

Resolution Establishing “New Expressions” Fund

Whereas, in 2017 President Veazey wrote to the church in his letter, *A Time to Act*, saying, “As we respond to the unavoidable change in the world, simply persisting in typical church activities will not take us into the future. We need to adjust how we understand, communicate, and live the gospel in a new time,” and

Whereas, the Greater Pacific Northwest USA Mission Center would like to stimulate the growth of new expressions of communities gathered to share the gospel of Jesus, and

Whereas the Greater Pacific Northwest USA Mission Center expects to receive approximately \$125,000 in net proceeds from the sale of the Ellensburg building, approximately \$10,000 of which will be applied as reimbursement for costs associated with the sale and past unpaid allocations, and approximately \$90,000 of which will be contributed to the Bridge of Hope retirement obligation; and

Whereas mission center leadership believes there are opportunities to develop new expressions of Christian community that exist outside of the influence of traditional congregations; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greater Pacific Northwest USA Mission Center establish a “New Expressions Fund” using \$25,000.00 of the funds received from the sale of the Ellensburg building, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mission Center Financial Officer shall preside over this fund for the 2020 fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that mission center leadership, in conjunction with Western Field leaders, will establish procedures and guidelines for use and distribution of said funds prior to any distributions from said fund; and be it further

RESOLVED that the mission center leadership shall report such procedures and guidelines back to the conference body at the 2020 Mission Center Conference .