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AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

ARTICLE XXI. AMENDMENTS (Page 191)

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.

**SUBSTITUTE
Resolution 7**

VOTING CONSTITUENCY OF DISTRICT COUNCILS

- 1 WHEREAS, The General Council of the Assemblies of God is a voluntary cooperative
2 fellowship; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The individual districts of The General Council of the Assemblies of God are an
4 affirmation of the intent to facilitate geographical and ethnolinguistic
5 empowerment and decision-making; and
- 6 WHEREAS, District meetings are an expression of the “grassroots nature” of the Fellowship
7 through the election of leaders and a deliberative process of decision-making; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The needs of districts are different from the needs of the General Council; and
- 9 WHEREAS, It is vital to make every effort to affirm the minister’s relationship to the greater
10 body; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The engagement of ministers from a diverse set of ministry callings is what
12 provides strength to district meetings; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Many ministers are currently unable to attend and have a desire to participate in
14 district meetings, such as currently deployed Assemblies of God U.S. Missions and
15 Assemblies of God World Missions missionaries; and
- 16 WHEREAS, General Council Bylaws Article III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, PRESBYTERS,
17 EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 10. Meetings, grants the Executive
18 Presbytery and certain committees the option to consider voting members as present
19 when they participate “through the use of a conference telephone or other
20 communications device” but the Bylaws do not provide a similar option for other
21 groups, such as district councils in session; and
- 22 WHEREAS, District Councils desiring the option to permit voters to participate remotely are
23 further restricted from doing so in General Council Bylaws, Article V. DISTRICT
24 COUNCILS, Section 4. Voting Constituency; therefore, be it
- 25 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 4.
26 Voting Constituency, page 149, which reads:

1 The voting constituency shall consist of all ordained and licensed ministers, and
2 accredited delegates from affiliated churches, and such other persons as may be
3 prescribed by the district constitution and bylaws, who are present and
4 registered at district meetings.

5 Be amended to read:

6 The voting constituency shall consist of all ordained and licensed ministers, and
7 accredited delegates from affiliated churches, and such other persons as may be
8 prescribed by the district constitution and bylaws, who are ~~present and~~
9 registered for at district meetings and meet the district's requirements for
10 participation in that meeting.

Co-sponsors: Ohio District/Ministry Network Presbytery
 Georgia District Presbytery
 Iowa District/Ministry Network Presbytery
 Louisiana District/Network Presbytery
Southern California District/Network Executive Presbytery
 General Presbytery

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Resolution 12

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORLD MISSIONS OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

1 WHEREAS, General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIII. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORLD
2 MISSIONS, Section 3. Support of Assemblies of God World Missions, was
3 adopted under the World Missions Plan in 1955; and

4 WHEREAS, The subsequent and expanding growth of World Missions requires infrastructure to
5 support that growth and to provide additional services to the world missionary
6 family, such as security-level training, information technology update, candidate
7 processing, member care, missionary kids (MK) support, resident visa processing,
8 shipping, communications, and training, among other services; and

9 WHEREAS, World Missions increasingly pushes to access parts of the world that need to hear
10 the gospel and has set expansive goals to establish the church worldwide under the
11 inspiration of the Holy Spirit; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article XIII. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORLD
13 MISSIONS, Section 3. Support of Assemblies of God World Missions, paragraph
14 d, page 184, which reads:

15 **Section 3. Support of Assemblies of God World Missions**

16 The administrative expenses and emergency field needs of Assemblies of
17 God World Missions and its missionaries shall be provided from:

- 18 d. Five percent of all missionary offerings (with the exclusion of special
19 personal designations) received shall be transferred to the General
20 Emergency Fund.

21 Be amended to read:

22 **Section 3. Support of Assemblies of God World Missions**

23 The administrative expenses and emergency field needs of Assemblies of
24 God World Missions and its missionaries shall be provided from:

- 25 d. Seven ~~Five~~ percent of all missionary offerings (with the exclusion of
26 special personal designations) received shall be transferred to the
27 General Emergency Fund.

Sponsor: Assemblies of God World Missions Board
Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

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Resolution 13

CHILD SAFETY

1 WHEREAS, Children are precious to our Lord Jesus, and Holy Scripture commands us not to
2 harm children: “Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives
3 Me. But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would
4 be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in
5 the depth of the sea” (Matthew 18:5–6, NKJV); and

6 WHEREAS, The General Council is zealous to fulfill the Lord’s command, protecting children
7 from harm and striving to see that all its ministries and ministers are providing safe
8 places for ministry to children; and

9 WHEREAS, The General Council is committed to publishing child safety practices and
10 guidelines in accordance with biblical truth as an educational resource for ministries
11 and ministers affiliated with The General Council of the Assemblies of God, to
12 enable each to hire, train, supervise, and discipline its own staff, clergy, church
13 leaders, and volunteers to protect children from harm and abuse; and

14 WHEREAS, It would be beneficial to codify in our General Council Bylaws our commitment to
15 publish child safety practices and guidelines for our affiliated churches, ministries,
16 and ministers; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
18 DISAPPROVED, paragraph B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
19 DISAPPROVED, page 173, be amended by the addition of a new Section 15, to
20 read as follows:

B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED

21
22 In accord with its constitutional prerogatives, The General Council of the
23 Assemblies of God has declared itself pertaining to disapproval of certain
24 matters as follows:

Section 15. Child Safety Practices and Guidelines

25
26 Our Lord Jesus placed a high value on children (Mathew 18:2–6). In
27 accord with this truth, the General Presbytery of The General Council of the
28 Assemblies of God is committed to publishing (and updating) “Child Safety
29 Practices and Guidelines” for local churches, ministers, and ministries
30 associated or affiliated with the Assemblies of God. Any credentialed

1 minister, affiliated church, or affiliated ministry who is found to knowingly
2 and grossly neglect implementation of child safety practices (as suggested
3 by the “Child Safety Practices and Guidelines”) that are reasonable and
4 possible for the specific ministry context may be subject to disciplinary
5 action and/or disaffiliation.

6 And, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 3. Causes of
8 Disciplinary Action, pages 173–174, be amended by the addition of a new
9 paragraph k. to read as follows:

10 k. Known and gross neglect to implement reasonable child safety practices (as
11 suggested in the “Child Safety Practices and Guidelines” published by the
12 General Presbytery). (See Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 15.)

13 And, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 3. Causes of
15 Disciplinary Action, pages 173–174, paragraphs k–l be relettered paragraphs l–m.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Resolution 14

COMMISSION ON DOCTRINAL PURITY NAME CHANGE

1 WHEREAS, The authorization for the Commission on Doctrinal Purity is found in the General
2 Council Bylaws, ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
3 DISAPPROVED, Section A. COMMISSION ON DOCTRINAL PURITY; and

4 WHEREAS, The title “Commission on Doctrinal Purity” can convey a negative and restrictive
5 sense; and

6 WHEREAS, The Commission on Doctrinal Purity can provide a more positive contribution to
7 the Fellowship; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the name of the Commission on Doctrinal Purity be changed to the name
9 Commission on Doctrines and Practices; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the name change be reflected wherever the title is found in the General Council
11 Constitution and Bylaws and in all public and private communications within the
12 Fellowship; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES, Section 4.
14 Resolutions Committee, paragraph c. Scriptural interpretation, page 147, which
15 reads:

16 c. **Scriptural interpretation.** Except for resolutions submitted by the
17 Executive Presbytery, the General Presbytery, or a district council, resolutions
18 that involve scriptural interpretation shall be forwarded to the Commission on
19 Doctrinal Purity when in the judgment of the Resolutions Committee such an
20 action is needful. The commission shall evaluate and draft a brief assessment
21 of the scriptural interpretation embodied in the resolution. The assessment,
22 stating their agreement or disagreement with the scriptural interpretation, shall
23 accompany the resolution when presented to the General Council for
24 consideration.

25 Be amended to read:

26 c. **Scriptural interpretation.** Except for resolutions submitted by the
27 Executive Presbytery, the General Presbytery, or a district council, resolutions
28 that involve scriptural interpretation shall be forwarded to the Commission on
29 Doctrines and Practices ~~Doctrinal Purity~~ when in the judgment of the
30 Resolutions Committee such an action is needful. The commission shall

1 evaluate and draft a brief assessment of the scriptural interpretation embodied
2 in the resolution. The assessment, stating their agreement or disagreement with
3 the scriptural interpretation, shall accompany the resolution when presented to
4 the General Council for consideration.

5 And, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
7 DISAPPROVED, Section A. COMMISSION ON DOCTRINAL PURITY, and
8 paragraph a., Authorization and purpose, page 166, which reads

9 **A. COMMISSION ON DOCTRINAL PURITY**

10 **a. Authorization and purpose.** A Commission on Doctrinal Purity shall be
11 established for the purpose of giving careful attention to preventing deviations
12 from the Statement of Fundamental Truths and proliferation of unscriptural
13 teachings. The commission shall receive its assignments from and make its
14 reports to the Executive Presbytery.

15 Be amended to read:

16 **A. COMMISSION ON DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES ~~DOCTRINAL~~**
17 **PURITY**

18 **a. Authorization and purpose.** A Commission on Doctrines and Practices
19 ~~Doctrinal Purity~~ shall be established for the purpose of giving careful attention
20 to preventing deviations from the Statement of Fundamental Truths and
21 proliferation of unscriptural teachings. The commission shall receive its
22 assignments from and make its reports to the Executive Presbytery.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

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Resolution 15

DIVORCE DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- 1 WHEREAS, The General Council has determined that a married person with a living former
2 spouse may receive ministerial credentials with The General Council of the
3 Assemblies of God provided that his or her divorce occurred prior to his or her
4 conversion; or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse’s marital unfaithfulness;
5 or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Many individuals with a call to ministry have endured domestic violence and have
7 been advised by Assemblies of God pastors to abandon such a marriage; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Many individuals with a call to ministry have witnessed domestic violence to their
9 children by a spouse and have been advised by Assemblies of God pastors to
10 abandon the abusive marriage for the safety of their children; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Human views regarding domestic violence and spousal abuse vary greatly from
12 culture to culture ranging from rejection to actual acceptance; and
- 13 WHEREAS, God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16) but also hates violence perpetrated on others
14 (Psalm 11:5, Proverbs 6:16–17); and
- 15 WHEREAS, Marriage is a relationship of mutually sacrificial love as referenced in Ephesians 5
16 (“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church”). Therefore, a pattern
17 of domestic violence undermines the scriptural expectations of sacrificial love; and
- 18 WHEREAS, In the New Testament, God’s Word instructs fellow believers to relate to one
19 another in humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love
20 (Ephesians 4:1–3). It exhorts believers to put away bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor,
21 slander and malice, to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
22 as God in Christ has forgiven them (Ephesians 4:31–32). These commands provide
23 an implicit foundation for marriage and reveal an antithesis to domestic violence
24 and abuse; and
- 25 WHEREAS, God’s heart is toward those who are oppressed and against the oppressor (Psalm
26 146:5–9; Isaiah 1:16–17); and

1 WHEREAS, Many spouses who leave a violent spouse (with or without children) are running
2 for their lives from someone who has literally become an oppressor and enemy.
3 David and others in Scripture fled for their lives and prayed for God to deliver them
4 from the hands of their enemies. That is justified when one’s life or children’s lives
5 are endangered; and

6 WHEREAS, This confluence of verses and overarching biblical themes validate this exception
7 for approving a divorce with The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

8 WHEREAS, A confluence of several verses and overarching biblical themes validate the
9 exception of ecclesiastical annulment which the church has instituted by approving
10 the divorce of those who have been deceived or defrauded by their spouse; and

11 WHEREAS, The use of the ecclesiastical annulment has not lessened the need for the applicant
12 to have a divine call, solid integrity, sound doctrine, and fullness of the Spirit;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic
15 Qualifications, paragraph j. Marriage status, pages 156–157, which reads:

16 **j. Marriage status.** We disapprove of any married persons holding
17 ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God if either marriage partner
18 has a former spouse living, unless the divorce occurred prior to his or her
19 conversion or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse’s marital
20 unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9), or the abandonment of the believer by the
21 unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10–15), except as hereinafter provided.

22 Be amended to read:

23 **j. Marriage status.** We disapprove of any married persons holding
24 ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God if either marriage partner
25 has a former spouse living, unless the divorce occurred prior to his or her
26 conversion or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse’s marital
27 unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9), or the abandonment of the believer by the
28 unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10–15), or in the case of domestic violence by a
29 spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5–9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16–
30 17; Ephesians 4:1–3, 31–32; Ephesians 5), except as hereinafter provided.

31 And, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
2 DISAPPROVED, Section 5. Divorce and Remarriage, paragraph c. Local church
3 leadership, subparagraph (1) Standard for offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon,
4 page 169, which reads:

5 **c. Local church leadership**

6 *(1) Standard for offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon. Since the New*
7 *Testament restricts divorced and remarried believers from the church*
8 *offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon, we recommend that this standard be*
9 *upheld by all our assemblies (Titus 1:5–9; 1 Timothy 3:12), except when*
10 *the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17) or for the*
11 *scriptural causes of a former spouse’s marital unfaithfulness (Matthew*
12 *19:9), or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians*
13 *7:10–15).*

14 Be amended to read:

15 **c. Local church leadership**

16 *(1) Standard for offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon. Since the New*
17 *Testament restricts divorced and remarried believers from the church*
18 *offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon, we recommend that this standard be*
19 *upheld by all our assemblies (Titus 1:5–9; 1 Timothy 3:12), except when*
20 *the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17) or for the*
21 *scriptural causes of a former spouse’s marital unfaithfulness (Matthew*
22 *19:9) or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians*
23 *7:10–15) or in the case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child*
24 *(Psalms 11:5; 146:5–9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16–17; Ephesians 4:1–3,*
25 *31–32; Ephesians 5).*

26 And, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
28 DISAPPROVED, Section 5. Divorce and Remarriage, paragraph e. Ministerial
29 credentials, pages 169–170, which reads:

1 **e. Ministerial credentials.** We disapprove of any married minister of the
2 Assemblies of God holding credentials if either minister or spouse has a former
3 spouse living unless the divorce occurred prior to conversion or for the
4 scriptural causes of a former spouse’s marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9),
5 or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10–15).
6 (See also Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, paragraphs j and k.)

7 Be amended to read:

8 **e. Ministerial credentials.** We disapprove of any married minister of the
9 Assemblies of God holding credentials if either minister or spouse has a former
10 spouse living unless the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians
11 5:17) or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse’s marital unfaithfulness
12 (Matthew 19:9) or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1
13 Corinthians 7:10–15) or in the case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse
14 or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5–9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16–17; Ephesians 4:1–
15 3, 31–32; Ephesians 5). (See also Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, paragraphs j
16 and k.)

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

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Resolution 16

**ROLE OF THE ASSISTANT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT
REDEFINED AS NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

1 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery adopted the recommendations of the Structural Working
2 Group during its August 5 & 7, 2017 meeting, which includes Item #4
3 recommending that, prior to a change in leadership for the position of assistant
4 general superintendent, there be a thorough review of said position by a committee
5 appointed by the general superintendent, to be comprised from the General
6 Presbytery; and

7 WHEREAS, The office of the assistant general superintendent is scheduled for election during
8 the 2019 General Council; and

9 WHEREAS, L. Alton Garrison, our sitting assistant general superintendent has made known his
10 intention to not seek re-election at the completion of his present term; and

11 WHEREAS, The creation of this impending vacancy for the seat of assistant general
12 superintendent is the scenario that activates the recommendation of the General
13 Presbytery; and

14 WHEREAS, The Executive Leadership Team and the entire Fellowship would be well-served
15 by a nonresident executive officer; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
17 PRESBYTERS, Section 1. Officers, page 135, which reads:

18 **Section 1. Officers**

19 The officers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall be elected
20 at its regular meetings in the manner provided in these Bylaws. They shall be
21 ordained ministers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God and shall
22 be persons of mature experience and ability, whose life and ministry are above
23 question, and such qualities alone shall determine their eligibility.

24 Be amended to read:

25 **Section 1. Officers**

26 The officers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall be
27 elected at its regular meetings in the manner provided in these Bylaws. They
28 shall be ordained ministers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God

1 and shall be persons of mature experience and ability, whose life and ministry
2 are above question, and such qualities alone shall determine their eligibility.

3 The office of assistant general superintendent shall be a nonresident
4 position. The remaining officers of general superintendent, general secretary,
5 general treasurer, executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions, and
6 executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, shall be resident
7 positions.

8 And, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
10 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph a, page 135,
11 which reads:

12 **Section 2. Nominations and Elections**

13 **a. General superintendent and assistant general superintendent.** All
14 candidates for the offices of general superintendent and assistant general
15 superintendent shall be nominated by receiving 15 votes or more by secret
16 ballot. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an
17 election. In the event two-thirds of the votes cast are received by a qualified
18 candidate on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. If no election
19 has been declared after the second elective ballot, the 15 candidates having the
20 highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further
21 voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated. If no election has been
22 declared after the third elective ballot, the three candidates having the highest
23 number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted
24 upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

25 Be amended to read:

26 **Section 2. Nominations and Elections**

27 **a. General superintendent ~~and assistant general superintendent.~~** All
28 candidates for the offices of general superintendent ~~and assistant general~~
29 ~~superintendent~~ shall be nominated by receiving 15 votes or more by secret
30 ballot. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an
31 election. In the event two-thirds of the votes cast are received by a qualified
32 candidate on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. If no election
33 has been declared after the second elective ballot, the 15 candidates having the

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

6 And, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
8 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph b, pages 135-
9 136, which reads:

10 **Section 2. Nominations and Elections**

11 **b. Other officers.** The general secretary, general treasurer, executive
12 director of Assemblies of God World Missions, and executive director of
13 Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be elected in the following manner: The
14 General Presbytery, serving as a nominating committee, shall be entrusted with
15 the responsibility of making careful investigation concerning the qualifications
16 and general fitness of available candidates for these offices and shall select by
17 secret ballot one or more names to be presented for each office to the General
18 Council in session for election. The General Presbytery shall submit as
19 nominees to the General Council all qualified candidates who have received at
20 least 10 percent of the votes cast by the General Presbytery. The candidates
21 shall be presented to and voted upon by secret ballot by the General Council in
22 session. In the event that only one candidate receives at least 10 percent of the
23 votes cast in the General Presbytery nomination, the vote distinction by the
24 General Council shall be by selecting “yes” or “no.” There shall be no further
25 nominations from the General Council floor. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast
26 shall be required to elect. If no election has been declared after the third elective
27 ballot, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot
28 cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be
29 eliminated.

30 Be amended to read:

1 **Section 2. Nominations and Elections**

2 **b. Other officers.** The assistant general superintendent, general secretary,
3 general treasurer, executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions, and
4 executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be elected in the
5 following manner: The General Presbytery, serving as a nominating committee,
6 shall be entrusted with the responsibility of making careful investigation
7 concerning the qualifications and general fitness of available candidates for
8 these offices and shall select by secret ballot one or more names to be presented
9 for each office to the General Council in session for election. The General
10 Presbytery shall submit as nominees to the General Council all qualified
11 candidates who have received at least 10 percent of the votes cast by the General
12 Presbytery. The candidates shall be presented to and voted upon by secret ballot
13 by the General Council in session. In the event that only one candidate receives
14 at least 10 percent of the votes cast in the General Presbytery nomination, the
15 vote distinction by the General Council shall be by selecting “yes” or “no.”
16 There shall be no further nominations from the General Council floor. A two-
17 thirds vote of all votes cast shall be required to elect. If no election has been
18 declared after the third elective ballot, the three candidates having the highest
19 number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted
20 upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

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Adopted _____
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Resolution 17

SELECTION OF THE ASSISTANT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

1 WHEREAS, The implementation of Resolution 16 will require time to develop the job
 2 description and role responsibilities of the assistant general superintendent; and
 3 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery needs time to consider the selection of qualified nominees
 4 to submit to the General Council; and
 5 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
 6 PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph a. Executive officers, provides for
 7 the filling of vacancies in the offices of General Council executive officers by the
 8 Executive Presbytery; and
 9 WHEREAS, It would be advantageous to allow the next two years for the development of the
 10 position of assistant general superintendent with nominees to be submitted by the
 11 General Presbytery to the 2021 General Council in session; therefore, be it
 12 RESOLVED That the General Council authorize the Executive Presbytery to fill the vacant office
 13 of assistant general superintendent by appointment until the next General Council
 14 (according to General Council Bylaws Article II, Section 3); and, be it further
 15 RESOLVED That the person selected by the Executive Presbytery to fill the vacancy not be
 16 eligible for nomination to the position of assistant general superintendent in 2021;
 17 and, be it further
 18 RESOLVED That the General Presbytery bring qualified nominees for the office of assistant
 19 general superintendent to the 2021 General Council.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

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**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 18

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—DAN C. BETZER

1 WHEREAS, Dan C. Betzer has served the Assemblies of God for twenty-four years as
 2 nonresident executive presbyter for the Southeast Area; and

3 WHEREAS, He has served the Peninsular Florida District Council as assistant superintendent,
 4 presbyter, and honorary presbyter, while pastoring First Assembly of God in Fort
 5 Myers, Florida, for the past thirty-three years, leading the congregation to more
 6 than ten thousand members and adherents; and

7 WHEREAS, While serving as District World Missions director, he transformed the Peninsular
 8 Florida District into the number one missions-giving district in the Fellowship; and

9 WHEREAS, Dan C. Betzer was the speaker for *Revivaltime*, the syndicated international radio
 10 voice of the Assemblies of God for nearly seventeen years; and

11 WHEREAS, He has served the larger body of Christ as a board member of the National Religious
 12 Broadcasters association, authored twenty-one published books, produced
 13 seventeen albums as a solo vocalist, and continues to write and host daily and
 14 weekly radio and television programs impacting all of southwest Florida and the
 15 nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Article IX, section 3, paragraph j, pages 128–129, of the General Council
 17 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen
 18 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;
 19 and

20 WHEREAS, Dan C. Betzer meets all the General Council Bylaws qualifications for recognition
 21 as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That Dan C. Betzer be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary
 23 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Peninsular Florida District Council
General Presbytery

Presented _____
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Resolution 19

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—L. ALTON GARRISON

1 WHEREAS, L. Alton Garrison has been an incredible blessing to the Arkansas District and to
2 the churches and ministers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and
3 WHEREAS, His ministry has not only impacted this nation, but impacted the worldwide
4 Fellowship of the Assemblies of God; and
5 WHEREAS, The Acts 2 Journey, led by L. Alton Garrison, has been a tremendous blessing to
6 many churches across this Fellowship; and
7 WHEREAS, He served the Arkansas District Council and the General Council with integrity,
8 loyalty, hard work, and diligence; and
9 WHEREAS, L. Alton Garrison served as the Arkansas District’s pastoral representative for the
10 General Presbytery for two years, and as a general presbyter as Arkansas District
11 assistant superintendent for four years, and also served four years as Arkansas
12 District superintendent; and
13 WHEREAS, He served the General Council as executive director of Assemblies of God U.S.
14 Missions for two years; and
15 WHEREAS, He served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as assistant general
16 superintendent for twelve years; and
17 WHEREAS, Article IX, section 3, paragraph j, pages 128–129, 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, L. Alton Garrison meets all the General Council Bylaws qualifications for
22 recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
23 RESOLVED, That L. Alton Garrison be elected by this General Council to the position of
24 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Arkansas District Council Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

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Resolution 20

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—NAM SOO KIM

1 WHEREAS, Nam Soo Kim has served the Assemblies of God with great distinction as a minister
2 of the Gospel for forty-eight years; and

3 WHEREAS, He served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as an executive presbyter
4 for twenty years and served on various committees of the General Council; and

5 WHEREAS, He served as district superintendent of the Korean District of the Assemblies of
6 God for eight years; and

7 WHEREAS, He served on the Boards of Central Bible College and Valley Forge Christian
8 College; and

9 WHEREAS, He continues to serve on the Executive Council of the World Assemblies of God
10 Fellowship from 2008 to present and serves as the international facilitator of 4/14
11 Window Movement for children around the world; and

12 WHEREAS, He served as senior pastor of Full Gospel New York Church (Promise Church) in
13 New York City for forty years; and

14 WHEREAS, This Fellowship is blessed by his spiritual leadership, practical wisdom,
15 distinctiveness, and 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 128–129, 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, Nam Soo Kim meets all the General Council Bylaws qualifications for recognition
23 as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That Nam Soo Kim be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary
25 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Korean District Council
General Presbytery

Presented _____
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Resolution 21

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—KENNETH W. OWEN SR.

1 WHEREAS, Kenneth W. Owen, Sr. has served with distinction the South Carolina District
2 Council of the Assemblies of God as a pastor, presbyter, executive presbyter, and
3 general presbyter; and

4 WHEREAS, He served as assistant superintendent of the South Carolina District Council of the
5 Assemblies of God for twenty-eight years; and

6 WHEREAS, He served as a general presbyter of the General Council for twenty-eight years; and

7 WHEREAS, He made significant contributions not only to the South Carolina District Council,
8 but also to The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

9 WHEREAS, This Fellowship is blessed by his commitment to spiritual formation in others,
10 righteousness and justice, world missions, church planting efforts, and faithfulness
11 to the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom of God revealed in the Messiah
12 Jesus; and

13 WHEREAS, Article IX, section 3, paragraph j, pages 128–129, of the General Council
14 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen
15 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Kenneth W. Owen Sr. meets all the General Council Bylaws qualifications for
18 recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That Kenneth W. Owen Sr. be elected by this General Council to the position of
20 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: South Carolina District Council
General Presbytery

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OTHER RESOLUTION

Resolution 22

COURTESY RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The 58th 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, That we express our gratitude for the many events this week to celebrate our wins
12 and focus on our future, for the emphasis on equipping at the Influence Conference,
13 the spirit of grace and unity during the business sessions, and for the opportunity to
14 renew acquaintances and relationships with people from across our sixty-seven
15 districts/networks afforded by this week; and, be it further
16 RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God for the gifted and visionary leadership He has raised up
17 among us in the person of our General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay, who
18 brought us a clarion call for continued focus on spiritual renewal and outreach, for
19 the Executive Leadership Team, and for the Executive Presbytery; and, be it further
20 RESOLVED, That the ministers and churches of this Fellowship, unified by our love for our Lord
21 and one another, make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond
22 of peace (Ephesians 4:3); and, be it further
23 RESOLVED, On this historic occasion of our 58th General Council of the Assemblies of God
24 that we rededicate Our Church, Our Family “to do the greatest work of evangelism
25 the world has ever seen.”

Sponsor: Resolutions Committee

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**ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION
ON EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY
NOMINEE**

NOMINEES FOR ORDAINED FEMALE MINISTER

PENINSULAR FLORIDA DISTRICT/NETWORK



A. Elizabeth (Beth) Grant
Springfield, MO

Ordained: May 8, 1990
Lead Pastoral Ministry:

Other Ministry:

AGWM missionary, Eurasia, 1977-present
Founder/Co-director, Project Rescue, 1997-present
Chairperson, National Task Force for Women in Ministry, 1998-2010
Associate professor, AGTS, Intercultural Studies, 2009-19
Guest speaker/teacher, U.S. and overseas, 1977-present
Executive presbyter, 2009-present
Executive director, Project Rescue, 2018-19

TEXAS GULF HISPANIC DISTRICT/NETWORK



Maricela H. Hernandez
Penitas, TX

Ordained: June 22, 2000
Lead Pastoral Ministry:
Templo Paraiso, Sullivan, TX, 1995-2004

Other Ministry:

District director, Women's Ministries, 2004-08
Bible school director, District School of Ministry, 2008-present
District secretary/treasurer, 2012-present
Fraternidad Hispana Mundial Asambleas de Dios, World Women Min. Hisp. rep, 2016-present
Hispanic representative, Network of Women Ministers, 2017-present
Board of Regents, Southwestern AG University, Waxahachie, TX, 2017-present
Church Multiplication Network Hispanic Task Force, 2018-present
Board of Advisors, AG Trust, 2018-present

ARIZONA DISTRICT/NETWORK



Crystal M. Martin
Springfield, MO

Ordained: April 16, 2013
Lead Pastoral Ministry:

Other Ministry:

U.S. missionary, Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, 1995-present
Executive Ministry Team, Chi Alpha, 2012-present
Director, International Student Ministries, Chi Alpha, 2012-17
Director, Cross-Cultural Missions, Chi Alpha, 2017-present
National director, Network of Women Ministers, 2017-present
Associate pastor, Central Assembly of God, Springfield, MO, 2018-present

KANSAS DISTRICT/NETWORK



Karen J. Yancey
Wichita, KS

Ordained: April 22, 2015
Lead Pastoral Ministry:

Other Ministry:

Youth pastor, Assembly of God, Monett, MO, 1983-87
Board of directors, Highlands CPC, 2000-05
District director, Women's Ministries, 1999-2008
District development director, 2008-present
District female general presbyter, 2018

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