

1 Delete Resolution # 3105 Church and Community Workers Support Mission Initiatives, then
2 amend and readopt Resolution # 3104 Church and Communities Workers as follows:

3 **# 3104. Church and Community Workers**

4 WHEREAS, current social and economic needs across the USA continue to call upon the church
5 for attention and action in accordance with Christ's teachings; and

6 ~~WHEREAS, financial undergirding of human service programs by the public sector on all levels~~
7 ~~has failed to meet the needs of people; and~~

8 WHEREAS, developing contacts and linkages between local church/cooperative ministries and
9 community groups is key to the understanding of and response to human hurt and need and
10 responding to justice issues and is a primary strength of the church and community ministry
11 program; and

12 WHEREAS, for ~~many decades church~~ over half a century church and community workers have
13 worked effectively in mission outreach with The United Methodist Church in town and rural,
14 urban, and specialized settings; and

15 WHEREAS, the goals of Church and Community Ministry programs are closely aligned with the
16 four mission initiatives of The United Methodist Church; and

17 WHEREAS, church and community workers are ~~the only cadre~~ an effective cadre of missionaries
18 serving within the bounds of the USA who are employed and assigned by the General Board of
19 Global Ministries;

20 *Therefore, be it resolved,* that the General Board of Global Ministries continue to recruit, enlist,
21 train, and deploy church and community workers and provide joint funding with other partners;
22 and

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Resolution # 3104
General Church Budget Implications: None
Global Implications: Yes

23 *Be it further resolved*, that the funding partnership continue between the local area, annual
24 conference, and the General Board of Global Ministries in order to place church and community
25 workers in economically depressed areas ~~where they are desperately needed~~ .

26 **Rationale:**

27 Two Resolutions supporting Church and Community Workers are not needed so by deleting
28 #3105 and then updating #3104 to include elements contained in the old #3105 we have a better
29 resolution describing Church and Community Workers a vital mission cadre of missionaries in
30 the United Methodist Church.

31 *Date:* May 4, 2015

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