

Title: Pastoral Table

Origin: Mission Alignment Coordinating Council

Background Information

At the April 2008 General Board Meeting of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Mission Alignment Coordinating Council (MACC) was charged to make a report and present a plan for mission alignment to the General Board in 2009 (Item GB-08-0581).

As a result of its work as recorded in proposal #2 of the Report and Recommendations to the General Board (Item GB -09-0641) the MACC recommends that the General Board affirm the creation of a Pastoral Table convened by the General Minister and President.

Recommended Action:

. Beginning in 2009, the General Minister and President will convene a table with covenantal partners, beginning with Racial/Ethnic ministry executives, for an ongoing conversation about pastoral matters of the larger church. The pastoral table is not programmatic in nature but rather will provide the church with a formal covenantal forum to witness as a whole, share wisdom and address concerns.

Details of the table's implementation will be determined by the partners together. The General Minister and President will report to the 2010 General Board with regard to the implementation of the Pastoral Table.