

Resolution 10

RIGHT OF APPEAL FOR AFFILIATION

1 WHEREAS, The 2003 General Council recognized the need for more flexibility in church
2 governance structure that would free pastors desiring to lead congregations
3 with a more nontraditional approach to governance; and

4 WHEREAS, In November 2007, the Executive Presbytery appointed a Task Force
5 specifically to study eldership models of church governance; and

6 WHEREAS, The Task Force concluded that it could not present a comprehensive set of
7 documents, including recommended constitutions and bylaws to cover all
8 eventualities; and

9 WHEREAS, The Task Force further recommended flexibility and accountability as key
10 principles guiding decisions concerning church governance, and

11 WHEREAS, There is provision included in the General Council Bylaws requiring any
12 church, whatever its governance structure, to apply for affiliation through the
13 district council; and

14 WHEREAS, There is not presently a provision for an appeal process of a district presbytery
15 church affiliation decision; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article VI. ASSEMBLIES, Section 1.
17 Procedure for Affiliation, letter d, page 107, which currently reads:

18 Upon approval by the district presbytery, the application for
19 affiliation shall be forwarded to the general secretary of The General
20 Council of the Assemblies of God. Recognition of affiliation shall
21 occur upon receipt by the assembly of an official Certificate of
22 Affiliation issued by the general secretary.

23 Be amended to read:

24 Upon approval by the district presbytery, the application for
25 affiliation shall be forwarded to the general secretary of The General
26 Council of the Assemblies of God. Recognition of affiliation shall
27 occur upon receipt by the assembly of an official Certificate of

1 Affiliation issued by the general secretary. In the event an
2 application for affiliation is declined by a district presbytery, appeal
3 may be made by the church to the General Council Executive
4 Presbytery whose decision shall be final.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery

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