

Resolution 9

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—JAMES T. BRADFORD

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

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

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

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

10 WHEREAS, The Southern Missouri District Council expresses its heartfelt appreciation to
 11 James T. Bradford for his loyal and loving service to our Assemblies of God
 12 Fellowship; and

13 WHEREAS, ARTICLE IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 128–129, of the General Council
 14 Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen
 15 as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God;
 16 and

17 WHEREAS, ARTICLE II, Section 2, paragraph d, (9), page 138, of the General Council Bylaws
 18 further describes the rights and privileges of such honorary general presbyters; and

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

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

Sponsor: Southern Missouri District Council
 General Presbytery

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