

Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Ohio
Resolution: Recovenanting as Ohio Disciples
October 6, 2018

Whereas the Regional Church Council (RCC) at its meeting on July 28, 2018 moved to declare the financial exigency of the regional corporation, indicating to our contracted parties, covenant partners, all staff, and members that we are unable to cover our fiscal obligations now and in the foreseeable future, and

Whereas the RCC took steps to move the regional offices, as the three-year lease closes on our current location, to 10335 Maple Dell Road, Marysville Ohio 43040 as the official mailing address and operating location for the region at our Camp Christian property, and

Whereas the RCC suspended the search for a new Regional Minister, even as our current contract with an interim Regional Minister is ending in November 2018, and

Whereas the RCC has begun work to create a Camp Christian Foundation which could, on completion of the state non-profit forms and certification by the IRS as a 501(c)3, become a separate structure for the operation and management of Camp Christian, on final approval of a charter and purposes at some point in 2019, pending final approval by the RCC, and

Whereas the RCC has determined that the Ohio Region is in need of a process of “re-covenanting” that we may claim anew Christ’s call upon our regional church and our shared mission moving forward, therefore:

We resolve as a Regional Assembly of congregations and clergy in Ohio, united as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to reaffirm our bonds in covenant together as a people called & gifted to serve in unity, sharing the Good News of how God is already at work in our midst, and

We resolve as Ohio Disciples to come together in a series of gatherings to be convened by the RCC and regional officers in locations around the state over the next few months, seeking God’s vision and intentions for our common life as a region, and

We resolve, as Christians who each have a call on our lives to serve & minister in Christ’s name, to be in prayer & discernment leading into these meetings for what our mission will be for a restored regional church, and

We resolve to live in accountability to each other and in a fully cooperative spirit with a Regional Administrator managing our regional office and coordinating ministry programs; a Camp Superintendent caring for our Camp Christian property and program; and a Food Service Director overseeing our dining hall, kitchen, and food preparation; with former regional ministry functions of Search & Call and pastoral oversight of the region to be handled under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional Ministers of the four adjoining regions; taking seriously our stewardship together as a region and trusting the ongoing Treasury Services fiscal management and the distribution of Disciples Mission Fund giving, the payment for services to partner Regional Ministers, and the oversight of the General Minister and President, until such time as we are ready, at the indication of RCC action to that end, to begin again the process of calling professional ministry leadership into the life of the Ohio Region, and

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We resolve upon the recommendation of the RCC, that moving forward the Christian Church in Ohio, Inc shall begin 'doing business as' (dba) *Ohio Disciples* to reflect that we are recovenanting and seeking a new season of faithful ministry within the region.

Until that time comes, we will live in fellowship and unity in and through our local congregations and regional connections, understanding that the future of Ohio Disciples is ours to shape with intention, discernment, and justice. We will best be about the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ when we understand that all the tools we need for the tasks to which we are called are already close at hand, that we are still "gifted and called in covenant together as Disciples of Christ to be centers of transformation on the new mission frontier of our communities."

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