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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS (Page 106)

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regularly called session of the General Council provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted in writing at least six (6) months in advance to the Executive Presbytery. Before the Executive Presbytery may submit proposed amendments for consideration by a session of the General Council, it shall provide written notice of the proposed amendments by regular or electronic mail to the office of each district superintendent and each district secretary and to ministers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, not later than thirty (30) days prior to said session. Amendments to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting.

**SUBSTITUTE
Resolution 1**

LANGUAGE/ETHNIC DISTRICTS

1 WHEREAS, Language/ethnic districts over time, with second and third generations, are resulting
2 in planting churches of a blended ethnicity and are credentialing ministers who are
3 not solely of their primary language/ethnicity; and

4 WHEREAS, The wording in our General Council Constitution defining a language/ethnic
5 district seems to imply that a district is confined to ministry among their primary
6 language/ethnicity only; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE X. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section
8 3. Districts, paragraph b. Language/Ethnic districts, page 103, which reads:

9 **b. Language/Ethnic districts.** A language/ethnic group may be
10 recognized as a district of the Assemblies of God in accordance with the
11 provision for district councils in the Bylaws. The territory of such a district is
12 confined to ministry among certain language/ethnic groups, and its
13 geographical area of operation may therefore overlap or coincide with that of
14 one or more other district councils. (*See* Bylaws, Article V, Section 6.)

15 Be amended to read:

16 **b. Language/Ethnic districts.** A language/ethnic group may be
17 recognized as a district of the Assemblies of God in accordance with the
18 provision for district councils in the Bylaws. The territory of such a district is
19 ~~confined to~~ defined by ministry among ~~certain~~ that district's primary
20 language/ethnic ~~focus groups~~, and may overlap into other language/ethnicities.
21 ~~Its~~ geographical area of operation may ~~therefore~~ overlap or coincide with that
22 of one or more other geographic district councils. (*See* Bylaws, Article V,
23 Section 6.)

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AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

ARTICLE XXI. AMENDMENTS (Page 166)

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

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR MINISTRY

1 WHEREAS, Since it would be the intention that a credential exam be passed and not simply
2 taken; and

3 WHEREAS, Since this change impacts content and is more than simply an editorial change;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic
6 Qualifications, paragraph m, page 131, which reads:

7 **m. Ministers from other organizations.** If a minister from another
8 reputable body desires to affiliate with the Assemblies of God, the credentials
9 committees of both the General Council and the district councils are under no
10 obligation to accept the applicant’s previous ministerial status, but will judge
11 each candidate on his or her own merits as to the level of credentials to be
12 granted. Such applicants shall be required to:

13 (5) Take the credential examination.

14 Be amended to read:

15 **m. Ministers from other organizations.** If a minister from another
16 reputable body desires to affiliate with the Assemblies of God, the credentials
17 committees of both the General Council and the district councils are under no
18 obligation to accept the applicant’s previous ministerial status, but will judge
19 each candidate on his or her own merits as to the level of credentials to be
20 granted. Such applicants shall be required to:

21 (5) ~~Take~~ Pass the credential examination.

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Resolution 10

CAUSES OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1 WHEREAS, Districts have asked for clarity as to whether or not causes of disciplinary action
2 reach to and include actions on social media; and

3 WHEREAS, Credentialed ministers deserve clarity in advance (since prevention is the goal) that
4 the actions on social media platforms are not exempt from disciplinary action; and

5 WHEREAS, Credentialed ministers have the responsibility for moral conduct and the
6 opportunity to demonstrate a clear Christian testimony in every arena of life,
7 including social media platforms; and

8 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery in their function as the General Council Credentials
9 Committee has discussed the growing need for such clarification; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 3. Causes of
11 Disciplinary Action, page 148, which reads:

Section 3. Causes of Disciplinary Action

12 Violations of Assemblies of God principles as stated in these Constitution
13 and Bylaws may give cause for disciplinary action by the credentials
14 committees. Among such causes for action shall be:
15

16 Be amended to read:

Section 3. Causes of Disciplinary Action

17 Violations of Assemblies of God principles as stated in these Constitution
18 and Bylaws may give cause for disciplinary action by the credentials
19 committees. Among such causes for action, whether committed in person or on
20 social media platforms, shall be:
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Resolution 11

CHARGES FOR MINISTERIAL DISCIPLINE

1 WHEREAS, General Council Bylaws ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 3. Causes of
2 Disciplinary Action cites specific ministerial disciplinary offenses; and

3 WHEREAS, The present list of offenses, while helpful and comprehensive, has not been updated
4 in decades and does not reflect a number of contemporary issues that are often
5 present; and

6 WHEREAS, Matters such as substance abuse and financial mismanagement are sometimes dealt
7 with by district/network credentials committees during disciplinary proceedings;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The General Council Restoration Manuals Update Committee has been studying
10 these issues; and

11 WHEREAS, The Committee has concluded that a more comprehensive, contemporary, and
12 categorized list would be helpful; and

13 WHEREAS, Moral transgressions by ministers are serious matters which must be treated
14 accordingly, but the term *failure* can become unproductively attached to a
15 minister's self-identification as opposed to their sinful behavior, sending an
16 unhelpful and damaging message to both ministers and spouses who are
17 considering God's plan for forgiveness and restoration; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article X. DISCIPLINE, Section 3. Causes of
19 Disciplinary Action, page 148, which reads:

20 Violations of Assemblies of God principles as stated in these Constitution
21 and Bylaws may give cause for disciplinary action by the credentials
22 committees. Among such causes for action shall be:

- 23 a. Moral failure involving sexual misconduct
- 24 b. Moral failure involving pornography
- 25 c. Any moral or ethical failure other than sexual misconduct
- 26 d. General inefficiency in the ministry
- 27 e. A failure to represent our Pentecostal testimony correctly
- 28 f. A contentious or noncooperative spirit

- 1 g. An assumption of dictatorial authority over an assembly
- 2 h. An arbitrary rejection of district counsel
- 3 i. A declared open change in doctrinal views
- 4 j. Immoral, unethical, or illegal practices related to personal, church, or
- 5 ministry finances
- 6 k. A marriage in violation of our stand on marriage and divorce (*See*
- 7 Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 5, paragraphs d and e.)
- 8 l. Violations of ministerial courtesy (*See* Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section
- 9 8.)
- 10 m. Ministry without prior approval in a non-Assemblies of God church (*See*
- 11 Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 9.)
- 12 n. An improper attitude toward those dismissed from the Fellowship (*See*
- 13 Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 10.)

14 Notwithstanding the above, when more than seven (7) years have elapsed
 15 from an occurrence that is cause for disciplinary action, a district credentials
 16 committee may recommend to the General Council Credentials Committee that
 17 no discipline be administered when, in view of all the circumstances, it would
 18 appear that such discipline would serve only as punitive in nature rather than
 19 restorative. In all such cases, final determination shall be made by the General
 20 Council Credentials Committee.

21 Be amended to read:

22 Violations of Assemblies of God principles as stated in these Constitution
 23 and Bylaws may give cause for disciplinary action by the credentials
 24 committees. Among such causes for action shall be:

25 **a. Sexual Misconduct**

26 (1) ~~a-~~ Moral transgression failure involving sexual misconduct

27 (2) ~~b-~~ Moral transgression failure involving pornography

28 **b. Financial Misconduct**

29 (1) Immoral, unethical, or illegal practices related to personal finances

30 (2) ~~j-~~ Immoral, unethical, or illegal practices related to ~~personal,~~ church,
 31 or ministry finances

1 **c. Relational/Ethical Misconduct**

2 (1) e- Blatant misrepresentation of A failure to represent our
3 Pentecostal testimony ~~correctly~~

4 (2) i- A declared open change in doctrinal views

5 (3) f- A contentious or noncooperative spirit

6 (4) g- An assumption of dictatorial authority over an assembly

7 (5) h- An arbitrary rejection of counsel from district leadership
8 ~~counsel~~

9 (6) l- Violations of ministerial courtesy or ethics (See Bylaws,
10 Article IX, B, Section 8.)

11 (7) n- An improper attitude toward those dismissed from the
12 Fellowship (See Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 10.)

13 (8) d- General inefficiency in the ministry

14 (9) e- ~~Any M~~moral or ethical transgression failure other than sexual
15 misconduct

16 (10) m- Ministry in a non-Assemblies of God church without proper
17 ~~prior~~ approval from district leadership in a non-Assemblies of God church
18 (See Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 9.)

19 (11) k- A marriage in violation of our standards for either a
20 recognized divorce or a biblical ~~on~~ marriage ~~and divorcee~~ (See Bylaws,
21 Article IX, B, Section 5, paragraphs d and e.)

22 **d. Substance Use and Abuse**

23 Violations of General Council Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES
24 AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Paragraph B, Section 14. Substance
25 Usage, including:

26 (1) Use or abuse of alcohol or recreational drugs

27 (2) Abuse or addiction involving other legal substances

28 (3) Use, abuse, or addiction involving other illegal substances

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Notwithstanding the above, when more than seven (7) years have elapsed from an occurrence that is cause for disciplinary action, a district credentials committee may recommend to the General Council Credentials Committee that no discipline be administered when, in view of all the circumstances, it would appear that such discipline would serve only as punitive in nature rather than restorative. In all such cases, final determination shall be made by the General Council Credentials Committee.

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Resolution 12

COOPERATION WITH OTHER DISTRICTS

1 WHEREAS, Greater clarity could be offered as it pertains to the financial obligation of dual
2 district church planters; and

3 WHEREAS, The proposed clarity is more than an editorial change; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 8. Ministerial
5 Relations, paragraph c, subparagraph (3), page 136, which reads:

6 **c. Cooperation with other districts.** Ministers shall be expected to
7 cooperate with other district councils in which they may labor temporarily. It is
8 recommended as a standard of proper practice that all ministers conform to the
9 financial policy of the district with which they are affiliated with the following
10 exceptions:

11 (3) *Financial responsibility of nationally appointed or approved U.S.*
12 *missionaries.* Nationally appointed or approved U.S. missionaries shall
13 contribute 25 percent (25%) of their tithe to their member district where
14 they serve and 25 percent (25%) of their tithe to their home district if they
15 are listed as honorary members. Missionaries who minister in their home
16 district shall contribute a minimum of 50 percent (50%) of their tithe to that
17 district.

18 Be amended to read:

19 **c. Cooperation with other districts.** Ministers shall be expected to
20 cooperate with other district councils in which they may labor temporarily. It is
21 recommended as a standard of proper practice that all ministers conform to the
22 financial policy of the district with which they are affiliated with the following
23 exceptions:

24 (3) *Financial responsibility of others.* ~~*nationally appointed or approved*~~
25 ~~*U.S. missionaries.*~~ Nationally appointed or approved U.S. missionaries and
26 dual district church planters shall contribute 25 percent (25%) of their tithe
27 to their member district where they serve and 25 percent (25%) of their tithe
28 to their home district if they are listed as honorary members. Missionaries

1 who minister in their home district shall contribute a minimum of 50 percent
2 (50%) of their tithes to that district. [See Bylaws, Article VII, Section 8,
3 paragraph b, subparagraph (3).]

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Resolution 13

DUAL CREDENTIALS

1 WHEREAS, A provision exists that prohibits ministers from holding dual credentials unless an
2 exception is granted by the General Council Credentials Committee; and

3 WHEREAS, A study committee worked to bring greater clarity to the history and purpose of the
4 provision and its best current day use; and

5 WHEREAS, An adjustment to the wording of the provision could be less forbidding in tone and
6 more explanatory and empowering; and

7 WHEREAS, It would benefit district credentials committees to have a fuller understanding of
8 the details around this provision; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic
10 Qualification, paragraph m. Ministers from other organizations, subparagraph (10),
11 pages 129–131, which reads:

12 (10) Ministers who receive Assemblies of God recognition shall relinquish their
13 ministerial credentials with any other organization, unless an exception is
14 granted by the General Council Credentials Committee upon
15 recommendation of a district council credentials committee for a minister
16 serving as a missionary in this country who holds a credential with a
17 member body of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, or in special
18 and/or unique cases.

19 Be amended to read:

20 (10) Ministers who receive Assemblies of God credentials ~~recognition~~ shall
21 relinquish their ministerial credentials with any other credentialing
22 organization, unless an exception is granted by the General Council
23 Credentials Committee upon recommendation of a district council
24 credentials committee for good cause shown and a clear understanding of
25 the priority of the Assemblies of God credential. ~~a minister serving as a~~
26 ~~missionary in this country who holds a credential with a member body of~~
27 ~~the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, or in special and/or unique cases.~~

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Resolution 14

AGED MINISTERS ASSISTANCE

1 WHEREAS, It is not our intention to give preferential treatment to the female spouse of a male
2 deceased minister over the male spouse of a female deceased minister; and

3 WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Office of the General Treasurer to make benefits equally
4 available to male as well as female qualified applicants; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 7. Senior-
6 Retired Ministers, paragraph c, page 134, which reads:

7 **c. Aged Ministers Assistance.** It is recommended that all Assemblies of
8 God churches contribute regularly to provide assistance to aged ministers who
9 are in need of financial assistance. Assistance shall be made available to
10 ordained ministers of the Assemblies of God and to their widows, because of
11 age or physical infirmity, and for whom no other means of support is available.
12 Eligibility shall be determined on the following basis:

13 Be amended to read:

14 **c. Aged Ministers Assistance.** It is recommended that all Assemblies of
15 God churches contribute regularly to provide assistance to aged ministers who
16 are in need of financial assistance. Assistance shall be made available to
17 ordained ministers of the Assemblies of God and to their surviving spouse
18 ~~widows~~, because of age or physical infirmity, and for whom no other means of
19 support is available. Eligibility shall be determined on the following basis:

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Resolution 15

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic
2 Qualifications, paragraph h. Basic education requirements, begins with what “isn’t”
3 a requirement to qualify for credentials with the Assemblies of God; and

4 WHEREAS, The ensuing paragraphs list criteria that credential applicants must meet, including
5 but not limited to education; and

6 WHEREAS, Questions have arisen about the current statement, and a more positively articulated
7 initial statement, addressing the requirements for credential applicants, would be
8 more suitable; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic
10 Qualifications, paragraph h. Basic education requirements, page 130, which reads:

11 **h. Basic education requirements.** Any level of formal academic achievement
12 (diploma or degree) shall not be a requirement for credentials; however,
13 credential applicants shall meet the following criteria:

14 Be amended to read:

15 **h. Basic education requirements.** ~~Any~~ No specific level of formal academic
16 achievement (diploma or degree) shall ~~not~~ be a requirement for credentials;
17 ~~however~~, credential applicants shall meet the following criteria:

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Resolution 16

MISIONARY CHURCH PLANTERS AND DEVELOPERS DISSOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Missionary Church Planters and Developers
2 (MCPD) is a department of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions as identified in the
3 General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S.
4 MISSIONS, Section 2, Organization and Governance, paragraph c. Departments,
5 subparagraph (3), page 161, as well as in *The General Council of the Assemblies of*
6 *God Operations Manual* and *The General Council of the Assemblies of God*
7 *Organizational Manual*; and
- 8 WHEREAS, *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual* and *The General*
9 *Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* identifies the Church
10 Multiplication Network (CMN) as the national hub for all church planting efforts
11 of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The existing church planting processes of Church Multiplication Network are
13 functioning well and additional church planting processes outside of Church
14 Multiplication Network create potential confusion for Assemblies of God church
15 planters, churches, and districts/networks; and
- 16 WHEREAS, The Missionary Church Planters and Developers department exhibited a trajectory
17 of fiscal unsustainability for the majority of the previous fiscal year (April 1, 2019–
18 March 31, 2020) as well as for the fiscal year (beginning April 1, 2020–March 31,
19 2021); and
- 20 WHEREAS, Due to the pattern of fiscal unsustainability, the Missionary Church Planters and
21 Developers department was dissolved in May 2020; and
- 22 WHEREAS, After the department was dissolved in May 2020, Assemblies of God U.S. Missions
23 accountholders assigned to Missionary Church Planters and Developers were
24 carefully reviewed by the executive director and administrator of Assemblies of
25 God U.S. Missions and transferred to other existing Assemblies of God U.S.
26 Missions departments; and

1 WHEREAS, Communication regarding the dissolution of the Missionary Church Planters and
2 Developers department and process for transferring accountholders to other
3 Assemblies of God U.S. Missions departments was provided to districts/networks,
4 the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Board, the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions
5 Executive Committee, and Assemblies of God U.S. Missions accountholders;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S.
8 MISSIONS, Section 2, Organization and Governance, paragraph c. Departments,
9 subparagraph (3), page 161, which reads:

10 (3) *Missionary Church Planters and Developers* provides ministry to
11 facilitate and support the development, planting, and multiplication of
12 missional churches.

13 Be deleted:

14 ~~(3) *Missionary Church Planters and Developers* provides ministry to~~
15 ~~facilitate and support the development, planting, and multiplication of~~
16 ~~missional churches.~~

17 And, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That present subparagraphs (4), (5), and (6) be renumbered (3), (4), and (5).

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Resolution 17

NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERS ELECTIONS

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws provide instructions for elections and in some places
2 state that, “If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot has been
3 cast, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast
4 shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be
5 eliminated”; and

6 WHEREAS, In various places, the General Council Bylaws are silent as to what action should
7 be taken if no election has been declared after the third elective ballot has been cast
8 and there is no election; and

9 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws are similarly silent when giving direction for the
10 regular election processes for the Ethnic Fellowship election and the Additional
11 Representation elections (pages 110-111); and

12 WHEREAS, It became apparent from the 2020 General Presbytery meeting, the benefit of
13 processing amendments to the General Council Bylaws to include provisions for
14 elections of vacancies at the next opportunity; and

15 WHEREAS, Without this clarity, a scenario could exist of balloting continuing into perpetuity;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
18 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph c, subparagraphs
19 (1) (a) and (b) and (2) (c), (pages 110-111) which read:

Section 2. Nominations and Elections

c. Nonresident executive presbyters

22 (1) *Nominations and elections.* The General Council shall have the right to
23 elect additional officers to serve on the Executive Presbytery as provided in
24 Constitution, Article IX, Section 2.

25 (a) *By area.* The nominations for eleven (11) area nonresident
26 executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district council at its
27 annual meeting prior to the General Council session shall nominate two
28 ministers from its district, one of whom is not an elected full-time district
29 official, to be presented to the General Council as nominees from its area.
30 These nominees shall be presented to and be balloted upon by the General

1 Council in session. A two-thirds vote shall be required to nominate and
2 elect. If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot has been
3 cast, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last
4 ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names
5 shall be eliminated.

6 (b) *By ethnic fellowship.* The nominations for one ethnic fellowship
7 nonresident executive presbyter shall be made as follows: Each general
8 presbyter from an ethnic fellowship, serving in the year General Council
9 meets, shall be presented to the General Council as a nominee from the
10 respective ethnic fellowships. These nominees shall be presented to and be
11 balloted upon by the General Council in session. A two-thirds vote shall be
12 required to nominate and elect.

13 (2) *Divisions for electing nonresident executive presbyters.*

14 (c) *Additional representation.* The nomination process for three
15 additional nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each
16 district council, at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session,
17 may nominate three individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery,
18 one who is an ordained minister under forty (40) years of age at the time of
19 election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), and one
20 ordained African-American minister (no age requirement). The members of
21 the Executive Board of the National Black Fellowship shall also be
22 considered nominees for the ordained African-American minister. From the
23 nominees the General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General
24 Council four names of ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at
25 the time of election, four names of ordained female ministers (no age
26 requirement), and four names of ordained African-American ministers (no
27 age requirement). The candidates shall be presented to the General Council
28 in session and voted on by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote shall be required
29 to elect.

30 Be amended to read:

1 **Section 2. Nominations and Elections**

2 **c. Nonresident executive presbyters.** Nominees for nonresident
3 executive presbyters shall be voted upon by the General Council in session by
4 secret ballot until one candidate receives two-thirds of all votes cast. If no
5 election has been declared after the third elective ballot has been cast, the three
6 candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be
7 nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

8 (1) *Nominations and elections.* The General Council shall have the right to
9 elect additional officers to serve on the Executive Presbytery as provided in
10 Constitution, Article IX, Section 2.

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13 annual meeting prior to the General Council session shall nominate two
14 ministers from its district, one of whom is not an elected full-time district
15 official, to be presented to the General Council as nominees from its area.
16 ~~These nominees shall be presented to and be balloted upon by the General~~
17 ~~Council in session. A two thirds vote shall be required to nominate and~~
18 ~~elect. If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot has been~~
19 ~~cast, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last~~
20 ~~ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names~~
21 ~~shall be eliminated.~~

22 (b) *By ethnic fellowship.* The nominations for one ethnic fellowship
23 nonresident executive presbyter shall be made as follows: Each general
24 presbyter from an ethnic fellowship, serving in the year General Council
25 meets, shall be presented to the General Council as a nominee from the
26 respective ethnic fellowships. ~~These nominees shall be presented to and be~~
27 ~~balloted upon by the General Council in session. A two thirds vote shall be~~
28 ~~required to nominate and elect.~~

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31 additional nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each
32 district council, at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session,
33 may nominate three individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery,

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2 election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), and one
3 ordained African-American minister (no age requirement). The members of
4 the Executive Board of the National Black Fellowship shall also be
5 considered nominees for the ordained African-American minister. From the
6 nominees the General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General
7 Council four names of ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at
8 the time of election, four names of ordained female ministers (no age
9 requirement), and four names of ordained African-American ministers (no
10 age requirement). ~~The candidates shall be presented to the General Council
11 in session and voted on by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote shall be required
12 to elect.~~

13 And, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
15 PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph b. Nonresident executive
16 presbyters, subparagraphs (1) (c), and subparagraphs (2) (a) and (b), and (3) (a) and
17 (b) (pages 113-114) which read:

18 **Section 3. Vacancies**

19 **b. Nonresident executive presbyters**

20 (1) *By area.*

21 (c) Nominees shall be voted upon by the entire General Presbytery
22 until one receives two-thirds of all votes cast.

23 (2) *By ethnic fellowship.*

24 (a) In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the office of
25 an ethnic fellowship nonresident executive presbyter, the general secretary
26 shall submit as nominees all current general presbyters who represent an
27 ethnic fellowship. (*See* Bylaws, Article V, Section 8.) The General
28 Presbytery shall, at its next meeting, elect one minister from among the
29 nominees submitted, to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General
30 Council. (*See* Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.)

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

1 (3) *Additional representation.*

2 (a) In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the offices of
3 nonresident additional representatives [*see* Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, c,
4 (2), (c)], the General Council Executive Presbytery shall submit up to four
5 nominees for the vacant position. The nominees shall be selected with due
6 consideration given to those who have been nominated in the past for those
7 positions and who would yet qualify. The General Presbytery shall, by
8 regular or electronic mail referendum or at its next meeting, elect one
9 minister from among the nominees submitted to fill the vacancy until the
10 next meeting of the General Council. (*See* Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for
11 qualifications.)

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

14 Be amended to read:

15 **Section 3. Vacancies**

16 **b. Nonresident executive presbyters.** Nominees for nonresident executive
17 presbyters shall be voted upon by the General Presbytery in session by secret
18 ballot until one candidate receives two-thirds of all votes cast. If no election has
19 been declared after the third elective ballot has been cast, the three candidates
20 having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to
21 be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

22 (1) *By area.*

23 ~~(c) Nominees shall be voted upon by the entire General Presbytery~~
24 ~~until one receives two thirds of all votes cast.~~

25 (2) *By ethnic fellowship.*

26 ~~(a)~~ In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the office of
27 an ethnic fellowship nonresident executive presbyter, the general secretary
28 shall submit as nominees all current general presbyters who represent an
29 ethnic fellowship. (*See* Bylaws, Article V, Section 8.) The General
30 Presbytery shall, at its next meeting, elect one minister from among the
31 nominees submitted, to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General
32 Council. (*See* Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.)

1 ~~(b) Nominees shall be voted upon by the entire General Presbytery~~
2 ~~until one receives two thirds of all votes cast.~~

3 (3) *Additional representation.*

4 ~~(a)~~ In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the offices of
5 nonresident additional representatives [*see* Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, c,
6 (2), (c)], the General Council Executive Presbytery shall submit up to four
7 nominees for the vacant position. The nominees shall be selected with due
8 consideration given to those who have been nominated in the past for those
9 positions and who would yet qualify. The General Presbytery shall, by
10 regular or electronic mail referendum or at its next meeting, elect one
11 minister from among the nominees submitted to fill the vacancy until the
12 next meeting of the General Council. (*See* Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for
13 qualifications.)

14 ~~(b) Nominees shall be voted upon by the entire General Presbytery~~
15 ~~until one receives two thirds of all votes cast.~~

16 And, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
18 PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph b. Nonresident executive
19 presbyters, page 113, subparagraph (1) (d) becomes subparagraph (1) (c).

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
 General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Resolution 18

TEEN CHALLENGE NAME CHANGE

1 WHEREAS, Teen Challenge International, U.S.A. is a department of Assemblies of God U.S.
2 Missions as identified in the General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV.
3 ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS, Section 2, Organization and
4 Governance, paragraph c. Departments, subparagraph (6), page 161, as well as in
5 *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual* and *The General*
6 *Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual*; and

7 WHEREAS, Action to change the name of Teen Challenge International, U.S.A., to Adult and
8 Teen Challenge, U.S.A., as recommended by its Board of Directors, was taken by
9 the Executive Presbytery on March 24, 2020; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S.
11 MISSIONS, Section 2, Organization and Governance, paragraph c. Departments,
12 subparagraph (6), page 161, which reads:

13 (6) *Teen Challenge International, U.S.A.* provides ministry to people of all
14 ages with addictive behaviors.

15 Be amended to read:

16 (6) Adult and Teen Challenge ~~International~~, U.S.A. provides ministry to
17 people of all ages with addictive behaviors.

18 And, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S.
20 MISSIONS, Section 3, Support, paragraph f. Teen Challenge International, U.S.A.,
21 which reads:

22 f. Teen Challenge International, U.S.A.

23 All Teen Challenge centers shall contribute a monthly accreditation fee
24 determined by the Teen Challenge U.S.A. board of directors.

25 Be amended to read:

26 f. Adult and Teen Challenge ~~International~~, U.S.A.

27 All Adult and Teen Challenge, U.S.A. centers shall contribute a monthly
28 accreditation fee determined by the Adult and Teen Challenge, U.S.A. ~~h~~Board
29 of ~~d~~Directors.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Resolution 19

SENIOR-RETIRED MINISTERS

1 WHEREAS, The abbreviated annual report required in the General Council Bylaws is actually
2 an abbreviated credential renewal; and

3 WHEREAS, Adjusting the wording would eliminate confusion that has surfaced; and

4 WHEREAS, The proposed change impacts content beyond an editorial change; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 7. Senior-
6 Retired Ministers, paragraph b, page 134, which reads:

7 **b. Guidelines**

8 (1) Reports. Senior-retired ministers shall file an abbreviated annual report
9 to maintain a correct mailing address.

10 Be amended to read:

11 **b. Guidelines**

12 (1) Reports. Senior-retired ministers shall file an abbreviated credential
13 renewal ~~annual report~~ to maintain a correct mailing address.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Resolution 20

TRANSFER OF CREDENTIALS

1 WHEREAS, Situations have arisen where a credentialed couple relocates so that only one of
2 them would serve at the Assemblies of God national office; and

3 WHEREAS, It has been unclear as to whether the credentialed spouse, not employed at the
4 Assemblies of God national office, has the option of leaving his or her credentials
5 with the present district where credentials are held; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 9. Transfer of
7 Credentials, paragraph a. Certificate of transfer, subparagraph (1), page 136, which
8 reads:

9 **a. Certificate of transfer.** When a member minister takes up residence in
10 another district, a certificate of transfer shall be issued within sixty (60) days by
11 the district of which he or she is a member, unless there are charges pending
12 against the minister. The certificate of transfer shall be accepted by the district
13 into which the minister moves. Exceptions may be made for the following:

14 (1) Ministers moving to serve at the Assemblies of God national office.

15 Be amended to read:

16 **a. Certificate of transfer.** When a member minister takes up residence in
17 another district, a certificate of transfer shall be issued within sixty (60) days by
18 the district of which he or she is a member, unless there are charges pending
19 against the minister. The certificate of transfer shall be accepted by the district
20 into which the minister moves. Exceptions may be made for the following:

21 (1) Ministers and the minister’s credentialed spouse moving to serve at
22 the Assemblies of God national office and/or affiliated entities.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Resolution 21

TRANSFERS FROM ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORLD FELLOWSHIP

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws have not been updated since the General Presbytery
2 changed the course requirements; and

3 WHEREAS, It is important that the bylaw is accurate; and

4 WHEREAS, The proposed change is more than editorial in nature and impacts content; therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 9. Transfer of
7 Credentials, paragraph b, subparagraph (2), page 137, which reads:

8 **b. Transfers from Assemblies of God World Fellowship.** A minister
9 holding ordination (or equivalent) with a member group of the Assemblies of
10 God World Fellowship may transfer his or her ordination to The General
11 Council of the Assemblies of God if the following criteria are met:

12 (2) A course on the history and polity of the U.S. church.

13 Be amended to read:

14 **b. Transfers from Assemblies of God World Fellowship.** A minister
15 holding ordination (or equivalent) with a member group of the Assemblies of
16 God World Fellowship may transfer his or her ordination to The General
17 Council of the Assemblies of God if the following criteria are met:

18 (2) A Completion of two courses, one on the history and polity of the
19 U.S. church and one on the Spirit-empowered church.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Resolution 22

U.S. MAPS NAME CHANGE

1 WHEREAS, The stateside operations of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Mission America
2 Placement Service (U.S. MAPS) department—formerly named Mobilization and
3 Placement Service (MAPS)—were reassigned to the Division of Home Missions as
4 result of a resolution that was adopted during the 44th General Council, August 6–
5 11, 1991; and

6 WHEREAS, The Division of Home Missions is now identified as Assemblies of God U.S.
7 Missions as result of a resolution that was adopted during the 50th General Council,
8 July 31–August 3, 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Missionary Church Planters and Developers
10 department was closed in May 2020, and its functions of church planting and
11 church development (and corresponding missionary personnel) were consolidated
12 into the U.S. Mission America Placement Service (U.S. MAPS) department; and

13 WHEREAS, The addition of missionary church planting and development functions and
14 personnel renders the name U.S. Mission America Placement Service (U.S. MAPS)
15 no longer satisfactory to adequately and comprehensively describe the new scope
16 of the department; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S.
18 MISSIONS, Section 2, Organization and Governance, paragraph c. Departments,
19 subparagraph (5), page 161, which reads:

(5) *Mission America Placement Service* provides ministry to enlist,
facilitate, and place volunteers in distinct areas of Christian service.

Be amended to read:

~~(5) *Mission America Placement Service* provides ministry to enlist, facilitate,
and place volunteers in distinct areas of Christian service.~~

(5) *Church Mobilization* coordinates the deployment of short-term missions
church teams and organizes the ministry and service of project volunteers.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 23

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—H. FRANKLIN CARGILL

1 WHEREAS, H. Franklin Cargill has served the Assemblies of God with great distinction as a
2 credentialed minister of the gospel for fifty-two years and as a general presbyter for
3 thirty-eight years; and
4 WHEREAS, He served the Oklahoma District Council faithfully for forty-five years, during
5 which time he served as district superintendent for twenty-one years, assistant
6 superintendent for seventeen years, and district youth director for seven years; and
7 WHEREAS, He has served on the Board of Regents of Southwestern Assemblies of God
8 University for thirty-eight years, serving as chairman of the Board since 2017; and
9 WHEREAS, He founded and served on the Assemblies of God Oklahoma Foundation Board;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, He led the construction of a new Oklahoma campground; and
12 WHEREAS, He has served on various boards and committees of the district and General
13 Council; and
14 WHEREAS, This Fellowship has been blessed by his spiritual leadership, practical wisdom, and
15 faithfulness in ministry and service; and
16 WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has represented the
17 highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; 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 and
22 WHEREAS, H. Franklin Cargill meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
23 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
24 RESOLVED, That H. Franklin Cargill be elected by this General Council to the position of
25 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Oklahoma District Council
General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Resolution 24

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—DOYLE A. FULKES

1 WHEREAS, Doyle A. Fulkes has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assemblies of God with
2 great faithfulness and integrity as a minister of the gospel, having been ordained for
3 forty-three years; and

4 WHEREAS, He served with great distinction for ten years in appointed positions in the Southern
5 Idaho Ministry Network, that include Bible Quiz district leader, assistant Youth
6 director, Youth director, and Lifestyle Evangelism director; and

7 WHEREAS, Doyle A. Fulkes served with great distinction for thirty-one years in elected
8 positions in the Southern Idaho Ministry Network, that include eleven years as
9 Network Secretary and twenty years of service as Network Superintendent; and

10 WHEREAS, He has served on numerous committees and boards, including the Board of
11 Directors of Northwest University for thirty-one years; and

12 WHEREAS, He has served as a general presbyter for thirty-one years; and

13 WHEREAS, He has demonstrated great humility, leadership, and service in the Southern Idaho
14 Ministry Network and in our Movement; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Doyle A. Fulkes meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
20 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That Doyle A. Fulkes be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary
22 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Southern Idaho Ministry Network Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Resolution 25

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—SATURNINO (NINO) GONZALEZ

1 WHEREAS, Saturnino Gonzalez has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God with
2 great distinction as a minister of the gospel since 1982; and
3 WHEREAS, He served the Assemblies of God as a general presbyter for twenty-seven years,
4 during which time he served as superintendent of the Puerto Rico District Council
5 for almost ten years, and as superintendent of the Florida Multicultural District
6 Council for twelve years; and
7 WHEREAS, He has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God in various capacities
8 and roles; and
9 WHEREAS, He served the General Council as a nonresident executive presbyter for six years;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, He served for twenty-five years of combined pastoral ministry and has been an
12 ordained minister for thirty-seven years; and
13 WHEREAS, He served on various board and committees of the General Council; and
14 WHEREAS, This Fellowship has been blessed by his spiritual leadership, wisdom, and
15 faithfulness in ministry and service; and
16 WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has represented the
17 highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; 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 and
22 WHEREAS, Saturnino Gonzalez meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
23 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
24 RESOLVED, That Saturnino Gonzalez be elected by this General Council to the position of
25 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Florida Multicultural District Executive Presbytery and District Presbytery
General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Resolution 26

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—E. WAYNE HANKS

1 WHEREAS, E. Wayne Hanks was recognized as a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God
2 in 1961; he was ordained in 1964, and has held ministerial credentials with The
3 General Council of the Assemblies of God in an unbroken and exemplary manner
4 for fifty-nine years; and

5 WHEREAS, He served as senior pastor of Lavon Assembly of God, Lavon, Texas, from 1962–
6 1963; as associate pastor at First Assembly of God, Garland, Texas, for ten years
7 (1963–1973), and then as lead pastor of First Assembly of God, Garland, Texas,
8 (now First at Firewheel) for forty-seven years (1974–present); and

9 WHEREAS, He served the North Texas District Council of the Assemblies of God as district
10 presbyter of the North Dallas Section from 1980–2000, as district executive
11 presbyter from 1993 to the present, for a total of forty-one years on the North Texas
12 District Presbytery; and

13 WHEREAS, He served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as a general presbyter
14 from October 1999 to the present, for a total of twenty-one years; and

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

19 WHEREAS, E. Wayne Hanks meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
20 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That E. Wayne Hanks be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary
22 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: North Texas District Council
General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Resolution 27

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—JOHN E. MARACLE

1 WHEREAS, John E. Maracle has served the Assemblies of God with great distinction as a
2 minister of the gospel for forty-eight years; and
3 WHEREAS, He has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as an executive
4 presbyter for fourteen years and a general presbyter for twenty-four years and
5 served on various committees of the General Council; and
6 WHEREAS, He served as president and chief of the Native American Fellowship of the
7 Assemblies of God for twenty-one years and chief of the American Native Christian
8 Council; and
9 WHEREAS, He served on the boards of Evangel University, Central Bible College, the Native
10 American Bible College, the National Native Bible College, and Northpoint (Zion)
11 Bible College; and
12 WHEREAS, He launched the Center for Native Leadership Development to raise up Native
13 American leaders and mentor them through the credential process; and
14 WHEREAS, He served as senior pastor of churches in New York and Wisconsin; and
15 WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has represented the
16 highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; and
17 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council
18 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen
19 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;
20 and
21 WHEREAS, John E. Maracle meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
22 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
23 RESOLVED, That John E. Maracle be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary
24 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: New York Ministry Network Presbytery
General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Resolution 28

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—LARRY MOORE

1 WHEREAS, Larry Moore has served the Arkansas District Council with honor and distinction
2 as the district superintendent for sixteen years and the district assistant
3 superintendent for four years; and
4 WHEREAS, He has made significant contributions not only to the Arkansas District, but also to
5 the ongoing ministry of The General Council of the Assemblies of God through his
6 service on the General Presbytery for twenty years; and
7 WHEREAS, His leadership in the Arkansas District has represented the highest standards of
8 integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; and
9 WHEREAS, His wisdom, preaching, and personal ministry have been a resource to the ministers
10 and churches of the Arkansas Fellowship and the General Council Fellowship at
11 large; and
12 WHEREAS, He had effective pastoral ministry in Arkansas at Malvern, Springdale, and
13 Russellville; 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 and
18 WHEREAS, Larry Moore meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications
19 for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
20 RESOLVED, That Larry Moore be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary
21 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Arkansas District Council
General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

OTHER RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 29

INCLUSIVITY IN DISTRICTS

1 WHEREAS, It is an ongoing value of the Assemblies of God to include at the leadership level
2 ministers from various ethnicities and ages, both male and female, in all positions
3 of leadership; and

4 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery during its January 26, 2021, meeting considered the need
5 for there to be greater inclusivity of ordained ministers of different ethnicity, under
6 the age of 40, and female within the leadership in our Fellowship; and

7 WHEREAS, Districts often find it beneficial to mirror the national structure, to be encouraged
8 in common structure from the national level, and to be able to report to their
9 constituents trends, values, practices and declarations at the national level and in
10 other districts; and

11 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery in their ongoing discussions regarding inclusion has
12 observed that initially it is legislation that creates intentional opportunity at
13 leadership levels that begins a process which ultimately results in normalizing
14 inclusion among leaders; and

15 WHEREAS, The diversity we presently enjoy among the General Council Executive Presbytery
16 would not have happened had there not been initial legislation passed to
17 intentionally create opportunities; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That at this General Council in session, the following statement be adopted and
19 communicated across our Fellowship and to our districts:

20 “We believe intentional inclusion at the leadership level is an integral part of
21 our Fellowship; that intentional inclusion at the national level facilitated the
22 diversity we now enjoy; that districts benefit from encouragement from the
23 national level; thus, it is recommended that each district mirror the national
24 structure and amend their district bylaws to provide, as qualified leadership
25 exists, a seat on their Executive or District Presbytery for an ordained person of
26 ethnicity, an ordained minister under 40 years of age, and an ordained female
27 minister.”

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Resolution 30

COURTESY RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The 59th General Council of the Assemblies of God has been afforded gracious
2 hospitality and accommodation by the officials and agencies of the city of Orlando,
3 Florida, and our host districts, the Peninsular Florida District Council, the West
4 Florida District Council, the Brazilian District Council, the Florida Multicultural
5 District Council, and the Second Korean District Council; therefore, be it
6 RESOLVED, That sincere appreciation be expressed to: The State of Florida Governor Ron
7 DeSantis, Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings, City of Orlando Mayor John
8 Hugh “Buddy” Dyer, the Orange County Convention Center, Visit Orlando (the
9 Convention and Visitors Bureau); and the many hotel and restaurant personnel, for
10 their accommodation and hospitality; and, be it further
11 RESOLVED, We express our heartfelt appreciation for the many opportunities this event afforded
12 us and the sheer joy of being together again after a significant and trying year for
13 our ministers, our churches, and the people of our great Fellowship. We further
14 give thanks for the uplifting times of worship, inspiring ministry of the Word, the
15 spirit of grace and unity during the business sessions, and the friendship and
16 fellowship enjoyed by all; and, be it further
17 RESOLVED, We are grateful for the leadership of our General Superintendent, Douglas E. Clay,
18 the Executive Leadership Team, the Executive Presbytery, and their visionary call
19 to embrace “Our Church, Our Family”; and, be it further
20 RESOLVED, On this historic occasion of our 59th General Council of the Assemblies of God,
21 we rededicate ourselves “to do the greatest work of evangelism the world has ever
22 seen.”

Sponsor: Resolutions Committee

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

**ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION
ON EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY
NOMINEES**

ORDAINED MINISTER UNDER AGE 40 EP NOMINEES



Melissa J. Alfaro
Texas Louisiana Hispanic District
District Director of Ministers Under 40
Ministry, 2018-present
Under 40 Executive Presbyter
2017-present



Aaron R. Burke
Peninsular Florida District Council
Pastor of Radiant Church
Tampa, Florida
2013-present



Eli J. Espinoza
South Central Hispanic District
Council
Under 40 District Director
2018-present



Alicia E. Youngblood
North Texas District Council
Chi Alpha Director
Texas Christian University
2013-present

ORDAINED AFRICAN-AMERICAN EP NOMINEES



Darrell J. Geddes
National Black Fellowship
Secretary
2014-present



Walter F. Harvey
National Black Fellowship
President
2018-present



Samuel M. Huddleston
Northern California-Nevada
District Assistant Superintendent,
2004-present
African-American Executive Presbyter
2017-present



Darnell Williams Sr.
National Black Fellowship
Vice President
2018-present

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