

Resolution #2020 - 09
Relating to the Sale of Up To 50+/- Acres at Camp Innabah
Submitted by the EPA Board of Camping and Retreat Ministries

WHEREAS, Eastern PA Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry has faced difficulty due to the current pandemic, and summer camp needing to be cancelled for summer 2020;

AND WHEREAS, these pandemic related difficulties have led to serious financial deficits at our three residential camping facilities;

AND WHEREAS, several Conference agencies including the Conference Council on Finance and Conference Board of Trustees have already provided the support funding they can;

AND WHEREAS, even after this support, the generosity of several significant donors, severe expense reductions, and a great effort on the part of our Camps to provide creative programming through the pandemic, the Camping Board anticipates a deficit of approximately \$40,000 in 2020, added to a previous (accumulated) payroll debt at Camp Innabah of \$395,000 which could not be reduced in 2020, and an anticipated significant deficit for the first six months of 2021;

AND WHEREAS, prior study has been completed on the potential sale of approximately 50 acres of Camp Innabah that will not significantly affect day-to-day operations;

AND WHEREAS, the sale of this acreage is expected to bring net proceeds of approximately \$750,000,

AND WHEREAS, a taskforce made up of members of Conference Trustees, Camping Board, Conference Council on Finance, Conference Committee on Personnel, and other Conference leaders including the presiding Bishop have recommended moving forward with this sale;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern PA Annual Conference authorize the Board of Camping and Retreat Ministries in conjunction with the Conference Board of Trustees to move forward with the sale of up to 50 +/- acres at Camp Innabah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, proceeds from the sale of this property be used to fund

1. the current Camping and Retreat operating deficit for 2020,
2. Camp Innabah's previous payroll liability, and
3. the anticipated pandemic related financial deficit for Eastern PA Camping Ministries for 2021.

Person Responsible for Presenting the Resolution: Rev. Don Keller, chair, EPA Board of Camping and Retreat Ministries