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### **Resolution of Pastoral Covenant Group Initiative**

WHEREAS relationships of covenant fellowship are historically, spiritually, and theologically rooted in the identity of the Church of God; and

WHEREAS pastoral health and excellence and congregational vitality are cultivated and enhanced through collegial pastoral relationships of accountability, care, collaboration, and support; and

WHEREAS the Church of God Theological Seminary's Center for Pentecostal Leadership and Care in collaboration with the International Executive Committee, Administrative Bishops, and pastors and with grant funding from Lilly Endowment is forwarding the Pastoral Covenant Group process through the Covenant Leadership initiative; and

WHEREAS hundreds of Church of God pastors are being encouraged, resourced, and supported through the Seminary's Center-led Pastoral Covenant Group process; and

WHEREAS present and prospective pastoral participants in the Pastoral Covenant Group process have called for the continuation and expansion of this project; and

WHEREAS Lilly Endowment, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana, has awarded the Seminary over \$2 million in its Sustaining Pastoral Excellence and Making Connections grant initiatives to forward this project; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we reaffirm our commitment to historic and biblical practices of covenant fellowship among our pastors and within our congregations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend and celebrate the new collaborative relationships developing between pastors, Administrative Bishops, congregations, the International Executive Committee, and the Church of God Theological Seminary in the interest of pastoral health and excellence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we express our gratitude to Lilly Endowment, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana, for the vision for pastoral excellence demonstrated by its Division of Religion and for its partnership with the Church of God Theological Seminary to forward this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we affirm our commitment to continue to work collaboratively with the Church of God Theological Seminary's Center for Pentecostal Leadership and Care to make this process of pastoral support, care, and development in the interest of pastoral health and excellence available to all pastors.