

Resolution 2 – Mission Center General and Non-Resident Delegates

Submitted by the Mission Center President Team

Whereas, Community of Christ Bylaws state “Mission centers have the option of providing for delegate conferences,” and “In such cases the mission center conference is authorized to determine the basis for representation;”

Whereas, The Michigan Mission Center had a total of 14,453 members with 457 members enrolled in the nonresident category and 4,351 members enrolled in the general category as of December 31, 2017;

Whereas, The current Michigan Mission Center delegate policy last revised by the 2012 Fall Conference provides for ex-officio and elected delegates from congregations and church staff positions, but does not provide representation for members in the nonresident or general categories;

Whereas, The mission center president is entrusted with the care and direction of nonresident members of the mission center directly or through a nonresident pastor;

Whereas, Members enrolled in the general membership category of the mission center have a membership status similar to those in the nonresident category; and

Whereas, The mission center conference has adopted a policy for seating alternates from congregations in open delegate seats from other congregations, but the delegate policy has no provision for the election of alternates by congregations; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the delegate policy of the Michigan Mission Center be amended by adding the following two paragraphs to the end of the policy:

“Congregations shall be permitted to elect and report one alternate for each elected delegate.”

“The mission center president shall establish procedures for electing or appointing up to ten delegates from the nonresident and general category members. Any of the ten seats left open may be filled by alternates from congregations according to the Seating Alternates policy.”

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The current delegate policy provides for eleven mission center and world church ex-officio delegates, 164 congregation ex-officio delegates, and 314 congregation elected delegates for a total conference membership of 489 delegates based on membership numbers reported as of December 31, 2017.