

## Resolution 19

### TRANSGEOGRAPHICAL DISTRICT

- 1 WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God desires to remain open to creative and innovative ways  
2 that the Holy Spirit may use in expanding the Church; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Many Pentecostal churches informally or formally network together and would  
4 become Assemblies of God if opportunity was given them to become part of the  
5 Fellowship within a framework different than our current district structure that is  
6 based on language or geography; and
- 7 WHEREAS, A small group of Assemblies of God churches has volunteered to form a bridge  
8 to these Pentecostal churches by bringing them into our Fellowship; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Approximately 30 of these Pentecostal churches have indicated a desire to join  
10 the Assemblies of God if approval is given for a pilot project that creates a  
11 district without geographical borders; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Potential exists for a substantial number of individual churches and networks of  
13 churches who are not Assemblies of God, but affirm our doctrine and mission, to  
14 join the Fellowship if we provide a structure that grows on the basis of their  
15 natural spiritual and affinity ties to one another; and
- 16 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery supports ascertaining whether such an effort could  
17 bring growth and blessing to the Assemblies of God and the churches involved;  
18 and
- 19 WHEREAS, The formation of geographical and language districts existing in the same area of  
20 parallel fields of endeavor historically has brought great growth and blessing to  
21 the Assemblies of God; and
- 22 WHEREAS, A number of districts already identify themselves as ministry networks; and
- 23 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws empower the Executive Presbytery to form new  
24 geographical and foreign language districts; therefore, be it
- 25 RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery be empowered to undertake a 4-year pilot program  
26 that creates a district, transgeographical in nature, utilizing the ministry network  
27 concept; this district shall consist of no more than 40 General Council affiliated  
28 churches as approved by the Executive Presbytery to launch this pilot district,  
29 along with other non-Assemblies of God churches who complete the procedure  
30 for affiliation as specified in the Assemblies of God Constitution, Article XI,

1 Section 1. a. Requirements of affiliation; that the Executive Presbytery approve  
2 the constitution and bylaws of the pilot district; that any subsequent churches  
3 who join the pilot district come exclusively from non-Assemblies of God  
4 churches; and that the Executive Presbytery bring a report and recommendation  
5 to the 2013 General Council to either make the district permanent or disband it.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery

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