

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE  
**WIDOWS AND MINOR DEPENDENTS OF DECEASED MISSIONARIES  
RELIEF FUND**

ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
AT WILLOW GROVE, PENNSYLVANIA, ON JULY 21, 2006

**R**ESOLVED—That the Committee on Foreign Missions (“the Committee”) of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (“the OPC”), bearing in mind the biblical duty to look after widows and the fatherless in their distress, and with a particular view towards those whose husbands or fathers, respectively, concluded their earthly pilgrimages while in active foreign missionary service under the Committee’s call or appointment, hereby establishes a **WIDOWS AND MINOR DEPENDENTS OF DECEASED MISSIONARIES RELIEF FUND** (“the Fund”) to assist in supplying their needs, as set forth herein.

**FIRST.** The Fund shall be administered by a subcommittee of five (“the Fund Trustees”), each of whom shall be an ordained officer in the OPC (or in a church with which the OPC has a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship). The members of the subcommittee, together with an alternate, shall be elected from time to time by the Committee, as vacancies occur; and the Committee may, on its own initiative, act to replace a member of the subcommittee. The Fund Trustees shall act by majority vote of the members of the subcommittee.

**SECOND.** The Fund Trustees shall distribute from the net income or principal or both of the Fund such amount(s) to one or more Eligible Beneficiaries as the Fund Trustees deem necessary or desirable primarily for their education, support, maintenance and health, for the maintenance of their accustomed standard of living, or for any medical, hospital or other institutional care which any Eligible Beneficiary may require. In exercising this discretionary power, the Fund Trustees shall consider any resources of an Eligible Beneficiary, including the obligation of the spouse of an Eligible Beneficiary to support the Eligible Beneficiary, and within a family of Eligible Beneficiaries the Fund Trustees shall give primary consideration to the needs of the widow and secondary consideration to the needs of the children who have not completed their education; before making distributions from the Fund to or for the benefit of the children, the Fund Trustees shall counsel with the widow, or other guardian, to determine the needs of the children. The Fund Trustees may distribute amounts from the Fund to assist in providing a college or professional education for an Eligible Beneficiary at any private or public college or university, provided that the Eligible Beneficiary is making reasonable progress toward an articulated degree or certificate. The Fund Trustees may distribute amounts from the Fund to assist an Eligible Beneficiary who is a widow to purchase a modest residence in which she and her minor children might live.

**THIRD.** No amounts payable, or to become payable, to any Eligible Beneficiary from the Fund shall be subject to anticipation, assignment, pledge, sale or transfer in any manner, nor shall any Eligible Beneficiary have the power to anticipate or encumber such interest, nor shall such interest, while in the possession of the Fund Trustees, be liable for, or subject to, the debts, contracts, obligations, liabilities or torts of any Eligible Beneficiary.

**FOURTH.** The names of persons may be added to, or removed from, the list of Eligible Beneficiaries only by action of the Committee. Such persons (herein referred to as “Eligible Beneficiaries” or “Eligible Beneficiary”) must, at the time of their being added to the list of Eligible Beneficiaries, be a widow or a minor dependent child whose husband or father, respectively, concluded his earthly pilgrimage while in active foreign missionary service under the Committee’s call or appointment. Unless an Eligible Beneficiary who was a minor dependent child at the time at which his/her name was added to the list of Eligible Beneficiaries is making the requisite reasonable progress toward an articulated degree or certificate, his/her name shall, unless the Committee determines otherwise by reason of special circumstances, be removed from the list of Eligible Beneficiaries when he/she attains age nineteen.

**FIFTH.** The Fund Trustees may engage the services of a corporate investment manager to invest the assets of the Fund, and may compensate such manager for its services from the assets of the Fund in accordance with its schedule of fees in effect at the time such compensation becomes payable.

**SIXTH.** The Fund Trustees shall maintain adequate records concerning the Fund, and shall furnish an annual accounting of the Fund’s condition to the Committee and to each family of Eligible Beneficiaries. The Committee shall periodically review the work of the Fund Trustees.

**SEVENTH.** Following the receipt of each annual accounting from the Fund Trustees, the Committee shall also consider whether it is necessary to retain the entire balance of the Fund to meet the needs of all the Eligible Beneficiaries. If the Committee determines that there are amounts in the Fund in excess of that which may be foreseen on a reasonably prudent basis to be necessary to carry out the purpose of the Fund, the amount of such excess may be applied by the Committee either to meet some other diaconal need arising from within the church (including transferring such amounts to the general assembly’s Committee on Diaconal Ministries or a diaconal committee of one or more presbyteries) or to advance the general work of foreign missions.

**EIGHTH.** The Committee welcomes contributions to the Fund. Donors are free to suggest beneficiaries of their contributions to the Fund; however, such suggestions shall be deemed advisory rather than mandatory in nature. The administration of the Fund, including the designation of Eligible Beneficiaries and all disbursements, is under the exclusive control and discretion of the Committee. While the Committee may consider a donor’s suggested designation of a gift, such designation remains only a non-binding suggestion or recommendation; donors will not be able to recover a contribution to the Fund on the ground that a suggested designation was not honored.