

## Resolution 3

### FILLING VACANCIES OF GENERAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

1 WHEREAS, The General Council is stronger by allowing more people to be involved in  
2 the election process; and

3 WHEREAS, These offices are more than representatives of our Pentecostal Movement,  
4 doctrine, and leadership, but they function as authoritative fiduciary offices with  
5 governing and corporate responsibilities and powers, accountable to the General  
6 Council, the State of Missouri, and the IRS; and

7 WHEREAS, The credibility of these offices is established by divine calling, qualified  
8 leadership giftings/skill sets, and spiritual maturity while requiring credible acumen  
9 in the arena of corporate functions and operations; and

10 WHEREAS, The custom of this Fellowship is to seek the best and most proficient leaders  
11 from across the Fellowship; and

12 WHEREAS, This Fellowship is healthier and more stable when a larger part of the body  
13 participates by nominating credible leaders into the executive offices; and

14 WHEREAS, The long-term stability of this Fellowship best occurs when more qualified  
15 credentialed ministers have the electoral opportunity to nominate or elect  
16 leadership; and

17 WHEREAS, The national leadership pipeline is better when a larger body has the  
18 opportunity to identify and express confidence in emerging or existing leaders  
19 through the nomination and/or election process; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, that the General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF

21 OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph a. Executive  
22 Officers, page 28, which reads:

23 **a. Executive officers.** In the event any of the executive offices  
24 of The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall become  
25 vacant through death or other cause, the Executive Presbytery shall  
26 fill the office by appointment until the next meeting of the General  
27 Council; with the exception that, in the event of a vacancy in the office  
28 of general superintendent for any reason, the assistant general  
29 superintendent shall succeed to the office of general superintendent

1 until the next General Council; or, in the event the offices of general  
2 superintendent and assistant general superintendent both become  
3 vacant, the succession to the office of general superintendent until  
4 the next General Council shall be as follows: first, the general  
5 secretary, and second, the general treasurer.

6 Be amended to read:

7 **a. Executive officers.** In the event any of the executive offices  
8 of The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall become  
9 vacant through death or other cause, the General Executive  
10 Presbytery shall fill the office by election ~~appointment until the next~~  
11 ~~meeting of the General Council; with the exception that, in the event~~  
12 ~~of a vacancy in the office of general superintendent for any reason,~~  
13 ~~the assistant general superintendent shall succeed to the office of~~  
14 ~~general superintendent until the next General Council; or, in the event~~  
15 the offices of general superintendent and assistant general  
16 superintendent both become vacant, the succession to the office of  
17 general superintendent until the next General Council shall be as  
18 follows: first, the general secretary, and second, the general  
19 treasurer. An executive officer fulfilling an unexpired term of less than  
20 one year will have the term extended to include a full term, while an  
21 executive officer fulfilling an unexpired term of one or more years will  
22 be up for reelection at the next General Council.

23 (1) For the offices of general superintendent and  
24 assistant superintendent, nominations shall be received from  
25 the General Council authorized voting constituency.

26 (2) For the offices of general secretary, general  
27 treasurer, executive director of U.S. Missions, and executive  
28 director of World Missions, nominations shall be received  
29 from the General Presbytery. Should three names not  
30 receive a minimum of 10 percent of the votes cast, the  
31 General Presbytery shall consider no fewer than the top  
32 three vote recipients.

Sponsors: North Texas District Council  
South Texas Ministry Network Executive and Network Presbytery  
West Texas District Presbytery  
Mississippi District Executive Presbytery

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Amended	_____
Referred	_____
Adopted	_____
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