

# ***ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS***

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# **AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE XXI. AMENDMENTS (Page 81)**

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 11

### COMMISSION ON DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES ORDAINED MEMBERS

1 WHEREAS, Members appointed to the Commission on Doctrines and Practices have  
2 traditionally been ordained with the Assemblies of God even though the  
3 General Council Constitution and Bylaws does not state that as a  
4 requirement; and

5 WHEREAS, It is beneficial for a variety of reasons to clarify and require that members  
6 appointed to the Commission on Doctrines and Practices be credentialed  
7 with the Assemblies of God; and

8 WHEREAS, additional auditors have been appointed from time to time to assist the  
9 Commission on Doctrines and Practices as needed and this continues to  
10 be an option; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
12 DISAPPROVED, A. Commission on Doctrines and Practices, paragraph b.  
13 Appointments and terms of office, page 57, which reads:

14 **b. Appointments and terms of office.** The commission shall be  
15 appointed by the Executive Presbytery and shall consist of ten (10)  
16 members representing, insofar as possible, the area divisions of the  
17 Assemblies of God. Members shall be recognized authorities in  
18 biblical knowledge. Their terms of office shall be for four (4) years.

19 Be amended to read:

20 **b. Appointments and terms of office.** The commission shall be  
21 appointed by the Executive Presbytery and shall consist of ten (10)  
22 members representing, insofar as possible, the area divisions of the  
23 Assemblies of God. Members shall be ordained ministers with the  
24 Assemblies of God and recognized authorities in biblical knowledge.  
25 Their terms of office shall be for four (4) years.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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## Resolution 12

### GENERAL PRESBYTERY DISTRICT AUDITOR

1 WHEREAS, The requirement that a district's auditor to the General Presbytery be a "full-time  
2 executive presbyter or officer" is difficult to follow; and

3 WHEREAS, This requirement is unable to be verified by the national office when the request  
4 is submitted; and

5 WHEREAS, This requirement is unfair to districts whose officers are bi-vocational; and

6 WHEREAS, This requirement seems irrelevant to today's culture in which most leaders are  
7 filling multiple roles, some in the district office and some in other district  
8 ministries; and

9 WHEREAS, Some might narrowly define "full-time" as a 40-hour work week, while many in  
10 ministry serve multiple positions or a combination and variety of roles; and

11 WHEREAS, It is uncommon for any district to have a full-time district executive presbyter;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND  
14 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph d. General  
15 presbyters, subparagraph (8), *Auditors*, (c) page 28, which reads:

16 (c) A district may select no more than one auditor for all duly  
17 called sessions of the General Presbytery. Any auditor selected by  
18 a district shall be one of its full-time executive presbyters or officers.  
19 Expenses for the district auditors shall not be the responsibility of  
20 the General Council.

21 Be amended to read:

22 (c) A district may select no more than one auditor for all duly  
23 called sessions of the General Presbytery. Any auditor selected by  
24 a district shall be one of its ~~full-time~~ executive presbyters or officers.  
25 Expenses for the district auditors shall not be the responsibility of  
the General Council.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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## Resolution 13

### ESCHATOLOGICAL ERROR UNIVERSALISM

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
2 DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
3 DISAPPROVED, Section 3. Eschatological Errors, paragraph a, page 57,  
4 was created in 1925 due to a teaching of universalism based on Acts 3:21  
5 and it is now no longer an issue; and

6 WHEREAS, The title “The restitution of all things” was based on this teaching from Acts  
7 3:21; and

8 WHEREAS, The second sentence, “We are opposed to all forms of universalism  
9 (Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:10)” turned the paragraph into a statement  
10 prohibiting universalism in general; and

11 WHEREAS, The title naming the eschatological error can be confusing; and

12 WHEREAS, Renaming the paragraph “Universalism” clearly states what is in error;  
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
15 DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
16 DISAPPROVED, Section 3. Eschatological Errors, paragraph a, page 57,  
17 which reads:

18 **a. The restitution of all things.** The Assemblies of  
19 God understands the teaching of Acts 3:21 to limit the  
20 restoration to that of which the prophets have spoken, thus  
21 denying the universal redemption theory. We are opposed to  
22 all forms of universalism (Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:10).

23 Be amended to read:

24 **a. Universalism. ~~The restitution of all things.~~** The  
25 Assemblies of God understands the teaching of Acts 3:21 to limit the  
26 restoration to that of which the prophets have spoken, thus denying  
27 the universal redemption theory. We are opposed to all forms of  
28 universalism (Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:10).



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General Presbytery

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## Resolution 14

### ESCHATOLOGICAL ERROR DENIAL OF THE IMMINENT RETURN OF JESUS

WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Section 3. Eschatological Errors, paragraph c., page 58, was written in light of only one eschatological error, namely post-tribulation rapture, which denies the imminent return of Christ; and

WHEREAS, The primary reason for paragraph c was to preserve the teaching of Christ's imminent return to gather the resurrected Church; and

WHEREAS, There are other teachings which also deny Christ's imminent return; and

WHEREAS, Naming as an error any teaching, whether or not it revolves around the Tribulation, which denies Christ's imminent return will strengthen the reason for paragraph c; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Section 3. Eschatological Errors, paragraph c., page 58, which reads:

**c. Post-Tribulation Rapture.** The General Council of the Assemblies of God has declared itself in the Statement of Fundamental Truths that it holds to the belief in the imminent coming of the Lord as the blessed hope of the Church; and since the teaching that the Church must go through the Tribulation tends to bring confusion and division among the saints, it is recommended that all our ministers teach the imminent coming of Christ, warning all to be prepared for that coming, which may occur at any time, and not lull their minds into complacency by any teaching that would cause them to feel that specific Tribulation events must occur before the rapture of the saints.

Be amended to read:

**c. Denial of the Imminent Return of Jesus.** ~~Post-Tribulation Rapture.~~ The General Council of the Assemblies of God has

1 declared itself in the Statement of Fundamental Truths that it holds  
2 to the belief in the imminent coming of the Lord as the blessed hope  
3 of the Church; ~~and since the teaching that the Church must go through~~  
4 ~~the Tribulation tends to bring confusion and division among the~~  
5 ~~saints, it is recommended that.~~ All our credentialed ministers should  
6 teach the imminent coming of Christ, warning all to be prepared for  
7 that coming which may occur at any time, and not lull their minds into  
8 complacency by any teaching that would cause them to feel that  
9 specific Tribulation events must occur before the rapture of the  
10 saints.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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## Resolution 15

### ESCHATOLOGICAL ERROR DENIAL OF BODILY REIGN OF CHRIST

WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Section 3. Eschatological Errors, paragraph d, page 58, was written in response to only one eschatological error, namely amillennialism, which denies the reign of Christ on the earth after His bodily return; and

WHEREAS, The primary reason for paragraph d was to preserve the premillennial teaching of Christ's bodily return and subsequent reign; and

WHEREAS, There are other teachings which also deny the bodily return and subsequent reign of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Naming as an error any teaching which denies Christ's reign on earth following His bodily return will strengthen the reason for paragraph d; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Section 3. Eschatological Errors, paragraph d., page 58, which reads:

**d. Amillennialism.** The General Council of the Assemblies of God disapproves of the amillennial teaching and its attendant erroneous philosophy which denies the fact of a literal one thousand-year reign of Christ on the earth, and substitutes for it the theory that this Christian or Church dispensation is the spiritual Millennium of which, its proponents say, the Bible writers prophesied.

Be amended to read:

**d. Amillennialism Denial of the bodily reign of Christ.** The General Council of the Assemblies of God disapproves of the amillennial any teaching and its attendant erroneous philosophy which denies the fact of a literal one thousand-year reign of Christ on the earth, following His bodily return, and substitutes for it the theory that

1                    this present age is the spiritual millennium. ~~Christian or Church~~  
2                    ~~dispensation is the spiritual Millennium of which, its proponents say,~~  
3                    ~~the Bible writers prophesied.~~

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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## Resolution 16

### ESCHATOLOGICAL ERROR INTENT TO LEAD OTHERS ASTRAY

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
2 DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
3 DISAPPROVED, Section 3. Eschatological Errors, paragraph e, page 58,  
4 recommends that ministers refrain from preaching or teaching any of the  
5 foregoing eschatological errors at the risk of their standing in the Fellowship;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Explaining the errors may be necessary in explaining or defending the truths  
8 which those errors deny; and

9 WHEREAS, Some may take “preaching or teaching” to mean any in-depth discussion of  
10 said eschatological errors regardless of intent; and

11 WHEREAS, Teachers and preachers within the Fellowship should be encouraged to  
12 freely discuss eschatological views in passing on the faith; and

13 WHEREAS, The intent of paragraph e is to prohibit the teaching or preaching of those  
14 errors in order to lead others to believe them; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
16 DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
17 DISAPPROVED, Section 3. Eschatological Errors, paragraph e, page 58,  
18 which reads:

19 **e. Credentials jeopardized if made an issue.** We  
20 recommend that those ministers who embrace any of the foregoing  
21 eschatological errors refrain from preaching or teaching them. Should  
22 they persist in emphasizing these doctrines to the point of making  
23 them an issue, their standing in the Fellowship will be seriously  
24 affected (Luke 21:34–36; 1 Thessalonians 5:9–10; 2 Thessalonians  
25 1:4–10; Revelation 3:10,19–20).

26 Be amended to read:

27 **e. Credentials jeopardized if made an issue. Intent to lead**  
28 **others astray.** ~~We recommend that those~~ A credentialed ministers  
29 minister who ~~embrace~~ embraces any of the foregoing eschatological

1                    ~~errors~~ these teachings must refrain from ~~preaching or teaching them~~  
2                    intentionally leading other people to adopt the positions. Should they  
3                    persist in emphasizing these doctrines to the point of making them an  
4                    issue, their standing in the Fellowship will be seriously affected. (Luke  
5                    21:34–36; 1 Thessalonians 5:9–10; 2 Thessalonians 1:4–10;  
6                    Revelation 3:10,19–20).

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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## Resolution 17

### ALIGNING DIVORCE PROVISIONS THROUGHOUT THE BYLAWS

1 WHEREAS, For ministerial credentialing purposes, The General Council will recognize  
2 a divorce when the former spouse is still living in one of the following  
3 circumstances as supported by Scripture: (1) the divorce occurred prior to  
4 the applicant's conversion; (2) the former spouse's infidelity; (3)  
5 abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever; (4) domestic violence by a  
6 spouse to the applicant or child; or (5) ecclesiastical annulment; and

7 WHEREAS, Portions of The General Council Bylaws have not been updated to align  
8 with the above named positions; and

9 WHEREAS, This incongruity seems to hold parishioners and church board members to  
10 a different standard than credentialed ministers with regard to remarriage;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The provision for recognition of a divorce for a credential applicant or  
13 spouse is supported by Scripture and should also apply to congregants and  
14 lay people; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
16 DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
17 DISAPPROVED, Section 5. Divorce and Remarriage, paragraph b.  
18 Remarriage, page 59, which reads:

19 **b. Remarriage.** Low standards on marriage and divorce are very  
20 hurtful to individuals, to the family, and to the cause of Christ. Therefore,  
21 we discourage divorce by all lawful means and teaching. We positively  
22 disapprove of Christians getting divorces for any cause except  
23 fornication and adultery (Matthew 19:9). Where these exceptional  
24 circumstances exist or when a Christian has been divorced by an  
25 unbeliever, we recommend that the question of remarriage be resolved  
26 by the believer in the light of God's Word (1 Corinthians 7:15, 27–28).

27 Be amended to read:

28 **b. Remarriage.** Low standards on marriage and divorce are very  
29 hurtful to individuals, to the family, and to the cause of Christ. Therefore,  
30 we discourage divorce by all lawful means and teaching. We positively



1 disapprove of Christians getting divorces for any cause except  
2 fornication and adultery (Matthew 19:9), or the abandonment of the  
3 believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10–15), or in the case of  
4 domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Matthew 18:6;  
5 Ephesians 5:28-33; Colossians 3:19), or an annulment (Proverbs 12:22;  
6 Matthew 19:6; 1 Corinthians 7:5). Where these exceptional  
7 circumstances exist ~~or when a Christian has been divorced by an~~  
8 ~~unbeliever~~, we recommend that the question of remarriage be resolved  
9 by the believer in the light of God's Word (Matthew 19:3-12; 1  
10 Corinthians 7:10-28 15, 27–28).

11 And, be it therefore further

12 RESOLVED, That The General Council Bylaws Article IX. DOCTRINES AND  
13 PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES  
14 DISAPPROVED, Section 5 Divorce and Remarriage, paragraph e.  
15 Ministerial credentials, page 60 which reads:

16 **e. Ministerial credentials.** We disapprove of any married minister  
17 of the Assemblies of God holding credentials if either minister or  
18 spouse has a former spouse living unless the divorce occurred prior  
19 to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17) or for the scriptural causes of a former  
20 spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9) or the abandonment of  
21 the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10–15) or in the case of  
22 domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5–  
23 9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16–17; Ephesians 4:1–3, 31–32; Ephesians 5).  
24 (See also Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, paragraphs j and k.)

25 Be amended to read:

26 **e. Ministerial credentials.** We disapprove of any married minister  
27 of the Assemblies of God holding credentials if either minister or spouse  
28 has a former spouse living unless the divorce occurred prior to  
29 conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17), or for the scriptural causes of a former  
30 spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9) or the abandonment of the  
31 believer by the unbeliever, (1 Corinthians 7:10–15) or in the case of  
32 domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5–

1 9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16–17; Ephesians 4:1–3, 31–32; Ephesians 5),  
2 or an ecclesiastical annulment (Proverbs 12:22; Matthew 19:6; 1  
3 Corinthians 7:5). (See also Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, paragraphs j and  
4 k.)

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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## Resolution 18

### SUBSEQUENT DISMISSAL CLARIFIED

1 WHEREAS, The provision for a subsequent dismissal is provided for and sought when a  
2 minister's previous credential status was either resigned, lapsed, or not  
3 renewed; and

4 WHEREAS, The wording in The General Council Bylaws does not specifically name the  
5 "not renewed" status to be included although it is implied; and

6 WHEREAS, Legal counsel for The General Council has advised that it would be prudent  
7 to revise the wording to match the intention and practice of the provision to  
8 specifically include the "not renewed" option; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 9.  
10 Referral for Action to the General Council Credentials Committee,  
11 paragraph a. District recommendation, subparagraph (3), page 69 which  
12 reads:

13 (3) *Subsequent dismissal.* Should evidence come to light following a  
14 minister's resignation, or the lapse of his or her credentials, of conduct  
15 occurring prior to his or her resignation or lapse of credentials that would  
16 constitute grounds for disciplinary action under Article X, Section 3, of  
17 these Bylaws, the district at its discretion may request the General Council  
18 Credentials Committee to change that minister's status from lapsed or  
19 resigned to dismissed. The district shall inform the minister involved of its  
20 action and, where applicable, the superintendent of the minister's district of  
21 affiliation. All rights of appeal will apply.

22 Be amended to read:

23 (3) *Subsequent dismissal.* Should evidence come to light, following a  
24 minister's ~~resignation, or the lapse of his or her~~ termination of credentials,  
25 (whether by lapse, resignation, or not renewed), of conduct occurring prior to  
26 said change of credential status ~~his or her resignation or lapse of credentials~~  
27 that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under Article X,  
28 Section 3, of these Bylaws, the district at its discretion may request the  
29 General Council Credentials Committee to change that minister's credential

1           status ~~from lapsed or resigned~~ to dismissed. The district shall inform the  
2           former minister involved of its action and, where applicable, the  
3           superintendent of the minister's district of affiliation. All rights of appeal will  
4           apply.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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## Resolution 19

### COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS

1 WHEREAS, Prior to 1973, Chaplaincy was in two separate departments in the  
2 National Office; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1973, the two Chaplaincy ministries were joined together into one  
4 department under U.S. Missions, but continued to function under two  
5 different cost centers for recordkeeping; and

6 WHEREAS, The Commission on Chaplains voted to unify the department in  
7 November 2019; and

8 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws needs to be refreshed in order to align  
9 with current practice; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws Article XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD  
11 U.S. MISSIONS, Section 2. Organization and Governance,  
12 paragraph g, pages 77–78, which reads:

#### 13 **g. Commission on Chaplains**

14 (1) *Composition.* The Commission on Chaplains shall consist  
15 of the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions,  
16 representatives of the Military/Veterans Affairs and Institutional/  
17 Occupational Chaplaincies, one of whom shall be the  
18 department director of Chaplaincy Ministries, two executive  
19 presbyters, two Military/Veterans Affairs chaplains, two  
20 Institutional/Occupational chaplains, two members at large, legal  
21 counsel, and others at the discretion of the Executive Leadership  
22 Team. The commission shall serve as the endorsing agency for The  
23 General Council of the Assemblies of God. Members of the  
24 commission and its chairperson shall be appointed by the Executive  
25 Presbytery.

26 (2) *Authority and amenability.* The government and work  
27 of Chaplaincy Ministries shall be vested in and committed to the  
28 Commission on Chaplains. The commission shall operate within  
29 guidelines adopted by the Executive Presbytery. It shall have the  
30 responsibility to evaluate policies, to offer guidance and counsel in

1 the area of its supervision, to establish criteria for the appointment of  
2 workers in the Military/Veterans Affairs, Institutional/Occupational  
3 Chaplaincies, and to sit as a Board of Appeal in all matters relating  
4 to its area of supervision. It shall be amenable to and under the  
5 general supervision of the Executive Presbytery and the General  
6 Presbytery.

7 Be amended to read:

8 **g. Commission on Chaplains**

9 (1) *Composition.* The Commission on Chaplains shall consist  
10 of the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, the  
11 national representatives of ~~the Military/Veterans Affairs and~~  
12 ~~Institutional/ Occupational Chaplaincies,~~ the Chaplaincy  
13 Department, one of whom shall be the ~~department~~ senior director  
14 of Chaplaincy Ministries, two executive presbyters, ~~two Military/~~  
15 ~~Veterans Affairs chaplains, two Institutional/Occupational chaplains,~~  
16 four chaplains from the various areas of Chaplaincy Ministries, two  
17 members at large, ~~legal counsel,~~ and others at the discretion of the  
18 Executive Leadership Team, to include representatives from the  
19 Military, Health Care and Correctional ministries. The commission  
20 shall serve as the endorsing agency for The General Council of the  
21 Assemblies of God. Members of the commission and its chairperson  
22 shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery.

23 (2) *Authority and amenability.* The government and work  
24 of Chaplaincy Ministries shall be vested in and committed to the  
25 Commission on Chaplains. The commission shall operate within  
26 guidelines adopted by the Executive Presbytery. It shall have the  
27 responsibility to evaluate policies, to offer guidance and counsel in  
28 the area of its supervision, to establish criteria for the appointment of  
29 workers in ~~the Military/Veterans Affairs, Institutional/Occupational~~  
30 ~~Chaplaincies,~~ Chaplaincy Ministries, and to sit as a Board of Appeal  
31 in all matters relating to its area of supervision. It shall be amenable  
32 to and under the general supervision of the Executive Presbytery



and the General Presbytery.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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## Resolution 20

### NOMINEES FOR ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION ON THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND  
2 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph c.  
3 Nonresident executive presbyters, subparagraph (2)(c) *Additional*  
4 *representation*, page 27, provides for three additional members of the  
5 Executive Presbytery selected by the General Council from a list of  
6 nominees provided by the General Presbytery; and

7 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery must select and submit four nominees for each  
8 position to the General Council and the list from which those nominees are  
9 selected is provided by more than sixty districts who may each submit their  
10 own nominee; and

11 WHEREAS, Numerous districts have been challenged with the requirement to submit a  
12 nominee selected at their district council in time for General Council  
13 because their district councils are held in the summer; and

14 WHEREAS, It is reasonable that names and photos of nominees be received by the  
15 general secretary's office in a timely fashion; and

16 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery only convenes once each year, typically during the  
17 week of General Council, and are thus disadvantaged by needing to quickly  
18 select names from large lists of nominees based on relatively little familiarity  
19 with each of the candidates; and

20 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery meets multiple times per year and has the time for  
21 more extensive review and consideration of nominees; and

22 WHEREAS, The General Council delegates would be well-served to have a list of  
23 nominees benefitting from the wisdom and perspective of the larger General  
24 Presbytery preceded by an initial review conducted by the Executive  
25 Presbytery; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND  
27 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph c.  
28 Nonresident executive presbyters, subparagraph (2)(c) *Additional*  
29 *representation*, page 27, which reads:

1           (c) *Additional representation.* The nomination process for three additional  
2 nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district  
3 council, at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session, may  
4 nominate three individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery, one  
5 who is an ordained minister under forty (40) years of age at the time of  
6 election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), and one  
7 ordained African-American minister (no age requirement). The members of  
8 the Executive Board of the National Black Fellowship shall also be  
9 considered nominees for the ordained African-American minister. From the  
10 nominees the General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General  
11 Council four names of ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at  
12 the time of election, four names of ordained female ministers (no age  
13 requirement), and four names of ordained African-American ministers (no  
14 age requirement).

15 Be amended to read:

16           (c) Additional representation. ~~The nomination process~~ Nominations for  
17 three additional nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as  
18 follows: As determined by its district council, each  
19 district council shall assign a designated body (such as, but not limited to,  
20 their district presbytery or their district council) at its annual meeting prior to  
21 the General Council session, may to nominate three individuals from its  
22 district to the Executive Presbytery, one who is an ordained minister under  
23 forty (40) years of age at the time of election, one ordained female minister  
24 (no age requirement), and one ordained African-American minister (no age  
25 requirement). The members of the Executive Board of the National Black  
26 Fellowship shall also be considered nominees for the ordained African-  
27 American minister. From the nominees, the Executive Presbytery shall  
28 select and submit to the General Presbytery a minimum of eight nominees  
29 for each office. From the list of those presented by the Executive  
30 Presbytery, the General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General  
31 Council four names of ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at  
32 the time of election, four names of ordained female ministers (no age

1 requirement), and four names of ordained African-American ministers (no  
2 age requirement); and be it further  
3 RESOLVED, That the General Presbytery would forward this resolution to the General  
4 Council as its sole sponsor, removing the names of the individuals  
5 appearing below.

Sponsors: General Presbytery

Presented	_____
Amended	_____
Referred	_____
Adopted	_____
Lost	_____

## Resolution 21

### RESCIND RESOLUTION 26 OF THE 1995 GENERAL COUNCIL USE OF THE KING JAMES VERSION

- 1 WHEREAS, The 46th General Council in session in Saint. Louis, Missouri, on August 11,  
2 1995 adopted Resolution 26 which stated that Gospel Publishing House  
3 and Radiant Life curriculum will not discontinue the use of the King James  
4 Version text in our printed Sunday school curriculum without prior approval  
5 by the General Council in session; and  
6 WHEREAS, Said provision required publications to use only King James Version or print  
7 both the other version and the King James Version beside each Scripture  
8 entry, which practice has continued to today; and  
9 WHEREAS, To change said guideline as it presently exists requires the action of the  
10 General Council in session because said requirement was built into said  
11 original resolution; and therefore be it  
12 RESOLVED, That the General Council of the Assemblies of God rescind Resolution 26  
13 from the 1995 General Council.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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

# **HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER RESOLUTIONS**

## **ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL Section 3. General Presbytery (Page 18)**

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

## Resolution 22

### HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—M. WAYNE BLACKBURN

1 WHEREAS, M. Wayne Blackburn has served for twenty-eight years as a general  
2 presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

3 WHEREAS, M. Wayne Blackburn has served the Peninsular Florida District Council as  
4 executive treasurer, executive presbyter, and sectional presbyter; and

5 WHEREAS, M. Wayne Blackburn founded what is now known as the League of Christian  
6 Schools providing accreditation for church affiliated daycares,  
7 grammar/elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in the  
8 United States and abroad; and

9 WHEREAS, M. Wayne Blackburn has successfully served as senior pastor of local  
10 assemblies in Bradenton, Florida; Arcadia, Florida; Mulberry, Florida; and  
11 Lakeland, Florida; bringing advancement and growth to every church he  
12 has pastored; and

13 WHEREAS, The most notable local church being Victory Church in Lakeland, Florida  
14 which has an average attendance of five-thousand, is a leading missions  
15 giving congregation, serves the poor and hurting of greater Polk County,  
16 and is the home of Victory Christian Academy, a school which leads with  
17 excellence in academics, arts and sciences, and athletics; and

18 WHEREAS, M. Wayne Blackburn has served as a trustee of Southeastern University,  
19 Lakeland, Florida, and as vice chairman of the Executive Committee, and  
20 holds a doctorate of divinity from Southeastern University, Lakeland,  
21 Florida; and

22 WHEREAS, M. Wayne Blackburn serves as a board member of the Assemblies of God  
23 Financial Solutions, and vice chairman of the Board of Emerge Counseling  
24 Ministries, Akron, Ohio; and

25 WHEREAS, M. Wayne Blackburn meets all the General Council Constitution  
26 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; and

27 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, page 18 of the General Council  
28 Constitution makes provision for persons who have served the General  
29 Council and district councils with such distinction to be chosen as an

1                   honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of  
2                   God; therefore, be it  
3   RESOLVED, That the Peninsular Florida District Council of the Assemblies of God  
4                   recommends that M. Wayne Blackburn be elected to the position of  
5                   honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of  
6                   God.

Sponsor: Peninsular Florida District Council  
General Presbytery

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



## **Resolution 23**

### **HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—DONALD G. GIFFORD**

1 WHEREAS, Donald G. Gifford has served our Lord Jesus Christ with great faithfulness  
2 and integrity as an Assemblies of God minister since 1975, having been  
3 ordained to gospel ministry in 1978; and

4 WHEREAS, He has served in Assemblies of God churches as a youth pastor and as a  
5 senior pastor for more than thirty years; and

6 WHEREAS, He has served with distinction in numerous leadership roles in the Indiana  
7 District Assemblies of God: sectional youth representative, sectional  
8 presbyter, ministry group presbyter, district executive presbyter, assistant  
9 district superintendent, and district superintendent; and

10 WHEREAS, He has served our Assemblies of God institutions, as a member of the Board  
11 of Regents of North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and as a  
12 member of the Board of Directors of Church Extension Plan; and

13 WHEREAS, He has served our national Assemblies of God Fellowship as a general  
14 presbyter for more than thirty years; and

15 WHEREAS, Our Fellowship continues to benefit greatly from the wisdom, friendship, and  
16 Spirit-filled leadership of Donald G. Gifford; and

17 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, page 18 of the General Council  
18 Constitution makes provision for persons who have served the General  
19 Council and district councils with such distinction to be chosen as an  
20 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of  
21 God; and

22 WHEREAS, Donald G. Gifford meets all the qualifications for recognition as an honorary  
23 general presbyter; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That Donald G. Gifford be elected by this General Council to the position of  
25 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of  
26 God.

Sponsor: Indiana District Council  
General Presbytery

Presented	_____
Amended	_____
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Adopted	_____
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## Resolution 24

### HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—A. ELIZABETH GRANT

1 WHEREAS, Alice Elizabeth (Beth) Grant has served for fourteen years on the Executive  
2 Presbytery having been elected in 2009 as the first woman to serve in this  
3 position; and  
4 WHEREAS, Alice Elizabeth (Beth) Grant has served for fourteen years as a general  
5 presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and  
6 WHEREAS, She was credentialed by the Assemblies of God as a specialized licensed  
7 minister in 1976 and as an ordained minister in 1990; and  
8 WHEREAS, She has served as an appointed missionary for forty-six years with  
9 Assemblies of God World Missions, having been appointed in 1976; and  
10 WHEREAS, She cofounded Project Rescue ministries in 1997 and codirected the  
11 ministry until 2022; and  
12 WHEREAS, She served for ten years as chair for the first National Task Force for  
13 Women in Ministry; and  
14 WHEREAS, Article IX. Section 3, paragraph j, page 18 of the General Council  
15 Constitution makes provision for persons with such a distinctive history to  
16 be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the  
17 Assemblies of God; and  
18 WHEREAS, Alice Elizabeth (Beth) Grant meets all the General Council constitutional  
19 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore,  
20 be it  
21 RESOLVED, That the Peninsular Florida District Council of the Assemblies of God  
22 recommends that Alice Elizabeth (Beth) Grant be elected to the position of  
23 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of  
24 God.

Sponsor: Peninsular Florida District Executives and Presbytery  
General Presbytery

Presented	_____
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## Resolution 25

### HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—WILLIAM N. KIRK

1 WHEREAS, William N. Kirk has served the Assemblies of God Fellowship with distinction  
2 for forty years as an ordained minister; and

3 WHEREAS, He faithfully served as a church planter and lead pastor in Cooperstown,  
4 New York, lead pastor in Niagara Falls, New York, and lead pastor in  
5 Binghamton, New York, totaling twenty-four years of lead pastoral ministry  
6 from 1981 to 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, He fulfilled the responsibility as the sectional presbyter of the Western  
8 Section from 1994 to 1997; and

9 WHEREAS, He served as general presbyter of the New York Ministry Network from 1998  
10 to 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, He served as assistant superintendent of the New York Ministry Network  
12 from 2005 to 2023; and

13 WHEREAS, He served on the General Presbytery for twenty-five consecutive years; and

14 WHEREAS, His consistent record of resourcing churches and leaders through his  
15 sermons, teachings, publications, and most recently, his book *Enjoy the*  
16 *Journey*, has provided immeasurable support to the New York Ministry  
17 Network family and many more across the national Assemblies of God  
18 Fellowship; and

19 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, page 18 of the General Council  
20 Constitution makes provision for persons with such a distinctive history to  
21 be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the  
22 Assemblies of God; and

23 WHEREAS, William N. Kirk meets all the General Council constitutional qualifications for  
24 recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the New York Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God recommends  
26 that William N. Kirk be elected to the position of honorary general presbyter  
27 of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: New York Ministry Network Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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## Resolution 26

### HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—MARCUS W. MCCLAIN

1 WHEREAS, Marcus W. McClain has served the New Mexico Ministry Network with  
2 distinction for thirty-two years, having been ordained as an Assemblies of  
3 God minister in 1989; and

4 WHEREAS, He has served in a variety of leadership roles over these years including  
5 Network Men's director for six years, presbyter for six years, assistant  
6 superintendent for six years, and secretary treasurer/assistant Network  
7 pastor for the past fourteen years; and

8 WHEREAS, He served as senior pastor of Christian Life Fellowship in Santa Fe, New  
9 Mexico, for twenty-three years, and under his leadership, the church grew  
10 to become one of the leading Assemblies of God churches in New Mexico;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, He has served as general presbyter since 2003, representing the New  
13 Mexico Ministry Network; and

14 WHEREAS, He has faithfully and consistently led and served in a fashion that exhibits a  
15 lifestyle of integrity and strong godly leadership; and

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

20 WHEREAS, Marcus W. McClain meets all of the General Council Constitution and Bylaws  
21 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore,  
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, That Marcus W. McClain to be elected by this General Council to the  
24 position of honorary general presbyter of the General Council of the  
25 Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: New Mexico Ministry Network  
General Presbytery

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## Resolution 27

### HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—GREGORY M. MUNDIS

1 WHEREAS, Gregory M. Mundis has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assemblies of  
2 God with great faithfulness and integrity as a minister of the gospel for fifty  
3 years, having been licensed to preach on February 26, 1973, and ordained  
4 on April 22, 1976; and

5 WHEREAS, He has served as a youth pastor, missionary, and an international church  
6 planter, and

7 WHEREAS, He has demonstrated gifts of leadership for over twenty years while serving  
8 as the area director for Central Europe, and then regional director for the  
9 entire Europe Region; with the area implementing new strategies for  
10 ministries during a swell of immigration; and

11 WHEREAS, Our entire Fellowship saw fit to request Gregory M. Mundis to serve as the  
12 Assemblies of God World Missions executive director since 2011; and

13 WHEREAS, The Ohio Ministry Network has great appreciation for Gregory M. Mundis's  
14 entire breadth of ministry because of his integrity, ethics, skill, and he is one  
15 who is fit to be honored; and

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

20 WHEREAS, Gregory M. Mundis meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws  
21 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore,  
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, That Gregory M. Mundis be elected by this General Council to the position  
24 of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of  
25 God.

Sponsor: Ohio Ministry Network  
General Presbytery



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## Resolution 28

### HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—SERGIO NAVARRETE

1 WHEREAS, Sergio Navarrete has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Southern Pacific  
2 District with great faithfulness and distinction as a pastor, district presbyter,  
3 and for twenty consecutive years as superintendent; and

4 WHEREAS, He also served all of those twenty years as a member of the General  
5 Presbytery; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergio Navarrete was credentialed by the Assemblies of God as a licensed  
7 minister in 1985 and as an ordained minister in 1994; and

8 WHEREAS, He serves the Hispanic World Fraternity of Assemblies of God (FRAHMAD)  
9 from 2016 as treasurer and since 2018 to the present as vice president  
10 representing all the Hispanic Fellowships around the globe; and

11 WHEREAS, He serves the World Assemblies of God Fellowship as an executive board  
12 member since 2019 and on various boards and committees at the General  
13 Council; and

14 WHEREAS, The Southern Pacific District affirms his service among us represents the  
15 highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, hard work, and a healthy  
16 example before his family, the churches, the Southern Pacific District, and  
17 the General Council; and

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

22 WHEREAS, Sergio Navarrete meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws  
23 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore,  
24 be it

25 RESOLVED, That Sergio Navarrete be elected by this General Council to the position of  
26 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of  
27 God.

Sponsor: Southern Pacific District Council Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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Adopted	_____
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## **OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

## Resolution 29

### COURTESY RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The 60th General Council of the Assemblies of God has been afforded  
2 gracious hospitality and accommodation by the officials and agencies of the  
3 city of Columbus, Ohio, and our host district, the Ohio Ministry Network;  
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That sincere appreciation be expressed to: The State of Ohio Governor  
6 Mike DeWine, Franklin County Commissioners John O'Grady, Kevin L.  
7 Boyce, and Erica C. Crawley, City of Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther,  
8 the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Greater Columbus Convention  
9 and Visitors Bureau, and the many hotel and restaurant personnel, for their  
10 accommodation and hospitality; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude for the many events this week to celebrate  
12 our wins and focus on our future, for the emphasis on equipping at the  
13 Influence Conference, the spirit of grace and unity during the business  
14 sessions, and for the opportunity to renew acquaintances and relationships  
15 with people from across our sixty-six districts/networks afforded by this  
16 week; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God for the gifted and visionary leadership He has  
18 raised up among us in the person of our General Superintendent Douglas  
19 E. Clay, who brought us a clarion call for continued focus on spiritual  
20 renewal and outreach, for the Executive Leadership Team, and for the  
21 Executive Presbytery; with appreciation for our outgoing officers and a  
22 commitment to prayer and support for our newly elected leaders by this  
23 council; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the ministers and churches of this Fellowship, unified by our love for  
25 our Lord and one another, make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit  
26 through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3); and be it further

27 RESOLVED, On this historic occasion of our 60th General Council of the Assemblies of  
28 God that we rededicate Our Church, Our Family "to do the greatest work of  
29 evangelism the world has ever seen."

Sponsor: Resolutions Committee

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Amended	_____
Referred	_____
Adopted	_____
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## GENERAL SECRETARY NOMINEE



***Donna L. Barrett***

Ohio Ministry Network  
General Secretary  
2018–present

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORLD MISSIONS NOMINEES



***Gregory L. Beggs***

West Texas District  
AGWM Africa Regional Director  
2014–present



***Richard F. (Dick) Brogden, Jr.***

Illinois District  
AGWM Arab World Area Director  
2021–present



***John L. Easter***

Mississippi District  
AGWM Partnership Development  
Director  
2021–present



***Jeffrey Hartensveld***

New Jersey Ministry Network  
AGWM Asia Pacific Regional Director  
2017–present

## ORDAINED FEMALE MINISTER EP NOMINEES



***Carol A. Alexander***

North Dakota District  
Professor at Trinity Bible College  
Ellendale, North Dakota  
2012–present



***Melissa J. Alfaro***

Texas Louisiana Hispanic District  
Copastor and Church Administrator  
El Tabernaculo Asambleas de Dios  
Houston, Texas, 2010–present  
U40 Executive Presbyter, 2017–present



***Bethlehem Backes***

Northwest Ministry Network  
Pastor of The Table  
Federal Way, Washington  
2022–present



***Crystal M. Martin***

Arizona District  
National Director of Network of  
Women Ministers  
2017–present

