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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS (Page 22)

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

Resolution 1

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ON GENERAL PRESBYTERY

1 WHEREAS, The three general presbyters each district is permitted to send to the
2 General Presbytery are required to meet specific qualifications that are
3 intended to include both district officer involvement and local field ministry
4 involvement; and

5 WHEREAS, While the present requirement for field representation by a district's third
6 general presbyter has been restricted to a lead pastor only, over time it has
7 been observed that spiritual eldership and proven ministry can also reside
8 in an ordained minister serving in other roles; and

9 WHEREAS, The input and involvement of a variety of leaders is valuable, and having
10 individuals serving in active local Assemblies of God ministries is extremely
11 valuable; and

12 WHEREAS, Each district in session may choose from among them a spiritually mature
13 minister known to the district to carry the necessary biblical qualifications
14 for spiritual eldership; and

15 WHEREAS, We see value in whatever standards are adopted to be a consistent
16 standard across all districts rather than varying from one district to the next;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The proposed change does not preclude a lead pastor from being chosen
19 but simply opens the options to candidates serving in other ministry roles
20 as well; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND
22 PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 3. General
23 Presbytery, paragraph a. Representation, qualifications, and
24 responsibilities, page 17, which reads:

Section 3. General Presbytery

26 **a. Representation, qualifications, and responsibilities.** The
27 General Presbytery shall be composed of individuals of maturity,
28 experience, and ability whose lives and ministry are above reproach,
29 who shall represent the Fellowship in all phases of its work in their

1 respective fields. The General Presbytery shall be the official policy-
2 making body of the Assemblies of God when the General Council is not
3 in session. Each district shall have the privilege of representation on the
4 General Presbytery by three members—the district superintendent
5 together with two others who shall be elected by their district council,
6 one of whom shall be an ordained pastor of a church located in the
7 district. They shall take office immediately.

8 Be amended to read:

9 **Section 3. General Presbytery**

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

23 And, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
25 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph d.
26 General presbyters, subparagraph (1) *District representatives*, page 27,
27 which reads:

28 (1) *District representatives.* In addition to the superintendent of each
29 district, who shall serve on the General Presbytery by virtue of office,
30 two others shall be elected by the district council in session, both of
31 whom shall be ordained Assemblies of God ministers, and at least one
32 of whom shall be a pastor of a church or a person involved in other

1 ministry located in the district. They shall take office immediately upon
2 election.

3 Be amended to read:

4 (1) *District representatives*. In addition to the superintendent of each
5 district, who shall serve on the General Presbytery by virtue of office,
6 two others shall be elected by the district council in session, both of
7 whom shall be ordained Assemblies of God ministers, and at least one
8 of whom shall be a lead pastor of an Assemblies of God church or a
9 ~~person involved in other ministry~~ an ordained minister serving in an
10 Assemblies of God ministry located in the district. They shall take office
11 immediately upon election.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
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Adopted _____
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Resolution 2

ORDINATION REQUIREMENT FOR GENERAL PRESBYTERS

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

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

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

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

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

12 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND
13 PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 3. General
14 Presbytery, paragraph a. Representation, qualifications, and
15 responsibilities, page 17, which reads:

Section 3. General Presbytery

16
17 **a. Representation, qualifications, and responsibilities.** The
18 General Presbytery shall be composed of individuals of maturity,
19 experience, and ability whose lives and ministry are above reproach,
20 who shall represent the Fellowship in all phases of its work in their
21 respective fields. The General Presbytery shall be the official policy-
22 making body of the Assemblies of God when the General Council is not
23 in session. Each district shall have the privilege of representation on the
24 General Presbytery by three members—the district superintendent
25 together with two others who shall be elected by their district council,
26 one of whom shall be an ordained pastor of a church located in the
27 district. They shall take office immediately.

28 Be amended to read:

29 **Section 3. General Presbytery**

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

12 And, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND
14 PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 3. General
15 Presbytery, paragraph c. World and U.S. Missions representation, page 18,
16 which reads:

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

26 Be amended to read:

27 **c. World and U.S. Missions representation.** The foreign fields
28 shall be represented on the General Presbytery by the regional directors
29 and the International Ministries director of Assemblies of God World
30 Missions and by two others ordained missionaries from each of the
31 overall areas which the regional directors and the International Ministries
32 director represent. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (2)]

1 The stateside missions work shall be represented on the General
2 Presbytery by the ordained departmental directors of Assemblies of God
3 U.S. Missions. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (3)]

4 And, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
6 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph d.
7 General presbyters, subparagraph (2), page 27, which reads:

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

24 Be amended to read:

25 (2) *Assemblies of God World Missions representatives.* Regional
26 directors and the International Ministries director of Assemblies of God
27 World Missions, representing the missionaries from their respective
28 areas, are members of the General Presbytery by virtue of office. Two
29 additional representatives on the General Presbytery from each region
30 and International Ministries shall be chosen in the following manner: The
31 Assemblies of God World Missions Board shall nominate four ordained
32 missionaries from each general area and International Ministries

1 represented by the regional directors and the International Ministries
2 director. Nominees will be selected from missionaries who will be in the
3 United States at the time of the General Presbytery meeting and who
4 preferably have had administrative experience in the field. Ballots shall
5 be sent to all missionaries in each area who shall by vote select two to
6 represent them on the General Presbytery. These shall be mailed to the
7 general secretary who shall prepare a report to the Executive
8 Presbytery. A simple majority vote shall be required to elect.

9 And, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
11 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph d.
12 General presbyters, subparagraph (3), page 27, which reads:

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

16 Be amended to read:

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

20 And, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
22 PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph c. General presbyters,
23 subparagraph (1), page 30, which reads:

24 **c. General presbyters**

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

29 Be amended to read:

30 **c. General presbyters**

31 (1) In the event a general presbyter shall move to another district or
32 shall vacate the office for any other reason, the presbytery of the district

1 council shall appoint one ordained minister to serve as general presbyter
2 until that office is regularly filled at the next meeting of the district council.

3 And, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIII. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
5 WORLD MISSIONS, Section 2. Organization and Governance, paragraph
6 j. General Presbytery representatives, page 74, which reads:

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

12 Be amended to read:

13 **j. General Presbytery representatives.** Each of the regions shall
14 be represented on the General Presbytery by its regional director and
15 two others ordained missionaries. International Ministries shall be
16 represented on the General Presbytery by its director and two others
17 ordained missionaries. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d,
18 (2).]

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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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 3

RESTORATION REPORTS

1 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the General Presbytery to establish policies,
2 guidelines, and requirements for the restoration of ministers; and

3 WHEREAS, During the 2021 General Presbytery meeting, newly revised restoration
4 manuals and addendums were adopted for the purpose of using said
5 materials in the restoration process for ministers; and

6 WHEREAS, It is not desirable or necessary for the General Council Constitution and
7 Bylaws document to stipulate a specific timeline for the submission of
8 required reports for ministers in a restoration program since the frequency
9 varies and policies and requirements may change; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, General Council Bylaws ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 8. Restoration,
11 paragraph b. Procedures and requirements, subparagraph (1), h, page 68,
12 which reads:

13 **Section 8. Restoration**

14 **b. Procedure and requirements.**

15 (1) *Restoration requirements.*

16 (h) *Reports.* The minister must submit reports quarterly to
17 the district superintendent.

18 Be amended to read:

19 **Section 8. Restoration**

20 **b. Procedure and requirements.**

21 (1) *Restoration requirements.*

22 (h) *Reports.* The minister must submit reports ~~quarterly~~ to
23 the district superintendent.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Resolution 4

RECOGNITION OF DIVORCE/ANNULMENT

1 WHEREAS, The various categories of divorce recognition have been approved at
2 various times in history, thus, making the reading of the General Council
3 Bylaws fragmented concerning the five categories; and

4 WHEREAS, It would be beneficial to bring clarity and consolidation when referencing the
5 five various categories of divorce recognition; and

6 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery requested the general secretary to review and
7 consider recommending a revision of the General Council Bylaws provision,
8 addressing ecclesiastical annulment (Article VII, Section 2, paragraph k);
9 and

10 WHEREAS, It was determined that a clearer definition of ecclesiastical annulment would
11 be helpful; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic
13 Qualifications, paragraphs j. Marriage status and k. Ecclesiastical
14 annulments and marriage dissolutions, pages 46–47, which reads:

15 **j. Marriage status.** We disapprove of any married persons holding
16 ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God if either marriage
17 partner has a former spouse living, unless the divorce occurred prior to
18 his or her conversion or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's
19 marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9), or the abandonment of the
20 believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10–15), or in the case of
21 domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5–
22 9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16–17; Ephesians 4:1–3, 31–32; Ephesians
23 5), except as hereinafter provided.

24 **k. Ecclesiastical annulments and marriage dissolutions.** The
25 Executive Presbytery shall have the authority to determine whether an
26 applicant qualifies for an ecclesiastical annulment. In such cases there
27 must be clear and satisfactory evidence of deception, fraud, or other
28 conditions which have a profound impact preventing the creation of a
29 valid marriage union, unknown at the time of marriage by the applicant.

1 The Executive Presbytery shall have the authority to determine whether
2 an applicant qualifies regarding a former marriage when the termination
3 of that marriage is consistent with the scriptural position of the
4 Fellowship relating to the granting or holding of ministerial credentials;
5 or if a former marriage ended prior to conversion. In those cases
6 involving preconversion divorce they shall be decided on an individual
7 basis just as those that deal with ecclesiastical annulments. Appeals
8 from the decisions of the Executive Presbytery may be made to the
9 General Presbytery.

10 Be amended to read:

11 **j. Marriage status.** We disapprove of any married persons holding
12 ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God if either marriage
13 partner has a former spouse living, unless the divorce is recognized
14 under one of the following biblical categories:

15 (1) Recognition of preconversion divorce occurred prior to his or her
16 conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17); or for the scriptural causes of a former
17 spouse's marital unfaithfulness, or the

18 (2) Recognition of abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever
19 (1 Corinthians 7:10–15);

20 (3) Recognition of spousal infidelity (Matthew 19:9); or in the case
21 of

22 (4) Recognition of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or
23 child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5–9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16–17; Ephesians
24 4:1–3, 31–32; Ephesians 5); except as hereinafter provided.

25 (5) Recognition of ecclesiastical annulment—a pronouncement
26 declaring a marriage invalid as hereinafter provided (Proverbs 12:22;
27 Matthew 19:6; 1 Corinthians 7:5);

28 ~~**k. Ecclesiastical annulments and marriage dissolutions.** The~~
29 ~~Executive Presbytery shall have the authority to determine whether an~~
30 ~~applicant qualifies for an ecclesiastical annulment. In such cases there~~
31 ~~must be clear and satisfactory evidence of deception, or fraud, or other~~
32 ~~conditions which have a profound impact preventing the creation of a~~

1 ~~valid marriage union, unknown to the applicant at the time of marriage,~~
2 ~~by the applicant. Additionally, the lack of consummation or other~~
3 ~~conditions which have a profound impact preventing the creation of a~~
4 ~~valid marriage union can constitute an ecclesiastical annulment. The~~
5 ~~Executive Presbytery shall have the authority to determine whether an~~
6 ~~applicant qualifies regarding a former marriage when the termination of~~
7 ~~that marriage is consistent with the scriptural position of the Fellowship~~
8 ~~relating to the granting or holding of ministerial credentials; or if a former~~
9 ~~marriage ended prior to conversion.~~

10 Each ~~In these cases requiring a recognition of involving~~
11 ~~preconversion divorce or ecclesiastical annulment they shall be decided~~
12 ~~by the Executive Presbytery on an individual basis just as those that deal~~
13 ~~with ecclesiastical annulments. as to whether the termination of that~~
14 ~~marriage is consistent with the scriptural position of the Fellowship~~
15 ~~relating to the granting or holding of ministerial credentials. Appeals of~~
16 ~~from the decisions of the Executive Presbytery may be made to the~~
17 ~~General Presbytery.~~

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Resolution 5

PUBLICATION OF DISMISSAL

1 WHEREAS, The right of appeal, complete with details is mentioned in its appropriate
2 place at General Council Bylaws Article X. Discipline, Section 10. Right of
3 Appeal; and

4 WHEREAS, When it is mentioned a second time under Publication of Dismissal in
5 Section 11, yet without all the details, it can be misleading; and

6 WHEREAS, The intention of the statement in Section 11 is to clarify that the dismissal
7 should not be publicized until the thirty-day window is completed after
8 notification, giving the credential holder the right to appeal without public
9 announcement; and

10 WHEREAS, By stating “An additional thirty days” suggests confusion that there is
11 possibly a time frame beyond the first thirty days of the time limit within
12 which an appeal may be communicated, which is not the case; therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 11.
15 Publication of Dismissal, page 70, which reads:

16 No publication of a dismissed minister’s name, in print or electronically,
17 shall be made until the district has been advised by the office of the
18 general secretary that such has been authorized by the General Council
19 Credentials Committee. An additional thirty (30) days from the date of
20 the notification shall be given the dismissed minister to exercise the right
21 of appeal.

22 Be amended to read:

23 No publication of a dismissed minister’s name, in print or
24 electronically, shall be made until (1) the district has been advised by
25 the office of the general secretary that such has been authorized by the
26 General Council Credentials Committee and (2) the thirty (30) day right
27 of appeal has passed. ~~An additional thirty (30) days from the date of the~~
28 ~~notification shall be given the dismissed minister to exercise the right of~~
29 ~~appeal.~~

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Resolution 6

RIGHT OF APPEAL

1 WHEREAS, Some confusion has arisen concerning the General Council Bylaws Article
2 X requirements for disciplined ministers in the filing of formal ministerial
3 appeals to the General Council Credentials Committee and the General
4 Presbytery; and

5 WHEREAS, General Council Bylaws Article X. Discipline, Section 10, paragraph a, page
6 69, reads that an appeal to the General Council Credentials Committee
7 “should include any new or exculpatory information not previously
8 considered”; and

9 WHEREAS, General Council Bylaws Article X. Discipline, Section 10, paragraph c, page
10 70, reads that an appeal to the General Presbytery “must include new
11 exculpatory information”; and

12 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery has reviewed said policy and determined the
13 present language in the General Council Bylaws Article X should be revised
14 to bring into agreement the language regarding “new exculpatory
15 information” for both the appeal to the General Council Credentials
16 Committee and the appeal to the General Council; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 10. Right
18 of Appeal, paragraph a, page 69, which reads:

19 **a. Filing of appeal to the General Council Credentials**
20 **Committee.** The right of appeal applies to all actions of discipline and
21 termination of credentials other than lapsing or resigning on the initiative
22 of the minister. An accused minister shall have thirty (30) days from the
23 date notification of the General Council Credentials Committee’s
24 decision was mailed to appeal to the General Council Credentials
25 Committee. The minister shall be apprised officially of this right at the time
26 notification is given to the minister of the decision of the General Council
27 Credentials Committee. The appeal is to be sent to the office of the
28 general superintendent, and should include any new or exculpatory
29 information not previously considered, with copies sent to the

1 superintendent of the minister's district of affiliation and any other
2 districts involved.

3 Be amended to read:

4 **a. Filing of appeal to the General Council Credentials**
5 **Committee.** The right of appeal applies to all actions of discipline and
6 termination of credentials other than lapsing or resigning on the initiative
7 of the minister. An accused minister shall have thirty (30) days from the
8 date notification of the General Council Credentials Committee's
9 decision was mailed to appeal to the General Council Credentials
10 Committee. The minister shall be apprised officially of this right at the time
11 notification is given to the minister of the decision of the General Council
12 Credentials Committee. The appeal is to be sent to the office of the
13 general superintendent, and must ~~should~~ include ~~any~~ new ~~or~~ exculpatory
14 information ~~not previously considered~~, with copies sent to the
15 superintendent of the minister's district of affiliation and any other
16 districts involved.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Resolution 7

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR MINISTERS

1 WHEREAS, Ministry is becoming more complex in light of a changing landscape
2 culturally, legally, ethically, and financially; and

3 WHEREAS, Understanding of the most current information and best practices in various
4 areas of ministry more readily equips ministers to competently navigate
5 rising challenges; and

6 WHEREAS, When ministers are uninformed, they may put the ministry they lead, their
7 district, the General Council, and themselves at greater risk for harm legally,
8 relationally, and in their public witness; and

9 WHEREAS, Ongoing training related to theology, biblical studies, and ministry practice
10 including ethics, risk management, and financial stewardship are beneficial
11 for every minister in both their personal growth life and in their service as a
12 minister; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article VII. MINISTRY, Section 10. Credential
14 Renewals and Reinstatements, pages 53-54, be amended by inserting a
15 new subparagraph g, page 54, to read:

16 g. A minimum cumulative total of one (1) hour of online training
17 must be completed annually in the renewal process. Completion of
18 the continuing education requirement shall be a prerequisite for
19 renewal of credentials of all active ministers; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That these changes would not go into effect until September 1, 2024, to
21 allow for the general secretary's office to properly prepare for any
22 adjustment required in the renewal process.

Sponsors: Ohio Ministry Network
Central Pacific Ministry Network Board/District Presbytery
Florida Multicultural Executive Presbytery
New Mexico Ministry Network Presbytery
Pennsylvania-Delaware Ministry Network
South Dakota Presbytery
Southern New England Ministry Network Executive Presbytery
Wisconsin-Northern Michigan Ministry Network Presbytery

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HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER

RESOLUTIONS

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

j. 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 8

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—VANCE A. CAUTHON

1 WHEREAS, Vance A. Cauthon has served the Assemblies of God Kansas Ministry
2 Network with stellar distinction as a pastor, sectional presbyter, and for
3 twenty-nine consecutive years as an executive officer—first as secretary-
4 treasurer and then as secretary; and
5 WHEREAS, He also served all of those twenty-nine years as a member of the General
6 Presbytery; and
7 WHEREAS, He has consistently lived a life of godly integrity and a healthy example
8 before his family, the churches he led, the Kansas Ministry Network, and
9 the General Council; and
10 WHEREAS, The 104th Council of the Assemblies of God Kansas Ministry Network
11 nominated Vance A. Cauthon to The General Council of the Assemblies of
12 God for election by the General Presbytery to the status of honorary general
13 presbyter; and
14 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, page 18, of the General Council
15 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be
16 chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the
17 Assemblies of God; and
18 WHEREAS, Vance A. Cauthon meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
19 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore,
20 be it
21 RESOLVED, That Vance A. Cauthon be elected by this General Council to the position
22 of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of
23 God.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Referred _____
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Resolution 9

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—DANIEL DE LEON

1 WHEREAS, Daniel de Leon has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Southern Pacific
2 District with great faithfulness and distinction as a minister of the gospel for
3 fifty-five years, having been licensed to preach on June 15, 1966, and
4 ordained on August 3, 1971; and
5 WHEREAS, He has served as the senior pastor of Templo Calvario in Santa Ana,
6 California, for more than forty-five years; and
7 WHEREAS, He served with great distinction and integrity for thirty-eight years as a
8 district executive presbyter; and
9 WHEREAS, He served successfully as a general presbyter of The General Council of
10 the Assemblies of God for forty years and highly represented the Pacific
11 Latin American District and the Southern Pacific District; and
12 WHEREAS, He served as a nonresident executive presbyter for The General Council of
13 the Assemblies of God for four years; and
14 WHEREAS, The Southern Pacific District affirms his service among us represents the
15 highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, and hard work; 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 be
18 chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the
19 Assemblies of God; and
20 WHEREAS, Daniel de Leon meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
21 qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore,
22 be it
23 RESOLVED, That Daniel de Leon be elected by this General Council to the position of
24 honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of
25 God.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Resolution 10

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—DENNIS W. MARQUARDT

1 WHEREAS, Dennis W. Marquardt has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assemblies
2 of God with great distinction as a minister of the gospel for forty-eight years;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, He served as a youth pastor, pastor, and church planting pastor in various
5 districts and locations; and
6 WHEREAS, He served the Northern New England District with great distinction as a
7 presbyter, assistant superintendent, and for the past twenty years as district
8 superintendent; and
9 WHEREAS, He served on various boards and committees of the district and the General
10 Council; and
11 WHEREAS, He served on the General Presbytery of The General Council of the
12 Assemblies of God for twenty-five years; and
13 WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has
14 represented the highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and
15 hard work; 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 be
18 chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the
19 Assemblies of God; and
20 WHEREAS, Dennis W. Marquardt meets all the General Council Constitution and
21 Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter;
22 therefore, be it
23 RESOLVED, That Dennis W. Marquardt be elected by this General Council to the position
24 of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of
25 God.

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