Resolution for Skyline Church to Create an Endowment Fund to benefit local Indigenous and African American peoples –
Proposed 6-12-22

Background

Skyline Community Church has declared itself a Sanctuary Congregation, via Resolution which was adopted 1-21-18, “committed to protecting, supporting and advocating for those most vulnerable such as immigrants, refugees, Muslims, women, Black Lives Matter activists, Native Americans and the LGBTQ community.”

WHEREAS the Gospel calls us, as people of faith, to follow the example of the Good Samaritan who showed love and compassion toward the wounded stranger on the road, Jesus calls us to love our neighbors and to serve the least among us, meaning the most vulnerable among us. Faithfulness to Christ means we always live in tension with unjust policies and laws.

WHEREAS the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ (NCNC UCC), at its 2020 Quarterly Conference meeting on 10-25-20, called for all congregations to acknowledge and make amends for the history of genocidal and violent treatment of local Indigenous and African American peoples; and

WHEREAS Skyline Community Church has been richly blessed by a bequest from the estate of Rhea Babbitt and Kay Gilliland; and

WHEREAS Skyline Community Church has a strong desire to acknowledge our gratitude for benefiting from the rich cultures of Indigenous and African American peoples who we live among, and also acknowledge and continue to work to change the ways that our church culture is rooted in the culture of normative whiteness; that many of us are privileged not to have been discriminated against by the systems of racism in land ownership, education, employment, our carceral system, and

WHEREAS Skyline Community Church wishes to act on the above statements by doing monetary reparations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Skyline Community Church set up endowment fund(s) to be called “The Rhea Babbitt and Kay Gilliland Memorial

Reparations Fund(s)” in the amount(s) of One-Hundred-Thousand Dollars to benefit Indigenous People, and One-Hundred-Thousand Dollars to benefit African American People within our local communities, the earnings from which will be donated to the two beneficiaries annually. Said fund(s) are to be set up effective January 1, 2023, the mechanics of which are outlined in the documents “Memorandum of Agreement for new Endowment”, and “Appendix to Memorandum of Agreement for new Endowment” which are a part of this Resolution.

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Resources

- **Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity**
- **United Church of Christ Resources on Sanctuary**
- **National Sanctuary website and toolkit**
- https://ncncucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/NCNC-Amends-Resolution_FINAL.pdf
- https://ncncucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/NCNC-Ministry-Requirement-Resolution-AMENDED-hilites.pdf