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FOREWORD

“People of the Spirit” was the theme for our 51st General Council in Denver, Colorado, August 2-5, 2005.

The Council was marked by great unity and anointed worship and ministry. For the first time in our history, the evening services were televised internationally. We are grateful to the Inspirational Network for making these services available to millions of people throughout the world.

Parallel to the General Council, over 13,000 young people participated in the Fine Arts Festival. Their evening services were likewise marked by the Spirit’s presence, with many young people baptized in the Holy Spirit.

We look forward to the next General Council in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 8-11, 2007, should Jesus tarry.

May the Lord richly bless you!

George O. Wood
General Secretary

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TUESDAY EVENING—AUGUST 2

The 51st General Council began with a 7 o'clock service at the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colorado, with Thomas E. Trask, general superintendent, as the keynote speaker.

Prior to the evening service televised by Inspiration Network, 30 minutes of per-se music was provided by a combined choir from Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, Tom Matrone, director, and Northland Cathedral, Kansas City, Missouri, Ron Steen, director, and Kristy Starling, Lakeside Assembly of God, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Assistant General Superintendent Charles T. Crabtree served as chairman for the service.

The service opened with a welcome video, followed by the Presentation of Colors and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by Kristy Starling.

The theme for the 51st General Council was "People of the Spirit."

G. Robert Cook, Jr., superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District, read the Scripture and Dennis J. Rivera, superintendent of the Central Latin American District, offered prayer for the General Council. Thomas E. Trask greeted the delegates and recognized special guests including U.S. Representative Marilyn Musgrave, who represents Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. She brought greetings in behalf of the State of Colorado and extended a welcome to the 51st General Council.

James K. Bridges, general treasurer, received the offering. The combined choir from Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, and Northland Cathedral, Kansas City, Missouri, provided the offertory. Power Company Choir, Marlette, Michigan, under the direction of John Gunn, provided music for the service.

The keynote message for the 51st General Council was brought by General Superintendent Thomas E. Trask. He laid out the challenges and opportunities facing the Fellowship. Trask noted how the Assemblies of God has grown from 300 people 91 years ago to more than 53 million worldwide today, indicating that the church faces a daunting task in reaching an increasingly secular society. "It's not a matter of simply inviting the unchurched to services. Those who don't attend church often have no understanding that Jesus was sinless, that Satan is real, that salvation is through grace, and that God is the Creator and present-day ruler of the universe. Stirring worship music won't attract them because worship isn't even on their radar screen. More comfortable pews cannot compete with the easy chair or the bed that already serve the unchurched person. Church events cannot effectively compete with what the world has to offer. But the church does have one thing to offer that can't be found elsewhere: a life-changing, authentic encounter and ongoing relationship with the living God."

He further stated: “The Assemblies of God is uniquely positioned as a Spirit-empowered movement to offer solutions to those searching for meaning. God raised up the Assemblies of God to become a people of Pentecostal power, not to just be another denomination. Pentecostals need to resist Satan’s temptation to fade into the religious landscape and be consumed with religious activities. It’s not about looks. It’s not about a degree. It’s not about talents or gifts. It’s not about offices or titles. Those who lead others to God must themselves be in tune with the Holy Spirit. A Spirit-led person has a personal relationship with God; prays and fasts; has integrity; is passionate about God’s Word and loves those who aren’t easy to love.”

Trask further admonished the audience to watch their lives and doctrine closely. “In an era of growing moral relativism, it’s tempting to preach what is popular rather than what is biblical. Walking in the Spirit also means living victorious, upright, moral, and godly lives. He stressed the importance of not relegating the baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the initial physical evidence of speaking in tongues, to secondary status. If we fail to preach, teach, and provide opportunity for men and women to receive this glorious Baptism, we as leaders will be held responsible. You can make a difference as a man or woman of God. Let it be said, ‘There is a man of God in our city.’”

WEDNESDAY MORNING—AUGUST 3

The Wednesday session began at 8 a.m. with an hour of prayer led by Doris P. Johnson, national speaker and missionary to Brazil. Music was led by David Good, associate pastor/music minister at Pueblo Christian Center, Pueblo, Colorado.

Business Session

The first business session of the 51st General Council of the Assemblies of God convened at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado, Wednesday, August 3, at 9 a.m. General Superintendent Thomas E. Trask welcomed the delegates and called the business session to order at 9:15 a.m.

Introduction of Executive Presbytery

Chairman Trask introduced the executive officers and asked them to stand: Charles T. Crabtree, assistant general superintendent; George O. Wood, general secretary; James K. Bridges, general treasurer. He then recognized and introduced the executive presbyters, as follows: L. John Bueno, executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions; Charles E. Hackett, executive director of Assemblies of God Home Missions; David Argue, North Central Area; C. Dan Betzer, Southeast Area; Warren D. Bullock, Northwest Area; Charles E. Crank, Great Lakes Area; Richard Dresselhaus, Southwest Area; L. Alton Garrison, Gulf Area; J. Don George, South Central Area; Nam Soo Kim, Language Area—Other; Jesse Miranda, Jr., Language Area—Spanish; H. Robert Rhoden, Northeast Area; Zollie L. Smith, Jr., Ethnic Fellowships.

Introduction of Retired Executive Presbyters

Chairman Trask introduced the retired executive officers and presbyters and asked those present to stand and be recognized. He expressed deep appreciation for the years of service these men have given to the General Council. The retired executive officers and presbyters introduced were as follows: Almon M. Bartholomew, former executive presbyter, Northeast Area; Robert L. Brandt,

former executive presbyter, Northwest Area; Joseph R. Flower, former general secretary; Raymond H. Hudson, former general treasurer; J. Foy Johnson, former executive presbyter, Southeast Area; Paul E. Lowenberg, former executive presbyter, South Central Area; Armon Newburn, former executive presbyter, South Central Area; Everett R. Stenhouse, former assistant general superintendent; and Loren Triplett, former executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions.

Introduction of Former Executive Presbyter

Chairman Trask introduced Gene Jackson, former executive presbyter, Gulf Area, and expressed appreciation to him for his years of service on the Executive Presbytery.

Introduction of Headquarters Staff

The chairman expressed appreciation to the Headquarters staff serving many long hours to make this 51st General Council in Denver, Colorado, operate efficiently, calling attention to those listed in the program booklet. Special recognition was given to Harold Sallee, administrative assistant to the general superintendent, and to Shelly Mackey and Jewell Woodward, recording secretaries.

Fraternal Delegates

The chairman recognized that a number of fraternal delegates will be in attendance at this General Council. He extended a welcome to these friends and indicated that they would be honored at a dinner later during the General Council.

Expression of Appreciation to the City of Denver, Colorado

Appreciation was expressed to the city of Denver, Colorado, for its hospitality and for the kindness it has shown to the General Council delegates.

Expression of Appreciation to Host Districts

Thomas Trask expressed appreciation to the Rocky Mountain District and to Superintendent G. Robert Cook and the Central Latin American District and to Superintendent Dennis J. Rivera for their kind hospitality in hosting this 51st General Council. He also expressed appreciation to the following superintendents of the other districts in the Southwest Area for their kindness to the General Council: Steven L. Harris, Arizona District Council; George K. Nagato, Hawaii District Council; James R. Braddy, Northern California-Nevada District Council; and T. Ray Rachels, Southern District Council.

Introduction of General Council Committees

Thomas E. Trask highlighted the list of committee members, expressing appreciation for their work in the various areas of this General Council. Those who served as members in the respective capacities are as follows:

Budget

James K. Bridges, chairperson; L. John Bueno, Charles T. Crabtree, Charles E. Hackett, Thomas E. Trask, George O. Wood

Parliamentary

Gene M. Roncone II, chairperson; Jay Alford, Ansley U. Orfila, Dennis J. Rivera

Resolutions

Larry H. Griswold, chairperson; Charles R. Bradley, Wan Ki Choi, Russell W. Eggert, Joseph B. Fuiten, Thomas H. Lindberg, Marcus W. McClain, Samuel P. Molina

Roster

Richard A. Plunk, David L. Wigington, co-chairmen; Mark Christianson, liaison; Jeff Arp, Jay Bailey, James Bobo, David Collins, Ronald Crumpton, Michael Dotson, Edward Fugate, Jeremy Gundling, Mike Hanks, Jeff Jibben, Clyde Johnson, Juan Lopez, Joe Lyons, Dwight L. Miranda, David Montajes, Paul D. Poole, Jose B. Rodriguez

Spiritual Life

Ronald F. McManus, chairperson; Deborah M. Gill, Randy Hurst, Donald G. Meyer, Isaac Canales

Tellers

Rollin J. Carlson, chairperson; Lee Baca, Glenn R. Beaver, Robert J. Carlson, Richard A. Hopping, Randall S. Rogers, captains; Efraim Espinoza, liaison; Terry Abbott, Ron AlMBERG, Dean Anderson, Sylvia Baker, George Bambara, Dewayne Bardwell, Tim Barker, Bill Bearden, Ronald Blauvelt, Sam Boettcher, Tim Boyd, Mark Bradshaw, Robert Burns, William Button, Jesus Campa, Wayne R. Carvell, Timothy Cauley, Jim Christensen, Les Clark, Angel M. Colon, Brian Corkum, Don Couch, Scott Covey, Joseph Cowell, David Cramer, Gerald Crownover, John Davis, Ivan de la Torre, Manuel A. DeMelo, David Desse, Ruben Delgado, David Delgatty, Brian Donnachie, Manuel Dorado, Johnny Durham, Paul Ellis, Angel Escamilla, Danny Espinosa, Dennis Fite, John Gallegos, Randy Gardner, Ed Gavin, T. D. Gifford, Walt Graffam, Gary Gray, Duane Gryder, Edgar Hanohano, Paul Hanson, Robert Hargrave, Carroll Harrison, Obie Harrup, David Hartgrove, Chad Harvey, Charles Hedges, Ramon Hernandez, Charles Hinckley, L. D. Hinson, Sean Hinton, Roger Hoffpowier, Orvil Holden, Wallace Horton, Gene Huskey, Cleatias Jeffcoat, Kenneth Joe, Darius Johnston, Randall Jones, Jerry D. Jones, Ernest Karjala, Daniel Kaufusi, John Koppel, James Lair, Don Lane, Leland Lewis, Winfred Mack, Richard Martin, David Martin, Charles Mattix, Warren Maxted, Cole McClenithan, Lloyd McCutchen, William McGhghy, Timothy McGinnis, Vance Mitchell, David Murff, Steve Nickel, Danny Olivarez, Eric Pearson, Bruce Pennington, Tom Perez, Jose Perez, Jac D. Perrin, Jr., Kenneth Pippin, Bradley Puckett, Victor Randle, James Reamsma, Richard Ridley, Jim Rivera, Steve Rose, John Rowe, Karen Kydwansky, Jack Sampier, Jack Serr, David Serrano, Rod Smith, Dale Smith, Mark Stockburger, Kevin Sylvester, Gregory Temke, Eddie Thomas, John Tracy, Terry Turner, Matai Waqavesi, Alan Warneke, Randy Weeks, Gary Wheat, Don Wiehe, Lonnie Williams, Alan Womack, Eric York, Donald K. Yoshida, Jr.

National Operational Committees

Program Committee

Thomas E. Trask, chairperson; Charles T. Crabtree, George O. Wood, James K. Bridges, L. John Bueno, Charles E. Hackett

Program Resource

Harold W. Sallee, chairperson; Hal Donaldson, Jay Mooney, Sharon Lee, Tom McDonald, Juleen Turnage, Janece Carter, resource; Dan Castor, Encourse Productions, production director, Greg Flessing, Fresh Air Media, program director

Convention Coordinating Team

Sharon L. Lee, convention coordinator; Lori K. Lawley, housing coordinator; Sheila R. Mixer, registration coordinator; Paul Griffin, security coordinator

Accounting Committee

Clyde Hawkins, chairperson; Jerry Barton, Joy Brathwaite, Fredrick Gore, Janice Hayes, Shari Klassen

Children's Activities

Carolyn Burwell, Early Childhood coordinator; David Boyd, Kids Council chairperson; Marshall Bruner

Information Technology Support

Tim Strathdee, chairperson; Paula Lamar; Kelly Rhea, Justin Butler, Fine Arts; Ben Ellis, registration; Bill Campbell, Webmaster; Helen Piper, *Council Today*; Chris Hill, GPH Bookstore; Darrin Hull, streaming audio/video; John Ivaska, network/connectivity; Bruce Harp, Roger Richardson, computer support

Equipment

Don Lander, chairperson; Mike Cooper, Eric Goss, Don Goss, on-site trucking

Exhibits

Terry King, coordinator; Ella Mae Teuber

Hospitality

Stephen Graff, chairperson; Jeanne Graff, Pat Hawkins, Helen Wray

Human Resources

Jim Stalnaker, personnel coordinator; Beth Carroll, Steve Graff

National Youth Convention

Jay Mooney, chairperson; David Raley, Rick Lorimer, Rod Whitlock, Jerry Dahlberg, youth outside production; Mike Crane, youth outside AV equipment

Prayer

Madonna Paulson, chairperson

Printed Materials (Pre-Council)

Paul Smith, Julie Horner, Carol Ball, Sonny Carder, Jorge Tobar

Promotions/Press/Communications

Juleen Turnage, chairperson; Hal Donaldson, communications; Bill Campbell, Keith Surface, Dan VanVeen

Registration

Sheila R. Mixer, coordinator; Mark Christianson, roster liaison; Ben Ellis, IT programmer

Tellers Liaison

Efraim Espinoza

Translations

Kevin Babin, deaf coordinator; Efraim Espinoza, Spanish coordinator; Ezequiel Leija, local resource

Transportation

Dan Clopine, chairperson; Erin Buskirk, company pilot; Nadine Buskirk, Sherry Clopine, Bill Conley, Larry Kolsky, Ron Sherman

Ushers/Communion

Clancy Hayes, chairperson; Gary Allen, Communion coordinator; Rhonda Curtis, Larry Thomas, Wade Trivitt

Adoption of Agenda

The chairman called attention to the agenda, briefly summarizing items to be covered. A motion prevailed that the agenda be adopted as a guide.

General Superintendent's Report

The general superintendent's report as printed in the *Biennial Report* was given via video.

Charles Crabtree, assistant general superintendent, assumed the role of the chairman to bring the report before the body. A motion prevailed to receive the report of the general superintendent with appreciation.

The chair was returned to the general superintendent.

Assistant General Superintendent's Report

The assistant general superintendent's report as printed in the *Biennial Report* was given via video.

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the assistant general superintendent with appreciation.

General Secretary's Report

The general secretary's report as printed in the *Biennial Report* was given via video.

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the general secretary with appreciation.

General Treasurer's Report

The general treasurer's report as printed in the *Biennial Report* was given via video.

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the general treasurer with appreciation.

General Council Audit Report

James K. Bridges, general treasurer, using an 11-page summary statement which was distributed to all delegates, reviewed the Audit Report. He indicated to the delegates that a copy of the full audit was available and could be picked up.

He indicated that the independent auditing firm of Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson has given a clean, unqualified opinion of the General Council audit and all the General Council affiliates.

A motion prevailed to receive the Audit Report as presented.

Departmental/Divisional Reports

The general superintendent called attention to the Departmental/Divisional Reports which were presented to the delegates in the form of a computer disk in the back cover of the *Biennial Report*.

General Superintendent's Medal of Honor

The General Superintendent's Medal of Honor was presented by the general superintendent to the following two outstanding laypersons:

Marilyn Musgrave

She is one of only 69 women in the United States Congress and in her first session stood out from her colleagues when *Newsweek* magazine selected her as the "rising star" within the House and the *National Journal* referenced her as one of two freshman congressmen to watch. Our General Superintendent's Medal of Honor recipient, Marilyn Musgrave, represents Colorado's 4th Congressional district, a post she was elected to in 2002 and reelected in 2004.

A longtime Republican Party and pro-life activist, she previously served on the Fort Morgan School Board, in the Colorado House of Representatives and the Colorado State Senate prior to her national election. She became best known for her advocacy of a constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriage. Her Federal Marriage Amendment declares marriage is reserved for one man and one woman. Her voting record reflects the agenda of the Christian right and conservatives leading the *National Journal* to describe her as a "tenacious advocate of conservative social causes."

She has received numerous awards and commendations since going to Congress. Yet Marilyn Musgrave doesn't consider her political career to be the pinnacle of her life. "It's wonderful to pursue this stage of my life, but the earlier part of my life was more important," she said. "Then I was shaping four little human beings. It's an awesome responsibility to mold a child's life."

Marilyn and her husband Steve have two sons and two daughters ranging in age from 24 to 34. "The days my children were born were the happiest days of my life," she says. Now her five grandchildren give her opportunities to create precious memories again.

Marilyn and Steve have long been active in their local assembly, the Sanctuary. Pastor Ben Baughman has known Marilyn as a politician, friend, and congregant for over 12 years. He and his wife Brenda have prayed with and for Marilyn since her school board election days. "Marilyn has always sought God on the moves she's made," Pastor Baughman says. "Our church supports her in prayer because she's family." When she is able to return to Fort Morgan during legislative recesses, her pastor doesn't sense that she is consumed with politics. "Mothering and grandmothering are what she loves more than anything," he says. And the most joyful times in her life continue to be at family gatherings.

For a life of service, bringing glory to God and to this Fellowship, it gives me great pleasure to confer upon Marilyn Musgrave the church's highest award for laypersons—The General Superintendent's Medal of Honor.

Wil Balch

When God calls a person to follow Him, He intends that call to be evident in every aspect of one's life, especially in relations with others. Our General Superintendent's Medal of Honor recipient has poured himself into building people. His life testifies to his passion to serve God in the workplace.

As a business owner, Wil Balch would mentor his employees, bringing many to faith in Christ and then instilling in them their responsibility to give back to their church and the community.

An active church leader, Wil has served on many boards and committees for his congregation. But everyone who knows him recognizes his big passion is for missions. He served on local missions committees and also served on the World Missions Board for the Fellowship. He is relentless when it comes to giving to missions. As a layman at Bethel Church in San Jose, Brother Balch directed the missions programs. Under his leadership the church's budget grew to well over \$1 million each year. He has never lost that fervor. Working with a new church plant in Grace Community Church, he has grown the missions budget to \$75,000 annually and seen the church support 50 missionaries.

"His integrity is above reproach when it comes not only to his business, but his life," states Pastor and son-in-law Damon Gilliland. "He is highly respected by the men of our church who are half his age. His way of encouraging the people of our church is one that is admired by many who endeavor to follow his example." Everywhere Wil goes, people always love to be in his presence. Why? Because of his commitment to Jesus Christ and the church that Christ died for.

Wil and his wife of 54 years, Lafonda, have five children, 21 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. They would attest that their greatest accomplishment is that all their children and grandchildren are honoring and serving the Lord. A truly humble man, Wil Balch gives all of the credit for his accomplishments to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is highly esteemed by his family, friends, and associates.

For an exemplary life, bringing glory and honor to God and to this church, it is my privilege to confer upon Wil Balch the General Superintendent's Medal of Honor.

Roster Committee Report

David Wigington, chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the following report as of 9 a.m., Wednesday, August 3, 2005:

Ordained	2,859	
Licensed	595	
Delegates	<u>403</u>	
Voting constituency		3,857
Exhibitor	1,373	
Kids Council	502	
Youth Convention	12,019	
General registration	<u>4,245</u>	
Nonvoting constituency		<u>18,139</u>
Total		21,996

A motion prevailed to receive the report.

Election of General Superintendent

The general secretary read Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, paragraph a, and Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph a, pertaining to the election of general superintendent. Everett R. Stenhouse, former assistant general superintendent, led in prayer for God's guidance during the election process. The ballot was cast for the election of general superintendent and the chairman declared the voting closed.

Charles T. Crabtree, assistant general superintendent, assumed the chair.

Rollin J. Carlson, chairman of the Tellers Committee, gave the following report of the nominating ballot for the office of general superintendent:

Total votes cast	2,134
Needed to elect	1,427
Thomas E. Trask	1,658

Having noted that Thomas E. Trask received more than the required number of votes, the assistant general superintendent declared Thomas E. Trask reelected to the position of general superintendent.

Brother Trask responded and expressed his appreciation to the body for their vote of confidence.

The following is a list of all other nominees: Tommy Barnett 2, Wayne Benson 44, Dan Betzer 10, James Bridges 16, Warren Bullock 4, Doug Clay 12, Bob Cook 19, Robert Cook 4, Charles Crabtree 62, Charles Crank 9, L. Alton Garrison 74, Don George 2, Charles Hackett 2, John Lindell 32, Ron McManus 6, Paul Martin 3, John Palmer 12, Terrell R. Raburn 3, Ray Rachels 7, Robert Rhoden 31, Mark Rutland 6, Les Welk 7, George Wood 135, others 128

The chair was returned to the general superintendent.

Election of General Treasurer

The general secretary read the Bylaws provision for the election of general treasurer, Article II, Section 2, paragraph b, and presented the name of James K. Bridges as the nominee from the General Presbytery. Ballots were cast and the chair declared voting closed. The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report:

Total votes cast	2,376
Needed to elect	1,585
Yes votes	2,169
No votes	207

Having noted that James K. Bridges had received more than the required number of votes, the general superintendent declared that he had been reelected to the position of general treasurer.

Privileged Motion Support for Leadership

A privileged motion was presented from the floor. The motion was second and carried. The motion adopted is as follows:

RESOLVED, That this General Council in session express its support for the general superintendent, the Board of Administration, and the Executive Presbytery for their leadership, their spirit, and their motivation during this process of change and transition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That as a General Council we pledge to pray for God's hand to rest upon their leadership and that He will guide them as this process of transformation continues to move forward.

Election of Executive Director Assemblies of God U.S. Missions

The general secretary read the Bylaws provision for the election of executive director for Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d. The names of Paul E. Drost, L. Alton Garrison, John M. Palmer, and Terrell (Terry) Raburn were presented as the nominees from the General Presbytery for the position of executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions. Ballots were cast and the chair declared voting closed.

Rollin Carlson, chairman of the Tellers Committee, gave the following report of the first elective ballot for the office of executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions as follows:

Total votes cast	2,446
Needed to elect	1,632
Paul E. Drost	416
L. Alton Garrison	892
John M. Palmer	653
Terrell R. Raburn	485

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the second elective ballot for the office of the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions:

Total votes cast:	2,575
Needed to elect:	1,718
Paul E. Drost	217
L. Alton Garrison	1,469
John M. Palmer	594
Terrell R. Raburn	295

Since there was no election a third elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the third elective ballot for the office of executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions:

Total votes cast:	2,340
Needed to elect:	1,561
Paul E. Drost	73
L. Alton Garrison	1,932
John M. Palmer	282
Terrell R. Raburn	53

Having noted that L. Alton Garrison had received more than the required number of votes, the general superintendent declared L. Alton Garrison elected to the position of executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions.

Procedural Motion

A motion prevailed that all previously printed resolutions that were distributed by mail not be read when presented to this body for consideration.

Procedural Motion

A motion prevailed that consideration of Resolution 1. Credentialing of Divorce and Remarried Persons be postponed until after lunch, thus allowing delegates an opportunity to read carefully the paper distributed from the Commission on Doctrinal Purity entitled *A Summary and Comparison of Arguments For and Against the Credentialing of Ministers With a Preconversion Divorce*.

Resolution 2. Honorary General Presbyter—Samuel P. Molina

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 2. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 2 as follows:

- WHEREAS, Samuel P. Molina has faithfully served with distinction the Assemblies of God for over 40 years—having served 15 years in pastoral ministry and 25 years as secretary-treasurer of the Gulf Latin American District Council of the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, He has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as a general presbyter for 23 years and a member of numerous committees; and
- WHEREAS, He has shown dedication to Assemblies of God institutions of higher learning, serving on the Southwestern Assemblies of God University Board of Regents and the Latin American Bible Institute of San Antonio as a board member, faculty member, interim president, and fundraiser; and
- WHEREAS, His fund-raising efforts on behalf of the Latin American Bible Institute have generated in excess of \$300,000 through stewardship programs such as the *GLAD 700* and *La Ultima Meta*; and
- WHEREAS, He has invested of himself in the development and/or promotion of programs to benefit his district, its ministers, and churches—programs such as *Probadme*, *Yo Oro por Mi Pastor*, *Invasion 2000*, *Marcha Jerico*, and numerous others; and
- WHEREAS, Many children residing in the border towns of Mexico have received New Testaments, new tennis shoes, and the message of the gospel through his ministry *Tio Samuel*; and
- WHEREAS, He has also given of himself in ministry to our PKs, having been instrumental in the establishment of the annual PK Day in the Gulf Latin American District; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, page 96 of the General Council Constitution makes provision for those having served on the General Presbytery for 20 years or more to be named an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That Samuel P. Molina, with the recommendation of the constituency of the Gulf Latin American District Council of the Assemblies of God, be named an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 3. Honorary General Presbyter—L. Jack Moore

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 3. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 3 as follows:

- WHEREAS, L. Jack Moore is esteemed as an administrator leading with wisdom and integrity for 20 years as the district secretary/treasurer and superintendent of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, His long and dedicated career includes pastoring for 22 years and serving on the district presbytery for over 26 years; and
- WHEREAS, He has served on numerous boards, including the Board of Directors of Central Bible College, Highlands Child Placement Services, Hillcrest Children's Home, the Chaplaincy Department, Maranatha Village, and The Healthy Family Center; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, page 96, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be named an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That L. Jack Moore be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 4. Commitment to World Evangelism

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 4 and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 4 as follows:

WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God is a Pentecostal expression of the church of Jesus Christ, embracing the workings, priorities, and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, and
WHEREAS, The giving of the Holy Spirit was primarily to facilitate the spreading of the gospel to the fulfillment of the Great Commission, and
WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God's formation was primarily a commitment to the greatest expression of evangelism the world had ever seen, and
WHEREAS, Evangelism on a local level and worldwide missions are still priorities for our Fellowship, and
WHEREAS, Credentialed ministers within the Assemblies of God pledge themselves to voluntary cooperation within the Fellowship, and
WHEREAS, Credentialed ministers within the Assemblies of God are required to complete an annual renewal form committing themselves to financial support of the General Council and the district council in which he or she ministers, be willing to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of said organizations, fully subscribe to the Statement of Fundamental Truths, and publicly proclaim the standard of fundamental doctrine, and
WHEREAS, A commitment to the original purpose for formation and the original commissioning of our Lord Jesus Christ for His church would seem to be a critical aspect of a person's voluntary cooperative fellowship; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That a response mechanism indicating a credentialed minister's commitment to and involvement in Assemblies of God world ministries should be added to the minister's credential renewal form, and be it further
RESOLVED, That a study committee be assigned by the general superintendent to present a strategy for implementation. The committee should address the various situations and conditions that might apply to ministers who are not serving as pastors of a local church. The committee would also outline procedures to be taken upon a minister's failure to comply with the expectation of the Fellowship. Said committee would report its findings and recommendations to the next General Presbytery in session, 2006.

Resolution 6. Second Korean District Council

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 6. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 6, as follows:

WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws makes provision for the Executive Presbytery to establish new district councils in cooperative agreement with the districts involved; and
WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery in session on January 18, 2005, has approved the establishment of the Second Korean District Council of the Assemblies of God; and
WHEREAS, The name of this new district needs to be included in the General Council Bylaws; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph e, (2),
Language Area—Other (page 105) which presently reads:

Language Area—Other: Brazilian, German, Korean, Portuguese

Be amended to read:

Language Area—Other: Brazilian, German, Korean, Portuguese,
Second Korean

Resolution 7. Dissolution of Portuguese District Council

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 7. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 7, as follows:

WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws makes provision for the General Presbytery to dissolve a district; and

WHEREAS, The General Presbytery on September 23, 2003, by mail referendum, has taken action to dissolve the Portuguese District Council of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, The name of this district needs to be removed in the General Council Bylaws; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph e, (2),
Language Area—Other (page 105) which presently reads:

Language Area—Other: Brazilian, German, Korean, Portuguese

Be amended to read:

Language Area—Other: Brazilian, German, Korean

Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:52 a.m. Douglas E. Fulenwider, superintendent of the Louisiana District Council, closed in prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—AUGUST 3

The Wednesday afternoon session began at 2 with the showing of a video regarding transformational churches. The business session was called to order at 2:20 p.m.

Religious Alliance Against Pornography and the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Family

The general superintendent introduced Jerry Kirk, founder and chairman of the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Family. He presented the program of the Religious Alliance Against Pornography and the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Family.

Roster Committee Report

Richard A. Plunk, co-chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the following report as of 2 p.m., Wednesday, August 3, 2005:

Ordained	3,021	
Licensed	633	
Delegates	<u>436</u>	
Voting constituency		4,090
Exhibitor	1,373	
Kids Council	518	
Youth Convention	12,136	
General registration	<u>4,817</u>	
Nonvoting constituency		<u>18,844</u>
Total		22,934

A motion prevailed to receive the report.

**Resolution 1. Credentialing of Divorced and Remarried Persons
(Unfinished business from the 2003 General Council)**

Larry Griswold, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 1 as follows and moved its adoption:

The General Council in session in 2003 adopted the following recommendation from the General Presbytery:

RESOLVED, That the resolution submitted by the North Texas District to the General Council regarding preconversion divorce be referred to the General Council, and that the General Presbytery request that the General Council table the North Texas District resolution until the 2005 General Council with a recommendation that an accompanying position paper articulating the biblical position of the credentialing of ministers with the preconversion divorce be presented alongside the North Texas District resolution to the 2005 General Council.

The resolution submitted by the North Texas District is as follows:

WHEREAS, The General Council of the Assemblies of God, from its inception, has held the institution of marriage in highest regard, demonstrating to a fallen world the biblical concept of the covenant relationship between husband and wife, patterned after Christ and the Church; and

WHEREAS, Scripture clearly states that ministers of the gospel are to be above reproach in all matters of life and conduct and that our theology should shape our culture instead of our theology being shaped by our culture; and

WHEREAS, Scripture teaches that ministers should be the husband or wife of but one living spouse; and

WHEREAS, Bylaws changes in the last General Council give the appearance of condoning divorce and remarriage among credentialed ministers, thereby departing from biblical guidelines upheld in Titus 1:5-9 and 1 Timothy 3:12; and

WHEREAS, We maintain a desire to impede the lowering of morality within our churches, where divorce rates approach those of the world; and

WHEREAS, The 87th North Texas District Council of the Assemblies of God went on record as upholding scriptural standards in the credentialing of ministers; and

WHEREAS, The council in session directed the North Texas District Council to present the following resolution to the next General Council in session; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, paragraph i, page 118, which presently reads:

- i. **Marriage status.** We disapprove of any married person holding ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God or district councils granting credentials to such, if either marriage partner has a former spouse living, unless the divorce occurred prior to his or her conversion except as hereinafter provided.

Be amended to read as follows:

- i. **Marriage status.** We disapprove of any married person holding ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God or district councils granting credentials to such, if either marriage partner has a former companion living, except as hereinafter provided.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That Article VII, Section 2, paragraph j, page 118, which presently reads:

j. Annulments, marriage dissolutions, and divorces. The Executive Presbytery shall have the authority to determine whether an applicant's annulment of a former marriage is consistent with the scriptural position of the Fellowship relating to the granting or holding of ministerial credentials; or, in the case of a divorce or a dissolution whether the circumstances would more appropriately be classified as calling for an annulment; or if the divorce occurred prior to conversion. In those cases involving preconversion divorce, they shall be decided on an individual basis just as those that deal with annulments are decided. The application for an annulment must be accompanied by clear and satisfactory evidence of an illegal marriage through deception or fraud. Appeals from the decisions of the Executive Presbytery may be made to the General Presbytery.

Be amended to read as follows:

j. Annulments and marriage dissolutions. The Executive Presbytery shall have authority to determine whether an applicant's annulment of a former marriage is consistent with the scriptural position of the Fellowship relating to the granting or holding of ministerial credentials; or, in the case of a divorce or a dissolution, whether the circumstances would more appropriately be classified as calling for an annulment. The application must be accompanied by clear and satisfactory evidence of an illegal marriage through deception or fraud. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Presbytery may be made to the General Presbytery.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That Article IX, B, Section 5, paragraph c. (1), page 128, which presently reads:

(1) *Standard for offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon.* Since the New Testament restricts divorced and remarried believers from the church offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon, we recommend that this standard be upheld by all our assemblies (Titus 1:5-9; 1 Timothy 3:12), except when the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Be amended to read as follows:

(1) *Standard for offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon.* Since the New Testament restricts divorced and remarried believers from the church office of bishop, or elder, and deacon, we recommend that the standard be upheld by all our assemblies (Titus 1:5-9; 1 Timothy 3:12). However, we recommend that all other opportunities for Christian service for which these believers may be qualified be made available to them.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That Article IX, B, Section 5, paragraph e, page 129, which presently reads:

e. Ministerial credentials. We disapprove of any married minister of the Assemblies of God holding credentials if either minister or spouse has a former spouse living unless the divorce occurred prior to conversion. (See also Article VII, Section 2, paragraphs i. and j.)

Be amended to read as follows:

e. Ministerial credentials. We disapprove of any married minister of the Assemblies of God holding credentials if either minister or spouse has a former companion living. (See also Article VII, Section 2, paragraphs i. and j.)

A motion prevailed that the vote on this resolution be by secret ballot.

A motion was made and seconded raising objection to the consideration of Resolution 1. The motion lost.

A motion was made and seconded to refer the matter of a biblical basis for the approval of a preconversion divorce along with the issue of a biblical basis for ecclesiastical annulment to a committee appointed by the general superintendent and approved by the Executive Presbytery, with a request that this committee bring back a report to the next General Council in session. The motion lost.

A motion prevailed that the word “companion” on page 2, line 14, and page 4, line 4, be amended to read: spouse.

A secret ballot was cast. The chairman of the Tellers Committee reported the results of the secret ballot as follows:

Total votes cast	2,705
Yes votes	713
No votes	1,992

The chairman declared that the motion to adopt Resolution 1 was lost.

**A Summary and Comparison of Arguments For and
Against the Credentialing of Ministers With a Preconversion Divorce
(Prepared by the Commission on Doctrinal Purity)**

The General Council in session on August 1, 2003, responding to a recommendation of the General Presbytery, moved to direct the preparation of a position paper articulating the biblical position of the credentialing of ministers with the [sic] preconversion divorce to be presented alongside the North Texas District Resolution to the 2005 General Council.

The Executive Presbytery directed that such a paper be prepared by the Commission on Doctrinal Purity (CDP) with the understanding that it be a terse summation of key points for and against the credentialing of ministers with a preconversion divorce.

Conscientiously working to fulfill its mandate, the CDP noted that arguments for and against the credentialing of divorced persons have been carefully formulated and thoroughly examined over the years by a number of able committees acting at the direction of the Executive Presbytery and General Presbytery and/or the General Council. There is little to be said on the subject not already treated in their reports and resolutions, as well as in other resolutions presented to the General Council. The most important of these appear to be:

1. 1973 Report to the General Council—*Divorce and Remarriage* (GC Minutes, pp.16-58)
Recognized biblical grounds for divorce and remarriage for laity but maintained the historic position of the Fellowship with regard to noncredentialing of divorced and remarried persons (not to exclude ecclesiastical annulments).

2. 1983 Report to the General Council—*Divorce and Remarriage and Qualifications of Ministers and Deacons* (GC Minutes, pp.24-29)
Strongly recommended maintaining the historic position of the Fellowship with regard to noncredentiaing of divorced and remarried persons (not to exclude ecclesiastical annulments).
3. 1990 Report to the General Presbytery—*Credentiaing of Married Ministers Who Have a Living Former Spouse* (GP Minutes, August 14, 1990, pp.20-37).
Recommended that persons divorced and remarried prior to conversion, or with biblical grounds, be qualified for credentiaing. Followed by a “minority report” recommending adherence to the historic AG position, this report, with its resolutions, was tabled.
4. 1991 Report to the General Presbytery—*Credentiaing Ministers With Marriage Entanglements* (GP Minutes, August 5, 1991, pp.66-72)
A careful review of the historic position of the AG with attention to the “husband of one wife” passages and credentiaing of persons with a preconversion divorce/remarriage, followed by action to reaffirm the historic AG position.
5. 1991 General Council—Resolution 22 *Ministers Who Have Been Divorced and Remarried* (GC Minutes, pp.86-92)
Sought approval for credentiaing of persons divorced on biblical grounds and subsequently remarried, as well as those having been divorced and remarried prior to conversion. The resolution failed to win adoption and the historic AG position was sustained.
6. 1997 General Council—Resolution 9 *Credentiaing of Divorced and Remarried Individuals* (GC Minutes, pp.29-44)
Sought approval for credentiaing of persons with a preconversion divorce. The resolution failed to win adoption and the historic A/G position was sustained.
7. 2001 General Council—Resolution 15 *Credentiaing of Divorced and Remarried Persons* (GC Minutes, pp.51-54)
Resolution authorizing the credentiaing of qualified persons who were divorced and remarried prior to conversion was adopted.
8. 2003 General Council—*North Texas District Appeal: Credentiaing of Divorced and Remarried Persons* (GC Minutes, pp.70-72)
Restated historic arguments against credentiaing of divorced and remarried persons and sought to repeal Resolution 15 (2001).

The CDP carefully reviewed these and other relevant documents and, for convenience and clarity, offers the following brief summation and comparison of the arguments *pro* and *con*:

Theses	Arguments AGAINST Credentiaing Persons With a Preconversion Divorce and Remarriage	Arguments FOR Credentiaing Persons With a Preconversion Divorce and Remarriage
<i>Thesis 1</i> <i>Historic Position of the AG</i>	The historic position of the AG has been to deny ministerial credentials to divorced and remarried persons (unless the first marriage was annulled) regardless of the time at which the divorce/remarriage occurred. Until passage of Resolution 15 in 2001, the General Council periodically reaffirmed this	The historic position of the AG did not adequately weigh the “new creation” work of the Spirit and rested heavily on a faulty hermeneutical argument from 1 Timothy 3:2 and Titus 1:6 (“husband of one wife”) to forbid the credentiaing of divorced and remarried persons who felt called to ministry. The historic position is more strict than Scripture itself.

	position believing that a hermeneutical shift on 1 Timothy 3:2 and Titus 1:6 reflects the subtle influence of western divorce culture rather than new light from the New Testament Greek text.	
Thesis 2 <i>Historic Position of the Christian Church</i>	The prevailing position of the Christian church through the centuries has been to deny credentialed ministry to divorced and remarried persons. Modern changes to this prevailing interpretation appear to be an accommodation to moral deterioration in popular culture.	The prevailing positions of the Christian church through the centuries have sometimes embraced nonbiblical church traditions, as is demonstrated, until modern times, by the church's denial of credentialed ministry to women.
Thesis 3 <i>"Husband of One Wife"</i>	Scripture explicitly teaches that the minister is to be the "husband of one wife" (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6). The AG consistently has interpreted this provision to refer primarily to divorce and remarriage rather than to polygamy. Moreover, it has not been interpreted in the AG to prohibit the ministry of women, single persons, or those widowed and remarried. Standard translations of this crucial phrase from the Greek of the New Testament are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Greek, <i>mias gynaikos andra</i> (1 Timothy 3:2); literally, "a one woman man"; <i>mias gynaikos anēr</i> (Titus 1:6, phrase is the same as 1 Timothy 3:2 except for change of case with <i>anēr</i>).] • NIV "the husband of but one wife" • KJV, NKJV, NASB "the husband of one wife" • NRSV "married only once" The entire canon of Scripture places great weight on high qualifications for leaders who serve the church.	Paul's concern for sexual fidelity within a monogamous marriage is uppermost in his qualification that the elder/overseer be a "the husband of one wife" ("one woman man," 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6). Beyond that, the precise meaning of the phrase is somewhat uncertain and, at various times, it has been interpreted by sincere students of Scripture to mean any one, or several, of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A minister cannot be a woman. 2. A minister cannot be remarried after being widowed. 3. A minister cannot be an unmarried person. 4. A minister cannot be a divorced and remarried person. 5. A minister cannot have more than one spouse (polygamy/polyandry). 6. A minister must be sexually faithful to one spouse. Therefore, this phrase must always be interpreted in light of the entire canon of Scripture which places great weight on the Spirit's new creation in the lives of previously sinful human beings.
Thesis 4 <i>Exemplary Role of the Minister</i>	Divorce followed by remarriage to another partner may seriously affect the minister's scriptural mandate, as a model of Christian marriage, to be "blameless" and to "rule his [her] own house well." Therefore, the biblical injunction, "the husband of one	Preconversion sins such as murder, assault, drug dealing, drug and alcohol addictions, robbery, theft, hetero- and homosexual promiscuity, and so forth, are not automatic disqualifications from credentialed ministry for a repentant Spirit-filled person with proven Christian character.

	wife [one woman man],” is generally to be considered a prohibition of ministerial credentialing in such cases.	
Thesis 5 <i>Ecclesiastical Annulment</i>	Relief via ecclesiastical annulment is provided in the event of marriages contracted through fraud or deceit so that such persons, upon affirmative adjudication of their circumstances, may be credentialed for ministry.	Eliminates the need for certain ecclesiastical annulments.
Thesis 6 <i>New Creation</i>	The new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) effected in believers by the power of the Holy Spirit on the basis of the atoning death of Jesus Christ sets them free from even the vilest sins. However, the new creation deals with spiritual change and there is no thought of canceling all moral and social responsibility covenanted before conversion (1 Timothy 6:2; Philemon 18).	The new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) effected in believers by the power of the Holy Spirit on the basis of the atoning death of Jesus Christ sets them free from even the vilest sins. Therefore, all believers whom the Spirit renews, cleanses, equips, and calls to the ministry, including those with preconversion divorces/remarriages, are to be duly examined, approved, and credentialed by the church.
Thesis 7 <i>Work of the Spirit</i>	There is a visible and scriptural work of the Holy Spirit in calling and gifting repentant believers for ministry. But the subjective work of the Spirit is always in harmony with the objective word of Scripture and, therefore, consistent with Scripture, only equips divorced/remarried believers for noncredentialed ministries in the church.	There is a visible and scriptural work of the Holy Spirit in calling and gifting repentant believers for ministry. Therefore, the Spirit’s evident call and gifts in the lives of persons with a preconversion divorce/ remarriage should be respected, tested, and affirmed for credentialing, as are the call and giftings of all other persons.
Thesis 8 <i>Ministry of Those Already Credentialed</i>	The ministry of recently credentialed persons with a preconversion divorce/ remarriage will not be adversely affected by repeal of Resolution 15.	There are now nearly 500 persons with a preconversion divorce/remarriage who have been granted ministerial credentials and whose Spirit-anointed service is presently enriching the Church.

The Commission on Doctrinal Purity strongly affirms the biblical call that elders/overseers must be “above reproach” (1 Timothy 3:2) and have “a good reputation with outsiders” (1 Timothy 3:7). This brief summary is intended as an aid to prayerful reflection in pursuit of that goal.

Distinguished Educators Award

Robert H. Spence, commissioner for the Commission on Christian Higher Education, presented the Distinguished Educator Awards. He recognized Lawrence Bach as the first recipient of the Distinguished Educator Award. The following resolution had been adopted by the Executive Presbytery:

Lawrence C. Bach

Whereas, Doctor Lawrence C. Bach has distinguished himself in our Fellowship by consistent excellence in teaching and has made an outstanding contribution and lifetime commitment to Christian Higher Education in the Assemblies of God; and

Whereas, Doctor Bach has served the Lord as a faculty member at North Central University from 1981 until the present and has been nominated by the North Central University Board of Directors for national recognition by the Assemblies of God; and

Whereas, Doctor Bach, having met the criteria of Service, Scholarship, Teaching, and Character, was elected by the Assemblies of God Commission on Christian Higher Education in session May 26,27, 2005, to receive the Delta Alpha Distinguished Educator Award; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in session June 6-8, 2005, recognizes Doctor Lawrence C. Bach as a distinguished educator in our Fellowship and expresses sincere appreciation for his faithful and excellent service to the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Presbytery express thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ who appointed Doctor Bach among those pastor-teachers given to the Church “for equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry” (Ephesians 4:12); and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be read publicly by the representative of the Executive Presbytery on the occasion of the General Council Commission on Christian Higher Education Luncheon, August 4, 2005, Denver, Colorado.

Robert Spence recognized William W. Menzies as second recipient of the Distinguished Educators Award. The following resolution had been adopted by the Executive Presbytery:

William W. Menzies

Whereas, Doctor William W. Menzies has distinguished himself in our Fellowship by consistent excellence in teaching and has made an outstanding contribution and lifetime commitment to Christian Higher Education in the Assemblies of God; and

Whereas, Doctor Menzies has served the Lord as a faculty member at Central Bible College from 1958 to 1970; Evangel University from 1970 to 1980; Assemblies of God Theological Seminary 1980 to 1984; as Interim President of the Far East Advanced School of Theology, Manila, Philippines, from 1984 to 1985; Vice President of Academic Affairs at California Theological Seminary, Fresno, California, from 1986 to 1987; President of Asia Pacific Theological Seminary from 1989 until 1996, and has been nominated by the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Board of Directors for national recognition by the Assemblies of God; and

Whereas, Doctor Menzies, having met the criteria of Service, Scholarship, Teaching, and Character, was elected by the Assemblies of God Commission on Christian Higher Education in session May 26,27, 2005, to receive the Delta Alpha Distinguished Educator Award; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in session June 6-8, 2005, recognizes Doctor William W. Menzies as a distinguished educator in our Fellowship and expresses sincere appreciation for his faithful and excellent service to the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Presbytery express thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ who appointed Doctor Menzies among those pastor-teachers given to the Church “for equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry” (Ephesians 4:12); and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be read publicly by the representative of the Executive Presbytery on the occasion of the General Council Commission on Christian Higher Education Luncheon, August 4, 2005, Denver, Colorado.

A third recipient for the Distinguished Educators Award was selected, but was not able to be present to receive the award which was W. Charles Harris. His award will be presented to him at Central Bible College. The following resolution had been adopted by the Executive Presbytery:

W. Charles Harris

Whereas, Doctor W. Charles Harris has distinguished himself in our Fellowship by consistent excellence in teaching and has made an outstanding contribution and lifetime commitment to Christian Higher Education in the Assemblies of God; and

Whereas, Doctor Harris has served the Lord as a faculty member at Central Bible College from 1967 until 2005 and has been nominated by the Central Bible College Board of Directors for national recognition by the Assemblies of God; and

Whereas, Doctor Harris, having met the criteria of Service, Scholarship, Teaching, and Character, was elected by the Assemblies of God Commission on Christian Higher Education in session May 26,27, 2005, to receive the Delta Alpha Distinguished Educator Award; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in session June 6-8, 2005, recognizes Doctor W. Charles Harris as a distinguished educator in our Fellowship and expresses sincere appreciation for his faithful and excellent service to the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Presbytery express thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ who appointed Doctor Harris among those pastor-teachers given to the Church “for equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry” (Ephesians 4:12); and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be read publicly by the representative of the Executive Presbytery on the occasion of the General Council Commission on Christian Higher Education Luncheon, August 4, 2005, Denver, Colorado.

Distinguished Administrator Award

Robert H. Spence, commissioner for the Commission on Christian Higher Education, presented the Distinguished Administrator Award. He recognized Gary Bruegman as the recipient of the Distinguished Administrator Award. The following resolution had been adopted by the Executive Presbytery:

Gary Bruegman

Whereas, Reverend Gary Bruegman has distinguished himself in our Fellowship by consistent excellence in teaching and has made an outstanding contribution and lifetime commitment to Christian Higher Education in the Assemblies of God; and

Whereas, Reverend Bruegman served the Lord as principal/administrator of Salinas Christian Schools, 1970-71, director of Student Services at Bethany Bible College, 1977-86, vice president for Student Development at Central Bible College, 1986-05; and

Whereas, Reverend Bruegman, having met the criteria of Service, Scholarship, Teaching, and Character, was elected by the Assemblies of God Commission on Christian Higher Education in session May 26,27, 2005, to receive the Omicron Alpha Distinguished Award; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in session June 6-8, 2005, recognizes Reverend Gary Bruegman as having been a distinguished administrator in our Fellowship and expresses sincere appreciation for his faithful and excellent service to the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Presbytery express thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ who appointed Reverend Gary Bruegman among those with gifts of administration and leadership (1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:8); and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be read publicly by the representative of the Executive Presbytery on the occasion of the General Council Commission on Christian Higher Education Luncheon, August 4, 2005, Denver, Colorado.

Resolution 8. Ministerial Support

Resolution 8 was presented by the Resolutions Committee. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 8 as follows:

WHEREAS, General Council Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 1, paragraph c. (1) provides that ministers contribute to the work of the General Council at the level of \$15 per month for ordained ministers, \$10 per month for licensed ministers, and \$5 per month for certified ministers; and

WHEREAS, There has been no increase in the specified monthly contributions since 1995; and

WHEREAS, There has been inflationary growth in the economy since 1995; and

WHEREAS, The contribution from ministers is a major source of income for the operating fund of The General Council; and

WHEREAS, The expenses of the General Council have increased regularly since 1995; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 1, paragraph c, (1), page 145, which now reads:

(1) *From ministers.* The work of The General Council of the Assemblies of God in its program of developing the spirit of cooperation and fellowship in U.S. and world missions fields, incurs considerable expense, including the financial support of the executive officers and offices.

Ordained ministers should recognize their obligation to contribute \$15 per month from their tithes or as an offering. Licensed ministers should contribute \$10 per month, and certified ministers should contribute \$5 per month. All who can are strongly urged to give more than the suggested amount, either personally or through the assemblies they pastor.

[The remainder of the section to remain as it is.]

Be amended to read:

(1) *From ministers.* The work of The General Council of the Assemblies of God in its program of developing the spirit of cooperation and fellowship in U.S. and world missions fields, incurs considerable expense, including the financial support of the executive officers and offices.

Ordained ministers should recognize their obligation to contribute \$20 per month (\$240 per year) from their tithes or as an offering. Licensed ministers should contribute \$15 per month (\$180 per year), and certified ministers should contribute \$7.50 per month (\$90 per year). All who can are strongly urged to give more than the suggested amount, either personally or through the assemblies they pastor.

and, be it further
RESOLVED, That the above action be implemented effective January 1, 2006.

Resolution 9. National Placement Service

Resolution 9 was presented by the Resolutions Committee. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 9 as follows:

WHEREAS, Resolution 21. National Placement Service To Serve Church Leadership, was adopted at the 50th General Council of the Assemblies of God in Washington, D.C., which read as follows:

WHEREAS, Churches struggle with a pastoral selection process that can match their unique needs and culture with that of a qualified minister. Small churches are finding it increasingly difficult to locate qualified ministerial candidates. Senior pastors often find it difficult to find qualified staff to fill ministry positions. In order to serve local churches in the ministerial selection process, a national placement service is proposed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That a national placement service (paid for by the users) be established that would do the following: assist ministerial candidates in locating ministry opportunities; train church leadership in a selection process; and help assess the culture of a particular church so the church can identify potential candidates that match their unique needs, values, and ministry focus.

And

WHEREAS The National Placement Service Committee was appointed by the Executive Presbytery to conduct research and bring back recommendations to the Executive Presbytery to implement Resolution 21; and

WHEREAS, The National Placement Service Committee's research has raised a number of concerns that would make the specific implementation of the resolution problematic from a legal exposure standpoint, and implementation could be inconsistent with the current methods of placing ministers in our Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, The spirit and intent behind Resolution 21 was not necessarily to create a structured national placement service, but to provide services to our churches that need assistance and coaching in the area of pastoral search and staff placement; and

WHEREAS, Many churches in our Fellowship are having a difficult time filling ministry positions with qualified candidates; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the General Council repeal Resolution 21, since such a service could create potential legal exposure from a district and national level and could be inconsistent with the current methods of placing ministers in positions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Center for Church Leadership of the General Council be asked to develop materials for leadership training and discover best practices currently employed throughout districts, which materials can be used to train church leaders in the pastoral selection process and assist pastors in finding staff qualified for positions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the current Web-based information system that has been established for the music and children's ministries departments be expanded to include other areas of ministry and that an enhanced Web-based information system be considered by the Executive Presbytery to assist ministers looking for ministry opportunities and to assist churches looking for qualified candidates.

Resolution 10. Voluntary Cooperative Fellowship

Resolution 10 was presented by the Resolutions Committee. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 10 as follows:

WHEREAS, A statement on voluntary cooperative fellowship has been historically included in the application for ministerial credentials; and

WHEREAS, This statement should also be included in the General Council Bylaws; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, page 118, be amended by the addition of the following paragraph g:

g. Voluntary Cooperation and Commitment to the Fellowship. An active loyalty to our constitutional agreements, a cooperative spirit, and a readiness to seek and receive the counsel of older mature Christians and those in positions of authority.

By voluntary it is meant that, upon learning the principles, doctrines, and practices of the Assemblies of God, and by seeing the benefits to be derived from being associated with such an organization, persons of their own free choice decide to become members, thus subscribing to all that for which the organization stands.

For the minister, by cooperation, it is meant, to the best of one's ability, complying with all decisions setting forth and defining duties and responsibilities incumbent upon members of the organization. It includes active participation and respect for the will of the majority expressed through constitutional processes.

Hence, for the minister, voluntary cooperation means that when the minister decides to become a cooperating member of the Assemblies of God, this cooperation and participation thereby becomes obligatory and not optional.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That present paragraphs g through l be relettered h through m.

Resolution 11. Mandatory Screening of Ministerial Applications

Resolution 11 was presented by the Resolutions Committee. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 11 as follows:

WHEREAS, A resolution was presented to the 2003 General Council by the Vision for Transformation Committee recommending that ministerial credential applicants be subject to mandatory screening through a designated screening agency; and

WHEREAS, This resolution was adopted as presented by the 2003 General Council in session; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Executive Presbytery that this requirement be a standard for all applicants; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws be amended making this a part of the basic qualifications for credentials; and be it further
RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, be amended by the addition of a new paragraph i. to read as follows:

i. Mandatory Screening. All applicants for ministerial credentials shall be screened through a designated screening agency established by the Executive Presbytery. Said screening shall be done by the district council prior to the submission of the application to the office of the general secretary.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That paragraphs i, j, k, and l be reentered as j, k, l, and m.

Resolution 12. Ministries of Compassion for Human Need

Resolution 12 was presented by the Resolutions Committee. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 12 as follows:

WHEREAS, Acts of compassion were an integral focus of Jesus' ministry; and
WHEREAS, Ministries of compassion serve a vital part in fulfilling the threefold mission of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, A clear statement related to compassion ministries should be included in the list of prerogatives given in the General Council Constitution; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution, Article III. PREROGATIVES, page 88, be amended by the addition of a new paragraph e which will read as follows:

e. To respond to human need with ministries of compassion.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That present paragraphs e through g be relettered f through h.

Resolution 15. Honorary General Presbyter—Charles E. Hackett

Resolution 15 was presented by the Resolutions Committee. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 15 as follows:

WHEREAS, Charles E. Hackett has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God with honor and distinction as executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions for 14 years, assuming this position in April 1991; and

WHEREAS, Charles E. Hackett has served the Indiana District Council of the Assemblies of God as its assistant district superintendent for 21 years (1970-91); and

WHEREAS, His pastoral ministry has spanned over 31 years, having served 29 years as pastor of First Assembly of God, Lafayette, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, He has served as an evangelist for 5 years and D-CAP of the Indiana District Council for 2 years; and

WHEREAS, In his duties as executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions he has led the ministries of six departments: Chaplaincy, Chi Alpha, Church Planting, Intercultural Ministries, Mission America Placement Services, and Teen Challenge; and

WHEREAS, The number of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions appointed missionaries has increased substantially since he assumed the position of executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions; and
WHEREAS, The income of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions has increased from \$11,533,697 in 1991 to \$34,651,384 under his leadership; and
WHEREAS, He has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as a general presbyter for 33 years; and
WHEREAS, He has shown dedication to the Assemblies of God by providing leadership on numerous boards and committees of Assemblies of God institutions; and
WHEREAS, Charles E. Hackett, a dedicated and faithful servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, has served with distinction and is esteemed as an outstanding administrator, wise counselor, Christlike statesman and godly mentor; and
WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, page 96, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as honorary general presbyters; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That Charles E. Hackett be elected by The General Council of the Assemblies of God to the position of honorary general presbyter.

Resolution 16. Honorary General Presbyter—Robert L. Nazareus

Resolution 16 was presented by the Resolutions Committee. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 16 as follows:

WHEREAS, Robert L. Nazareus has served the Nebraska District Council of the Assemblies of God with honor and distinction as a presbyter, secretary/treasurer, and as its superintendent for 17 years; and
WHEREAS, His pastoral ministry has spanned over 40 years; and
WHEREAS, He has served on various boards for North Central University and Highlands Child Placement Services; and
WHEREAS, He has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as a general presbyter for 20 years; and
WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as honorary general presbyters; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That Robert L. Nazareus be elected by The General Council of the Assemblies of God to the position of honorary general presbyter.

Resolution 17. Honorary General Presbyter—Robert D. Ross

Resolution 17 was presented by the Resolutions Committee. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 17 as follows:

WHEREAS, Robert D. Ross has served the Montana District and the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District with distinction and honor as a pastor; and
WHEREAS, He has served in various capacities including district presbyter, district representative on boards of regional Assemblies of God colleges, and national committees and commissions; and
WHEREAS, He has been a strong advocate for world missions efforts, leading his churches to be missions churches and giving time and service personally to ministering in various parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, He has faithfully served the Montana District as an executive officer and member of the General Presbytery for a total of 18 years; and
WHEREAS, He also served the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District as an executive officer and member of the General Presbytery for 3 years for a combined total of 21 years; and
WHEREAS, The General Council Constitution, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, page 96, makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be named an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That Robert D. Ross be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 18. Prayer for Leadership

Resolution 18 was presented by the Resolutions Committee. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 18 as follows:

WHEREAS, Scripture advocates that we pray for our leaders, 1 Timothy 2:1,2; and
WHEREAS, We personally seek the effectual prayers of others for our families, our ministries, and ourselves; and
WHEREAS, Each minister should be already in sustained prayer for our general superintendent; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the General Presbytery sponsor a resolution to the 2005 General Council advocating that every minister choose an official to pray for daily, in addition to the general superintendent, such as an executive, a director, or an office worker in the national offices; and be it further
RESOLVED, That this resolution also encourage ministers to inform this leader of their commitment to pray for him or her, as well as the leader's ministry and family for 1 year.

Transformational Churches

The general superintendent recognized 14 churches that have been designated as Transformational Churches. Those recognized are as follows:

Cedar Park Assembly of God, Bothell, Washington, Joseph B. Fuiten, pastor
Jesus Power Assembly of God, Columbus, Ohio, Bismark O. Akomean, pastor
First Assembly of God, Fort Myers, Florida, C. Dan Betzer, pastor
Full Gospel New York Church, Flushing, New York, Nam Soo Kim, pastor
North Church, Edmond, Oklahoma, Rodney G. Fouts, pastor
James River Assembly of God, Ozark, Missouri, John E. Lindell, pastor
Hazel River Assembly of God, Rixeyville, Virginia, Stephen D. Dodson, Jr., pastor
Hope Center Tabernacle, Jersey City, New Jersey, Mario Gonzalez, pastor
National Community Church, Washington, D.C., Mark A. Batterson, pastor
Iglesia Evangelica Latina, Los Angeles, California, Moises Sandoval, pastor
Church of the King, Berkley, Michigan, Brad Leach, pastor
First Assembly of God, Griffin, Georgia, Randy Valimont, pastor
River of Life Assembly of God, Cold Spring, Minnesota, Dennis Curran, pastor
Cornerstone Church of the Assemblies of God, Madison, Tennessee, D. Maury Davis, pastor

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m. J. Don George, executive presbyter from the South Central Area, closed in prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—AUGUST 3

The Wednesday evening service of the 51st General Council began at 7 in the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colorado, following 30 minutes of pre-service music provided by a Colorado mass choir made up of members from the following Colorado churches: Pueblo Christian Center, Pueblo; Praise Assembly of God, Pueblo; Radiant Church, Colorado Springs; Timberline Church, Fort Collins; First Assembly of God, Aurora; Healing Waters Family Center, Wheat Ridge. Also members from James River Assembly of God, Ozark, Missouri, were part of this choir. The choir was directed by Randy Quackenbush, minister of music, at James River Assembly of God, Ozark, Missouri.

Following the showing of a video and recognition of Assemblies of God ethnic leaders, worship was led by Erick Cooper and Nathan LaGrance from Lakeview Christian Temple, Indianapolis, Indiana. Scripture was read by Zollie L. Smith, Jr., executive presbyter from the Ethnic Fellowships and prayer for the service was offered by Nam Soo Kim, executive presbyter from the Language Area—Other. George O. Wood, general secretary, received the offering. The offertory was provided by the Colorado combined choir.

The speaker for the evening, John E. Lindell, pastor of James River Assembly of God, Ozark, Missouri, was introduced by Thomas E. Trask. Lindell recounted how in Acts 17, the apostle Paul wrote a letter repeatedly expressing grave concern to the church he had just visited in Thessalonica. Five times in the chapter Paul mentions the faith of church members. Lindell emphasized that faith is no less important today. “When it comes to ministry, the condition of your faith is critically important. There is a correlation between a person’s level of faith and their fullness of the Holy Spirit, their attitude, and their blessing by God.” He noted that Hebrews 11:6 says it is impossible for the Christian lacking faith to please God. He called for people to be willing to step out in faith and stated that living a life of faith may require a life of leaving.

THURSDAY MORNING—AUGUST 4

The Thursday session began at 8 a.m. with an hour of prayer led by Doris P. Johnson, San Jose, California.

Business Session

The assistant general superintendent opened the Thursday business session at 9 a.m. Prayer was offered by Richard E. Dresselhaus, executive presbyter from the Southwest Area. Special music was provided by Gloria Elliot, Branson, Missouri. Chairman Trask called the business session to order at 9:17 a.m.

Roster Committee Report

David Wigington, chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the following report as of 9 a.m., Thursday, August 4, 2005:

Ordained	3,039	
Licensed	638	
Delegates	<u>439</u>	
Voting constituency		4,116
Exhibitor	1,373	
Kids Council	518	
Youth Convention	12,198	
General registration	<u>6,507</u>	
Nonvoting constituency		<u>20,596</u>
Total		<u>24,712</u>

A motion prevailed to receive the report.

Total Giving Awards

Total Giving awards for giving during the past biennium were presented by James K. Bridges, general treasurer, as follows:

Total Dollar Giving (Churches)

- 5th place—James River Assembly of God, Ozark, Missouri, John E. Lindell, pastor
- 4th place—Calvary Church, Naperville, Illinois, Randall L. Ross, pastor
- 3rd place—Capital Christian Center, Sacramento, California, Rick Cole, pastor
- 2nd place—First Assembly of God, Fort Myers, Florida, C. Dan Betzer, pastor
- 1st place—First Assembly of God, Phoenix, Arizona, Tommy Barnett, pastor

Total Dollar Giving (Districts)

- 3rd place—Southern California District Council, T. Ray Rachels, superintendent
- 2nd place—Northern California-Nevada District Council, James Braddy, superintendent
- 1st place—Oklahoma District Council, Frank Cargill, superintendent

Resolution 19. Interdenominational Relationships

Larry Griswold, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read Resolution 19 and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 19 as follows:

WHEREAS, The 2005 General Presbytery has adopted an amendment to its proposed revision of General Council Bylaws, Article IX, Section 11; and
 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery felt it advisable to add further refinement to its proposal; therefore, be it
 RESOLVED, That the words “or ecumenical” be added to the title and in two places in the second paragraph so that the proposed Section 11 will read:

Section 11. Interdenominational or Ecumenical Relationships

The General Council of the Assemblies of God encourages ministers or churches to fellowship with other Christians of like precious faith who hold to the inspiration of Scripture, the deity of Christ, the universality of sin, the substitutionary Atonement, the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and His second coming.

The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall not belong to any interdenominational or ecumenical organization that denies the evangelical beliefs stated in the above paragraph, and urges its ministers

and churches to avoid entanglement with such interdenominational or ecumenical organizations except as opportunity may arise to support biblical values in the culture or provide opportunity to bear witness to our evangelical and Pentecostal faith and experience.

It was moved and seconded that the following sentence be added as the first paragraph of Section 11: We believe that the combination of many religious organizations into a world superchurch will culminate in the religious Babylon of Revelation 17 and 18. The motion lost.

It was requested that the vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 19 be by secret ballot. A secret ballot was cast. The Tellers Committee reported the following results of the secret ballot for the adoption of Resolution 19:

Votes cast:	1,666
Yes	899
No	767

The chairman declared Resolution 19 adopted.

**Resolution 20. Article XVI. Corporations of
The General Council of the Assemblies of God
(Page 73. Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Amendment Booklet)**

Larry Griswold read Resolution 20 and moved its adoption.

A motion prevailed that Resolution 20 be amended by the addition of the words “in session” at the end of Section 5 so that the last sentence would read: No General Council corporation shall be dissolved, merged, or liquidated without the approval of the General Council in session.

A further motion prevailed that the words, “Assemblies of God,” be added to Section 5 (page 2, line 2) before the words “Ministers Benefit Association.”

The motion to adopt Resolution 20 as amended was carried. Resolution 20 as amended and adopted follows:

Article XVI. Corporations of The General Council of the Assemblies of God

Section 1. Authorization.

The Executive Presbytery may from time-to-time establish certain Assemblies of God corporations, which entities are separately legally incorporated for governance purposes from The General Council of the Assemblies of God, but whose boards of directors are appointed by the Executive Presbytery and ratified by the General Presbytery. All such corporations shall be submitted to the General Council for approval.

Section 2. Board of Directors.

The oversight of policy and administration of each of the corporations shall be delegated to a Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of the corporation’s articles and bylaws. The articles and bylaws of each corporation and amendments thereto shall be approved by the Executive Presbytery and General Presbytery.

Section 3. Amenability.

Each corporation and its Board of Directors shall be amenable to the Executive Presbytery and the General Presbytery.

Section 4. Fiscal Affairs.

The books of each corporation shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant selected by the Executive Presbytery, and such audit shall be included with The General Council of the Assemblies of God annual audit report to the General Presbytery and the General Council in session.

Section 5. Recognized Corporations.

The following entities shall constitute the recognized corporations of The General Council of the Assemblies of God: Central Bible College, Evangel University, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Global University of the Assemblies of God, Assemblies of God Financial Services Group, Assemblies of God Foundation, Assemblies of God Loan Fund, and Assemblies of God Ministers Benefit Association. No General Council corporation shall be dissolved, merged, or liquidated without the approval of the General Council in session.

Resolution 21. Article XVIII. Affiliated Ministries (Page 80, Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Amendment Booklet)

Larry Griswold, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read Resolution 21 and moved its adoption.

A motion prevailed that Resolution 21 be amended on line 2 by changing the word “institutions” to the word “corporations.”

The motion to adopt Resolution 21 as amended carried. Resolution 21 as amended and adopted follows:

Article XVIII. Affiliated Ministries

Section 1. Authorization.

Ministries that represent a national or global ministry focus working with The General Council of the Assemblies of God or its corporations but whose boards of directors are not controlled or appointed by the Executive Presbytery may be recognized by the Executive Presbytery as affiliated ministries.

Section 2. Board of Directors.

Each affiliated ministry shall have a Board of Directors that will be responsible for governance and administration of the ministry. The Board of Directors shall be selected by the ministry itself in the manner prescribed by its bylaws, except that the Executive Presbytery shall be authorized to appoint one member to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Governance.

Each affiliated ministry shall select and manage its own employees, maintain accounting records, hold title to property, obtain insurance, file tax returns, prepare financial statements, pay salaries and other expenses, raise funds, create and distribute promotional literature, provide charitable contribution receipts to donors, and in all other respects operate as an autonomous legal ministry except as noted in Sections 4 through 6, below.

Section 4. Relationship.

Affiliated ministries shall enter into a covenant relationship with The General Council of the Assemblies of God under such terms and conditions as are established by the Executive Presbytery and approved by the General Presbytery.

The charter or bylaws of each affiliated ministry shall affirm acceptance of the Constitution and Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, including the Statement of Fundamental Truths. Each affiliated ministry shall be amenable to the Executive Presbytery and General Presbytery with regard to doctrine and compliance with the Constitution and Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God. In all other respects an affiliated ministry shall be autonomous and self-governed.

Section 5. Name and logo.

Affiliated ministries may refer to their status as an affiliated ministry with The General Council of the Assemblies of God but may not use the Assemblies of God name or logo or other indications or marks to convey in any way a formal legal relationship with The General Council of the Assemblies of God or its recognized corporations, unless an exception has been granted by the Executive Presbytery.

Section 6. Dissolution.

The charter or bylaws of an affiliated ministry shall specify that in the event of dissolution its assets shall be distributed to The General Council of the Assemblies of God or any Assemblies of God church, district council, or corporation.

Resolution 22. Quorum

Larry Griswold, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read Resolution 22 and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt Resolution 22 carried. Resolution 22 as adopted follows:

WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery has been enlarged by action of the General Council in session from 13 members to 17; and
WHEREAS, The Board of Administration has been enlarged from 4 members to 6 members by action of the General Council in session; and
WHEREAS, Present Article XXIX. Quorum in the General Council Bylaws needs to be amended to bring the required quorum in line with these actions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws present Article XXIX. Quorum, Page 167 (page 84. Article XXI, of the proposed amendment booklet) which presently reads:

All members registered and voting in any meeting of the General Presbytery shall constitute a quorum, and all general presbyters registered and voting in any meeting of the General Presbytery shall constitute a quorum. The presence of seven executive presbyters at any meeting of the Executive Presbytery shall constitute a quorum. The presence of three members of the Board of Administration shall constitute a quorum.

Be amended to read:

All members registered and voting in any meeting of The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall constitute a quorum, and all general presbyters registered and voting in any meeting of the General Presbytery shall constitute a quorum. The presence of nine executive presbyters at any meeting of the Executive Presbytery shall constitute a quorum. The presence of four members of the Board of Administration shall constitute a quorum.

Spiritual Life Committee Report

Ronald McManus read the report of the Spiritual Life Committee. The members of the committee were: Ronald F. McManus, chairman; Deborah M. Gill, Randy Hurst, Donald G. Meyer, and Isaac Canales. A time of prayer and intercession followed the reading of the report. The report as presented follows:

The committee met to seek God regarding its assignment. Throughout the history of our Fellowship, the Spiritual Life Report has been intended to offer a timely prophetic word to the Fellowship. The Spiritual Life Committee took very seriously the responsibility of seeking to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

When the Lord appeared to John while he was “in the Spirit” on the island of Patmos to prepare the Church for the last days, Christ chose to say two things to the Church of that day and, we believe, to the Church today:

First, the Lord indicated He would continue to speak to His Church, to shape it, and to press His claims upon it. It is His Church; He died for it. And He will not allow it to become less than what He ordained it to be.

Second, He wanted the Church to know that He had won the ultimate victory—the Church should celebrate! Jesus has conquered death, hell, and the grave and is alive forevermore!

In the Lord’s appearance to John on the island of Patmos, He spoke to seven churches in Asia Minor (present-day Turkey). To each of those churches, He revealed their spiritual condition, how they should repent, and what God had prepared for them. To each of these churches He declared, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Revelation 2:29, NKJV). May God help us today to press through the myriad of voices that are speaking to us and cause us to hear clearly what the Spirit is saying to our Fellowship.

We believe the Lord desires to do the same to each of us today.

The Spiritual Life Committee's report focuses on three questions:

1. What is the Spirit saying to our Fellowship?
2. What is the Spirit saying to your church/ministry?
3. What is the Spirit saying to you personally?

The committee prayerfully addressed these three questions. The questions were shared with a select group of pastors from across our Fellowship. Their input confirmed and supplemented that of the Spiritual Life Committee and is integrated in this report.

The first-century New Testament Church is our example. This Church changed the world. From an assembly of 3,000 people on the Day of Pentecost, believers moved into their world and, according to history, essentially turned it upside down. By the third century the known world was largely Christian. The principles, practices, and priorities of this New Testament Church must be revived in the Church today.

The principles of this church included humility of spirit. The apostles and early Christians consciously depended upon the Holy Spirit in everything they did. They acknowledged that without the Spirit's help they could not accomplish the work of the Kingdom. Their decisions were based on what they believed the Spirit was saying. Acts 15:28 states, "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us," acknowledging this reliance on the Spirit.

Servant leadership was a key principle of the Church. Jesus said, "The greatest among you will be your servant" (Matthew 23:11, NIV). Unfortunately many of today's churches are moving toward adopting corporate CEO models of leadership. Servant leadership is essential if the Kingdom is to be advanced in these days. In the New Testament Church, believers preferred one another—rather than competing with one another in ministry.

The practices of the first-century Church are a pattern for us to follow. Early Christians lived together in biblical relationship. They modeled the kingdom of God on earth. Their loving fellowship was a magnet to a spiritually hungry world. The manifestation or practice of *koinonia* must be renewed in the body of Christ if we are to be the Church that Jesus will use in these last days.

The New Testament Church sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit in evangelism. It was a common practice for believers to pray, seeking the Spirit's direction, before people were sent out in ministry. They maintained spiritual disciplines—continuing in the apostles' doctrine and prayer (Acts 2:42).

The priority of the first-century Church was the preaching of the Cross. Their message was Christ-centered. Present-day trends pressure Christians toward unity, but often leave Jesus out of the equation. The message of the first-century Church was focused on the person of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit came to exalt Jesus and to make Him known. The apostle Paul wrote, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18, NIV).

The Spirit is calling the Church back to the basics—to the divinely mandated mission of the Church. The Early Church continued in the apostles' doctrine (discipleship), breaking of bread (fellowship), and the Lord added to the Church daily those that were being saved (evangelism) (Acts 2:42). The Spirit is calling the Church back to its original priorities. So much baggage can be added to church institutions that the Church's message becomes diluted and its priorities become weakened. The Spirit is calling the Church to the priority of living out Christ's gospel in the marketplace—bringing people to the cross of Jesus Christ.

1. What is the Holy Spirit saying to our Fellowship?

The Assemblies of God began as a Fellowship in 1914. Brothers and sisters touched by the Holy Spirit met together in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and linked together in a Fellowship. Their objective was to send missionaries around the world, to create a publishing arm that would report on the Pentecostal revival, insure a unity in sound biblical doctrine, and produce Pentecostal curriculum to develop Spirit-filled disciples. Those purposes have been maintained.

God raised up this Fellowship because the traditional denominations of the day would not respond to what the Holy Spirit was saying to the Church. The question for us today is: Will we hear the voice of the Spirit for these last days and be the church that the Lord can use to touch this generation? Or, will He have to raise up others because of our inability or unwillingness to be pliable, flexible, and responsive to the Spirit's voice?

The word to the Church as a whole can be personalized to us today. As we examine the principles, practices, and priorities of the first-century Church, the Spirit will speak to our Fellowship.

Principles

A spirit of true humility must be recaptured among us. It is easy to become dependent upon our resources, programs, and systems to try to fulfill the purposes of God. This is the history of most denominations. May it not be so for the Assemblies of God. We must make a fresh commitment to the fact that it is “ ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit’ says the Lord Almighty,” (Zechariah 4:6, NIV). We are still completely and totally dependent upon the Lord to build His Church. Humility of spirit demands that we acknowledge that all that we are and all we have are a result of what *God* has done.

Leadership is a popular subject today. We are grateful for the training that enables our men and women to be more effective in church leadership. But let us reaffirm that what our churches and communities need from us more than anything else is spiritual leadership. They need to know that those who lead the church are in tune with the Spirit, hear from the Lord, and personally respond to His promptings. The Lord has not called us to be lords over the church, but to serve the church. Jesus said in Matthew 23:11, “But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant” (NKJV). It is impossible for an insecure leader to be a servant leader. The Scriptures record that Jesus, knowing where He had come from and where He was going, took a towel and began to wash the disciples' feet at the Last Supper (John 13:3–5). May every spiritual leader in our Fellowship not seek the accolades and

the approval of man, but be secure in what God has called each of us to be. Only then will we effectively serve the church and be God's instruments to lead the church in these last days.

Rather than trying to change the world, the New Testament Church concentrated on being the living representation of the kingdom of God on Earth. This was a church that loved and served people. The "one another" principle is found throughout the New Testament—believers loved one another, served one another, prayed for one another, ministered to one another, gave life to one another. Paul wrote in Ephesians 4 that, if God-given ministries will function as He ordained, the Body will be thoroughly equipped for ministry—the result being that the Church will be built up as people grow into spiritual maturity.

This Church believed that the gifts of the Spirit and supernatural workings were to be common among them. They refused to water down the Pentecostal message.

Let us understand that we can reach this generation most effectively through the preaching of Jesus and His saving work on the Cross, anointed and empowered by the Holy Spirit, with signs following. The postmodern world is hungry for the supernatural. Let a fresh hunger be created in the hearts of every pastor and spiritual leader to see the Spirit work in supernatural power in every local church and ministry associated with this Fellowship. The greatest revival around the world is a Spirit-filled, Spirit-led, supernatural movement.

Practices

This first-century Church practiced the guidance of the Holy Spirit in evangelism. They trusted the Lord to lead them to those who were spiritually hungry and ready to receive the message. We must help people in our churches to become sensitized to the Holy Spirit's desire to lead them daily to reach and touch people with the life and power of Jesus Christ.

Priorities

The first-century Church maintained priorities that helped them remain sensitive to what the Spirit was saying. The first-century Church did not stray from their mission. Today many local churches function in an identity crisis. Spiritual trends, programs, and methodologies come and go, but the divinely mandated priorities of the Church must be maintained. Acts 2:42 states that the Church continued in the apostles' doctrine, preaching and teaching of the Word—and prayer. They practiced lives of prayer. They lived in spiritual fellowship with one another, and they lived out the Kingdom in the world to such an extent that people were added to the church daily.

Tragically, the church has moved away from these first-century priorities. New Testament believers were not consumers, but producers. They did not just *go to* church; they *were* the church. Evangelism was not a program, but a lifestyle. They were not inward-focused. They were outward-focused.

One of Jesus' parables concerned wineskins (Luke 5:37,38). He taught that if new wine is poured into old wineskins, they will explode. But if all the residue is removed from the old wineskin, it becomes pliable again. Then when new wine is

placed in it, it can stretch and receive the new wine. The Lord is speaking to His Church today to become pliable and responsive to the Holy Spirit's leading. Methods that were effective 20 years ago may not be today. We must evaluate every program and ministry based upon its fruitfulness. We must become flexible and receptive, so we can both hear and obey what the Spirit is saying to the Church. As an outflow of the priorities in Acts 6, the Word of God spread and the numbers of disciples were multiplied.

2. What is the Spirit saying to your church/ministry?

God has a specific plan for every church and ministry.

The local church is the expression of God's redemptive purposes in this world. Every church should be a prophetic voice in its community. Every church should equip and develop God's people for works of service, so that the Kingdom can be built up and the gifts of ministry can be released—not only to affect the church but also its community and the world.

The message of the church should be Christ-centered. Jesus must be exalted. Every ministry of the church should continually evaluate its effectiveness based on whether the Kingdom is being expanded—and the Lord is adding to the church.

When the Lord spoke to the seven churches in Revelation, in each case there was an assessment—an evaluation—of that church's condition. Are we willing to honestly evaluate the effectiveness of our church and ministry? Unless we understand where we are, it is difficult to know where we should go. And so the question for every church/ministry must be: Where are we? What needs to be changed?

We need to ask God to forgive us for our failures. When we recognize any place of ineffectiveness in evangelism, worship, or discipleship, we must be willing to humble ourselves and repent. We must pray, "Lord, forgive our failure to reach the lost in our community. Lord, forgive our failure to worship You in spirit and in truth. Forgive our failure to disciple people to spiritual maturity. Lord, forgive us for allowing our church to be ignored in our community."

The third thing the Spirit spoke to each church in Revelation was a word of direction. No church has a future unless its dreams are bigger than its memories. May God help us to seek Him until we capture a vision that will propel us into the days ahead. God give us pastoral leaders who can clearly articulate to our congregations the unique vision God has given for each church and ministry. A vision cannot be birthed from a book. We can learn much from other people and their ministries, but God has a unique plan for every church and ministry. Our responsibility is to find what God is saying to each of us specifically.

The last thing said to each of the seven churches is, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" (Revelation 2:29, NKJV). Each of us will choose whether or not we are willing to hear. The Spiritual Life Committee is convinced that the Spirit is speaking to the leadership of the Church today. The question for each of us personally and specifically is: Are we open to hear what the

Spirit is saying to us? Are we willing to evaluate where we are, repent of where we have failed, and obey the Spirit's marching orders for our future? Each of us must make that choice.

3. What is God saying to you personally?

No church or ministry ever grows or is sustained beyond its leadership. Each of us must decide if we will grow in our character, in our relationships, and in our effectiveness. Does our ministry demonstrate soundness of speech, faith, and doctrine?

Character

No one person can grow beyond his or her personal walk with the Lord. We must each do some soul-searching concerning our relationship with Jesus. We must live what we preach and teach. We must ask ourselves: Am I a person of integrity? Do I maintain spiritual disciplines of prayer and personal devotion in the Word? Am I accountable in my life to others?

Relationships

Am I becoming more effective in my relationship skills? Do I recognize my need for others in ministry? Am I investing in someone else's life and ministry? Do I keep short accounts of hurts and injustices?

Effectiveness

Am I continuing to learn and grow in ministry skills? Am I resourcing my life? Am I reaching toward my potential in Christ? Am I willing to change?

Soundness

In Paul's admonition to Timothy and Titus, he used the Greek word translated "sound," from which the English word "hygiene" is derived, indicating being whole and healthy. He refers to "sound words" (2 Timothy 1:13, KJV), "sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1, KJV), "sound in faith" (Titus 2:2, KJV), and "sound speech" (Titus 2:8, KJV). Paul also said that believers must have a "sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7, KJV), meaning one that is prudent and self-controlled. Does our ministry demonstrate soundness in our preaching and in our communication? Is there consistency in our ministry?

These are questions each of us must prayerfully evaluate. Every leader has a responsibility to mentor a new generation of leaders in this Fellowship. All of us are where we are today because someone believed in us. Someone invested in us and made an impact on our lives. God help us to grasp our responsibility to others.

The revelation of Jesus to John on the island of Patmos was an incredible moment. John was the last living apostle. He had walked with Jesus. He had lived with Jesus. He had served the Lord faithfully. He could have spent the final days of his life regretting all he could or should have done. He could have become angry and bitter over the injustices he had faced or his circumstances on Patmos. But John made a choice.

He said, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day.” He chose to worship and praise God in spite of his past failures and present circumstances. In that atmosphere, Jesus appeared to him.

Our prayer, as we conclude this Spiritual Life Report today, is that we will each respond to God with gratitude for all He has done to bring us to where we are. In spite of our faults, failures, and inadequacies, God has been faithful to us. He is worthy of all praise, honor, and glory. He is worthy to be worshipped. And as we worship Him, may we today catch a fresh glimpse—a fresh revelation—of who He is.

He comes to speak to His Church in these days to reveal where we are, to encourage us, to urge us to repent of our sins, and to give us our marching orders for the future.

We are asking every pastor, every ministry leader, every lay leader in this place to turn to Him today and seek Him “in the Spirit.” The risen and glorified Son of God seated at the right hand of the Father has come to reveal himself to us—to prepare us for these last days of harvest. If you can see Jesus today, you will be changed. If you can see Jesus today, you will know that the future is secured. If you can see Jesus today, you will know that He has come to touch you, to change you, and to make you the leader you need to be. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Revelation 2:29, NKJV).

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Recess

There was no formal dismissal. The general superintendent invited delegates to pray through the lunch hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—AUGUST 4

The general superintendent reconvened the business session at 2 p.m. Harold Sallee, administrative assistant to the general superintendent, led in prayer for the afternoon’s business session.

Business Session

Chairman Trask called the business session to order at 2:10 p.m.

Assemblies of God New Logo

Randy Hurst, commissioner for the Commission on Evangelism, presented a short video introducing the newly designed Assemblies of God logo. He shared a number of ways that the new logo can be used effectively by the local church.

Roster Committee Report

David Wigington, chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the final report of the Roster Committee as of 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2005:

Ordained	3,048	
Licensed	645	
Delegates	<u>442</u>	
Voting constituency		4,135
Exhibitor	1,374	
Kids Council	518	
Youth Convention	12,281	
General registration	<u>6,733</u>	
Nonvoting constituency		<u>20,906</u>
Total		25,041

A motion prevailed to adopt the final roster report.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Northwest Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Northwest Area:

Total votes cast	1,612
Needed to elect	1,075
Ted R. Boatsman	123
Warren D. Bullock	676
Doyle A. Fulkes	28
Paul D. Goodman	111
Vernon J. Marks	37
Barry D. Osteen	60
Robert D. Ross	154
Lewis R. Shelton	126
Roy W. Welch, III	38
Leslie E. Welk	93
Jesse C. Ybarra	92
Daniel M. York	74

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the second elective ballot:

Total votes cast	1,632
Needed to elect	1,075
Ted R. Boatsman	84
Warren D. Bullock	1,248
Doyle A. Fulkes	11
Paul D. Goodman	42
Vernon J. Marks	9
Barry D. Osteen	11

Robert D. Ross	76
Lewis R. Shelton	57
Roy W. Welch, III	14
Leslie E. Welk	25
Jesse C. Ybarra	38
Daniel M. York	17

Having noted that Warren D. Bullock had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Northwest Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Southwest Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter for the Southwest Area:

Total votes cast	1,650
Needed to elect	1,101
Zane E. Anderson	36
James E. Ayers	23
James R. Braddy	101
Glen D. Cole	270
G. Robert Cook, Jr.	174
Richard L. Dresselhaus	682
Stephen L. Harris	92
James D. Marocco	41
George K. Nagato	42
T. Ray Rachels	189

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot:

Total votes cast	1,611
Needed to elect	1,074
Zane E. Anderson	8
James E. Ayers	10
James R. Braddy	44
Glen D. Cole	109
G. Robert Cook, Jr.	63
Richard L. Dresselhaus	1,257
Stephen L. Harris	32
James D. Marocco	12
George K. Nagato	4
T. Ray Rachels	72

Having noted that Richard L. Dresselhaus had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Southwest Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—North Central Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the North Central Area:

Total votes cast	1,660
Needed to elect	1,108
Arden K. Adamson	56
David W. Argue	552
Richard G. Arrowood	44
Gary A. Denbow	36
Leon D. Freitag	27
Ronald G. Held	29
Ronald M. Garner	37
Darrell D. Losing	12
John M. Palmer	661
Clarence St. John	99
Stephen R. Schaible	17
Edmund L. Tedeschi	42
Ronald J. Traub	33
Robert A. Wine	15

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for executive presbyter from the North Central Area:

Total votes cast	1,600
Needed to elect	1,068
Arden K. Adamson	18
David W. Argue	456
Richard G. Arrowood	11
Gary A. Denbow	0
Leon D. Freitag	5
Ronald G. Held	13
Ronald M. Garner	0
Darrell D. Losing	5
John M. Palmer	1,040
Clarence St. John	25
Stephen R. Schaible	5
Edmund L. Tedeschi	16
Ronald J. Traub	3
Robert A. Wine	3

Since there was no election, a third elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the third elective ballot for executive presbyter from the North Central Area:

Total votes cast	854
Needed to elect	570
Arden K. Adamson	8
David W. Argue	72
Richard G. Arrowood	8
Gary A. Denbow	0
Leon D. Freitag	2
Ronald G. Held	5
Ronald M. Garner	2

Darrell D. Losing	4
John M. Palmer	733
Clarence St. John	9
Stephen R. Schaible	3
Edmund L. Tedeschi	4
Ronald J. Traub	3
Robert A. Wine	1

Having noted that John M. Palmer had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him elected as executive presbyter from the North Central Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—South Central Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the South Central Area:

Total votes cast	1,619
Needed to elect	1,080
H. Franklin Cargill	147
J. Don George	978
R. Kenneth George	78
Joseph P. Granberry	43
Jonathan M. Hollis	28
Thomas D. Lakey	50
Marcus W. McClain	40
Jim L. McNabb	67
E. Don Nordin, Jr.	125
Victor J. Schober	63
Robert L. Slaton	33
Terry L. Yancey	198

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for executive presbyter from the South Central Area:

Total votes cast	1,500
Needed to elect	1,001
H. Franklin Cargill	76
J. Don George	1,314
R. Kenneth George	13
Joseph P. Granberry	26
Jonathan M. Hollis	7
Thomas D. Lakey	6
Marcus W. McClain	10
Jim L. McNabb	7
E. Don Nordin, Jr.	23
Victor J. Schober	18
Robert L. Slaton	7
Terry L. Yancey	94

Having noted that J. Don George had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the South Central Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Great Lakes Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Great Lakes Area:

Total votes cast	1,642
Needed to elect	1,096
James D. Biram	27
Douglas E. Clay	192
Charles E. Crank	632
Ron J. Crum	32
Marvin R. Dennis	45
Donald G. Gifford	56
Joseph S. Girdler	26
Larry H. Griswold	253
William F. Leach	112
Paul R. Martin	180
Clyde C. Miller	35
David R. Williams	52

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Great Lakes Area:

Total votes cast	1,667
Needed to elect	1,112
James D. Biram	12
Douglas E. Clay	121
Charles E. Crank	1,171
Ron J. Crum	12
Marvin R. Dennis	19
Donald G. Gifford	16
Joseph S. Girdler	10
Larry H. Griswold	178
William F. Leach	35
Paul R. Martin	67
Clyde C. Miller	13
David R. Williams	13

Having noted that Charles E. Crank had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Great Lakes Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Gulf Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Gulf Area:

Total votes cast	1,512
Needed to elect	1,009
Bill R. Baker	212
Walter L. Davis	102
Douglas E. Fulenwider	249
B. Randel McCarty	134
Larry Moore	244
Bill R. Newby	243
Walter L. Rose	67
Robert E. Turner	155
Robert B. Wilburn	106

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Gulf Area:

Total votes cast	1,540
Needed to elect	1,028
Bill R. Baker	172
Walter L. Davis	68
Douglas E. Fulenwider	409
B. Randel McCarty	70
Larry Moore	342
Bill R. Newby	356
Walter L. Rose	15
Robert E. Turner	78
Robert B. Wilburn	30

Since there was no election, a third elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the third elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Gulf Area:

Total votes cast	866
Needed to elect	578
Bill R. Baker	49
Walter L. Davis	28
Douglas E. Fulenwider	412
B. Randel McCarty	17
Larry Moore	125
Bill R. Newby	176
Walter L. Rose	3
Robert E. Turner	18
Robert B. Wilburn	38

Since there was no election, a fourth elective ballot was cast eliminating all but the top three candidates.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the fourth elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Gulf Area:

Total votes cast	756
Needed to elect	505
Douglas E. Fulenwider	558
Larry Moore	73
Bill R. Newby	125

Having noted that Douglas E. Fulenwider had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him elected as executive presbyter for the Gulf Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Northeast Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Northeast Area:

Total votes cast	1,612
Needed to elect	1,076
Daniel R. Abbatiello	45
Carl J. Colletti	71
D. Wendel Cover	92
Paul E. Grabill	205
William N. Kirk	64
Richard D. Lafferty	61
Dennis W. Marquardt	76
H. Robert Rhoden	701
Edward Spinola	119
Otis D. Stanley	65
Stephen R. Tourville	113

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Northeast Area:

Total votes cast	1,485
Needed to elect	991
Daniel R. Abbatiello	12
Carl J. Colletti	20
D. Wendel Cover	23
Paul E. Grabill	116
William N. Kirk	12
Richard D. Lafferty	14
Dennis W. Marquardt	19
H. Robert Rhoden	1,206
Edward Spinola	23
Otis D. Stanley	3
Stephen R. Tourville	37

Having noted that H. Robert Rhoden had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Northeast Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Southeast Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Southeast Area:

Total votes cast	1,785
Needed to elect	1,191
C. Dan Betzer	1,071
Steven R. Brown	14
Roger W. Brumbalow	46
Billy J. Glover	26
Charles Kelly	20
John A. Loper, Jr.	26

Glyn Lowery, Jr.	48
Ronald F. McManus	247
Kenneth W. Owen, Sr.	13
Robert S. Thompson	14
Terrell R. Raburn	256
Jim R. Swilley	4

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Southeast Area:

Total votes cast	1,662
Needed to elect	1,109
C. Dan Betzer	1,407
Steven R. Brown	14
Roger W. Brumbalow	6
Billy J. Glover	6
Charles Kelly	2
John A. Loper, Jr.	5
Glyn Lowery, Jr.	13
Ronald F. McManus	109
Kenneth W. Owen, Sr.	4
Robert S. Thompson	0
Terrell R. Raburn	92
Jim R. Swilley	4

Having noted that C. Dan Betzer received more than the two-thirds vote required, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Southeast Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Language Area—Spanish

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Language Area—Spanish:

Total votes cast	1,498
Needed to elect	1,000
Teofilo J. Aguillon	53
Manuel A. Alvarez	71
Miguel Arroyo	0
Lee Baca	63
Angel M. Colon	27
Luis Z. Enriquez	32
Amos P. Garza	44
Clemente Maldonado, Jr.	48
Ignacio Marrero	29
Edward Martinez	81
Jesse Miranda, Jr.	887
Gilbert D. Olivarez	31
Louis R. Ortiz	58
Rafael Reyes	56
Richard K. Tanon	18

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for the Language Area—Spanish:

Total votes cast	1,593
Needed to elect	1,063
Teofilo J. Aguillon	16
Manuel A. Alvarez	8
Miguel Arroyo	9
Lee Baca	6
Angel M. Colon	4
Luis Z. Enriquez	5
Amos P. Garza	9
Clemente Maldonado, Jr.	13
Ignacio Marrero	5
Edward Martinez	26
Jesse Miranda, Jr.	1,470
Gilbert D. Olivarez	7
Louis R. Ortiz	6
Rafael Reyes	5
Richard K. Tanon	4

Having noted that Jesse Miranda, Jr., had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Language Area-Spanish.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Language Area—Other

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Language Area—Other:

Total votes cast	1,506
Needed to elect	1,005
Nam Soo Kim	1,130
Daniel J. Miller	227
David D. Rueb	149

Having noted that Nam Soo Kim had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Language Area—Other.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Ethnic Fellowship Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Ethnic Fellowship Area:

Total votes cast	1,433
Needed to elect	956
Paul Adu-Antoh	58
Allison W. Boyd, Jr.	43
Emory K. Dively	41
Jarman Esperance	41
Taniela Kaufusi	19
Stephen Lim	148
Rudolf A. Lolowang	17
John E. Maracle	164
Armando D. Monzon	67
Nicky Pop	72

Sydney H. Ramphal	71
Alex A. Shevchenko	46
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	511
Wade Southerland	53
Siupapa K. Vaovasa	17
Mataiasa Waqavesi	27
Marvin E. Wilber	38

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for the Ethnic Fellowship Area:

Total votes cast	1,596
Needed to elect	1,065
Paul Adu-Antoh	15
Allison W. Boyd, Jr.	6
Emory K. Dively	15
Jarman Esperance	13
Taniela Kaufusi	4
Stephen Lim	62
Rudolf A. Lolowang	3
John E. Maracle	102
Armando D. Monzon	10
Nicky Pop	13
Sydney H. Ramphal	19
Alex A. Shevchenko	8
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	1,304
Wade Southerland	10
Siupapa K. Vaovasa	5
Mataiasa Waqavesi	4
Marvin E. Wilber	3

Having noted that Zollie L. Smith, Jr., had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Ethnic Fellowship Area.

Proposed Amendments to the General Council Constitution and Bylaws

Larry Griswold, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, called attention to the 84-page booklet that has been mailed to all ministers containing proposed revisions to the General Council Constitution and Bylaws which were a result of recommendations from the Vision for Transformation Committee. These revisions were approved by the General Presbytery in its 2004 session and have been processed for presentation to the General Council by the Resolutions Committee.

He then called attention to a 4-page summary that had been prepared by the Resolutions Committee in an effort to make the presentation of the revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws more understandable and easier to handle by the General Council.

He indicated that the General Presbytery in session this week had taken an action to rescind its approval and recommendation of the following items contained in the summary and in the proposed revisions booklet, and further that body also took an action that consideration on these items be deferred:

- Item #3. Defining Board of Administration
- Item #5. The Executive Presbytery
- Item #7. The General Presbytery—Duties
- Item #13. Doctrines and Practices Disapproved—Legalism
- Item #17. *Policy Manual* becomes *Operations Manual*

He further called attention to the fact that Item 14 on the summary had been dealt with earlier by this body when action was taken on Resolution 19 and that Item 16 had also been dealt with by the adoption of Resolution 20 and Resolution 21.

Summary Item 15. *Organizational Manual*

Larry Griswold presented Item 15 from the summary sheet as follows:

Page 60, lines 40-63—A new Article XII. *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* is defined.

Pages 54-60 and 73-77—A new Article XI. National Ministries of the General Council of the Assemblies of God enfold (by deletion from the Bylaws) the details of Spiritual Life, Office of Public Relations, The *Pentecostal Evangel*, *Enrichment*, Commission on Ethnicity, Commission on Evangelism, and the Commission on Discipleship from the General Superintendent's Office (pages 54-60) and the Division of Church Ministries, Division of Christian Education, Commission on Higher Education, Media Ministries, and the Division of Publication (pages 73-77) into the newly defined *Organizational Manual*, prepared by the Executive Presbytery, and approved by the General Presbytery.

A motion prevailed to adopt proposed Article XI. National Ministries of The General Council of the Assemblies of God (page 54 of the proposed amendment booklet) and Article XII. *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* (page 60 of the proposed amendment booklet) as a substitute for present Bylaws, Article XI. General Superintendent's Office, Article XII. Directors, Commissioners, Managers, Leaders, and Other Designations, Article XVI. Division of Church Ministries, Article XVII. Division of Christian Education, Article XVIII. Commission on Christian Higher Education, Article XIX. Media Ministries, Article XX. Division of Publication.

A motion prevailed that in light of the approval just given for the reorganization of the national leadership structure, the new structure include a provision that calls for the Commission on Discipleship to be charged with the producing of a "State of Discipleship" study that reviews the state of discipleship and Christian education in our Fellowship; and that this study should give special emphasis to the reviewing of the potential impact of this reorganizational plan on the role of discipleship and Christian education in our Fellowship and this

committee be requested to report the findings of this study to the 2007 General Council to convene in Indianapolis, Indiana, with possible recommendations as to how this reorganizational plan may need to be modified to give greater priority and emphasis to discipleship and Christian education in our Fellowship.

Resolution 13. Duties of the General Treasurer

Larry Griswold presented Resolution 13. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 13 as follows:

WHEREAS, The Division of the Treasury has been listed in the proposed *Organizational Manual*; and

WHEREAS, The duties of the general treasurer have been redefined to more clearly articulate the fiduciary responsibilities of said office; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 4. Duties of the General Treasurer, page 108, which presently reads:

Section 4. Duties of the General Treasurer

The duties of the general treasurer shall include the following:

- a. Serve as the executive director of the Division of the Treasury.
- b. Serve as custodian of all funds.
- c. Keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, conducting the work of the office according to accepted business methods. The treasurer's books shall be audited annually by competent auditors.
- d. Give a report from time to time as may be requested by the General Council or the Executive Presbytery.
- e. Give bond in an amount determined by the Executive Presbytery.
- f. Perform such other functions as are customary to the office or as may be directed by the General Council, the General Presbytery, or the Executive Presbytery.

Be amended to read as follows:

Section 4. Duties of the General Treasurer

Duties of the general treasurer shall include the following:

- a. Serve as custodian of all funds of The General Council of the Assemblies of God and keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements according to generally accepted accounting principles.
- b. Provide budgets and financial reports as periodically requested by the General Council, the General Presbytery, or the Executive Presbytery.
- c. Provide oversight of an internal auditor, who shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery and shall be directly accountable to the Board of Administration and the Executive Presbytery.
- d. Provide oversight of the preparation of an annual audit of the financial records of The General Council of the Assemblies of God by an independent auditor, prepared in conformity with generally accepted auditing standards.
- e. Give fidelity and such other bonds in amounts periodically determined by the Executive Presbytery.

- f. Perform such other functions as are customary for the office of the general treasurer as may be directed by the General Council, the General Presbytery, or the Executive Presbytery.

Resolution 14. Division of the Treasury

Larry Griswold presented Resolution 14. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 14 as follows:

WHEREAS, The Division of the Treasury will be included in the proposed *Organizational Manual* being recommended by the General Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, Since the Division of the Treasury is being included in the *Organizational Manual*, it is no longer necessary that Article XIII. Division of the Treasury, be included in the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, There are however certain sections of Article XIII that should be retained and that more appropriately belong in other areas of the Bylaws; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article XIII. DIVISION OF THE TREASURY, page 145, be deleted from the General Council Bylaws with the exception of Section 1, paragraphs c and d, and Section 3, paragraph d; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Bylaws, Article XIII. DIVISION OF THE TREASURY, Section 1. Finance Department, paragraph c. Support of Headquarters, subparagraph (1) *From ministers*, page 145, become Article VII. MINISTRY, Section 10. Credential Renewals and Reinstatements, paragraph f, page 125; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Bylaws, Article XIII. DIVISION OF THE TREASURY, Section 1. Finance Department, paragraph c. Support of Headquarters, subparagraph (2) *From assemblies*, page 146, be moved to Article VI. ASSEMBLIES, Section 2. Annual Report From Assemblies, and become a new paragraph a, page 115; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Bylaws, Article XIII. DIVISION OF THE TREASURY, Section 1. Finance Department, paragraph d. Assemblies of God Total Giving, page 146, be moved to Article VI. ASSEMBLIES, Section 2. Annual Report From Assemblies, and become a new paragraph b, page 115; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Bylaws, Article XIII. DIVISION OF THE TREASURY, Section 3. Benevolences Department, paragraph d. Aged Ministers Assistance, page 148, be moved to Article VII. MINISTRY, Section 7. Senior Ministers, page 121, to become paragraph d, and the present paragraph d be relettered as paragraph e; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the present paragraph d. Aged Ministers Assistance, which reads as follows:

d. Aged Ministers Assistance. Assistance shall be made available to ordained ministers (the term includes ordained missionaries) of the Assemblies of God and to their widows, because of age or physical infirmity and for whom no other means of support is available. Eligibility shall be determined on the following bases:

- (1) *Ministerial requirement.* The applicant shall have been an ordained minister in good standing and have held credentials for at least 10 years immediately prior to retirement.

- (2) *Age requirement.* The applicant shall have reached the age of 65 in the case of an ordained minister, or 60 in the case of a spouse of a minister.
- (3) *Disability requirement.* Ministers who have been disabled to the extent that they cannot perform their ministerial duties shall also be eligible to make application.
- (4) *Financial cooperation requirement.* The record of the applicant shall indicate that he or she has complied with the approved financial plans of the district council and The General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- (5) *District endorsement requirement.* Unqualified endorsement must be given by the district officers.

Be amended to read:

d. Support of Aged Ministers. It is recommended that all Assemblies of God churches contribute regularly to provide assistance to aged ministers who are in need of financial assistance. Assistance shall be made available to ordained ministers of the Assemblies of God and to their widows, because of age or physical infirmity, and for whom no other means of support is available. Eligibility shall be determined on the following bases:

- (1) *Ministerial requirement.* The applicant shall have been an ordained minister in good standing and have held credentials for at least 10 years immediately prior to retirement.
- (2) *Age requirement.* The applicant shall have reached the age of 65 in the case of an ordained minister, or 60 in the case of a spouse of a minister.
- (3) *Disability requirement.* Ministers who have been disabled to the extent that they cannot perform their ministerial duties shall also be eligible to make application.
- (4) *Financial cooperation requirement.* The record of the applicant shall indicate that he or she has complied with the approved financial plans of the district council and The General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- (5) *District endorsement requirement.* Unqualified endorsement must be given by the district officers.

Summary Item 1. Editorial Uniformity of the Word “Holy Spirit”

Larry Griswold presented editorial changes to the Constitution and Bylaws which would change the word *Holy Ghost* to *Holy Spirit*. A motion prevailed to adopt Summary Item 1 as follows:

Replace all instances in the General Council Constitution and Bylaws where the words *Holy Ghost* appear, with the words *Holy Spirit*.

Page 3, lines 14, 35, 42, 46, 47, 49, 56, and 63

Page 4, lines 10, 53, and 64

Page 5, line 42

Page 6, lines 6, 10, 19, 28, 30, and 45

Summary Item 4. Election of Executive Officers

Larry Griswold presented the proposed changes in Summary Item 4. Election of Executive Officers. A motion prevailed to adopt Summary Item 4 as follows:

Page 15, lines 28, 29—Nominees for the offices of general superintendent and assistant general superintendent must receive at least 15 votes on the nominating ballot to be presented.

Pages 15 and 16—The general secretary is added to those executive officers being presented in nomination by the action of the General Presbytery (now to include general secretary, general treasurer, executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions, and executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions).

Page 15, lines 25 and 27—insert the word *and*.

Page 15, line 44—paragraph b. General Treasurer becomes b. Other officers.

Page 15, line 52—the word *this* becomes *these*.

Page 15, line 53, 53—insert the words *for each office*.

Who's Who Among Christian School Educators

R. Jay Nelson, Christian schools representative for the Division of Christian Education, presented the Who's Who Among Assemblies of God Educators awards. This is an award to recognize Pentecostal educators who have dedicated themselves to teaching children in either the public or private schools of America. The following persons were named this year to receive the Who's Who Among Assemblies of God Educators Award:

Rosa Ena Edelson, Silverthorne, Colorado

Pamela Sue Jones, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Kristi Reddin, Jacksonville, Arkansas

Summary Item 6. The General Presbytery

Larry Griswold presented Summary Item 6. The General Presbytery, and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was carried. Summary Item 6 as adopted follows:

Page 10, lines 23-31—the departmental directors of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions will be members of the General Presbytery by virtue of office.

Page 10, line 36—to accommodate all presidents of postsecondary schools being placed on the General Presbytery *three* is replaced by *their*.

Page 18, line 16-19—the departmental directors of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions will be members of the General Presbytery by virtue of office.

Page 18, lines 23, 24—the endorsed postsecondary school representatives will be members of the General Presbytery.

Page 18, lines 30-34—the evangelists representative language is reworded.

Page 18, lines 56, 57—add new paragraph. The Executive Presbytery may appoint auditors to the General Presbytery.

Summary Item 8. Resolutions

Larry Griswold presented Summary Item 8. Resolutions Committee, and moved its adoption.

It was moved and seconded that page 25, lines 5, 6, and 7 be amended by removing the words *when in the judgment of the Resolutions Committee such an action is needful*. The motion lost.

The motion to adopt Summary Item 8 was carried. Summary Item 8 as adopted follows:

Page 25, lines 1-3—resolutions submitted by the Executive Presbytery are exempted from referral to the Commission on Doctrinal Purity.

Page 25, lines 5-7—forwarding of any resolution to the Commission on Doctrinal Purity is at the discretion of the Resolutions Committee.

Page 25, lines 16-19—language regarding resolutions rejected as inappropriate is reworded.

Page 20, 21—any resolution passed by the district council in session cannot be deemed inappropriate by the Resolutions Committee.

Summary Item 9. Local Church Credential

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented Summary Item 9. Local Church Credential. A motion prevailed that Summary Item 9. Local Church Credential be adopted. Summary Item 9. Local Church Credential as adopted follows:

Page 30, lines 49-51—insert the words *unless the credential is solely required for active and ongoing local ministry in a prison, hospital, or institution*.

Summary Item 10. Ecclesiastical Annulments

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented Summary Item 10. Ecclesiastical Annulments. A motion prevailed that Summary Item 10. Ecclesiastical Annulments be adopted. Summary Item 10. Ecclesiastical Annulments as adopted follows:

Page 32, lines 1-20—language is reworded.

Summary Item 11. Ministers with Disabilities

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented Summary Item 11. Ministers with Disabilities. A motion prevailed that Summary Item 11. Ministers with Disabilities be adopted. Summary Item 11. Ministers with Disabilities as adopted follows:

Page 35, lines 45-51—paragraph (4) *Ministers with disabilities* is reworded.

Summary Item 12. Transfers from Assemblies of God World Fellowship

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented Summary Item 12. Transfers from Assemblies of God World Fellowship. A motion prevailed that Summary Item 12. Transfers from Assemblies of God World Fellowship be adopted. Summary Item 12. Transfers from Assemblies of God World Fellowship as adopted follows:

Page 38, lines 51-57—edits to the requirements for such transfers reflects policy action of the General Presbytery on such credentials.

Spiritual Life Committee

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee called attention to page 25, lines 36-44, which indicated that Section 5. Spiritual Life Committee was to be eliminated from the General Council Bylaws.

A motion unanimously prevailed that Section 5. Spiritual Life Committee be retained as part of the Bylaws of the General Council.

Summary Item 2. Miscellaneous Editorial Adjustments

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented Summary Item 2. Miscellaneous Editorial Adjustments and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt Summary Item 2. Miscellaneous Editorial Adjustments carried. Summary Item 2. Miscellaneous Editorial Adjustments as adopted follows:

Page 9, lines 18, 19—the title *Article IX. Officers* becomes *Article IX. Officers and Presbyteries of the General Council*.

Page 9, lines 59, 60—a *Board of Directors* becomes *the Board of Directors of The General Council of the Assemblies of God*.

Page 10, line 10—*General Council* becomes *Assemblies of God*.

Page 10, line 43—*representative* becomes *representation*.

Page 14, lines 13-43—the Table of Contents for the Bylaws is edited with new names and numbering.

Page 15, line 10—the title *Article II. Election of Officers* becomes *Article II. Election of Officers, Presbyters*.

Page 17, line 62, page 18, line 2, page 21, line 43—*World Missions* becomes *Assemblies of God World Missions*.

Page 20, line 14—the title *Article III. Duties of Officers* becomes *Article III. Duties of Officers, Presbyters, Board of Administration*.

Page 21, line 67 and page 22, line 255—the words *the General Council* is inserted in the assignments for both executive director of World Missions and executive director of U.S. Missions.

Page 22, line 2—*U.S. Missions* becomes *Assemblies of God U.S. Missions*.

Page 22, line 32—Executive Presbytery defined as *trustees* becomes *the Board of Directors* of the Assemblies of God.

Page 27, line 36—Section 6. Dissolution of District the words *be reduced to* becomes *have*.

Page 30, line 52—Section 1. Ministry Described the words *2-year term* becomes *2 years*.

Page 31, line 40—the word *exam* becomes *examination*.

Page 31, lines 67, 68—paragraph i. Marriage Status, the words *or district councils granting credentials to such* are deleted, in that only the General Council or the local church now issues credentials.

Page 37, line 6—under paragraph b. Affiliation with district of residence, add the words *or serve on the staff*.

Page 64, lines 20, 21—under paragraph d. Aged Ministers Assistance the parenthetical words (*the term includes ordained missionaries*) is deleted.

Entire Document—where paragraphs are either deleted or inserted, appropriate renumbering of the subsequent paragraphs occurs.

Resolution 5. Humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ

Larry Griswold presented Resolution 5 and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was lost. Resolution 5 as presented follows:

- WHEREAS, Many ministers in proclaiming the deity and sinlessness of our Lord Jesus Christ have been teaching that He has no genetic link to any other human, not even his own mother; and
- WHEREAS, This assertion that the Holy Spirit created the human body of our Lord in the womb of the Virgin Mary without using one of her ovary eggs denies that He has human ancestry; and
- WHEREAS, This would mean that Jesus would not have been a literal, physical descendant of Abraham and therefore not an actual Jew; and
- WHEREAS, This would make Mary a surrogate mother and Jesus a surrogate son; and
- WHEREAS, To be a legitimate son means to be a genetic descendant; and
- WHEREAS, Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of Man and therefore is literally descended from man; and
- WHEREAS, Numerous Old Testament prophecies plainly state that Messiah was to genetically descend from definite, named, human forebears according to the flesh; and
- WHEREAS, The New Testament plainly teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ has a literal, genetic human lineage through His mother, all the way back to Adam; and
- WHEREAS, Doubt is being cast on all this Scripture because of tradition and private interpretations of biblical passages pertaining to human sinfulness; and
- WHEREAS, Church doctrine should rest solidly on Scripture because the very atonement of the Cross depends upon biblical inerrancy; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Statement of Fundamental Truths in the constitution be amended by the addition of a section to be titled *The Humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ*, to read as follows:

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of Man. The Scriptures declare:

- a. His own statements that He is the Son of Man (John 8:28; John 9:35-38; Matthew 16:15-18).
- b. His human genealogy back to Adam (Luke 3:23-37).
- c. His promise that He would be the woman's seed (Genesis 3:15).
- d. His being conceived by the virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31,35).
- e. His being made of a woman, made under the law (Galatians 4:4).
- f. His being the one seed of Abraham that would bless all nations (Galatians 3:16).
- g. His being made of the seed of David according to the flesh (Romans 1:3).
- h. His being the fruit of David's loins (Acts 2:30).
- i. His being the root and the offspring of David (Revelation 22:16).
- j. His coming from Israel concerning the flesh (Romans 9:4,5).
- k. His having sprung from the tribe of Judah (Hebrews 7:14).
- l. His identifying himself as a Jew (John 4:22).
- m. His being the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5).
- n. His being the one mediator, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).
- o. His imminent return as the Son of Man (Matthew 26:64).
- p. His future millennial reign upon the throne of His father David (Luke 1:32).

The Son of God is the Son of Man, precisely and only, because He is the actual, physical, biological descendant of human forebears, according to the flesh. It is a transgression of the doctrine of Christ to say that the Messiah was born without a real genetic connection to this scriptural human ancestry. Therefore, to say that the human body of Jesus was formed in the womb without using an ovary egg of his virgin mother is a denial that the Lord Jesus Christ is the seed of the woman, the seed of Abraham, the fruit of David's loins, or the Son of Man; and a displacement of the truth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.

At the moment man fell, the Lord Jesus Christ took upon himself the guilt of Adam's legal succession and the death penalty of sin for all humanity to come: "...and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin..." (2 Corinthians 5:21); for He is "...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8).

When the fullness of the time was come, the eternal Son of God came forth to become the Son of Man, made of Mary's ovary egg, the virgin woman's seed, thus becoming a direct, literal, genetic descendant of King David and of Abraham, according to the flesh and fulfilling messianic prophecy (Galatians 4:4; Genesis 3:15; Romans 1:3; Matthew 1:1).

Every child conceived comes under the positional guilt of Adam's transgression, for "...by one man's disobedience many were made sinners" (Romans 5:19); and as David said, "...in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51:5). However, each one's guilt is covered by the blood of the Lamb of God until he reaches accountability and "...is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed" (James 1:14). Some temptations, like fear and selfishness, begin in the womb and we are "...shapen in iniquity..." (Psalm 51:5).

However, as God is love, and as Christ is God in the flesh, fully God and fully man, He is love personified; and as perfect love casts out all fear and is the fulfillment of the law, He alone fully kept the whole law and lived a sinless life, though tempted in all points as we are. At His substitutionary death on the cross, He was judged righteous and was accepted by the Father as the all-sufficient propitiation for the sins of the whole world; and He was declared to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this amendment be numbered as General Council Constitution, Article V, paragraph 4, and entitled: 4. The Humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the remaining paragraph be renumbered accordingly.

THE HUMANITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Recommendation from Commission on Doctrinal Purity

The Commission on Doctrinal Purity has examined the proposed resolution entitled *The Humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ* submitted by Robert W. Lyle of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

The commission is very appreciative of the fact that Brother Lyle has done extensive study on the humanity of Jesus Christ, has manifested a genuine interest in and concern for the doctrines of the Assemblies of God, and has made the fruit of his research available to the Commission on Doctrinal Purity. The commission concurs with Brother Lyle that the full humanity of our Lord must be safeguarded.

However, the commission noted that the Statement of Fundamental Truths affirms the humanity of our Lord in Statement 2, "The One True God," and specifically affirms the virgin birth in Statement 3, "The Deity of the Lord Jesus

Christ.” These affirmations, while not extensive, are nonetheless consistent with the historic creeds of the Christian church and appear to be adequate for present needs.

Therefore, the Commission on Doctrinal Purity respectfully recommends that no change be made at this time in Statements 2 and 3.

Introduction of Executive Presbyters

General Superintendent Thomas E. Trask introduced the members of the Executive Presbytery. He extended a welcome to the two new executive presbyters: Douglas E. Fulenwider and John M. Palmer.

He expressed appreciation and gratitude to David W. Argue and L. Alton Garrison for their years of serve on the Executive Presbytery.

Courtesy Resolution

Larry Griswold read a courtesy resolution and moved it adoption. The motion carried. The resolution was as follows:

WHEREAS, The 51st General Council of the Assemblies of God has been afforded gracious hospitality and accommodation by the officials and agencies of the city of Denver, Colorado, and our host districts, the Rocky Mountain District Council and the Central Latin American District Council; and

WHEREAS, A wide host of persons, countless agencies, and firms have committed much in order to provide effective service to the members, delegates, and guests of this 51st General Council; and

WHEREAS, The 51st General Council has experienced record total attendance by its members, the wide and varied expressions of this church through its effective ministries at home and abroad, and the intentional involvement of compassion ministry to many needy residents of our host city; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That sincere appreciation be expressed to: Mayor John Hickenlooper of the City of Denver; The Colorado Convention Center, the Pepsi Center, the Denver Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the many hotel and restaurant personnel, for their accommodation and hospitality, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God for the gifted and visionary leadership he has raised up among us in the persons of our general superintendent, Thomas E. Trask, the Board of Administration, and the Executive Presbytery; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the ministers and churches of this Fellowship determine that the clarion call issued by our Lord at this 51st General Council in the Spiritual Life Report and the ever-present call and challenge to expand His kingdom at home and abroad by every means possible, be affirmed and sustained by our ongoing commitment to fulfill the assignments that our Lord Jesus, the Head of this Church, has given us, and be it further

RESOLVED, That on this historic occasion of our 51st General Council of the Assemblies of God that we rededicate ourselves, the Holy Spirit being our helper, to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ and that we leave this council in the bonds of Christian unity, determined to serve His wishes with all the resources, passion, and energy of our lives.

Adjournment

A motion prevailed to adjourn the business meeting of the 51st General Council at 4:10 p.m., Thursday, August 4, 2005.

THURSDAY EVENING—AUGUST 4

The Thursday evening service of the 51st General Council began at 7 in the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colorado, with a missionary parade led by L. John Bueno, riding in a rickshaw, followed by missionaries marching into the auditorium, bearing flags and attire from the nations in which they serve. During the parade, J. Daniel Smith directed the choir and orchestra from Bethesda Community Church, Fort Worth, Texas, which provided music for the missionary parade. Prayer for the service was offered by Loren Triplett, former executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions.

C. Dan Betzer, executive presbyter from the Southeast Area, made an appeal in behalf of the Senders Fund offering. This fund is to help missionary candidates by cutting the itineration time. He urged everyone to generously support this fund. The offertory was provided by the Bethesda Community Church, Fort Worth, Texas, choir. Special music for the service was also provided by a 168-person choir made up of men and women preparing to head to 55 countries for missionary service.

The speaker for the service was Lazarus M. Chakwera, president of the Malawi Assemblies of God. He expressed thanks to America for sending full-gospel missionaries to Africa. Even though the continent now receives missionaries from the rest of the world, the greatest partners remain U.S. Assemblies of God missionaries. “The church’s exponential growth in Africa is in many ways a reflection of the tireless efforts and seed-sowing ministries of missionaries of yesteryear.” He stated that there is a realization that the African church, too, has a role to play in God’s worldwide missions. “The new reality is that missions has become from all nations to all nations.”

Following the evening message a first-ever missionary commissioning service was held with General Superintendent Thomas E. Trask commissioning new candidates heading to the mission field.

FRIDAY MORNING—AUGUST 5

Memorial and Communion Service

The Friday service began at 9:30 a.m., at the Colorado Convention Center, following 15 minutes of pre-service music provided by the Peacemakers Quartet, Carbondale Assembly of God, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Paul and Marjorie Ferrin, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Gina Lugo and Johnny Ferrante, Bethel Church, San Jose, California; and Nicholas Jonas, Assembly of God, Wyckoff, New Jersey. George O. Wood served as chairman for this service.

Scripture for the service was read by Elizabeth (Beth) Grant, Springfield, Missouri. She also offered prayer for the service. Worship was led by John Lawson, Radiant Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado. The offering was received by Charles E. Hackett.

In memory of those ministers who have passed away since the last meeting of the General Council a video scroll was presented containing 803 names. During the playing of the memorial scroll, music was provided by the Peacemakers Quartet, Paul and Marjorie Ferrin, Gina Lugo and Johnny Ferrante, and Nicholas Jonas. Following the presentation of the scroll Thomas E. Trask, general superintendent, introduced C. Dan Betzer, executive presbyter from the Southeast Area and pastor of First Assembly of God, Fort Myers, Florida, the speaker for the service. Following his message, Communion was observed. General Superintendent Thomas E. Trask presided during the Communion service. He was assisted by members of the Executive Presbytery and General Presbytery.

IN MEMORIAM

The following list includes all whose names had been reported to the general secretary's office from June 1, 2003, to May 31, 2005, and were included in the video presentation

Abbott, Veldon F., Dewey, Oklahoma
 Ables, Hollis V., Calhoun, Louisiana
 Acker, John W. Sr., Springfield, Missouri
 Actkinson, J. D., Watsonville, California
 Adams, Joe W., Waxahachie, Texas
 Adamson, Earl B., Oshkosh, Wisconsin
 Ade, Paul C., Sarasota, Florida
 Adusei-Poku, Daniel, Gaithersburg, Maryland
 Alford, John G., Goodrich, Texas
 Alldridge, Jesse M., Puyallup, Washington
 Allen, Felicia R., Pomona, California
 Allen, Halbert E., Winnboro, Texas
 Anderson, James H. (Jim), Lindale, Texas
 Anderson, John M., Lynden, Washington
 Anderson, Margaret, South Africa
 Andrews, Kerry W., York, Nebraska
 Andrews, Lura M., Evans, Georgia
 Anspaugh, Rex M., Yulee, Florida
 Arneson, J. Harold, Lynden, Washington
 Ayala, Samuel, New York, New York
 Bacon, L. Calvin Sr., Deltona, Florida
 Badger, Barbara L., Sullivan, Indiana
 Baez, Frank Jr., Thornton, Colorado
 Baker, David E., Rumney, New Hampshire
 Baker, Denver L., Lake Station, Indiana
 Baker, Mildred, Des Moines, Iowa
 Baldwin, Donald E., Laguna Niguel, California
 Balikowski, Donna M., Lakeland, Florida
 Barber, George L., Paola, Kansas
 Barfield, Curtis A., Liberty, South Carolina
 Barnard, Hoyt E., Okemah, Oklahoma
 Barney, Kenneth D., Boonville, Missouri
 Barton, Jewel E., Monroe, Louisiana
 Bauer, Arthur H., San Diego, California
 Beadle, Charles P., Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Bear, Dorothy M., Colorado Springs, Colorado
 Beaver, Donna J., East Liverpool, Ohio
 Bedzyk, John, Elmira, New York
 Benvenuti, Thomas, Huntington Bch, California
 Berkheimer, Melba R., Orange, Texas
 Best, Frank R., Austintown, Ohio
 Bettis, Robert E., Sand Springs, Oklahoma
 Bias, Steven E., Dayton, Ohio
 Bird, Kenneth D., Oroville, California
 Black, Edwin L., Lakeland, Florida
 Black, Earle R. Sr., Canton, Illinois
 Blackman, Woodrow, Wewahitchka, Florida
 Blalock, Addie H., Aberdeen, North Carolina

Bland, Charles L., Palm Bay, Florida
 Blanton, Donald L., Columbia, South Carolina
 Blanton, Jasper H., Cordelle, Georgia
 Blossom, Pansy D., Springfield, Missouri
 Blue, Dorothea E., Galesburg, Illinois
 Blue, Thurman M., Campbell, Texas
 Bobbitt, Dwayne D., Seminole, Oklahoma
 Bonafoux, Fernando, Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico
 Boulware, Virginia L., Brighton, Colorado
 Bowen, Ronald L., Mission, Texas
 Bowen, Vanessa L., Hartman, Arkansas
 Bowman, Charles, Hardeeville, South Carolina
 Bowser, Dwight, Cottonwood, Arizona
 Boyd, Alfred D., Parkton, Maryland
 Boyd, Wanda M., Fort Worth, Texas
 Boyet, Otto, Sullivan, Missouri
 Bradshaw, W. M., Ferris, Texas
 Brantley, Margie, Tallahassee, Florida
 Braswell, Stanley, Pelham, Alabama
 Braun, Julius F., Winter Haven, Florida
 Bray, Laura Jasmine, Holiday Island, Arkansas
 Brewer, Adolph H., Litchfield, Illinois
 Brewer, Maxine E., Canton, Ohio
 Brewer, William W., Cherry Valley, California
 Bridge, Palmer R., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Broberg, Michael E., Pillager, Minnesota
 Brodrick, Carl L., Tecumseh, Oklahoma
 Brooks, Susie I., Athens, Texas
 Brooks, William D., Dallas, Texas
 Brown, Eunice M., Van, Texas
 Brown, Harriett E., Anchorage, Alaska
 Brown, Mildred H., Visalia, California
 Bruce, Melton O., Dothan, Alabama
 Bruton, Enos J., Bedford, Indiana
 Bruton, Janie D., Fort Worth, Texas
 Bruton, J. Paul Jr., San Luis Obispo, California
 Burdine, A. Wilber, San Jose, California
 Burgund, F. Maurice, Brighton, Illinois
 Burns, A. Everett, McAllen, Texas
 Burnside, Charles G., Greenfield, Indiana
 Burnside, Clifford L., Tuckerman, Arkansas
 Bush, Darrel R., Springfield, Missouri
 Bushnell, Willyla, Huntington Beach, California
 Buwalda, Robert, Chesterfield, Virginia
 Byrum, H. B., Gladewater, Texas
 Caddell, Robert G. Jr., Seguin, Texas
 Cairns, Grace, Ellis, Kansas
 Calhoun, Grover T., Napavine, Washington

Campbell, Charles W., Van Buren, Arkansas
 Campbell, Ernest G., Lincoln Park, Michigan
 Campbell, Howard C., Trenton, Tennessee
 Campbell, Kamail R., Creola, Alabama
 Campbell, William E., Bucyrus, Missouri
 Capas, Norberto, Pittsburg, California
 Caraway, L. R., Ozark, Alabama
 Cardiff, Paul M., Naples, Florida
 Carlisle, Ethel, Lincoln City, Oregon
 Carlstrom, Paul W., Seattle, Washington
 Carmichael, Adele, Thousand Oaks, California
 Carpenter, William C., Wichita, Kansas
 Carrillo, Francisco, Holtville, California
 Carter, Eithel A., Jonesboro, Arkansas
 Casey, Edwin G., Arifton, Alabama
 Castaneda, Rolando, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
 Castillo, Arsenio M., Miami, Florida
 Cayton, Luther A., Luling, Texas
 Cerullo, Edith E., Oceanside, California
 Chaffin, Dwight E., Bryan, Texas
 Champion, Clyde C., Norton, Massachusetts
 Chapman, Horace W., Fort Valley, Georgia
 Childers, John M., Granite City, Illinois
 Childers, Paul B., Las Vegas, Nevada
 Cissna, James R. Jr., Pauls Valley, Oklahoma
 Clay, Mildred E., Booneville, Arkansas
 Claycomb, Kenneth L., Crawfordville, Florida
 Clutter, Mary L., Salem, Ohio
 Cochran, Ellen, Waynesboro, Mississippi
 Collazo, Marcilio, Holland, Michigan
 Collins, Claude E., Brewton, Alabama
 Collins, Henry L., Richlands, Virginia
 Collins, William H., Bainbridge, Georgia
 Comardelle, Thelma W., Biloxi, Mississippi
 Comer, Leon W., Valley, Alabama
 Cook, Lawrence E., Granite City, Illinois
 Corp, Robert P., Eakly, Oklahoma
 Cossey, Lee V., Russellville, Arkansas
 Cox, Clyde C., Pawnee, Oklahoma
 Cox, Thelma B., Lawton, Oklahoma
 Crane, Frank N., Junction City, Oregon
 Creamer, Mary V., Eastpoint, Florida
 Creamer, Roy D., Montgomery, Alabama
 Creel, Jimmy R. Sr., Ovett, Mississippi
 Crew, William R., Temple Terrace, Florida
 Crispin, Loyd, Silex, Missouri
 Croasmun, Grant B., Vidor, Texas
 Croasmun, Viola G., Grants, New Mexico
 Crouch, Philip A., Springfield, Missouri
 Crowe, Wesley S., Roselle, New Jersey
 Crowley, Elmer, Burleson, Texas
 Cruz, Maria R., Harlingen, Texas
 Cunningham, Thomas C., Springdale, Arkansas
 Curtis, Loren S., Macomb, Illinois
 Curtright, Carl E., Waterford, California
 Cutts, Leonard P., Winter Haven, Florida
 Cuva, Anthony, Cohoes, New York
 Dalrymple, R. Vaughn, New Caney, Texas
 Dana, Edwin F., Marysville, Ohio
 Daniel, L. Grant, Lakeland, Florida
 Darretta, Paul, West Harrison, New York
 Darsey, T. C., Dudley, Georgia
 Davenport, Warren, Albuquerque, New Mexico
 Davidson, Paul E., Murrieta, California
 Davis, Audrey F., Byram, Mississippi
 Davis, Charles V., Grand Prairie, Texas
 Davis, George W., Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania
 Davis, J. B., Jacksonville, Florida
 Davis, John W., Stamping Ground, Kentucky
 Davis, Ronald C., Pensacola, Florida
 Davis, Taylor H., Springfield, Missouri
 Davis, Wiley T., Crawfordville, Florida
 De Leon, Richard L., Terra Bella, Oklahoma
 Dean, David E., Tyler, Texas
 Dean, M. Jeanne, Wichita, Kansas
 DeJesus, Leopoldo, Brooklyn, New York
 Delashmit, Marshall, Holly Springs, Mississippi
 DeVasher, John W., Wichita, Kansas
 DeVault, Noveline, Jacksonville, Florida
 Dewey, Velmer O., Drain, Oregon
 Dickinson, James I., Fresno, California
 Dickson, L. B. Jr., Lacey, Washington
 Diehl, Beulah A., West Salem, Ohio
 Dillard, Charles F., Saint Peters, Missouri
 Dobson, Alice, Bremerton, Washington
 Dock, Robert C., Georgetown, Kentucky
 Dodds, Frieda, Santa Rosa, California
 Dokken, Hjalmer G., Northwood, North Dakota
 Donaghe, James T., Tulare, California
 Donaghe, Louis W., Bouse, Arizona
 Doolin, Sylva A., Browning, Illinois
 Doring, Edward, Santa Ana, California
 Douglas, Freda, Bloomfield, New Mexico
 Drake, A. Edward, Westminster, California
 Drake, Mrs. F.C. (Bobbie), Silsbee, Texas
 Drieth, Reuben R., Greeley, Colorado
 Driver, Ernest R., Pegrarn, Tennessee
 Duke, Kathaleen, Nixa, Missouri
 Duncan, J. Robert, Campbell, California
 Duncan, Ray E., Centralia, Washington
 Dunsford, James W., Bartow, Florida
 Durbin, V. William, Cypress, California
 Duvall, Margie, Russellville, Arkansas
 Dyer, Bradley S., Gans, Oklahoma
 Earle, Albert W., Limington, Maine
 Earls, Gordon F., Bay Minette, Alabama
 Eason, Roy E., Justin, Texas
 Eldridge, Virgil T., Marysville, Washington
 Ellis, Elvis C., Pleasant Plains, Arkansas
 Elorrea, Albertina, Newport News, Virginia
 Elrod, Howard D., De Witt, Arkansas
 England, James E., Ajo, Arizona
 Espinoza, Miguel, Espanola, New Mexico
 Estes, Thomas V., Afton, Oklahoma
 Etheredge, Willard K., Ashford, Alabama
 Evans, Christelle, Abilene, Texas
 Evans, Donald W., Rogers, Arkansas
 Falvo, David J., Canonsburg, Pennsylvania
 Fannin, John Jr., Dierks, Arkansas
 Fauss, Cora M., Henderson, Texas
 Ferrell, Bill H., Richardson, Texas
 Figueroa, Francisca, Grand Island, Nebraska
 Fingers, Hilbert L., Wright City, Missouri
 Fisher, Linnie M., Leeds, Alabama
 Flathers, Mark E., Everett, Washington
 Flecha, Esperanza, Humacao, Puerto Rico
 Floyd, David S., Springfield, Missouri
 Foreman, James T., Sedgwick, Kansas
 Fout, Elvin E., Dallas, Texas
 Fox, Myrle R., Ardmore, Oklahoma
 Frade, Jorge, Mountain View, California
 Fraker, Paul Q., Oak Hill, West Virginia
 Francis, Mary R., Golden City, Missouri
 Frank, Erich, McKinney, Texas
 Franklin, Ann F., Mesquite, Texas
 Frazee, Daniel L., Elizabeth, Indiana
 Fread, Earl S., Broomfield, Colorado
 Freeze, Arthur M., Humble, Texas
 French, Fay R., Okmulgee, Oklahoma
 French, Floyd M., La Mesa, California
 Frescas, Roberto M., Dumas, Texas
 Gaddis, Hallie, Springfield, Missouri

Gaither, Ralph W., Fresno, California
 Galitello, John L., Columbus, Georgia
 Garrison, David J., Vancouver, Washington
 Garza, Ruben B., Abilene, Texas
 Gates, John T., Harrisburg, Arkansas
 Genco, Irene, Princeton Junction, New Jersey
 Georgianni, Frank, Corona, California
 German, Manuel S., Glendale, Arizona
 Geyer, Willis W., Milton Freewater, Oregon
 Gilbert, Ruth M., Auburn, California
 Gilder, Richard D., Whitney, Texas
 Gillespie, Woodrow W., Heflin, Alabama
 Giordano, Rita O., Medford, New Jersey
 Glaze, Alton, Umatilla, Oregon
 Gomez, Rachel, San Jose, California
 Gonzalez, Alberto, Florida, Puerto Rico
 Gonzalez, Benito T., Moca, Puerto Rico
 Gonzalez, Luz M., Carolina, Puerto Rico
 Goomas, George, Duncanville, Texas
 Gordon, Leonard E., Medina, Ohio
 Gordon, Loton, Brooklyn, New York
 Gower, Huey E., Ashland City, Tennessee
 Grady, Audie R., Dumas, Arkansas
 Gray, Thomas G., Cibolo, Texas
 Green, David, Billings, Montana
 Greene, Mildred R., Bossier City, Louisiana
 Greer, Howard E., Baytown, Texas
 Greer, Lucy I., Mount Pleasant, Texas
 Griffin, Esther M., Placentia, California
 Griffin, James B., Waco, Texas
 Griggs, Grace L., Springfield, Missouri
 Griggs, James E., Springfield, Missouri
 Guilliot, Fredric, Kent, Washington
 Hageman, William F., El Paso, Texas
 Haima, Brian A. Sr., Baldwinville, New York
 Hale, Myrtle G., Hayden, Idaho
 Hall, Hannah J., Tyler, Texas
 Hall, Nell F., Springfield, Missouri
 Hall, Trella Belle, Baxter Springs, Kansas
 Hall, Wayne A., Bentonville, Arkansas
 Hamelink, J. Peter, Vesper, Wisconsin
 Hamilton, V. R., Kimberling City, Missouri
 Hammond, James T. Jr., Dunn, North Carolina
 Han, Yeung Ja, Roosevelt Island, New York
 Hand, Ruth E., Rogers, Arkansas
 Haney, Betty S., Apple Valley, California
 Hann, Charles L., Bath, New York
 Hansche, David W., Texarkana, Arkansas
 Hansen, Wesley D., Warden, Washington
 Hanson, Alfred J., Longview, Washington
 Hardcastle, G.W., Rancho Cordova, California
 Harding, Winford C., Conroe, Texas
 Hardy, Erno J., Panama City Beach, Florida
 Harp, Willie M., Trinity, Texas
 Harrington, Ethel E., Lady Lake, Florida
 Harrington, Mamie L., Tucson, Arizona
 Harris, Almer G., Durant, Florida
 Harris, D. Winston, Buckatanna, Mississippi
 Harris, Derrel D., Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Harris, Ralph W., Springfield, Missouri
 Harris, Roy B., Lake Jackson, Texas
 Harrup, Esther L., Springfield, Missouri
 Hart, Lucine E., Moss Point, Mississippi
 Hartman, Richard W., Penn Valley, California
 Hatch, Francis M., Yates Center, Kansas
 Hatch, Lila M., Little Rock, Arkansas
 Havner, Richard B., Dallas, Texas
 Hawkins, Comer L., McMinnville, Tennessee
 Hawkins, Robert W., Valparaiso, Indiana
 Hayes, Wayne L., O'Brien, Florida
 Heath, Clifford R., Guildhall, Vermont
 Heath, Dewey L., Erick, Oklahoma
 Helton, Dibrell, Longview, Texas
 Hemminger, Helga F., Easton, Pennsylvania
 Hemphill, Wayne H., Owensboro, Kentucky
 Henderson, Michael J., Phenix City, Alabama
 Henson, Archie B., Bridgeport, Texas
 Herman, Harvey A., Hastings, Nebraska
 Hetherington, James E., Hiram, Ohio
 Hickman, Edith I., Rogers, Arkansas
 Hinecker, W. G., Charlestown, Indiana
 Hines, Michael J., Honduras
 Hines, Rudolph C., Shreveport, Louisiana
 Hixenbaugh, Velma, Buena Vista, Colorado
 Hodge, Larry D., Sugar Grove, Illinois
 Hodges, Frances M., Bartow, Florida
 Holcomb, Robbie C., Jayton, Texas
 Holder, Everet W., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Holdiness, Eugene W., Baltimore, Maryland
 Holland, Cameron C., Washougal, Washington
 Hollingsworth, Thomas, Fort Worth, Texas
 Holmes, James, Kings Mt, North Carolina
 Holtzclaw, Ara Vay, Cotton Valley, Louisiana
 Homer, Ruth B., Huntington Beach, California
 Hopkins, James H., Marysville, Washington
 Horst, M. Louise, Mabank, Texas
 Horwege, Raymond H. Jr., Antioch, California
 Howard, Thomas R., Bothel, Washington
 Hubbard, Dee, Roswell, New Mexico
 Human, John L., Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Hundsdoerfer, Dale, Laguna Woods, California
 Hunsberger, Carrie B., Portland, Indiana
 Hunt, Elsie E., Fresno, California
 Hunt, Fern O., Yale, Oklahoma
 Hunt, Oscar W., Springfield, Missouri
 Hunter, J. Renton, Temple Hills, Maryland
 Hutson, Fay M., Dallas, Texas
 Impson, David W., Wright City, Oklahoma
 Ingles, Cleo O., Enid, Oklahoma
 Ingram, John R., Palmer, Texas
 Ingram, Leonard A., Konawa, Oklahoma
 Irish, Henry D., Newton, Iowa
 Isherwood, Janice F., Mesa, Arizona
 Israel, Byron D., Auburn, Washington
 Ivie, James H., Caldwell, Idaho
 Jackson, Billy R., Alford, Florida
 Jackson, Bobby G., Lakeland, Florida
 James, Claudia B., Saratoga, Texas
 Janzen, Brett L., Irvine, California
 Jarvis, Muri R., Windsor, North Carolina
 Jeter, Hugh P., Waxahachie, Texas
 Johnson, Floyd B., Fort Smith, Arkansas
 Johnson, M. Earl, Redding, California
 Johnson, Orley O., Pe Ell, Washington
 Jollay, Helen O., Levittown, New York
 Jones, Frank M., Ada, Oklahoma
 Jones, Leonard J., Vancouver, Washington
 Jones, Margaret B., Springfield, Missouri
 Jones, Oda, Carlinville, Illinois
 Jones, Richard C., Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Jumper, Christine G., Palestine, Arkansas
 Justus, Clara B., Belton, Texas
 Kaap, James R., Hampton, Virginia
 Kahalehili, Henry K., Hilo, Hawaii
 Kang, Dae Yun, La Verne, California
 Keen, J. D., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Keene, Philip A., Louisville, Ohio
 Keeter, Donald P., Sun City, Arizona
 Keil, F. Allen, Atwater, California
 Kelley, Frank V., The Villages, Florida
 Kennedy, Mrs. H.R. (Alice), Casper, Wyoming
 Kennedy, Sylvia H., Tehachapi, California

Kennedy, Talmadge, Port Saint Joe, Florida
 Kenney, Dorothy M., Forks, Washington
 Khan, Mohamed S., Jamaica, New York
 Kim, Eugene H., Honolulu, Hawaii
 Kim, Ung S., Glenview, Illinois
 Kindle, Nadine, Modesto, California
 King, Rheba N., Yuma, Arizona
 Kipp, Velma O., Titusville, Florida
 Kirby, Robert C., Amity, Arkansas
 Kirkendall, Calvin S., Springdale, Arkansas
 Knutsen, Peter W., Shannon, North Carolina
 Kohl, Harold, Winchester, Virginia
 Koller, Jim D., Swiflon, Arkansas
 Kooiman, Elmer, Mexico
 Koons, Thomas A., Grants, New Mexico
 Kornelsen, Elsie, Battle Ground, Washington
 Kostencki, Stanley F., Madisonville, Kentucky
 Kramer, Ivan R., Rockwall, Texas
 Kramer, Lester L., Sun City West, Arizona
 Kramer, Donald R. Jr., Lake City, Florida
 Krause, Lawrence D., Bakersfield, California
 Kunkel, Mammie L., Bellingham, Washington
 Lack, Ila P., Flower Mound, Texas
 Lagmay, Opal E., Mustang, Oklahoma
 Larison, Thomas J., Cincinnati, Ohio
 Larson, Earl, Denver, Colorado
 Lautz, George E., Scottsdale, Arizona
 Lawrence, Glenwood, Windsor, North Carolina
 Lawson, Donald E., Blackville, South Carolina
 Leathers, Charles, Salem, Missouri
 Lechner, Ted L. Sr., Azle, Texas
 Ledbetter, June D., Fort Worth, Texas
 Leppke, J. Walter, Collinsville, Oklahoma
 Lester, Lucille, Artesia, New Mexico
 Lewelling, Waymon K., Woodville, Texas
 Lindale, Elmer W. Jr., Pennsville, New Jersey
 Lindberg, Carl O. Jr., Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
 Lindley, Josephine H., Mesquite, Texas
 Little, Daniel L., Cornelius, North Carolina
 Lloyd, Ruby J., Glen Rose, Texas
 Long, Edward L., Copperas Cove, Texas
 Long, Velma A., Fort Collins, Colorado
 Loomis, Marjorie L., Amazonia, Missouri
 Lopez, Samuel Jr., Abilene, Texas
 Lovin, Leonard, Tacoma, Washington
 Lowder, J.D., Apache Junction, Arizona
 Lowrey, Jacob H., Century, Florida
 Lowrie, Warren W., Waxahachie, Texas
 Lyon, Stanley A., Jacksonville, Florida
 Maae, Sevia, Paramount, California
 Mackish, D. Robert, Springfield, Missouri
 Madrona, Paul P., Montclair, California
 Malone, Vernon L., Porterville, California
 Marker, Marilyn E., Seattle, Washington
 Marks, Robert C., Baroda, Michigan
 Marshall, Malcolm G., Stafford, Texas
 Martin, Vera, Gresham, Oregon
 Martin, Lloyd F. Jr., Lawton, Oklahoma
 Martinez, Carmen C., Fort Myers, Florida
 Martinez, Eugene Jr., Caldwell, Idaho
 Martinez, Fidel J., San Jose, California
 Martinez, Grady, Galena Park, Texas
 Martinez, Raymond V., Alpine, Texas
 Mason, Estol R., Bryan, Texas
 Mason, Forrest W., Estancia, New Mexico
 Mason, Larry W., Prineville, Oregon
 Masterson, Ethel M., Saint Louis, Missouri
 Mastries, Pauline B., Springfield, Missouri
 Mattox, John S., Encinitas, California
 Mayberry, William, Greensboro, North Carolina
 McAnulty, Carroll W., Poplar Bluff, Missouri
 McCause, Charles J., Smithville, Oklahoma
 McComber, Kenneth, Laguna Hills, California
 McCormick, Edith A., Denver, Colorado
 McCracken, Sharon W., Costa Mesa, California
 McDonald, Lester W., San Jose, California
 McDonough, T. A., Sand Springs, Oklahoma
 McFarland, Lonnie, Cherry Valley, Arkansas
 McGahey, James O., Yakima, Washington
 McGhee, Einar E., Tigard, Oregon
 McGinty, William D., Havelock, North Carolina
 McGrath, Mark F., Nixa, Missouri
 McGuire, Walter J., Fergus Falls, Minnesota
 McIntosh, Mrs. Fred (Pearlie), Starke, Florida
 Meadows, Winford T., Columbus, Georgia
 Mears, Thomas M., Chipley, Florida
 Medina, Levi E., Arvada, Colorado
 Medina, Ralph Jr., Hillsboro, Oregon
 Mejia, Mario M., Kearney, Nebraska
 Mejias, Dimas E., Aguada, Puerto Rico
 Melendez, Angel M., Tampa, Florida
 Mempa, Lanny R., Cleveland, Ohio
 Mena, Federico R., Fort Worth, Texas
 Mendez, Hortencia, San Jose, California
 Mercer, Reba E., Arlington, Texas
 Messner, Donald L., Nixa, Missouri
 Metz, Pat, Duncan, Oklahoma
 Mick, Enos, Garland, Texas
 Middlebrook, Jess D., Bartlett, Tennessee
 Miller, Kenneth W., Lacey, Washington
 Miller, Rusty E., Hannibal, Missouri
 Miller, Thomas P., Oxford, Florida
 Miller, William T., Parkersburg, West Virginia
 Mills, Edward J., Woodville, Texas
 Mirgon, Lois B., Sacramento, California
 Mitchell, Charlotte L., Springfield, Missouri
 Mock, G. Rosalyn, Greeley, Colorado
 Mock, Henry E., Greeley, Colorado
 Moeller, Richard G., Florence, Kentucky
 Montoya, Eloy, El Prado, New Mexico
 Morgan, Orville A., Wilder, Kentucky
 Morgan, Paul H., Maryville, Illinois
 Morris, Jerald V., Bisbee, Arizona
 Morris, John M., Richton, Mississippi
 Morrison, Alfred J., Chester, Montana
 Motley, William A. Jr., Pineville, Louisiana
 Murrell, Grace E., Pinole, California
 Nazanin, Joseph, Northridge, California
 Neal, Roderick R., Buffalo, New York
 Negron, Isaac, Hamden, Connecticut
 Neller, Dale E., Fostoria, Ohio
 Nesta, Angelo, Ocala, Florida
 Newhouse, William M., Park Hills, Missouri
 Noe, Rebekah J., Tempe, Arkansas
 Nordin, Willard A., Downey, California
 Norris, Kenneth A., Des Moines, Iowa
 Norton, Ernest M., Morrilton, Arkansas
 Novellino, Peter, Sun City Center, Florida
 Nunez, Manuel, Bronx, New York
 O'Barr, Michael L., Birmingham, Alabama
 O'Brien, Edgar C., Toronto, Ontario
 Ogle, D. Fern, Atwater, California
 Ohlin, Anar D., Arvada, Colorado
 Olsen, Hilda C., South Africa
 Olson, Marian N., Wilmar, Minnesota
 Oskolkoff, Joseph G., Anchorage, Alaska
 Osland, Chester O., St Thomas, North Dakota
 Overstreet, Joseph E., Seattle, Washington
 Owen, Walter B., Kansas City, Missouri
 Paasch, Warren W., Caldwell, Idaho
 Pace, Larry B. Jr., Lincoln, Nebraska
 Packer, Frederick C., England

Padilla, David, Denver, Colorado
 Page, Leonard E., Birmingham, Alabama
 Palmer, Evelyn L., Frederick, Maryland
 Pardue, Mrs. Earl (Marie), Butler, Alabama
 Park, Henry P., San Angelo, Texas
 Parker, Brunette H., Riverside, California
 Parrish, Paul C., Newport, Pennsylvania
 Pascual, Marciano, San Juan, Puerto Rico
 Patton, Virgil, Sherman, Texas
 Paul, Tommie G., Bald Knob, Arkansas
 Peak, Charles E., Springfield, Missouri
 Percy, Cecil R., Hydro, Oklahoma
 Peek, Christine A., Jacksonville, Florida
 Penney, Herbert G., Tolleson, Arizona
 Penton, Elwood D., Robertsdale, Alabama
 Perera, Lloyd M., Citrus Heights, California
 Perez, Espismenio, Sanford, Florida
 Perez, Francisco, Bridgeport, Connecticut
 Perez, Pedro Acosta, Humacao, Puerto Rico
 Perez, Pedro L., Santa Cruz, New Mexico
 Perkins, E. B., Artesia, New Mexico
 Perry, Ramona H., Fairbanks, Alaska
 Peterson, Einar G., Tacoma, Washington
 Philip, Richard H., Tacoma, Washington
 Phillips, Dorothy M., Nixa, Missouri
 Pierce, Madison I., Mooreland, Oklahoma
 Pike, Lemy L., Childress, Texas
 Pillow, David J., Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin
 Pine, Warren V., Riverdale, California
 Piper, Stephen E., Lake Katrine, New York
 Pitts, John P., Saint Louis, Missouri
 Pitts, Ruel N., Bonifay, Florida
 Placeres, Pedro, Banning, California
 Poe, Evelyn M. (Nick), Bald Knob, Arkansas
 Points, Ina L., Sparkman, Arkansas
 Poland, Paul, Oakland, Maryland
 Pollard, Grover G., Modesto, California
 Polson, Clifford F. Sr., Loveland, California
 Poteat, Paul E. Sr., Markleysburg, Pennsylvania
 Powell, Jennie L., Phoenix, Arizona
 Pratt, Palmerine, La Mesa, California
 Prentiss, Darrell, Lk Junaluska, North Carolina
 Presley, William T., Panama City, Florida
 Preston, Ray S., Luftkin, Texas
 Price, Solomon N., Columbus, Georgia
 Rabe, Bonetta C., Norwalk, California
 Radawski, Walter A., Lakeside, California
 Raduano, George, Baltimore, Maryland
 Raley, James D., Ormond Beach, Florida
 Ramos, Noe T., Selma, California
 Rausin, Jerry E., Springfield, Missouri
 Ray, Lawrence E., Warrenton, Oregon
 Reagan, Dalles L., Murray, Kentucky
 Reaves, Samuel H., Seymour, Iowa
 Reddick, Jack E., Salem, Oregon
 Redman, Dolores Z., San Carlos, California
 Reed, Charles E., Monroe, Louisiana
 Reed, Joe C., Foley, Alabama
 Reese, Clyde A., Palestine, Texas
 Reeves, Ben A., La Marque, Texas
 Reiber, Jennifer K., Moody, Alabama
 Reine, Ruby L., Robbinsdale, Minnesota
 Rentschler, Loren E., Portage, Indiana
 Rex, Margaret F., Lamoni, Iowa
 Rey, Edmund L., Woodland, Washington
 Reynolds, James B., Joshua, Texas
 Rhodes, Harold E., Santa Rosa, California
 Rice, Cecil R., Dickens, Texas
 Richardson, Lester F., Lakeland, Florida
 Richmond, Walter, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Ridings, Bernard B., Kansas City, Missouri
 Riniti, Vincent A., Alhambra, California
 Risk, J. Deering, Binford, North Dakota
 Rivera, Carlos, San German, Puerto Rico
 Roberson, Georganna, Albion, New York
 Roberts, Odell, Harker Heights, Texas
 Robinson, Roslouise K., Willard, Missouri
 Roderman, Dolman E., Oak Grove, Missouri
 Rodli, Agnes S., Sultan, Washington
 Rodriguez, Carmen R., Lubbock, Texas
 Rodriguez, Delfin, Cleveland, Ohio
 Roever, Alfred H., Fort Worth, Texas
 Rogers, Amos C., Mount Ayr, Iowa
 Rogers, Burl J., San Angelo, Texas
 Roman, Jennie, Tangerine, Florida
 Ronsisvalle, Daniel, Leeds, Alabama
 Rosa, Eva, Bayamon, Puerto Rico
 Rosado, Rosalina, Vega Alta, Puerto Rico
 Rose, Helen S., Orrick, Missouri
 Rose, Richard R., Port Angeles, Washington
 Rosenberg, James O., Saint John, Kansas
 Ross, Melba M., San Francisco, California
 Rothwell, Daniel D., Fargo, North Dakota
 Rowley, Albert, Ukiah, California
 Royer, Elmer L., Logan, Utah
 Ruiz, Prudencio H., Santa Maria, California
 Salazar, Maria, Weehawken, New Jersey
 Sanchez, Hector, Munday, Texas
 Sandefer, Alma L., Clovis, California
 Santana, Hilda, Maywood, Illinois
 Sapp, Roy G., Aiea, Hawaii
 Savage, Paul W., Albuquerque, New Mexico
 Savusa, Malaia M., East Palo Alto, California
 Scantlin, Sylvia M., Kimberly, Idaho
 Schaeffer, J. Floyd, Las Cruces, New Mexico
 Schaumburg, Harry W., Humble, Texas
 Schmitt, Harold D., Miami Beach, Florida
 Schneider, Arthur V., Coupeville, Washington
 Schott, Ruth E., Hot Springs, South Dakota
 Schultz, Laura H., Hattiesburg, Mississippi
 Scroggins, Coy J., Locust Grove, Oklahoma
 Self, Noial, Jonesboro, Arkansas
 Sellers, Lowell D., Graceville, Florida
 Sellers, Leamon D., Palestine, Texas
 Sellers, James M. Sr., Orange, Texas
 Shaffer, Ervillene, Saginaw, Texas
 Sharpe, J. Paul, Woodward, Oklahoma
 Shaw, J. Gordon, University Place, Washington
 Shaw, Marguerite, Show Low, Arizona
 Shaw, William W., Winona, Minnesota
 Shehane, Mary J., Newville, Alabama
 Shell, Arthur L. Jr., Cape Coral, Florida
 Shin, Kyo Hyun, Lyndhurst, New Jersey
 Shipman, James W., Leakey, Texas
 Shockley, Don R. Sr., Van Nuys, California
 Shoemaker, Herschel W., Mtn Grove, Missouri
 Shores, V. Ernest, Glendale, Arizona
 Short, James F. Sr., Hagerstown, Maryland
 Shows, Wallace B., Rosenberg, Texas
 Shroyer, Francis, Victorville, California
 Silva, Alfred D., Chula Vista, California
 Singleton, James B., Fort Worth, Texas
 Sinner, Daniel, Vancouver, Washington
 Sisco, William J., Sheridan, Arkansas
 Sizemore, Harlan B., Cleveland, Tennessee
 Sjoberg, David E., Stillwater, Minnesota
 Skinner, Dorothy V., Springfield, Missouri
 Skoog, Thomas G., Adrian, Michigan
 Slack, Andrew, Henderson, Nevada
 Smith, Dewel Howard, Heber Springs, Arkansas
 Smith, Fred H., Parker, Arizona
 Smith, Janelda R., Evanston, Illinois

Smith, Jimmy D., Jena, Louisiana
 Smith, Mary F., Bella Vista, Arkansas
 Smith, Melvin P., Madisonville, Texas
 Smith, Nolen E., Alamogordo, New Mexico
 Smith, Orville C., Fremont, California
 Smith, Timothy, Grand Blanc, Michigan
 Smith, Violet D., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Smithee, Elsie Mae, Maddill, Oklahoma
 Snavely, John W., Ozark, Missouri
 Snow, Fred L., Peru, Indiana
 Solares, Otoniel, Dallas, Texas
 Sondeno, Milton J., Walnut Creek, California
 Sovern, Betty L., Mira Loma, California
 Sparks, Priscilla P., Marlow, Oklahoma
 Speed, Harold D., Duncan, Oklahoma
 Speight, H. David, Hardwick, Georgia
 Spencer, Lewie E., Nicaragua
 Spratt, Lawrence P., Cuba, Illinois
 Springer, Glen W., Ottumwa, Iowa
 Stacy, Harold E., Pacific, Missouri
 Standifer, James H., Birmingham, Alabama
 Stanislaus, Paula L., Springfield, Missouri
 Stanley, Willie A., Chandler, Texas
 Staton, Charles H., Medical Lake, Washington
 Stephens, William U., Bethany, Oklahoma
 Stern, Charles R., Sanger, California
 Stetson, Brooks, Wanchese, North Carolina
 Stevens, David L., Tucson, Arizona
 Stewart, William T., Birmingham, Alabama
 Stoker, Allen V., Colorado Springs, Colorado
 Stone, Ellis J., Farmington, New Mexico
 Stottlemeyer, Kenneth, Marmarth, North Dakota
 Stratemeyer, Louie A., Metropolis, Illinois
 Stratton, Herbert U., El Dorado, Arkansas
 Sturgeon, Inez, Eugene, Oregon
 Summers, Lester P., Duncanville, Texas
 Sumner Martin V. B. Jr. (Bud), Boise, Idaho
 Sutton, Albert E., Spokane, Washington
 Swann, Lucy R., McCrory, Arkansas
 Swope, Robert L., Salem, Oregon
 Tadlock, Luther W., Ozark, Alabama
 Tanner, Willard Sr., Olympia, Washington
 Tatum, Frank, Waterford, California
 Taylor, Jeff W., Lakeland, Florida
 Taylor, Jewel G., Clarksville, Arkansas
 Taylor, Raymond, Pensacola, Florida
 Tedeschi, Alfred L., Mansfield, Ohio
 Teeters, Hurlless H., Sacramento, California
 Teran, Fernando S., Chino Hills, California
 Terry, Marvin E., Bakersville, North Carolina
 Tesluk, Paul, Williamsburg, Virginia
 Thoeng, Ernest, Elk Grove, California
 Thompson, Doyle H., Clovis, New Mexico
 Thornton, Wilma, Winston Salem, N. Carolina
 Tichinel, James, Swanton, Maryland
 Tigert, Geraldine, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Till, Wilho E., Butte, Montana
 Tisdalle, Belva M., Santa Ana, California
 Todd, Charles (Scotty), Benson, North Carolina
 Todd, William M., Troy, Missouri
 Toro, Leonardo, Brooklyn, New York
 Tran, Kiem Ngoc, Charlotte, North Carolina
 Trocine, Philomena, Wa. Xing, Pennsylvania
 Trotta, John, Taylor, Pennsylvania
 Trout, Harold A., Manhattan, Montana
 Troutman, V. C., Sweeney, Texas
 Trumps, Glennie, Gonzales, Texas
 Trygg, Elmer M., Aloha, Oregon
 Turnage, Alma L., Texarkana, Texas
 Turnbow, Tom E., Monroe, Louisiana
 Turner, Barbara F., Lodi, California
 Turner, Charles R., Phoenix, Arizona
 Tyler, Deloise E., Las Vegas, Nevada
 Valdez, Adalena, Tampa, Florida
 Valdez, Lawrence, Tampa, Florida
 Van Dolsen, Clarence W., Springfield, Missouri
 Van Winkle, William, W Terre Haute, Indiana
 VanderWert, Kathryn, Pinnellas Park, Florida
 Varela, Henry, Stockton, California
 Vargas, Abraham L., Clovis, California
 Veal, Jonnie M., Seale, Alabama
 Vi, Maile A., East Palo Alto, California
 Vigna, Anthony R., Winona Lake, Indiana
 Vilano, Samuel H., Delano, California
 Vincent, Eldon E., Yucaipa, California
 Vogler, Kathryn B., Rolla, Missouri
 Wade, Thomas G., Phenix City, Alabama
 Waldemer, Dale C., Nampa, Idaho
 Walker, Leafie E., Mustang, Oklahoma
 Walkup, Rachel F., Kimberly, Idaho
 Wall, Fred D., Sherwood, Arkansas
 Wallace, Stephen R., Forney, Texas
 Walterman, DeVore H., Grand Prairie, Texas
 Walters, Joey M., Creola, Alabama
 Walters, Margaret, Glenwood, Arkansas
 Wampler, Mabrey O., Fredericktown, Missouri
 Warner, Hazel J., Westmont, Illinois
 Warnick, Raymond H., Grass Lake, Michigan
 Waterer, H.R. (Dick), Tacoma, Washington
 Watkins, Frances, Flint, Michigan
 Watkins, Gary W., East Peoria, Illinois
 Watson, D. A., Irving, Texas
 Watson, Richard A., Antelope, California
 Weaks, Virgle, Farmington, Missouri
 Weaver, Alvis D., Prattville, Alabama
 Webb, Mitchell E., Lakeland, Florida
 Welch, Herbert N., Harriman, Tennessee
 Wenig, Shirley J., Hastings, Minnesota
 West, James A., Lakeland, Florida
 West, Wesley W., Brooks, Oregon
 Weston, Harold D., Portland, Oregon
 Westover, Lloyd A., Sumner, Washington
 Wheeler, Betty F., Queen Creek, Arizona
 Wheeler, Robert D., Gresham, Oregon
 White, V. P., Red Springs, North Carolina
 Whitmire, S. S., Daisetta, Texas
 Wichman, Adeline E., Wautoma, Wisconsin
 Wilcox, Glenn W., Gladewater, Texas
 Wilkes, Robert J., Jasonville, Indiana
 Williams, David, Corsicana, Texas
 Williams, Jack R., Port Huron, Michigan
 Williams, Melvin L., San Saba, Texas
 Williams, Jim L. Jr., Portland, Oregon
 Wilson, Gaylord C., Murrieta, California
 Wilson, James E., Keystone Heights, Florida
 Wilson, James M., Shady Shores, Texas
 Wilson, John, East Palo Alto, California
 Wilson, V. Berneice, Springfield, Missouri
 Withorn, Gerald M., Rockwall, Texas
 Woolums, Jeptha B., Carlisle, Pennsylvania
 Wooten, Eugene G., Anchorage, Alaska
 Worlin, Rudolph, Zion, Illinois
 Yarnal, Frank M., Hillsdale, Pennsylvania
 Yasuhara, Albert M., Kapolei, Hawaii
 Yaws, Berniece M., Midland, Texas
 Yeo, G. Edmund, Glendale, Arizona
 Yoon, John C., Sacramento, California
 Zents, Raymond L. Sr., Youngstown, Ohio
 Zizzo, Mariano N., Ozark, Missouri

George O. Wood, general secretary, read the names of the following ministers who were deceased after June 1, 2005, and were reported to the general secretary's office by August 4, 2005:

Anthony, Warren C., Palm Harbor, Florida
Barnett, Hurshel L., Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Bell, Billy P., Clinton, Illinois
Bird, Theresa M., Woodward, Oklahoma
Branson, Cecil O., Porterville, California
Council, Delbert G., Kaufman, Texas
Davis, Myrtle I., Vacaville, California
De Prenger, Leo D., Sun City, Arizona
Deshotel, L. J., Welsh, Louisiana
Dieter, Joseph M., Springfield, Missouri
Dobson, Alfred A., Bremerton, Washington
Enloe, Ernest M., Gig Harbor, Washington
Erola, Walter E., Naselle, Washington
Gilbert Vardell, Lexington, Mississippi
Gonzalez, Jose L., San Benito, Texas
Gregg, Mattie M., Streator, Illinois
Hulzebos, Abel H., Lakeland, Florida
Johnston, Artie E., Waxahachie, Texas
Knight, George E., Howardwick, Texas
Lambertson, William J., Minneapolis, Kansas
Lawson, W. Junior, Edmonton, Kentucky
Lee, Nolan D., Crestview, Florida
Marinacci, Anthony A., Maple Shade, New Jersey
Mayfield, Robert C., Tulsa, Oklahoma
Miller, Willie S., Chandler, Oklahoma
Moroco, Fernando, Chandler, Arizona
Mort, Beulah, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania
Munger, Erma M., Westminster, Colorado
Ong, John C. H., Castro, California
Oxner, Woodrow, Mobile, Alabama
Parker, Floyd M., Casa Grande, Arizona
Rogne, Donald R., Tacoma, Washington
Rubio, Augustine III, Litchfield Park, Arizona
Sanchez, Ramon, New York, New York
Sewell, Raymond D., Minden, Louisiana
Smith, Leslie W., Springfield, Missouri
Shields, Ernest F., Columbia, Missouri
Smith, Sharon, Hickory, North Carolina
Walker, De Lois M., Lawton, Oklahoma
Ware, R. Kenneth, Courbevoie, France
Warriner, Clayton L., Vero Beach, Florida
Weaver, Paul L., Walnut Bottom, Pennsylvania
Weiszbrod, E. E., Collinsville, Oklahoma
Weldon, Michael D., Dayton, Ohio
Williams, S. Worth, Grand Prairie, Texas
Wilson, Willis F., Canton, Illinois
Young, Kenneth J. Monroe, Louisiana
Zottneck, Sharon M., Milford, Ohio

FRIDAY EVENING—AUGUST 5

Celebration of Ethnicity

Friday afternoon the General Council honored the ethnic diversity within the Fellowship with a Celebration of Ethnicity service in two locations from 2 to 4:30 p.m. A multilingual celebration was held in the Colorado Convention Center and at the same time a bilingual Hispanic celebration was held at the Adam's Mark Plaza Ballroom. The Celebration of Ethnicity was organized by the Commission on Ethnicity and U.S. Intercultural Ministries. The services featured video clips from a number of ethnic/language districts and fellowships, full-dress Native Americans, parades of different language/ethnic groups, skits by the Deaf Culture Fellowship, singing and dancing by the Filipino, Fijian, and Tongan Fellowships, Russian singers, Chinese quartet and dancers, and a number of other presentations.

FRIDAY EVENING—AUGUST 5

The concluding service of the 2005 General Council began at 7 with a joint rally of adults and youth in the Pepsi Center. Prior to the service 30 minutes of preservice music was provided by Fine Arts participants. Worship for the service was led by Jeff Deyo and his band consisting of Charlie Goddard on guitar, Jeremy McCoy on bass, Fred Williams on keyboard, and Nate Winters on drums. Additional music for the service was provided by a Fine Arts choir directed by Tom Matrone, minister of music at Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, and a Fine Arts orchestra, directed by Michael Kolstad, professor at Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri. General Superintendent Thomas Trask served as chairman for the service and introduced the guest speaker. The offering was received by Charles T. Crabtree, assistant general superintendent.

The speaker for the evening was Bryan Jarrett, pastor of First Assembly of God, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Following his challenging message, thousands of young people streamed forward for an extended time of commitment to Jesus Christ.

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