

NO. 10-03

RESOLUTION: BE A GLOBAL MISSION REGION/CHURCH

WHEREAS, throughout the past two centuries, for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ, global presence and witness have been the core of God's mission through the church; and

WHEREAS, since 1996 Global Ministries has been a unique common witness of the Division of Overseas Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and of Wider Church Ministries, United Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Global Ministries continues to walk with 270 global partners in some 68 countries discerning together priorities of critical presence and action with the sole purpose of timely and appropriately meeting God's people and creation at the point of deepest need: spiritually, physically, emotionally and/or economically; and

WHEREAS, in keeping that critical presence priority, over 150 persons in mission are currently serving as missionaries, volunteers, interns and associates in 50 countries, and missionaries sent by our global partners are welcomed to serve in the United States and Canada in fulfillment of our commitment to mutuality in mission; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ passed resolutions at our Disciples' General Assembly and our United Church of Christ's General Synod, affirming our denominations' commitment to *"Be a Global Mission Church!"* and encouraging all regions/conferences and congregations to claim and implement the Global Mission Church designation; and

WHEREAS, through the creation of the Florida Global Ministries Committee, a joint committee made up of members from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida and the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ, charged with leading and guiding the region/conference and congregations to live fully into the commitment to *"Be a Global Mission Region!"* and to *"Be a Global Mission Church!"*

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the One Hundred and First Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida, meeting in Orlando, Florida, October 14-16, 2010 commits itself to *"Be a Global Mission Region!"* by engaging in an action plan that:

1. PRAYS regularly for partners, missionaries and the world;
2. EDUCATES its members about global issues from preschool age to adult;

3. SEEKS JUSTICE for the “least of these” in the international community;
4. RECEIVES the gifts of the global church;
5. GIVES to the work of global mission;
6. SENDS its members into the world to share the Good News of Jesus; and
7. GROWS in sharing the story of God’s mission with others.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Florida Global Ministries Committee encourages every congregation in the region/conference to study, explore, and live out the commitment to *“Be a Global Mission Church!”* as detailed in the program materials from Global Ministries.

**The Regional Board recommends that the Regional Assembly APPROVE
Business Item 10-03 (Debate time: 10 minutes)**