

Resolution 2437 – Church Mapping and Directory Development

WHEREAS, National Convocation churches are both the root and seedbed of Black Disciples leadership and racial accountability in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and

WHEREAS, our ancestors were intentional regarding record keeping of communal history, collective priorities, and visions for the future of African American Disciples in the Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, Black history is best understood, documented, and taught by those who have lived it; and

WHEREAS, literature, research, scholarship, art, teaching, fact-based storytelling, and funding related to race and ethnicity are under institutional and legislative assault in Western society; and

WHEREAS, we want the National Convocation of the Christian Church to remain true to its intention as a beacon of solidarity, resource development, and actionable truths, especially related to African American Disciples; and

WHEREAS, National Convocation churches are sources of historical, prophetic, and financial treasure to serve our present and future ministry in the Christian Church and wider community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we will identify the name, location, pastor, membership estimate, and property status of every predominantly African American congregation in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) within the United States and Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this data is to be collected and provided biannually by National Convocation staff to the National Convocation Board of Trustees and National Convocation churches in digital form.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the first publication of a National Convocation Churches Directory born of this resolution will become available by June 2025.

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