

Resolution 5 – Expanded Use of Disciple Development Fund

Submitted by the Mission Center Officers in consultation with the Mission Center Council

Whereas, The Disciple Development Fund was established by action of the November 8, 2014 mission center conference to “be available to assist individuals in the Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center with registration fees and travel expenses for World Church, Mission Center, and Field experiences such as, but not limited to, Conferences, Peace Colloquy, MEADS (Ministerial Education and Discipleship Studies), Community of Christ Seminary, and other trainings;”

Whereas, Many experiences such as Peace Colloquy, MEADS, Studies in Advanced Leadership Training (SALT), field conferences, and other trainings are no longer offered or are being planned on a far more limited basis due to reductions in worldwide staff and budgets; and

Whereas, The only requests received by individuals for registration fees and travel expenses during 2016 and 2017 under the current guidelines for the Disciple Development Fund were for the 2016 World Conference; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the “Establishment of Disciple Development Fund” resolution previously adopted on November 8, 2014 and amended on November 7, 2015 be further amended by adding the following paragraph to the resolution:

Resolved, That the Disciple Development Fund may also be utilized by mission center officers in consultation with the mission center council for developing or purchasing materials for disciple development efforts in congregation and mission center programs, employing staff to plan, implement, or facilitate disciple development activities, supporting events that provide disciple development opportunities, supplementing the mission center operating budget for disciple development expenses, and other initiatives that further the mission initiative of developing disciples to serve.