

# Resolution on CONTINUATION OF DILLARD HENDERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Whereas we are called “To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God,” (Micah 6:8) and Jesus prayed that “they may all be one.” (John 17: 21); and

Whereas Dillard University in New Orleans is a Historically Black College, founded as Straight University in 1869 with the support of the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Church, now the United Church of Christ; and

Whereas Dillard University is a partner of the United Church of Christ and a Full Member of the United Church of Christ Council on Higher Education; and

WHEREAS the Vermont Conference, UCC committed itself to supporting African American education in the 1999 Resolution, “...TO SUPPORT AFRICAN-AMERICAN EDUCATION” and affirmed (99AM34) in a vote that one half of the 204th Annual Meeting offering go toward the Dillard University Scholarship; and

WHEREAS George Washington Henderson, after receiving education in Underhill and Barre, graduated from UVM in 1877, first in his class and the first African American initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, and in 1880 was awarded a Master of Arts degree, and an honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1896 both also from UVM, and served as an educator in schools in Jericho, Craftsbury, and Newport; and

23 WHEREAS George Washington Henderson beginning in 1890 was university pastor and chair  
24 of theology at Straight University; and

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26 WHEREAS the Vermont Conference has since 2004 contributed to the Dillard University Henderson  
27 Scholarship fund reaching the \$25,000 level in 2010.

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29 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vermont Conference commit ourselves to expand the Dillard  
30 Henderson Scholarship Fund by dedicating the odd-year Annual Meeting offerings to the Dillard  
31 Henderson Scholarship Fund for the next 20 years; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vermont Conference, through its Department of Mission, will  
34 encourage Associations and local churches to do fund raising and make donations to further expand the  
35 Dillard Henderson Scholarship Fund; and

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vermont Conference through the Department of Mission Diversity  
37 Committee encourage and seek ways to enter into meaningful relationship with the Dillard Community  
38 to our mutual benefit, education and growth in grace and wisdom.

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