

## **RESOLUTION: GPNW FUNDING FOR FULL-TIME MISSION CENTER PRESIDENT**

**WHEREAS**, Community of Christ International Headquarters has fully funded a Mission Center President and Mission Center Financial Officer for Greater Pacific Northwest-USA Mission Center ("GPNW") since Mission Centers were formed; and

**WHEREAS**, Worldwide Ministries Tithing revenue is no longer sufficient to fund a Mission Center President position for GPNW; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional services offered by GPNW include member communications; spiritual leadership; consensus-building, community-nurturing and conflict management; mission funding and support; Mission Center conferences; visiting teaching and preaching ministry; disciple, priesthood and leadership development; and support for congregational ministry, camping and youth ministry, and campgrounds management through recruiting, informing, and training many self-sustaining volunteers and ministers; and

**WHEREAS**, the level of professional services offered by GPNW, its geographical size (three states), and the number of congregations and small groups (37) served are healthy, strong and deserving of maintaining and growing; and

**WHEREAS**, GPNW services, programs, and paid and volunteer staff are consistently highly rated by member and pastor evaluations and surveys; and

**WHEREAS**, creating and supervising these services, programs and staff, and responding to unplanned challenges, requires attention and coordination by one full-time person in collaboration with the Mission Center Financial Officer and a team of Mission Center and Community of Christ International Headquarters leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, GPNW has consolidated some ministry and administrative positions to run even more efficiently than before; and

**WHEREAS**, GPNW Officers, Council, and Finance Committee concur unanimously that GPNW can sustainably fund a full-time Mission Center President using GPNW assets, with little or no anticipated increases in congregational allocations or unsustainable draws from the GPNW Operating Investment Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Apostle Ron Harmon, supervising the Western Field in the United States, recommends that GPNW fund a full-time Mission Center President so that the high caliber of GPNW's Mission Center continue; and

**WHEREAS**, Apostle Harmon will engage local leaders in the hiring process and selection; and

**WHEREAS**, GPNW delegates at the annual Fall Mission Center Conference will continue to have the authority to choose whether to sustain appointed World Church Officers and approve and/or amend proposed annual Mission Center budgets; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that GPNW fund a full-time Mission Center President, using GPNW assets; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that funding for the full-time Mission Center President position will be available for at least three consecutive years, beginning January 1, 2016.