

**Church Development Committee Report
May 3, 2008**

Action Item:

The Church Development Committee moves that the Presbytery officially recognize the Tumaini Community Church of Springfield, MA as a new Immigrant Fellowship.

Rationale:

Tumaini has met all the requirements listed in our guidelines for becoming an Immigrant Fellowship with the exception of providing the minimum salary for the pastor, Joseph Kimatu. Joseph became a member of our Presbytery at our last Presbytery meeting. They now have a worshipping congregation of 100 people, including children.

CDC has appointed a task force to guide this fellowship through the organization process. Members of the task force are: Terry Davis, chair., Carol North, Steve Thayer, Ann Beams, and Jessi Johnson. CDC has arranged funding for a year of transition by applying for a promised grant from the National Immigration Ministries, by designating \$10,000 from the CDC budget, and by applying for a grant from the new Synod "Bridge Fund." To help cover expenses for the subsequent five years the task force is applying for a New Church Development Grant from the GA and Synod.