

## 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;  
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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**

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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.

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10 elected by their district council, one of whom shall be an ordained pastor  
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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:

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31 overall areas which the regional directors and the International Ministries  
32 director represent. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (2)]  
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1 Presbytery by the ordained departmental directors of Assemblies of God  
2 U.S. Missions. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (3)]

3 And, be it further

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

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

23 Be amended to read:

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9 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph d.  
10 General presbyters, subparagraph (3), page 27, which reads:

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

14 Be amended to read:

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

18 And, be it further

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

22 **c. General presbyters**

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

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30 shall vacate the office for any other reason, the presbytery of the district  
31 council shall appoint one ordained minister to serve as general presbyter  
32 until that office is regularly filled at the next meeting of the district council.

33 And, be it further

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

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

9 Be amended to read:

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11 be represented on the General Presbytery by its regional director and  
12 two others ordained missionaries. International Ministries shall be  
13 represented on the General Presbytery by its director and two others  
14 ordained missionaries. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d,  
15 (2).]

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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