

Resolution 2

NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER FOR CHURCHES UNDER 200

1 WHEREAS, Over 84 percent of Assemblies of God congregations have less than two hundred
2 in average major worship service attendance; and

3 WHEREAS, The General Council has mandated representation on the Executive Presbytery for
4 certain groups that were underrepresented, such as ethnic groups, female ministers,
5 ministers under 40 years of age, and African-American ministers; and

6 WHEREAS, No one whose primary ministry was to pastor a church of less than two hundred
7 average major worship service attendance during his or her time of service as an
8 executive presbyter has served on the Executive Presbytery during the past three
9 decades; and

10 WHEREAS, Representation of the needs and interests of churches with less than two hundred
11 average major worship service attendance would be beneficial to the General
12 Council; and

13 WHEREAS, The current promotion of church plants will likely result in many more churches
14 with an average major worship service attendance of less than two hundred;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND
17 PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 2. Executive
18 Presbytery, paragraph a. Composition and terms of office, page 101, which reads:

19 **Section 2. Executive Presbytery**

20 **a. Composition and terms of office.** The Executive Presbytery shall
21 consist of the general superintendent, the assistant general superintendent, the
22 general secretary, the general treasurer, the executive director of Assemblies of
23 God World Missions, the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S.
24 Missions, together with fifteen (15) other persons to bring the number to
25 twenty-one (21). The terms of office for all members of the Executive
26 Presbytery shall begin sixty (60) days after date of election and shall continue
27 for four (4) years or until their successors qualify.

1 Be amended to read:

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4 consist of the general superintendent, the assistant general superintendent, the
5 general secretary, the general treasurer, the executive director of Assemblies of
6 God World Missions, the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S.
7 Missions, together with sixteen (16) ~~fifteen (15)~~ other persons to bring the
8 number to twenty-two (22) ~~twenty-one (21)~~. The terms of office for all members
9 of the Executive Presbytery shall begin sixty (60) days after date of election and
10 shall continue for four (4) years or until their successors qualify.

11 And, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
13 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph c. Nonresident
14 executive presbyters, subparagraph (2), (c) *Additional representation*, page 111,
15 which reads:

16 (c) *Additional representation.* The nomination process for three additional
17 nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district
18 council, at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session, may
19 nominate three individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery, one
20 who is an ordained minister under forty (40) years of age at the time of election,
21 one ordained female minister (no age requirement), and one ordained African-
22 American minister (no age requirement). The members of the Executive Board
23 of the National Black Fellowship shall also be considered nominees for the
24 ordained African-American minister. From the nominees the General
25 Presbytery shall select and submit to the General Council four names of
26 ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at the time of election, four
27 names of ordained female ministers (no age requirement), and four names of
28 ordained African-American ministers (no age requirement). The candidates
29 shall be presented to the General Council in session and voted on by secret
30 ballot. A two-thirds vote shall be required to elect.

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2 (c) *Additional representation.* The nomination process for four ~~three~~
3 additional nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each
4 district council, at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session, may
5 nominate four ~~three~~ individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery,
6 one who is an ordained minister under forty (40) years of age at the time of
7 election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), one ordained lead
8 pastor of a church of less than two hundred (200) average major worship service
9 attendance during the previous year (no age requirement), and one ordained
10 African-American minister (no age requirement). The members of the
11 Executive Board of the National Black Fellowship shall also be considered
12 nominees for the ordained African-American minister. From the nominees the
13 General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General Council four names
14 of ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at the time of election, four
15 names of ordained female ministers (no age requirement), four names of lead
16 pastors of churches of less than two hundred (200) average major worship
17 service attendance during the previous year (no age requirement), and four
18 names of ordained African-American ministers (no age requirement). The
19 candidates shall be presented to the General Council in session and voted on by
20 secret ballot. A two-thirds vote shall be required to elect.

Sponsor: North Texas District Council

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