

Universal Scripture Access Resolution

Whereas, World Conference Resolution 1216 declares that “A primary purpose of the church is to fulfill Christ’s mission of preaching good news to the poor”;

Whereas, the mission initiative “Abolish Poverty, End Suffering” specifies that we are to be “reaching out through compassionate ministries that serve the poor”;

Whereas, Doctrine and Covenants Section 1:6a teaches: “And again, verily I say unto you, O inhabitants of the Earth, I, the Lord, am willing to make [the scriptures] known unto all flesh, for I am no respecter of persons”;

Whereas, Doctrine and Covenants 42:15b teaches: “And I give unto a commandment, that then ye shall teach [the scriptures] unto all men; for they shall be taught unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people”;

Whereas, Community of Christ currently only makes the Inspired Version of the Bible, the Book of Mormon, and the Doctrine and Covenants available for purchase through Herald House or Amazon;

Whereas, Community of Christ fosters the concept of the Worth and Equality of All Persons and it is important to understand that there are many people whose financial situations bar them from being able to expend the resources to purchase a copy of scriptures, therefore be it

Resolved, that the First Presidency, or a committee it so designates, be directed to explore ways that digital editions of the scriptures be made available for no charge and be easy-to-access through the church’s website (or similar platform) in Community of Christ’s current three core languages of English, Spanish, and French, and other language translations as they become available.

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