GA-1529
(Operational, Policy and Organizational)
CHANGE IN REGIONAL BOUNDARIES:
MID-AMERICA AND GREATER KANSAS CITY

WHEREAS, Cleveland, Missouri and Pleasant Hill, Missouri, relate to Kansas City, Missouri, in terms of culture, commerce, education and recreation; and

WHEREAS, The Design states:

22. Regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) perform within their established boundaries the function of the church related to their two-fold purpose of mission and nurture:

27. Identifiable geographic, cultural, sociological, and political factors provide boundaries, which the church may use to establish its own regional structures
   (1) by which the church carries out regionally its ministry of mission and nurture;
   (2) in which congregations and ministers find their primary relationships of mutual support and encouragement;
   3) which provide opportunities for regional fellowship, worship, and assembly for the consideration of matters of mutual concern;
   (4) which help to relate the three expressions of the church - congregational, regional, and general - to one another in the functioning of the whole church; and

WHEREAS, the official boards and congregations of First Christian Church, Cleveland, Missouri and First Christian Church, Pleasant Hill, Missouri have voted to affiliate with the Greater Kansas City Region; and

WHEREAS, the regions of Mid-America and Greater Kansas City have voted in agreement with the congregations to release and accept the congregations; and

WHEREAS, The Design also states:

29. In the development of any new regional boundaries, existing regional organizations shall remain intact, subject to modification by mutual consent of the regions involved, in the light of the corporate judgment of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as expressed through the General Assembly. The process of reshaping regional boundaries (even if only one congregation is affected) includes the participation and approval of the parties involved, the Administrative Committee, the General Board, and the General Assembly; and
WHEREAS, this request was presented to and affirmed by the Governance Committee of the General Board at its meeting on April 12, 2015;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the regional boundaries of the Greater Kansas City Region and the Mid-America Region shift such that First Christian Church, Cleveland, Missouri and First Christian Church, Pleasant Hill, Missouri, as well as future new congregations in Cass County¹, be included in the Greater Kansas City Region.

The Governance Committee of the General Board in consultation with
First Christian Church, Cleveland, Missouri
First Christian Church, Pleasant Hill, Missouri
the Mid-America Region and the Greater Kansas City Region

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT GA-1529. (Discussion time: 12 minutes)

¹ First Christian Church, Harrisonville, MO is also located in Cass County. At this time FCC remains with the Mid-America region.