

## Resolution 19

### COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS

1           WHEREAS, Prior to 1973, Chaplaincy was in two separate departments in the  
2   National Office; and

3           WHEREAS, In 1973, the two Chaplaincy ministries were joined together into one  
4   department under U.S. Missions, but continued to function under two  
5   different cost centers for recordkeeping; and

6           WHEREAS, The Commission on Chaplains voted to unify the department in  
7   November 2019; and

8           WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws needs to be refreshed in order to align  
9   with current practice; therefore be it

10          RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws Article XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD  
11   U.S. MISSIONS, Section 2. Organization and Governance,  
12   paragraph g, pages 77–78, which reads:

#### **g. Commission on Chaplains**

14   (1) *Composition.* The Commission on Chaplains shall consist  
15   of the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions,  
16   representatives of the Military/Veterans Affairs and Institutional/  
17   Occupational Chaplaincies, one of whom shall be the  
18   department director of Chaplaincy Ministries, two executive  
19   presbyters, two Military/Veterans Affairs chaplains, two  
20   Institutional/Occupational chaplains, two members at large, legal  
21   counsel, and others at the discretion of the Executive Leadership  
22   Team. The commission shall serve as the endorsing agency for The  
23   General Council of the Assemblies of God. Members of the  
24   commission and its chairperson shall be appointed by the Executive  
25   Presbytery.

26   (2) *Authority and amenability.* The government and work  
27   of Chaplaincy Ministries shall be vested in and committed to the  
28   Commission on Chaplains. The commission shall operate within  
29   guidelines adopted by the Executive Presbytery. It shall have the  
30   responsibility to evaluate policies, to offer guidance and counsel in

1 the area of its supervision, to establish criteria for the appointment of  
2 workers in the Military/Veterans Affairs, Institutional/Occupational  
3 Chaplaincies, and to sit as a Board of Appeal in all matters relating  
4 to its area of supervision. It shall be amenable to and under the  
5 general supervision of the Executive Presbytery and the General  
6 Presbytery.

7 Be amended to read:

8 **g. Commission on Chaplains**

9 (1) *Composition.* The Commission on Chaplains shall consist  
10 of the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, the  
11 national representatives of ~~the Military/Veterans Affairs and~~  
12 ~~Institutional/ Occupational Chaplaincies,~~ the Chaplaincy  
13 Department, one of whom shall be the ~~department~~ senior director  
14 of Chaplaincy Ministries, two executive presbyters, ~~two Military/~~  
15 ~~Veterans Affairs chaplains,~~ ~~two Institutional/Occupational chaplains,~~  
16 four chaplains from the various areas of Chaplaincy Ministries, two  
17 members at large, ~~legal counsel,~~ and others at the discretion of the  
18 Executive Leadership Team, to include representatives from the  
19 Military, Health Care and Correctional ministries. The commission  
20 shall serve as the endorsing agency for The General Council of the  
21 Assemblies of God. Members of the commission and its chairperson  
22 shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery.

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24 of Chaplaincy Ministries shall be vested in and committed to the  
25 Commission on Chaplains. The commission shall operate within  
26 guidelines adopted by the Executive Presbytery. It shall have the  
27 responsibility to evaluate policies, to offer guidance and counsel in  
28 the area of its supervision, to establish criteria for the appointment of  
29 workers in ~~the Military/Veterans Affairs, Institutional/Occupational~~  
30 ~~Chaplaincies,~~ Chaplaincy Ministries, and to sit as a Board of Appeal  
31 in all matters relating to its area of supervision. It shall be amenable  
32 to and under the general supervision of the Executive Presbytery

and the General Presbytery.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery  
General Presbytery

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Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
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