

# **ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS**

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# AMENDMENTS

## TO THE

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE XXI. AMENDMENTS

(Page 164)

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at any regular meeting of The General Council of the Assemblies of God. Amendments to be adopted shall require a majority of all votes cast.

**Resolution 9 (Substitute)**

**STRENGTHENING NEWLY FORMED DISTRICTS**

1 WHEREAS, The expansion and growth of the Assemblies of God through its district councils is  
2 provided for in General Council Bylaws ARTICLE V. DISTRICT COUNCILS,  
3 Section 1, Formation of New Districts, indicating that new districts will continue to  
4 be formed; and

5 WHEREAS, Our experience with the approval of newly formed districts is similar to our  
6 experience in planting churches throughout our Fellowship, namely that “birth-  
7 weight” of the newly formed ministry does matter; and

8 WHEREAS, It would be to the advantage of the churches and ministers as members of any newly  
9 formed district that every effort be made to guarantee the strength and sustainability  
10 of the new district; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 1.  
12 Formation of New Districts, paragraph b. Guidelines, subparagraphs (1) through (5),  
13 pages 120–121, which reads:

**b. Guidelines.** Guidelines for establishing new districts shall include:

14 (1) A minimum of 40 Assemblies of God churches sponsored by an existing  
15 district and having voted to become a part of the new district at the beginning of  
16 the conference unless an exception has been granted by the Executive Presbytery.

17 (2) Size, maturity, and financial stability of the churches as to membership,  
18 leadership, and program ministries.

19 (3) The location, size, and potential growth of the geographical area under  
20 consideration.

21 (4) The effect the establishment of the proposed new district will have on  
22 other districts.

23 (5) Churches and ministers that have voted to become a part of the new  
24 conference shall be required to contribute one-third of their district tithes or dues  
25 to the new conference during the first year, two-thirds of their district tithes or  
26 dues to the new conference during the second year, and contribute the full  
27 amount of tithes or dues as determined by the newly established district during  
28 the third year and following.  
29

Be amended to read:

1           **b. Guidelines.** Guidelines for establishing new districts shall include:

2           (1) A minimum of ~~40~~ 60 Assemblies of God churches (of which at least  
3           50 percent are General Council affiliated status) sponsored by an existing district  
4           and having voted to become a part of the new district at the beginning of the  
5           conference unless an exception has been recognized ~~granted~~ by the Executive  
6           Presbytery.

7           (2) Size, maturity, and financial stability of the churches as to membership  
8           (assessing both total membership and regular attendance), leadership, and  
9           program ministries.

10          (3) Size, maturity, and financial stability of the proposed district, its  
11          potential for leadership, and its ability to sustain support and program ministries  
12          to its churches.

13          (4) ~~(3)~~ The location, size, and potential growth of the geographical area  
14          under consideration.

15          (5) ~~(4)~~ The effect the establishment of the proposed new district will have  
16          on other districts.

17          (6) ~~(5)~~ Churches and ministers that have voted to become a part of the new  
18          conference shall be required to contribute one-third of their district tithes or dues  
19          to the new conference during the first year, two-thirds of their district tithes or  
20          dues to the new conference during the second year, and contribute the full  
21          amount of tithes or dues as determined by the newly established district during  
22          the third year and following.

23          And, be it further

24          RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 6.  
25          Language/Ethnic Districts, paragraph a. Recognition Qualifications, page 122, which  
26          reads:

27                 **a. Recognition qualifications.** In order to become a district of the  
28                 Assemblies of God, a language/ethnic group must have a minimum number of 40  
29                 churches.

Be amended to read:

1           **a. Recognition qualifications.** In order to become a district of the  
2           Assemblies of God, a language/ethnic group must have a minimum number of 60  
3           ~~40~~ churches (of which at least 50 percent are General Council affiliated status)  
4           and meet all other guidelines established in Article V, Section 1.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
                  General Presbytery

Presented \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution 12**

**ABSTINENCE FROM ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, & RECREATIONAL DRUGS**

1 WHEREAS, Assemblies of God ministers must agree to abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and drugs  
2 when they apply for credentials; and

3 WHEREAS, It would be advisable to place language in the General Council Bylaws that reflects  
4 our historical position; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, The General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE IX, DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
6 DISAPPROVED, Part B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
7 DISAPPROVED, pages 139–145, be amended by the addition of a new Section 14 to  
8 read as follows:

9 The General Council of the Assemblies of God disapproves of the use of  
10 substances, such as but not limited to alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drugs,  
11 that are harmful to the body or mind, or that detract from a Christian’s testimony,  
12 or that are a cause of stumbling to others, or that impair good judgment.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

Presented \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution 13**

**CHURCH TRANSFER PROCEDURE**

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws Article V, Section 6, paragraph e makes provision for a  
2 church to transfer from a language/ethnic district to the geographical district in which  
3 it is located or from a geographical district to a language/ethnic district; and

4 WHEREAS, A more specific process is advisable in setting for a protocol for such a transfer to  
5 occur; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 6.  
7 Language/Ethnic Districts, paragraph e. Church transfer procedure, page 122, which  
8 reads:

9 **e. Church transfer procedure.** When a church desires to transfer from a  
10 language/ethnic district to the geographical district in which it is located or from a  
11 geographical district to a language/ethnic district, a church business meeting shall be  
12 called and the minutes of said meeting shall reflect the action authorized by the  
13 congregation. This action shall be submitted to the officers of the language/ethnic  
14 district and the geographical district. If either district has objections, the church shall  
15 have the right of appeal to the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the  
16 Assemblies of God, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution (Article XI).

17 Be amended to read:

18 **e. Church transfer procedure.** When a church desires to transfer from a  
19 language/ethnic district to the geographical district in which it is located or from  
20 a geographical district to a language/ethnic district, the following procedure shall  
21 be followed: a church business meeting shall be called and the minutes of said  
22 meeting shall reflect the action authorized by the congregation. This action shall  
23 be submitted to the officers of the language/ethnic district and the geographical  
24 district. If either district has objections, the church shall have the right of appeal  
25 to the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in  
26 accordance with the provisions of the Constitution (Article XI).

27 (1) The pastor or board of the church considering transfer shall make initial  
28 contact with the district superintendent to which the church presently belongs.  
29 There shall be opportunity for mutual dialogue with the district superintendent  
30 and district leadership as to the advisability of the transfer.



1                   (2) If the pastor or board of the church desires to pursue the possibility of  
2 transfer, following the initial contact and dialogue noted above, the pastor or  
3 board of the church may then contact the superintendent of the district to which  
4 they desire to transfer.

5                   (3) If the leadership of both districts agrees with the desire of the pastor or  
6 board of the church to transfer from one district to another, then a  
7 congregational meeting of the church membership shall be held. A transfer  
8 shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

9                   (4) If the leadership of the district to which the church presently belongs is  
10 not in favor of the transfer but the receiving district is, the leadership of the  
11 present district shall be given an opportunity to present its case before the  
12 membership of the church at a congregational meeting. The church  
13 membership may then proceed to vote, with a two-thirds vote required for a  
14 transfer to be approved.

15                   (5) If the leadership of the district to which the church presently belongs,  
16 after a favorable vote by the church membership, still does not wish to approve  
17 the transfer, the matter shall be referred to the Executive Presbytery for a final  
18 decision in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution (Article XI).

19                   (6) If the leadership of the district to which the church presently belongs is  
20 in favor of the transfer, after a favorable vote by the church membership, but  
21 the receiving district is not in favor of the transfer, the matter shall be referred  
22 to the Executive Presbytery for a final decision in accordance with the  
23 provisions of the Constitution (Article XI).

24                   (7) The Executive Presbytery shall be empowered to authorize the credential  
25 transfer of ministers serving the transferring church to the district in which the  
26 church is transferred.

27                   (8) Churches seeking a transfer to another district must settle their financial  
28 obligations with their present district before a transfer is granted.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
                  General Presbytery

Presented \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution 14**

**CREDENTIAL TRANSFER PROCEDURE**

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws Article VII, Section 9, paragraph d. makes provision  
2 for transfers of credentials from language/ethnic districts to geographical districts and  
3 from geographical districts to language/ethnic districts; and

4 WHEREAS, Clarification is needed on the process of how such transfers take place; therefore, be  
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 9. Transfer of  
7 Credentials, paragraph d. Transfers between language/ethnic districts and  
8 geographical districts, page 136, which reads:

9 **d. Transfers between language/ethnic districts and geographical**  
10 **districts.** Credential holders from language/ethnic districts may transfer to  
11 geographical districts and credential holders from geographical districts may  
12 transfer to language/ethnic districts.

13 Be amended to read:

14 **d. Transfers between language/ethnic districts and geographical**  
15 **districts.** Credential holders from language/ethnic districts may transfer to  
16 geographical districts and credential holders from geographical districts may  
17 transfer to language/ethnic districts provided the credential holder is serving as a  
18 pastor or staff member of a church in the district that the credential holder desires  
19 to transfer to. In instances where the credential holder is not a pastor or staff  
20 member of a church in the district to which the credential holder is transferring,  
21 both districts shall agree to the transfer. Credential holders must settle their  
22 district financial obligations before transfers are granted. The credential holder  
23 shall have a right of appeal to the General Council Credentials Committee in the  
24 event either district recommends denial of the transfer.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution 15**

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

1 WHEREAS, There have been numerous Resolutions presented and adopted by the General  
2 Presbyters that may not have aligned with the current Bylaw Article III, Section 9,  
3 paragraph d; and

4 WHEREAS, It is important that all work done by various Salary Review Committees be congruent  
5 with the above-referenced Bylaw; and

6 WHEREAS, It is the desire of the General Presbytery in session for the Bylaw to embrace the  
7 actions by enlarging the Salary Review Committee for better representation;  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,  
10 PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 9. Duties of the  
11 General Presbytery, paragraph d, page 118, which reads:

d. Determine the salaries and allowances of all elected officers of the General  
Council. A committee of five general presbyters shall be appointed annually by the  
Executive Presbytery for the purpose of making a review of such salaries and allowances. It  
shall report its recommendations to the General Presbytery for final action.

Be amended to read:

d. Determine the salaries and allowances of all elected officers of the  
General Council. A committee of not less than seven ~~five~~ general presbyters  
which shall be comprised as follows: one executive presbyter acting as a liaison  
to the committee, three district superintendents—two from geographic regional  
areas and one from a language/ethnic area—and four general presbyters who are  
lead pastors. They shall be appointed as necessary ~~annually~~ by the Executive  
Presbytery for the purpose of making a review of such salaries and allowances.  
The Committee ~~It~~ shall report its recommendations to the General Presbytery for  
final action. An outside accounting firm may be engaged annually at the  
discretion of the Executive Presbytery. This review by the outside accounting  
firm shall be done at a minimum of every four years.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

Presented \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution 16**

**NOMINATING PROCESS FOR OTHER OFFICERS**

1 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery serves as the nominating committee for candidates to the  
2 Executive Leadership Team offices of general secretary, general treasurer, executive  
3 director of Assemblies of God World Missions, and executive director of Assemblies  
4 of God U.S. Missions; and

5 WHEREAS, The selection of nominees for an executive office must be a matter of prayerful and  
6 timely consideration by the members of the General Presbytery; and

7 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery has increased in size; and, its intent is therefore more  
8 accurately reflected in a percentage of votes cast rather than a specific number of  
9 votes cast; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND  
11 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, page 109–110 which reads:

12 **b. Other officers.** The general secretary, general treasurer, executive director of  
13 Assemblies of God World Missions, and executive director of Assemblies of God  
14 U.S. Missions shall be elected in the following manner: The General Presbytery,  
15 serving as a nominating committee, shall be entrusted with the responsibility of  
16 making careful investigation concerning the qualifications and general fitness of  
17 available candidates for these offices and shall select by secret ballot one or more  
18 names to be presented for each office to the General Council in session for election.  
19 The General Presbytery shall submit as nominees to the General Council all  
20 qualified candidates who have received at least 15 votes in the General Presbytery.  
21 The candidates shall be presented to and voted upon by secret ballot by the General  
22 Council in session. In the event that only one candidate receives at least 15 votes in  
23 the General Presbytery nomination, the vote distinction by the General Council shall  
24 be by selecting “yes” or “no.” There shall be no further nominations from the  
25 General Council floor. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be required to elect.

26 Be amended to read:

27 **b. Other officers.** The general secretary, general treasurer, executive director  
28 of Assemblies of God World Missions, and executive director of Assemblies of  
29 God U.S. Missions shall be elected in the following manner: The General  
30 Presbytery, serving as a nominating committee, shall be entrusted with the  
31 responsibility of making careful investigation concerning the qualifications and

1                   general fitness of available candidates for these offices and shall select by secret  
2                   ballot one or more names to be presented for each office to the General Council  
3                   in session for election. The General Presbytery shall submit as nominees to the  
4                   General Council all qualified candidates who have received at least 10 percent of  
5                   the 45 votes cast by ~~in~~ the General Presbytery. The candidates shall be presented  
6                   to and voted upon by secret ballot by the General Council in session. In the event  
7                   that only one candidate receives at least 10 percent of the 45 votes cast in the  
8                   General Presbytery nomination, the vote distinction by the General Council shall  
9                   be by selecting “yes” or “no.” There shall be no further nominations from the  
10                  General Council floor. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be required to  
11                  elect. If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot, the three  
12                  candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be  
13                  nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

Presented \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution 17**

**PUBLICATION OF MINISTERS LIST CHANGES**

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws require the publishing of changes to the Ministers List  
2 in the *Assemblies of God Ministers Letter*; and

3 WHEREAS, Significant efficiencies and cost savings would be realized by the General Council if  
4 the changes to the ministers list were provided electronically to current credential  
5 holders; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article VII. MINISTRY, Section 11. Nondisciplinary  
7 Credential Terminations, paragraph a. On the initiative of the minister,  
8 subparagraphs (1), (2), and paragraph b. On the initiative of the district,  
9 subparagraphs (1), (2), page 137, which read:

10 **a. On the initiative of the minister.**

11 (1) *Lapsed.* Ministers who do not renew their credentials shall be listed as  
12 lapsed, provided there is no cause for disciplinary action. Their names shall be  
13 published as lapsed in the *Assemblies of God Ministers Letter*, hereinafter  
14 referred to as the ministers letter.

15 (2) *Resigned.* Ministers who elect to remove themselves from the Fellowship  
16 shall submit a letter of resignation to the district with which they are affiliated. If  
17 there is no cause for disciplinary action, their resignation shall become effective  
18 after having been approved by both the district council and General Council  
19 credentials committees. Their termination shall be listed in the ministers letter as  
20 resigned.

21 **b. On the initiative of the district. (See Article X, Section 4.)**

22 (1) *Inactive.* When a minister becomes inactive for 2 consecutive years,  
23 according to the stipulations set forth in Bylaws, Article VII, Section 6,  
24 paragraph b, his or her name shall be published as inactive in the ministers letter.

25 (2) *Not renewed.* If in the opinion of the credentials committees a minister's  
26 credentials should not be renewed short of disciplinary action, the minister's  
27 name shall be published as not renewed in the ministers letter.

1 Be amended to read:

2 **a. On the initiative of the minister.**

3 (1) *Lapsed.* Ministers who do not renew their credentials shall be listed as  
4 lapsed, provided there is no cause for disciplinary action. Their names shall be  
5 published as lapsed in the *Assemblies of God Ministers Letter*, hereinafter  
6 referred to as the ministers letter, or disseminated electronically to ministers only.

7 (2) *Resigned.* Ministers who elect to remove themselves from the Fellowship  
8 shall submit a letter of resignation to the district with which they are affiliated. If  
9 there is no cause for disciplinary action, their resignation shall become effective  
10 after having been approved by both the district council and General Council  
11 credentials committees. Their termination shall be listed in the ministers letter as  
12 resigned or disseminated electronically to ministers only.

13 **b. On the initiative of the district. (See Article X, Section 4.)**

14 (1) *Inactive.* When a minister becomes inactive for 2 consecutive years,  
15 according to the stipulations set forth in Bylaws, Article VII, Section 6,  
16 paragraph b, his or her name shall be published as inactive in the ministers letter  
17 or disseminated electronically to ministers only.

18 (2) *Not renewed.* If in the opinion of the credentials committees a minister's  
19 credentials should not be renewed short of disciplinary action, the minister's  
20 name shall be published as not renewed in the ministers letter or disseminated  
21 electronically to ministers only.

22 And, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 8. Restoration,  
24 paragraph b. Procedure and requirements, subparagraph (e), page 150, which reads:

25 **Section 8. Restoration**

26 **b. Procedure and requirements.**

27 (1) *Restoration requirements.*

28 (e) *Publication.* While the minister's credentials are in a state of  
29 suspension, the minister's name shall not be removed from the ministerial roster,  
30 nor shall the minister's disciplinary status be published in either the General  
31 Council or district council official publications.

1 Be amended to read:

2 **b. Procedure and requirements.**

3 (1) *Restoration requirements.*

4 (e) *Publication.* While the minister’s credentials are in a state of  
5 suspension, the minister’s name shall not be removed from the ministerial roster,  
6 nor shall the minister’s disciplinary status be published in print or electronically  
7 in either the General Council or district council official publications.

8 And, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article X. DISCIPLINE, Section 11. Publication of  
10 Dismissal, page 152, which reads:

11 **Section 11. Publication of Dismissal**

12 No publication of a dismissed minister’s name shall be made until the district  
13 has been advised by the office of the general secretary that such has been  
14 authorized by the General Council Credentials Committee. An additional 30 days  
15 from the date of the notification shall be given the dismissed minister to exercise  
16 the right of appeal.

17 Be amended to read:

18 **Section 11. Publication of Dismissal**

19 No publication of a dismissed minister’s name, in print or electronically, shall  
20 be made until the district has been advised by the office of the general secretary  
21 that such has been authorized by the General Council Credentials Committee. An  
22 additional 30 days from the date of the notification shall be given the dismissed  
23 minister to exercise the right of appeal.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

Presented \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_



**Resolution 18**

**MIDTERM VACANCIES OF EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Executive Presbytery has been expanded, over the past several years, to  
2 include three additional nonresident executive presbyters, one who is an ordained minister under  
3 40 years of age at the time of election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), and  
4 one ordained African-American minister (no age requirement); and

5 WHEREAS, Procedures for filling midterm vacancies in the *area* and *ethnic fellowship* nonresident executive  
6 presbyter positions are described in the General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF  
7 OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph b. Nonresident executive  
8 presbyters; and

9 WHEREAS, A process has yet to be delineated in the General Council Bylaws for the filling of midterm  
10 vacancies should they occur in the positions of the nonresident additional representatives—  
11 ordained minister under age 40, ordained female minister, or ordained African-American  
12 minister; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND  
14 PRESBYTERS, Section 3, Vacancies, paragraph b. Nonresident executive presbyters be  
15 amended by the addition of a new subparagraph (3), page 113, to read as follows:

(3) Additional representation.

17 (a) In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the offices of  
18 nonresident additional representatives (see Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, c, (2),  
19 (c)), the General Council Executive Presbytery shall submit up to four nominees  
20 for the vacant position. The nominees shall be selected with due consideration  
21 given to those who have been nominated in the past for those positions and who  
22 would yet qualify. The General Presbytery shall, by regular or electronic mail  
23 referendum or at its next meeting, elect one minister from among the nominees  
24 submitted to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General Council. (See  
25 Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.)

26 (b) Nominees shall be voted upon by the entire General Presbytery until one  
27 receives two-thirds of all votes cast.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

Presented \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution 19**

**ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS**

1 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery serves as the board of directors for The General Council of  
2 the Assemblies of God; and

3 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery serves to assist in the oversight of operations within the  
4 National Leadership and Resource Center; and

5 WHEREAS, *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual* provides  
6 functional guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Presbytery;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The general superintendent serves as the chief executive officer of The General  
9 Council of the Assemblies of God and is, therefore, the primary caster of vision  
10 within the organization; and

11 WHEREAS, The general superintendent is the premier leader of the Executive Leadership Team  
12 and is best positioned to create and maintain a cohesive and effective team; therefore,  
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,  
15 PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 7. Duties of the  
16 Executive Presbytery, paragraph a, page 117, which reads:

17 a. Serve as the Board of Directors of The General Council of the  
18 Assemblies of God. They shall be empowered to supervise and have general  
19 oversight of all departments. They shall be authorized to act for the corporation  
20 in all matters that affect its interests while the General Council is not in session,  
21 subject to the provisions of paragraphs h and k of Section 7 of this Article.

22 Be amended to read:

23 a. Serve as the Board of Directors of The General Council of the  
24 Assemblies of God. ~~They shall be empowered to supervise and have general~~  
25 ~~oversight of all departments.~~ They shall be authorized to act for the corporation  
26 in all matters that affect its interests while the General Council is not in session,  
27 subject to the provisions of paragraphs h and k of Section 7 of this Article.

28 And, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,  
2 PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 7. Duties of the  
3 Executive Presbytery, paragraph l, page 118, which reads:

4 l. Protect and enhance the vision of the executive officers.

5 Be amended to read:

6 l. Protect and enhance the vision of the general superintendent and other  
7 executive officers.

8 And, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,  
10 PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 7. Duties of the  
11 Executive Presbytery, paragraph m, page 118, which reads:

12 m. Provide oversight of internal operations of the National Leadership and  
13 Resource Center as indicated in *The General Council of the Assemblies of God*  
14 *Operations Manual*.

15 Be amended to read:

16 m. Provide oversight of internal operations of the National Leadership and  
17 Resource Center as indicated in *The General Council of the Assemblies of God*  
18 *Operations Manual*. Oversight includes:

19 (1) Approve *The General Council of the Assemblies of God National*  
20 *Leadership and Resource Center Operations Manual*;

21 (2) Review and approve official minutes of the Executive Leadership  
22 Team and Executive Presbytery meetings;

23 (3) Speak into the conceptual phases of new National Leadership and  
24 Resource Center initiatives;

25 (4) Provide evaluative perspective and input regarding National  
26 Leadership and Resource Center effectiveness;

27 (5) Ratify the hiring of National Leadership and Resource Center  
28 employees at national department director levels and above;

29 (6) Regularly review General Council financial statements and audit  
30 reports;

31 (7) Approve the annual National Leadership and Resource Center  
32 budget;

1                   (8) Delegate to the Executive Leadership Team specific responsibilities,  
2                   as needed, related to the functioning and management of the National  
3                   Leadership and Resource Center;

4                   (9) Make or ratify appointments to boards, committees, and  
5                   commissions as required;

6                   (10) Monitor and resource the well-being of the general superintendent  
7                   and other Executive Leadership Team members.

8                   And, be it further

9                   RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,  
10                   PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 7. Duties of the  
11                   Executive Presbytery, page 118, be amended by the addition of the following new  
12                   paragraphs n, o, p, q, r, s, and t:

13                   n. Assist with the mediation of district and church issues, as well as providing  
14                   a resourcing and referral service for legal and administrative matters to the  
15                   Fellowship.

16                   o. Pray for and maintain communication with those who serve as primary  
17                   leaders in the areas represented by each executive presbyter;

18                   p. Serve as spiritual elders in counsel with and ministry to the general  
19                   superintendent and other members of the Executive Leadership Team;

20                   q. Pray for and monitor, with the Executive Leadership Team, the spiritual  
21                   health and vitality of the General Council and the National Leadership and  
22                   Resource Center;

23                   r. Serve as spiritual partners in the advancement of the mission of districts  
24                   and ministry networks throughout the Fellowship through prayer, consultation,  
25                   and collaboration regarding best practices.

26                   s. Serve as the General Council Credentials Committee, strongly advocating  
27                   for aspects of Assemblies of God doctrine and support for its missionary  
28                   initiatives.

29                   t. Provide an annual self-assessment based on the roles, relationships, and  
30                   responsibilities of the Executive Presbytery to the General Presbytery.

31                   And, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,  
2 PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 8. Duties of the  
3 Executive Leadership Team, paragraph a, page 118, which reads:

4 a. Serve as the executive arm of the Executive Presbytery.

5 Be amended to read:

6 a. Serve as the executive arm of the general superintendent and the Executive  
7 Presbytery.

8 And, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,  
10 PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 8. Duties of the  
11 Executive Leadership Team, paragraph c, page 118, which reads:

12 c. Execute those matters delegated to it by the Executive Presbytery.

13 Be amended to read:

14 c. Execute those matters delegated to it by the general superintendent and the  
15 Executive Presbytery.

16 And, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,  
18 PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 8. Duties of the  
19 Executive Leadership Team, page 118, be amended by the addition of the following  
20 new paragraph h:

21 h. Present an annual self-assessment based on roles, relationships, and  
22 responsibilities of the Executive Leadership Team to the Executive Presbytery.

23 And, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,  
25 PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 9. Duties of the  
26 General Presbytery, page 118, be amended by the addition of the following new  
27 paragraphs g and h:

28 g. Establish and review position descriptions of the Executive Presbytery.

29 h. Review the Executive Presbytery annual self-assessment report.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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**Resolution 20**

**TRANSDISTRICT MINISTRY CREDENTIAL AFFILIATION**

1 WHEREAS, The credential affiliation of ministers engaged in transdistrict ministry is addressed in  
2 the General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 8. Ministerial  
3 Relations, paragraph b. Affiliation with district of residence, subparagraph (3)  
4 *Church-planting ministries*, page 134; and

5 WHEREAS, There is currently no designated appeal process defined in the General Council  
6 Bylaws for circumstances in which districts may disagree as to the credential  
7 affiliation of a minister involved in transdistrict ministry; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 8. Ministerial  
9 Relations, paragraph b. Affiliation with district of residence, subparagraphs (1)  
10 through (3), page 134, which read:

11 **b. Affiliation with district of residence.** All credential holders shall be  
12 expected to affiliate with the district council within the boundaries of which they  
13 reside and work in cooperation with the same.

14 (1) *Exception.* Ministers who reside in one district but pastor or serve on  
15 the staff of a church located in another district shall be required to be a  
16 member of the district in which the church is located.

17 (2) *Nationally appointed U.S. missionaries.* Nationally appointed U.S.  
18 missionaries shall become members of the district in which they serve and  
19 shall be listed on the ministerial roster of that district by the office of the  
20 general secretary. They may also retain honorary membership in their home  
21 district, be listed as a missionary under national appointment in the home  
22 district's yearbook, and be extended voice and vote in their home district  
23 while on official furlough.

24 (3) *Church-planting ministries.* Ministers who serve in a transdistrict  
25 ministry related to church-planting efforts may do so provided:

26 (a) They have a scope of ministry which reaches beyond district  
27 boundaries; and

28 (b) Both districts agree to the assignment; and

29 (c) If the assignment involves a language group, they follow the  
30 guidelines provided by the Executive Presbytery of the General Council

1 and adhere to these Bylaws governing interdistrict relations. (See Bylaws,  
2 Article V, Section 6.)

3 Church planters holding credentials may obtain affiliation with the  
4 district they intend to serve and retain honorary membership in their home  
5 district, be listed in the home district's yearbook, and be extended voice and  
6 vote in their home district for such time as they serve in another district. The  
7 financial responsibilities shall be the same as those of a nationally appointed  
8 U.S. missionary. [See Bylaws, Article VII, Section 8, paragraph c,  
9 subparagraph (3).]

10 Be amended by the addition of a new subparagraph (4) to read:

11 **b. Affiliation with district of residence.** All credential holders shall be  
12 expected to affiliate with the district council within the boundaries of which they  
13 reside and work in cooperation with the same.

14 (1) *Exception.* Ministers who reside in one district but pastor or serve on  
15 the staff of a church located in another district shall be required to be a  
16 member of the district in which the church is located.

17 (2) *Nationally appointed U.S. missionaries.* Nationally appointed U.S.  
18 missionaries shall become members of the district in which they serve and  
19 shall be listed on the ministerial roster of that district by the office of the  
20 general secretary. They may also retain honorary membership in their home  
21 district, be listed as a missionary under national appointment in the home  
22 district's directory yearbook, and be extended voice and vote in their home  
23 district while on official furlough.

24 (3) *Church-planting ministries.* Ministers who serve in a transdistrict  
25 ministry related to church-planting efforts may do so provided:

26 (a) They have a scope of ministry which reaches beyond district  
27 boundaries; and

28 (b) Both districts agree to the assignment; and

29 (c) If the assignment involves a language group, they follow the  
30 guidelines provided by the Executive Presbytery of the General Council  
31 and adhere to these Bylaws governing interdistrict relations. (See Bylaws,  
32 Article V, Section 6.)

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Church planters holding credentials may obtain affiliation with the district they intend to serve and retain honorary membership in their home district, be listed in the home district's directory yearbook, and be extended voice and vote in their home district for such time as they serve in another district. The financial responsibilities shall be the same as those of a nationally appointed U.S. missionary. [See Bylaws, Article VII, Section 8, paragraph c, subparagraph (3).]

(4) Appeal of credential affiliation. If an agreement cannot be achieved between districts as to the credential affiliation of ministers involved in transdistrict ministry, one or both districts shall have the right of appeal to the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution (Article XI).

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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**Resolution 21**

**WAIVING OF CREDENTIALS EXAM**

1 WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 2, paragraph h (1), page 128, of the General Council Bylaws  
2 specifies that credential applicants must take an exam as a part of the application  
3 process for Assemblies of God ministerial credentials; and

4 WHEREAS, The General Council Credentials Committee has, at the request of districts,  
5 periodically granted exceptions to the exam requirement on a case-by-case basis,  
6 founded on extenuating circumstances; and

7 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery of the General Council has approved policy to waive the  
8 exam for certain classifications of applicants such as experienced pastors who are  
9 bringing their churches into the Assemblies of God, groupings of ethnic ministers,  
10 and qualifying ministry-active spouses of ordained ministers; and

11 WHEREAS, It would bring clarity for the General Council Bylaws to specifically address the  
12 granting of those exceptions; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic  
14 Qualifications, paragraph h. Basic education requirements, subparagraph (1), page  
15 128, which currently reads:

(1) All applicants are required to be interviewed by the district credentials  
committee and, in preparation for the interview, pass a standard exam approved  
by the General Presbytery whereby they demonstrate knowledge of the Bible,  
Assemblies of God doctrines, and ministerial practices; and either

Be amended to read:

(1) All applicants are required to be interviewed by the district credentials  
committee and, in preparation for the interview, pass a standard exam  
approved by the General Presbytery whereby they demonstrate knowledge of  
the Bible, Assemblies of God doctrines, and ministerial practices, unless an  
exception is granted by the General Council Credentials Committee or  
permitted by General Presbytery policy; and either . . .

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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**Resolution 22**

**UNSCRIPTURAL CONDUCT**

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws Article X, Section 2, states the General Council  
2 Credentials Committee “shall have the final authority in matters of doctrine and the  
3 personal conduct of all certified, licensed, and ordained ministers”; and

4 WHEREAS, The General Council has been sued several times as a result of the actions of  
5 ministers in Assemblies of God churches, and in some of these cases the claim is  
6 made that the General Council is liable for such actions as a result of its “final  
7 authority in [all] matters of doctrine and the personal conduct of all certified,  
8 licensed, and ordained ministers”; and

9 WHEREAS, The phrase “personal conduct” in the above-quoted provision in the General Council  
10 Bylaws has never been defined; and

11 WHEREAS, The General Council has never exercised authority over the “personal conduct” of  
12 credentialed ministers other than as a result of its authority to discipline ministers for  
13 violations of the “causes of disciplinary action” enumerated in the General Council  
14 Bylaws Article X, Section 3; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 2. The  
16 Relationship Between the District and General Council Credentials Committees,  
17 page 146, which reads:

18           The Executive Presbytery of the General Council is the Credentials  
19 Committee of The General Council of the Assemblies of God (Constitution,  
20 Article X, Sections 4 and 6). It shall have the final authority in matters of  
21 doctrine and the personal conduct of all certified, licensed, and ordained  
22 ministers. District actions related to the termination of credentials or the remedial  
23 discipline of restoration are to be in the form of recommendations to the General  
24 Council Credentials Committee. All references to the discipline of ministers  
25 within this article of the Bylaws relate solely to certified, licensed, and ordained  
26 ministers.

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Be amended to read:

The Executive Presbytery of the General Council is the Credentials Committee of The General Council of the Assemblies of God (Constitution, Article X, Sections 4 and 6). It shall have the final authority in matters of doctrine and qualifications for ministry as described in Article VII of the General Council Bylaws ~~the personal conduct of all certified, licensed, and ordained ministers~~. District actions related to the termination of credentials or the remedial discipline of restoration are to be in the form of recommendations to the General Council Credentials Committee. All references to the discipline of ministers within this article of the Bylaws relate solely to certified, licensed, and ordained ministers.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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# **HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTERS**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 23**

**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—JAMES R. BRADDY**

1 WHEREAS, James R. Braddy received his first ministry credential with the Assemblies of God,  
2 while a high school student, and has since served many churches in various districts  
3 within this Fellowship as evangelist, youth pastor, associate pastor, and senior pastor;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, James R. Braddy has served the Northern California and Nevada District Council for  
6 twenty-four years, five years as the Christian Education and Church Decade of  
7 Harvest director (1992–1997), seven years as the assistant district superintendent  
8 (1997–2004), and twelve years as the district superintendent (2004–2016); and

9 WHEREAS, The Northern California and Nevada District has great appreciation for James  
10 Braddy’s wise and visionary leadership, for his ministry to its local churches and to  
11 individual pastors, and for his spiritual maturity, personal accessibility, and noble  
12 character; and

13 WHEREAS, He has served the General Council for twenty years as general presbyter; and

14 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council  
15 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen  
16 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That James R. Braddy be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary  
19 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Northern California-Nevada District Council  
General Presbytery

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**Resolution 24**

**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—WARREN D. BULLOCK**

1 WHEREAS, Warren D. Bullock has served as an ordained Assemblies of God minister faithfully  
2 for over fifty years; and  
3 WHEREAS, He has served the Northwest District as an influential pastor for over twenty-five  
4 years; and  
5 WHEREAS, He has served diligently as the Northwest District assistant superintendent for four  
6 years and superintendent for eight years; and  
7 WHEREAS, He has served as an executive presbyter for sixteen years and served as a general  
8 presbyter for twenty-three years; and  
9 WHEREAS, He has also served as an Assemblies of God educator as a professor, board member,  
10 and dean of the College of Ministry at Northwest University; and  
11 WHEREAS, He has also led as chairman of the board and an adjunct professor at the Assemblies  
12 of God Theological Seminary; and  
13 WHEREAS, He has written several helpful books published by the Assemblies of God on topics  
14 from the proper use of spiritual gifts in the local church to pastoral leadership; and  
15 WHEREAS, Warren D. Bullock meets all the General Council Bylaws qualifications for  
16 recognition as an honorary general presbyter; and  
17 WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God fellowship has been greatly impacted by his lifelong  
18 commitment that represents integrity, diligence, and spiritual fervor to serve Jesus  
19 and His church; and  
20 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council  
21 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen  
22 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;  
23 therefore, be it  
24 RESOLVED, That Warren D. Bullock be elected by this General Council to the position of  
25 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Northwest District Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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**Resolution 25**

**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—CARL J. COLLETTI**

1 WHEREAS, Carl J. Colletti has served the Assemblies of God with great distinction as a minister  
2 of the gospel for forty-nine years; and

3 WHEREAS, He has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as a general presbyter  
4 for twenty-five years, during which time he served as treasurer of the New Jersey  
5 District for five years, and as superintendent of the New Jersey District for twenty  
6 years; and

7 WHEREAS, He served on the Board of Trustees of the University of Valley Forge for a total of  
8 twenty years and chairman of the Board of Trustees for fourteen years, and

9 WHEREAS, He continues to serve as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of  
10 Valley Forge through their reengineering transition; and

11 WHEREAS, He has served on various committees of the General Council; and

12 WHEREAS, This Fellowship has been blessed by his spiritual leadership, practical wisdom, and  
13 faithfulness in ministry and service; and

14 WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has represented the  
15 highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; and

16 WHEREAS, Carl J. Colletti meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications  
17 for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; and

18 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council  
19 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen  
20 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That Carl J. Colletti be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary  
23 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: New Jersey District Council  
General Presbytery

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**Resolution 26**

**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—LEON D. FREITAG**

1 WHEREAS, Leon D. Freitag has served as a credentialed Assemblies of God minister for  
2 fifty years, being licensed in 1967 and ordained in 1970; and  
3 WHEREAS, He has served the North Dakota District Council with distinction as a pastor, district  
4 presbyter for twelve years, district secretary-treasurer for ten years, and as district  
5 superintendent for eighteen years; and  
6 WHEREAS, He has served twenty-seven years as a general presbyter of The General Council of  
7 the Assemblies of God; and  
8 WHEREAS, Leon D. Freitag meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws  
9 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; and  
10 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council  
11 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen  
12 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;  
13 therefore, be it  
14 RESOLVED, That Leon D. Freitag be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary  
15 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: North Dakota District Council  
General Presbytery

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**Resolution 27**

**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—THOMAS D. LAKEY**

1 WHEREAS, Thomas D. Lakey has faithfully served this Fellowship with distinction as a pastor  
2 for over forty-nine years; and  
3 WHEREAS, He admirably served the West Texas District Council as assistant superintendent for  
4 twenty-eight years with distinction; and  
5 WHEREAS, He has served First Assembly of God in Lubbock, Texas, as pastor for thirty-three  
6 years, leading the church through the process of relocation and construction of new  
7 facilities which are debt free; and  
8 WHEREAS, He has served the West Texas District as secretary-treasurer for six years, Christian  
9 Education director for two years, and Missions secretary for four years; and  
10 WHEREAS, He has served for many years on the Board of Regents of Southwestern Assemblies  
11 of God University, American Indian College, and Board of Directors of Pleasant  
12 Hills Children’s Home; and  
13 WHEREAS, He has lived an exemplary life of godly grace, integrity, and character through his  
14 preaching, teaching, and leadership; and  
15 WHEREAS, He served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as a general presbyter for  
16 thirty-eight years as well as serving on other national committees; and  
17 WHEREAS, Thomas D. Lakey meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws  
18 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; and  
19 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council  
20 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen  
21 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;  
22 therefore, be it  
23 RESOLVED, That Thomas D. Lakey be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary  
24 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: West Texas District Presbytery Board  
General Presbytery

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**Resolution 28**

**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—JESSE MIRANDA, JR.**

1 WHEREAS, Jesse Miranda, Jr., has faithfully served with distinction the Assemblies of God for  
2 more than sixty years—having served the Southern Pacific District Council in  
3 various leadership capacities—such as pastor, president of Latin American Bible  
4 Institute, district secretary-treasurer, assistant superintendent, and superintendent;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, He has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as the first Hispanic  
7 nonresident executive presbyter for twenty-two years, and as a general presbyter for  
8 forty-one years, and a member of numerous committees; and

9 WHEREAS, He has dedicated his life to open doors to Hispanic ministers at institutions of higher  
10 learning, having served as president and member of the Board of the Latin American  
11 Bible Institute of LaPuente, California, and founded the Latin American Theological  
12 Seminary, and assisted in the establishment of the Jesse Miranda Center at Vanguard  
13 University, and the opening of the Hispanic department at Fuller Theological  
14 Seminary; and

15 WHEREAS, He has served with excellence Hispanic pastors and churches for over sixty years,  
16 and he is recognized as “The Leader and Frontrunner of Hispanic Evangelicals,” in  
17 the United States and around the world; and

18 WHEREAS, Jesse Miranda, Jr., meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws  
19 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; and

20 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council  
21 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen  
22 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;  
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That Jesse Miranda, Jr., be elected by this General Council to the position of  
25 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Southern Pacific District Council  
General Presbytery

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**Resolution 29**

**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—ZOLLIE L. SMITH, JR.**

1 WHEREAS, Zollie L. Smith, Jr., has served as a general presbyter of The General Council of the  
2 Assemblies of God for twenty years; and  
3 WHEREAS, He has served on the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies  
4 of God for fourteen years; and  
5 WHEREAS, He has served as executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions for ten  
6 years; and  
7 WHEREAS, He has served as the president of the National Black Fellowship for ten years; and  
8 WHEREAS, He has served the New Jersey District Council of the Assemblies of God as assistant  
9 superintendent for four years and executive secretary for two years; and  
10 WHEREAS, He has pastored Plainfield Assembly of God and Eternal Life Christian Center for a  
11 combined total of twenty-six years; and  
12 WHEREAS, This Fellowship has been blessed by his spiritual leadership, practical wisdom, and  
13 faithfulness in ministry and service; and  
14 WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has represented the  
15 highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; and  
16 WHEREAS, Zollie L. Smith, Jr., meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws  
17 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; and  
18 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council  
19 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen  
20 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;  
21 therefore, be it  
22 RESOLVED, That Zollie L. Smith, Jr. be elected by this General Council to the position of  
23 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: New Jersey District Council  
General Presbytery

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**Resolution 30**

**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—RONALD J. TRAUB**

1 WHEREAS, Ronald J. Traub has served this Fellowship with distinction as a credentialed minister  
2 of the Assemblies of God for fifty-three years having been licensed in 1964 and  
3 ordained in 1967; and  
4 WHEREAS, He has served in the South Dakota District since 1982, as sectional presbyter for  
5 four years from 1984–1988, and assistant superintendent for twenty-eight years from  
6 1989–2017, as well as serving as the chairman of the Board at North Central  
7 University and numerous other committees and boards over the years; and  
8 WHEREAS, He has faithfully served as a general presbyter for the past twenty-eight years with  
9 great distinction; and  
10 WHEREAS, He has demonstrated a life of honor, wisdom, maturity, and demonstrated godly  
11 leadership in every area of calling in his life; and  
12 WHEREAS, His vast experience has distinguished him as an elder whose counsel is highly  
13 esteemed and sought-after; and  
14 WHEREAS, The South Dakota District Council and its executive officers wish to express our  
15 deep love and appreciation for Ronald J. Traub and the gift from God he has been to  
16 our district and Fellowship; and  
17 WHEREAS, Ronald J. Traub meets all the General Council Bylaws qualifications for recognition  
18 as an honorary general presbyter; and  
19 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council  
20 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen  
21 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;  
22 therefore, be it  
23 RESOLVED, That Ronald J. Traub be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary  
24 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: South Dakota District Council  
General Presbytery

Presented \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Resolution 31**

**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—J. RUSSELL TURNEY**

1 WHEREAS, J. Russell Turney has served the Southern Missouri District Council with honor and  
2 distinction as a pastor, Southern Missouri District Youth director from 1978–1983,  
3 evangelist, missionary, and as an ordained minister for forty-six years; and  
4 WHEREAS, He has made significant contributions to the Southern Missouri District Council, and  
5 also to the ongoing ministry of The General Council of the Assemblies of God and  
6 especially to Assemblies of God World Missions; and  
7 WHEREAS, He began his missionary service in 1983 in the Philippines, and during their first  
8 term they assisted national church leaders in planting twelve churches; and  
9 WHEREAS, He served as area director for the East/Central Asia region from 1990–1998; and  
10 WHEREAS, He has served with honor and distinction as regional director of Asia Pacific from  
11 1998–2017; and  
12 WHEREAS, His leadership in our Assemblies of God Fellowship has represented the highest  
13 standards of integrity, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; and  
14 WHEREAS, J. Russell Turney meets all the General Council Bylaws qualifications for recognition  
15 as an honorary general presbyter; and  
16 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council  
17 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen  
18 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;  
19 therefore, be it  
20 RESOLVED, That J. Russell Turney be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary  
21 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Southern Missouri District Council  
General Presbytery

Presented \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
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# COURTESY RESOLUTION

**Resolution 32**

**COURTESY RESOLUTION**

1 WHEREAS, The 57th General Council of the Assemblies of God has been afforded gracious  
2 hospitality and accommodation by the officials and agencies of the city of Anaheim,  
3 Florida, and our host districts, the Southern California District Council and the  
4 Southern Pacific District Council; and  
5 WHEREAS, A wide host of persons, organizations, and businesses have committed much in order  
6 to provide effective service to the members, delegates, and guests of this 57th  
7 General Council; therefore, be it  
8 RESOLVED, That sincere appreciation be expressed to: The State of California Governor Edmund  
9 G. Brown, Jr.; Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait; the Anaheim Convention Center, Visit  
10 Anaheim (the Convention and Visitors Bureau); and the many hotel and restaurant  
11 personnel, for their accommodation and hospitality; and, be it further  
12 RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God for the gifted and visionary leadership He has raised up  
13 among us in the persons of our General Superintendent George O. Wood, the  
14 Executive Leadership Team, and the Executive Presbytery; and, be it further  
15 RESOLVED, That the ministers and churches of this Fellowship, unified by our love for our Lord  
16 and one another, make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of  
17 peace (Ephesians 4:3); and, be it further  
18 RESOLVED, On this historic occasion of our 57th General Council of the Assemblies of God that  
19 we rededicate ourselves to the greatest evangelism the world has ever known.

Sponsor: Resolutions Committee

Presented \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_



**ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION  
ON EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY  
NOMINEES**

# NOMINEES FOR ORDAINED AFRICAN-AMERICAN MINISTER

## NATIONAL BLACK FELLOWSHIP



**Walter F. Harvey**  
Brown Deer, Wisconsin

**Ordained:** April 21, 2009

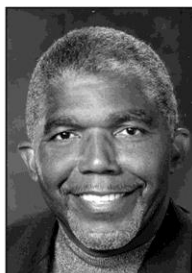
**Pastoral Ministry:**

Parklawn AG, Milwaukee, WI, 1993-present

**Other Ministry:**

Youth pastor, Parklawn AG, Milwaukee, WI, 1992-93  
Urban Ministry Cent. Board, Milwaukee, WI 1994-01  
Executive dir., City of Hope, Milwaukee, WI, 2001-03  
Board pres., City on a Hill, Milwaukee, WI, 2003-05  
Vice-president, National Black Fellowship, 2012-pres.  
General presbyter, 2012-present  
Exec. presbyter, Wisc.-N. Mich. Dist., 2012-present  
Ethnic Lang. presbyter, Wisc.-N. Mich. Dist., 2012-pres.  
NCU. Earnest Moen Preaching Chair, 2013  
Multi Ethnic Task Force, General Council, 2014-15  
"Race and the Local Church," Panelist, AGTS, 2015  
CMN, lead team, 2016-present  
Reimagine Ministerial Preparation Team,  
AGTS/EU, 2017

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- NEVADA DISTRICT



**Samuel M. Huddleston**  
Sacramento, California

**Ordained:** February 8, 1989

**Pastoral Ministry:**

Lighthouse, Benicia, CA, 1993-2004

**Other Ministry:**

Youth pastor, Church on the Hill Vallejo, CA,  
1981-88  
Executive director, M2 National Prison Ministry,  
1988-94  
Assistant district superintendent, 2004-present  
General presbyter, 2005-present  
Strategic Review Committee, 2013-present

## NATIONAL BLACK FELLOWSHIP



**Michael Nelson**  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Ordained:** May 9, 1989

**Pastoral Ministry:**

The House of Peace, Jacksonville, FL, 1987-present

**Other Ministry:**

Eastern Regional secretary, NBF, 2003-05  
Eastern Regional Director NBF, 2005-08  
President, Pen FL Dist. Black Fellowship, 2007-  
present  
Executive secretary, National Black Fellowship,  
2008-10  
General presbyter, 2008-present  
Presbyter at large, Pen FL Dist. 2007-present  
Vice-president, National Black Fellowship, 2010-12  
President, National Black Fellowship, 2012-present  
General presbyter, 2012-present  
Commission on Ethnicity, 2012-present

## NATIONAL BLACK FELLOWSHIP



**Darnell Williams, Sr.**  
Lima, Ohio

**Ordained:** April 23, 2013

**Pastoral Ministry:**

New Life Church Int'l, Lima, OH, 2006-present

**Other Ministry:**

Executive treasurer, National Black Fellowship,  
2013-present  
German District secretary-treasurer, 2014-present  
German District sectional presbyter, 2013-14  
Board of Trustees, Evangel University, 2015-  
present

# NOMINEES FOR ORDAINED MINISTER UNDER 40 YEARS OF AGE

## TEXAS LOUISIANA HISPANIC DISTRICT



**Melissa J. Alfaro**  
Humble, Texas  
Age: 35  
Date of Birth: 7/4/82

**Ordained:** June 20, 2013

**Pastoral Ministry:**

**Other Ministry:**

Admin. pastor, El Tabernaculo, Houston, TX, 2010-pres.  
District Girls Ministries director, 2010-present  
Lead Team/Task Force, Nat'l. Girls Min., 2012-pres.  
District Resolutions Committee, 2014  
Blog Writer, Healthy Kids Ministry AG, 2015-pres.  
Board of Directors, LABI, 2016-present  
District Council Vendor Committee, 2016  
GM Leadership Trainer, District of Costa Rica AG, 2016  
Session Spkr, Nat'l. KidMin Conf., Fort Wayne, IN, 2017

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC DISTRICT



**Joshua B. Canales**  
Carson, California  
Age: 38  
Date of Birth: 1/15/79

**Ordained:** August 2, 2012

**Pastoral Ministry:**

**Other Ministry:**

Youth pastor, Mission Ebenezer Family Church, Carson, CA, 2003-09.  
Founder/director, The Rock Comm. Ctr., 2004-present  
Area director, LA FCA, 2006-12.  
Exec. sr. pastor, MEFC, Carson, CA, 2009-present  
Founder/dir., Kingdom Works Discipleship, 2015-present  
District Under 40 rep., 2015-16  
Vice-president, Carson Clergy, 2015-present  
General presbyter, 2016-present

## WEST TEXAS DISTRICT



**Audra M. Delgatty**  
Lubbock, Texas  
Age: 32  
Date of Birth: 6/24/1985

**Ordained:** June 12, 2017

**Pastoral Ministry:**

**Other Ministry:**

AGWM MAPS, Burundi, 2007-08  
Leadership Team, Church Plant, Dallas, TX, 2008-11  
AGWM Live/Dead Arab World, 2011-present

## HAWAII DISTRICT



**Janelle Marocco**  
Wailuku, Hawaii  
Age: 39  
Date of Birth: 3/27/1978

**Ordained:** April 10, 2014

**Pastoral Ministry:**

**Other Ministry:**

Young adult director, Cornerstone Church, MO, 2002-04  
Connect pastor, King's Cathedral, HI, 2005-07  
Site pastor, King's Chapel Lahaina, HI, 2007-10  
Site pastor, King's Chapel Kula, HI, 2010  
Admin., King's Cathedral & Chapels, USA, 2008-10  
Site Pastor, King's Chapel Kahuku & Waikiki, HI, 2011  
Executive pastor, King's Cathedral, HI, 2011-present  
Director, KCC overseas extensions, 2017-present  
District sectional presbyter, 2017-present

