RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE AND REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE VISION OF PLANTING 1,000 NEW CONGREGATIONS BY 2020

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

WHEREAS, God has called Disciples to start 1,000 Disciples congregations in 1,000 different ways by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, bold Disciples leaders have answered this call by establishing more than 975 new churches, including plants and affiliates, in United States and Canada, and celebrate that over 60-percent are still bearing Christ’s witness to the world five years past their inception; and

WHEREAS, the New Church Movement, in response to the 2020 Vision, is a major contributor to the racial/ethnic diversity of our congregations, as exemplified by at least 28 languages in which we now worship Church-wide; and

WHEREAS, Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation partners with Disciples Regions and Areas, National Convocation, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries and North American Pacific/Asian Disciples to train, equip, assist and multiply new church leaders as they guide new congregations into God’s mission; and

WHEREAS, it is through this partnership and the mighty courage and commitment of new church planters and their families that the New Church Movement serves as an area for growth in the denomination;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting July 8-12, 2017, in Indianapolis, Indiana, celebrates the meaningful New Church work already accomplished and encourages the whole Church, Regions, Areas, and congregations to recommit to the critical mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to start new churches through 2020 and beyond. By collective spiritual support and prayer, ongoing Pentecost Offering giving, financial stewardship, and the faithful call and formation of new leaders, Disciples will champion the proclamation: “Churches Change the World… Start More!”

Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation
2017 – 20
1. Urban Missions – Pomona, CA
2. Potluck Church – Madisonville, KY
3. Vision of Jesus Christian Church – All these churches are PSWR region and are under care by the region
4. Joyful Church
5. Loving Jesus Church
6. Nanum Christian Church
7. Silver Lakes Christian Church
8. Casa de Oración Fullerton
9. Casa de Refugio
10. Centro de Alabanza Emanuel
11. Centro Familiar Cristiano Restauración
12. Iglesia Cristiana de Ventura
13. Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel
14. Iglesia Cristiana Encuentro con Dios
15. Iglesia Cristiana Seguidores de Cristo
16. Iglesia Discípulos de Cristo
17. Fe, Esperanza y Amor Christian Church
18. Iglesia Unida en Cristo
19. Iglesia Cristiana - Árbol de Vida, Pensacola, FL - In Formation
20. Primera Iglesia Cristiana, Birmingham, AL - In Formation

2016 -14
1. Community Christian Church – Brooklyn, NY
2. The Church at Lake Cherokee – Henderson, TX
3. New Life in Christ Christian Church – Louisville, KY
4. First Tongan Christian Church – Salt Lake City, UT
5. Centro la Familia Cristiano Church – Rowlett, TX
6. Bethel Ethiopian Christian Church – Dallas, TX
7. New Life Christian Church – Sacramento, CA
8. First Samoan Congregational Christian Church – Oakland, CA
9. Disciples in the Wilderness – Conroe, TX
10. Life Recovery Fellowship Church – Hastings, NE
11. New Hope Community Christian – MO
12. Chuukese Fellowship Church of Christ – Salem, OH - Affiliation Process
13. Iglesia Cristiana Príncipe de Paz – Portland, OR – Affiliation Process
The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT GA-1717. (Discussion Time: 12 minutes)