

Topic: Bold Moves Resolution

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Whereas, since its origins in St. Paul, Sisters of St. Joseph have been committed to working for the common good; and (A)*

Whereas, as Sisters of St. Joseph we seek to address the needs of the time with ministries that are both effective and sustainable; and (B)

Whereas current demographics in regard to the number of Sisters necessitate a modification of current structures that demand a high level of Sister participation; and (C)

Whereas Sisters recognize those who partner with us and extend leadership to ministries as staff, board members, volunteers, and donors; and (D)

Whereas moving the ministries' home from the Province to a newly restructured organization could open up eligibility for new funding opportunities; and (E)

Whereas more and more donors today turn to the Charities Review Council for giving recommendations, and we are confident that a legal 501(c)(3) that is home to both ministry oversight and fundraising can meet Charities Review Council standards; and (F)

Whereas, the Ministries Foundation, a publicly recognized and respected organization, could restructure to house both a fundraising arm and a ministries arm, a structure that would operate much like other family or community foundations; and (G)

Whereas a restructured organization will demand criteria and processes that evaluate the viability of both current and emerging ministries; and (H)

Whereas the province would retain reserved powers with the restructured organization; and (I)

Whereas the Bold Moves working group tasked to analyze five reorganization models that derived from the three Bold Moves Task Forces and the Sisters' Cabinet, concluded in their analysis that Model 2 had, by far, the greatest strengths. (J)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Sister Assembly affirm Model 2, i.e. "Using the current legal 501(c)(3) designation for the Ministries Foundation, redefine an organization to consist of a fundraising arm and a ministries arm" as the organizational structure for the current and future ministries. (K)

Be it further resolved that the Province Council take the necessary legal steps to request that the Ministries Foundation redefine its purpose and restructure its operations according to the above resolution. (L)

Be it further resolved that the Province Council in collaboration with the Ministries Foundation Board establish a steering committee to develop the redefined organizational structure. (M)

Be it further resolved that a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Province and the redefined organization, particularly as it relates to Province financial support and governance relationships of the new entity, be developed prior to the operationalization of the redefined organizational structure. (N)

Group responsible for implementation: Province Council, Ministries Foundation Board and a to-be developed steering committee

Recommendation regarding who is eligible to vote on this resolution:
Sisters

*The letter by each statement will help in asking and responding to clarifying questions.