

Subject: Church and Community Workers

Delete # 3104 Church and Community Workers and substitute a revised version to read as follows:

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WHEREAS, Church and Community Workers, a cadre of missionaries serving within the bounds of the USA, have a long history of effective work with small town and rural, urban, and specialized settings; and

WHEREAS, a primary strength of the Church and Community Ministry Program is developing contacts and linkages between local church, cooperative parish ministries, and community groups in response to human hurt, specialized need, and justice issues; and

WHEREAS, there is a desperate need to continue the placement of Church and Community Workers in economically depressed areas where the local funding partnership base is extremely limited; and

WHEREAS, the goals of church and community ministry programs are closely aligned with the four mission initiatives of The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Church and Community Workers are employed and assigned by Global Ministries; *Therefore be it resolved*, that Global Ministries continue to recruit, enlist, train, and deploy Church and Community Workers and provide joint funding with other partners; and

Be it further resolved, that the funding partnership continue between the local area, annual conferences, and Global Ministries in order to place Church and Community Workers in mission outreach with economically depressed areas.

Rationale for Resolution # 3104 Church and Community Workers

A continuing partnership of Global Ministries with annual conferences and locally-served areas is strategic to further the missional goal of responding to the needs, hurts, and injustices in the rural and urban context in the USA.

Submitted by: Rural Chaplains Association to 2020 General Conference