

NO. 0525
(OPERATIONAL BUSINESS ITEM)
AN EQUITABLE RATIO OF ETHNIC REPRESENTATION ON GENERAL UNIT BOARDS
OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, for some time now the General Units have responded well to the established goal that at least 20% of the board membership shall be from ethnic communities; and

WHEREAS, since that goal was established, the diversity among Disciple congregations has increased; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of many new Disciple churches among ethnic communities in this decade will increase the number of members from ethnic communities; and

WHEREAS, recent reports from the United States census indicate that these growing population trends will continue and even accelerate in the next decades;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in light of our commitment to be an anti-racist, pro-reconciliation faith community and to reflect that in our denominational structures, the General Board recommends that the General Assembly, meeting in Portland, Oregon, July 23-27, 2005, celebrates what has been accomplished in recent years and affirms the larger goal of least 30% of the membership of general unit boards of directors to come from all ethnic communities within the next decade.