

Resolution
By the Christian Church in Tennessee

**To Require Healthy Boundaries and Pro-reconciling/Anti-Racist Training
for standing every 5 years**

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Whereas spiritual well-being of congregations in the Christian Church in Tennessee is connected to the pastoral leadership they receive, and;

Whereas equipping pastors for effective ministries includes the ability for pastors to value and respect healthy boundaries, and for pastors to recognize that the body of Christ is made up of members from every tongue, hue and culture, and;

Whereas the Christian Church in Tennessee has required the healthy boundaries training for all persons with standing in the region for over 20 years as well as for all candidates for ordination and commissioning, and;

Whereas the Christian Church (DOC) has as one of its four priorities to become a Pro-reconciling/Anti-racist church, it is fitting that the Christian Church in Tennessee be responsive to deepened our understanding of systemic racism and that Christ compels us to advocate for justice, fairness and equality as we are intentional about becoming a church where the gifts of all God's children are honored and shared.

Therefore be it resolved that the Christian Church in Tennessee will require all persons with standing (clergy and commissioned) to attend an approved Healthy Boundaries, and Pro-reconciling/Anti-racism training at least every 5 years to maintain standing within the region.

Therefore be it further resolved that in order to facilitate a smooth transition of this requirement, current persons with standing in the Christian Church in Tennessee have until June 30, 2020 to bring themselves into compliance with this revised Healthy Boundary requirement.

Therefore be it further resolved that current persons with standing (clergy and commissioned) in the Christian Church in Tennessee have until October 31, 2021 to bring themselves into compliance with this new requirement and that persons seeking ordination receive this training prior to being ordained.

Therefore be it further resolved that the Commission on Ministry will be empowered to work with prudent judgment to support congregational leadership and ensure all persons with standing in Tennessee meet both the healthy boundaries requirement as well as the Pro-reconciling/Anti-racist training requirement.

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