

Resolution: Funding Bold Moves Grants in 2017 and Beyond

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Greater Pacific Northwest (USA) Mission Center established the Bold Moves Grants initiative which provided a process by which Mission Center leadership, congregations, or members could submit proposals for mission within our jurisdiction and apply for funding of church plants, re-plants, and new ministries; and

WHEREAS, this action established the use of \$25,000 total per calendar year beyond operational budgeting, drawn from the Operating Investment Fund, to this purpose; and

WHEREAS, expressions of mission by many congregations and groups in all areas of the Mission Center have resulted, and continue to flourish, through the awarding of Bold Moves Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Bold Moves Grants initiative continues to be an integral element in the encouragement of new efforts of mission throughout the Mission Center; and

WHEREAS, the demand for grants and total funding requests have declined in an expected fashion in recent years; and

WHEREAS, funding changes and revised spending guidelines have created long-term impacts on use of the Operating Investment Fund and Mission Center budgeting processes; and

WHEREAS, current available funds for Bold Moves would allow for awards in 2017, at a reduced level of \$10,000, without necessitating an additional draw from the Operating Investment Fund; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Bold Moves Grants be reaffirmed as a valuable tool of mission and be funded, beginning in 2017, at a level of \$10,000 total per calendar year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, beginning in 2018, funding for Bold Moves be regularly included as a line item in the Greater Pacific Northwest (USA) Mission Center Operating/Missional Budget.