



Resolution

The Board of Governors of HUC–JIR hereby adopts the following resolution at a duly authorized meeting of the Board of Governors:

Whereas, we have identified five strategic goals to guide our strategic decision making, which can be summarized as (i) Strengthen educational excellence, (ii) Strengthen the student experience, (iii) Grow our impact throughout the Jewish world, (iv) Achieve financial sustainability, and (v) Ensure a sacred and respectful culture; and

Whereas, the Board of Governors seeks to find effective ways to achieve these goals and address various challenges facing the College-Institute, which challenges include declining enrollment in our residential rabbinical programs, caused by such factors as waning interest in attending liberal seminaries, less denominational affiliation within the Jewish world, and more seminary choices for potential rabbinical students; declining financial support from Reform congregations; and the operational complexity, difficulty of ensuring consistent safe and respectful cultures, and added costs of operating similar programs across three North American campuses; and

Whereas, the administration of HUC-JIR has made recommendations it believes will address these and other challenges and move the College-Institute toward the achievement of the Board of Governors' five strategic goals; and

Whereas, the administration of HUC-JIR has committed, regardless of the campus configuration of the residential rabbinical program, to address the need for student pulpits and internships across the whole of the United States and Canada; and

Whereas, the administration recommends we operate our North American residential rabbinical programs in Los Angeles and New York and cease operating a residential rabbinical program in Cincinnati no later than the end of the 2026 academic year, until such time as further changes may be recommended by the Provost in consultation with the faculty, and approved by the Board of Governors; and

Whereas, the administration also recommends we design and implement an academically rigorous, low-residency clergy program that includes in-residence learning in Cincinnati to attract students in North America unable or unwilling to enroll in our residential clergy program and to increase our ability to serve more of Jewish North America, to commence operations no later than academic year 2025; and

Whereas, all operational changes made by the College-Institute will comply with all applicable laws, administrative rules, and regulations of the State of Ohio.

Therefore, be it resolved, that, by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Governors present, paragraph 2 of the Agreement of Consolidation between Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion and Jewish Institute of Religion, dated January 25, 1950, as amended August 13, 1992 (the “Consolidation Agreement”), be amended to read as follows:

“Consolidated corporation shall be deemed incorporated and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, with a principal place of business located at 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio. Consolidated corporation may transact business and conduct activities in other states, territories, or possessions of the United States or anywhere else in the world.”

With edits shown:

Consolidated corporation shall be deemed incorporated and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, with a principal place of business located at 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio. Consolidated corporation ~~shall maintain a place of business in the City and State of New York and~~ may transact business and conduct activities in other states, territories, or possessions of the United States or anywhere else in the world. ~~Consolidated corporation shall permanently maintain rabbinical schools in Cincinnati, Ohio and New York, New York.~~

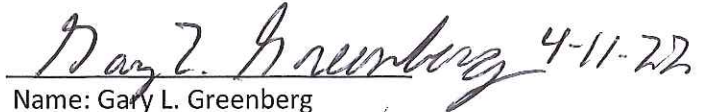
Resolved, Further, that HUC-JIR shall operate our North American residential rabbinical programs in Los Angeles and New York and cease operating a residential rabbinical program in Cincinnati no later than the end of the 2026 academic year, until such time as further changes may be recommended by the Provost in consultation with the faculty, and approved by the Board of Governors; and

Resolved, Further, that the Board of Governors instructs the HUC-JIR administration to pursue, judiciously and expeditiously, (a) the design of an academically rigorous, low-residency clergy program that includes in-residence learning in Cincinnati to attract students in North America unable or unwilling to enroll in our residential clergy program and to increase our ability to serve more of Jewish North America, to commence operations no later than academic year 2025, and (b) a plan to maintain and expand the impact of our Cincinnati-situated academic resources (the Klau Library, the American Jewish Archives, and the Skirball Museum) and the facilities on our Cincinnati campus to expand educational programming and research opportunities for all HUC-JIR students and faculty, as well as scholars and Jewish communities around the world, diligently partnering with other Jewish and academic institutions as possible, with recognition that the success of all new projects depends on new financial support; and

Resolved, Further, that the officers of HUC-JIR shall be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered to execute and deliver any and all instruments, to take any and all actions, and to do any and all things, as they may deem to be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolution.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

This Resolution concerning HUC-JIR's residential rabbinical programs to modify the Consolidation Agreement and related matters was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds or more of the members of the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion present at a meeting at which a quorum was present, effective as of the 11th day of April 2022.


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