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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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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.

Resolution 1

LANGUAGE/ETHNIC DISTRICTS

1 WHEREAS, Our nation and church are becoming more ethnically diverse and blended; and

2 WHEREAS, A language/ethnic district is more often planting churches of a blended ethnicity
3 and are credentialing ministers who are not solely of their primary ethnicity; and

4 WHEREAS, The language in our General Council Bylaws defining a new 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 not confined to ministry among that district’s primary language/ethnicity focus,
20 but may overlap into other ethnicities. ~~certain language/ethnic groups, and its~~
21 geographical area of operation may ~~therefore~~ overlap or coincide with that of
22 one or more other geographic district councils. (See Bylaws, Article V,
23 Section 6.)

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery

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Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
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Resolution 2

NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER FOR CHURCHES UNDER 200

1 WHEREAS, Over 84 percent of Assemblies of God congregations have less than two hundred
2 in average major worship service attendance; and

3 WHEREAS, The General Council has mandated representation on the Executive Presbytery for
4 certain groups that were underrepresented, such as ethnic groups, female ministers,
5 ministers under 40 years of age, and African-American ministers; and

6 WHEREAS, No one whose primary ministry was to pastor a church of less than two hundred
7 average major worship service attendance during his or her time of service as an
8 executive presbyter has served on the Executive Presbytery during the past three
9 decades; and

10 WHEREAS, Representation of the needs and interests of churches with less than two hundred
11 average major worship service attendance would be beneficial to the General
12 Council; and

13 WHEREAS, The current promotion of church plants will likely result in many more churches
14 with an average major worship service attendance of less than two hundred;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND
17 PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 2. Executive
18 Presbytery, paragraph a. Composition and terms of office, page 101, which reads:

19 **Section 2. Executive Presbytery**

20 **a. Composition and terms of office.** The Executive Presbytery shall
21 consist of the general superintendent, the assistant general superintendent, the
22 general secretary, the general treasurer, the executive director of Assemblies of
23 God World Missions, the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S.
24 Missions, together with fifteen (15) other persons to bring the number to
25 twenty-one (21). The terms of office for all members of the Executive
26 Presbytery shall begin sixty (60) days after date of election and shall continue
27 for four (4) years or until their successors qualify.

1 Be amended to read:

2 **Section 2. Executive Presbytery**

3 **a. Composition and terms of office.** The Executive Presbytery shall
4 consist of the general superintendent, the assistant general superintendent, the
5 general secretary, the general treasurer, the executive director of Assemblies of
6 God World Missions, the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S.
7 Missions, together with sixteen (16) ~~fifteen (15)~~ other persons to bring the
8 number to twenty-two (22) ~~twenty-one (21)~~. The terms of office for all members
9 of the Executive Presbytery shall begin sixty (60) days after date of election and
10 shall continue for four (4) years or until their successors qualify.

11 And, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
13 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph c. Nonresident
14 executive presbyters, subparagraph (2), (c) *Additional representation*, page 111,
15 which reads:

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

1 Be amended to read:

2 (c) *Additional representation.* The nomination process for four ~~three~~
3 additional nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each
4 district council, at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session, may
5 nominate four ~~three~~ individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery,
6 one who is an ordained minister under forty (40) years of age at the time of
7 election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), one ordained lead
8 pastor of a church of less than two hundred (200) average major worship service
9 attendance during the previous year (no age requirement), and one ordained
10 African-American minister (no age requirement). The members of the
11 Executive Board of the National Black Fellowship shall also be considered
12 nominees for the ordained African-American minister. From the nominees the
13 General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General Council four names
14 of ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at the time of election, four
15 names of ordained female ministers (no age requirement), four names of lead
16 pastors of churches of less than two hundred (200) average major worship
17 service attendance during the previous year (no age requirement), and four
18 names of ordained African-American ministers (no age requirement). The
19 candidates shall be presented to the General Council in session and voted on by
20 secret ballot. A two-thirds vote shall be required to elect.

Sponsor: North Texas District Council

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Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Resolution 3

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GENERAL PRESBYTERS

1 WHEREAS, There is mounting value in our Fellowship being placed on the role of ordination;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Most presbytery roles at the district/network level require the minister to be
4 ordained; and

5 WHEREAS, It has become the growing practice and expectation over time that all general
6 presbyters are ordained ministers; and

7 WHEREAS, It would seem contrary to our culture and values to bypass an ordained minister to
8 place a nonordained candidate on the General Presbytery; and

9 WHEREAS A pastor who serves an Assemblies of God church is better suited as a general
10 presbyter than a pastor who serves a non-Assemblies of God church; and

11 WHEREAS, It is the common practice of our districts/networks, and it conforms with the
12 constitutional requirement, that the third general presbyter of a district/network is
13 a lead pastor of a local church rather than a person involved in other ministry;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That all general presbyters shall be ministers ordained with the Assemblies of God;
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND
18 PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 3. General Presbytery,
19 paragraph a. Representation, qualifications, and responsibilities, pages 101–102,
20 which reads:

21 **Section 3. General Presbytery**

22 **a. Representation, qualifications, and responsibilities.** The General
23 Presbytery shall be composed of individuals of maturity, experience, and ability
24 whose lives and ministry are above reproach, who shall represent the
25 Fellowship in all phases of its work in their respective fields. The General
26 Presbytery shall be the official policy-making body of the Assemblies of God
27 when the General Council is not in session. Each district shall have the privilege

1 of representation on the General Presbytery by three members—the district
2 superintendent together with two others who shall be elected by their district
3 council, one of whom shall be an ordained pastor of a church located in the
4 district. They shall take office immediately.

5 Be amended to read:

6 **Section 3. General Presbytery**

7 **a. Representation, qualifications, and responsibilities.** The General
8 Presbytery shall be composed of ordained ministers ~~individuals~~ of maturity,
9 experience, and ability whose lives and ministry are above reproach, who shall
10 represent the Fellowship in all phases of its work in their respective fields. The
11 General Presbytery shall be the official policy-making body of the Assemblies
12 of God when the General Council is not in session. Each district shall have the
13 privilege of representation on the General Presbytery by three members—the
14 district superintendent together with two others ordained ministers who shall be
15 elected by their district council, one of whom shall be an ~~ordained~~ lead pastor
16 of an Assemblies of God church located in the district. They shall take office
17 immediately.

18 And, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND
20 PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 3. General Presbytery,
21 paragraph c. World and U.S. Missions representation, page 102, which reads:

22 **c. World and U.S. Missions representation.** The foreign fields shall be
23 represented on the General Presbytery by the regional directors and the
24 International Ministries director of Assemblies of God World Missions and by
25 two others from each of the overall areas which the regional directors and the
26 International Ministries director represent. [*See* Bylaws, Article II, Section 2,
27 paragraph d, (2)] The stateside missions work shall be represented on the
28 General Presbytery by the departmental directors of Assemblies of God U.S.
29 Missions. [*See* Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (3)]

30 Be amended to read:

1 **c. World and U.S. Missions representation.** The foreign fields shall be
2 represented on the General Presbytery by the regional directors and the
3 International Ministries director of Assemblies of God World Missions and by
4 two others ordained missionaries from each of the overall areas which the
5 regional directors and the International Ministries director represent. [*See*
6 Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (2)] The stateside missions work
7 shall be represented on the General Presbytery by the ordained departmental
8 directors of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions. [*See* Bylaws, Article II, Section
9 2, paragraph d, (3)]

10 And, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
12 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph d. General
13 presbyters, subparagraph (1), page 111, which reads:

14 **d. General presbyters**

15 (1) *District representatives.* In addition to the superintendent of each
16 district, who shall serve on the General Presbytery by virtue of office, two
17 others shall be elected by the district council in session, both of whom shall be
18 ordained Assemblies of God ministers, and at least one of whom shall be a
19 pastor of a church or a person involved in other ministry located in the district.
20 They shall take office immediately upon election.

21 Be amended to read:

22 **d. General presbyters**

23 (1) *District representatives.* In addition to the superintendent of each
24 district, who shall serve on the General Presbytery by virtue of office, two
25 others shall be elected by the district council in session, both of whom shall be
26 ordained Assemblies of God ministers, and at least one of whom shall be a lead
27 pastor of an Assemblies of God church ~~or a person involved in other ministry~~
28 located in the district. They shall take office immediately upon election.

29 And, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
2 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph d. General
3 presbyters, subparagraph (2), page 111, which reads:

4 (2) *Assemblies of God World Missions representatives.* Regional directors
5 and the International Ministries director of Assemblies of God World Missions,
6 representing the missionaries from their respective areas, are members of the
7 General Presbytery by virtue of office. Two additional representatives on the
8 General Presbytery from each region and International Ministries shall be
9 chosen in the following manner: The Assemblies of God World Missions Board
10 shall nominate four missionaries from each general area and International
11 Ministries represented by the regional directors and the International Ministries
12 director. Nominees will be selected from missionaries who will be in the United
13 States at the time of the General Presbytery meeting and who preferably have
14 had administrative experience in the field. Ballots shall be sent to all
15 missionaries in each area who shall by vote select two to represent them on the
16 General Presbytery. These shall be mailed to the general secretary who shall
17 prepare a report to the Executive Presbytery. A simple majority vote shall be
18 required to elect.

19 Be amended to read:

20 (2) *Assemblies of God World Missions representatives.* Regional directors
21 and the International Ministries director of Assemblies of God World Missions,
22 representing the missionaries from their respective areas, are members of the
23 General Presbytery by virtue of office. Two additional representatives on the
24 General Presbytery from each region and International Ministries shall be
25 chosen in the following manner: The Assemblies of God World Missions Board
26 shall nominate four ordained missionaries from each general area and
27 International Ministries represented by the regional directors and the
28 International Ministries director. Nominees will be selected from missionaries
29 who will be in the United States at the time of the General Presbytery meeting
30 and who preferably have had administrative experience in the field. Ballots
31 shall be sent to all missionaries in each area who shall by vote select two to
32 represent them on the General Presbytery. These shall be mailed to the general

1 secretary who shall prepare a report to the Executive Presbytery. A simple
2 majority vote shall be required to elect.

3 And, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
5 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph d. General
6 presbyters, subparagraph (3), page 111, which reads:

7 (3) *Assemblies of God U.S. Missions representatives*. Departmental
8 directors of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be members of the General
9 Presbytery by virtue of their office.

10 Be amended to read:

11 (3) *Assemblies of God U.S. Missions representatives*. Ordained
12 departmental directors of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be members
13 of the General Presbytery by virtue of their office.

14 And, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
16 PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph c. General presbyters,
17 subparagraph (1), page 114, which reads:

18 **c. General presbyters**

19 (1) In the event a general presbyter shall move to another district or shall
20 vacate the office for any other reason, the presbytery of the district council shall
21 appoint one to serve as general presbyter until that office is regularly filled at
22 the next meeting of the district council.

23 Be amended to read:

24 **c. General presbyters**

25 (1) In the event a general presbyter shall move to another district or shall
26 vacate the office for any other reason, the presbytery of the district council shall
27 appoint one ordained minister to serve as general presbyter until that office is
28 regularly filled at the next meeting of the district council.

29 And, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIII. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORLD
2 MISSIONS, Section 2. Organization and Governance, paragraph j. General
3 Presbytery representatives, page 158, which reads:

4 **j. General Presbytery representatives.** Each of the regions shall be
5 represented on the General Presbytery by its regional director and two others.
6 International Ministries shall be represented on the General Presbytery by its
7 director and two others. [*See* Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (2).]

8 Be amended to read:

9 **j. General Presbytery representatives.** Each of the regions shall be
10 represented on the General Presbytery by its regional director and two others
11 ordained missionaries. International Ministries shall be represented on the
12 General Presbytery by its director and two others ordained missionaries. [*See*
13 Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (2).]

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

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Resolution 4

REFRESHED WORDING OF STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

1 WHEREAS, Districts and proctors who administer credential exams have expressed ongoing
2 concern that a few of the scriptural texts given to support each of the sixteen
3 Statement of Fundamental Truths are out of alignment and need to be reviewed and
4 adjusted; and

5 WHEREAS, Any adjustment to credential exams or study materials, even as minor as the
6 scriptural text to support a Truth or refreshing wording, must start with the
7 Statement of Fundamental Truths that appears in the Constitution of The General
8 Council of the Assemblies of God, and;

9 WHEREAS, The archaic wording and phraseology of the present version of the Statement of
10 Fundamental Truths is outdated, difficult to understand, and poorly serves the goals
11 of the Fellowship to reach a young audience; and

12 WHEREAS, While absolutely nothing in content is being changed, the Commission on
13 Doctrines and Practices was assigned by the Executive Presbytery to review the
14 version of the General Council's Statement of Fundamental Truths, with the
15 objective to refresh the text with a more modern language version, without
16 changing content of the sixteen Fundamental Truths, and to confirm all supporting
17 Scripture references that appear in the Constitution; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
19 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Preamble, page 95, which reads:

20 The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This Statement of
21 Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e.,
22 that we all speak the same thing, 1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42). The
23 phraseology employed in this statement is not inspired or contended for, but the
24 truth set forth is held to be essential to a full-gospel ministry. No claim is made
25 that it contains all biblical truth, only that it covers our need as to these
26 fundamental doctrines.

27 Be amended to read:

28 The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This Statement of
29 Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e.,
30 that we all speak the same thing, 1 Corinthians 1:10; ~~Acts 2:42~~). The wording

1 respecting the Being of God, as distinguished from “gods many and lords
2 many.” We therefore may speak with propriety of the Lord our God, who is
3 One Lord, as a Trinity or as one Being of three persons, and still be
4 absolutely scriptural (examples, Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John
5 14:16–17).

6 **(b) Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead**

7 Christ taught a distinction of persons in the godhead which He
8 expressed in specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
9 but that this distinction and relationship, as to its mode is inscrutable and
10 incomprehensible, because unexplained (Luke 1:35; 1 Corinthians 1:24;
11 Matthew 11:25–27; 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 1:3–4).

12 **(c) Unity of the One Being of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

13 Accordingly, therefore, there is **that** in the Father which constitutes
14 Him **the Father** and not the Son; there is **that** in the Son which constitutes
15 Him **the Son** and not the Father; and there is **that** in the Holy Spirit which
16 constitutes Him **the Holy Spirit** and not either the Father or the Son.
17 Wherefore, the Father is the Begetter; the Son is the Begotten; and the Holy
18 Spirit is the One proceeding from the Father and the Son. Therefore,
19 because these three persons in the godhead are in a state of unity, there is
20 but one Lord God Almighty and His name one (John 1:18; 15:26; 17:11,
21 21; Zechariah 14:9).

22 **(d) Identity and Cooperation in the Godhead**

23 The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are never **identical** as to
24 **person**; nor **confused** as to **relation**; nor **divided** in respect to the godhead;
25 nor **opposed** as to **cooperation**. The Son is **in** the Father and the Father is
26 **in** the Son as to relationship. The Son is **with** the Father and the Father is
27 **with** the Son, as to fellowship. The Father is not **from** the Son, but the Son
28 is **from** the Father, as to authority. The Holy Spirit is from the Father and
29 the Son proceeding, as to nature, relationship, cooperation, and authority.
30 Hence, no person in the godhead either exists or works separately or
31 independently of the others (John 5:17–30, 32, 37; 8:17–18).

1 **(e) The Title, Lord Jesus Christ**

2 The appellation *Lord Jesus Christ* is a proper name. It is never applied
3 in the New Testament either to the Father or to the Holy Spirit. It therefore
4 belongs exclusively to the **Son of God** (Romans 1:1–3, 7; 2 John 3).

5 **(f) The Lord Jesus Christ, God with Us**

6 The Lord Jesus Christ, as to His divine and eternal nature, is the proper
7 and only Begotten of the Father, but as to His human nature, He is the proper
8 Son of Man. He is, therefore, acknowledged to be both God and man; who
9 because He is God and man, is “Immanuel,” God with us (Matthew 1:23;
10 1 John 4:2, 10, 14; Revelation 1:13, 17).

11 **(g) The Title, Son of God**

12 Since the name *Immanuel* embraces both God and man, in the one
13 person, our Lord Jesus Christ, it follows that the title *Son of God* describes
14 His proper deity, and the title *Son of Man*, His proper humanity. Therefore,
15 the title *Son of God* belongs to the **order of eternity**, and the title *Son of*
16 *Man* to the **order of time** (Matthew 1:21–23; 2 John 3; 1 John 3:8; Hebrews
17 7:3; 1:1–13).

18 **(h) Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ**

19 Wherefore, it is a transgression of the doctrine of Christ to say that
20 Jesus Christ derived the title *Son of God* solely from the fact of the
21 Incarnation, or because of His relation to the economy of redemption.
22 Therefore, to deny that the Father is a real and eternal Father, and that the
23 Son is a real and eternal Son, is a denial of the distinction and relationship
24 in the Being of God; a denial of the Father and the Son; and a displacement
25 of the truth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh (2 John 9; John 1:1–2, 14,
26 18, 29, 49; 1 John 2:22–23; 4:1–5; Hebrews 12:2).

27 **(i) Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord**

28 The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having by Himself purged our
29 sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, angels and
30 principalities and powers having been made subject unto Him. And having
31 been made both Lord and Christ, He sent the Holy Spirit that we, in the
32 name of Jesus, might bow our knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
33 to the glory of God the Father until the end, when the Son shall become

1 subject to the Father that God may be all in all (Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 3:22;
2 Acts 2:32–36; Romans 14:11; 1 Corinthians 15:24–28).

3 **(j) Equal Honor to the Father and to the Son**

4 Wherefore, since the Father has delivered all judgment unto the Son, it
5 is not only the **express duty** of all in heaven and on earth to bow the knee,
6 but it is an **unspeakable joy** in the Holy Spirit to ascribe unto the Son all
7 the attributes of deity, and to give Him all the honor and the glory contained
8 in all the names and titles of the godhead except those which express
9 relationship (see paragraphs b, c, and d), and thus honor the Son even as we
10 honor the Father (John 5:22–23; 1 Peter 1:8; Revelation 5:6–14; Philippians
11 2:8–9; Revelation 7:9–10; 4:8–11).

12 Be amended to read:

13 **2. The One True God**

14 The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent “I AM,”
15 the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of humanity ~~mankind~~. He
16 has further revealed Himself as personifying ~~embodying~~ the principles of
17 relationship and association as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Exodus 3:14;
18 Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10–11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22; 1 Timothy
19 1:17).

20 **The Adorable Godhead: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

21 **(a) Terms Defined**

22 The terms ~~†~~Trinity and ~~p~~Persons, as related to the ~~g~~Godhead, while not
23 found in the Scriptures, are ~~words~~ in harmony with Scripture, ~~whereby~~ by
24 which we may convey to others our ~~immediate~~ understanding of the
25 doctrine of Christ ~~respecting~~ in respect to the Being of God, as distinguished
26 from “gods” ~~many and lords many~~ and “lords” (Deuteronomy 10:17). We
27 therefore may speak ~~with propriety~~ appropriately of the Lord our God, who
28 is One Lord, as a Trinity or as one Being ~~of three persons~~ existing eternally
29 as three Persons, and still be ~~absolutely~~ scriptural (~~examples,~~ Matthew
30 28:19; ~~2 Corinthians 13:14~~; John 14:16–17; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

31 **(b) Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead**

32 Christ ~~taught a distinction of persons in the godhead which He~~
33 ~~expressed in specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,~~

1 but that this distinction and relationship, as to its mode is inscrutable and
2 incomprehensible, because unexplained and the apostles distinguished
3 among Persons in the Godhead through expression of specific terms of
4 relationship, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There remains some mystery
5 to this distinction (~~Luke 1:35; 1 Corinthians 1:24; Matthew 11:25–27;~~
6 ~~28:19; Luke 1:35; 1 Corinthians 1:24; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 1:3–4).~~

7 (c) Unity of the One Being of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

8 Accordingly, therefore, there is **that** in the Father which ~~constitutes~~
9 identifies Him as **the Father** and not either the Son or the Holy Spirit; there
10 is **that** in the Son which ~~constitutes~~ identifies Him as **the Son** and not either
11 the Father or the Holy Spirit; and there is **that** in the Holy Spirit which
12 ~~constitutes~~ identifies Him as **the Holy Spirit** and not either the Father or
13 the Son. ~~Wherefore, †~~The Father is the Begetter or the Origin, the Son is the
14 Begotten of the Father, and the Holy Spirit is the One ~~proceeding~~ who
15 proceeds from the Father ~~and~~ through the Son. Therefore, because these
16 three ~~p~~Persons in the ~~g~~Godhead are in a state of unity, there is but one Lord
17 God Almighty and His name is one (Zechariah 14:9; Matthew 28:19; John
18 1:18; 15:26; 16:14–15; 17:11, 21; ~~Zechariah 14:9~~ Acts 2:33).

19 (d) Identity and Cooperation in the Godhead

20 The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are never **identical** as to
21 **person**, nor **confused** as to **relationship**, nor **divided** in respect to the
22 ~~g~~Godhead, nor **opposed** as to **cooperation**. The Son is **in** the Father and the
23 Father is **in** the Son as to relationship. The Son is **with** the Father and the
24 Father is **with** the Son, as to fellowship. The Father is not **from** the Son, but
25 the Son is **from** the Father, as to authority. The Holy Spirit is proceeds from
26 the Father ~~and~~ through the Son ~~proceeding~~, as to nature, relationship,
27 cooperation, and authority. Hence, no ~~p~~Person in the ~~g~~Godhead either exists
28 or works separately or independently of the others (Joel 2:28; John 5:17–
29 30, 32, 37; 8:17–18; 16:14–15; Acts 2:17; Romans 8:9–11).

30 (e) The Title, Lord Jesus Christ

31 The ~~appellation~~ designation *Lord Jesus Christ* is a proper name. ~~It is~~
32 The titles *Lord* and *Christ* are never applied together in the New Testament
33 either to the Father or to the Holy Spirit. ~~‡~~ They therefore belongs

1 exclusively to the **Son of God** (Acts 2:36; 11:17; 15:26; 28:31; Romans
2 1:4–3,7; 13:14; Philemon 3; James 1:1–2–John 3).

3 **(f) The Lord Jesus Christ, God with Us**

4 The Lord Jesus Christ, as to His divine and eternal nature, is the ~~proper~~
5 ~~and~~ only eternally Begotten of the Father, but as to His human nature, He is
6 the ~~proper~~ Son of Man. He is, therefore, acknowledged to be both God and
7 man; who because He is God and man, is *Immanuel*, God with us (Isaiah
8 7:14; Daniel 7:9, 13; Matthew 1:23; 1 John 4:2,4,14; Revelation 1:13, 17).

9 **(g) The Titles, Son of God and Son of Man**

10 Since ~~the~~ The name *Immanuel* embraces both God and man His deity and
11 humanity, in the one person, our Lord Jesus Christ, ~~it follows that~~ The titles
12 *Son of God* describes His proper deity, and the title *Son of Man*, also point
13 us to His deity and His proper humanity. Therefore, the title *Son of God*
14 belongs to the **order of eternity**, and the title *Son of Man* to the **order of**
15 **time** (Genesis 1:27; Daniel 7:13; Isaiah 7:14; Ezekiel 2:1, 3; 3:1, 3–4, 10,
16 16, 25; Matthew 1:21–23; 26:64; Luke 19:10; John 10:33–36; Romans 8:3;
17 Hebrews 1:1–13; 7:3; 1 John 3:8; 4:15; 5:20; 2 John 3; 1 John 3:8; Hebrews
18 7:3; 1:1–13 Revelation 1:17; 14:14).

19 **(h) Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ**

20 ~~Wherefore, it~~ It is a transgression of the doctrine of Christ to say that
21 Jesus Christ derived the title *is the Son of God* solely from the fact of the
22 Incarnation, or because of His ~~relation to the economy~~ role in the history of
23 redemption. Therefore, to deny that the Father is a real and eternal Father,
24 and that the Son is a real and eternal Son, is a denial of the distinction and
25 relationship in the Being of God, a denial of the Father as the Father and the
26 Son as Son, and a ~~displacement~~ denial of the truth that Jesus Christ is come
27 in the flesh (~~2 John 9; John 1:1–2, 14, 18, 29, 49; 1 John 2:22–23; 4:1–5;~~
28 ~~Hebrews 12:2~~).

29 **(i) Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord**

30 The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having by ~~Himself~~ purged His
31 sacrifice made purification for our sins, sat down on the right hand of the
32 Majesty on high, angels and ~~principalities~~ authorities and powers ~~having~~
33 ~~been~~ being made subject ~~unto~~ Him. Our Lord Jesus Christ reigns until He

1 has put all enemies under his feet. ~~And h~~Having been made both Lord and
2 Christ, He sent the Holy Spirit that we, in the name of Jesus, might bow our
3 knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father
4 until the end, when the Son shall become subject to the Father that God may
5 be all in all (~~Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 3:22; Acts 2:32–36; Romans 14:11;~~
6 1 Corinthians 15:24–28; Philippians 2:10–11; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 3:22).

7 **(j) Equal Honor to the Father and to the Son**

8 ~~Wherefore, s~~Since the Father has ~~delivered~~ entrusted all judgment ~~unto~~
9 the Son, it is not only the **express duty** of all in heaven, ~~and~~ on earth, and
10 under the earth to bow the knee, but it is an **unspeakable joy** in the Holy
11 Spirit to ~~ascribe~~ attribute ~~unto~~ the Son all the attributes characteristics of
12 deity, and to give Him all the honor and the glory contained in all the names
13 and titles of the gGodhead except those which express relationship (see
14 paragraphs b, c, and d), and thus honor the Son even as we honor the Father
15 (John 5:22–23; ~~1 Peter 1:8; Revelation 5:6–14; Philippians 2:8–9~~11; 1 Peter
16 1:8; Revelation 4:8–11; 5:6–14; 7:9–10; 4:8–11).

17 And, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
19 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ,
20 page 97, which reads:

21 **3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ**

22 The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare:

- 23 a. His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35).
- 24 b. His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).
- 25 c. His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).
- 26 d. His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians
27 5:21).
- 28 e. His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39;
29 1 Corinthians 15:4).
- 30 f. His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Philippians
31 2:9–11; Hebrews 1:3).

32 Be amended to read:

1 **3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ**

2 The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare:

3 a. His pre-existent nature as the Word of God (John 1:1–4).

4 ab. His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35).

5 bc. His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).

6 ed. His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).

7 de. His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians
8 5:21).

9 ef. His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39;
10 Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 15:4).

11 fg. His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9,11; 2:33; Philippians
12 2:9–11; Hebrews 1:3).

13 h. His gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church (Matthew 3:11; Acts 2:33).

14 i. His soon return (Acts 1:10–11; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:28; James 5:7).

15 And, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
17 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 4. The Fall of Man, page 97, which reads:

18 **4. The Fall of Man**

19 Man was created good and upright; for God said, “Let us make man in our
20 image, after our likeness.” However, man by voluntary transgression fell and
21 thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is
22 separation from God (Genesis 1:26–27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12–19).

23 Be amended to read:

24 **4. The Fall of Humanity Man**

25 ~~Man~~ Humanity was created good and upright, for God said, “Let us make
26 mankind in our image, ~~after~~ in our likeness.” ~~However,~~ Humans fell by
27 voluntary ~~transgression~~ rebellion, however, fell and thereby incurred not only
28 physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis
29 1:26–27; 2:17; 3:6–24; Romans 5:12–19).

30 And, be it further

31 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
32 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 5. The Salvation of Man, page 97, which
33 reads:

1 **5. The Salvation of Man**

2 Man’s only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ
3 the Son of God.

4 **a. Conditions to Salvation.** Salvation is received through repentance
5 toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of
6 regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through
7 faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke
8 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13–15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5–7).

9 **b. The Evidences of Salvation.** The inward evidence of salvation is the
10 direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is
11 a life of righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12).

12 Be amended to read:

13 **5. The Salvation of Humanity Man**

14 ~~Man’s~~ Humanity’s only hope of redemption is through the ~~shed~~ blood shed
15 by ~~of~~ Jesus Christ the Son of God (Leviticus 17:11; Matthew 26:28; Ephesians
16 1:7; Hebrews 9:22).

17 **a. Conditions to Salvation.** Salvation is received through repentance
18 ~~toward God~~ of sin and faith ~~toward~~ in the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of
19 ~~regeneration and renewing~~ rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit, being
20 justified by grace through faith, ~~man becomes an~~ we become heirs of God
21 according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13–15;
22 Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11, 3:5–7).

23 **b. The Evidences of Salvation.** The inward evidence of salvation is the
24 direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all ~~men~~
25 people is a life of righteousness and ~~true~~ holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12).

26 And, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
28 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 6. The Ordinances of the Church, pages
29 97–98, which reads:

30 **6. The Ordinances of the Church**

31 **a. Baptism in Water.** The ordinance of baptism by immersion is
32 commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior
33 and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died

1 with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of
2 life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47–48; Romans 6:4).

3 **b. Holy Communion.** The Lord’s Supper, consisting of the elements—
4 bread and the fruit of the vine—is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine
5 nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and
6 death (1 Corinthians 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming
7 (1 Corinthians 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers “till He come!”

8 Be amended to read:

9 **6. The Ordinances of the Church**

10 **a. Baptism in Water.** The ordinance of baptism by immersion is
11 commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior
12 and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died
13 with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of
14 life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47–48; Romans 6:4).

15 **b. Holy Communion.** The Lord’s Supper, consisting of the elements—
16 bread and the fruit of the vine—is the symbol expressing ~~our sharing the divine~~
17 ~~nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4)~~ one body of Christ (1 Corinthians
18 11:29), a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26), and a
19 prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26), and is ~~enjoined on~~
20 instructed to be practiced by all believers “~~till~~ until He comes.”

21 And, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
23 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit, page
24 98, which reads:

25 **7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

26 All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek
27 the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to
28 the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all
29 in the early Christian church. With it comes the enduement of power for life
30 and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the
31 ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8; 1 Corinthians 12:1–31). This experience is
32 distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12–17;
33 10:44–46; 11:14–16; 15:7–9). With the baptism in the Holy Spirit come such

1 experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37–39; Acts 4:8), a
2 deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), an intensified
3 consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active
4 love for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

5 Be amended to read:

6 **7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

7 ~~—All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek~~
8 ~~the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to~~
9 ~~the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all~~
10 ~~in the early Christian church. With it comes the enduement of power for life~~
11 ~~and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the~~
12 ~~ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8; 1 Corinthians 12:1–31). This experience is~~
13 ~~distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12–17;~~
14 ~~10:44–46; 11:14–16; 15:7–9). With the baptism in the Holy Spirit come such~~
15 ~~experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37–39; Acts 4:8), a~~
16 ~~deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), an intensified~~
17 ~~consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active~~
18 ~~love for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost (Mark 16:20).~~

19 The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a post-conversion anointing of power for
20 Christian life and ministry/service (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4), where Jesus pours
21 out the Holy Spirit upon a believer (Acts 2:33). In addition to increased ministry
22 anointing, Spirit baptism brings a deepened spiritual experience and awareness
23 of God’s presence (Acts 2:2–4, 17–18), intensified consecration (Acts 5:41–42)
24 and giftedness (1 Corinthians 12:8–11), strengthened dedication to involvement
25 in service (Acts 13:2–4), and a more active love for Christ, His Word, and for
26 the lost (Acts 2:42–47).

27 Spirit baptism was the normal experience of the New Testament Church and
28 is still today. Every believer should earnestly desire this empowering (Acts
29 19:1–6). Also called “the promise of the Father,” Jesus commanded His
30 followers to receive this gift (Acts 1:4–5).

31 And, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
2 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the
3 Baptism in the Holy Spirit, page 98, which reads:

4 **8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

5 The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial
6 physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them
7 utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in
8 essence as the gift of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:4–10, 28), but different in
9 purpose and use.

10 Be amended to read:

11 **8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

12 ~~—The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial~~
13 ~~physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them~~
14 ~~utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in~~
15 ~~essence as the gift of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:4–10, 28), but different in~~
16 ~~purpose and use.~~

17 The Bible repeatedly shows the same initial physical evidence as the
18 confirming outward sign, indicating baptism in the Holy Spirit has occurred—
19 speaking with unknown tongues as the Spirit enables (Acts 2:1–4; 10:44–47;
20 19:1–6). This confirming outward sign of speaking (or praying) in tongues is
21 the same in function as the public gift of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:4–10, 28),
22 but different in purpose and outcome (1 Corinthians 14:13–15).

23 And, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
25 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 9. Sanctification, page 98, which reads:

26 **9. Sanctification**

27 Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of
28 dedication unto God (Romans 12:1–2; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12).
29 Scriptures teach a life of “holiness without which no man shall see the Lord”
30 (Hebrews 12:14). By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the
31 command: “Be ye holy, for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:15–16).

32 Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification
33 with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the

1 fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of
2 the Holy Spirit (Romans 6:1–11, 13; 8:1–2, 13; Galatians 2:20; Philippians
3 2:12–13; 1 Peter 1:5).

4 Be amended to read:

5 **9. Sanctification**

6 Sanctification is an act of ~~separation from that which is evil, and of~~
7 ~~dedication unto God~~ and separation from evil (Romans 12:1–2; 1 Thessalonians
8 5:23; Hebrews 13:12). Scriptures teach a life of “holiness because “without
9 holiness ~~which~~ no man shall one will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). By the
10 power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command: “~~Be ye holy, for I~~
11 ~~am holy~~ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is
12 written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy’ ” (1 Peter 1:15–16).

13 ~~Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification~~
14 ~~with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the~~
15 ~~fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of~~
16 ~~the Holy Spirit~~ The believer’s sanctification comes through identification with
17 Christ in His death and resurrection, deliberate daily life in light of that union,
18 and continual offering of every aspect of the believer’s life to the guidance of
19 the Holy Spirit (Romans 6:1–11, 13; 8:1–2, 13; Galatians 2:20; Philippians
20 2:12–13; 1 Peter 1:5).

21 And, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
23 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 10. The Church and Its Mission, pages
24 98–99, which reads:

25 **10. The Church and Its Mission**

26 The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit,
27 with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her Great Commission. Each
28 believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and
29 church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22–23; 2:22;
30 Hebrews 12:23).

31 Since God’s purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is
32 lost, to be worshipped by man, to build a body of believers in the image of His

1 Son, and to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world, the priority
2 reason for being of the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is:

- 3 a. To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matthew
4 28:19–20; Mark 16:15–16).
- 5 b. To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (1 Corinthians
6 12:13).
- 7 c. To be a channel of God’s purpose to build a body of saints being
8 perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11–16; 1 Corinthians
9 12:28; 14:12).
- 10 d. To be a people who demonstrate God’s love and compassion for all the
11 world (Psalm 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).

12 The Assemblies of God exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this
13 reason for being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and
14 encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This experience:

- 15 a. Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with
16 accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15–20; Acts 4:29–31;
17 Hebrews 2:3–4).
- 18 b. Adds a necessary dimension to a worshipful relationship with God
19 (1 Corinthians 2:10–16; 1 Corinthians 12–14).
- 20 c. Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in
21 expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times
22 for the edifying of the body of Christ and care for the poor and needy of
23 the world (Galatians 5:22–26; Matthew 25:37–40; Galatians 6:10;
24 1 Corinthians 14:12; Ephesians 4:11–12; 1 Corinthians 12:28;
25 Colossians 1:29).

26 Be amended to read:

27 **10. The Church and Its Mission**

28 The Church is the body of Christ, ~~the habitation of God through the dwelling~~
29 place of the Holy Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her and
30 has a God-given mandate to fulfill the Great Commission. Each believer, born
31 of the Spirit, is ~~an integral~~ part of the general assembly and church of the
32 firstborn, ~~which~~ whose names are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22–23; 2:22;
33 Hebrews 12:23).

1 Since God's purpose concerning ~~man~~ humanity is to seek and to save that
2 which is lost, to be worshipped by ~~man~~ humanity, to build a body of believers
3 in the image of His Son, and to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the
4 world, ~~the priority reason for being of~~ the Assemblies of God as part of the
5 Church ~~is~~ considers these tasks priorities:

- 6 a. To be ~~an agency of~~ used by God ~~for~~ in evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8;
7 Matthew 28:19–20; Mark 16:15–16; Acts 1:8).
- 8 b. To be a corporate body in which ~~man~~ people may worship God
9 (1 Corinthians 12:13).
- 10 c. To ~~be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being~~
11 ~~perfected in the image of His Son~~ deliberately bring about growth of the
12 body (individually and corporately) in Christlikeness (Ephesians 4:11–
13 16; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 14:12; Ephesians 4:11–16).
- 14 d. To be a people who demonstrate God's love and compassion for all the
15 world (Psalm 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).

16 ~~The Assemblies of God exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this~~
17 ~~reason for being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and~~
18 ~~encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. The baptism in the Holy~~
19 ~~Spirit is at once a priority and a strength of the Assemblies of God, following~~
20 ~~the New Testament apostolic pattern.~~ This experience:

- 21 a. Enables ~~them~~ believers to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with
22 accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15–20; Acts 4:29–31;
23 Hebrews 2:3–4).
- 24 b. Adds a necessary dimension to a worshipful relationship with God
25 (Romans 8:26–27; 1 Corinthians 2:10–16; 1 Corinthians 12–14).
- 26 c. Enables ~~them~~ believers to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit
27 in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times
28 for the edifying building up of the body of Christ and in care for the
29 poor and needy of the world (~~Galatians 5:22–26~~; Matthew 25:37–40;
30 Galatians 6:10; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 14:12; Galatians 5:22–26; 6:10;
31 Ephesians 4:11–12; ~~1 Corinthians 12:28~~; Colossians 1:29).

32 And, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
2 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 11. The Ministry, page 99, which reads:

3 **11. The Ministry**

4 A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by
5 our Lord for the fourfold purpose of leading the Church in: (1) evangelization
6 of the world (Mark 16:15–20), (2) worship of God (John 4:23–24), (3) building
7 a Body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11, 16),
8 and (4) meeting human need with ministries of love and compassion (Psalm
9 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).

10 Be amended to read:

11 **11. The Ministry**

12 ~~A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by~~
13 ~~our Lord for the fourfold purpose of leading the Church in: (1) evangelization~~
14 ~~of the world (Mark 16:15–20), (2) worship of God (John 4:23–24), (3) building~~
15 ~~a Body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11,16),~~
16 ~~and (4) meeting human need with ministries of love and compassion (Psalm~~
17 ~~112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).~~

18 God calls and sets in place servant leaders to equip all God’s people to
19 worship God (Deuteronomy 6:4–5; Matthew 22:34–40), to become mature
20 followers of Jesus (Ephesians 4:11–16), to meet human needs with love and
21 compassion (Matthew 25:31–46; Galatians 6:10; James 1:27), and to evangelize
22 the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ (Genesis 12:1–3; Matthew 28:18–20;
23 Acts 1:8).

24 And, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
26 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 12. Divine Healing, page 99, which reads:

27 **12. Divine Healing**

28 Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness
29 is provided for in the Atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Isaiah
30 53:4–5; Matthew 8:16–17; James 5:14–16).

31 Be amended to read:

1 **12. Divine Healing**

2 Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness
3 is ~~provided for in~~ made available through the Atonement, the substitutionary
4 death and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ ~~and is the privilege of all believers~~
5 (Isaiah 53:4–5; Matthew 8:16–17; James 5:14–16).

6 And, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
8 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 13. The Blessed Hope, page 99, which
9 reads:

10 **13. The Blessed Hope**

11 The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their
12 translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the
13 Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:16–
14 17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51–52).

15 Be amended to read:

16 **13. The Blessed Hope**

17 The resurrection of those who have ~~fallen asleep~~ died in Christ and their
18 ~~translation~~ transformation together with those who are alive ~~and remain unto~~
19 ~~the~~ at the imminent coming of the Lord is the ~~imminent~~ and blessed hope of the
20 Church (~~1 Thessalonians 4:16–17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians~~
21 ~~15:51–52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17; Titus 2:13~~).

22 And, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
24 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 14. The Millennial Reign of Christ, page
25 99, which reads:

26 **14. The Millennial Reign of Christ**

27 The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our
28 blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign
29 on the earth for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27, 30;
30 Revelation 1:7; 19:11–14; 20:1–6). This millennial reign will bring the
31 salvation of national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21–22; Zephaniah 3:19–20; Romans
32 11:26–27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6–9; Psalm 72:3–
33 8; Micah 4:3–4).

1 Be amended to read:

2 **14. The Millennial Reign of Christ**

3 The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our
4 blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign
5 on the earth for one thousand years (~~Zeechariah 14:5~~; Matthew 24:27, 30;
6 Revelation 1:7; 19:11–14; 20:1–6). This millennial reign will bring the
7 salvation of national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21–22; Zephaniah 3:19–20; Romans
8 11:26–27) and the establishment of universal peace (Psalm 72:3–8; Isaiah 11:6–
9 9; Micah 4:3–4).

10 And, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
12 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 15. The Final Judgment, page 100, which
13 reads:

14 **15. The Final Judgment**

15 There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and
16 judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book
17 of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet,
18 will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire
19 and brimstone, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43–48;
20 Revelation 19:20; 20:11–15; 21:8).

21 Be amended to read:

22 **15. The Final Judgment**

23 There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and
24 judged according to their works. ~~Whosoever is~~ Anyone not found written in the
25 Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false
26 prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake ~~which burneth~~
27 ~~with fire and brimstone~~ of fire, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; ~~Mark~~
28 ~~9:43–48~~; Revelation 19:20; 20:11–15; 21:8).

29 And, be it further

30 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF
31 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Paragraph 16. The New Heavens and the New Earth,
32 page 100, which reads:

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16. The New Heavens and the New Earth

“We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness” (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21–22).

Be amended to read:

16. The New Heavens and the New Earth

~~“We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness”~~ “In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells” (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1 to 22:5).

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery

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BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION

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 5

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

1 WHEREAS, The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic forced organizations, including districts/networks
2 and the General Council, to cancel business meetings or move to virtual platforms
3 quickly; and

4 WHEREAS, The advancement in technology is providing greater opportunity for the possibility
5 and option to conduct business remotely; and

6 WHEREAS, It is beneficial for the General Council Bylaws to contain provisions of the
7 possibility, not the right nor obligation, to conduct business remotely in the event
8 of unforeseen circumstances that make this route the best option; and

9 WHEREAS, The present wording in the General Council Bylaws is up to interpretation and not
10 specifically clear; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,
12 PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 10. Meetings,
13 paragraph 1, page 120, which reads:

Section 10. Meetings

15 Members of the Executive Presbytery, or any committee designated by the
16 Executive Presbytery, General Presbytery, or General Council, may participate
17 and act at any meeting through the use of a conference telephone or other
18 communications device by means of which all persons participating in the
19 meeting can communicate simultaneously with each other. Participation in such
20 meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the
21 member or members so participating.

22 Be amended to read:

Section 10. Meetings

24 Members of the Executive Presbytery and, in the event of an emergency or
25 other sufficient cause, members of the General Presbytery and General Council,
26 ~~or any committee designated by the Executive Presbytery, General Presbytery,~~
27 ~~or General Council,~~ may participate and act at any meeting through the use of
28 a ~~conference telephone or other~~ communications device or technology by

1 means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate
2 simultaneously with each other, upon such terms and in such manner as the
3 Executive Presbytery shall determine. Participation in such meeting shall
4 constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the member or
5 members so participating.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

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HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 6

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—LARRY H. GRISWOLD

1 WHEREAS, Larry H. Griswold has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assemblies of God
2 with great faithfulness and integrity as a minister of the gospel for fifty-two years,
3 having been licensed to preach and ordained on May 6, 1970; and

4 WHEREAS, He served as an evangelist, church planting pastor, and pastor for more than fifty
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, He served with great distinction for twenty-seven years in elected positions in the
7 Illinois District that included section presbyter, district executive presbyter,
8 secretary-treasurer, assistant superintendent, and superintendent; and

9 WHEREAS, The Illinois District has great appreciation for Larry H. Griswold’s visionary
10 leadership, pastoral care to its churches, personal concern for its pastors and
11 ministers, his commitment to missions, and his desire to reach the lost; and

12 WHEREAS, He served as a general presbyter for twenty-three years, and he served as a mentor
13 for many newly elected superintendents in our Fellowship; and

14 WHEREAS, He served this Fellowship as the Great Lakes Area nonresident executive presbyter
15 for eleven years; and

16 WHEREAS, The Illinois District Council affirms his service among us represents the highest
17 standards of skill, integrity, ethics, loyalty, and hard work, and is fitting of honor;
18 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 and

23 WHEREAS, Larry H. Griswold meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
24 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, that Larry H. Griswold be elected by this General Council to the position of
26 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Illinois District Presbytery
General Presbytery

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Resolution 7

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—H. RONALD MADDUX

1 WHEREAS, H. Ronald Maddux has served the Assemblies of God with distinction as a minister
 2 of the gospel for forty-seven years; and
 3 WHEREAS, He pastored two churches in the West Florida District; and
 4 WHEREAS, He served as an Assemblies of God missionary for forty-three years; and
 5 WHEREAS, He served effectively in missions as an evangelist and church planter, establishing
 6 many churches among unreached peoples and having opened three countries as
 7 Assemblies of God missions fields; and
 8 WHEREAS, He demonstrated leadership gifts as the first area director for the Peninsular Asia
 9 area for eight years and then served as the first regional director for the Northern
 10 Asia region for twenty years; and
 11 WHEREAS, He served The General Council of the Assemblies of God on numerous boards and
 12 committees; and
 13 WHEREAS, He served on the General Presbytery for twenty-one years; 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, H. Ronald Maddux meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
 19 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter, therefore; be it
 20 RESOLVED, That H. Ronald Maddux be elected by this General Council to the position of
 21 honorary general presbyter of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: West Florida District Presbytery Board
 General Presbytery

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Resolution 8

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—RANDALL S. ROGERS

1 WHEREAS, Randall S. Rogers has served the Assemblies of God with great distinction as a
2 minister of the gospel for fifty-two years; and
3 WHEREAS, He served as secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina District for twenty-eight
4 years, during which time he served The General Council of the Assemblies of God
5 as a general presbyter for twenty-seven years; and
6 WHEREAS, He served as the lead pastor of First Assembly of God in Monroe, First Assembly
7 of God in Hendersonville, and Rowan Christian Assembly in Salisbury; and
8 WHEREAS, He served on various boards and committees of the district and General Council;
9 and
10 WHEREAS, This Fellowship has been blessed by his spiritual leadership, practical wisdom, and
11 faithfulness in ministry and service; and
12 WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has represented the
13 highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; 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, Randall S. Rogers meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
19 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
20 RESOLVED, that Randall S. Rogers be elected by this General Council to the position of
21 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: North Carolina District Council
General Presbytery

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