficult in the other years;  
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42 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
43 in the United States and Canada, meeting in assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana,  
44 July 25-29, 2009, declare that beginning in 2013 or as soon as practical  
45 thereafter, the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will  
46 alternate between summer and fall Assemblies.

47	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Montana
48	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kansas
49	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Upper Midwest
50	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana
51	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in West Virginia
52	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia
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