

Title: Office of Disciples Women

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 #5 of the MACC Report and Recommendations to the General Board (Item GB -09-0641) the General Board recommends a dialogue be initiated with Disciples women with the intent of addressing: 1) the multidimensional nature of women's ministries throughout the life of the church; 2) the relationship with and the line of accountability to the General Board; and 3) the staffing and funding of the Office of Disciples Women. It is also recommended that the Office of Disciples Women have a voice in the larger DHM, HELM and CE discussion (Item GB-09-0650).

Recommended Action:

The General Board calls for a dialogue to be initiated by the General Minister and President with Disciples women with the intent of addressing: 1) the multidimensional nature of women's ministries throughout the life of the church; 2) the relationship with and the line of accountability to the General Board; and 3) the staffing and funding of the Office of Disciples Women. A report of the results should be submitted by the GMP, to the General Board by April 2010. The General Board also recommends that the Office of Disciples Women have a part in the larger DHM, HELM and CE discussion as outlined in Item GB-09-0650.