



Greetings,

Welcome to the 61st General Council of the Assemblies of God. We are pleased to host you for this exciting event. Enclosed in this packet is vital information to assist you in covering General Council, including: information about the Assemblies of God and story leads.

The Press Office is located in the Orange County Convention Center West, Room 208A. Daily news and updates will be available online at generalcouncil.org. All services will be available live on the website with archived sessions posted as soon as they become available.

Please stop by the Press Office or call 1 800 GC PRESS (1-800-427-7377) and we will be happy to assist with any press needs you have.

Sincerely,

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Overview of the General Council of the Assemblies of God

Origin

The Assemblies of God was founded as a result of a religious revival that swept around the world in the early 1900s. The church was organized in a constitutional convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1914. Today there are 12,698 churches in the U.S. with over 3 million members and adherents. Worldwide, there are 88,866,189 Assemblies of God adherents and 451,512 churches, making the Assemblies of God the world's largest Pentecostal denomination.

Beliefs

Doctrinally, the church emphasizes personal salvation, water baptism, divine healing, the baptism in the Holy Spirit accompanied by the evidence of speaking in tongues, and the premillennial second coming of Jesus Christ. The Bible is recognized as the inspired Word of God and provides the rule for faith and practice. The church's fourfold mission is expressed through evangelism, worship, discipleship, and compassion.

Affiliations

The AG is a member of four national and international Christian organizations: National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches of North America (PCCNA), Pentecostal World Fellowship (PWF), and World Assemblies of God Fellowship (WAGF).

National Office

The U.S. Assemblies of God national office complex is located at 1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, Missouri. It houses the denomination's executive and administrative offices, service divisions and departments, and warehouse.

Quick Facts—U.S.

3,059,189 adherents

(persons of all ages who identify with an AG church)

46% of adherents are ethnic minorities

23% of adherents are Hispanic

11% of adherents are Black

51% of adherents are under age 35

Churches: 12,698

Ministers: 38,132

General Superintendent: Doug E. Clay

Quick Facts — World

Adherents: 88,866,189

Churches: 451,512

Ministers: 437,782



Assemblies of God Fact Sheet

- A new AG church starts somewhere in the world every 62 minutes.
- A conversion takes place through an AG church or ministry somewhere in the world every 54 seconds.
- There are over 10 times more AG churches in the world than McDonald's restaurants.
- The U.S. AG is comprised of 3,059,189 adherents.
- More than 46% of U.S. adherents are ethnic minorities.
- 23% of U.S. adherents are Hispanic.
- 51% of U.S. adherents are under age 35.
- 22% of the 12,698 AG churches in the U.S. have started in the last 10 years.
- 29% of the 38,132 AG U.S. ministers are women.
- The most recent stats for the U.S. AG revealed increases in several key areas from 2023 to 2024:
 - Conversions up 10% to 529,459.
 - Water baptisms up 12.1% to 168,513
 - Spirit baptisms up 3.9% to 84,345
 - Adherents up 2.5% to 3,059,461
 - New church charters up 33.6% to 330
- Worldwide, the AG has 88,866,189 million adherents, 451,512 churches, and 437,782 ministers.
- 96.5% of AG adherents live outside the United States.



General Council Story Leads

The Assemblies of God 61st General Council offers a number of potential stories. Here are a few. Please contact us if we can assist with these or other stories or interviews.

- **Pentecostals gather in Orlando this week**

The Assemblies of God (U.S.), the largest worldwide Pentecostal denomination with over 88 million members and adherents, is meeting in Orlando this week for its 61st General Council. This meeting is for the U.S. AG, which has over 3 million members and adherents. Delegates and visitors will gather at the Orange County Convention Center West for activities including the Influence leadership conference on Tuesday and church business meetings in the afternoon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Attendees will gather for morning services Wednesday through Friday.

- **The U.S. Assemblies of God is a diverse group**

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- **Students converge in Orlando**

Thousands of students and leaders are expected in Orlando, Aug. 4-8, to participate in numerous activities, including the National Fine Arts Festival, community outreach, and nightly services.

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- **Significant elections to take place**

Elections for the offices of general superintendent, general treasurer, and executive director of U.S. Missions will be held during the 61st General Council. In addition, voting for several executive presbyter positions will take place.