AFFIRMATION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

WHEREAS, our biblical, theological and historical heritage calls us to responsibility in all areas of our lives, including the management of money; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada calls for ministries of the church to engage in a theology of justice, kindness and walking humbly with our God; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Church Foundation, Disciples Church Extension Fund and the Pension Fund of the Christian Church are stewards with a fiduciary and covenantal responsibility to manage resources responsibly; and

WHEREAS, responsible investing\(^1\) is a critical tool in furthering the transformational ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 8-12, 2017, affirms its shared accountability in addressing social and environmental issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial ministries reaffirm our commitment to be engaged with the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR\(^2\)), an association of faith-based and values-driven institutional investors dedicated to direct engagement with corporations to effect positive change; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the financial ministries will provide an educational program for the 2019 General Assembly addressing our responsible investing policies and practices in support of the church’s total mission.

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\(^1\) Responsible investing is an investment strategy which considers both financial return and the values of the church.

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The General Board recommends that the General Assembly ADOPT GA-1720. (Discussion time: 12 minutes)