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of the
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THE GENERAL COUNCIL
OF THE
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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2025 GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

On August 6, 2025, at 1:35 p.m., General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay opened the 61st General Council of the Assemblies of God. General Secretary Donna L. Barrett was present.

2025 GENERAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

By general consent, a motion was adopted to express appreciation for the following individuals serving on the 2025 General Council committees:

Budget

D. Rick Ross (chairperson), Donna L. Barrett, Douglas E. Clay, Wilfredo “Choco” De Jesús, Richard W. DuBose, John L. Easter, Shari Klassen, Gary D. Rhoades

Auditors

Katlyn C. Lehman, Timothy W. Laffoon, Matthew T. Polites

Parliamentary

Sarah E. Merkle (chairperson), Darren M. Lewis, Andrew W. Smith

Resolutions

Darryl E. Wootton (chairperson), Michael J. Beals, Todd W. Clair, Nicole B. Estes-Heidt, Jennifer D. Gale, Larry H. Griswold, Daniel J. McLaughlin, William H. Rodriguez, Darnell K. Williams Sr.

Roster

Ramon J. Rojas (chairperson), Lacey C. Hartman, Mark D. Christianson (liaison)

Tellers

Micheal E. Dickenson (chairperson), Rhonda C. Amer, Jody D. Gurley, Sergio F. Marroquin, Shelby J. Pratt, Richard Weller, Amy E. Flattery (liaison)

INTRODUCTION OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND PARLIAMENTARIAN

A motion was adopted to allow Kristen Waggoner, Assemblies of God general counsel, and Sarah E. Merkle, parliamentarian, to address the body at the call of the chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented to be used as a guide. The motion was adopted.

ROSTER REPORTⁱ

On behalf of the Roster Committee, Lacey C. Hartman moved that the roster report listed below be adopted. By general consent the motion was adopted:

Voting Registration	Ordained	2,937
	Licensed	581
	Delegates	369
	Executive Presbyters	21
	General Presbyters	255
	<i>Voting Subtotal</i>	4,163
Nonvoting Registration	Exhibitors	1,890
	Auxiliary Staff	71
	Certified	214
	General Attendees	2,149
	Guests	40
	Other	328
	Staff	152
	Camp GC23	403
	National Youth Conference	10,870
	<i>Nonvoting Subtotal</i>	16,117
Total Registration		20,280

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT ELECTION

The chair called for the election of the general superintendent. Assistant General Superintendent Richard W. DuBose assumed the position of chair to conduct the election of the general superintendent.

The General Council reelected General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay on the first nominating ballot.

Tellers' Report for Nominating Ballot

Number of Votes Cast	2,456	
Necessary for Election	1,638	
Douglas E. Clay	1,718	68.95%
Richard W. DuBose	108	4.40%
Wilfredo "Choco" De Jesús	92	3.75%
Rodney K. Loy	68	2.77%
Robert Ketterling II	54	2.20%
Invalid Votes	28	

GENERAL TREASURER ELECTION

Following one electoral ballot vote, D. Rick Ross, the only nominee from the General Presbytery for general treasurer, was elected as general treasurer.

Tellers' Report

Number of Votes Cast	2,695	
Necessary for Election	1,797	
Yes	2,393	88.79%
No	300	11.13%
Invalid Votes	2	

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS ELECTION

Following one electoral ballot vote, Wilfredo "Choco" De Jesús was elected as executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions.

Tellers' Report

Number of Votes Cast	2,711	
Necessary for Election	1,808	
Wilfredo "Choco" De Jesús	1,887	69.61%
Eric A. Treuil	817	30.14%
Invalid Votes	7	

NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER ELECTION
NORTHWEST AREA

Following five electoral ballot votes, the General Council elected Donald E. Ross as a nonresident executive presbyter for the Northwest Area.

Tellers' Report for Ballot 1

Number of Votes Cast	2,387	
Necessary for Election	1,592	

Donald E. Ross	488	20.44%
Paul D. Burkhart	370	15.50%
Debra J. Lamm Bray	321	13.45%
Kevin D. Geer	262	10.98%
Donald H. Detrick	257	10.77%
Lee McCloud	231	9.68%
Jeremy J. Davis	173	7.25%
E. Wayne Crownover	137	5.74%
David L. Phillips	81	3.39%
Joel H. Wendland	56	2.35%
Invalid Votes	11	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 2

Number of Votes Cast	2,519	
Necessary for Election	1,680	

Donald E. Ross	1,067	42.36%
Paul D. Burkhart	494	19.61%
Debra J. Lamm Bray	373	14.81%
Kevin D. Geer	202	8.02%
Donald H. Detrick	137	5.44%
Lee McCloud	85	3.37%
Jeremy J. Davis	61	2.42%
E. Wayne Crownover	47	1.87%
David L. Phillips	28	1.11%
Joel H. Wendland	18	0.71%
Invalid Votes	7	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 3

Number of Votes Cast	2,562	
Necessary for Election	1,680	
Donald E. Ross	1,549	60.46%
Paul D. Burkhart	416	16.24%
Debra J. Lamm Bray	312	12.18%
Kevin D. Geer	124	4.84%
Donald H. Detrick	58	2.26%
Lee McCloud	31	1.21%
E. Wayne Crownover	21	0.82%
Jeremy J. Davis	21	0.82%
David L. Phillips	14	0.55%
Joel H. Wendland	8	0.31%
Invalid Votes	8	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 4

Number of Votes Cast	2,610	
Necessary for Election	1,740	
Donald E. Ross	1,716	65.75%
Paul D. Burkhart	489	18.74%
Debra J. Lamm Bray	383	14.67%
Invalid Votes	22	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 5

Number of Votes Cast	2,607	
Necessary for Election	1,738	
Donald E. Ross	1,903	73.00%
Paul D. Burkhart	418	16.03%
Debra J. Lamm Bray	266	10.20%
Invalid Votes	20	

NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER ELECTION
SOUTHWEST AREA

Following three electoral ballot votes, the General Council elected Richard M. Guerra as a nonresident executive presbyter for the Southwest Area.

Tellers' Report for Ballot 1

Number of Votes Cast	2,467	
Necessary for Election	1,645	

Richard M. Guerra	756	30.64%
Gene M. Roncone II	359	14.55%
Jeffrey T. Peterson	330	13.38%
Bret L. Allen	325	13.17%
Klayton Ko	202	8.19%
Brenton S. Fessler	141	5.72%
Alex Lucero	129	5.23%
Ronald G. Rockwell	125	5.07%
James D. Marocco	97	3.93%
Invalid Votes	3	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 2

Number of Votes Cast	2,545	
Necessary for Election	1,697	

Richard M. Guerra	1,429	56.15%
Gene M. Roncone II	404	15.87%
Jeffrey T. Peterson	262	10.29%
Bret L. Allen	157	6.56%
Klayton Ko	102	4.01%
Brenton S. Fessler	76	2.99%
Alex Lucero	36	1.41%
Ronald G. Rockwell	36	1.41%
James D. Marocco	29	1.14%
Invalid Votes	4	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 3

Number of Votes Cast	2,561	
Necessary for Election	1,708	
Richard M. Guerra	1,928	75.28%
Gene M. Roncone II	263	10.27%
Jeffrey T. Peterson	141	5.51%
Bret L. Allen	78	3.05%
Klayton Ko	56	2.19%
Brenton S. Fessler	35	1.37%
Alex Lucero	21	0.82%
Ronald G. Rockwell	21	0.82%
James D. Marocco	12	0.47%
Invalid Votes	6	

NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER ELECTION
NORTH CENTRAL AREA

Following two electoral ballot votes, the General Council elected Robert Ketterling II as a nonresident executive presbyter for the North Central Area.

Tellers' Report for Ballot 1

Number of Votes Cast	2,529	
Necessary for Election	1,686	
Robert Ketterling II	1,333	52.71%
Sandra Ogunremi	310	12.26%
Jonathan R. Barthalow	190	7.51%
Toby R. Schneckloth	180	7.12%
Paul R. McDonald	101	3.99%
David T. Simerson	89	3.52%
Jerry A. Brooks	73	2.89%
John G. Davis	71	2.81%
Tracy D. Cook	65	2.57%
Leroy Z. Wyre	62	2.45%
Ray L. Lail	51	2.02%
Invalid Votes	4	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 2

Number of Votes Cast	2,594	
Necessary for Election	1,730	
Robert Ketterling II	1,825	70.35%
Sandra Ogunremi	344	13.26%
Jonathan R. Barthalow	134	5.17%
Toby R. Schneckloth	84	3.24%
David T. Simerson	44	1.70%
Paul R. McDonald	41	1.58%
Jerry A. Brooks	37	1.43%
John G. Davis	31	1.20%
Tracy D. Cook	27	1.04%
Ray L. Lail	13	0.50%
Leroy Z. Wyre	13	0.50%
Invalid Votes	1	

NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER ELECTION
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

Following two electoral ballot votes, the General Council elected Darryl E. Wootton as a nonresident executive presbyter for the South Central Area.

Tellers' Report for Ballot 1

Number of Votes Cast	2,368	
Necessary for Election	1,579	
Darryl E. Wootton	1,030	43.50%
Nelson R. Gonzalez	300	12.67%
Chad M. Benson	278	11.74%
Gaylan D. Claunch	272	11.49%
Nathan L. Sheridan	140	5.91%
Kent L. Duncan	101	4.27%
Dereck S. Owen	99	4.18%
Glenn R. Beaver	82	3.46%
T. Craig Dacus	64	2.70%
Invalid Votes	2	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 2

Number of Votes Cast	2,516	
Necessary for Election	1,678	
Darryl E. Wootton	1,887	75.00%
Nelson R. Gonzalez	238	9.46%
Chad M. Benson	135	5.37%
Gaylan D. Claunch	108	4.29%
Dereck S. Owen	37	1.47%
Nathan L. Sheridan	37	1.47%
Glenn R. Beaver	28	1.11%
Kent L. Duncan	26	1.03%
T. Craig Dacus	15	0.60%
Invalid Votes	5	

GREETING FROM ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

The chair recognized Oral Roberts University President William M. Wilson, who extended greetings to the General Council.

**NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER ELECTION
 LANGUAGE AREA—WEST SPANISH**

Following two electoral ballot votes, the General Council elected Maricela H. Hernández as a nonresident executive presbyter for the Language Area—West Spanish.

Tellers' Report for Ballot 1

Number of Votes Cast	2,309	
Necessary for Election	1,540	
Maricela H. Hernández	1,214	52.58%
Daniel De Leon	239	10.35%
Andrew W. Smith	233	10.09%
Saul D. Gonzalez	141	6.11%
Raul A. Sanchez	132	5.72%
Sergio Navarrete	108	4.68%
Hilario Garza	99	4.29%
Joseito Velasquez	85	3.68%
Enedeo Garza Jr.	56	2.43%
Invalid Votes	2	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 2

Number of Votes Cast	2,434	
Necessary for Election	1,623	
Maricela H. Hernández	2,033	83.53%
Daniel De Leon	130	5.34%
Andrew W. Smith	104	4.27%
Saul D. Gonzalez	48	1.97%
Raul A. Sanchez	28	1.15%
Sergio Navarrete	27	1.11%
Hilario Garza	25	1.03%
Joseito Velasquez	21	0.86%
Enedeo Garza Jr.	16	0.66%
Invalid Votes	2	

NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER ELECTION
LANGUAGE AREA—ETHNIC

Following four electoral ballot votes, the General Council elected Darnell K. Williams Sr. as a nonresident executive presbyter for the Language Area—Ethnic.

Tellers' Report for Ballot 1

Number of Votes Cast	2,223	
Necessary for Election	1,482	
Darnell K. Williams Sr.	389	17.50%
Teng Vu	386	17.36%
George A. Rafidi	247	11.11%
Brent J. Maracle	211	9.49%
Samuel K. Asiedu	185	8.32%
Andrew Anane-Asane	133	5.98%
Gerard H. Ruff	125	5.62%
Emory K. Dively	111	4.99%
Wilson Jose	92	4.14%
Timothy Bell	77	3.46%
Victor Joseph	77	3.46%
Darrell J. Geddes	75	3.37%
Jean N. Rebecca	40	1.80%
Vaka L. Taimani	32	1.44%
Anthony A. Skeet	27	1.21%
Inosi S. Batibasaga	14	0.63%
Invalid Votes	2	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 2

Number of Votes Cast	2,351	
Necessary for Election	1,568	
Darnell K. Williams Sr.	950	40.41%
Teng Vu	670	28.50%
George A. Rafidi	230	9.78%
Brent J. Maracle	144	6.13%
Samuel K. Asiedu	61	2.59%
Andrew Anane-Asane	53	2.25%
Emory K. Dively	44	1.87%
Gerard H. Ruff	44	1.87%
Darrell J. Geddes	41	1.74%
Timothy Bell	23	0.98%
Wilson Jose	23	0.98%
Victor Joseph	22	0.94%
Jean N. Rebecca	16	0.68%
Inosi S. Batibasaga	11	0.47%
Anthony A. Skeet	9	0.38%
Vaka L. Taimani	8	0.34%
Invalid Votes	2	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 3

Number of Votes Cast	2,360	
Necessary for Election	1,574	
Darnell K. Williams Sr.	1,370	58.50%
Teng Vu	551	23.35%
George A. Rafidi	147	6.23%
Brent J. Maracle	87	3.69%
Darrell J. Geddes	36	1.53%
Samuel K. Asiedu	34	1.44%
Andrew Anane-Asane	33	1.40%
Emory K. Dively	24	1.02%
Timothy Bell	17	0.72%
Gerard H. Ruff	15	0.64%
Wilson Jose	12	0.51%
Victor Joseph	10	0.42%
Jean N. Rebecca	6	0.25%
Anthony A. Skeet	6	0.25%
Vaka L. Taimani	6	0.25%
Inosi S. Batibasaga	5	0.21%
Invalid Votes	1	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 4

Number of Votes Cast	2,387	
Necessary for Election	1,592	
Darnell K. Williams Sr.	1,711	71.68%
Teng Vu	475	19.90%
George A. Rafidi	191	8.00%
Invalid Votes	10	

NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER ELECTION
ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION—ORDAINED AFRICAN-AMERICAN

Following three electoral ballot votes, the General Council elected Samuel M. Huddleston as a nonresident executive presbyter to fill the position for Additional Representation—Ordained African-American.

Tellers' Report for Ballot 1

Number of Votes Cast	2,405	
Necessary for Election	1,604	
Samuel M. Huddleston	1,019	42.37%
Allen L. Griffin	961	39.96%
Walter F. Harvey	422	17.55%
Invalid Votes	3	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 2

Number of Votes Cast	2,415	
Necessary for Election	1,610	
Samuel M. Huddleston	1,502	62.19%
Allen L. Griffin	759	31.43%
Walter F. Harvey	152	6.29%
Invalid Votes	2	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 3

Number of Votes Cast	2,452	
Necessary for Election	1,635	
Samuel M. Huddleston	1,936	78.96%
Allen L. Griffin	430	17.54%
Walter F. Harvey	83	3.38%
Invalid Votes	3	

NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER ELECTION
ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION—ORDAINED UNDER 40 YEARS OF AGE

Following three electoral ballot votes, the General Council elected Michael J. Santiago as a nonresident executive presbyter to fill the position for Additional Representation—Ordained Under 40 Years of Age.

Tellers' Report for Ballot 1

Number of Votes Cast	2,430	
Necessary for Election	1,620	
Michael J. Santiago	1,096	45.10%
Matthew R. Battista	487	20.04%
Kate S. Moran	455	18.72%
Heather M. Erickson	390	16.05%
Invalid Votes	2	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 2

Number of Votes Cast	2,420	
Necessary for Election	1,614	
Michael J. Santiago	1,544	63.80%
Matthew R. Battista	386	15.95%
Kate S. Moran	290	11.98%
Heather M. Erickson	198	8.18%
Invalid Votes	2	

Tellers' Report for Ballot 3

Number of Votes Cast	2,429	
Necessary for Election	1,620	
Michael J. Santiago	1,802	74.19%
Matthew R. Battista	312	12.84%
Kate S. Moran	204	8.40%
Heather M. Erickson	108	4.45%
Invalid Votes	3	

GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT

General Secretary Donna L. Barrett presented a report. The body expressed its appreciation for the report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORLD MISSIONS REPORT

Executive Director of Assemblies of God World Missions John L. Easter presented a report. The body expressed its appreciation for the report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS REPORT

Executive Director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Wilfredo “Choco” De Jesús presented a report. The body expressed its appreciation for the report.

ASSISTANT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Assistant General Superintendent Richard W. DuBose presented a report. The body expressed its appreciation for the report.

RECESS

By general consent, a motion was adopted at 4:51 p.m. to recess until 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

On August 7, 2025, at 1:31 p.m., General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay reconvened the 61st General Council of the Assemblies of God. General Secretary Donna L. Barrett was present.

ROSTER REPORTⁱⁱ

On behalf of the Roster Committee, Lacey C. Hartman moved that the roster report listed below be adopted. By general consent the motion was adopted.

Voting Registration	Ordained	3,276
	Licensed	639
	Delegates	398
	Executive Presbyters	21
	General Presbyters	272
	<i>Voting Subtotal</i>	<i>4,606</i>
Nonvoting Registration	Exhibitors	1,890
	Auxiliary Staff	71
	Certified	230
	General Attendees	2,294
	Guests	42
	Other	424
	Staff	154
	Camp GC23	391
	National Youth Conference	10,910
	<i>Nonvoting Subtotal</i>	<i>16,406</i>
Total Registration		21,012

DISCUSSION TIME LIMITS

By general consent, a motion was adopted to allow each member of the General Council to speak twice on each motion for up to five minutes each time.

RESOLUTION 4—EXECUTIVE OFFICER VOTING

On behalf of the author Christopher M. Rhoades, Jennifer D. Gale, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved adoption of the resolution that follows. The resolution was defeated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be amended to read:

a. General superintendent, and assistant general superintendent, general secretary, and general treasurer. All candidates for the offices of general superintendent, ~~and~~ assistant general superintendent, general secretary, and general treasurer shall be nominated by receiving fifteen (15) votes or more by

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

And be it therefore further

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

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

Be amended to read:

b. Other officers. The ~~general secretary, general treasurer,~~ executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions, and executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be

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

And be it therefore further

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

RESOLUTION 2—ORGANIZATIONAL MANUAL UPDATES

On behalf of the General Presbytery, Todd W. Clair, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved adoption of the resolution that follows. The resolution was adopted as presented.

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

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

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

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

Be amended to read:

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

And, be it further

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

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

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

Be amended to read:

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

The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual shall be administered by the Executive Leadership Team as approved by the Executive Presbytery. The Executive Leadership Team is empowered to authorize a change to *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* when said change is for alignment with a revision made to The General Council of the

Assemblies of God Constitution and Bylaws. The Executive Presbytery shall submit annually to the General Presbytery for approval all proposed additions, deletions, and modifications to *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual*. *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* shall be available to all General Council affiliated churches and ordained or licensed ministers.

LEGAL UPDATE

General Council Legal Counsel Kristen Waggoner advised on the status of litigation, notable projects, and other teachable items. The body expressed its appreciation for the update.

RESOLUTION 5—NEW MINISTER MENTORING NETWORK

On behalf of the author Christopher M. Rhoades, Larry H. Griswold, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved adoption of the resolution that follows. The resolution, as amended, was defeated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. The Role of the District

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

Be amended to read:

Section 2. The Role of the District

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

b. The district shall be required to put in place a spiritual mentoring program in which each newly credentialed minister shall be required to be mentored for no less than five years. The mentoring shall be contextually appropriate, especially where the minister is part of, or ministering among an ethnic or language fellowship. The district shall also put in place a required training in spiritual mentorship for mentors that serve mentees in their district. This

spiritual mentor training shall occur, at minimum, once per quarter. However, it may be more frequent as deemed necessary by the district.

And be it therefore further

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

Section 3. Specific Qualifications

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

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

c. Certified minister.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) *Exceptions to requirements.* The General Council Credentials Committee, upon request by a district credentials committee and where exceptional circumstances exist, may waive the requirements for an applicant holding a ministry license for two (2) full consecutive years or being a member of the district in which he or she is seeking ordination for at least one (1) year.

(6) In order to maintain active status, ordained ministers shall be engaged in viable ministry and proclamation

of the gospel except for cases of disability, retirement, or other valid circumstances as determined by the general secretary.

Be amended to add the following:

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

THE ALLIANCE FOR AG HIGHER EDUCATION AWARDS

Paul R. Alexander, president of The Alliance of Assemblies of God Higher Education, presented Outstanding Educator and Administrator Awards to the following individuals:

Administrator Awards

Sharon Choate—Administrative Coordinator for the Barnett College of Ministry and Theology's Office of the Dean, Southeastern University
Ernest Jeyaraj—Administrator in the IT Department, Southeastern University

Educator Awards

Bellamin Gomez—Latina America Chair and Associate Director of Adolfo Carrion Hispanic Leadership Center, Southeastern University
Clancy P. Hayes—College of Bible and Church Ministries Dean, Nelson University
John Savell—Department of Behavioral Science and Community Service Chair, Nelson University
Christine Sherretz—College of Education, Southeastern University
Michael Tenneson—Natural and Applied Sciences Chair, Evangel University

Student Awards

Lovina Botone—Southeastern University
Macy Koop—Evangel University
Anna “Ryleigh” Smith—Southeastern University

New university presidents were introduced: North Central University President Darnell K. Williams Sr. and Northwest University President Jeremy D. Johnson.

A report was given regarding the Scholars Forum and the first recipient of the Assemblies of God Lifetime Scholarship Award, Cecil M. “Mel” Robeck Jr.

SEATING OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Upon the departure of Kristen Waggoner, the body adopted a motion to seat Kyle McCutcheon, Assemblies of God General Council legal counsel/auditor, and to allow him to address the body as may be called for by the chair.

RESOLUTION 3—FILLING VACANCIES OF GENERAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

On behalf of the sponsors, North Texas District, South Texas Ministry Network Executive and Network Presbytery, West Texas District Presbytery, and the Mississippi District Executive Presbytery, Nicole Estes-Heidt, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved adoption of the resolution that follows. The resolution, as amended, was defeated.

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

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

State of Missouri, and the IRS; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. Executive officers. In the event any of the executive offices of The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall become vacant through death or other cause, the Executive Presbytery shall fill the office by appointment until the next meeting of the General Council; with the exception that, in the event of a vacancy in the office of general superintendent for any reason, the assistant general superintendent shall succeed to the office of general superintendent until the next General Council; or, in the event the offices of general superintendent and assistant general superintendent both become vacant, the succession to the office of general superintendent until the next General Council shall be as follows: first, the general secretary, and second, the general treasurer.

Be amended to read:

a. Executive officers. In the event any of the executive offices of The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall become vacant through death or other cause, the

~~General Executive~~ Presbytery shall fill the office by election ~~appointment until the next meeting of the General Council;~~ ~~with the exception that, in the event of a vacancy in the office of general superintendent for any reason, the assistant general superintendent shall succeed to the office of general superintendent until the next General Council;~~ by a confidential 2/3 majority vote or, in the event the offices of general superintendent and assistant general superintendent both become vacant, the succession to the office of general superintendent until the next General Council shall be as follows: first, the general secretary, and second, the general treasurer.

RESOLUTION 6—HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—STEPHEN L. HARRIS

On behalf of the General Presbytery and Jeffrey T. Peterson, superintendent of the Arizona Ministry Network, Darryl E. Wootton, chair of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the resolution that follows. The resolution was adopted as presented.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 7—HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—ROY “BILL” WELCH

On behalf of the General Presbytery and Jeremy J. Davis, superintendent of the Alaska Ministry Network, Nicole Estes-Heidt, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the resolution that follows. The resolution was adopted as presented.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The General Council Constitution Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, page 17 makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to

be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

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

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

GENERAL TREASURER’S REPORT

General Treasurer D. Rick Ross presented a report. The body expressed its appreciation for the report.

Chief Financial Officer Gary D. Rhoades presented the audited 2024–2025 General Council and Affiliated Entities Financial Report. Upon a motion and a second, the report was adopted as presented.

RECESS

By general consent, a motion was adopted at 4:16 p.m. to recess until 1:30 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2025.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

On August 8, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay reconvened the 61st General Council of the Assemblies of God. General Secretary Donna L. Barrett was present.

The chair recognized D. Rick and Susan K. Ross to express appreciation to the approximately 500 senior retired ministers, spouses, and families in attendance.

ROSTER REPORTⁱⁱⁱ

On behalf of the Roster Committee, Ramon J. Rojas, chair of the Roster Committee, moved that the roster report listed below be adopted. The motion was adopted.

Voting Registration	Ordained	3,083
	Licensed	624
	Delegates	407
	Executive Presbyters	21
	General Presbyters	297
	<i>Voting Subtotal</i>	<i>4,432</i>
Nonvoting Registration	Exhibitors	1,890
	Auxiliary Staff	123
	Certified	237
	General Attendees	2,373
	Guests	52
	Other	1,050
	Staff	154
	Camp GC23	460
	National Youth Conference	11,731
	<i>Nonvoting Subtotal</i>	<i>18,079</i>
Total Registration		22,511

RESOLUTION 1—EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER VACANCIES

On behalf of the General Presbytery, Todd W. Clair, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved adoption of the resolution that follows. The resolution was adopted as presented.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be amended to read:

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

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

(2) *By ethnic fellowship.*

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

Be amended to read:

(2) *By ethnic fellowship.*

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

And be it further

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

(3) *Additional representation.*

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

Be amended to read:

(3) *Additional representation.*

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

RESOLUTION 8—GENERAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION REQUIREMENTS

On behalf of the General Presbytery, Daniel J. McLaughlin, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved adoption of the resolution that follows. The resolution was adopted as presented.

WHEREAS, One of the requirements of a General Council affiliated assembly is to make provision for a pastor who is a credentialed minister in good standing with the General Council and a district council; and

WHEREAS, The term “pastor” has historically been understood to signify the lead pastor; and

WHEREAS, Our Movement has grown to include staff pastors in recent years; and

WHEREAS, It would be beneficial to clarify that the requirement is for a Lead Pastor of a General Council affiliated assembly to be credentialed with the Assemblies of God, and not a different pastor on staff; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution, ARTICLE XI. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES, Section 1. General Council Affiliated Assemblies, paragraph a, (6), page 19, which reads:

(6) Make provision for a pastor who is a credentialed minister in good standing with the General Council and a district council; and

Be amended to read:

(6) Make provision for a lead pastor who is a credentialed minister in good standing with the General Council and a district council; and

RESOLUTION 9—HONORARY PRESBYTER

On behalf of the General Presbytery, William H. Rodriguez, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved adoption of the resolution that follows. The resolution was adopted as presented.

WHEREAS, The General Council Constitution and Bylaws make provision for honorary general presbyters; and

WHEREAS, There is no present provision for an executive officer who has served less than eight years to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter; and

WHEREAS, The insight and counsel of an executive officer who has served for a full term can be of substantial benefit to the General Presbytery; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution, ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 3. General Presbytery, paragraph j, page 17, which reads:

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

Be amended to read:

j. Honorary general presbyters. Upon the approval of the General Presbytery, honorary members may be chosen by the General Council from among those ministers who (1) have reached the age of sixty (60) years and (2) have served on the General Presbytery for twenty (20) years or more, or served on the General Presbytery as a General Council executive officer for four (4) years or more, or executive

presbyter for eight (8) years or more. The addition of such honorary members shall be in addition to the regular number of presbyters granted each district. [See Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (9).]

RESOLUTION 10—REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDENTIALING

On behalf of the General Presbytery, Darnell K. Williams Sr., a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved adoption of the resolution that follows. The resolution was adopted as presented.

WHEREAS, Historically, correspondence courses to fulfill educational requirements for credentialing were offered almost exclusively through Berean, for those not completing training through one of our AG-endorsed schools; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, a myriad of additional training programs such as district schools of ministry, church-based Bible institutes, and digitized training have been approved by the General Presbytery to educate applicants in parallel ministry competencies; and

WHEREAS, The bylaws as presently written implies a credential applicant may test out of a Berean course by taking the exam without studying the course; and

WHEREAS, Rather than basing the training on just courses from Berean School of the Bible solely, it seems prudent to name the required courses based on what the General Presbytery approves rather than using Berean School of the Bible courses as the metric or standard; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws, Article VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic Qualifications, paragraph h. Basic education requirements, pages 46–47 which reads:

h. Basic education requirements. No specific level of formal academic achievement (diploma or degree) shall be a requirement for credentials; credential applicants shall meet the following criteria:

(1) All applicants are required to be interviewed by the district Credentials Committee and, in preparation for the interview, pass a standard exam approved by the General Presbytery whereby they demonstrate knowledge of the Bible, Assemblies of God doctrines, and ministerial practices, unless an exception is granted by the General Council Credentials Committee or permitted by General Presbytery policy; and either

(2) Successfully complete equivalent training to that indicated in paragraph (3) below, preferably, in an endorsed Assemblies of God postsecondary school; or in a seminary, college, Bible college, or school

approved by the district Credentials Committee consistent with criteria established by the General Council Credentials Committee; or

(3) Successfully complete courses, prescribed by the General Presbytery, offered in correspondence through Global University of the Assemblies of God, or pass the final examinations in the prescribed courses; or

(4) Be recommended by a district Credentials Committee as qualifying for credentials through self-study and ministerial experience. Such candidates shall have a proven and fruitful ministry of substantial duration. Requests from a district for such a candidate shall be presented to the General Council Credentials Committee and may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

Be amended to read:

h. Basic education requirements. No specific level of formal academic achievement (diploma or degree) shall be a requirement for credentials; credential applicants shall meet the following criteria:

(1) All applicants are required to be interviewed by the district Credentials Committee and, in preparation for the interview, pass a standard exam approved by the General Presbytery whereby they demonstrate knowledge of the Bible, Assemblies of God doctrines, and ministerial practices, unless an exception is granted by the General Council Credentials Committee or permitted by General Presbytery policy; and either

(2) Successfully complete equivalent training to that indicated in paragraph (3) below, preferably, in an endorsed Assemblies of God postsecondary school; or in a seminary, college, Bible college, or school approved by the district Credentials Committee consistent with criteria established by the General Council Credentials Committee; or

(3) Successfully complete courses, prescribed by the General Presbytery, through General Presbytery-approved training programs that align with the courses for each of the three levels of credentials; or ~~offered in correspondence through Global University of the Assemblies of God, or pass the final examinations in the prescribed courses;~~

(4) Be recommended by a district Credentials Committee as qualifying for credentials through self-study and ministerial experience. Such candidates shall have a proven and fruitful ministry of substantial duration. Requests from a district for such a candidate shall be presented to the General Council Credentials Committee and may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

RESOLUTION 11—ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS

On behalf of the General Presbytery, Jennifer D. Gale, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved adoption of the resolution that follows. The resolution was adopted as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. Organization and Governance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

g. Commission on Chaplains.

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

(2) *Authority and amenability.* The government and work of Chaplaincy Ministries shall be vested in and committed to the Commission on Chaplains. The commission shall operate within guidelines adopted by the Executive Presbytery. It shall have the responsibility to evaluate policies, to offer guidance and counsel in the area of its supervision, to establish criteria for the appointment of workers in Chaplaincy Ministries, and to sit as a Board of Appeal in all matters relating to its area of supervision. It shall be amenable to and under the general supervision of the Executive Presbytery and the General Presbytery.

h. National U.S. missionaries. National U.S. missionaries shall be appointed by action of the U.S. Missions Executive Committee with the approval of their home districts and the districts in which the missionaries will be working. All missionary appointments and renewals shall be made according to administrative criteria established by Assemblies of God U.S. Missions upon the approval of the work district.

i. Liaison with districts. The division and its departments shall maintain a constant liaison with the various districts so that proven programs and innovations in each area may be refined and offered to districts. The work of the departments within U.S. Missions is transdistrict. U.S. missionaries work in cooperation with both U.S. Missions and their assigned district(s) to fulfill the mission and purpose of the Assemblies of God. U.S. missionaries shall conduct their ministry under the blessing and

support of the respective district(s). The evaluation of the missionary's effectiveness, pastoral care, and fellowship opportunities shall be shared by the district(s) and U.S. Missions.

Be amended to read:

Section 2. Organization and Governance

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

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

c. Director of Operations. There shall be a director of operations who oversees daily operations and serves under the executive director.

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

(3) *Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, U.S.A.*—Reaching the lost and making disciples on secular college and university campuses.

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

(5) *Gospel Outreach*—Evangelizing and reaching vulnerable populations, including the homeless, those who are human trafficked, at-risk children, and underserved communities.

(6) *Intercultural Ministries*—Reaching culturally diverse groups including ethnic groups, persons with disabilities, and more.

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GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S MEDAL OF HONOR

General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay presented the General Superintendent's Medal of Honor to Bonnie Papendick and Timothy Strathdee.

RESOLUTION 12—HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—WAN KI CHOI

On behalf of the General Presbytery and Sang Eun Shim, superintendent of the Korean District Council, Jennifer D. Gale, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the resolution that follows. The motion was adopted as presented.

WHEREAS, Wan Ki Choi has served the Assemblies of God Fellowship with distinction for forty-five years as an ordained minister; and

WHEREAS, He faithfully served as lead pastor in Chesterfield, Missouri, from 1982 to 2011; and lead pastor in Chicago, Illinois, from 2011 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, He fulfilled the responsibility as a member of the Commission on Ethnicity of the General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, He served on the Board of Directors of Evangel University; and

WHEREAS, He served twice as a member of the Resolutions Committee of the General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, He served as assistant superintendent of the Korean District; and

WHEREAS, He served as president of the Korean Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, He served as superintendent of the Second Korean District; and

WHEREAS, He served faithfully as a long-standing general presbyter; and

WHEREAS, He served churches around the world for the past decade and continues to do so today as a global leader and speaker of the 4/14 Movement; and

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

WHEREAS, Wan Ki Choi meets all the General Council constitutional qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Korean District of the Assemblies of God recommends that Wan Ki Choi be elected to the position of honorary general presbyter of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

RESOLUTION 13—HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—DONALD H. DETRICK

On behalf of the General Presbytery and Donald E. Ross, superintendent of the Northwest Ministry Network, Larry H. Griswold, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the resolution that follows. The motion was adopted as presented.

WHEREAS Donald H. Detrick has served as an ordained Assemblies of God minister faithfully for over forty-five years; and

WHEREAS, He has served the Oregon Ministry Network and the Northwest Ministry Network as an influential pastor for over forty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, He has served diligently as the Northwest Ministry Network associate network leader secretary-treasurer for twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, He has served the Oregon Ministry Network and Northwest Ministry Network as a presbyter and executive presbyter, Finance Team chair for the Northwest Ministry, and a general presbyter for twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, He has served as an Assemblies of God educator as an adjunct professor at Northwest University and Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, and served as a board member at Northwest University; and

WHEREAS, He served on several national committees, including the Task Force for Credentialing Younger Ministers, Church Governance Committee, Ministerial Relations Committee (chair), Ordination Study Committee, Resolutions Committee (chair), Ministers Restoration Guidelines Committee, and has been instrumental in resourcing districts/networks and churches with good governance practices; and

WHEREAS, He has written numerous articles for Assemblies of God publications, a book, *Growing Disciples Organically: The Jesus Method of Spiritual Formation*, and other writings for other publications; and

WHEREAS, He has been a vocal champion of women in ministry and young ministers; and

WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God Fellowship has been significantly impacted by his lifelong commitment that represents integrity, humility, spiritual wisdom, compassion, generosity; and

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

WHEREAS, Donald H. Detrick meets and exceeds all the General Council Constitution qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Donald H. Detrick be elected by the General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

RESOLUTION 14—HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—MICHEAL E. DICKENSON

On behalf of the General Presbytery and Dereck S. Owen, superintendent of the New Mexico Ministry Network, William H. Rodriguez, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the resolution that follows. The motion was adopted as presented.

WHEREAS, Micheal E. Dickenson has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assemblies of God with great distinction as an ordained minister of the gospel for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, He served the New Mexico Ministry Network in pastoral and church-planting ministry for twenty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, He served the New Mexico Ministry Network a total of thirty-eight years in a variety of roles including district Youth director, Men's Ministry director, assistant superintendent, secretary-treasurer, and these past sixteen years as the network pastor/superintendent; and

WHEREAS, He served on various Assemblies of God boards, institutions, and committees at the network and General Council levels; and

WHEREAS, He has served as a general presbyter of the General Council of the Assemblies of God for thirty-two years; and

WHEREAS, The New Mexico Ministry Network has been blessed by his spiritual leadership, practical wisdom, and life of integrity; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Micheal E. Dickenson meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Micheal E. Dickenson be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

RESOLUTION 15—HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—DUANE P. DURST

On behalf of the General Presbytery and David Nuzzolo, superintendent of the New York Ministry Network, Daniel J. McLaughlin, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the resolution that follows. The motion was adopted as presented.

WHEREAS, Duane P. Durst has served the Fellowship with distinction for forty-eight years as an ordained minister; and

WHEREAS, He faithfully served as Youth and Music minister in Rock Falls, Illinois, assistant and interim pastor in Beloit, Wisconsin, lead pastor in Massena, New York, lead pastor in Willoughby, Ohio, associate and interim pastor in Warren, Ohio, associate pastor in Niles, Ohio,

and lead pastor in Bellrose Queens, New York, totaling twenty-seven years of pastoral ministry from 1972 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Central Bible College with a bachelor of arts in Bible in 1972, from Ashland Theological Seminary with a master of divinity in pastoral counseling and psychology in 1989, and from Ashland Theological Seminary with a doctor of ministry in church administration in 1994; and

WHEREAS, He fulfilled the responsibility as presbyter of the Queens Section of the New York Ministry Network from 1998 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, He served as executive assistant to the superintendent of the New York Ministry Network from 1999 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, He served as assistant superintendent of the New York Ministry Network from 2002 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, He served as superintendent of the New York Ministry Network from 2004 to 2025; and

WHEREAS, He has served on the General Presbytery for twenty-three consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, He has served with distinction as the Northeast Region executive presbyter continuously since 2015; and

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

WHEREAS, Duane P. Durst meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Duane P. Durst be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

RESOLUTION 16—HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—STEPHEN R. SCHAIBLE

On behalf of the General Presbytery and Drew S. Becker, superintendent of the South Dakota District Council, Darnell K. Williams Sr., a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the resolution that follows. The motion was adopted as presented.

WHEREAS, Stephen R. Schaible has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the South Dakota District with great faithfulness and distinction as a pastor, district Youth director, district secretary/treasurer, and as district superintendent for the past forty-four years; and

WHEREAS, He has served a total of thirty-two consecutive years as a member of the General Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, Stephen R. Schaible was credentialed by the Assemblies of God as a licensed minister in 1976 and received his ordination in 1979; and

WHEREAS, The South Dakota District affirms that his service among us represents the highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, hard work, and a healthy example before his family, the churches and ministers of the South Dakota District and the General Council; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That Stephen R. Schaible be elected to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

RESOLUTION 17—HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER—TERRY L. YANCEY

On behalf of the General Presbytery and Nathan L. Sheridan, superintendent of the Assemblies of God Kansas Ministry Network, Darryl E. Wootton, chair of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the resolution that follows. The motion was adopted as presented.

WHEREAS, The Scriptures instruct us to give honor to whom honor is due (Romans 13:7) and we, as a Spirit-empowered Fellowship, desire to recognize those who have stewarded their calling with excellence, humility, and enduring impact; and

WHEREAS, Terry L. Yancey has faithfully served the Lord Jesus Christ and His church with biblical depth, pastoral insight, and an unwavering commitment to the advancement of God's kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Terry L. Yancey also served as district Christ's Ambassadors president (DCAP) for five years in Kansas before being elected—as the first in the nation—to move from DCAP directly to district superintendent, a testament to the trust, respect, and vision he cultivated among ministers and leaders; and

WHEREAS, For the past twenty-five years, Terry L. Yancey has led the Kansas Ministry Network with clarity, conviction, and a prophetic imagination shaped by the Word and empowered by the Spirit, becoming the longest-tenured superintendent in our network's history; and

WHEREAS, Terry L. Yancey has consistently demonstrated the intentional cultivation of organic relational connections, understanding that healthy ministry flows from healthy relationships and that kingdom collaboration thrives in an atmosphere of trust, authenticity, and shared purpose; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, Kansas has introduced a plethora of Spirit-led initiatives, including church planting efforts, missional partnerships, leadership development pipelines, and a renewed emphasis on the priesthood of all believers; and

WHEREAS, Terry L. Yancey has released hundreds of leaders into the harvest, empowering both seasoned ministers and next-generation voices with energizing encouragement, theological grounding, and the freedom to pursue the call of God; and

WHEREAS, His leadership has extended beyond his own administration to become a model of pastoral care, spiritual discernment, and doctrinal stability within the broader Assemblies of God Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, That broader leadership influence was recognized and endorsed by our Movement at large when Terry L. Yancey was elected to serve as the non-resident executive presbyter for the South Central Region of the Assemblies of God, and

WHEREAS, His ministry partnership with his beloved wife, Karen Yancey, has been marked by faith, grace, and a shared passion for the local church, serving together as examples of Christ-centered life and ministry; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in recognition of his historic leadership, apostolic influence, and kingdom-minded legacy, that Terry L. Yancey be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of the Assemblies of God.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Richard W. DuBose assumed the position of chair. Prior to presenting his report, the general superintendent announced that the General Presbytery had adopted a motion to create a committee to study the causes of church closures and identify potential preventative actions. General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay then presented his report. By general consent, a motion was adopted to accept the report with appreciation. The general superintendent resumed his role as chair.

RESOLUTION 18—COURTESY

On behalf of the General Presbytery, Darryl E. Wootton, chair of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the resolution that follows. The motion was adopted as presented.

WHEREAS, The 61st General Council of the Assemblies of God has been graciously welcomed and hosted by the city of Orlando, Florida, along with our esteemed 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: 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

RESOLVED, That we sincerely thank the Lord for the many opportunities this event provided and for the deep joy of gathering together for our ministers, churches, and the people of our Fellowship. We are especially grateful for the powerful times of worship, the anointed preaching of the Word, the spirit of grace and unity that marked our business sessions, and the rich fellowship and friendships shared by all;

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That we give thanks for the leadership of our General Superintendent Douglas E. Clay, along with the Executive Leadership Team and the Executive Presbytery, and we wholeheartedly affirm their visionary call to embrace the theme, “Our Church, Our Family”;

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That on this momentous occasion of the 61st General Council of the Assemblies of God, we wholeheartedly reaffirm our dedication to fulfilling the call to do “the greatest evangelism that the world has ever seen.”

ADJOURN

The body joined in singing the “Doxology,” and by general consent, a motion was adopted at 3:05 p.m. to adjourn the 61st General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Donna L. Barrett
 General Secretary

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Voting Registration	Ordained	2,917
	Licensed	581
	Delegates	374
	Executive Presbyters	21
	General Presbyters	249
	Voting Subtotal	4,142
Nonvoting Registration	Exhibitors	1,890
	Auxiliary Staff	71
	Certified	220
	General Attendees	2,192
	Guests	42
	Other	425
	Staff	152
	Camp GC25	392
	National Youth Conference	10,859
	Nonvoting Subtotal	16,243
Total Registration		20,385

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Voting Registration	Ordained	2,907
	Licensed	580
	Delegates	372
	Executive Presbyters	21
	General Presbyters	249
	<i>Voting Subtotal</i>	4,129
Nonvoting Registration	Exhibitors	1,890
	Auxiliary Staff	71
	Certified	217
	General Attendees	2,182
	Guests	42
	Other	326
	Staff	152
	Camp GC25	388
	National Youth Conference	10,856
	<i>Nonvoting Subtotal</i>	16,124
Total Registration		20,253

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Voting Registration	Ordained	2,923
	Licensed	582
	Delegates	374
	Executive Presbyters	21
	General Presbyters	249
	<i>Voting Subtotal</i>	4,149
Nonvoting Registration	Exhibitors	1,890
	Auxiliary Staff	71
	Certified	221
	General Attendees	2,199
	Guests	42
	Other	473
	Staff	152
	Camp GC25	394
	National Youth Conference	10,861
	<i>Nonvoting Subtotal</i>	16,303
Total Registration		20,452