

*The Board of Directors recommends to the 215<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: The 215<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting authorizes United Church Mission as a new mechanism for giving to the Massachusetts Conference and the National setting of the United Church of Christ.*

- 1. Over time, United Church Mission will replace Conference Fellowship Dues and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Basic Support for those churches who agree to make the change.*
- 2. United Church Mission contributions will be based on a percentage of total income received by a local congregation, as reported in that congregation's most recent internal Annual Report.\**
- 3. Churches will be asked, initially, to continue to give at least the same proportion of total income represented by their recent Fellowship Dues and Basic Support contributions, such that the United Church Mission contribution is not less than the combined amount of the recent Fellowship Dues and OCWM Basic Support contributions.*
- 4. Churches will be encouraged to consider increasing this percentage gradually over time, as they are able.*
- 5. Churches choosing to contribute via United Church Mission will provide a copy of their Annual Report to the Massachusetts Conference office in Framingham yearly.*
- 6. Until United Church Mission is fully implemented and the Bylaws of the Conference are amended, a portion of United Church Mission receipts will be remitted to the National setting of the United Church of Christ, consistent with the Annual Meeting vote on the proportion of Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support to be remitted to the National setting.\*\**
- 7. All churches in the Massachusetts Conference are encouraged to consider a transition to United Church Mission at the start of their next fiscal year, or the subsequent fiscal year if more time is needed to accomplish the change.*

***\*Total Income includes general operating income from all sources, and general missions giving, but does not include special designated giving such as capital campaign contributions, disaster relief or special offerings.***

***\*\*Example of application of paragraph 6, above:***

*United Church of Christ in Smallville has 112 members. Total Income to the church was \$200,000 in 2013. The church contributed \$7,000 as Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support in 2013.*

	<b><i>Conference Dues paid<sup>1</sup></i></b>	<b><i>OCWM Basic Support Contributed</i></b>	<b><i>United Church Mission Contributed</i></b>	<b><i>Amount remitted to National UCC (equal to 47% of OCWM Basic Support)</i></b>
<b><i>Current System</i></b>	\$1993.60	\$7000.00	0	\$3290
<b><i>United Church Mission (4.4% of Total Income in this example)</i></b>	0	0	\$8993.60	\$3290

<sup>1</sup>In Associations which choose to participate in United Church Mission, Association Dues would be included in the United Church Mission calculation as well.