

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN NEBRASKA
BY LAW AMENDMENTS
RESOLUTION FOR ARTICLE VIII – ECUMENICAL RELATIONS
Resolution 2208**

WHEREAS: The Christian Church In Nebraska’s Regional Church Board has engaged in conversations for more than two years, exploring what it means to be the Regional Church today, and into the future; and

WHEREAS: The Christian Church In Nebraska’s Continuing Review Committee has worked diligently for more than one year to discern God’s call upon us as the Regional Church In Nebraska, and how to best re-imagine with God the structure that will best support our newly stated purpose: **“to engage in spiritual practices as we accompany one another and our neighbors so that we can instill, support, and sustain the vitality of the Local Churches in our Region”**; and

WHEREAS: The Christian Church In Nebraska meets every two years to consider resolutions in its Regional Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Christian Church In Nebraska, at its Regional Assembly’s Business Session held on November 5, 2022 at First Christian Church in Grand Island, adopt the Proposed Article VIII to its By Laws as attached to completely replace the Article VIII of its current By Laws.

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439 **ARTICLE VIII**

440 **ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS**

- 441 A. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall at all times endeavor to
442 cooperate with other Communion (e.g. comity agreement discussions, those requests
443 for judicatory executives to meet and respond to human needs). It shall be represented
444 by the Regional Minister or his or her representative.
- 445 B. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall actively seek ways to
446 cooperate with the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ in all areas of
447 ministry, fellowship and worship life of the church. A representative of the United Church
448 of Christ may be invited to any decision making or planning body to facilitate our
449 common ministry. In addition, a Partnership Task Group may be formed to serve in an
450 advisory capacity on any matter where collaboration is desirable.
- 451 C. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall be a member of the
452 Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, or its successor. It shall participate in cooperative
453 activities, join in statement of principle and coordinate its program to the extent
454 determined by the Board.
- 455 1. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall be represented on the
456 Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska Board of Directors by one representative. This
457 representative will be nominated by the Leader Identification/Nomination
458 Committee and elected by the Regional Assembly for a two (2) year term and
459 cannot succeed him/herself more than once.
- 460 D. Participation in other organizations, such as the Media Center, shall be encouraged
461 when such programs are in keeping with the purposes of the Christian Church (Disciples of
462 Christ).

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PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Ecumenical Relationships (lines 439-462)

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Nebraska shall partner with other Communion when possible in common ministries to support leadership development, clergy training and education, youth ministries, and social ministries. The Regional Minister, or their designee, shall represent the Christian Church In Nebraska in all ecumenical relations.