

**Resolution Authorizing Funding for Mission Peace:  
Midlands Mission Center New Peace Initiatives Ministries**

**Whereas** the Community of Christ is committed to carrying out the cause of God's peaceable kingdom in the world, including promoting community and proclaiming Jesus Christ; and

**Whereas** Article VI, Section 1 of the World Church Bylaws, describing the roles and responsibilities of Mission Centers, designates Mission Centers as responsible for financial resource development and support for specialized ministries; and

**Whereas** the Mission Center Operating Budget serves in part as a resource for financial resource development and support for specialized ministries; and

**Whereas** tangible mission center and congregational specialized ministries concerning Pursue Peace on Earth, one of the church's five mission initiatives, are underrepresented; and

**Whereas** at present there is no local mechanism in place to direct applications or process proposals to access small seed grants for specialized ministries supported by Mission Center funds, technical assistance and oversight; and

**Whereas** existing congregations may benefit from financial and conceptual assistance in undertaking new specialized ministries to answer local needs; and

**Whereas** a well understood, consistent process for objective evaluation of grant proposals may encourage congregations to envision new programs to further the Pursue Peace on Earth mission initiative with the help of startup financial support from the Mission Center; therefore

**Be it Resolved**, that the Midlands (USA) Mission Center (hereafter referred to as "Mission Center") clarify opportunities available for financial assistance for new specialized ministries concerning Pursue Peace on Earth within the Mission Center; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Mission Center activate a process by which World Church officers or Mission Center leadership, congregations or members can submit proposals for programs within our jurisdiction and apply for funding of new specialized ministries; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Mission Center allocate in its annual Operating Budget financial support for the purpose of qualified new specialized ministries concerning Pursue Peace on Earth; and be it further

**Resolved**, that a Midlands Mission Center Grants Committee be created and empowered for the sole purpose of establishing guidelines, evaluating and granting proposals received. This committee will be composed of two representatives of the Mission Center President Team, two representatives of the Mission Center Financial

Officer Team, the Mission Center Invitational Support Minister; and members from within the Mission Center as appointed by the Mission Center President Team: to include two members of the Mission Center Advisory Council, one member of the Quorum of Seventy, and one member at large; and be it further

**Resolved**, that this Committee report its activities annually to the Mission Center Conference; and be it further

**Resolved**, that this application and granting process and the granting funds be made available beginning in 2019; and be it further

**Resolved**, that an evaluation of the effectiveness of this process and the success of the resulting new specialized ministries be made by the Mission Center Grants Committee within five years, with a report to the Mission Center Conference.