

Resolution for Alaska Travel Fund

For consideration at the Fall 2011 GPNW Mission Center Conference

Whereas, the Anchorage Congregation has a long and rich history of generously growing, supporting, and sustaining the mission of Jesus Christ, particularly in cooperation with members and seekers across Alaska; and

Whereas, the congregation is in process of closure because the present membership in Anchorage is no longer able to continue as a viable and functioning expression of a Community of Christ congregation, and the unused funds (about \$900,000) from the recent sale of their building will flow to the GPNW Mission Center consistent with World Church policy; and

Whereas, Mission Center leadership, in consultation with the Field Apostle and Alaska members, believe there are opportunities for new missional ministries, ongoing pastoral care and connections for the Alaska Saints to Community of Christ World Church and Mission Center fellowship, such as conference, disciple and leadership development, reunions, SPEC and camps; therefore,

Be it Resolved, the GPNW membership agrees to set aside a special Alaska Travel Fund to be drawn from the funds made available by the sale of the Anchorage Church, and;

Be it Further Resolved, these funds will be used to provide a travel fund both for ministerial support to Alaska and for Alaska members and seekers to participate in Community of Christ activities, under guidelines developed and administered through the Mission Center Financial Officer, and

Be it Further Resolved, that this fund shall be funded initially at \$65,000.00. At the end of three years, the mission center leadership will evaluate the viability of this fund and bring a report to the 2014 Mission Center Conference regarding its use, and

Be it Further Resolved, that Mission Center, World Church and Alaska Community of Christ leadership will continue to explore with Alaska members how best to provide and fund long-distance, virtual and on-site missional and ministerial leadership and support in Alaska in collaboration with Alaska members. Such support may include use of existing staff, hiring additional staff and/or hiring contractual consultants, as approved through the annual Mission Center budget approval process.