WHEREAS, the Regional Board of the Christian Church in South Idaho, following two years of transition, prayer and planning, voted on February 4, 2013, to cease operations as a region as of December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the thirteen congregations of the South Idaho Region have met with regional leadership from South Idaho, Oregon, and the Central Rocky Mountain region, as well as, the General Minister and President and Associate General Minister and Vice President; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the General Minister and President has received proper notification from each congregation expressing the desire for regional alignment per the vote of each congregation; 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 regional staff of Oregon and the Central Rocky Mountain regions have committed themselves to the care and nurturing of these congregations; and

WHEREAS, the board of Oregon and the Central Rocky Mountain regions have authorized and formally begun the process of receiving these 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, the requests were presented to and affirmed by the Governance Committee of the General Board at its meeting on April 6, 2013;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the congregations of the South Idaho Region now be aligned as follows:

Oregon Region: Ontario, Oregon; and in Idaho, Caldwell, Homedale, Nampa, New Hope, Boise Red Rock, Boise University, Mountain Home and Burley

Central Rocky Mountain Region: Idaho: Jerome, Twin Falls, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the regional realignment will be finalized in 2014 by ratification of the recipient regions at their respective regional assemblies.

The Governance Committee of the General Board in consultation with the congregations of the South Idaho Region, the Idaho Regional Board, the staff and boards of the Oregon and the Central Rocky Mountain Regions and the Office of General Minister and President

Background

The state of Idaho is divided as follows, noting that the portion in the Northwest Region was already part of the region and not part of the realignment:

- Northwest Region Counties: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nezperce and Shoshone counties in Idaho.
• **Oregon Region Counties**: Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Idaho, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, Washington, and Cassia.*

• **Central Rocky Mountain Region Counties**: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Blaine, Bonneville, Butte, Camas, Caribou, Cassia*, Clark, Custer, Franklin, Fremont, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Lemhi, Lincoln, Madison, Mindoka, Oneida, Power, Teton, Twin Falls.

Disciples Mission Fund giving for South Idaho congregations will be as follows:

• **2014 and 2015** – Congregational giving follows the congregation into the new region at the current South Idaho distribution rate. This is to assist with additional expenses.

• **2016, 2017 and 2018** – giving will be reduced by 1/3 of the difference between South Idaho and the receiving region’s allocation per year, until the amount equals the General Board allocation for the receiving region.

The Christian Church Foundation holds a number of endowment funds that benefit, in whole or in part, the South Idaho Region. These funds are governed by gift agreements between their donor(s) and the Foundation and will be reallocated in accordance with those agreements.

*Cassia County – First Christian Church, Burley is joining the Oregon region. All future congregations in Cassia County will be part of the Central Rocky Mountain Region.*