

RESOLUTION 2

(Escrowed Home Missions Holdings)

1 WHEREAS, church planting is a core value for the PennDel District Council, and
2 WHEREAS, monies derived from the sale of closed churches are held in escrow for the
3 purpose of planting a church in the community or section of the closed
4 church, and
5 WHEREAS, those monies are sometimes held in escrow for many years due to lack of
6 opportunity to plant in the vicinity of the closed church from which the
7 funds were derived, and
8 WHEREAS, the need and opportunity to plant churches may exist in other communities
9 throughout the PennDel District Council, and
10 WHEREAS, funding for these other planting opportunities may be scarce, be it
11 RESOLVED, that ARTICLE XIV. HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT, Section 4.
12 Finances, d. which reads, “Whenever a property reverts to the
13 Pennsylvania-Delaware District Council as a result of a church ceasing to
14 exist, and if the real property or chattel is sold, then after all the
15 encumbrances are satisfied, the balance of the monies shall be held in
16 escrow by the Pennsylvania-Delaware District Council to be used for the
17 opening of a new church in ~~that community or section~~” be amended to read
18 “Whenever a property reverts to the Pennsylvania-Delaware District
19 Council as a result of a church ceasing to exist, and if the real property or
20 chattel is sold, then after all the encumbrances are satisfied, the balance of
21 the monies shall be held in escrow by the Pennsylvania-Delaware District

22 Council to be used for the opening of a new church in **the PennDel**
23 **District Council, with first preference given to the community or**
24 **section from which the funds were obtained.”**

Submitted by the PennDel District Council Presbytery