

Resolution 4

ADDITIONAL HISPANIC REPRESENTATION

1 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery constitutes the Board of Directors of The General Council
2 of the Assemblies of God, performing such functions as are usual and customary for
3 a board of directors; and

4 WHEREAS, The members of the Executive Presbytery are representatives for geographic areas,
5 language areas (Spanish and other), and ethnic fellowships; and

6 WHEREAS, The Language—Spanish Area, comprised of nine districts, has experienced
7 substantial growth as indicated in the statements below, which points to
8 consideration of increased representation on the Executive Presbytery:

- 9 • ACMR data shows that over 5,600 of 12,300+ Assemblies of God churches
10 now have Hispanics as adherents in their local congregations.
- 11 • Net growth of Assemblies of God congregations from 1991 to 2007 has been
12 775, of which 691 were Hispanic congregations.
- 13 • Net growth of Assemblies of God churches from 1997 to 2007 has been 442,
14 of which 289 (or 65 percent) were in the Hispanic districts.
- 15 • Sunday a.m. worship attendance in the Assemblies of God from 1995 to 2005
16 has grown by 221,790 (14.5 percent) and the growth among the Hispanic
17 districts during the same period has been 105,096 (65.1 percent), thus
18 providing 47.4 percent of the total growth, not counting the Hispanic growth
19 in churches in geographic districts;

20 Therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Language—Spanish Area be divided into two areas, each represented by an
22 executive presbyter. The division shall be as follows:

- 23 • One Hispanic executive representative would represent the West Spanish
24 Area, comprised of the following five districts: Arizona Latin American;
25 Central Latin American; Gulf Latin American; Northern Pacific Latin
26 American, and Southern Pacific Latin American,
- 27 • One Hispanic executive representative would represent the Eastern Spanish
28 Area, comprised of the following four districts: Midwest Latin American,
29 Puerto Rico, Southeastern Spanish, and Spanish Eastern

30 And be it further

1 RESOLVED, That Constitution Article IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES OF THE
2 GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 2. Executive Presbytery, paragraph a. Composition
3 and Terms of office, page 90, which currently reads:

4 **a. Composition and terms of office.** The Executive Presbytery shall consist of
5 the general superintendent, the assistant general superintendent, the general
6 secretary, the general treasurer, the executive director of Assemblies of God
7 World Missions, the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions,
8 together with 13 other persons to bring the number to 19. The terms of office for
9 the executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions and the executive
10 director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall continue for 4 years or until
11 their successors qualify. The terms of office for all members of the Executive
12 Presbytery, except as stated in this section and Section 1, shall begin 60 days
13 after date of election and shall continue for 2 years or until their successors
14 qualify.

15 Be amended to read:

16 **a. Composition and terms of office.** The Executive Presbytery shall consist of
17 the general superintendent, the assistant general superintendent, the general
18 secretary, the general treasurer, the executive director of Assemblies of God
19 World Missions, the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions,
20 together with 14 other persons to bring the number to 20. The terms of office for
21 the executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions and the executive
22 director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall continue for 4 years or until
23 their successors qualify. The terms of office for all members of the Executive
24 Presbytery, except as stated in this section and Section 1, shall begin 60 days
25 after date of election and shall continue for 2 years or until their successors
26 qualify.

27 And be it further

28 RESOLVED, That Bylaws Article II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section
29 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph c. Nonresident executive presbyters,
30 subparagraph (2) Divisions for electing nonresident executive presbyters (a) By area,
31 page 98, which reads:

1 (a) *By area.* For the purpose of electing nonresident executive presbyters, The
2 General Council of the Assemblies of God shall be divided into 10 areas,
3 according to district boundary lines in the following manner:

4 *Northwest Area:* Alaska, Montana, Northwest, Oregon, Southern Idaho,
5 Wyoming

6 *Southwest Area:* Arizona, Hawaii, Northern California-Nevada, Rocky
7 Mountain, Southern California

8 *North Central Area:* Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Northern
9 Missouri, South Dakota, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan

10 *South Central Area:* Kansas, New Mexico, North Texas, Oklahoma, South
11 Texas, West Texas

12 *Great Lakes Area:* Appalachian, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio

13 *Gulf Area:* Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Southern Missouri, Tennessee

14 *Northeast Area:* New Jersey, New York, Northern New England,
15 Pennsylvania-Delaware, Potomac, Southern New England

16 *Southeast Area:* Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Peninsular Florida, South
17 Carolina, West Florida

18 *Language Area—Spanish:* Central Latin American, Gulf Latin American,
19 Midwest Latin American, Northern Pacific Latin American, Southern Pacific
20 Latin American, Puerto Rico, Southeastern Spanish, Spanish Eastern

21 *Language Area—Other:* Brazilian, German, Korean, Second Korean

22 Be amended to read:

23 (a) *By area.* For the purpose of electing nonresident executive presbyters, The
24 General Council of the Assemblies of God shall be divided into 11 areas,
25 according to district boundary lines in the following manner:

26 *Northwest Area:* Alaska, Montana, Northwest, Oregon, Southern Idaho,
27 Wyoming

28 *Southwest Area:* Arizona, Hawaii, Northern California-Nevada, Rocky
29 Mountain, Southern California

30 *North Central Area:* Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Northern
31 Missouri, South Dakota, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan

32 *South Central Area:* Kansas, New Mexico, North Texas, Oklahoma, South
33 Texas, West Texas

1 *Great Lakes Area:* Appalachian, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio
2 *Gulf Area:* Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Southern Missouri, Tennessee
3 *Northeast Area:* New Jersey, New York, Northern New England,
4 Pennsylvania-Delaware, Potomac, Southern New England
5 *Southeast Area:* Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Peninsular Florida, South
6 Carolina, West Florida
7 *Language Area—West Spanish:* Arizona Latin, Central Latin American, Gulf
8 Latin American, Northern Pacific Latin American, Southern Pacific Latin
9 American
10 *Language Area—East Spanish:* Midwest Latin American, Puerto Rico,
11 Southeastern Spanish, Spanish Eastern
12 *Language Area—Other:* Brazilian, German, Korean, Second Korean

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery

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