

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD

Recommendation to District Conference 2011

WHEREAS, the Missionary Church and the Michigan District, in obedience to Jesus Christ her Lord, is committed to being holy people of God in the world and to building His Church by worldwide evangelism, discipleship and multiplication of growing churches to the glory of God...

AND WHEREAS, the Missionary Church as a denomination has engaged in a thorough process of evaluation and reorganization to become more effective in fulfilling the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20, that has culminated with the adoption of a new ministry vision and support structure at General Conference 2009...

AND WHEREAS, the Michigan District has also undergone a process of evaluation and reorganization which includes a statement of vision, mission and priorities and adopted in principle at District Conference 2010 the concept of transitioning to a Region with multiple districts...

AND WHEREAS, District Conference 2010 approved in principle that this new structure would include all current District churches, pastors and ministries and that, as time, resources, vision, etc. permit, new mission districts within the Michigan Region be formed...

AND WHEREAS, District Conference 2010 authorized the District Executive Board to appoint an implementation team to develop a strategy to guide the District through this period of transition and to prepare a set of bylaws for the Region and guidelines for mission districts...

AND WHEREAS, the implementation team has met during the fall of 2010 and the winter of 2011 and has prepared a set of bylaws for the Region and guidelines for mission districts, which were approved by the District Executive Board on February 1, 2011 and presented to the District at a forum on March 26, 2011...

BE IT RESOLVED, that we recommend to District Conference 2011 the approval of such bylaws and guidelines for mission districts and these bylaws and guidelines go into effect July 1, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on July 1, 2011, the Michigan District will become known as the Michigan Region and the District Office as the Resource Center. On July 1, 2011, the Regional Oversight Council will become the main governing body of the Region between Regional Conferences and the positions of District Superintendent and the Director of District Ministries will change to the positions of Regional Director and Regional Ministries Coordinator respectively...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that current District ministries, teams, boards and committees, which include but are not limited to Brown City Camp, Mancelona Camp, Youth Ministry Team, Family and Children's Team, Church Multiplication Team, and Strengthening the Local Church Team, continue to operate in the Michigan Region. Current job descriptions and team, board and committee duties will be published in a Regional Handbook on Policy and Procedures which will be subject to review and/or modification by the Regional Oversight Council and the Regional Conference...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conference budget adopted by District Conference 2011 will serve as the operating budget for the Region until the Regional Conference adopts a budget for 2012 and that the current formula and rate of apportionments (to be known as ministry shares) continue to operate in the new Region and will not be modified without the approval of the Regional Conference...

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we acknowledge God's sovereign leadership in this process, recognize our utter dependence on His Holy Spirit, and seek to implement this new structure as a means to reach lost people for Christ, make disciples, strengthen local churches, and plant churches and districts, all to the glory of God.