

**CUE Mid-America United Church of Christ
Program in Theological Education
Reaffirmation of Covenant – 2010**

RESOLUTION OF REAFFIRMATION

WHEREAS the established purpose and objectives of the CUE Mid-America United Church of Christ Program in Theological Education, Inc. are:

I. PURPOSE:

To express mutuality of interest in and responsibility and support for theological education through cooperative and collaborative efforts of the national setting of the United Church of Christ, local churches, conferences, and seminaries of the United Church of Christ.

II. OBJECTIVES:

- A. To interpret the present and projected programs and activities of CUE seminaries as they affect the life of the United Church of Christ churches and conferences of the region;
- B. To promote a wholesome sense of partnership between seminary and church in advancing the Christian mission through theological education in the United Church of Christ of this region; and
- C. To secure and allocate funds for CUE seminaries in their efforts to serve both the needs and welfare of the United Church of Christ in Mid-America.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE

Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ

hereby reaffirms its covenant with each of its partners in the CUE mid-America United Church of Christ Program in Theological Education, Inc. and, in celebration of this reaffirmation, accepts the responsibilities which that partnership brings.

I. As a Conference of the United Church of Christ we pledge to

- A. Establish and/or identify the means by which our Conference, the National Setting of the United Church of Christ (currently Local Church Ministries), and the CUE seminaries may assist each other in advancing the mission of the United Church of Christ.
- B. Contribute annually to the operating budget of CUE. A suggested level of contribution will be recommended each year by the CUE Board of Directors.
- C. Establish and/or identify the means by which the present and projected programs and activities of the CUE seminaries may be interpreted in our Conference.
- D. Appoint a CUE Liaison, Committee, Task Force, or other appropriate person/body charged with specific and visible responsibility for promoting and securing support for theological education from local churches.
- E. Encourage in ministers and local churches an increased sense of their partnership with theological education, and particularly with the CUE seminaries, as well as the development

of the necessary commitment to achieve a level of annual income upon which the seminaries can depend for sustained and continued support.

II. As a Seminary of the United Church of Christ in Mid-America we pledge to

- A. Establish and/or identify the means by which the conferences, the National Setting of the United Church of Christ (currently Local Church Ministries), and our seminary may assist each other in advancing the mission of the United Church of Christ.
- B. Contribute annually to the operating budget of CUE an amount determined each year by the CUE Board of Directors.
- C. Designate a staff person, who will act as a liaison to CUE. This person will provide information and resources related to accounting, gift acknowledgement, and marketing, in order to achieve the purpose and objectives of CUE.
- D. Advise, counsel, and collaborate with conferences and the national setting about theological education, the preparation of clergy and lay leaders, and other concerns of seminaries, especially those pertaining to CUE seminaries.

III. As the National Setting (currently Local Church Ministries) of the United Church of Christ we pledge to:

- A. Establish and/or identify the means by which the conferences, the National Setting of the United Church of Christ, and the CUE seminaries may assist each other in advancing the mission of the United Church of Christ.
- B. Contribute annually to the operating budget of CUE an amount equal to the average of the total amount contributed by sixteen conferences.
- C. Designate one staff person to serve as a member of the CUE Advisory Board.
- D. Advise, counsel, and collaborate with CUE about the broader concerns of theological education in the life of the United Church of Christ, and assist CUE and the CUE seminaries in reporting and making known their concerns, hopes and visions to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ.

In witness whereof we affix our sign and seal this 6th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand ten.

Rev. Dr. Karen Smith Sellers

(Signature)

Conference Minister

(Position or Title)

