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Financial Implications: None

General Board of Global Ministries

1 Revise Resolution 51 as follows:

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3 51 ~~National Cooperative Parish Ministry Leadership Team~~ **National Cooperative**
4 **Ministry Leadership**

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6 ~~WHEREAS, the Sixth National Cooperative Parish Ministry Consultation convened in St.~~
7 ~~Louis, Missouri, on November 13-16, 2003, with 376 persons in attendance; and~~

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9 ~~WHEREAS, the National Cooperative Parish Ministry Leadership Team, composed of~~
10 ~~persons from both town/rural and urban settings coordinated the event along with~~
11 ~~representatives from the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of~~
12 ~~Discipleship, and the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious~~
13 ~~Concerns; and,~~

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15 ~~WHEREAS, the Sixth Consultation included United Methodists as well as ecumenical~~
16 ~~partners who serve rural and urban cooperative parish ministries in a variety of~~
17 ~~multiracial settings;~~

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19 ~~WHEREAS, the Consultation included help shops, briefings, panels, plenary addresses,~~
20 ~~power point presentations, networking, and witnessing, all of which were highly affirmed~~
21 ~~as serving of great value to the ministry of United Methodist charges, single churches,~~
22 ~~circuits, and cooperative projects, ministries, and parishes; and,~~

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24 *WHEREAS*, the effectiveness of cooperative projects, ministries, and parishes for the
25 purposes of congregational nurturing, outreach to communities of the poor and
26 marginalized, and witnessing to Christian commitments in rural, urban and suburban
27 communities ~~was affirmed; and~~ **has long been recognized affirmed; and**

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29 *WHEREAS*, The United Methodist Church is experiencing a decline in the number of
30 ordained clergy persons and will need to find ways to enlist and train persons for new
31 models of ministry, among such models being those that will seek to work in
32 cooperatives projects, ministries, and parishes;

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34 ***Therefore, be it resolved, that the General Board of Global Ministries, the General***
35 ***Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the***
36 ***General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns be called upon***
37 ***to work together to provide leadership for the continued development of the***
38 ***delivery of cooperative forms of ministry to the United Methodist Church and***
39 ***ecumenically;***

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41 ~~*Therefore, be it resolved, that the National Cooperative Parish Ministry Leadership Team*~~
42 ~~*be commended for its planning and leading of the Sixth Consultation on Cooperative*~~
43 ~~*Projects, Ministries, and Parishes: has developed throughout the 2001-2004*~~
44 ~~*quadrennium; and,*~~

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46 ~~Be it further resolved, that the general boards and agencies, the annual conferences,~~
47 ~~districts, and local churches of The United Methodist Church be called on to implement~~
48 ~~processes that will eventuate in understandings of how to initiate needed cooperative~~
49 ~~projects, ministries, and parishes and to facilitate their movement toward local and global~~
50 ~~mission and ministry; and, .~~

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52 ~~Be it further resolved, that appreciation be conveyed to the General Board of Global~~
53 ~~Ministries, the General Board of Discipleship, and the General Commission on Christian~~
54 ~~Unity and Interreligious Concerns for their financial support and active participation; and~~

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56 ~~Be it further resolved, that these boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church be~~
57 ~~called on to continue providing encouragement and financial support for the ongoing~~
58 ~~work of the National Cooperative Parish Ministry Leadership Team; and,~~

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60 ~~Be it further resolved, that The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry be~~
61 ~~requested also to collaborate with the National Cooperative Parish Ministry Leadership~~
62 ~~Team in its work; and~~

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64 ~~Be it further resolved, that the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of~~
65 ~~Discipleship, the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns,~~
66 ~~and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry be called upon to under gird the~~

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67 ~~National Cooperative Parish Ministry Leadership Team as it prepares a Seventh~~

68 ~~Consultation on Cooperative Projects, Ministries and Projects for the 2005-2008~~

69 ~~quadrennium.~~

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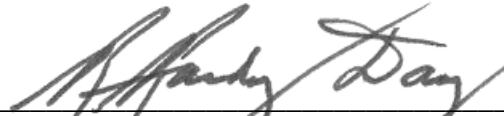
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