

Resolution 1

LANGUAGE/ETHNIC DISTRICTS

1 WHEREAS, Our nation and church are becoming more ethnically diverse and blended; and

2 WHEREAS, A language/ethnic district is more often planting churches of a blended ethnicity
3 and are credentialing ministers who are not solely of their primary ethnicity; and

4 WHEREAS, The language in our General Council Bylaws defining a new 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 not confined to ministry among that district’s primary language/ethnicity focus,
20 but may overlap into other ethnicities. ~~certain language/ethnic groups, and its~~
21 geographical area of operation may ~~therefore~~ overlap or coincide with that of
22 one or more other geographic district councils. (See Bylaws, Article V,
23 Section 6.)

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery

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