



Community of Christ

GREATER PACIFIC NORTHWEST USA MISSION CENTER

Resolution: Reverse Ordering of Doctrine and Covenants

WHEREAS, the most recent sections of the Doctrine and Covenants most clearly articulate the present-day identity, message, mission, and beliefs of Community of Christ; and

WHEREAS, most current corporate worship and individual devotional readings in materials produced by Community of Christ are taken from the more recent sections of the Doctrine and Covenants; and

WHEREAS, the Doctrine and Covenants is the most unique book of scripture, representing the continuing faith journey of Community of Christ to members, friends, and potential seekers; and

WHEREAS, the present (traditional) printing of the sections in chronological order presents our earliest articulations of Community of Christ identity, message, mission, and beliefs first, which are not always most representative of how Community of Christ understands our prophetic call today; and

WHEREAS, introducing readers (church members, friends, and seekers alike) to our most current understandings of God's perennial Call to the church and Vision for creation is a missional priority throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, while Community of Christ in recent decades continues to value our faith journey, we no longer rely exclusively on the story of our early history to understand our present sense of calling; and

WHEREAS, periodic reprinting of the Doctrine and Covenants is a matter of course; and

WHEREAS, a change to the Doctrine and Covenants requires a proposal by the First Presidency and the approval of World Conference; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the World Conference requests the First Presidency to propose that beginning with the next available printing of the Doctrine and Covenants, the Doctrine and Covenants be printed with sections in reverse order, starting with the most recent section and ending with Section 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, if proposed by the First Presidency and approved by the World Conference, at the discretion of the First Presidency an editorial board be established by the First Presidency to oversee any necessary changes to effect this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that no content changes be authorized to the sections of the Doctrine and Covenants, but minor changes to the historical introductions of some sections may be changed if such change makes the section more readable in the historical context and in the new (reversed) order.