

Resolution 29

INCLUSIVITY IN DISTRICTS

1 WHEREAS, It is an ongoing value of the Assemblies of God to include at the leadership level
2 ministers from various ethnicities and ages, both male and female, in all positions
3 of leadership; and

4 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery during its January 26, 2021, meeting considered the need
5 for there to be greater inclusivity of ordained ministers of different ethnicity, under
6 the age of 40, and female within the leadership in our Fellowship; and

7 WHEREAS, Districts often find it beneficial to mirror the national structure, to be encouraged
8 in common structure from the national level, and to be able to report to their
9 constituents trends, values, practices and declarations at the national level and in
10 other districts; and

11 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery in their ongoing discussions regarding inclusion has
12 observed that initially it is legislation that creates intentional opportunity at
13 leadership levels that begins a process which ultimately results in normalizing
14 inclusion among leaders; and

15 WHEREAS, The diversity we presently enjoy among the General Council Executive Presbytery
16 would not have happened had there not been initial legislation passed to
17 intentionally create opportunities; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That at this General Council in session, the following statement be adopted and
19 communicated across our Fellowship and to our districts:

20 “We believe intentional inclusion at the leadership level is an integral part of
21 our Fellowship; that intentional inclusion at the national level facilitated the
22 diversity we now enjoy; that districts benefit from encouragement from the
23 national level; thus, it is recommended that each district mirror the national
24 structure and amend their district bylaws to provide, as qualified leadership
25 exists, a seat on their Executive or District Presbytery for an ordained person of
26 ethnicity, an ordained minister under 40 years of age, and an ordained female
27 minister.”

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

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