

GPNW Mission Center

2009 Fall Conference

Bend Community of Christ Resolution

Whereas, The Bend congregation has had in place for over 5 years a building committee to study alternatives for their 29 acre property prior to the pending annexation by the City of Bend; and

Whereas, The Bend building committee has identified a high level signal community site plan that has been presented to and reviewed by the City of Bend and Deschutes County. Mission Center leadership and the world church Presiding Bishopric and Apostle have been informed of the Committee communications with the city and county; and

Whereas, The Bend congregation has defined their mission and identified the need for a full-time paid congregation support minister; and

Whereas, The Bend congregation has a purchase option agreement in place with The Salvation Army to purchase 2.54 acres once the property has been annexed and zoned; and

Whereas, It is highly probable that the remaining church property to be sold for development, valued at several million dollars, will be in immediate demand shortly after property annexation and zoning is complete; and

Whereas, The Bend congregation will be in a position to be financially self-sufficient once the first property sale is concluded and will be able to pay back the mission center loan within five years or sooner; therefore be it

Resolved, That the GPNW Mission Center approve up to a three-year loan of \$60,000 annually, not to exceed \$180,000 in three years, to fund a paid full-time Bend congregation support minister position (salary, benefits, expenses and training) starting in January 2010; and be it further

Resolved, That the loan interest shall be 0% the first year and 6% annually for each subsequent year; and be it further

Resolved, That the Bend congregation shall not be required to make payments on the loan, but will pay the loan off in full (including accrued interest if applicable) after the funds become available from the sale of a portion of their property, no later than January 2015.