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COVENANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRESBYTERY OF LAKE MICHIGAN
AND
GREENWOOD MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION

I. THE LEGAL INSTITUTION

The Greenwood Ministries Association is a non-profit corporation of the State of Michigan and governed as such according to the laws of the State of Michigan. It is an organization that serves to provide a ministry of Christian camping, retreats and meeting space for religious education and worship and other endeavors at the physical property known as Camp Greenwood, Gowen, Michigan.

II. THE MISSION OF GREENWOOD MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION

The mission of Greenwood Ministries Association is to establish a ministry where everyone can learn and live more fully into the joy of being a Christian. Through both traditional camp ministries and other new endeavors, we will facilitate spiritual growth, environmental stewardship, human development and service to our neighbors.

**III. THE RELATIONSHIP OF GREENWOOD MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION
AND THE PRESBYTERY OF LAKE MICHIGAN**

This covenant is an agreement between the Presbytery of Lake Michigan (PLM) and Greenwood Ministries Association (GMA) to affirm a present and historic relationship in which there is mutuality of purpose and support. To fulfill its role in relation to the PLM, GMA operates under sole direction of the GMA Board, which is elected by the members of the GMA. The Board is responsible for the operation and finances of the GMA and serve as trustees for the GMA. The GMA Board carries forward the care for the “trust” on behalf of the PLM. In event of the dissolution of GMA, the residue of assets would revert to the Presbyterian Church (USA) under the

trusteeship of the PLM or its successor, and PLM will not be responsible for any incurred costs as is required in the GMA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

IV. DISSOLUTION PROCESS

In the event that GMA should decide that it is no longer a viable ministry, the GMA Board will vote to dissolve, and then it shall:

- (1) Notify the PLM Trustees or its successor;
- (2) Give a full and complete report of all assets and liabilities to the PLM Trustees;
- (3) Allow the PLM Trustees to make all decisions regarding the disposal of all assets (including, but not limited to, land, buildings, vehicles, equipment, furniture, resources, bank accounts, certificates of deposit, contents of safe deposit box(es), stocks, bonds, mutual funds, dividend or payroll checks, refunds for goods or services, insurance payments, annuities, trust distributions, unredeemed money orders or gift certificates, utility security deposits, escrow accounts, and any other resources of value);
- (4) File dissolution paperwork with the State of Michigan and the Internal Revenue Service;
- (5) Notify all GMA members;
- (6) Attempt to contact all groups and organizations that have utilized the Camp Greenwood facility in the preceding five years, notifying them of the dissolution; and
- (7) Complete any other legal requirements, in cooperation with the PLM Trustees. Michigan.

V. THE PROMISE OF GREENWOOD MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION TO THE PRESBYTERY OF LAKE MICHIGAN

A. The GMA Board covenants to offer staff leadership, administration, and facilities for appropriate training events, programs, seminars, and a host of related activities including a summer camp program. The GMA Board will strive to be sensitive to the needs of Presbyterian congregations of all sizes and to the mission of the PLM.

- B. The GMA Board will provide financial oversight and planning to keep Camp Greenwood fiscally healthy and its facilities in repair, as well as installing facility improvements as deemed appropriate by GMA.
- C. The GMA Board and staff will strive to further the mission of PLM.
- D. The GMA Board will operate according to its Bylaws.
- E. GMA through its Board will strive to provide programming and leadership to uphold the historic and present focus of the Reformed Tradition and the PC(USA).
- F. GMA will work in cooperation and collaboration with other institutions to strengthen and broaden its ministry.
- G. GMA will provide to the PLM Trustees an annual report of an independent financial review of GMA accounts in accordance with the Book of Order.

“A full financial review of all financial books and records shall be conducted every year by a public accountant or committee of members versed in accounting procedures. Reviewers should not be related to the treasurer(s). Terminology in this section is meant to provide general guidance and is not intended to require or not require specific audit procedures or practices as understood within the professional accounting community.” (G-3.0113)

- H. GMA will provide to the PLM Trustees and Leadership Team an annual report of operations.
- I. GMA will provide to PLM Leadership Team an opportunity to comment on future strategic plans.

VI. THE PROMISE OF LAKE MICHIGAN PRESBYTERY TO GREENWOOD MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION

- A. Through this covenant, the PLM provides GMA an official affiliation with the PC(USA).
- B. PLM allows GMA to promote Camp Greenwood to the churches within its bounds.
- C. PLM recognizes GMA as a Presbyterian mission where ecumenical programs with multiple denominations and/or interfaith endeavors may take place.
- D. PLM will give GMA consideration as a site for its programs each year and will encourage its congregations to also give GMA consideration for their programs and conferences.
- E. PLM staff and leaders will support and interpret the mission of GMA by being well informed about the programs and offerings.
- F. The PLM shall provide to the GMA the use of the existing Camp Greenwood land, facilities, records and equipment as designated by vote of the Presbytery.
- G. PLM does not commit to any future financial support of the GMA, although such support would be greatly appreciated as well as encouraged.
- H. PLM through its Nominating Committee will nominate a candidate for service on the GMA Board for election by the GMA.

VI. Review

PLM and GMA will renew this covenant at the request of either party as needed. The review team will consist of three members from the GMA Board and three members from the PLM Leadership Team or Administrative Commission.

Date of Enactment

Moderator of PLM

Chairperson of GMA

Date

Date