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FOREWORD

The 59th General Council convened in Orlando, Florida, August 3–6, 2021, with an attendance of nearly seventeen thousand children, youth, and adults from around the nation.

General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay opened the General Council on Wednesday evening, preaching on "The Seven Churches in Asia Minor." Superintendent Clay challenged us to grow in the U.S. to a fellowship of 40,000 credentialed ministers and 15,000 churches over the next five years. That robust vision will require all of us working together. Earlier in the week, the Influence Conference was held with an emphasis on multiplying the church. Acts 2 Journey, which breathes fresh direction into plateaued or declining churches, teamed up with Church Multiplication Network to teach and train leaders.

During the business sessions, Douglas E. Clay was reelected on the nominating ballot to a four-year term as general superintendent. Wilfredo (Choco) De Jesús was elected as general treasurer, and Malcolm P. Burleigh was reelected as executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions. Richard M. Guerra, Maricela H. Hernandez, and Walter F. Harvey were newly elected to the Executive Presbytery. For the first time in our Fellowship's 107-year history, women and ethnic minorities now make up the majority of the Executive Presbytery—52 percent.

During the 2019–2020 biennium, we have faced unprecedented challenges caused by a worldwide pandemic that has forced the church to pivot to meeting digitally, measure wins differently, pray harder, and demonstrate faithful grit like never before. And the church has come out victorious and celebrating God's goodness.

The United States Assemblies of God continues on a trajectory of growth. Over the last decade, the U.S. Assemblies of God has grown by 8 percent (8%) to over 3.2 million adherents; 19 percent (19%) of the 12,938 U.S. Assemblies of God churches have chartered in the last ten years. We are a diverse Fellowship with U.S. adherents of 44 percent (44%) ethnic minorities and 51 percent (51%) under the age of 35. Twenty-seven percent (27%) of the 37,713 U.S. ministers are women.

Our next General Council is scheduled for August 1–4, 2023, in Columbus, Ohio.

So thankful you are a part of this journey, not in isolation, but together with *Our Church, Our Family*!

Donna L. Barrett General Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 59th GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

CONVENED IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

AUGUST 3–6, 2021

The General Council Influence Conference convened on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 3–4, 2021. Speakers for this conference included Gregory A. Ford, lead pastor of One Church in Gahanna, Ohio, and Aaron R. Burke, lead pastor of Radiant Church in Tampa, Florida. Special music was provided by Free Worship from New Life Covenant Assembly of God in Chicago, Illinois. A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to George M. and Esther Flattery, missionaries with Assemblies of God World Missions, who have founded two worldwide evangelism and discipleship ministries. A Young Influencer Award was presented to K. Eli and Mary Gautreaux, Chi Alpha Campus Ministries leaders for the South Texas District.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—AUGUST 4, 2021

The 59th General Council began with a 6:30 p.m. service at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida, with General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay as the keynote speaker.

THURSDAY MORNING—AUGUST 5, 2021

Communion Service/Memorial Scroll

The Memorial/Communion Service of the 59th General Council was held in the Orange County Convention Center and began at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay opened the service with praise and worship to the Lord. He announced that the Memorial Scroll would be displayed during this service and would be shown continuously in the prayer room and in the Exhibit Hall at the Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center booth. The names of those honored on the Memorial Scroll appears at the end of the minutes of the General Council on page 88. Free Worship from New Life Covenant Assembly of God in Chicago, Illinois, led in worship.

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The general superintendent introduced his two predecessors, Thomas E. Trask and George O. Wood, who led in the Communion Service to honor ministers who have passed away in the past two years. George O. Wood offered remarks about the meaning of Communion.

Thomas E. Trask presented the Communion elements and read from 1 Corinthians 11. He asked for all in need of healing to stand for prayer, and he offered a prayer for the sick. Doug Clay led the body in song and then asked the congregation to express appreciation to Thomas Trask and George Wood. He concluded the Memorial Service at 9:15 a.m. with the congregation giving praise to Jesus.

Business Session

General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay, chair of the meeting, called the business session to order at 9:24 a.m.

Introduction of Parliamentary Committee

The chair introduced Richard R. Hammar, Sarah E. Merkle, and Gene M. Roncone II, the parliamentarians for this meeting. A motion prevailed to affirm the seating of the parliamentarians for this meeting.

Introduction of Legal Counsel

The chair introduced Richard R. Hammar, legal counsel for The General Council of the Assemblies of God, and a registered parliamentarian (RP). A motion prevailed to grant approval for the General Council legal counsel/auditor/ parliamentarian to address this body at the call of the chair or at the request of the body.

Business Agenda

The chair called attention to the business agenda contained in the *Voter Guide*. A motion prevailed to adopt the agenda as a guide.

Roster Report

Steven L. Powell, cochair of the Roster Committee, presented the following roster report as of 9 a.m. on Thursday morning, August 5, 2021, and moved its adoption:

VOTING	
Ordained	2,758
Licensed	705

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Delegates Executive Presbyters General Presbyters VOTING CONSTI	319 12 257 TUENCY	4,051
NONVOTING		
Exhibitors	1,717	
Auxiliary Staff	133	
Certified	205	
General Attendees	2,428	
Guests	12	
Other	39	
Staff	57	
Camp GC21	328	
Fine Arts/AIM/Youth	7,352	
NONVOTING CO	NSTITUENCY	12,271
TOTAL REGISTRATION		16,322

The motion prevailed to accept the Roster Report.

Election of General Superintendent

The chair called for the election of the general superintendent. The chairmanship was turned over to Assistant General Superintendent Richard W. DuBose to conduct the election of the general superintendent.

The general secretary read the General Council Constitution ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 1, paragraph a, and Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2, paragraph a, pertaining to the election of the general superintendent. The chair called for the nominating ballot for the general superintendent to be cast. The chair declared the voting closed.

Micheal E. Dickenson, chair of the Tellers Committee, gave the following report of the nominating ballot for the office of general superintendent:

Total Votes Cast	2,078
Invalid Votes	10
Votes Needed to Elect	1,386
Douglas E. Clay	1,714

Having noted that Douglas E. Clay received a number of votes on the nominating ballot in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared him to be reelected to the position of general superintendent for a four-year term to expire in 2025.

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Doug and Gail Clay came to the platform and expressed their appreciation to the body.

Following is the list of all other nominees: Damon J. Ables 1. Memana S. Abraham 1, Melissa J. Alfaro 2, Bret L. Allen 1, Norma L. Allen 1, Manuel A. Alvarez 2, Angelo V. Austria 2, Donna L. Barrett 14, Gregory L. Beggs 1, Berl H. Best 1, Russell L. Blann 1, R. David Bowering 1, James T. Bradford 5, M. Ray Brewer 1, Gavin L. Brown 1, Aaron R. Burke 1, Elizabeth Caez 1, Katherine M. K. Cannon 1, Ted L. Cederblom 2, Stefanie C. Chappell 1, Pablo Chicol 1, Nancy Clark McGlawn 1, Stephen M. Clark 2, Charles T. Clauser 1, Richard A. Clay 2, Donald C. Clayborn 4, David A. Clayton Jr. 2, Matthew C. Clayton 3, Courtney D. Clements 1, Lisa R. Clements 1, David Cochran 1, Dave E. Cole 2, Susan M. Cole 1, Albert Cortez 1, Joel F. Costa 1, Ronnie J. Crum 1, Rafael L. Cruz 1, Robert A. Curle 1, Marvin A. Davenport 3, Andre X. Davis 1, Wilfredo (Choco) De Jesús 13, Russell R. DeBord 1, Willie DeJesus 1, James Del Campo 1, Christopher Delmadge 1, Donald H. Detrick 1, Micheal E. Dickenson 1, David A. Divine 1, Dale P. Donadio 1, Robin L. Donley 1, John G. Doud 1, Jeffrey W. Dove 1, Derek K. Draughon 1, Richard W. DuBose 79, Duane P. Durst 2, David M. Egan 1, Michael D. Elliott 1, Jerry R. Fagan 1, Robert K. Fairchild 1, George D. Fessler 1, James E. Filbeck 2, Guy E. Fisher 1, Tuugasala L. U. Fuga 1, M. Jason Fullerton 1, Nathan J. Gagne 1, L. Alton Garrison 1, Darrell J. Geddes 2, Saturnino Gonzalez 2, Sara L. Good 1, A. Elizabeth Grant 2, Jeffrey M. Gravis 3, Richard M. Guerra 4, Gregory A. Hackett 1, Ashley R. Hadinger 1, Scott A. Hagan 1, J. Lowell Harrup 1, Thomas C. Harvey 1, Walter F. Harvey 2, Ronald W. Heitman 1, Maricela H. Hernandez 4, Steve T. Hood 1, Samuel M. Huddleston 1, Randy Hurst 2, Jerry A. Jacob 1, Thomas M. Jacobs 1, R. Bryan Jarrett 1, Derek C. Jones 1, Troy H. Jones 1, Peter A. Joudry 1, Perry L. Kallevig 3, Robert Ketterling II 7, Robert T. Lavallee III 1, Thomas G. Lawrence 1, Vladimir F. Lesnik 1, John E. Lindell 6, Rodney K. Loy 26. Elly C. Marroquin 1. Crystal M. Martin 3. E. Scott Martin 1. John B. Meadors 1, Mark L. Merrill 1, Steven Milazzo 1, Michael K. Mizell 1, Larry Moore 1, Thomas L. Moore 2, Thomas L. Moore 1, Michael Nelson 1, Thomas Pardo 1, Ancelin R. Perez 1, Eliezer Perez 2, R. Joe Phillips 2, Franklin H. Potter 1, Brent C. Powell 1, T. Ray Rachels 1, Christopher J. Railey 1, Allen D. Refsland 1, David E. Reneau 2, D. Mark Renfroe 1, Samuel C. Replogle 1, Dennis J. Rivera 1, Gene M. Roncone II 1, D. Rick Ross 1, Derrick R. Ross 2, Donald E. Ross 3, Eric M. Rountree 1, William E. Savage 1, Timothy P. Schmidt 3, Phillip B. Schneider 2, Deanna D. Shrodes 1, Albert E. Skinner Sr. 1, Martyn V. Sloan 1, Randy D. Snow 1, Tyler E. Sollie 1, Matthew B. Sprenger 6, Carl Stephens 1, David P. Strahan 1, Jonathan N. Susa 1, Kevin S. Taylor 1, Philip A. Taylor 2, Billy D. Thomas Sr. 1, Bradley T. Trask 7, Eric A. Treuil 2, George Westlake III 1, Robert B. Wilburn 2, George O. Wood 2, George Paul Wood 1, Richard A. Wooten 2, John R. Wootton 1, Terry L. Yancey 3.

General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay assumed the chairmanship of the meeting.

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Election of General Treasurer

The chair called for the election of the general treasurer. The general secretary read the General Council Bylaws provision, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2, paragraph b, pertaining to the election of the office of the general treasurer. The chair called for the vote of the first elective ballot to be cast, as nominated by the General Presbytery. David L. Grant offered prayer for the election, for the will of God to be accomplished. The name of Wilfredo (Choco) De Jesús was presented as the nominee selected by the General Presbytery. The chair called for the vote. The chair declared the ballot closed on the first elective vote.

The chair of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for the office of general treasurer:

Total Votes Cast	2,251
Invalid Votes	0
Votes Needed to Elect	1,501
Yes	1,954
No	297

Having noted that Wilfredo (Choco) De Jesús received a number of votes in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared him to be elected to the position of the general treasurer of The General Council of the Assemblies of God for a four-year term to expire in 2025.

Choco and Elizabeth De Jesús came to the platform and expressed appreciation to the body.

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

The chair called for the election of the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions. The general secretary read the General Council Bylaws provision for the election. The name of Malcolm P. Burleigh is the nominee submitted by the General Presbytery. Bradley T. Trask offered prayer for the election of the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions for God to guide and give direction in this election. The chair called for the vote. The chair declared the ballot closed for the first elective vote.

The chair 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:

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Total Votes Cast	2,268
Invalid Votes	0
Votes Needed to Elect	1,512
Yes	2,046
No	222

Having noted that Malcolm P. Burleigh received a number of votes in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared him to be elected to the position of the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions for a four-year term to expire in 2025.

Malcolm and Maria Burleigh came to the platform and expressed their appreciation to the body.

Election of Nonresident Executive Presbyters

The chair called for the elections of the nonresident executive presbyters, and the general secretary read the General Council Bylaws provision for these elections.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Northwest Area

The chair called for the vote on the first elective ballot for the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Northwest Area. The chair declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast	1,885
Invalid Votes	24
Votes Needed to Elect	1,257
William E. (Bill) Wilson	546
Donald E. Ross	357
Roy (Bill) Welch	148
Jeremy J. Davis	139
Alan H. Schaberg	131
Darrell M. Johnsen	124
Terrell K. Abbott	111
Monty R. Sears	109
David L. Phillips	98
R. Shawn Madsen	74
Joel H. Wendland	24

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the second elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

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The chair of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast	2,044
Invalid Votes	13
Votes Needed to Elect	1,363
William E. (Bill) Wilson	1,274
Donald E. Ross	349
Roy (Bill) Welch	92
Terrell K. Abbott	79
Jeremy J. Davis	75
Alan H. Schaberg	47
Darrell M. Johnsen	42
Monty R. Sears	24
R. Shawn Madsen	23
David L. Phillips	17
Joel H. Wendland	9

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the third elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the third elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast	2,087
Invalid Votes	10
Votes Needed to Elect	1,392
William E. (Bill) Wilson	1,804
Donald E. Ross	99
Roy (Bill) Welch	50
Terrell K. Abbott	39
Jeremy J. Davis	26
Alan H. Schaberg	17
Monty R. Sears	11
Darrell M. Johnsen	10
R. Shawn Madsen	8
Joel H. Wendland	8
David L. Phillips	5

Having noted that William E. (Bill) Wilson received more than the two-thirds votes required for an election, the chair declared him elected to the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Northwest Area for a four-year term to expire in 2025.

Bill and Joy Wilson came to the platform and expressed appreciation to the body.

Resolution 2. Nonresident Executive Presbyter for Churches Under 200

Darryl E. Wootton, chair of the Resolutions Committee, referenced the two booklets of resolutions that will be presented. He introduced Michael D. Calise, member of the Resolutions Committee, who presented Resolution 2. Nonresident Executive Presbyter for Churches Under 200 and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded.

A motion was moved to amend page 8, lines 8 and 16, by striking the number "200" and inserting the number "150." The motion was seconded.

The chair indicated the question has been called for. He called for those in favor of the amendment to say "yes," opposed "no." The voice vote was not clear. He called for an electronic vote on the amendment to change the number from 200 to 150. The chair declared the voting closed. The chair declared the amendment had failed. Following is the Tellers report:

Total Votes Cast	2,195
Invalid Votes	2
Votes Needed to Amend	1,098
Yes	868
No	1,325

The chair returned to the main motion. A member of the Resolutions Committee spoke in opposition to the motion and stated that he would recuse himself from that committee should the committee's input be needed.

Following extended discussion, the chair recognized that the question was being called for, and he explained that in order to cease debate, there needed to be a two-thirds vote in favor of ending the debate and moving to the previous question. The chair asked if there was any objection to ceasing discussion, and there was no response.

The chair called for the vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2. Nonresident Executive Presbyter for Churches Under 200. He indicated that because this is a constitutional amendment a two-thirds vote is required to adopt. The chair declared the voting closed. The chair declared the motion failed to adopt Resolution 2. Following is the Tellers report:

Total Votes Cast	2,152
Invalid Votes	7
Votes Needed to Adopt	1,435
Yes	978
No	1,167

Following is Resolution 2 as presented:

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Nonresident Executive Presbyter for Churches Under 200

- WHEREAS, Over 84 percent of Assemblies of God congregations have less than two hundred in average major worship service attendance; and
- WHEREAS, The General Council has mandated representation on the Executive Presbytery for certain groups that were underrepresented, such as ethnic groups, female ministers, ministers under 40 years of age, and African-American ministers; and
- WHEREAS, No one whose primary ministry was to pastor a church of less than two hundred average major worship service attendance during his or her time of service as an executive presbyter has served on the Executive Presbytery during the past three decades; and
- WHEREAS, Representation of the needs and interests of churches with less than two hundred average major worship service attendance would be beneficial to the General Council; and
- WHEREAS, The current promotion of church plants will likely result in many more churches with an average major worship service attendance of less than two hundred; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 2. Executive Presbytery, paragraph a. Composition and terms of office, page 101, which reads:

Section 2. Executive Presbytery

a. Composition and terms of office. The Executive Presbytery shall consist of the general superintendent, the assistant general superintendent, the general secretary, the general treasurer, the executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions, the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, together with fifteen (15) other persons to bring the number to twenty-one (21). The terms of office for all members of the Executive Presbytery shall begin sixty (60) days after date of election and shall continue for four (4) years or until their successors qualify.

Be amended to read:

Section 2. Executive Presbytery

a. Composition and terms of office. The Executive Presbytery shall consist of the general superintendent, the

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assistant general superintendent, the general secretary, the general treasurer, the executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions, the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, together with <u>sixteen (16)</u> fifteen (15) other persons to bring the number to <u>twenty-two (22)</u> twenty-one (21). The terms of office for all members of the Executive Presbytery shall begin sixty (60) days after date of election and shall continue for four (4) years or until their successors qualify.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph c. Nonresident executive presbyters, subparagraph (2), (c) Additional representation, page 111, which reads:

> (c) Additional representation. The nomination process for three additional nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district council, at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session, may nominate three individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery, one who is an ordained minister under forty (40) years of age at the time of election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), and one ordained African-American minister (no age requirement). The members of the Executive Board of the National Black Fellowship shall also be considered nominees for the ordained African-American minister. From the nominees the General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General Council four names of ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at the time of election, four names of ordained female ministers (no age requirement), and four names of ordained African-American ministers (no age requirement). The candidates shall be presented to the General Council in session and voted on by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote shall be required to elect.

Be amended to read:

(c) Additional representation. The nomination process for <u>four</u> three additional nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district council, at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session, may nominate <u>four</u> three individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery, one who is an ordained minister under forty (40) years of age at the time of election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), <u>one</u> ordained lead pastor of a church of less than two hundred (200)

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> average major worship service attendance during the previous year (no age requirement), and one ordained African-American minister (no age requirement). The members of the Executive Board of the National Black Fellowship shall also be considered nominees for the ordained African-American minister. From the nominees the General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General Council four names of ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at the time of election, four names of ordained female ministers (no age requirement), <u>four names of lead</u> pastors of churches of less than two hundred (200) average major worship service attendance during the previous year (no age requirement), and four names of ordained African-American ministers (no age requirement). The candidates shall be presented to the General Council in session and voted on by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote shall be required to elect.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Southwest Area

The chair called for the vote of the first elective ballot for the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Southwest Area. The chair declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the first elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast	1,827
Invalid Votes	13
Votes Needed to Elect	1,218
Richard M. Guerra	342
Stephen L. Harris	296
Gene M. Roncone II	294
Bret L. Allen	230
Klayton Ko	200
L. Evan Carmichael	161
John C. Martin	131
Alex Lucero	105
Ronald G. Rockwell	55

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the second elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the second elective ballot for said position:

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Total Votes Cast	1,914
Invalid Votes	15
Votes Needed to Elect	1,276
Richard M. Guerra	818
Stephen L. Harris	377
Gene M. Roncone II	290
Bret L. Allen	159
Klayton Ko	116
L. Evan Carmichael	75
John C. Martin	36
Alex Lucero	14
Ronald G. Rockwell	14

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the third elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

Resolution 3. Qualifications for General Presbyters

Larry H. Griswold, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 3. Qualifications for General Presbyters and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded.

The general secretary offered explanation for Resolution 3 and said the resolution is to accomplish the implied requirement that all general presbyters are to be ordained ministers. It also accomplishes the designation of lead pastor would be from an Assemblies of God church; again, this is implied but not specified. Lastly, the resolution brings the General Council Bylaws into conformity with the General Council Constitution, as they are presently not in agreement concerning the matter of the third general presbyter. She stated the resolution would require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

A motion was moved and seconded to amend Resolution 3, page 10, lines 15–16, by striking the text "elected by their district council, one of whom shall be an ordained lead pastor of an Assemblies of God church located in the district" and inserting the text "actively involved in full-time ministry, elected by their district council" and on page 11, lines 26–28, by striking the text "and at least one of whom shall be a lead pastor of an Assemblies of God church or a person involved in other ministry located in the district" and inserting the text "actively involved in setting the text "actively involved in full-time ministry located in the district" and inserting the text "actively involved in full-time ministry."

Following discussion, the chair indicated the question was being called. The chair called for the vote on the motion to cease debate. The motion was carried.

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The chair called for the vote on the motion to amend Resolution 3 as indicated and stated that a simple majority is needed to pass the amendment. The chair declared the voting closed. The chair declared the motion failed, as the election results were given in percentages, and 51 percent of the vote was not reached. Following is the Tellers Report:

Total Votes Cast	1,913
Invalid Votes	3
Votes Needed to Adopt	957
Yes	50.76 percent
No	49.09 percent

The chair indicated the main motion to adopt Resolution 3 as presented is now being considered.

A motion was moved and seconded to amend Resolution 3, page 10, line 15, by adding the text "one of whom shall not be a district official" after the text, "with two other ordained ministers" so that the sentence would read, "the district superintendent together with two other ordained ministers elected by their district council, one of whom shall not be a district official."

A member of the body brought to the attention of the chair that a simple majority would be 50 percent plus one vote to pass an amendment and asked for an explanation of the vote count on the earlier motion.

A parliamentarian responded the earlier amendment had passed with a simple majority vote. There were 971 "Yes" votes and 939 "No" votes.

The chair indicated it was time for lunch, and consideration of Resolution 3 and a clarification on the earlier amendment would be given when the meeting reconvened following lunch.

Recess

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. to reconvene at 2 p.m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—AUGUST 5, 2021

The chair opened the Thursday afternoon business session at 1:54 p.m. He asked the body if discussion should have a time limit of five minutes per speaker. The body agreed, and the time limit was so ordered. Robert D. Crabtree, former superintendent of the Ohio District, opened the session with prayer. General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 20 of 97

Report on Election of Executive Presbyter—Southwest Area

The chair of the Tellers Committee, presented the following report of the third elective ballot for the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Southwest Area:

Total Votes Cast	1,964
Invalid Votes	5
Votes Needed to Elect	1,310
Richard M. Guerra	1,430
Stephen L. Harris	229
Gene M. Roncone II	142
Bret L. Allen	71
Klayton Ko	43
L. Evan Carmichael	24
John C. Martin	9
Alex Lucero	7
Ronald G. Rockwell	4

Having noted that Richard M. Guerra received more than the two-thirds votes required for an election, the chair declared him elected to the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Southwest Area for a four-year term to expire in 2025.

Rich and Connie Guerra came to the platform and expressed appreciation to the body.

Roster Report

Ramon J. Rojas, cochair of the Roster Committee, presented the following roster report as of 1:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, August 5, 2021, and moved its adoption.

VOTING Ordained Licensed Delegates Executive Presbyters General Presbyters VOTING CON	2,948 737 334 12 268 ISTITUENCY	4,299
NONVOTING Exhibitors Auxiliary Staff Certified	1,723 133 217	

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General Attendees	2,490	
Guests	12	
Others	40	
Staff	58	
Camp GC21	340	
Fine Arts/AIM/Youth	7,357	
NONVOTING CONSTITUENCY		12,370
TOTAL REGISTRATION		16,669

The motion prevailed to accept the Roster Report.

Resolution 3. Qualifications for General Presbyters cont.

The chair called on a parliamentarian to give explanation concerning the previous voting results reported on the amendment to Resolution 3, and the response was that the result previously reported of not reaching 51 percent is not what a majority vote means (unless 100 people were voting), that a majority means 50 percent plus one vote, and assurance was given to the body that actual ballot numbers and not percentages will be given going forward.

The chair requested the general secretary provide a summary on the status of Resolution 3. She responded that the previous amendment to page 10, lines 15–16, by striking the text "elected by their district council, one of whom shall be an ordained lead pastor of an Assemblies of God church located in the district" and inserting the text "actively involved in full-time ministry, elected by their district council" and on page 11, lines 26–28, by striking the text "and at least one of whom shall be a lead pastor of an Assemblies of God church or a person involved in other ministry located in the district" and inserting the text "actively involved in serting the text "actively involved in full-time ministry" had passed. She said the amendment removes one of the items the resolution was seeking to accomplish, that being a pastor of an Assemblies of God church, as it is now a moot point. She said the amended resolution accomplishes bringing the Constitution into conformity with the Bylaws, and it requires for general presbyters to be ordained ministers. She read the portion of the resolution as amended.

The chair reminded the body that it is appropriate and right to address the chair when speaking to a matter, rather than to address the body.

A member of the body who is a general presbyter made a motion to refer Resolution 3. Qualifications for General Presbyters to the General Presbytery for consideration as the amendment stipulates the opposite of what was intended by the General Presbytery when it co-sponsored the resolution to ensure that a lead pastor from every district is represented on the General Presbytery.

The chair indicated that if voting in favor, the amended resolution will be referred to the General Presbytery and then be brought back to this body.

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A member asked if someone from the General Presbytery who sponsored Resolution 3 would speak in favor of the resolution and tell why the resolution was being recommended to require one general presbyter to be a lead pastor. The general secretary responded and yielded to the assistant general superintendent to speak to the reason, who reminded the body, that historically, the Fellowship is driven by the local church, and it is important to maintain lead pastors on the General Presbytery. Over the years, we have credentialed many other kinds of ministers, but the concern is that the local church be represented by the lead pastor of an Assemblies of God church.

The chair referenced the motion to refer Resolution 3 to the General Presbytery and the previous question had been moved. The chair declared the motion carried to move the previous question.

The chair called for a voice vote on the motion to refer Resolution 3 to the General Presbytery to consider and return a recommendation to the 2023 General Council. The chair declared the vote was not clear. The chair called for an electronic vote to be taken. The chair declared the voting closed. The chair declared the motion to refer Resolution 3 had passed. Following is the Tellers Report:

Total Votes Cast	1,703
Invalid Votes	11
Votes Needed to Refer	852
Yes	1,102
No	590

Following is Resolution 3 as presented and amended:

Qualifications for General Presbyters

- WHEREAS, There is mounting value in our Fellowship being placed on the role of ordination; and
- WHEREAS, Most presbytery roles at the district/network level require the minister to be ordained; and
- WHEREAS, It has become the growing practice and expectation over time that all general presbyters are ordained ministers; and
- WHEREAS, It would seem contrary to our culture and values to bypass an ordained minister to place a nonordained candidate on the General Presbytery; and

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- WHEREAS A pastor who serves an Assemblies of God church is better suited as a general presbyter than a pastor who serves a non-Assemblies of God church; and
- WHEREAS, It is the common practice of our districts/networks, and it conforms with the constitutional requirement, that the third general presbyter of a district/network is a lead pastor of a local church rather than a person involved in other ministry; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That all general presbyters shall be ministers ordained with the Assemblies of God; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 3. General Presbytery, paragraph a. Representation, qualifications, and responsibilities, pages 101–102, which reads:

Section 3. General Presbytery

a. Representation, qualifications, and responsibilities.

The General Presbytery shall be composed of individuals of maturity, experience, and ability whose lives and ministry are above reproach, who shall represent the Fellowship in all phases of its work in their respective fields. The General Presbytery shall be the official policy-making body of the Assemblies of God when the General Council is not in session. Each district shall have the privilege of representation on the General Presbytery by three members—the district superintendent together with two others who shall be elected by their district council, one of whom shall be an ordained pastor of a church located in the district. They shall take office immediately.

Be amended to read:

Section 3. General Presbytery

a. Representation, qualifications, and responsibilities.

The General Presbytery shall be composed of ordained ministers individuals of maturity, experience, and ability whose lives and ministry are above reproach, who shall represent the Fellowship in all phases of its work in their respective fields. The General Presbytery shall be the official policy-making body of the Assemblies of God when the General Council is not in session. Each district shall have the privilege of representation on the General Presbytery by three members-the district superintendent together with two others ordained ministers who shall be elected by their district council, one of whom shall be an ordained lead pastor of an Assemblies of God church located in General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 24 of 97

the district actively involved in full-time ministry, elected by their district council. They shall take office immediately.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 3. General Presbytery, paragraph c. World and U.S. Missions representation, page 102, which reads:

c. World and U.S. Missions representation. The foreign fields shall be represented on the General Presbytery by the regional directors and the International Ministries director of Assemblies of God World Missions and by two others from each of the overall areas which the regional directors and the International Ministries director represent. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (2)] The stateside missions work shall be represented on the General Presbytery by the departmental directors of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (3)]

Be amended to read:

c. World and U.S. Missions representation. The foreign fields shall be represented on the General Presbytery by the regional directors and the International Ministries director of Assemblies of God World Missions and by two others <u>ordained</u> <u>missionaries</u> from each of the overall areas which the regional directors and the International Ministries director represent. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (2)] The stateside missions work shall be represented on the General Presbytery by the <u>ordained</u> departmental directors of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (3)]

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph d. General presbyters, subparagraph (1), page 111, which reads:

d. General presbyters

(1) *District representatives*. In addition to the superintendent of each district, who shall serve on the General Presbytery by virtue of office, two others shall be elected by the district council in session, both of whom shall be ordained

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> Assemblies of God ministers, and at least one of whom shall be a pastor of a church or a person involved in other ministry located in the district. They shall take office immediately upon election.

Be amended to read:

d. General presbyters

(1) *District representatives*. In addition to the superintendent of each district, who shall serve on the General Presbytery by virtue of office, two others shall be elected by the district council in session, both of whom shall be ordained Assemblies of God ministers, and at least one of whom shall be a lead pastor of an Assemblies of God church or a person involved in other ministry located in the district actively involved in full-time ministry. They shall take office immediately upon election.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph d. General presbyters, subparagraph (2), page 111, which reads:

> (2) Assemblies of God World Missions representatives. Regional directors and the International Ministries director of Assemblies of God World Missions, representing the missionaries from their respective areas, are members of the General Presbytery by virtue of office. Two additional representatives on the General Presbytery from each region and International Ministries shall be chosen in the following manner: The Assemblies of God World Missions Board shall nominate four missionaries from each general area and International Ministries represented by the regional directors and the International Ministries director. Nominees will be selected from missionaries who will be in the United States at the time of the General Presbytery meeting and who preferably have had administrative experience in the field. Ballots shall be sent to all missionaries in each area who shall by vote select two to represent them on the General Presbytery. These shall be mailed to the general secretary who shall prepare a report to the Executive Presbytery. A simple majority vote shall be required to elect.

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Be amended to read:

(2) Assemblies of God World Missions representatives. Regional directors and the International Ministries director of Assemblies of God World Missions, representing the missionaries from their respective areas, are members of the General Presbytery by virtue of office. Two additional representatives on the General Presbytery from each region and International Ministries shall be chosen in the following manner: The Assemblies of God World Missions Board shall nominate four ordained missionaries from each general area and International Ministries represented by the regional directors and the International Ministries director. Nominees will be selected from missionaries who will be in the United States at the time of the General Presbytery meeting and who preferably have had administrative experience in the field. Ballots shall be sent to all missionaries in each area who shall by vote select two to represent them on the General Presbytery. These shall be mailed to the general secretary who shall prepare a report to the Executive Presbytery. A simple majority vote shall be required to elect.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph d. General presbyters, subparagraph (3), page 111, which reads:

> (3) Assemblies of God U.S. Missions representatives. Departmental directors of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be members of the General Presbytery by virtue of their office.

Be amended to read:

(3) Assemblies of God U.S. Missions representatives. Ordained departmental directors of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be members of the General Presbytery by virtue of their office.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph c. General presbyters, subparagraph (1), page 114, which reads: General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 27 of 97

c. General presbyters

(1) In the event a general presbyter shall move to another district or shall vacate the office for any other reason, the presbytery of the district council shall appoint one to serve as general presbyter until that office is regularly filled at the next meeting of the district council.

Be amended to read:

c. General presbyters

(1) In the event a general presbyter shall move to another district or shall vacate the office for any other reason, the presbytery of the district council shall appoint one <u>ordained</u> <u>minister</u> to serve as general presbyter until that office is regularly filled at the next meeting of the district council.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIII. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORLD MISSIONS, Section 2. Organization and Governance, paragraph j. General Presbytery representatives, page 158, which reads:

j. General Presbytery representatives. Each of the regions shall be represented on the General Presbytery by its regional director and two others. International Ministries shall be represented on the General Presbytery by its director and two others. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (2).]

Be amended to read:

j. General Presbytery representatives. Each of the regions shall be represented on the General Presbytery by its regional director and two others <u>ordained missionaries</u>. International Ministries shall be represented on the General Presbytery by its director and two others <u>ordained missionaries</u>. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (2).]

Election of Nonresident Executive Presbyter—North Central

The chair called for the vote of the first elective ballot for the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the North Central Area. The chair declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the first elective ballot for said position:

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Total Votes Cast Invalid Votes	1,250 1
Votes Needed to Elect	834
Robert Ketterling II	560
Elizabeth A. Farina	236
M. Ray Brewer	70
Quentin T. Beard	66
Guy E. Fisher	51
Stephen R. Schaible	50
Winston G. Titus	47
Gary L. Hoyt	43
Toby R. Schneckloth	39
Richard G. Greene	37
Paul R. McDonald	32
Randolph L. Hahn Jr.	18

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the second elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the second elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast Invalid Votes	1,703 3
Votes Needed to Elect	1,136
Robert Ketterling II	1,110
Elizabeth A. Farina	413
M. Ray Brewer	49
Quentin T. Beard	33
Stephen R. Schaible	16
Guy E. Fisher	15
Toby R. Schneckloth	15
Winston G. Titus	14
Gary L. Hoyt	13
Randolph L. Hahn Jr.	10
Richard G. Greene	6
Paul R. McDonald	6

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the third elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the third elective ballot for said position:

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Total Votes Cast	1,761
Invalid Votes	4
Votes Needed to Elect	1,174
Robert Ketterling II	1,354
Elizabeth A. Farina	317
M. Ray Brewer	24
Quentin T. Beard	16
Guy E. Fisher	8
Toby R. Schneckloth	8
Winston G. Titus	8
Stephen R. Schaible	6
Randolph L. Hahn Jr.	5
Richard G. Greene	4
Paul R. McDonald	4
Gary L. Hoyt	3

Having noted that Robert Ketterling II received more than the two-thirds votes required for an election, the chair declared him elected to the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the North Central Area for a four-year term to expire in 2025.

Rob and Rebecca Ketterling came to the platform and expressed appreciation to the body.

Resolution 4. Refreshed Wording of Statement of Fundamental Truths

The chair reported that Resolution 4 had been withdrawn.

The chair gave an explanation that Resolution 4 was created to better align Scripture references to each tenet of faith, as there is some misalignment of Scriptures on the credential examinations. It was not to change the Statement of Fundamental Truths. He explained that it was desired that there be a greater engagement by the next generation, and it was thought it could be accomplished by refreshing the phraseology for churches to use on websites and teach in classes. He reported the sixteen Statement of Fundamental Truths have been refreshed at least five other times in our history, most recently in the 1990s when the *Pentecostal Evangel* regularly printed some abbreviated statements. Since it lost its intended meaning, the Executive Presbytery decided to withdraw the resolution and indicated that the body will revisit the topic again in the future.

Resolution 5. Electronic Meetings

Paul R. Alexander, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 5. Electronic Meetings and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded.

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A motion was moved and seconded to amend Resolution 5, page 37, line 27, by striking the text "participate and act" and inserting the text "participate, act, and vote."

The chair called for a vote on a motion to move the previous question and cease discussion, and he declared the motion was carried.

The chair called for the vote on the amendment to Resolution 5, page 37, line 27, and declared that the amendment had failed.

The chair called for the vote to adopt Resolution 5 as presented and declared the motion was carried. Resolution 5 as adopted follows:

Electronic Meetings

- WHEREAS, The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic forced organizations, including districts/networks and the General Council, to cancel business meetings or move to virtual platforms quickly; and
- WHEREAS, The advancement in technology is providing greater opportunity for the possibility and option to conduct business remotely; and
- WHEREAS, It is beneficial for the General Council Bylaws to contain provisions of the possibility, not the right nor obligation, to conduct business remotely in the event of unforeseen circumstances that make this route the best option; and
- WHEREAS, The present wording in the General Council Bylaws is up to interpretation and not specifically clear; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 10. Meetings, paragraph 1, page 120, which reads:

Section 10. Meetings

Members of the Executive Presbytery, or any committee designated by the Executive Presbytery, General Presbytery, or General Council, may participate and act at any meeting through the use of a conference telephone or other communications device by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate simultaneously with each other. Participation in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the member or members so participating.

Be amended to read:

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Section 10. Meetings

Members of the Executive Presbytery and, in the event of an emergency or other sufficient cause, members of the General Presbytery and General Council, or any committee designated by the Executive Presbytery, General Presbytery, or General Council, may participate and act at any meeting through the use of a conference telephone or other communications device or technology by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate simultaneously with each other, upon such terms and in such manner as the Executive Presbytery shall determine. Participation in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the member or members so participating.

Honorary General Presbyter Resolutions

The chair asked the body if it would like to consider three honorary general presbyter resolutions as a group or separately. The body responded to consider the three resolutions as a group. The chair invited Larry H. Griswold, H. Ronald Maddux, and Randall S. Rogers to the platform and thanked them for their years of service given in leadership to the local church, to their districts, and to this Fellowship. A motion prevailed to express appreciation to these three individuals and to adopt the following resolutions as presented. The body responded with appreciation.

Resolution 6. Honorary General Presbyter—Larry H. Griswold

- WHEREAS, Larry H. Griswold has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assemblies of God with great faithfulness and integrity as a minister of the gospel for fifty-two years, having been licensed to preach and ordained on May 6, 1970; and
- WHEREAS, He served as an evangelist, church planting pastor, and pastor for more than fifty years; and
- WHEREAS, He served with great distinction for twenty-seven years in elected positions in the Illinois District that included section presbyter, district executive presbyter, secretary-treasurer, assistant superintendent, and superintendent; and
- WHEREAS, The Illinois District has great appreciation for Larry H. Griswold's visionary leadership, pastoral care to its churches, personal concern for its pastors and ministers, his commitment to missions, and his desire to reach the lost; and

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- WHEREAS, He served as a general presbyter for twenty-three years, and he served as a mentor for many newly elected superintendents in our Fellowship; and
- WHEREAS, He served this Fellowship as the Great Lakes Area nonresident executive presbyter for eleven years; and
- WHEREAS, The Illinois District Council affirms his service among us represents the highest standards of skill, integrity, ethics, loyalty, and hard work, and is fitting of honor; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, Larry H. Griswold meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that Larry H. Griswold be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 7. Honorary General Presbyter—H. Ronald Maddux

- WHEREAS, H. Ronald Maddux has served the Assemblies of God with distinction as a minister of the gospel for forty-seven years; and
- WHEREAS, He pastored two churches in the West Florida District; and
- WHEREAS, He served as an Assemblies of God missionary for forty-three years; and
- WHEREAS, He served effectively in missions as an evangelist and church planter, establishing many churches among unreached peoples and having opened three countries as Assemblies of God missions fields; and
- WHEREAS, He demonstrated leadership gifts as the first area director for the Peninsular Asia area for eight years and then served as the first regional director for the Northern Asia region for twenty years; and
- WHEREAS, He served The General Council of the Assemblies of God on numerous boards and committees; and

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- WHEREAS, He served on the General Presbytery for twenty-one years; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, H. Ronald Maddux meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter, therefore; be it
- RESOLVED, That H. Ronald Maddux be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 8. Honorary General Presbyter—Randall S. Rogers

- WHEREAS, Randall S. Rogers has served the Assemblies of God with great distinction as a minister of the gospel for fifty-two years; and
- WHEREAS, He served as secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina District for twenty-eight years, during which time he served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as a general presbyter for twenty-seven years; and
- WHEREAS, He served as the lead pastor of First Assembly of God in Monroe, First Assembly of God in Hendersonville, and Rowan Christian Assembly in Salisbury; and
- WHEREAS, He served on various boards and committees of the district and General Council; and
- WHEREAS, This Fellowship has been blessed by his spiritual leadership, practical wisdom, and faithfulness in ministry and service; and
- WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has represented the highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

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- WHEREAS, Randall S. Rogers meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that Randall S. Rogers be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Substitute Resolution 1. Language/Ethnic Districts

Bethlehem Backes, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Substitute Resolution 1. Language/Ethnic Districts, as recommended by the General Presbytery, and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

Language/Ethnic Districts

- WHEREAS, Language/ethnic districts over time, with second and third generations, are resulting in planting churches of a blended ethnicity and are credentialing ministers who are not solely of their primary language/ethnicity; and
- WHEREAS, The wording in our General Council Constitution defining a language/ethnic district seems to imply that a district is confined to ministry among their primary language/ethnicity only; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution ARTICLE X. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 3. Districts, paragraph b. Language/Ethnic districts, page 103, which reads:

b. Language/Ethnic districts. A language/ethnic group may be recognized as a district of the Assemblies of God in accordance with the provision for district councils in the Bylaws. The territory of such a district is confined to ministry among certain language/ethnic groups, and its geographical area of operation may therefore overlap or coincide with that of one or more other district councils. (*See* Bylaws, Article V, Section 6.)

Be amended to read:

b. Language/Ethnic districts. A language/ethnic group may be recognized as a district of the Assemblies of God in accordance with the provision for district councils in the Bylaws. The territory of such a district is confined to defined by ministry among certain that district's primary language/ethnic focus groups, and may overlap into other language/ethnicities. ilts General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 35 of 97

> geographical area of operation may therefore overlap or coincide with that of one or more other <u>geographic</u> district councils. (*See* Bylaws, Article V, Section 6.)

Resolution 9. Basic Qualifications for Ministry

Darryl E. Wootton, chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 9. Basic Qualifications for Ministry and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

Basic Qualifications for Ministry

- WHEREAS, Since it would be the intention that a credential exam be passed and not simply taken; and
- WHEREAS, Since this change impacts content and is more than simply an editorial change; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic Qualifications, paragraph m, page 131, which reads:

m. Ministers from other organizations. If a minister from another reputable body desires to affiliate with the Assemblies of God, the credentials committees of both the General Council and the district councils are under no obligation to accept the applicant's previous ministerial status, but will judge each candidate on his or her own merits as to the level of credentials to be granted. Such applicants shall be required to:

(5) Take the credential examination.

Be amended to read:

m. Ministers from other organizations. If a minister from another reputable body desires to affiliate with the Assemblies of God, the credentials committees of both the General Council and the district councils are under no obligation to accept the applicant's previous ministerial status, but will judge each candidate on his or her own merits as to the level of credentials to be granted. Such applicants shall be required to:

(5) Take Pass the credential examination.

Election of Nonresident Executive Presbyter—South Central

The chair called for the vote of the first elective ballot for the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the South Central Area. The chair declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the first elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast Invalid Votes	1,559 1
Votes Needed to Elect	1,040
Terry L. Yancey	499
Darryl E. Wootton	401
Gaylan D. Claunch	133
Tim R. Barker	127
Micheal E. Dickenson	83
Elwyn N. Johnston	67
Stephen E. Banning	65
Thomas D. Lakey	54
Kent L. Duncan	38
Glenn R. Beaver	36
T. Craig Dacus	30
David Vistine	25

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the second elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the second elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast	1,711
Invalid Votes	4
Votes Needed to Elect	1,141
Terry L. Yancey	937
Darryl E. Wootton	534
Gaylan D. Claunch	76
Tim R. Barker	63
Micheal E. Dickenson	29
Stephen E. Banning	20
Elwyn N. Johnston	12
Glenn R. Beaver	11
Thomas D. Lakey	9
Kent L. Duncan	7
David Vistine	6
T. Craig Dacus	3

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Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the third elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair asked if the body was comfortable with him giving the Tellers report on the election and announcing the election without awaiting the full report being read, and the body responded to be in agreement.

The chair announced that Terry L. Yancey received more than the two-thirds votes required for an election and declared him elected to the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the South Central Area, for a four-year term to expire in 2025. The Tellers Committee report of the third elective ballot is following:

Total Votes Cast	1,637
Invalid Votes	8
Votes Needed to Elect	1,092
Terry L. Yancey	1,245
Darryl E. Wootton	291
Gaylan D. Claunch	27
Tim R. Barker	20
Stephen E. Banning	9
Micheal E. Dickenson	8
Elwyn N. Johnston	8
Thomas D. Lakey	7
Glenn R. Beaver	6
Kent L. Duncan	4
T. Craig Dacus	3
David Vistine	1

Terry and Karen Yancey came to the platform and expressed appreciation to the body.

Resolution 10. Causes of Disciplinary Action

Michael D. Calise, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 10. Causes of Disciplinary Action and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded.

A motion prevailed to amend Resolution 10, page 7, lines 20-21, by striking the text "on social media platforms" and inserting the word "digitally."

The chair called for the vote on the main motion to adopt Resolution 10 as amended and declared the motion was carried. Following is the resolution as amended:

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Causes of Disciplinary Action

- WHEREAS, Districts have asked for clarity as to whether or not causes of disciplinary action reach to and include actions on social media; and
- WHEREAS, Credentialed ministers deserve clarity in advance (since prevention is the goal) that the actions on social media platforms are not exempt from disciplinary action; and
- WHEREAS, Credentialed ministers have the responsibility for moral conduct and the opportunity to demonstrate a clear Christian testimony in every arena of life, including social media platforms; and
- WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery in their function as the General Council Credentials Committee has discussed the growing need for such clarification; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 3. Causes of Disciplinary Action, page 148, which reads:

Section 3. Causes of Disciplinary Action

Violations of Assemblies of God principles as stated in these Constitution and Bylaws may give cause for disciplinary action by the credentials committees. Among such causes for action shall be:

Be amended to read:

Section 3. Causes of Disciplinary Action

Violations of Assemblies of God principles as stated in these Constitution and Bylaws may give cause for disciplinary action by the credentials committees. Among such causes for action, <u>whether committed in person or digitally</u>, shall be:

Resolution 11. Charges for Ministerial Discipline

Larry H. Griswold, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 11. Charges of Ministerial Discipline and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded.

A motion was moved and seconded to amend Resolution 11, page 10, lines16– 18, by striking the text and changing number (11) to number (10). A motion prevailed to call for the previous question. The chair called for the vote on the motion to amend said resolution by striking lines 16–18 and declared the motion to amend had failed. General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 39 of 97

Following an extended time of discussion, a motion prevailed to call for the previous question. The chair called for the vote on the main motion to adopt Resolution 11 as presented and declared the motion was carried. Following is the resolution as adopted:

Charges for Ministerial Discipline

- WHEREAS, General Council Bylaws ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 3. Causes of Disciplinary Action cites specific ministerial disciplinary offenses; and
- WHEREAS, The present list of offenses, while helpful and comprehensive, has not been updated in decades and does not reflect a number of contemporary issues that are often present; and
- WHEREAS, Matters such as substance abuse and financial mismanagement are sometimes dealt with by district/network credentials committees during disciplinary proceedings; and
- WHEREAS, The General Council Restoration Manuals Update Committee has been studying these issues; and
- WHEREAS, The Committee has concluded that a more comprehensive, contemporary, and categorized list would be helpful; and
- WHEREAS, Moral transgressions by ministers are serious matters which must be treated accordingly, but the term *failure* can become unproductively attached to a minister's self-identification as opposed to their sinful behavior, sending an unhelpful and damaging message to both ministers and spouses who are considering God's plan for forgiveness and restoration; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article X. DISCIPLINE, Section 3. Causes of Disciplinary Action, page 148, which reads:

Violations of Assemblies of God principles as stated in these Constitution and Bylaws may give cause for disciplinary action by the credentials committees. Among such causes for action shall be:

- a. Moral failure involving sexual misconduct
- b. Moral failure involving pornography
- c. Any moral or ethical failure other than sexual misconduct
- d. General inefficiency in the ministry
- e. A failure to represent our Pentecostal testimony correctly
- f. A contentious or noncooperative spirit

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- g. An assumption of dictatorial authority over an assembly
- h. An arbitrary rejection of district counsel
- i. A declared open change in doctrinal views
- j. Immoral, unethical, or illegal practices related to personal, church, or ministry finances
- A marriage in violation of our stand on marriage and divorce (See Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 5, paragraphs d and e.)
- I. Violations of ministerial courtesy (*See* Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 8.)
- m. Ministry without prior approval in a non-Assemblies of God church (*See* Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 9.)
- n. An improper attitude toward those dismissed from the Fellowship (*See* Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 10.)

Notwithstanding the above, when more than seven (7) years have elapsed from an occurrence that is cause for disciplinary action, a district credentials committee may recommend to the General Council Credentials Committee that no discipline be administered when, in view of all the circumstances, it would appear that such discipline would serve only as punitive in nature rather than restorative. In all such cases, final determination shall be made by the General Council Credentials Committee.

Be amended to read:

Violations of Assemblies of God principles as stated in these Constitution and Bylaws may give cause for disciplinary action by the credentials committees. Among such causes for action shall be:

a. Sexual Misconduct

- (<u>1</u>) a. Moral <u>transgression</u> failure involving sexual misconduct
- (2) b. Moral transgression failure involving pornography

b. Financial Misconduct

(1) Immoral, unethical, or illegal practices related to personal finances

(2) j. Immoral, unethical, or illegal practices related to personal, church, or ministry finances

c. Relational/Ethical Misconduct

(1) e. <u>Blatant misrepresentation of A failure to represent</u> our Pentecostal testimony correctly

(2) i. A declared open change in doctrinal views

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(3) f. A contentious or noncooperative spirit

(4) g. An assumption of dictatorial authority over an assembly

(5) h. An arbitrary rejection of <u>counsel from</u> district <u>leadership</u> counsel

(6) I. Violations of ministerial courtesy <u>or ethics</u> (See Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 8.)

(7) n. An improper attitude toward those dismissed from the Fellowship (See Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 10.)

(8) d. General inefficiency in the ministry

(9) c. Any <u>M</u>moral or ethical <u>transgression</u> failure other than sexual misconduct

(10) m. Ministry in a non-Assemblies of God church without proper prior approval from district leadership in a non-Assemblies of God church (See Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 9.)

(<u>11</u>) k. A marriage in violation of our stand<u>ards for either a</u> recognized divorce or a biblical on marriage and divorce (See Bylaws, Article IX, B, Section 5, paragraphs d and e.)

d. Substance Use and Abuse

<u>Violations of General Council Bylaws ARTICLE IX.</u> <u>DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Paragraph</u> B, Section 14. Substance Usage, including:

(1) Use or abuse of alcohol or recreational drugs

(2) Abuse or addiction involving other legal substances

(3) Use, abuse, or addiction involving other illegal substances

Notwithstanding the above, when more than seven (7) years have elapsed from an occurrence that is cause for disciplinary action, a district credentials committee may recommend to the General Council Credentials Committee that no discipline be administered when, in view of all the circumstances, it would appear that such discipline would serve only as punitive in nature rather than restorative. In all such cases, final determination shall be made by the General Council Credentials Committee.

Resolution 12. Cooperation with Other Districts

Paul R. Alexander, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 12. Cooperation with Other Districts and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

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Cooperation with Other Districts

- WHEREAS, Greater clarity could be offered as it pertains to the financial obligation of dual district church planters; and
- WHEREAS, The proposed clarity is more than an editorial change; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 8. Ministerial Relations, paragraph c, subparagraph (3), page 136, which reads:

c. Cooperation with other districts. Ministers shall be expected to cooperate with other district councils in which they may labor temporarily. It is recommended as a standard of proper practice that all ministers conform to the financial policy of the district with which they are affiliated with the following exceptions:

(3) Financial responsibility of nationally appointed or approved U.S. missionaries. Nationally appointed or approved U.S. missionaries shall contribute 25 percent (25%) of their tithe to their member district where they serve and 25 percent (25%) of their tithe to their home district if they are listed as honorary members. Missionaries who minister in their home district shall contribute a minimum of 50 percent (50%) of their tithe to that district.

Be amended to read:

c. Cooperation with other districts. Ministers shall be expected to cooperate with other district councils in which they may labor temporarily. It is recommended as a standard of proper practice that all ministers conform to the financial policy of the district with which they are affiliated with the following exceptions:

(3) Financial responsibility of <u>others.</u> nationally appointed or approved U.S. missionaries. Nationally appointed or approved U.S. missionaries <u>and dual district church planters</u> shall contribute 25 percent (25%) of their tithe to their member district where they serve and 25 percent (25%) of their tithe to their home district if they are listed as honorary members. Missionaries who minister in their home district shall contribute a minimum of 50 percent (50%) of their tithe to that district. [See Bylaws, Article VII, Section 8, paragraph b, subparagraph (3).] General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 43 of 97

Resolution 13. Dual Credentials

Maricela H. Hernandez, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 13 and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

Dual Credentials

- WHEREAS, A provision exists that prohibits ministers from holding dual credentials unless an exception is granted by the General Council Credentials Committee; and
- WHEREAS, A study committee worked to bring greater clarity to the history and purpose of the provision and its best current day use; and
- WHEREAS, An adjustment to the wording of the provision could be less forbidding in tone and more explanatory and empowering; and
- WHEREAS, It would benefit district credentials committees to have a fuller understanding of the details around this provision; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic Qualifications, paragraph m. Ministers from other organizations, subparagraph (10), pages 131–132, which reads:
 - (10) Ministers who receive Assemblies of God recognition shall relinquish their ministerial credentials with any other organization, unless an exception is granted by the General Council Credentials Committee upon recommendation of a district council credentials committee for a minister serving as a missionary in this country who holds a credential with a member body of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, or in special and/or unique cases.

Be amended to read:

(10) Ministers who receive Assemblies of God <u>credentials</u> recognition shall relinquish their ministerial credentials with any other <u>credentialing</u> organization, unless an exception is granted by the General Council Credentials Committee upon recommendation of a district council credentials committee for <u>good cause shown and a clear understanding of the priority of</u> <u>the Assemblies of God credential.</u> A minister serving as a missionary in this country who holds a credential with a member body of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, or in special and/or unique cases. General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 44 of 97

Resolution 14. Aged Ministers Assistance

Nathan L. Sheridan, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 14. Aged Ministers Assistance and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

Aged Ministers Assistance

- WHEREAS, It is not our intention to give preferential treatment to the female spouse of a male deceased minister over the male spouse of a female deceased minister; and
- WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Office of the General Treasurer to make benefits equally available to male as well as female qualified applicants; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 7. Senior-Retired Ministers, paragraph c, page 134, which reads:

c. Aged Ministers Assistance. 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 basis:

Be amended to read:

c. Aged Ministers Assistance. 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 <u>surviving spouse</u> widows, because of age or physical infirmity, and for whom no other means of support is available. Eligibility shall be determined on the following basis:

Election of Executive Presbyter—Language Area—West Spanish

The chair called for the vote of the first elective ballot for the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Language Area—West Spanish. The chair declared the voting closed.

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The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the first elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast	1,395
Invalid Votes	3
Votes Needed to Elect	930
Maricela H. Hernandez	383
Daniel de Leon	368
Eduardo Cantu	148
Saul D. Gonzalez	110
Eleazar (JR) Rodriguez Jr.	95
Jesse L. Galindo	71
Jonatan Lopez Duran	56
Joseito Velasquez	47
Edward De La Rosa	45
Amos Garza	45
Manuel Vallejo III	24

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the second elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the second elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast	1,467
Invalid Votes	3
Votes Needed to Elect	978
Maricela H. Hernandez	907
Daniel de Leon	392
Eduardo Cantu	71
Eleazar (JR) Rodriguez Jr.	33
Saul D. Gonzalez	15
Edward De La Rosa	13
Joseito Velasquez	12
Jesse L. Galindo	10
Jonatan Lopez Duran	5
Amos Garza	4
Manuel Vallejo III	2

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the third elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair announced that Maricela H. Hernandez received more than the twothirds votes required for an election and declared her elected to the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Language Area—West Spanish for a fouryear term to expire in 2025. The Tellers Committee report of the third elective General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 46 of 97

ballot is following:

Total Votes Cast	1,469
Invalid Votes	0
Votes Needed to Elect	980
Maricela H. Hernandez	1,253
Daniel de Leon	148
Eduardo Cantu	19
Eleazar (JR) Rodriguez Jr.	16
Edward De La Rosa	9
Saul D. Gonzalez	9
Jesse L. Galindo	6
Joseito Velasquez	4
Manuel Vallejo III	3
Jonatan Lopez Duran	1
Amos Garza	1

Maricela and Rafael Hernandez came to the platform and expressed appreciation to the body.

Appreciation to Daniel de Leon

Daniel de Leon, nonresident executive presbyter of the Language Area—West Spanish, and his wife, Ruth, were invited to the platform. The chair said that Daniel de Leon has served this position with excellence, making a great contribution, and he is a great man of God, a great leader and pastor, and he has served well. The body expressed appreciation to Daniel de Leon.

Resolution 15. Education Requirements

Bethlehem Backes, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 15. Education Requirements and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

Education Requirements

- WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic Qualifications, paragraph h. Basic education requirements, begins with what "isn't" a requirement to qualify for credentials with the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, The ensuing paragraphs list criteria that credential applicants must meet, including but not limited to education; and

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- WHEREAS, Questions have arisen about the current statement, and a more positively articulated initial statement, addressing the requirements for credential applicants, would be more suitable; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic Qualifications, paragraph h. Basic education requirements, page 130, which reads:

h. Basic education requirements. Any level of formal academic achievement (diploma or degree) shall not be a requirement for credentials; however, credential applicants shall meet the following criteria:

Be amended to read:

h. Basic education requirements. Any <u>No specific</u> level of formal academic achievement (diploma or degree) shall not be a requirement for credentials; however, credential applicants shall meet the following criteria:

Election of Executive Presbyter—Language Area—East Spanish

The chair called for the vote of the first elective ballot for the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Language Area—East Spanish. The chair declared the voting closed.

The general secretary explained that the election is to fill the unexpired term of Wilfredo (Choco) De Jesús when he was appointed to the position of general treasurer, and the intermediate election by the General Presbytery filled the seat until the General Council in session could fill the vacancy.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the first elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast	1,234
Invalid Votes	1
Votes Needed to Elect	823
Manuel A. Alvarez	415
Saturnino (Nino) Gonzalez	294
Doris Quiros	181
Abner Adorno	92
Clemente Maldonado Jr.	75
Gilbert G. (Jerry) Flores	64
Ivan De La Torre	49
Luis Y. Velez	41
David E. Zayas	22

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Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the second elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair announced that Manuel A. Alvarez received more than the two-thirds votes required for an election and declared him elected to the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Language Area—East Spanish, to fill the unexpired term, said term to expire in 2023. The Tellers Committee report of the third elective ballot is following:

Total Votes Cast	1,340
Invalid Votes	1
Votes Needed to Elect	894
Manuel A. Alvarez	972
Saturnino (Nino) Gonzalez	212
Doris Quiros	92
Abner Adorno	19
Clemente Maldonado Jr.	14
Ivan De La Torre	10
Luis Y. Velez	9
David E. Zayas	6
Gilbert G. (Jerry) Flores	5

Manuel (Manny) and Yamilett Alvarez came to the platform and expressed appreciation to the body.

Resolution 16. Missionary Church Planters and Developers Dissolution

Darryl E. Wootton, chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 16 and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

Missionary Church Planters and Developers Dissolution

WHEREAS, Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Missionary Church Planters and Developers (MCPD) is a department of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions as identified in the General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS, Section 2, Organization and Governance, paragraph c. Departments, subparagraph (3), page 161, as well as in *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual* and *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual*; and General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 49 of 97

- WHEREAS, The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual and The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual identify Church Multiplication Network (CMN) as the national hub for all church planting efforts of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, The existing church planting processes of Church Multiplication Network are functioning well and additional church planting processes outside of Church Multiplication Network create potential confusion for Assemblies of God church planters, churches, and districts/networks; and
- WHEREAS, The Missionary Church Planters and Developers department exhibited a trajectory of fiscal unsustainability for the majority of the previous fiscal year (April 1, 2019–March 31, 2020) as well as for the fiscal year (beginning April 1, 2020–March 31, 2021); and
- WHEREAS, Due to the pattern of fiscal unsustainability, the Missionary Church Planters and Developers department was dissolved in May 2020; and
- WHEREAS, After the department was dissolved in May 2020, Assemblies of God U.S. Missions accountholders assigned to Missionary Church Planters and Developers were carefully reviewed by the executive director and administrator of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions and transferred to other existing Assemblies of God U.S. Missions departments; and
- WHEREAS, Communication regarding the dissolution of the Missionary Church Planters and Developers department and process for transferring accountholders to other Assemblies of God U.S. Missions departments was provided to districts/networks, the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Board, the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Executive Committee, and Assemblies of God U.S. Missions accountholders; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS, Section 2, Organization and Governance, paragraph c. Departments, subparagraph (3), page 161, which reads:

(3) *Missionary Church Planters and Developers* provides ministry to facilitate and support the development, planting, and multiplication of missional churches.

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Be deleted:

(3) *Missionary Church Planters and Developers* provides ministry to facilitate and support the development, planting, and multiplication of missional churches.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That present subparagraphs (4), (5), and (6) be renumbered (3), (4), and (5).

Election of Executive Presbyter—Ethnic Fellowship

The chair called for the vote of the first elective ballot for the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Ethnic Fellowship. The chair declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the first elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast	1,215
Invalid Votes	1
Votes Needed to Elect	810
Walter F. Harvey	229
Darnell Williams Sr.	175
George A. Rafidi	143
Brent J. Maracle	133
Angelo V. Austria	100
Michael D. Calise	79
Donald K. Yoshida Jr.	78
Darrell J. Geddes	60
Victor Joseph	56
Emory K. Dively	49
Lloyd Lee	45
Andrew Anane-Asane	36
Hanfere Aligaz	31

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the second elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the second elective ballot for the position:

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Total Votes Cast	1,268
Invalid Votes	5
Votes Needed to Elect	846
Walter F. Harvey	761
Darnell Williams Sr.	138
George A. Rafidi	114
Brent J. Maracle	84
Angelo V. Austria	45
Donald K. Yoshida Jr.	29
Michael D. Calise	25
Emory K. Dively	14
Darrell J. Geddes	13
Victor Joseph	12
Andrew Anane-Asane	11
Hanfere Aligaz	9
Lloyd Lee	8

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the third elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair announced that Walter F. Harvey received more than the two-thirds votes required for an election and declared him elected to the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Ethnic Fellowship, said term to expire in 2025. The Tellers Committee report of the third elective ballot is following:

Total Votes Cast	1,215
Invalid Votes	1
Votes Needed to Elect	810
Walter F. Harvey	1,040
Darnell Williams Sr.	50
George A. Rafidi	43
Brent J. Maracle	26
Donald K. Yoshida Jr.	15
Angelo V. Austria	12
Victor Joseph	8
Emory K. Dively	6
Lloyd Lee	4
Michael D. Calise	3
Darrell J. Geddes	3
Hanfere Aligaz	2
Andrew Anane-Asane	2

Walter and Judy Harvey came to the platform and expressed appreciation to the body.

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Appreciation to John E. Maracle

John and Rana Miracle were invited to the platform. The chair thanked John Maracle for his fourteen years of service given to the General Council. (He was ineligible for reelection.) Appreciation was expressed to John Maracle.

Resolution 17. Nonresident Executive Presbyters Elections

Abner Adorno, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 17 and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

Nonresident Executive Presbyters Elections

- WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws provide instructions for elections and in some places state that, "If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot has been cast, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated"; and
- WHEREAS, In various places, the General Council Bylaws are silent as to what action should be taken if no election has been declared after the third elective ballot has been cast and there is no election; and
- WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws are similarly silent when giving direction for the regular election processes for the Ethnic Fellowship election and the Additional Representation elections (pages 110-111); and
- WHEREAS, It became apparent from the 2020 General Presbytery meeting, the benefit of processing amendments to the General Council Bylaws to include provisions for elections of vacancies at the next opportunity; and
- WHEREAS, Without this clarity, a scenario could exist of balloting continuing into perpetuity; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph c, subparagraphs (1) (a) and (b) and (2) (c), pages 110–111, which read:

Section 2. Nominations and Elections

c. Nonresident executive presbyters

(1) *Nominations and elections*. The General Council shall have the right to elect additional officers to serve on the Executive Presbytery as provided in Constitution, Article IX, Section 2.

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(a) *By area.* The nominations for eleven (11) area nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district council at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session shall nominate two ministers from its district, one of whom is not an elected full-time district official, to be presented to the General Council as nominees from its area. These nominees shall be presented to and be balloted upon by the General Council in session. A two-thirds vote shall be required to nominate and elect. If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot has been cast, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

(b) By ethnic fellowship. The nominations for one ethnic fellowship nonresident executive presbyter shall be made as follows: Each general presbyter from an ethnic fellowship, serving in the year General Council meets, shall be presented to the General Council as a nominee from the respective ethnic fellowships. These nominees shall be presented to and be balloted upon by the General Council in session. A two-thirds vote shall be required to nominate and elect.

(2) Divisions for electing nonresident executive presbyters.

(c) Additional representation. The nomination process for three additional nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district council. at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session, may nominate three individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery, one who is an ordained minister under forty (40) years of age at the time of election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), and one ordained African-American minister (no age requirement). The members of the Executive Board of the National Black Fellowship shall also be considered nominees for the ordained African-American minister. From the nominees the General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General Council four names of ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at the time of election, four names of ordained female ministers (no age requirement), and four names of ordained African-American ministers (no age requirement). The candidates shall be presented to the General Council in session and voted on by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote shall be required to elect.

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Be amended to read:

Section 2. Nominations and Elections

c. Nonresident executive presbyters. Nominees for nonresident executive presbyters shall be voted upon by the General Council in session by secret ballot until one candidate receives two-thirds of all votes cast. If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot has been cast, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

(1) *Nominations and elections*. The General Council shall have the right to elect additional officers to serve on the Executive Presbytery as provided in Constitution, Article IX, Section 2.

(a) *By area*. The nominations for eleven (11) area nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district council at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session shall nominate two ministers from its district, one of whom is not an elected full-time district official, to be presented to the General Council as nominees from its area. These nominees shall be presented to and be balloted upon by the General Council in session. A two-thirds vote shall be required to nominate and elect. If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot has been cast, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

(b) By ethnic fellowship. The nominations for one ethnic fellowship nonresident executive presbyter shall be made as follows: Each general presbyter from an ethnic fellowship, serving in the year General Council meets, shall be presented to the General Council as a nominee from the respective ethnic fellowships. These nominees shall be presented to and be balloted upon by the General Council in session. A two-thirds vote shall be required to nominate and elect.

(2) Divisions for electing nonresident executive presbyters.

(c) Additional representation. The nomination process for three additional nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district council, at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session, may nominate three individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery, one General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 55 of 97

> who is an ordained minister under forty (40) years of age at the time of election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), and one ordained African-American minister (no age requirement). The members of the Executive Board of the National Black Fellowship shall also be considered nominees for the ordained African-American minister. From the nominees the General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General Council four names of ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at the time of election, four names of ordained female ministers (no age requirement), and four names of ordained African-American ministers (no age requirement). The candidates shall be presented to the General Council in session and voted on by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote shall be required to elect.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph b. Nonresident executive presbyters, subparagraphs (1) (c), and subparagraphs (2) (a) and (b), and (3) (a) and (b), pages 113–114, which read:

Section 3. Vacancies

b. Nonresident executive presbyters

(1) *By area*.

(c) Nominees shall be voted upon by the entire General Presbytery until one receives two-thirds of all votes cast.

(2) By ethnic fellowship.

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

(b) Nominees shall be voted upon by the entire General Presbytery until one receives two-thirds of all votes cast.

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(3) Additional representation.

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

(b) Nominees shall be voted upon by the entire General Presbytery until one receives two-thirds of all votes cast.

Be amended to read:

Section 3. Vacancies

b. Nonresident executive presbyters. Nominees for nonresident executive presbyters shall be voted upon by the General Presbytery in session by secret ballot until one candidate receives two-thirds of all votes cast. If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot has been cast, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

(1) By area.

(c) Nominees shall be voted upon by the entire General Presbytery until one receives two-thirds of all votes cast.

(2) By ethnic fellowship.

(a) In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the office of an ethnic fellowship nonresident executive presbyter, the general secretary shall submit as nominees all current general presbyters who represent an ethnic fellowship. (See Bylaws, Article V, Section 8.) The General Presbytery shall, at its next meeting, elect one minister from among the nominees submitted, to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General Council. (See Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.) General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 57 of 97

(b) Nominees shall be voted upon by the entire General Presbytery until one receives two-thirds of all votes cast.

(3) Additional representation.

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

(b) Nominees shall be voted upon by the entire General Presbytery until one receives two-thirds of all votes cast.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph b. Nonresident executive presbyters, page 113, subparagraph (1) (d) becomes subparagraph (1) (c).

Recess

A motion prevailed to recess the business meeting at 4:41 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENING—AUGUST 4, 2021

The Thursday evening service of the 59th General Council began at 6:30 p.m. in the Orange County Convention Center.

Free Worship from New Life Covenant Assembly of God in Chicago, Illinois, opened the service with a time of praise and worship. General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay gave a testimony of the Lord speaking to him about setting the stage in this service for His presence to open doors, to give miracles of physical healings, of overcoming the weight of problems in ministry, and for prodigal children and grandchildren. He quoted Scriptures that tell of Christ's healing power. Much prayer had been given for this to be a night of miracles from the Lord.

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General Secretary Donna L. Barrett interviewed evangelists Tim and Rochelle Enloe, who have witnessed countless numbers of healings as the Holy Spirit has worked through their ministry. Donna Barrett called for all general presbyters, who are our elders, to pray for those who desired healing, and she called for those needing healing to come forward. Then she led in prayer.

Assistant General Superintendent Richard W. DuBose interviewed Nicole B. Estes-Heidt, lead pastor of First Assembly of God in Rock Springs, Wyoming, who has been through deep pain and loss, when five years ago her husband, who was pastoring the church, suddenly was taken from her. Rick DuBose led in prayer and called for those who are experiencing emotional pain to come forward and asked the elders to pray for those in need.

General Treasurer Wilfredo (Choco) De Jesús concluded the testimony interviews by talking with Angel Colon, a prodigal son who was raised in church but walked away for eight years, survived the 2016 mass shooting at the gay nightclub Pulse in Orlando, Florida, where forty-nine people were killed and fifty-three injured. Choco De Jesús led in prayer and asked those with lost children to step out and have the elders pray with them.

An Assemblies of God U.S. Missions spotlight, shown by video, gave the testimony of man who grew up in a Muslim family in a Middle Eastern country but came to Christ, moved to the United States, went to Bible college, and is now pastoring and working in a U.S. city, as an Assemblies of God U.S. Missions missionary. The video testimony was followed by Malcolm P. Burleigh, executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, and Arthur Wayne Huffman, director of Intercultural Ministries in Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, having a live interview with this U.S. missionary.

Rick DuBose received the offering designated for Assemblies of God U.S. Missions.

Doug Clay reported that testimonies are being received that tell of answers to prayers offered tonight. He said there would not be a formal dismissal, but he encouraged everyone to stay and pray and worship as long as desired.

FRIDAY MORNING—AUGUST 5, 2021

Business Session

General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay greeted everyone and opened the morning session at 8:30 a.m.

The general superintendent, chair of the meeting, called the business meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. William F. (Bill) Leach opened the meeting with prayer.

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Resolution 18. Teen Challenge Name Change

Michael D. Calise, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 18 and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

Teen Challenge Name Change

- WHEREAS, Teen Challenge International, U.S.A. is a department of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions as identified in the General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS, Section 2. Organization and Governance, paragraph c. Departments, subparagraph (6), page 161, as well as in *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual* and *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual*; and
- WHEREAS, Action to change the name of Teen Challenge International, U.S.A., to Adult and Teen Challenge, U.S.A., as recommended by its Board of Directors, was taken by the Executive Presbytery on March 24, 2020; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS, Section 2, Organization and Governance, paragraph c. Departments, subparagraph (6), page 161, which reads:

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

Be amended to read:

(6) <u>Adult and</u> Teen Challenge International, U.S.A. provides ministry to people of all ages with addictive behaviors.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS, Section 3. Support, paragraph f. Teen Challenge International, U.S.A., which reads:

f. Teen Challenge International, U.S.A.

All Teen Challenge centers shall contribute a monthly accreditation fee determined by the Teen Challenge U.S.A. board of directors.

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Be amended to read:

f. <u>Adult and Teen Challenge International</u>, U.S.A. All <u>Adult and</u> Teen Challenge, <u>U.S.A.</u> centers shall contribute a monthly accreditation fee determined by the <u>Adult and</u> Teen Challenge, U.S.A. bBoard of dDirectors.

Roster Report

Ramon J. Rojas, cochair of the Roster Committee, presented the following roster report as of 8:30 a.m. on Friday morning, August 6, 2021, and moved its adoption.

VOTING		
Ordained	2,987	
Licensed	740	
Delegates	341	
Executive Presbyters	12	
General Presbyters	275	
VOTING CON	ISTITUENCY	4,355
NONVOTING		
Exhibitors	1,725	
Auxiliary Staff	133	
Certified	218	
General Attendees	2,508	
Guests	12	
Others	40	
Staff	58	
Camp GC21	344	
Fine Arts/AIM/Youth	7,357	
NONVOTING	CONSTITUENCY	12,395
TOTAL REGISTRATIO	N	16,750

The motion prevailed to accept the Roster Report.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Additional Representation— Ordained Minister Under 40 Years of Age

The chair called for the vote on the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Additional Representation—Ordained Minister Under 40 Years of Age and explained the process of the nominations being determined by the General Presbytery. General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 61 of 97

The general secretary read the General Council Bylaws provision for the election of the nonresident executive presbyters Additional Representation. The chair announced the nominees submitted by the General Presbytery and called for the vote of the first elective ballot for the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Ordained Minister Under 40 Years of Age. The chair declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the first elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast	617
Invalid Votes	0
Votes Needed to Elect	412
Melissa J. Alfaro	291
Aaron R. Burke	193
Alicia E. Youngblood	90
Eli J. Espinoza	43

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the second elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the second elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast	780
Invalid Votes	3
Votes Needed to Elect	520
Melissa J. Alfaro	519
Aaron R. Burke	192
Alicia E. Youngblood	55
Eli J. Espinoza	11

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the third elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair announced that Melissa J. Alfaro received more than the two-thirds votes required for an election and declared her elected to the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Additional Representation—Ordained Minister Under 40 Years of Age, said term to expire in 2025. The Tellers Committee report of the third elective ballot for said position is following:

Total Votes Cast	833
Invalid Votes	1
Votes Needed to Elect	556

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Melissa J. Alfaro	695
Aaron R. Burke	99
Alicia E. Youngblood	33
Eli J. Espinoza	5

Melissa and Joaquin (Jay) Alfaro Jr. came to the platform and expressed appreciation to the body.

Resolution 19. Senior-Retired Ministers

Darryl E. Wootton, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 19. Senior-Retired Ministers and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

Senior-Retired Ministers

- WHEREAS, The abbreviated annual report required in the General Council Bylaws is actually an abbreviated credential renewal; and
- WHEREAS, Adjusting the wording would eliminate confusion that has surfaced; and
- WHEREAS, The proposed change impacts content beyond an editorial change; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 7. Senior-Retired Ministers, paragraph b, page 134, which reads:

b. Guidelines

(1) Reports. Senior-retired ministers shall file an abbreviated annual report to maintain a correct mailing address.

Be amended to read:

b. Guidelines

(1) Reports. Senior-retired ministers shall file an abbreviated <u>credential renewal</u> annual report to maintain a correct mailing address.

Resolution 20. Transfer of Credentials

Larry H. Griswold, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 20. Transfer of Credentials and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

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Transfer of Credentials

- WHEREAS, Situations have arisen where a credentialed couple relocates so that only one of them would serve at the Assemblies of God national office; and
- WHEREAS, It has been unclear as to whether the credentialed spouse, not employed at the Assemblies of God national office, has the option of leaving his or her credentials with the present district where credentials are held; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 9. Transfer of Credentials, paragraph a. Certificate of transfer, subparagraph (1), page 136, which reads:

a. Certificate of transfer. When a member minister takes up residence in another district, a certificate of transfer shall be issued within sixty (60) days by the district of which he or she is a member, unless there are charges pending against the minister. The certificate of transfer shall be accepted by the district into which the minister moves. Exceptions may be made for the following:

(1) Ministers moving to serve at the Assemblies of God national office.

Be amended to read:

a. Certificate of transfer. When a member minister takes up residence in another district, a certificate of transfer shall be issued within sixty (60) days by the district of which he or she is a member, unless there are charges pending against the minister. The certificate of transfer shall be accepted by the district into which the minister moves. Exceptions may be made for the following:

(1) Ministers <u>and the minister's credentialed spouse</u> moving to serve at the Assemblies of God national office <u>and/or affiliated entities</u>.

Appreciation to T. Ray Rachels

T. Ray Rachels, nonresident executive presbyter of the Southwest Area, and Judy R. Rachels came to the platform. He is stepping away from his position. The chair said Ray Rachels has served this Fellowship with distinction and has been a source of strength to him, personally. Appreciation was expressed to Ray Rachels.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Additional Representation— Ordained African-American Minister

The chair called for the election on the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Additional Representation—Ordained African-American Minister and explained the process is the same as the other Additional Representation with nominations being determined by the General Presbytery. The chair called for the vote of the first elective ballot for the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Ordained African-American Minister. The chair declared the voting closed.

Point of Information

A delegate raised the question that one of the nominees is already elected to the Executive Presbytery and asked if the name should be removed. The chair responded that it is appropriate for a duplicate name to appear on a ballot, and a parliamentarian confirmed that detail.

The chair of the Tellers Committee presented the following report of the first elective ballot for said position:

Total Votes Cast	888
Invalid Votes	0
Votes Needed to Elect	592
Samuel M. Huddleston	413
Darnell Williams Sr.	206
Walter F. Harvey	171
Darrell J. Geddes	98

Since there was no election, the chair called for the vote of the second elective ballot for said position and declared the voting closed.

The chair announced that Samuel M. Huddleston received more than the twothirds votes required for an election and declared him elected to the position of nonresident executive presbyter for the Additional Representation—Ordained African-American Minister, said term to expire in 2025. The Tellers Committee report of the second elective ballot is following:

Total Votes Cast	992
Invalid Votes	3
Votes Needed to Elect	662
Samuel M. Huddleston	810
Darnell Williams Sr.	87
Walter F. Harvey	54
Darrell J. Geddes	38

Sam and Linda Huddleston came to the platform and expressed appreciation to the body.

Resolution 21. Transfers from Assemblies of God World Fellowship

Paul R. Alexander, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 21. Transfers from Assemblies of God World Fellowship and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

Transfers from Assemblies of God World Fellowship

- WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws have not been updated since the General Presbytery changed the course requirements; and
- WHEREAS, It is important that the bylaw is accurate; and
- WHEREAS, The proposed change is more than editorial in nature and impacts content; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 9. Transfer of Credentials, paragraph b, subparagraph (2), page 137, which reads:

b. Transfers from Assemblies of God World Fellowship. A minister holding ordination (or equivalent) with a member group of the Assemblies of God World Fellowship may transfer his or her ordination to The General Council of the Assemblies of God if the following criteria are met:

(2) A course on the history and polity of the U.S. church.

Be amended to read:

b. Transfers from Assemblies of God World Fellowship. A minister holding ordination (or equivalent) with a member group of the Assemblies of God World Fellowship may transfer his or her ordination to The General Council of the Assemblies of God if the following criteria are met:

(2) A <u>Completion of two</u> course<u>s</u>, <u>one</u> on the history and polity of the U.S. church <u>and one on the Spirit-empowered</u> <u>church</u>.

Resolution 22. U.S. MAPS Name Change

Maricela H. Hernandez, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 22. U.S. MAPS Name Change and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

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U.S. MAPS Name Change

- WHEREAS, The stateside operations of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Mission America Placement Service (U.S. MAPS) department formerly named Mobilization and Placement Service (MAPS)—were reassigned to the Division of Home Missions as result of a resolution that was adopted during the 44th General Council, August 6–11, 1991; and
- WHEREAS, The Division of Home Missions is now identified as Assemblies of God U.S. Missions as result of a resolution that was adopted during the 50th General Council, July 31–August 3, 2003; and
- WHEREAS, Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Missionary Church Planters and Developers department was closed in May 2020, and its functions of church planting and church development (and corresponding missionary personnel) were consolidated into the U.S. Mission America Placement Service (U.S. MAPS) department; and
- WHEREAS, The addition of missionary church planting and development functions and personnel renders the name U.S. Mission America Placement Service (U.S. MAPS) no longer satisfactory to adequately and comprehensively describe the new scope of the department; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS, Section 2. Organization and Governance, paragraph c. Departments, subparagraph (5), page 161, which reads:

(5) *Mission America Placement Service* provides ministry to enlist, facilitate, and place volunteers in distinct areas of Christian service.

Be amended to read:

(5) *Mission America Placement Service* provides ministry to enlist, facilitate, and place volunteers in distinct areas of Christian service.

(5) <u>Church Mobilization coordinates the deployment of short-</u> term missions church teams and organizes the ministry and service of project volunteers. General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 67 of 97

Resolution 29. Inclusivity in Districts

Nathan L. Sheridan, member of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 29. Inclusivity in Districts and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded.

A motion was moved and seconded to amend said resolution, page 42, lines 25–26, to strike the text "person of ethnicity" and insert the text "a person self-identified in any General Council ethnic category except ethnic category Anglo." Following discussion, the maker of the motion moved to withdraw said motion to amend said resolution. There was no objection from the body.

The chair indicated the main motion is now being considered to adopt Resolution 29 as presented. The previous question was called for, and the chair called for the vote on the motion to move the previous question. The motion was carried.

The chair called for the vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 29 as presented and declared the motion was carried. Following is said resolution as adopted:

Inclusivity in Districts

- WHEREAS, It is an ongoing value of the Assemblies of God to include at the leadership level ministers from various ethnicities and ages, both male and female, in all positions of leadership; and
- WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery during its January 26, 2021, meeting considered the need for there to be greater inclusivity of ordained ministers of different ethnicity, under the age of 40, and female within the leadership in our Fellowship; and
- WHEREAS, Districts often find it beneficial to mirror the national structure, to be encouraged in common structure from the national level, and to be able to report to their constituents trends, values, practices, and declarations at the national level and in other districts; and
- WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery in their ongoing discussions regarding inclusion has observed that initially it is legislation that creates intentional opportunity at leadership levels that begins a process which ultimately results in normalizing inclusion among leaders; and
- WHEREAS, The diversity we presently enjoy among the General Council Executive Presbytery would not have happened had there not been initial legislation passed to intentionally create opportunities; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That at this General Council in session, the following statement be adopted and communicated across our Fellowship and to our districts:

> "We believe intentional inclusion at the leadership level is an integral part of our Fellowship; that intentional inclusion at the national level facilitated the diversity we now enjoy; that districts benefit from encouragement from the national level; thus, it is recommended that each district mirror the national structure and amend their district bylaws to provide, as qualified leadership exists, a seat on their Executive or District Presbytery for an ordained person of ethnicity, an ordained minister under 40 years of age, and an ordained female minister."

Executive Leadership Team Reports

The chair referenced that all reports from the Executive Leadership Team members are available online, and he encouraged everyone to read them. He indicated the assistant general superintendent and the general treasurer would present their reports orally.

Report of Assistant General Superintendent and the Next Generation Report

Richard W. DuBose presented the report of the assistant general superintendent and shared about the Assemblies of God Foster Care Network, a new ministry that is being developed. He encouraged everyone to find information about this program at fostercare.ag.org or agfostercare.network.

Rick DuBose shared about a phenomenal change in philosophy that is taking place at the national office where all of the Church Ministries teams are working together and moving in the same direction to provide valuable resources to the local church. It is desired for every ministry within the church to lead together with similar language and goals that are familiar from one ministry to another nationwide. He said Bible Engagement Project is designed for this purpose. It is being developed with seven life practices that will engage children, youth, and adults. The following Church Ministries leaders presented various aspects of Bible Engagement Project and how they interface with each area of ministry:

Ricardo C. (Rick) Allen, Men's Ministries and Light for the Lost director
R. Kay Burnett, Women's Ministries director
Jon D. Catron, Bible Engagement Project and My Healthy Church
John W. Davidson, Church Multiplication Network, director of
Leadership Development
Mark A. Entzminger, Children's Ministries administrator
Austin T. Jacobs, Acts 2 Journey Initiative, director of Operations

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> Elly C. Marroquin, Discipleship Ministries and Christian Education director Darin S. Poe, Youth Ministries, director of Student Ministries Lori L. Warning, Girls Ministries and Children's Discipleship director Joshua A. Wellborn, Youth Ministries director John M. Zick, Youth Ministries, director of Operations and Strategic Partnerships

Following is the report "The Seven Practices of a Spirit-Empowered Disciple:"

PREAMBLE

Since God's purpose concerning humanity is (1) to seek and save the lost, (2) to be worshipped by humanity, (3) to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, and (4) to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world; and

Since the Assemblies of God as part of the Church exists as a body of believers who endeavor to engage with the Bible, be led by the Spirit, and participate in missions,

The Assemblies of God commits to forming Spirit-empowered disciples who engage in the following seven practices so that their lives may serve as the basis for healthy churches marked by spiritual and numerical growth in every community. The definitions, practices, and outcomes for Spirit-empowered disciples are as follows, including but not limited to:

BIBLE

DEFINITION

The Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God and contains His plan for humanity.

PRACTICES

A Spirit-empowered disciple accepts the Bible as the authoritative truth and applies its instructions to everyday life.

OUTCOMES

A Spirit-empowered disciple who regularly engages with the Bible is continually transformed to become more like Christ.

BIBLICAL SUPPORT

Deuteronomy 6:1–9; Isaiah 40:6–8; 55:10–11; Matthew 7:24–27; John 1:1; Acts 2:42; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Revelation 22:18–19

SPIRIT

DEFINITION

The Person of the Holy Spirit is our Teacher and Helper who is present at salvation and offers further empowerment for Christian life and service. General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 70 of 97

PRACTICES

A Spirit-empowered disciple continually surrenders to the ongoing work of the Spirit. A disciple is encouraged to actively seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial physical evidence of speaking in tongues.

OUTCOMES

A Spirit-empowered disciple regularly prays in the Spirit, flows in the Spirit's gifts, and demonstrates the fruit of the Spirit.

BIBLICAL SUPPORT

Exodus 31:1–3; Numbers 11:17, 25–26, 29; 1 Samuel 10:6–10; 16:13–14; Acts 1:4–5, 8; 13:9–11; 16:6–10; 1 Corinthians 12:4–7; Galatians 5:22–23

MISSION

DEFINITION

The mission of God originates from His desire to reconcile all humankind to himself through Jesus Christ and is accomplished through the obedience of believers.

PRACTICES

A Spirit-empowered disciple lives out God's mission in testimony and lifestyle by praying earnestly, giving generously, reaching the lost, participating in church multiplication, and teaching others to follow Jesus Christ.

OUTCOMES

A Spirit-empowered disciple who lives out God's mission does their part in making disciples of all nations and fulfills their God-given purpose.

BIBLICAL SUPPORT

Genesis 3:15; 12:3; Matthew 9:10–13; 28:19–20; Mark 16:15–16; Luke 4:17–21; Acts 1:8; 2:42–47; 20:24; 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

PRAYER

DEFINITION

Prayer is communication with God through talking with and listening to God, both individually and in community.

PRACTICES

A Spirit-empowered disciple fosters connection with God through daily time with Him, praying in the Spirit, and praying in faith for the needs of others.

OUTCOMES

A Spirit-empowered disciple who prays will develop a deeper relationship with God, increase their ability to discern the voice of God, and see God's will come to bear on the focus of their prayer.

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BIBLICAL SUPPORT

2 Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 6:5–13; Acts 2:42; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6–7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 4:2; 5:16

WORSHIP

DEFINITION

Worship is acknowledging God's sovereignty and lordship, and is the proper response to His holiness.

PRACTICES

A Spirit-empowered disciple continually and humbly worships God in every area of life.

OUTCOMES

A Spirit-empowered disciple who faithfully worships exhibits an obedient lifestyle through all circumstances, leading to greater love for Christ.

BIBLICAL SUPPORT

Exodus 34:14; 1 Chronicles 16:29; Job 1:20–21; Psalm 29:2; 95:6; Matthew 14:33; John 4:23–24; Acts 2:46–47; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 12:28; Revelation 4:10–11

SERVICE

DEFINITION

Service is following Jesus' example of using our natural and spiritual gifts to benefit and minister to others.

PRACTICES

A Spirit-empowered disciple serves through using their unique gifts, abilities, and callings, recognizing the value of every person.

OUTCOMES

A Spirit-empowered disciple who serves will grow in compassion and love for others, build up the body of Christ, and more effectively reach the lost of their community.

BIBLICAL SUPPORT

Deuteronomy 11:13–14; Joshua 24:14–15; Psalm 2:11; Matthew 20:28; 28:19–20; John 13:3–17; James 1:27; 2:14–26; 1 Peter 4:10–11

GENEROSITY

DEFINITION

Generosity is an unselfish response to the needs of others that reflects the generous nature of God.

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PRACTICES

A Spirit-empowered disciple gives generously of their time, talents, resources, and words of affirmation to meet the needs of others, under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

OUTCOMES

A Spirit-empowered disciple who is generous gives sacrificially and ultimately to God, displaying God's compassionate heart for others.

BIBLICAL SUPPORT

Deuteronomy 15:7–11; Proverbs 11:24–25; Malachi 3:10; Matthew 5:40–42; 6:19–21; Mark 12:41–44; Luke 12:48; Acts 2:44–46; 2 Corinthians 9:6–11; 1 John 3:16–17

The assistant general superintendent announced the Next Generation Leaders Conference will be held March 14–16, 2022, and he encouraged everyone to attend. Appreciation was expressed to Rick DuBose for this report.

General Superintendent's Medal of Honor

The general superintendent invited Timothy W. and Shawna Laffoon to escort their parents Jerry and Brenda Millhouser to the platform. They were joined by James T. Bradford, lead pastor of Central Assembly of God in Springfield, Missouri, and Don E. Miller, superintendent of the Southern Missouri District. The general superintendent recognized Jerry Millhouser as the recipient of the General Superintendent's Medal of Honor. The general secretary read the following proclamation to honor the recipient:

Jerry Millhouser

The General Superintendent's Medal of Honor is an award of the highest degree presented to outstanding men and women noncredentialed leaders of the Assemblies of God who have distinguished themselves through meritorious service to God, the church, the community and fellow citizens.

Jerry and Brenda Millhouser began attending Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, in 2010. For the past ten-plus years, they made the 60-mile round trip from their home in Marionville to Springfield, establishing a weekly pattern of faithfulness to their Sunday School class and the morning worship service. Jerry and Brenda are an example of rock-solid faith and commitment to each other and their family. Jerry is a valued member of Central Assembly of God.

Jerry Millhouser retired last year after thirty-five years as the Royal Rangers director of the Southern Missouri District. Both Jerry and his wife Brenda were totally sold out to Royal Rangers as a tool for touching and General Council Minutes August 3–6, 2021 Page 73 of 97

transforming the lives of boys. A very quiet, soft-spoken individual, Jerry was nonetheless a powerful leader through example. He thrived at bringing others around him and working as a team to move things forward. His sterling character and solid integrity were awesome gifts to Royal Rangers in the pliable years of their lives. Jerry believed in boys coming to the realization of Christ as their Savior. He made sure they were always given an opportunity for salvation and was thrilled to see boys respond to Jesus. At every Royal Rangers event, Jerry worked tirelessly to ensure boys were cared for and shown the love of Jesus. Jerry had a heart to also encourage the dads and guardians of boys, always pointing them to Jesus. Every area of Jerry's ministry involvement was to channel boys and men to a life that would honor God in every way, a life principle he modeled with integrity.

Commander Jerry has left an amazing legacy and great foundation for our new district Royal Rangers commander to build upon. In April 2021, the Southern Missouri District renamed their Royal Rangers facilities "Camp Millhouser" in Jerry's honor.

We are truly grateful for his dedicated service to the boys of his district. His outstanding leadership qualities were a blessing to the boys and their families, as well as the commanders who worked with him. Jerry is an outstanding model of what it is to be a servant of Christ.

Jerry's wife, Brenda, has served alongside him all of those years with amazing support, and Jerry's commitment to his wife Brenda has always been evident. Their wedding anniversary often fell in the middle of the annual Pow-Wow. Jerry would thoughtfully honor Brenda publicly with flowers for their special day . . . a wonderful example to the boys and men of the Royal Rangers family.

Jerry, for your tireless dedication in bringing glory to God and this Fellowship, it gives me great honor to confer upon you the General Superintendent's Medal of Honor.

Jerry Millhouser expressed his thanks to the Executive Leadership Team for this honor. Appreciation was expressed to Jerry Millhouser.

Honorary General Presbyters Resolutions

The chair invited the following individuals to the platform to honor them for what they have done for the Fellowship in laying a foundation strong enough to bear the weight of future growth: H. Franklin Cargill, Doyle A. Fulkes, Saturnino (Nino) Gonzalez, E. Wayne Hanks, John E. Maracle, and Larry Moore. Appreciation was expressed to these individuals. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolutions as presented:

Resolution 23. Honorary General Presbyter—H. Franklin Cargill

- WHEREAS, H. Franklin Cargill has served the Assemblies of God with great distinction as a credentialed minister of the gospel for fifty-two years and as a general presbyter for thirty-eight years; and
- WHEREAS, He served the Oklahoma District Council faithfully for forty-five years, during which time he served as district superintendent for twenty-one years, assistant superintendent for seventeen years, and district youth director for seven years; and
- WHEREAS, He has served on the Board of Regents of Southwestern Assemblies of God University for thirty-eight years, serving as chairman of the Board since 2017; and
- WHEREAS, He founded and served on the Assemblies of God Oklahoma Foundation Board; and
- WHEREAS, He led the construction of a new Oklahoma campground; and
- WHEREAS, He has served on various boards and committees of the district and General Council; and
- WHEREAS, This Fellowship has been blessed by his spiritual leadership, practical wisdom, and faithfulness in ministry and service; and
- WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has represented the highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, H. Franklin Cargill meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That H. Franklin Cargill be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 24. Honorary General Presbyter—Doyle A. Fulkes

- WHEREAS, Doyle A. Fulkes has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assemblies of God with great faithfulness and integrity as a minister of the gospel, having been ordained for forty-three years; and
- WHEREAS, He served with great distinction for ten years in appointed positions in the Southern Idaho Ministry Network, that include Bible Quiz district leader, assistant Youth director, Youth director, and Lifestyle Evangelism director; and
- WHEREAS, Doyle A. Fulkes served with great distinction for thirty-one years in elected positions in the Southern Idaho Ministry Network, that include eleven years as Network secretary and twenty years of service as Network superintendent; and
- WHEREAS, He has served on numerous committees and boards, including the Board of Directors of Northwest University for thirty-one years; and
- WHEREAS, He has served as a general presbyter for thirty-one years; and
- WHEREAS, He has demonstrated great humility, leadership, and service in the Southern Idaho Ministry Network and in our Movement; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, Doyle A. Fulkes meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That Doyle A. Fulkes be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 25. Honorary General Presbyter—Saturnino (Nino) Gonzalez

- WHEREAS, Saturnino Gonzalez has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God with great distinction as a minister of the gospel since 1982; and
- WHEREAS, He served the Assemblies of God as a general presbyter for twentyseven years, during which time he served as superintendent of the Puerto Rico District Council for almost ten years, and as

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superintendent of the Florida Multicultural District Council for twelve years; and

- WHEREAS, He has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God in various capacities and roles; and
- WHEREAS, He served the General Council as a nonresident executive presbyter for six years; and
- WHEREAS, He served for twenty-five years of combined pastoral ministry and has been an ordained minister for thirty-seven years; and
- WHEREAS, He served on various board and committees of the General Council; and
- WHEREAS, This Fellowship has been blessed by his spiritual leadership, wisdom, and faithfulness in ministry and service; and
- WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has represented the highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, Saturnino Gonzalez meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That Saturnino Gonzalez be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 26. Honorary General Presbyter—E. Wayne Hanks

- WHEREAS, E. Wayne Hanks was recognized as a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God in 1961; he was ordained in 1964, and has held ministerial credentials with The General Council of the Assemblies of God in an unbroken and exemplary manner for fifty-nine years; and
- WHEREAS, He served as senior pastor of Lavon Assembly of God, Lavon, Texas, from 1962–1963; as associate pastor at First Assembly of God, Garland, Texas, for ten years (1963–1973), and then as lead

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pastor of First Assembly of God, Garland, Texas, (now First at Firewheel) for forty-seven years (1974–present); and

- WHEREAS, He served the North Texas District Council of the Assemblies of God as district presbyter of the North Dallas Section from 1980–2000, as district executive presbyter from 1993 to the present, for a total of forty-one years on the North Texas District Presbytery; and
- WHEREAS, He served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as a general presbyter from October 1999 to the present, for a total of twenty-one years; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, E. Wayne Hanks meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That E. Wayne Hanks be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 27. Honorary General Presbyter—John E. Maracle

- WHEREAS, John E. Maracle has served the Assemblies of God with great distinction as a minister of the gospel for forty-eight years; and
- WHEREAS, He has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as an executive presbyter for fourteen years and a general presbyter for twenty-four years and served on various committees of the General Council; and
- WHEREAS, He served as president and chief of the Native American Fellowship of the Assemblies of God for twenty-one years and chief of the American Native Christian Council; and
- WHEREAS, He served on the boards of Evangel University, Central Bible College, the Native American Bible College, the National Native Bible College, and Northpoint (Zion) Bible College; and
- WHEREAS, He launched the Center for Native Leadership Development to raise up Native American leaders and mentor them through the credential process; and

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- WHEREAS, He served as senior pastor of churches in New York and Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has represented the highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, John E. Maracle meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That John E. Maracle be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 28. Honorary General Presbyter—Larry Moore

- WHEREAS, Larry Moore has served the Arkansas District Council with honor and distinction as the district superintendent for sixteen years and the district assistant superintendent for four years; and
- WHEREAS, He has made significant contributions not only to the Arkansas District, but also to the ongoing ministry of The General Council of the Assemblies of God through his service on the General Presbytery for twenty years; and
- WHEREAS, His leadership in the Arkansas District has represented the highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work; and
- WHEREAS, His wisdom, preaching, and personal ministry have been a resource to the ministers and churches of the Arkansas Fellowship and the General Council Fellowship at large; and
- WHEREAS, He had effective pastoral ministry in Arkansas at Malvern, Springdale, and Russellville; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, pages 102–103, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

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- WHEREAS, Larry Moore meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That Larry Moore be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

2019 General Council—Resolution 13. Child Safety

The general secretary offered a report on the matter of unfinished business from the 2019 General Council concerning Resolution 13. Child Safety that was designed to change the General Council Bylaws by creating a chargeable offense against a minister who neglected to follow child abuse prevention recommendation steps. She reported the resolution had been referred to the Executive Presbytery for further study, and she indicated the motion was silent as to whether or not the Executive Presbytery should make the decision or if it should be returned to the 2021 General Council body for consideration. It was determined to return the matter to this body. She referenced that everyone in our Fellowship is concerned about the safety of children; however, it was determined that said resolution would cause more legal risk and liability to the General Council and districts than it would have helped.

The general secretary reported that further study determined that legal counselors have indicated that Resolution 13. Child Safety should fail and not be adopted, and this is the recommendation of the Executive Presbytery and General Council's legal counsel. She said there are five initiatives available to every minister and districts to assist with child safety. She highlighted the following initiatives: (1) Child Abuse Prevention Process, created by Richard R. Hammar, legal counselor, that is available to every minister in AGPassport; (2) Child Safety Practices and Guidelines from Richard R. Hammar that is a guide to churches in creating safe environments for children, also available to ministers in AGPassport; (3) A series of video presentations created by Hydrate and recommended by our Children Ministries department; (4) Guidelines for Mandatory Reporting for Abuse of Minors, recently passed by the General Presbytery, as a recommendation from the Mental Health Care Committee, that provides resources and instructions to ministers and churches for reporting the abuse of minors; and (5) Ministry Safe resource, along with other companies, that help local churches with background checks and processes for child safety. She referenced that special discounts for Ministry Safe are available to Assemblies of God churches and ministers by contacting Jennifer Simmons at jsimmons@ministrysafe.com.

Richard R. Hammar, legal counsel for The General Council of the Assemblies of God, reported about his research with twelve other attorneys concerning the matter that was referred, and the attorneys who responded indicated the risk associated

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with adopting said resolution outweighed the benefits. He said he was opposed to adopting said resolution and the references previously resourced are the best available to address the issue of child abuse in churches.

The chair indicated the report on the 2019 General Council unfinished business is before the body with the recommendation from the Executive Presbytery that said resolution fail and not be adopted. The chair called for the vote on the unfinished business and declared the motion passed that Resolution 13. Child Safety is failed and is not adopted.

Report of General Treasurer

Wilfredo (Choco) De Jesús presented the report of the general treasurer, referencing the written report that is available online. He explained that General Council's fiscal year is April 1 through March 31 and reported the General Council affiliated entities are Assemblies of God Financial Services Group, Evangel University, and Global University. He presented The General Council of the Assemblies of God and Affiliated Entities Auditor's Report and Consolidated Statement of Financial Position for the year ending March 31, 2021, sharing that an unmodified and clean opinion was received from BKD, the external auditors.

The general treasurer introduced Gary D. Rhoades, chief financial officer, who presented the General Council Statement of Activities income statement.

The chair commented that he appreciates the fiscal conservativeness of the general treasurer and his ongoing prayers over the finances. A motion prevailed to accept the report of the general treasurer and to accept the General Council Audit Report. Appreciation was expressed to Wilfredo (Choco) De Jesús and to the Division of the Treasury.

Appreciation to 2021 General Council Committees

Appreciation was expressed to individuals serving on the following committees.

Budget Committee: Wilfredo (Choco) De Jesús, chair; Donna L. Barrett, Malcolm P. Burleigh, Douglas E. Clay, Richard W. DuBose, Shari Klassen, Gregory M. Mundis, Gary D. Rhoades

Parliamentary Committee: Richard R. Hammar, chair; Sarah E. Merkle, Gene M. Roncone II

Resolutions Committee: Darryl E. Wootton, chair; Paul R. Alexander, Angelo V. Austria, Bethlehem (Beth) Backes, Michael D. Calise, Larry H. Griswold, Maricela H. Hernandez, Nathan L. Sheridan

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Roster Committee: Steven L. Powell, cochair; Ramon J. Rojas, cochair; Mark D. Christianson, liaison

Tellers Committee: Micheal E. Dickenson, chair; John J. Wilson, liaison; Terry L. Brown, Brenton S. Fessler, Mark A. Jakelsky, Sergio F. Marroquin, Sherry L. Welch

World Assemblies of God Fellowship—MM33 Awareness Campaign

George O. Wood, chair of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, expressed his appreciation to Doug Clay for the masterful way he has led this General Council. He explained about the Assemblies of God World Fellowship and its membership from national Assemblies of God churches around the world. He presented the MM33 Awareness Campaign, reporting that 2033 marks the two-thousandth anniversary of both the Resurrection and the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. The World Assemblies of God churches by 2033. He also announced the following events and invited everyone to mark their calendars and plan to attend these special meetings:

September 27-30, 2022	World Missions Congress
October 12-14, 2023	World Assemblies of God Fellowship
	Congress, Madrid, Spain

Resolution 30. Courtesy Resolution

Darryl E. Wootton, chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution 30. Courtesy and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution as presented:

Courtesy Resolution

- WHEREAS, The 59th General Council of the Assemblies of God has been afforded gracious hospitality and accommodation by the officials and agencies of the city of Orlando, Florida, and our host districts, the Peninsular Florida District Council, the West Florida District Council, the Brazilian District Council, the Florida Multicultural District Council, and the Second Korean District Council; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That sincere appreciation be expressed to: The State of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings, City of Orlando Mayor John Hugh "Buddy" Dyer, the Orange County Convention Center, Visit Orlando (the Convention and Visitors Bureau); and the many hotel and restaurant personnel, for their accommodation and hospitality; and, be it further

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- RESOLVED, We express our heartfelt appreciation for the many opportunities this event afforded us and the sheer joy of being together again after a significant and trying year for our ministers, our churches, and the people of our great Fellowship. We further give thanks for the uplifting times of worship, inspiring ministry of the Word, the spirit of grace and unity during the business sessions, and the friendship and fellowship enjoyed by all; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, We are grateful for the leadership of our General Superintendent, Douglas E. Clay, the Executive Leadership Team, the Executive Presbytery, and their visionary call to embrace "Our Church, Our Family"; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, On this historic occasion of our 59th General Council of the Assemblies of God, we rededicate ourselves "to do the greatest work of evangelism the world has ever seen."

Other Business

The chair indicated that all prepared resolutions have concluded and asked if there is any other business.

Resolution—Wrath of God

Robert W. Lyle, a voting delegate, asked to present a resolution, as a right of sponsor, that was deemed inappropriate by the Resolutions Committee. He read the following resolution, Wrath of God, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded.

- WHEREAS, It is declared in Romans 1:18 (NIV), "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness;" and
- WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God declares in its Constitution, Article V. STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Section 15. The Final Judgment: "There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43–48; Revelation 19:20; 20:11–15; 21:8); and

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- WHEREAS, Although the position paper entitled, "Eternal Punishment," comprehensively explains the Assemblies of God position, the term "eternal punishment" is nevertheless being spuriously interpreted to mean "everlasting annihilation," and this teaching is growing in popularity; and
- WHEREAS, There is also an error which, in the name of pacifism and love, attributes the wrath of God to the wrath of man, thus denying the truth of God's wrath which is manifest all through the Old Testament in prophecy and history and revealed in its fullness in the New Testament; and
- WHEREAS, Scholars are debating this matter on YouTube with the title, "The Monster God or Monster Man Debate," and some Pentecostal ministers are compromising with these errors in their preaching and promoting books teaching such; and
- WHEREAS, These errors necessitate the denial that God was the source of Israel's numerous literal military victories that are attributed in Scripture to the intervention of God Almighty; and
- WHEREAS, Some of these doctrines even deny that there is everlasting punishment for the unsaved, or reduce it to a self-imposed hell occupied by some who refuse a second chance after death, which it is claimed will continue to be eternally available; and
- WHEREAS, Many deny that it was the command of God that inspired Israel to invade Canaan land and carry out the war of attrition necessary for its occupation and thus deny Israel's right of possession to it, both originally and in the present, and in the prophetic future; and
- WHEREAS, The Land of Israel is the location of the birth, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and the future return of the Son of God, our Savior, and of the throne of His millennial kingdom; and
- WHEREAS, The very New Testament gospel we preach, the efficacy and atonement of Christ, is based on the truth of the Old Testament and of the justice that Christ and His Father carry out on earth and in the prophetic future and eternity; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That there be an amendment to the General Council Bylaws List of Doctrines and Practices Disapproved, to show that emphasizing these issues will seriously affect ministerial standing; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, The General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE IX, DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Part B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Section 3. Eschatological Errors, pages 141–142, be amended by the addition of a new paragraph e. to read as follows:

Section 3. Eschatological Errors

e. Wrath of God. The Assemblies of God disapproves of any and all teachings that cast doubt on the inspiration of biblical accounts of the wrath of God, whether of His commands to men or of His own sovereign actions, as in His closing the way to the tree of life in Eden, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the universal flood, the coming judgment, and the unending torment of the damned.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That present paragraph e. be relettered paragraph f.

A voting member raised a point of order that since the Resolutions Committee deemed the resolution to be inappropriate, a determination should be made by the body to determine if the resolution is appropriate before holding any discussion on the motion. The chair asked for clarification from the Parliamentary Committee and indicated the body will need to determine if said resolution is appropriate.

The chair called upon the chair of the Resolutions Committee to bring a report about how the Resolutions Committee came to the determination to deem said resolution as inappropriate. The chair of the Resolutions Committee reported that said committee appreciates the passion for doctrinal truth and the Word of God that is expressed by the author; however, as it examined the resolution it determined the General Council already has a position paper on eternal punishment and there is also wording included in the Statement of Fundamental Truths. The committee viewed said resolution as a redundancy as no new material was being submitted and the Assemblies of God has not changed its position on this matter; thus, it was ruled as out of order.

The chair called for the vote to determine if the body would deem the resolution as appropriate and debatable. The chair declared the body deemed the resolution as not being appropriate.

Adjournment

A motion prevailed to adjourn the business meeting of the 59th General Council at 11:17 a.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021, followed by the singing of the Doxology. The chair announced the evening service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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Recognition of Current Executive Leadership Team and Executive Presbytery

Following are the current Executive Leadership Team: Douglas E. Clay, general superintendent; Richard W. Dubose, assistant general superintendent; Donna L. Barrett, general secretary; Wilfredo (Choco) De Jesús, general treasurer; Gregory M. Mundis, executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions; and Malcolm P. Burleigh, executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions.

Following are the current nonresident executive presbyters: Melissa J. Alfaro, Additional Representation—Ordained Minister under 40 Years of Age; Manuel A. Alvarez, Language Area—East Spanish; Daniel de Leon, Language Area—West Spanish; Duane P. Durst, Northeast Area; A. Elizabeth Grant, Additional Representation—Ordained Female Minister; Samuel M. Huddleston, Additional Representation—African-American Ordained Minister; Robert Ketterling II, North Central Area; John E. Maracle, Ethnic Fellowship; Don E. Miller, Gulf Area; T. Ray Rachels, Southwest Area; D. Rick Ross, Southeast Area; Bradley T. Trask, Great Lakes Area; Darnell Williams Sr., Language Area—Other; William E. (Bill) Wilson, Northwest Area; and Terry L. Yancey, South Central Area.

Recognition of Retired Executive Presbyters and Officers

Following are the retired executive presbyters and officers: Dan C. Betzer, former executive presbyter, Southeast Area; James T. Bradford, former general secretary; L. John Bueno, former executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions; Warren D. Bullock, former executive presbyter, Northwest Area; Charles E. Crank, former executive presbyter, Great Lakes Area; Richard Dresselhaus, former executive presbyter, Southwest Area; L. Alton Garrison, former assistant general superintendent; Larry H. Griswold, former executive presbyter, Great Lakes Area; Nam Soo Kim, former executive presbyter, Northeast Area; Clarence W. St. John, former executive presbyter, North Central Area; Zollie L. Smith Jr., former executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions; Everett R. Stenhouse, former assistant general superintendent; Thomas E. Trask, former general superintendent; and George O. Wood, former general superintendent.

Roster Report

The final Roster Report as of 10:33 a.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021, follows:

VOTING		
Ordained	3,008	
Licensed	744	
Delegates	345	
Executive Presbyters	12	
General Presbyters	277	
VOTING CONSTITUENCY		4,386

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NONVOTING		
Exhibitors	1,725	
Auxiliary Staff	133	
Certified	219	
General Attendees	2,517	
Guests	12	
Others	40	
Staff	60	
Camp GC21	344	
Fine Arts/AIM/Youth	7,357	
NONVOTING CONSTITUENCY 12,407		
TOTAL REGISTRATION		16,793

FRIDAY EVENING—AUGUST 6, 2021

The Friday evening service of the 59th General Council began at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021, in the Orange County Convention Center.

Free Worship from New Life Covenant Assembly of God in Chicago, Illinois, opened the service with a time of praise and worship. The general superintendent gave greetings and welcomed everyone to the final service of the General Council. The emphasis for the service is on chaplaincy, and he introduced and interviewed Mike Pompeo, former CIA director and 70th United States Secretary of State, who shared why chaplaincy has been so important to him during his service in the military and while in Washington, D.C. Mike Pompeo said he is a follower of Jesus, and he had accepted Christ while he was a cadet at West Point. He spoke about the importance and effectiveness of Chaplaincy Ministries. He stressed the importance of each one bringing Judeo-Christian values to the nation. Appreciation was expressed to Mike Pompeo.

A video on Chaplaincy was shared with a focus on Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Army Chaplain Thomas L. Solhjem, and his testimony of coming to Christ. He was introduced to the congregation as the 25th chief of chaplains of the United States Army and one of 779 Assemblies of God-endorsed chaplains. Malcolm P. Burleigh, executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, and Manuel A. Cordero II, director of Chaplaincy Ministries, interviewed the major general. Appreciation was expressed to Thomas Solhjem.

L. Alton Garrison, former assistant general superintendent, received the evening offering designated for Chaplaincy Ministries, and he offered a prayer.

The general superintendent introduced Joseph J. (J.J.) Vasquez, founder and lead pastor of Journey Church in Orlando, Florida, who presented a powerful illustrated sermon on families and the family of God.

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The general superintendent thanked everyone for everything they are doing to build the church, and he thanked them for being a part of the greatest church and the greatest family! The 59th General Council closed with a video inviting everyone to the 60th General Council to be held August 1–4, 2023, in Columbus, Ohio.

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In Memoriam

The following list of deceased ministers includes the names of all who have been reported to the Office of the General Secretary from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2021, and were included in the Memorial Scroll:

Abiuso, Stephen M., Palm Harbor, FL Acosta, Esmeralda, San Juan, TX Acree, Grady M., Stockbridge, GA Adams, Glenn C., Houston, TX Adams, Hobert E., Huron, OH Adams, Loyd E., Jr., Koshkonong, MO Adams, Wayne D., Cleveland, TN Adcock, Grady V., Royal, AR Adcock, Wilma W., Royal, AR Adcox, Ezra Gene, Greenville, SC Adkins, Harmon L., Anderson, SC Adkins, Mary E., Mountain View, AR Agron, Ruth A., Sewel, NJ Ailende, Felicia I., Chicago, IL Akin, Roy J., De Queen, AR Albrecht, Daniel E., Scotts Valley, CA Albritton, Clara M., Chocowinity, NC Aldridge, Ernest G., Charleston, AR Alexander, Prentice P., Saratoga Springs, UT Alicea, Gilberto, Cape Coral, FL Alkuino, Emmanuel P., Jr., Elmhurst, NY Allen, Charles B., Bluefield, VA Allen, Edgar F., Mishawaka, IN Allen, Watson D., Toledo, OH Alley, Charles W., Lockhart, TX Alvarado, Hill, Ferndale, WA Alvarado, Jose G., Terrell, TX Amoh, Louis Kofi, Bronx, NY Anchors, Patricia M., Crestview, FL Anderson, Eldon D., Guthrie, OK Anderson, Nimrod E., Wisconsin Rapids, WI Andrews, Joseph W., Togiak, AK Ankrom, Sharin F., Independence, MO Anton, Corrine M., Superior, WI Apperson, Travis D., Ashburn, GA Appleba, Thomas F., Valdese, NC Archer, Gary L., Ventura, CA Arellano, David C., Pueblo, CO Arevalo, Salvador A., Dallas, TX Armpriester, James M., Little River, SC Arrington, John E., Harvey, IL Arrowood, Richard G., Des Moines, IA Arroyo, Miguel, Mesa, AZ Ashley, Bradford J., Castro Valley, CA Ashmore, Jimmy D., Broken Arrow, OK Ausbury, Philip, Oak Island, NC Ayers, Betty L., Stanfield, AZ Baer, Marilyn C., Albuquerque, NM Baker, Betty, Waialua, HI

Baker, Linda L., Clayton, CA Bakke, Phyllis E., Cridersville, OH Baldridge, James H., Prague, OK Baldwin, Rick A., Modesto, CA Balius, Gerald A., Melbourne, FL Ballard, Jimmie R., Sr., Wagoner, OK Barber, Dale E., Hacienda Heights, CA Barker, Johnnie A., Mount Holly, NC Barnett, Elmer E., Breckenridge, MO Barnett, Gordan W., Springfield, MO Barnett, Lahoma, Wilson, OK Barrera, Cirenio, Lahaina, HI Barrett, T. M., Thornton, CO Bartholomew, Almon M., Queensbury, NY Bascom, N. L., Arlington, TX Bates, Raymond D., Washougal, WA Batson, George C., Flowery Branch, GA Bauman, David K., Hamilton, OH Baunsgard, Joann, Bothell, WA Beasley, Robert E., Greenwood, IN Beebe, Jimmie F., Bourbon, MO Beilstein, Gerald S., Prescott, AZ Belcher, Beuford O., Napavine, WA Bell, Thomas D., DeGraff, OH Bellar, John R., Norfolk, NE Beltran, Manuel, San Juan, PR Benner, Eleanor M., Farmingdale, ME Bennett, Billy D., Gainesville, TX Bennett, John G., Pablo, MT Bennin, Roberts E., Sierra Vista, AZ Benton, Frederick J., Porterville, CA Beretta, Joseph M., Moorestown, NJ Bernal, Epifanio, Bakersfield, CA Bernard, Alexander E., Bellflower, CA Berry, A. Keith, Corsicana, TX Bicket, Zenas J., Springfield, MO Biffert, Paul D., Aurora, IL Bigelow, William D., Youngstown, OH Bishop, William S., Delta, CO Bizzell, Joan E., North Platte, NE Blackburn, A. Juanita, Springfield, MO Bladsacker, Kenneth J., Lafitte, LA Blakkolb, Nolan D., Titusville, FL Blattner, David A., Rawson, OH Block, Larry L., Excelsior Springs, MO Blythe, Charles E., Thompsons Station, TN Bocken, Raymond M., Gary, IN Boeck, Benny, Ada, OK Bogosian, James C., Tustin, CA

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