

Delete Resolution # 3101. **National Cooperative Ministry Leadership** and Resolution # 3103.

Facilitation of Cooperative Ministry Throughout the Church and substitute with a new resolution to read as follows:

Nurturing and Enabling Cooperative Ministry

WHEREAS, intentional grouping of churches in determined geographic areas into cooperative parishes has long been recognized to enable congregational nurturing, outreach to communities of the poor and marginalized, and witnessing to Christian commitments; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate broader use of existing forms of cooperative parish ministries and to enable new patterns and processes for working together, there is continuing need to bring people together for training, networking, and celebration;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the general programming agencies of The United Methodist Church – Global Ministries, Discipleship, and Higher Education and Ministry – be called upon to provide encouragement and work with constituencies in training events that expand the effective use of cooperative patterns and processes within the Church;

Be it further resolved, that the annual conferences, districts, and local churches of The United Methodist Church be called on to implement processes that will result in understandings of how to initiate needed cooperative ministries and to facilitate their participation in making disciples for the transformation of the world.

Rationale:

Various forms of cooperative ministries have a long track record of enabling congregations to be involved in nurturing and outreach ministries. Undergirding and other supportive relationships with all levels of the church is strategic to continuing the involvements of rural and urban churches in making disciples for the transformation of the world.