

**GA-1924**

**RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE FORMATION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS AND CONTINUE THE COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO MAKE DISCIPLES**

**(Operational, Policy and Organizational)**

**WHEREAS**, throughout our history, the Stone-Campbell movement has been marked by courageous leaders called to create communities rooted in God's mission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) embraced the challenge to form 1,000 congregations in 1,000 different ways pursuant to the 2020 Vision; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2001, bold Disciples leaders have answered this call by establishing new churches through organic and affiliating growth in the United States and Canada, and celebrate that according to New Church Ministries and Year Book and Directory data, more than 60 percent are still bearing Christ's witness to the world five years after their inception; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Church Movement is a major contributor to the racial/ethnic diversity of the Church, as exemplified by at least 28 languages in which our congregations worship, demonstrating our commitment to affirm and advocate for our current and emerging racial/ethnic communities; and

**WHEREAS**, New Church Ministry partners with all the expressions of the Church to train, equip, assist and multiply New Church leaders as they guide new congregations in God's mission; and

**WHEREAS**, it is through these partnerships, ongoing Pentecost Offering, financial stewardship, mission-al transformation and the faithful call and development of new leaders that Disciples continue to change the world; and

**WHEREAS**, it is through this cooperative spirit of support and prayer, and through the mighty courage and commitment of New Church leaders and their families, that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) lives into the mandate of the Great Commission;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting July 20-24, 2019, in Des Moines, Iowa, celebrates the courageous New Church work accomplished; and **FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that the formation of new congregations and faith communities continue to be a priority of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada beyond the year 2020 as we answer God's call to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

New Church Ministry

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**The General Board recommends that the General Assembly ADOPT GA-1924. (Discussion Time: 12 minutes)**

## New Congregations and Faith Communities – 2017-2018

Abolition CC DOC, Los Angeles, CA

Agape Center, Las Vegas, NV

Anew Church, Chicago, IL

Beloved of San Diego, San Diego, CA

Berth-A Safe Harbor for Healing, Long Beach, CA

Cabin Worship Center, Springfield, ME

Casa de Adoracion y Alabanza, Phoenix, AZ

Chalice Community Christian Church, Petersburg, VA

Christ Fellowship Community Church, Dallas, TX

Christian Restoration Outreach Centre Ministry, Plantation, FL

Church of the Possible, St Augustine, FL

Chuukese Christian Church, Humble, TX

Community Worship Center, Gardena, CA

Congregational Christian Church of Americankane, Spokane, WA

Eglise Parole de Vie/Word of Life Church, Joliette, QC Canada

First Pacific Islander Christian Church, Bismarck, ND

FISH 153, Corder, MO

Fred - A Community Get-Together, Aledo, TX

Free Spirit Christian Church, Ypsilanti, MI

Grace Community, Danville, VA

Green Life Church, Raytown, MO

Happy Christian Church, Northbrook, IL

Heavenly Gate Christian Church, Skokie, IL

Iglesia Cristiana-Nuevo Comienzo, Aniston, AL

Nueva Vida, Riverside, CA

Journey Christian Church, Seattle, WA

Journey Church of Dallas, Richardson, TX

Jubilee Farms DOC/UCC, Decatur, IL

Kentucky Islander Christian Church, Independence, KY

La Nueva de Sion, Tyler, TX

Life Ministries, Los Angeles, CA

Maranatha Church, West Palm Beach, FL

Micronesia Gospel Church, Corsicana, TX

Ministerios Cosecha Final, Ontario, CA

Missio Dei Community, Santa Cruz, CA

MissionGathering, Issaquah, WA

MissionGathering, Pasadena, CA

MissionGathering, Thornton, CO

New Alliance Church, Port St Lucie, FL

New Evangelical Missionary Church of God, Miami, FL

Northwest Regional Christian Church, Arlington, WA

Nueva Comunidad Cristiana, Ocoee, FL

Pacific Islander Agape Church, Pensacola, FL

Pacific Outreach Christian Church, Boise, ID

Primera Iglesia Cristiana, Huntsville, AL

Q3 Faith Community, El Segundo, CA

Rome Disciples of Christ, Rome, GA

Schekinah Church, Miramar, FL

Somos Uno CC, Montreal, QC Canada

South Asian Ministries, Vernon Hills, IL

Tabernacle of Jesus Christ Middleburg, Orange Park, FL

Table of Grace, Chicago, IL

The Gathering, Dallas, TX

The Table Ministries, Oklahoma City, OK

The Turning Table, Crescent City, FL

To Be Love Community, Fort Wayne, IN

UCC/DOC of St. Augustine, St Augustine, FL

Victory Church, Wheeling, IL

Walking on Water Christian Church, Pasadena, CA

Wichita Christian Church, Wichita, KS