

**Resolution 11**

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS**

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Missions is committed to effectively categorizing and supporting  
2 missionaries in alignment with its strategic vision; and

3 WHEREAS, The introduction of Gospel Outreach as a department will ensure proper  
4 classification of missionaries engaged in frontline evangelistic efforts and  
5 outreach to underserved communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Updates have been implemented to our current departments; and

7 WHEREAS, This structural and department verbiage update fosters greater  
8 organizational clarity and alignment with current practices; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S.  
10 MISSIONS, Section 2. Organization and Governance, pages 80–82, which  
11 reads:

12 **Section 2. Organization and Governance**

13 **a. Executive director.** There shall be an executive director of Assemblies  
14 of God U.S. Missions who shall be elected in the manner described in Bylaws,  
15 Article II, Section 2, paragraph b.

16 **b. Administrator.** There shall be an administrator who shall serve under  
17 the executive director in the administration of the division.

18 **c. Departments.** The General Presbytery shall be authorized to establish  
19 departments within the division at the initiative of the Executive Presbytery.  
20 Departments shall operate within the parameters and guidelines of *The General*  
21 *Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* and *The General Council*  
22 *of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual*. These departments shall include,  
23 but not be limited to, the following:

24 (1) *Chaplaincy Ministries* endorses professionally trained clergy to  
25 provide pastoral care to people in specialized settings.

26 (2) *Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, U.S.A.* provides campus ministry to  
27 evangelize and disciple American and international college and university  
28 students.

1 (3) *Intercultural Ministries* provides ministry to distinct people groups in  
2 the United States who require specialized understanding.

3 (4) *Church Mobilization* coordinates the deployment of short-term  
4 missions church teams and organizes the ministry and service of project  
5 volunteers.

6 (5) *Adult and Teen Challenge, U.S.A.* provides ministry to people of all  
7 ages with addictive behaviors.

8 **d. Amenability.** The division and all of its departments shall be amenable  
9 to and under the general supervision of the general superintendent, the Executive  
10 Presbytery, and the General Presbytery.

11 **e. U.S. Missions Board.** The work of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions  
12 shall be under the advisement of a U.S. Missions Board.

13 **f. U.S. Missions Executive Committee.** The general administrative work  
14 of the division shall be conducted by a U.S. Missions Executive Committee  
15 consisting of the executive director as chairperson, the administrator as vice  
16 chairperson, the directors of the major departments of the division, and other  
17 resource persons as determined by the executive director and approved by the  
18 Executive Leadership Team. The responsibilities of the U.S. Missions Executive  
19 Committee shall be the general supervision and direction of the work of the division  
20 and its missionaries.

21 **g. Commission on Chaplains.**

22 (1) *Composition.* The Commission on Chaplains shall consist of the  
23 executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, the national  
24 representatives of the Chaplaincy Department, one of whom shall be the  
25 senior director of Chaplaincy Ministries, two executive presbyters, four  
26 chaplains from the various areas of Chaplaincy Ministries, two members at-  
27 large, and others at the discretion of the Executive Leadership Team, to  
28 include representatives from the Military, Health Care, and Correctional  
29 ministries. The commission shall serve as the endorsing agency for The  
30 General Council of the Assemblies of God. Members of the commission and  
31 its chairperson shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery.

1                   (2) *Authority and amenability.* The government and work of  
2                   Chaplaincy Ministries shall be vested in and committed to the Commission  
3                   on Chaplains. The commission shall operate within guidelines adopted by the  
4                   Executive Presbytery. It shall have the responsibility to evaluate policies, to  
5                   offer guidance and counsel in the area of its supervision, to establish criteria  
6                   for the appointment of workers in Chaplaincy Ministries, and to sit as a Board  
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10                  **h. National U.S. missionaries.** National U.S. missionaries shall be  
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12                  of their home districts and the districts in which the missionaries will be working.  
13                  All missionary appointments and renewals shall be made according to  
14                  administrative criteria established by Assemblies of God U.S. Missions upon the  
15                  approval of the work district.

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21                   (1)    *Adult and Teen Challenge, U.S.A.*—Offering hope through the  
22                   power of Christ to those with addictions and life-controlling issues.

23                   (2)    *Chaplaincy Ministries*—Assisting the Assemblies of God to fulfill  
24                   the Great Commission in specialized settings by providing pastoral care  
25                   and religious activities through extraordinary ministries that are biblically  
26                   based, compassionate, and transforming.

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28                   secular college and university campuses.

29                   (4)    *Church Mobilization*—Renovating church buildings and  
30                   mobilizing RV volunteers.

1 (5) Gospel Outreach—Evangelizing and reaching vulnerable  
2 populations, including the homeless, those who are human trafficked, at-  
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4 (6) Intercultural Ministries—Reaching culturally diverse groups  
5 including ethnic groups, persons with disabilities, and more.

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Sponsor: General Presbytery

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