

General Board**Business Item No. GB-09-0644**

Title: The Ministry of North American Pacific/Asian Disciples (NAPAD)

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).

Proposal #3 of the MACC Report and Recommendations to the General Board (Item GB -09-0641) recognizes that NAPAD has become more than just a program of a General Ministry. As a result, the General Board recommends moving NAPAD from Disciples Home Missions (DHM), placing it in a more equitable position with the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries and National Convocation. The NAPAD Executive Pastor will be accountable to a NAPAD executive board and the ministry as a whole will have a covenantal relationship to the General Board.

Recommended Action:

The General Board approves the move of the ministry of North American Pacific/Asian Disciples from Disciples Home Missions to a position of covenantal relationship to the General Board, on par with the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries and National Convocation. The General Board calls for a committee of representatives from NAPAD, DHM, OGMP Treasury Services and the OGMP be convened to facilitate the transition. A report of this committee will be due to the Administrative Committee by October 1, 2009, with anticipated implementation January 1, 2010.