

Title: Enhanced Collaboration of New Church Ministry Partners

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 #8 of the MACC Report and Recommendations to the General Board (Item GB -09-0641) it is recommended that a table be convened for enhanced collaboration around issues growing out of our burgeoning New Church Movement. This table would continue the conversations that have started among New Church Ministry, the Regions, the Racial/Ethnic Ministries and other ministries as they are or become involved in the New Church Movement. This would also include a review of agreements and processes related to establishing endowments at the closing of a congregational ministry and disposition of its property in conjunction with Christian Church Foundation.

Recommended Action:

The General Board calls for the convening of a table of New Church Ministry Partners by the General Minister and President to enhance the collaboration of these partners around the issues surrounding our ever growing New Church Ministry movement. A report of their progress will be submitted to the General Board in April 2010.