

# ***RESOLUTIONS***

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**TO THE**

**61ST GENERAL COUNCIL**

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Dear Licensed or Ordained Minister:

Warmest Christian greetings!

The 61st General Council meets in Orlando, Florida, August 4–8, 2025. During business sessions, you will be asked to consider and vote on resolutions from two separate booklets. Resolutions that go through an approved vetting process of being considered for co-sponsorship by the General Presbytery will come to you on location digitally and in a booklet entitled “Additional Resolutions” after the General Presbytery convenes earlier that week.

Resolutions coming to you today will also be considered at General Council and are not reviewed in advance by the General Presbytery this year for one of these three reasons: (1) The General Presbytery already voted to co-sponsor them at its 2024 meeting; (2) A District Council sponsored them, so they are privileged; (3) The individual sponsor did not ask for the General Presbytery to co-sponsor the resolution.

I trust this explanation makes clear why two separate booklets of resolutions are used in General Council business.

May the Lord bless you richly! Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna L. Barrett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna L. Barrett  
General Secretary

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# **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS (Page 21)**

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regularly called session of the General Council provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted in writing at least six (6) months in advance to the Executive Presbytery. Before the Executive Presbytery may submit proposed amendments for consideration by a session of the General Council, it shall provide written notice of the proposed amendments by regular or electronic mail to the office of each district superintendent and each district secretary and to ministers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, not later than thirty (30) days prior to said session. Amendments to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting.

# **AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE XXI. AMENDMENTS (Page 86)**

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at any regular meeting of The General Council of the Assemblies of God. Amendments to be adopted shall require a majority of all votes cast.

## Resolution 1

### EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER VACANCIES

WHEREAS, The General Council Constitution and Bylaws make provision for filling the vacancy of executive presbyters; and

WHEREAS, The current provision specifies that the General Presbytery will elect a minister to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General Council; and

WHEREAS, This provision was written at a time when the term for executive presbyters was two years, and all positions were voted upon at each meeting of the General Council; and

WHEREAS, The General Council Constitution and Bylaws were amended in 2011 to allow for four-year terms for executive presbyters, and for the elections of those positions to be staggered; and

WHEREAS, The wording in the vacancy provision was not updated at the time of the revision, resulting in an unintended consequence of the General Council being required to reelect someone to fulfill the unexpired term when the General Presbytery had previously elected someone to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, This seems to be a departure from the intent of the original vacancy provision and creates a cumbersome process; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph b, (1), (a) page 28, which reads:

(1) *By area*

(a) In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the office of an area nonresident executive presbyter, the general secretary shall request each district council within that area (see Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph c) to submit two nominees for the office. The General Presbytery shall, at its next meeting, elect one minister from among the nominees submitted to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General Council. (See Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.)

Be amended to read:

(1) *By area*

(a) In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the office of an area nonresident executive presbyter, the general secretary shall request each district council within that area (See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph c) to submit two nominees for the office. The General Presbytery shall, at its next meeting, elect one minister from among the nominees submitted to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term ~~until the next meeting of the General Council.~~

(See Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.); and be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph b, (2), page 29, which reads:

(2) *By ethnic fellowship.*

In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the office of an ethnic fellowship nonresident executive presbyter, the general secretary shall submit as nominees all current general presbyters who represent an ethnic fellowship. (See Bylaws, Article V, Section 8.) The General Presbytery shall, at its next meeting, elect one minister from among the nominees submitted, to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General Council. (See Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.)

Be amended to read:

(2) *By ethnic fellowship.*

In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the office of an ethnic fellowship nonresident executive presbyter, the general secretary shall submit as nominees all current general presbyters who represent an ethnic fellowship. (See Bylaws, Article V, Section 8.) The General Presbytery shall, at its next meeting, elect one minister from among the nominees submitted to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term ~~until the next meeting of the General Council.~~ (See Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.);

And be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph b, (3), page 29, which reads:

(3) *Additional representation.*

In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the offices of nonresident additional representatives [see Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, c, (2), (c)], the General Council Executive Presbytery shall submit up to four nominees for the vacant position. The nominees shall be selected with due consideration given to those who have been nominated in the past for those positions and who would yet qualify. The General Presbytery shall, by regular or electronic mail referendum or at its next meeting, elect one minister from among the nominees submitted to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General Council. (See Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.)

Be amended to read:

(3) *Additional representation.*

In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the offices of nonresident additional representatives [see Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, c, (2), (c)], the General Council Executive Presbytery shall submit up to four nominees for the vacant position. The nominees shall be selected with due consideration given to those who have been nominated in the past for those positions and who would yet qualify. The General Presbytery shall, by regular or electronic mail referendum or at its next meeting, elect one minister from among the nominees submitted to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term ~~until the next meeting of the General Council.~~ (See Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.)

Sponsor: General Presbytery

Presented \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_



## Resolution 2

### ORGANIZATIONAL MANUAL UPDATES

WHEREAS, *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* was recently revised to align with current day practice, subject to General Presbytery approval; and

WHEREAS, The 2023 Constitution and Bylaws are not in alignment with the changes proposed in the newly revised Organizational Manual; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 1. Duties of the General Superintendent, paragraph n, page 30, which reads:

n. Lead Tier I leadership, executive officers, and the Executive Presbytery.

Be amended to read:

n. Lead Tier I corporate senior leadership, executive officers, and the Executive Presbytery.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article XII. *THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD ORGANIZATIONAL MANUAL*, pages 74–75, which reads:

The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall develop and maintain a set of documents referred to as *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual*. This document shall set forth in detail the organization of commissions, divisions, departments, and ministries of The General Council of the Assemblies of God as from time to time may be established to carry out the fourfold mission of the church.

*The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* shall be administered by the Executive Leadership Team as approved by the Executive Presbytery. The Executive Presbytery shall submit annually to the General Presbytery for approval all proposed additions, deletions, and modifications to *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual*. *The General Council of the*

*Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* shall be available to all General Council affiliated churches and ordained or licensed ministers.

Be amended to read:

The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall develop and maintain a set of documents referred to as *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual*. This document shall set forth in detail the organization of commissions, divisions, departments, and ministries of The General Council of the Assemblies of God as from time to time may be established to carry out the fourfold mission of the church.

*The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* shall be administered by the Executive Leadership Team as approved by the Executive Presbytery. The Executive Leadership Team is empowered to authorize a change to *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* when said change is for alignment with a revision made to The General Council of the Assemblies of God Constitution and Bylaws. The Executive Presbytery shall submit annually to the General Presbytery for approval all proposed additions, deletions, and modifications to *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual*. *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* shall be available to all General Council affiliated churches and ordained or licensed ministers.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_

### Resolution 3

#### FILLING VACANCIES OF GENERAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph a. Executive Officers, page 28, which reads:

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

superintendent and assistant general superintendent both become vacant, the succession to the office of general superintendent until the next General Council shall be as follows: first, the general secretary, and second, the general treasurer.

Be amended to read:

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

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

(2) For the offices of general secretary, general treasurer, executive director of U.S. Missions, and executive director of World Missions, nominations shall be received from the General Presbytery. Should three names not receive a minimum of 10 percent of the votes cast, the General Presbytery shall consider no fewer than the top 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_

## Resolution 4

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER VOTING

WHEREAS, Much of the voice and choice of the body of the General Council has been removed from the process of election of the general secretary and general treasurer; and

WHEREAS, There is wisdom in seeking the counsel of a body of Spirit-led voters; and

WHEREAS, The highest voting authority within the General Council is the body of the General Council in session; and

WHEREAS, The positions of general secretary and general treasurer have not always been positions elected in the current manner; and

WHEREAS, In the past, the body of the General Council has been presented with only a single candidate to consider; and

WHEREAS, In the past, these candidates have only been reappointments of individuals who were appointed midterm as replacement candidates; and

WHEREAS, The General Council body has not been fully included in the selection of these important positions; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph a. General superintendent and assistant general superintendent, page 24, which reads:

**a. General superintendent and assistant general superintendent**

All candidates for the offices of general superintendent and assistant general superintendent shall be nominated by receiving fifteen (15) votes or more by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an election. In the event two-thirds of the votes cast are received by a qualified candidate on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. If no election has been declared after the second elective ballot, the fifteen (15) candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated. If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot, the three candidates having

the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

Be amended to read:

a. **General superintendent, and assistant general superintendent, general secretary, and general treasurer.** All candidates for the offices of general superintendent, ~~and~~ assistant general superintendent, general secretary, and general treasurer shall be nominated by receiving fifteen (15) votes or more by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an election. In the event two-thirds of the votes cast are received by a qualified candidate on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. If no election has been declared after the second elective ballot, the fifteen (15) candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated. If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

And be it therefore further

RESOLVED That General Council Bylaws, Article II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph b. Other officers, pages 24–25, which reads:

b. **Other officers.** The general secretary, general treasurer, executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions, and executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be elected in the following manner: The General Presbytery, serving as a nominating committee, shall be entrusted with the responsibility of making careful investigation concerning the qualifications and general fitness of available candidates for these offices and shall select by secret ballot one or more names to be presented for each office to the General Council in session for election. The General Presbytery shall submit as nominees to the General Council all qualified candidates who have received at least 10 percent of the votes cast by the General Presbytery. The candidates

shall be presented to and voted upon by secret ballot by the General Council in session. In the event that only one candidate receives at least 10 percent of the votes cast in the General Presbytery nomination, the vote distinction by the General Council shall be by selecting “yes” or “no.” There shall be no further nominations from the General Council floor. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be required to elect. If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

Be amended to read:

**b. Other officers.** The ~~general secretary, general treasurer,~~ executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions, and executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be elected in the following manner: The General Presbytery, serving as a nominating committee, shall be entrusted with the responsibility of making careful investigation concerning the qualifications and general fitness of available candidates for these offices and shall select by secret ballot one or more names to be presented for each office to the General Council in session for election. The General Presbytery shall submit as nominees to the General Council all qualified candidates who have received at least 10 percent of the votes cast by the General Presbytery. The candidates shall be presented to and voted upon by secret ballot by the General Council in session. In the event that only one candidate receives at least 10 percent of the votes cast in the General Presbytery nomination, the vote distinction by the General Council shall be by selecting “yes” or “no.” There shall be no further nominations from the General Council floor. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be required to elect. If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.



And be it therefore further

RESOLVED That the next election for these offices following the adoption of amendments to these bylaws be conducted in accordance with the amendments passed within this resolution.

Sponsor: Christopher M. "CM" Rhoades

Presented \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Resolution 5

### NEW MINISTER MENTORING

WHEREAS, Planning for the future of our Fellowship is of paramount importance, and

WHEREAS, Deliberate efforts have been made within the Assemblies of God to increase the number of ministers under the age of 40, and

WHEREAS, This was a stated focus of the AG Looking Forward Committee, and

WHEREAS, The median age of ministers has continued to steadily increase for more than a decade, and

WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God has boldly set a prophetic vision to expand the number of churches in the Fellowship drastically through church planting and revitalization, and

WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God will need a drastic increase in the number of new ministers in order to fulfill the God-given vision set forth, and

WHEREAS, The statistical reports published by the Fellowship do not indicate that there has been a statistically significant increase in the proportion of ministers under the age of 40, and

WHEREAS, There is a nationally documented trend for younger ministers to have a high turnover rate within a five-year period, and

WHEREAS, Leadership in the under 40 segment has increased disproportionately from their segment as a whole, and

WHEREAS, Retention must now be a focus for the Fellowship, and

WHEREAS, Spiritual mentoring is a biblically grounded method of servant leadership, and

WHEREAS, The current guidelines and regulations for receiving and renewing credentials focus on the initial requirements and not deliberate, sustainable retention; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 2. The Role of the District, pages 38–39, which reads:

#### **Section 2. The Role of the District**

The district is primarily relationship based. The district should facilitate a network for resources and relationships and provide training for credentialed ministers and local churches. The district provides ministry events to the local

church, such as camps, conferences, and retreats; and relates to the General Council affiliated churches in accordance with provisions of the Constitutional Declaration, Constitution Article XI, Bylaws Article VI, and the constitution and bylaws of the respective district council. The district relates to district affiliated churches in accordance with its own bylaws and processes, and recommends ministerial credentialing and disciplines for its constituents.

Be amended to read:

## **Section 2. The Role of the District**

a. The district is primarily relationship based. The district should facilitate a network for resources and relationships and provide training for credentialed ministers and local churches. The district provides ministry events to the local church, such as camps, conferences, and retreats; and relates to the General Council affiliated churches in accordance with provisions of the Constitutional Declaration, Constitution Article XI, Bylaws Article VI, and the constitution and bylaws of the respective district council. The district relates to district affiliated churches in accordance with its own bylaws and processes, and recommends ministerial credentialing and disciplines for its constituents.

b. The district shall be required to put in place a spiritual mentoring program in which each newly credentialed minister shall be required to be mentored for no less than five years. The district shall also put in place a required training in spiritual mentorship for mentors that serve mentees in their district. This spiritual mentor training shall occur, at minimum, once per quarter. However, it may be more frequent as deemed necessary by the district.

And be it therefore further

RESOLVED, That The General Council Bylaws, Article VII. Ministry, Section 3. Specific Qualifications, pages 48–50, which reads:

## **Section 3. Specific Qualifications**

**a. Residency requirements of applicants.** Applicants for all credentials must be residents of or hold credentials in the district where they make application and appear before its credentials committee.

**b. Local church credential.** A local church credential shall be administered by the local church pursuant to basic guidelines adopted by the General Presbytery and such additional guidelines adopted by the district council. It shall be nontransferable (limited to the issuing local church).

**c. Certified minister.**

(1) *General requirements.* They shall show promise of usefulness in the gospel work. They shall devote full or part time to Christian ministry and, at the discretion of the district credentials committees, may remain under the supervision of a pastor or a ministry coach or mentor. They shall show evidence of a divine call and be actively engaged in some aspect of ministry and proclamation of the gospel, except in case of ill health or advanced age.

(2) *Pastoral requirements.* In the event a certified minister is serving in a position as the pastor, he or she shall be expected to advance to the ministry license level within two (2) years of acceptance of the pastorate. This shall not apply to any minister who has reached the age of sixty-five (65) or older, or whose certificate has been issued on a provisional basis. Any exceptions shall be at the discretion of the district credentials committee.

(3) *Exception for provisional issuance.* A Certificate of Ministry may be issued on a provisional basis to a person who has not met all the credentialing requirements but who is deemed by the district credentials committee to be essential to the continuity of a church or a ministry. The reason for such a provisional issuance must be ministry driven, and the justification for its use is terminated when the minister ceases to be involved in the ministry for which it was initially granted unless the minister accepts another qualifying assignment. Other limitations are:

(a) The ministry certificate on a provisional basis will be issued for one (1) year and shall not be renewed more than two times.

(b) A person who has been granted the Certificate of Ministry on a provisional basis must meet the qualifications for a ministry certificate within a three-year period.

**d. Licensed minister.** Qualifications for license shall include clear evidence of a divine call, character, and preparation suitable for that calling, practical ministry experience, and an evident purpose to devote one's life in service to the proclamation of the gospel.

**e. Ordained minister.** Qualifications for ordination are outlined in the New Testament (1 Timothy 3:1–7; Titus 1:7–9). In addition:

(1) Applicants must be twenty-three (23) years of age or older.

(2) They must have met all the requirements in making application and in completing the prescribed application form.

(3) No person may be ordained to the ministry until he or she has shown evidence of a divine call and has held a ministry license and has been actively engaged in ministry and proclamation of the gospel for at least two (2) full consecutive years immediately prior thereto.

(4) *Residency requirements of applicants.* Applicants must be residents of or hold credentials in the district where they make application and appear before its credentials committee. District councils are required to refrain from approving any applicant for ordination who may have been licensed in another district, until such licensed minister shall have been a member of the district in which he or she is seeking ordination at least one (1) year. Applicants who have not been a member of the district where they apply for ordination for two (2) full consecutive years must meet the requirements and secure the endorsement of the officers of the district in which they were previously licensed, as well as the district of their residence.

(5) *Exceptions to requirements.* The General Council Credentials Committee, upon request by a district credentials committee and where exceptional circumstances exist, may waive

the requirements for an applicant holding a ministry license for two (2) full consecutive years or being a member of the district in which he or she is seeking ordination for at least one (1) year.

(6) In order to maintain active status, ordained ministers shall be engaged in viable ministry and proclamation of the gospel except for cases of disability, retirement, or other valid circumstances as determined by the general secretary.

Be amended to add the following:

f. All ministers should be required to participate in a spiritual mentoring program through their district for no less than five years after the date of initial credentialing. Failure to do so will prohibit the renewal of credentials unless provisions are made by the respective district office for reenrollment into the mentoring program. This shall only apply to initial credentialing and not to an upgrade in credentialing status from certified to licensed or licensed to ordained. The length of time of mentorship may be extended at the discretion of the district credentialing committee. However, it may not be shortened to less than five years. This shall include ministers from other denominations and organizations who apply for credentials at any level within the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: Christopher M. "CM" Rhoades

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Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
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# HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER

## RESOLUTIONS

**Constitution**  
**ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES**  
**OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL**  
**Section 3. General Presbytery**  
**(Page 17)**

**j. Honorary general presbyters.** Upon the approval of the General Presbytery, honorary members may be chosen by the General Council from among those ministers who (1) have reached the age of sixty (60) years and (2) have served on the General Presbytery for twenty (20) years or more, or served on the General Presbytery as a General Council executive officer or executive presbyter for eight (8) years or more. The addition of such honorary members shall be in addition to the regular number of presbyters granted each district. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (9).]

**Resolution 6**

**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—STEPHEN L. HARRIS**

WHEREAS, Stephen L. Harris has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assemblies of God with great distinction as a minister of the gospel for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, He served as a youth pastor and lead pastor in the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network and in the Arizona Ministry Network; and

WHEREAS, He served the Rocky Mountain Network with great distinction as a presbyter, and in the Arizona Ministry Network as presbyter, executive presbyter, assistant superintendent, and for the past twenty-five years as district superintendent; and

WHEREAS, He served on various boards and committees of the district and the General Council; and

WHEREAS, He served on the General Presbytery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has represented the highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, page 17, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of the General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, Stephen L Harris meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Stephen L. Harris be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

Presented	_____
Amended	_____
Referred	_____
Adopted	_____
Lost	_____



## **Resolution 7**

### **HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—ROY “BILL” WELCH**

WHEREAS, Roy “Bill” Welch has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assemblies of God with great faithfulness and integrity as a minister of the gospel for forty years, having been licensed to preach in 1984 and ordained in 1992; and

WHEREAS, He served the Alaska Ministry Network in pastoral ministry for twenty-two years, leading both churches he pastored in stable growth; and

WHEREAS, He served with great distinction for twenty-seven years in elected positions in the Alaska Ministry Network, including sixteen years as superintendent, eight years as assistant superintendent, and three years as sectional presbyter; and

WHEREAS, He has served our Assemblies of God institutions, as a member of the Board of Directors of Northwest University for twenty-four years and as a member of the Board of Directors of Church Extension Plan for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, He has served our national Assemblies of God Fellowship as a general presbyter for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Ministry Network has been blessed by his spiritual leadership, practical wisdom, and faithfulness to Pentecostal doctrine; and

WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those who have served among us with distinction, integrity, and a desire to enrich the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, The General Council Constitution Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, page 17 makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, Roy “Bill” Welch meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Roy “Bill” Welch be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
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# NOTES

