

**SUBSTITUTE  
Resolution 1**

**LANGUAGE/ETHNIC DISTRICTS**

1 WHEREAS, Language/ethnic districts over time, with second and third generations, are resulting  
2 in planting churches of a blended ethnicity and are credentialing ministers who are  
3 not solely of their primary language/ethnicity; and

4 WHEREAS, The wording in our General Council Constitution defining a language/ethnic  
5 district seems to imply that a district is confined to ministry among their primary  
6 language/ethnicity only; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE X. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section  
8 3. Districts, paragraph b. Language/Ethnic districts, page 103, which reads:

9 **b. Language/Ethnic districts.** A language/ethnic group may be  
10 recognized as a district of the Assemblies of God in accordance with the  
11 provision for district councils in the Bylaws. The territory of such a district is  
12 confined to ministry among certain language/ethnic groups, and its  
13 geographical area of operation may therefore overlap or coincide with that of  
14 one or more other district councils. (*See* Bylaws, Article V, Section 6.)

15 Be amended to read:

16 **b. Language/Ethnic districts.** A language/ethnic group may be  
17 recognized as a district of the Assemblies of God in accordance with the  
18 provision for district councils in the Bylaws. The territory of such a district is  
19 ~~confined to~~ defined by ministry among ~~certain~~ that district's primary  
20 language/ethnic ~~groups~~, and may overlap into other language/ethnicities.  
21 ~~Its~~ geographical area of operation may ~~therefore~~ overlap or coincide with that  
22 of one or more other geographic district councils. (*See* Bylaws, Article V,  
23 Section 6.)

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
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