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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS (Page 132)

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 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 30 days prior to said session. Amendments to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting.

Resolution 1

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTERS

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Constitution and Bylaws make provision for honorary general
2 presbyters; and

3 WHEREAS, There is no present provision for an executive presbyter who has served less than
4 20 years to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter; and

5 WHEREAS, The insight and counsel of an executive presbyter can be of substantial benefit to
6 the General Presbytery; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND
8 PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 3. General Presbytery,
9 paragraph j, pages 128–129, which reads:

J. Honorary general presbyters. Upon the approval of the General
11 Presbytery, honorary members may be chosen by the General Council from
12 among those ministers who (1) have reached the age of 60 years and (2) have
13 served on the General Presbytery for 20 years or more, or served on the General
14 Presbytery as a General Council executive officer for 8 years or more. The
15 addition of such honorary members shall be in addition to the regular number
16 of presbyters granted each district. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph
17 d, (9)]

18 Be amended to read:

J. Honorary general presbyters. Upon the approval of the General
20 Presbytery, honorary members may be chosen by the General Council from
21 among those ministers who (1) have reached the age of 60 years and (2) have
22 served on the General Presbytery for 20 years or more, or served on the General
23 Presbytery as a General Council executive officer or executive presbyter for 8
24 years or more. The addition of such honorary members shall be in addition to
25 the regular number of presbyters granted each district. [See Bylaws, Article II,
26 Section 2, paragraph d, (9)]

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery

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Resolution 2

DISTRICT COUNCIL AFFILIATED ASSEMBLIES

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Constitution makes provision for District Council Affiliated
2 Assemblies (General Council Constitution ARTICLE XI, Section 2. District
3 Council Affiliated Assemblies, page 131); and

4 WHEREAS, The same provision mandates that these assemblies shall be under the supervision
5 of the district council; and

6 WHEREAS, The term “supervision” is so broad in scope and interpretation, and the phrase “shall
7 be under the supervision of the district council” so compulsory that it becomes a
8 legal imposition and practical impossibility to the district; and

9 WHEREAS, There are a host of methods and structures currently being used by districts to care
10 for, serve, invest in, and advance district council affiliated assemblies, thereby
11 fulfilling one of its key roles; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE XI. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES, Section
13 2. District Council Affiliated Assemblies, page 131; which reads:

Section 2. District Council Affiliated Assemblies

15 Provision shall be made by the district councils for district council affiliated
16 assemblies which shall be under the supervision of the district council, in
17 accordance with the provisions of the district council constitution and bylaws.
18 These assemblies shall be encouraged to proceed to the status of sovereign
19 General Council affiliated assemblies.

20 Be amended to read:

Section 2. District Council Affiliated Assemblies

22 Provision shall be made by the district councils for district council affiliated
23 assemblies ~~which shall be under the supervision of the district council~~, in
24 accordance with the provisions of the district council constitution and bylaws.
25 These assemblies shall be encouraged to proceed to the status of sovereign
26 General Council affiliated assemblies.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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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.

Resolution 3

ORGANIZATIONAL ASSISTANCE LANGUAGE

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Constitution makes provision for district council affiliated
2 assemblies (General Council Constitution ARTICLE XI, Section 2. District
3 Council Affiliated Assemblies, page 131); and

4 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws makes provision for a district council, upon invitation
5 by a General Council affiliated assembly, to “bring the church under district
6 supervision and, when necessary, revert it from General Council status to district
7 affiliated status” (General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VI, Section 4, paragraph c.
8 Organizational assistance, page 153); and

9 WHEREAS, The meaning of “being supervised” without being district affiliated is unclear;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VI. ASSEMBLIES, Section 4.
12 Relationships Between Churches, District Councils, and the General Council,
13 paragraph c. Organizational assistance, page 153, which reads:

14 **c. Organizational assistance.** The services of both the General Council
15 and district council are available to assist the General Council affiliated church
16 in dealing with any of its problems, either internal or external, when requested
17 by the pastor or a majority of the official board of the church or a petition signed
18 by 30 percent of the voting members, with the petitioning process and delivery
19 to the district council taking no more than 30 days in total to complete. When
20 district officers receive such requests, it is recommended they first verify that
21 scriptural principles of reconciliation, such as those found in Matthew 18:15–17
22 and 1 Timothy 5:19, have been reasonably attempted by the requesting party in
23 situations involving interpersonal conflict. District officers shall respond by
24 investigating problems and, if necessary, recommending remedial actions to the
25 responsible district governing entity, (e.g., district presbytery or district
26 executive presbytery). At its discretion, that governing entity may act to bring
27 the church under district supervision and, when necessary, revert it from General
28 Council status to district affiliated status until the governing entity considers the
29 problem resolved.

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1 Be amended to read:

2 c. **Organizational assistance.** The services of both the General Council
3 and district council are available to assist the General Council affiliated church
4 in dealing with any of its problems, either internal or external, when requested
5 by the pastor or a majority of the official board of the church or a petition signed
6 by 30 percent of the voting members, with the petitioning process and delivery
7 to the district council taking no more than 30 days in total to complete. When
8 district officers receive such requests, it is recommended they first verify that
9 scriptural principles of reconciliation, such as those found in Matthew 18:15–17
10 and 1 Timothy 5:19, have been reasonably attempted by the requesting party in
11 situations involving interpersonal conflict. District officers shall respond by
12 investigating problems and, if necessary, recommending remedial actions to the
13 responsible district governing entity, (e.g., district presbytery or district
14 executive presbytery). At its discretion, that governing entity may act to provide
15 organizational assistance to ~~bring~~ the church ~~under district supervision~~ and,
16 when necessary, revert it from General Council status to district affiliated status
17 until the governing entity considers the problem resolved.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Resolution 4

THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws articulates the role of the district (General Council
2 Bylaws ARTICLE V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 2. The Role of the District,
3 pages 148–149); and

4 WHEREAS, This specific section states that the district oversees district affiliated churches in
5 accordance with their own bylaws; and

6 WHEREAS, The term “oversees” is so broad in scope and interpretation and the phrase “the
7 district oversees district council affiliated assemblies” so compulsory that it
8 becomes a legal imposition; and

9 WHEREAS, The districts, in compliance to their own bylaws, determine how to best care for,
10 serve, invest in, and advance district council affiliated assemblies, thereby fulfilling
11 one of their key roles; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 2.
13 The Role of the District, pages 148–149; which reads:

14 **Section 2. The Role of the District**

15
16 The district is primarily relationship based. The district should facilitate a
17 network for resources and relationships and provide training for credentialed
18 ministers and local churches. The district provides ministry events to the local
19 church, such as camps, conferences, and retreats; and relates to the General
20 Council affiliated churches in accordance with provisions of the Constitutional
21 Declaration, Constitution Article XI, Bylaws Article VI, and the constitution
22 and bylaws of the respective district council. The district oversees district
23 affiliated churches in accordance with its own bylaws, and processes and
24 recommends ministerial credentialing and disciplines for its constituents.

25 Be amended to read:

26 **Section 2. The Role of the District**

27
28 The district is primarily relationship based. The district should facilitate a
29 network for resources and relationships and provide training for credentialed
30 ministers and local churches. The district provides ministry events to the local
31 church, such as camps, conferences, and retreats; and relates to the General

1 Council affiliated churches in accordance with provisions of the Constitutional
2 Declaration, Constitution Article XI, Bylaws Article VI, and the constitution
3 and bylaws of the respective district council. The district relates to ~~oversees~~
4 district affiliated churches in accordance with its own bylaws, and processes
5 and recommends ministerial credentialing and disciplines for its constituents.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Resolution 5

COMMITTEE FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE AND DISCIPLESHIP

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws makes provision for a Spiritual Life Committee
2 (ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES, Section 5. Spiritual Life Committee, page 147);
3 and

4 WHEREAS, General Superintendent Doug Clay has made a priority of spiritual life with
5 initiatives to enhance Bible engagement, spiritual life, and discipleship among our
6 Fellowship; and

7 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery has supported these initiatives and affirms
8 Superintendent Clay’s pursuit of a vibrant Pentecostal spirituality combined with
9 practical ways to increase biblical and theological knowledge, understanding, and
10 practice among our Fellowship as standard operating procedure; and

11 WHEREAS, The above noted bylaw regarding a Spiritual Life Committee appointed by the
12 general superintendent seems to be out of alignment with our current realities and
13 practice, has no clearly stated purpose, and is fraught with ambiguous language;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES, Section 5. Spiritual
16 Life Committee, page 147, which reads:

17 A Spiritual Life Committee shall be appointed by the general superintendent
18 in consultation with the Executive Presbytery, selected from a cross section of
19 the Fellowship. The committee shall function for a 2-year period and report to
20 the biennial meeting of the General Council and to the Executive Presbytery as
21 feasible.

22 Be amended to read:

23 A Spiritual Life and Discipleship Committee ~~shall~~ may be appointed at the
24 discretion of ~~by~~ the general superintendent in consultation with the Executive
25 Presbytery. Said committee members shall be selected from a cross section of
26 the Fellowship. The committee shall function with duties as assigned by the
27 general superintendent for a 2-year period and report at his or her direction to
28 ~~the biennial meeting of the General Council and to the Executive Presbytery as~~
29 ~~feasible.~~

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery

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Adopted _____
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Resolution 6

SALARY DUTIES OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTERY

1 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery authorized a National Leadership and Resource Center
2 Structural Working Group to undertake an extensive review of national office
3 structures and systems and made accompanying recommendations; and

4 WHEREAS, The recommendations of the National Leadership and Resource Center Structural
5 Working Group were adopted by the 2017 General Presbytery in session; and

6 WHEREAS, The recommendations of the National Leadership and Resource Center Structural
7 Working Group require that the salaries of the Executive Leadership Team be
8 evaluated every four years; and

9 WHEREAS, The recommendations of the National Leadership and Resource Center Structural
10 Working Group require that the annual cost of living adjustment be extended to the
11 Executive Leadership Team only after it has been extended to the national office
12 employees; and

13 WHEREAS, The recommendations of the National Leadership and Resource Center Structural
14 Working Group require that the announced compensation adjustments only reflect
15 the percentage and not the actual amounts; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,
17 PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 9. Duties of the
18 General Presbytery, paragraph d, page 145, which reads:

Section 9. Duties of the General Presbytery

19 The General Presbytery is authorized to perform the following functions
20 and duties:
21

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

1 Executive Presbytery. This review by the outside accounting firm shall be done
2 at a minimum of every four years.

3 Be amended to read:

4 **Section 9. Duties of the General Presbytery**

5 The General Presbytery is authorized to perform the following functions
6 and duties:

7 d. Determine the salaries ~~and allowances~~ of all elected officers of the
8 General Council. A committee of not less than seven general presbyters ~~which~~
9 shall be comprised as follows: one executive presbyter acting as a liaison to the
10 committee, three district superintendents—two from geographic areas and one
11 from a language/ethnic area—and four general presbyters who are lead pastors.
12 They shall be appointed every four years, coinciding with the full-term election
13 year of the general superintendent, as necessary by the Executive Presbytery ~~for~~
14 ~~the purpose of making a to~~ review ~~of~~ such salaries ~~and allowances~~. The
15 committee shall report its recommendations to the General Presbytery for final
16 action. An outside ~~accounting~~ firm will ~~may~~ be consulted ~~engaged annually at~~
17 ~~the discretion of the Executive Presbytery~~. In years when there is not a general
18 superintendent election, the elected officers will receive the same percentage
19 annual wage adjustment (AWA) as all other national office employees ~~This~~
20 ~~review by the outside accounting firm shall be done at a minimum of every four~~
21 ~~years.~~

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Adopted _____
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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, The present General Council Bylaws requirement restricts the manner in which a
17 district might desire to engage their constituency in the district meetings; therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 4.
20 Voting Constituency, page 149, which reads:

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

25 Be amended to read:

26 The voting constituency shall consist of all ordained and licensed ministers, and
27 accredited delegates from affiliated churches, and such other persons as may be
28 prescribed by the district constitution and bylaws, who are ~~present and~~
29 registered for ~~at~~ district meetings and meet the district’s requirements for
30 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

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HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 8

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—J. KENNETH BURTRAM

1 WHEREAS, J. Kenneth Burtram has served as a general presbyter of The General Council of
 2 the Assemblies of God for twenty-two years; and
 3 WHEREAS, He has served as superintendent of the Potomac Ministry Network for six years;
 4 and
 5 WHEREAS, He has served as secretary-treasurer of the Potomac Ministry Network for sixteen
 6 years; and
 7 WHEREAS, ARTICLE IX, section 3, paragraph j, pages 128–129, of the General Council
 8 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen
 9 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;
 10 and
 11 WHEREAS, J. Kenneth Burtram meets all the General Council Bylaws qualifications for
 12 recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
 13 RESOLVED, That J. Kenneth Burtram be elected by this General Council to the position of
 14 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Potomac Ministry Network
General Presbytery

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Resolution 9

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—JAMES T. BRADFORD

1 WHEREAS, James T. Bradford, Ph.D., has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assemblies of
2 God with great distinction as a minister of the gospel for thirty-nine years, having
3 been licensed to preach on May 1, 1979, and ordained on April 14, 1982; and
4 WHEREAS, James T. Bradford has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as
5 general secretary with exceptional Christian excellence since his appointment to
6 that office in February 2009; and
7 WHEREAS, He has submitted his resignation as general secretary of The General Council of the
8 Assemblies of God in order to pursue full-time pastoral ministry; and
9 WHEREAS, He has served for nearly four decades in pastoral ministry, having fulfilled
10 assignments as Chi Alpha Campus pastor at the University of Minnesota; pioneer
11 pastor of Sojourn Campus Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota; pastor at Newport-
12 Mesa Christian Center in Costa Mesa, California; pastor at Broadway Church in
13 Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; and pastor at Central Assembly of God in
14 Springfield, Missouri; and
15 WHEREAS, He has served on executive boards including those of Vanguard University, the
16 Southern California District Executive Presbytery, Evangel University, the General
17 Council Executive Presbytery, and the General Presbytery of The General Council
18 of the Assemblies of God; and
19 WHEREAS, He continues now to serve the body of Christ in pastoral ministry as pastor at
20 Central Assembly of God in Springfield, Missouri; and
21 WHEREAS, He has distinguished himself among us as an exemplary servant leader, being richly
22 evidenced by his spirit of genuine love, sincere kindness, and Christlike humility;
23 and
24 WHEREAS, He has further distinguished himself among us as a skilled and anointed overseer,
25 full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, excelling in faith, marked by integrity and
26 diligence, correctly handling the Word of truth, and showing himself to be one who
27 watches his life and doctrine closely; and
28 WHEREAS, The apostle Paul in his New Testament letters urged the Church to give honor to
29 whom honor is due and further declared that the elders who direct the affairs of the
30 church well are worthy of double honor; and

1 WHEREAS, James T. Bradford has proven himself faithful as he has walked and worked among
 2 us; and

3 WHEREAS, As members of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God,
 4 we have enjoyed the privilege of serving alongside James T. Bradford as close
 5 kindred and in dear fellowship; and

6 WHEREAS, The 104th session of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of
 7 God, on April 24, 2018, requests the General Presbytery to approve James T.
 8 Bradford for election as honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the
 9 Assemblies of God by the General Council in session; and

10 WHEREAS, The Southern Missouri District Council expresses its heartfelt appreciation to
 11 James T. Bradford for his loyal and loving service to our Assemblies of God
 12 Fellowship; 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, ARTICLE II, Section 2, paragraph d, (9), page 138, of the General Council Bylaws
 18 further describes the rights and privileges of such honorary general presbyters; and

19 WHEREAS, James T. Bradford meets and exceeds all General Council Constitution and Bylaws
 20 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That James T. Bradford be elected by this General Council to the position of
 22 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Southern Missouri District Council
 General Presbytery

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Resolution 10

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—JONATHAN M. HOLLIS

1 WHEREAS, Jonathan M. Hollis has faithfully served this Fellowship with distinction as a pastor
 2 in western, central, and eastern Kansas for over fifty years; and
 3 WHEREAS, He has most recently served Colonial Heights Assembly of God, Wichita, Kansas,
 4 as pastor for most of those fifty years; and
 5 WHEREAS, He has admirably served the Assemblies of God Kansas Ministry Network as Youth
 6 director (D-CAP) for two years, Men’s director for twenty-five years; and World
 7 Missions director for twenty-four years; and
 8 WHEREAS, He has simultaneously served the Assemblies of God Kansas Ministry Network as
 9 assistant superintendent for thirteen years and executive treasurer for eleven years;
 10 and
 11 WHEREAS, His leadership in the Assemblies of God Kansas Ministry Network has represented
 12 the highest standards of integrity, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; and
 13 WHEREAS, He has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as a general presbyter
 14 for twenty-four years; and
 15 WHEREAS, ARTICLE IX, section 3, paragraph j, pages 128–129, of the General Council
 16 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen
 17 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;
 18 and
 19 WHEREAS, Jonathan M. Hollis meets all the General Council Bylaws qualifications for
 20 recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
 21 RESOLVED, That Jonathan M. Hollis be elected by this General Council to the position of
 22 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Kansas Ministry Network
General Presbytery

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Resolution 11

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—JOHNNY E. JONES

1 WHEREAS, Johnny E. Jones received his first ministerial credential with The General Council
2 of the Assemblies of God in 1968, was then ordained in 1970, and has held
3 ministerial credentials with The General Council of the Assemblies of God in an
4 unbroken and exemplary manner for fifty years; and

5 WHEREAS, He has served as a youth pastor at First Assembly of God in Greenville, South
6 Carolina; as senior pastor of First Assembly of God in Bessemer, Alabama, for nine
7 years; and as senior pastor of First Assembly of God in Montgomery, Alabama, for
8 twenty-four years; and

9 WHEREAS, He has served the Alabama District Council as assistant sectional presbyter for the
10 Birmingham Section, assistant Christian Education director for three years, and
11 Christian Education director for one year; and

12 WHEREAS, The Alabama District has great appreciation for Johnny E. Jones’s wise and
13 visionary leadership, and for his ministry to its local churches and to individual
14 pastors, and for his commitment to U. S. and World Missions, and for his spiritual
15 maturity, personal accessibility, and noble character; and

16 WHEREAS, He has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God for thirty-one years
17 as general presbyter; 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, Johnny E. Jones meets all the General Council Bylaws qualifications for
23 recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, Johnny E. Jones be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary
25 general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Alabama Ministry Network
General Presbytery

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