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FOREWORD

“IMPACT!” was the theme of our 52nd General Council in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 8-11, 2007.

For the first time, both the business sessions and the evening services were streamed live on the Internet, and subsequently archived for accessibility. Reports have been received from all over the world indicating this use of technology was a great blessing.

For the past 14 years, the four executive officers of the General Council have served together—the longest-serving team in Assemblies of God history. Before the General Council, General Superintendent Thomas E. Trask announced his resignation midterm. I am humbled at the grace extended by the General Council in electing me as the 12th general superintendent. L. Alton Garrison was elected as assistant general superintendent, John M. Palmer as general secretary, and Zollie Smith as executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions. L. John Bueno was reelected as the executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions, and James K. Bridges, who was not up for election, continues as general treasurer.

I invite you to participate with me as we pursue these five enduring core values over the next few years, if the Lord does not come first.

1. Passionately proclaim Jesus as Savior, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, Healer, and Soon Coming King.
2. Strategically invest in the next generation.
3. Vigorously plant new churches.
4. Skillfully resource the Fellowship.
5. Fervently pray for the Lord’s blessing and favor as we serve Him with pure hearts and noble purpose.

We look forward to the next General Council in Orlando, Florida, August 4-8, 2009.

The Lord richly bless you!

George O. Wood
General Secretary

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WEDNESDAY EVENING—AUGUST 8

The 52nd General Council began with a 7 p.m. service at the Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Indiana, with Thomas E. Trask, general superintendent, as the keynote speaker.

Prelude music to the evening service was performed by The Burchfield Brothers. Assistant General Superintendent Charles T. Crabtree served as chairman for the service.

The service opened with the Presentation of Colors by the Indiana Army National Guard followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Ray A. Berryhill, Sr., senior pastor of Evangel World Outreach Center, Chicago, Illinois.

The theme for the 52nd General Council was “IMPACT!”

The worship service was led by Travis Cottrell and a worship team consisting of members from Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, and the Indiana District Choir consisting of choir members from across the Indiana District. Donald G. Gifford, superintendent of the Indiana District, read Scripture from John 1 and Clemente Maldonado, Jr., superintendent of the Midwest Latin American District, offered prayer for the General Council.

James K. Bridges, general treasurer, received the offering. Regi Stone, Memphis, Tennessee, and Christ Church Singers, from Christ Church Assembly of God, Nashville, Tennessee, provided the offertory.

The keynote message for the 52nd General Council was brought by General Superintendent Thomas E. Trask. In his farewell message to the Assemblies of God he stated that the Assemblies of God is in a unique position to present the authentic gospel that will stem the tide of the nation’s moral collapse. The church is God’s earthly institution to make a spiritual impact. Unless pulpits become a steady voice against evil, the church will be anemic and powerless.

Trask contended that the Assemblies of God could have a truly great future—if pastors and congregants seek righteousness and reject sin. “It’s going to take being a church full of the power of the Holy Spirit and His anointing that is Spirit-led, Spirit-dependent.” He stated, “A church that is prayed up and fed up with the status quo is a church that will stand against the gates of hell.”

Superintendent Trask warned of five dangers threatening the effectiveness of churches:

- Situational ethics in which biblical absolutes are rejected.
- Falling prey to cultural seduction.
- Cultural accommodation, in which churches are distorting Scriptures on issues ranging from abortion to social drinking.
- Inclusive salvation—a view that everybody goes to heaven and no one goes to hell.
- Passionless pulpits—preachers that make sure no one in the pew is upset at the sermon material.

“What many churches are offering America is a new religion that guarantees no hell and requires no holiness,” Trask said. “It’s a limp, spineless Christianity that does not confront sin for fear of being judgmental. It is an impotent gospel that tells people everything is OK.” The basic plan of salvation must not be overlooked because it determines the destiny of souls, Trask said. Churches that are preoccupied with making sure that everybody is entertained and that no

one is frightened by the reality of sin's eternal destruction are only playing into Satan's hand. Trask exhorted those gathered in the arena to strive for authentic Baptism as outlined in Acts 1:8. A genuine Pentecostal church is distinct for only one reason: being full of people of the Holy Spirit.

Citing Revelation 3:2, Trask made a passionate plea with the assembled to remain steadfast in scriptural beliefs and to repent of nonbiblical attitudes and behavior that have found their way into our lives. "Let us be people of conviction, not convenience," he said. "let us be people of revival, not regression. Let us be people of passion, not passiveness."

THURSDAY MORNING—AUGUST 9

Body Life Session

The Thursday morning session began at 9 a.m. Charles T. Crabtree, assistant general superintendent, served as chairman for this meeting. Prelude music was provided by The Burchfield Brothers. Tom Matrone, commissioner for the Commission on Worship, and the praise and worship team from Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, led in worship.

Memorial Service

General Superintendent Thomas E. Trask expressed appreciation to those ministers who have during the past 2 years passed away. He stated that, in memory of those ministers who have passed away since the last meeting of the General Council, a video scroll is being presented containing 722 names. During the playing of the memorial scroll, music was provided by The Burchfield Brothers. J. Don George, executive presbyter from the South Central Area, prayed for the family members and spouses of those who have lost a loved one during this past biennium.

The names of those honored on the Memorial Scroll appear at the end of the minutes of the General Council on page 73.

Spiritual Life Committee Report

Ronald McManus read the report of the Spiritual Life Committee. The members of the committee were: Ronald F. McManus, chairman; Lee Baca, Sherri R. Benvenuti, Alicia B. Chole, David B. Crabtree, John T. Maempa, Donald G. Meyer, Rodrick J. Vincent, Marshall M. Windsor. Following the reading of the report the general superintendent urged those in the crowd to take the report to heart and make changes in their lives as a first step to changing the Fellowship. The report as presented follows:

We live in a broken world; a world that cannot be fixed with cash or medicine; a world fractured by sin and alienated from the Creator. Genesis affords us only two brief chapters in history before the relationship between God and man is severed by sin. After six millennia, we are still living in the toxic fallout of that tragic relational meltdown. The history of man is a history of broken relationship. Although we have clear hindsight and carefully recorded histories to reference, we have failed to solve the relational puzzle. For all of our learning and inventive genius, the world is increasingly violent, our lot is increasingly lonely, the family is increasingly endangered, and hope suffers unceasing violence. This is the landscape of our mission field. Are we equipped to labor there? Are we ready to lead there, or are we like classroom lifeguards who have not yet learned to swim?

Sobering studies of the Church leave us with more questions than answers. In many cases, the Church is just as fragmented as the world it is commissioned to save. We rally around our points of contention and downplay our points of agreement. We bicker and squabble over methodologies and style. We are often conflicted in deciding whether we will be a community that preserves the comfort of a status quo or a redemptive force that invades the culture to rescue the perishing.

Our culture is changing, and the pace of change is accelerating. The emerging culture has the same old problems, but speaks a new language, has a new dance, and sings new songs. Contemporary preachers find themselves preaching to a foreign culture right here at home. We are in essence foreign missionaries in America. Can we learn new languages, bridge new gaps, try new methods, and do so without compromising the integrity of the gospel?

Differing opinions as to how we might confront our changing culture create tension and conflict within the family of God in general and within the tent of our Fellowship in particular. An emerging generation questions all things and is quick to embrace new ways and means of Kingdom expansion. Youthful zeal often is misread as disrespect and disloyalty. Passion must be wed to wisdom.

A midlife generation struggles to maintain a grasp of heritage without losing the ability to communicate in a new age with effective relevance. Pastors lament the loss of the “twenty-somethings” in our churches, yet fear that significant changes directed at reaching them might be considered compromise. We live in a state of tension between the straight and narrow view of a traditional generation and the wild-eyed enthusiasm of an emerging generation. Amidst the din of controversy we must take note that we are a static movement with an aging clergy.

Our Fellowship is never more than a generation removed from extinction. A retiring generation laments the loss of tradition, often without sober judgment as to the waning effectiveness of a traditional approach in the current age. The emerging generation, unencumbered by long-term loyalties to programs, schedules, and methods, is quick to change horses. They search to find an effective voice and a listening ear amidst an aging leadership. If they are not heard and valued, they quietly leave the Fellowship, and that to our great loss.

Our relationship to God has been forged in the fire of the Holy Spirit. Our theology rightly recognizes that God empowers His Church to fulfill His purposes. Yet, the distinctive doctrine that once united us has, in some circles, become a point of contention. We lament the increasing rarity of the gifts of the Spirit in our worship setting. We wonder where, in our busy church schedules, will people have the opportunity to tarry at the altars for a transforming Pentecostal experience? Some of our elders fear that we have lost something most precious, and their cry must be heard. The emerging generation longs for the fullness of the Spirit’s power in a fresh demonstration that enables them to reach their changing generation. Their strategies should not be dismissed. In our early days we were a movement unafraid of the unconventional. Is the fabric of our tent tearing because we have stretched it to the breaking point in trying to embrace new ideas, or is our tent torn because of dry rot, an inability to adapt?

In light of these challenges, we are being called back to a fresh understanding that life and ministry are about relationship—with the world we are called to reach, with one another, and, ultimately, with our Lord.

RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

Ultimately, the effectiveness of all earthly relationships with the world and one another rests upon a vital, living relationship with God. Weakness here will result in weakness at all other levels of relationship. God desires a dynamic, intimate relationship with His followers more than anything else. This relationship is forged through prayer and devotion to God’s Word. “Come near to God and he will come near to you,” wrote James (4:8). “Pray continually,” Paul urged in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Jesus emphasized to His disciples, “They should always pray and not give up” (Luke 18:1). Jeremiah 29:12–14 conveys this wonderful promise of God, “You will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me

when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you” (*emphasis added*).

Also, the Holy Spirit who empowers us to witness also guides us into all truth, the truth of God’s Word (John 16:13). We are instructed, blessed, and helped by the power of the Word. Thus, Paul admonished, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16).

Jesus summarized the entirety of the Law and the Prophets in His twofold declaration, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ . . . And . . . ‘Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37–39, *emphasis added*). If our love and devotion on the vertical plane are as they should be, they will be as they should be on the horizontal plane as well. This is the “main thing” in Christian life and service; and when we keep the main thing the main thing, all other things will fall into place.

Paul wrote, “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.” (Philippians 3:10). And the Psalmist declared, “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God” (Psalm 42:1). In order to establish a right relationship with God, all sin must be addressed at the altar, for the altar is the only perpetual mender of our covenant relationship with God. To maintain a right relationship with God, we must:

- Maintain a consistent devotional life.
- Commit to prayer and fasting.
- Cultivate the spiritual disciplines of meditation, study, solitude, and simplicity.
- Be full of the Holy Spirit and yield to Him for the full expression of His gifts and fruit.
- Grow as students of the Word of God.
- Demonstrate a holy life in all dimensions of private and public behavior.

When the Lord commissioned Moses after his failure, He appeared in a burning bush. Though the bush was on fire, it was not being consumed. What was the message to Moses and to us?

Ministry must be done in the power of the Holy Spirit. The fuel for the fire was not the bush, it was God’s Spirit. If we operate in the energy of the flesh, we will burn out. The arm of flesh will fail us. But if we operate in the power and strength of the Spirit, though we may get weary, we will not burn out. There is a limited supply of our own strength and ability, but an unlimited supply of the Holy Spirit’s. However, His power can be accessed only as we spend time in His presence.

Acts 4:13 states, “When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus” (*emphasis added*). The richness and depth of Peter and John’s lives and ministry were the outflow of being with Jesus, walking with Him, talking with Him, and observing Him in various settings and circumstances.

Here again is the power of with. It arises ultimately out of our relationship with God. If this relationship is not intact, our connections with one another and with the world are moot points. They will never have life-changing, life-transforming impact. However, when our relationship with the triune God is as it should be, we will eagerly come alongside—be with—our fellow laborers in ministry, the people we serve in our churches, and those in the marketplace who desperately need to experience the power of with demonstrated by a loving, caring community of believers. This being true, the pattern of growth seen in the Early Church again will be evident in this day. May it be so, O Lord, we pray!

RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER

Our ability as a Church to engage effectively with the world is no greater than the strength of our relationships within the body of Christ. Jesus declared in John 13:35, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” Christian love within the community of faith powerfully demonstrates to the world godly care and compassion. This hallmark of Christianity must be evident at all levels: in our relationships with our spouses, families, friends, and all we come in contact with in the world around us.

Members of the Early Church were fully invested in caring for one another. They broke bread together, learned from God’s Word together, prayed for one another, even sold their possessions to assure the welfare of those in need. So compelling was the love and fellowship they demonstrated to the world around them that, “The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47).

This godly love must also be found among co-laborers in ministry as well, resulting in partnering, resourcing, and mentoring. “With” is a key in Mark 3:13-15. Mark wrote, “Jesus . . . appointed twelve—designating them as apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and have authority to drive out demons” (*emphasis added*). “With” preceded “send,” indicating that Jesus knew the importance of personally instructing His followers before sending them out in ministry. “With” also denotes proximity and relationship. Jesus took every opportunity to teach His followers, guide them, and model before them principles of spiritual life and leadership.

Competition must cease in our Fellowship. The day has come for us to recognize that there is one Kingdom being built and “we are laborers together for the Lord.” We must commit to help each other succeed. We must function as a team in our cities and districts to reach the harvest.

While Jesus knows that our connection to God is of foremost necessity (like that of a branch to a vine), He also is aware that connections between humans are vital as well. However, many young people not only do not know how to connect with older people, they have little motivation to do so. While older adults have mistaken the silence of youth as indifference, and a lack of automatic loyalty to structured institutions as rebellion, in reality, many of the younger generation strongly desire a connection. Yet, many of the younger generation do not trust the older generation feeling that their elders, and their institutions, have lied to them, abandoned them, or have shown a general lack of interest in them and in what they have to offer. Regrettably, they may have good reason to feel this way.

Almost one-half of our population born since 1970 is from broken homes; many in that population do not even know their fathers. Suicide is the third highest cause of death among this group. Technological advances have allowed this generation to text message, e-mail, and live in another reality through interactive gaming, yet these advances are poor substitutes for stable, close relationships, a sense of community, and security. More than four times as many young Americans describe themselves as lonely now than in 1957. As David Myers argues in his book, *The American Paradox*, the United States has become a place where we have more, but feel worse. We must understand that feelings of loneliness and isolation characterize the general condition of young believers who sit in our pews and stand behind our pulpits. They desperately need meaningful connection with others.

Connection with these young people will take place only when the older generation actively takes the initiative to establish a relationship with them on their level. This means that church leaders must learn to order an “Iced Decaf Triple Grande Vanilla Non-fat with Whip Latte” at the local Starbucks, take time to sit with these young women and men, and become a part of their lives. Because they are the most educated and informed generation in human history, they generally are not interested in instructional one-way relationships, but in one-with-one connections.

People of the new generation are not indifferent or rebellious. They are not slackers. They are future leaders who long for exactly the kind of intimate connection with the older generations that Jesus prayed for, “That they may be one” (John 17:11,22).

How important is it for this kind of connection to occur? The future of our Fellowship rests on it.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD

Jesus’ mandate to “go into all the world” (Mark 16:15) rings with increasing urgency as we move swiftly along the Great Commission timeline. Events unfolding in our world clearly point to our Lord’s soon return. Yet, there is a massive harvest still to be reaped; and a great part of the harvest field lies not only in regions beyond, but in our own nation. Without question, the field within our borders presents some of the greatest challenge to us as a Fellowship.

As believers and carriers of Christ’s presence, we are change agents in society only to the extent that we proactively engage in the marketplace. Fulfilling Jesus’ mandate requires that we both understand and connect with our world—abroad and at home.

While some in the church have mastered the admonition, “Come out from among them, and be ye separate” (2 Corinthians 6:17, KJV), Jesus declared in the Parable of the Sower, “The field is the world” (Matthew 13:38); it is the soil that must be sown with the gospel. Although we are not of the world (John 17:16), we are, nonetheless, in the world and are sent into the world (verse 18). In short, the world is to be the end recipient of all that we believe and possess as individual believers and as a Church.

In the world and marketplace, we are to be salt and light (Matthew 5:13–16). A stew’s flavor will not be influenced by salt that remains in the shaker; and light limited to the walls of our churches, institutions, and homes will not illuminate dark streets (see Luke 11:33). Seasoning the marketplace with godly savor and beaming light into the darkness are essential to fulfilling our mission as a Church. We must both share with and display before a lost world what we possess as a result of our relationship with Christ. A hurting, lost world desperately needs to hear that message; but it will happen only as we rub shoulders with real people in a real world and share a real faith with them in compelling ways.

We must again be an outward-focused church. What are we spending on those that are not here yet? Ninety percent of every dollar we spend is on those who are already in the church.

We cannot be a New Testament church without a passion for the lost. We will not reach this generation until we are willing to go to the marketplace with the gospel. They will not come to us; we must go to them.

We must ask the Lord to forgive us for allowing months to go by in many of our churches without a convert. We must reaffirm our belief in the Scripture, “Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses” (Acts 1:8, KJV). A church cannot be a Pentecostal New Testament church without seeing people coming to Christ.

Surely the same Spirit that once drew us out of conventional dryness and traditional myopia to be a vibrant, life-giving, Spirit-filled church can once again draw us back to the front lines of evangelism in the power of that same Spirit. Surely the same Spirit that has kept us from doctrinal disaster and bizarre extremes can once again guide us in and through the changes that will revive the Church to reach a new generation. We once made room for unconventional ministries. Ours was a movement of brush arborers, tent revivals, storefront missions, curbside preaching, and music that was soundly criticized by the traditional churches from which we emerged. Surely we can find room under the tent of Pentecost for a vibrant diversity of Spirit-led ministry.

To bridge the relational gap to this generation; to bridge the relational gap within our Fellowship, we must, in humility and tears, run to the Cross. We need a unifying revival that will move us forward to seize upon new missionary opportunities at home and abroad. A healthy relationship with our mission field and to our Fellowship is sustainable only when we are growing together in our individual and collective relationship with God.

Following the presentation of the Spiritual Life Report Communion was observed. General Superintendent Thomas E. Trask presided during the Communion service. He was assisted by members of the Executive Presbytery and General Presbytery.

Business Session

The first business session of the 52nd General Council of the Assemblies of God convened at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, Wednesday, August 8, at 11 a.m. General Superintendent Thomas E. Trask welcomed the delegates and called the business session to order at 11 a.m.

Introduction of Executive Presbytery

Chairman Trask introduced the executive officers and asked them to stand: Charles T. Crabtree, assistant general superintendent; George O. Wood, general secretary; James K. Bridges, general treasurer. He then recognized and introduced the executive presbyters, as follows: L. John Bueno, executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions; L. Alton Garrison, executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions; C. Dan Betzer, Southeast Area; Warren D. Bullock, Northwest Area; Charles E. Crank, Great Lakes Area; Richard Dresselhaus, Southwest Area; Douglas E. Fulenwider, Gulf Area; J. Don George, South Central Area; Nam Soo Kim, Language Area—Other; Jesse Miranda, Jr., Language Area—Spanish; John M. Palmer, North Central Area; H. Robert Rhoden, Northeast Area; Zollie L. Smith, Jr., Ethnic Fellowships.

Introduction of Retired Executive Presbyters

Chairman Trask introduced the retired executive officers and presbyters and asked those present to stand and be recognized. He expressed deep appreciation for the years of service these men have given to the General Council. The retired executive officers and presbyters introduced were as follows: Almon M. Bartholomew, former executive presbyter, Northeast Area; Robert L. Brandt, former executive presbyter, Northwest Area; Joseph R. Flower, former general secretary; Charles E. Hackett, former executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions;

Raymond H. Hudson, former general treasurer; J. Foy Johnson, former executive presbyter, Southeast Area; Paul E. Lowenberg, former executive presbyter, South Central Area; Armon Newburn, former executive presbyter, South Central Area; Everett R. Stenhouse, former assistant general superintendent; and Loren Triplett, former executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions.

Introduction of Headquarters Staff

The chairman expressed appreciation to the Headquarters staff serving many long hours to make this 52nd General Council in Indianapolis, Indiana, operate efficiently, calling attention to those listed in the program booklet. Special recognition was given to Harold Sallee, administrative assistant to the general superintendent; Arlyn Pember, general manager of the Gospel Publishing House who will be retiring after 43 years of service to Headquarters; and to Shelly Mackey and Jewell Woodward, recording secretaries.

Fraternal Delegates

The chairman recognized that a number of fraternal delegates will be in attendance at this General Council. He extended a welcome to these friends and indicated that they would be honored at a dinner later during the General Council.

Expression of Appreciation to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana

Appreciation was expressed to the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, for its hospitality and for the kindness it has shown to the General Council delegates.

Greetings from Governor of the State of Indiana

The general superintendent read a letter of greeting from Mitch Daniels, governor of the State of Indiana. He extended in behalf of the state of Indiana a welcome to the capital city.

Expression of Appreciation to Host Districts

Thomas Trask expressed appreciation to the Indiana District and to Superintendent Donald G. Gifford and the Midwest Latin American District and to Superintendent Clemente Maldonado, Jr., for their kind hospitality in hosting this 52nd General Council. He also expressed appreciation to the following superintendents of the other districts in the Great Lakes Area for their kindness to the General Council: Marvin R. Dennis, Appalachian District; Larry H. Griswold, Illinois District; Joseph S. Girdler, Kentucky District; William F. Leach, Michigan District; and Douglas E. Clay, Ohio District.

Introduction of General Council Committees

Thomas E. Trask highlighted the list of committee members, expressing appreciation for their work in the various areas of this General Council. Those who served as members in the respective capacities are as follows:

Budget

James K. Bridges, chairperson; L. John Bueno, Charles T. Crabtree, L. Alton Garrison, Donald G. Gifford, Clemente Maldonado, Jr., Thomas E. Trask, George O. Wood

Parliamentary

Gene M. Roncone II, chairperson; Jay A. Herndon, Charles F. Hefton

Resolutions

Larry H. Griswold, chairperson; Arden K. Adamson, Joel F. Costa, Joseph B. Fuiten, James R. Jackson, Young Gil Kim, Edgar R. Lee, Zollie L. Smith, Jr.

Roster

Richard A. Plunk, David L. Wigington, co-chairmen; Mark Christianson, liaison; Randal H. Ackland, Todd A. Alexander, Dean W. Anderson, D. Christopher Annas, Jeffrey A. Arp, L. Eric Baca, Exie E. Barber, Tim R. Barker, Ronald L. Blauvelt, Jimmy O. Burnett, Robert E. Burns, Jonathan J. Busch, Roy E. Carryl, Gaylan D. Claunch, Enedeo Garza, David J. Goerzen, Donald R. Granberry, Joe E. Hancock, Larry E. Hatfield, Clyde A. Johnson, David Lara, Richard G. Malvaney, Kenneth H. Wilcox

Spiritual Life

Ronald F. McManus, chairperson; Lee Baca, Sherri R. Benvenuti, Alicia B. Chole, David B. Crabtree, John T. Maempa, Donald G. Meyer, Rodrick J. Vincent, Marshall M. Windsor

Tellers

Rollin J. Carlson, chairperson; Glenn R. Beaver, Micheal E. Dickenson, Mark E. Jakelsky, Randall S. Rogers, Mearle Grossglass, Jr., captains; Garry L. Wiggins, alternate; Efraim Espinoza, liaison; Jack Aiken, Samuel Bailey, Russell Blann, Ted Brancheau, Carol Brown, Jesus Campa, Dennis Chasteen, Kenneth Cosentino, John Cummings, Jose Espinosa, B.P. Espinoza, Jimiro Feliciano, Ronald Ferrell, George Fessler, Tad Finch, Amos Garza, Gary Geesey, John Gibson, Douglas Gilford, Angel Gonzalez, Mario Gonzalez, Nino Gonzalez, Craig Gorc, John Gregg, Thomas Gross, Duane Gryder, Tim Hazen, John Heckathorn, Eugene Hewitt, Raymond Hodgerney, Steve Hunt, Larry Kettle, Dennis Land, Leland Lewis, Jeffery McDonell, Tony Mageo, Jack Manley, Simon Melendres, Guy Miller, Jack Miranda, Marla Moore, Kenneth Moren, Gary Morton, David Moseley, Wayne Murray, Michael Neff, Don Nordin, Robert Novak, Robert Null, Don Owen, Larry Peak, Lemuel Perry, David Phillips, Joe Phillips, Isai Quinonez, Earl Quirk, David Reese, Ray Reynolds, Timothy Rice, Kevin Roach, Ramon Rojas, Jack Sampier, Charles Snaderfur, Alan Schaberg, Wayne Schaffer, Scott Shemeth, Mitchell Smith, Ernest Spears, Keith Stagege, Baxter Stanley, Steven Tremblay, Thomas Twigg, Alfred Vargas, Mark Vega, Brian Vickers, Kevin Wehrli, Darryl Wootton

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Convention Coordinating Team

Sharon L. Lee, convention coordinator; Lori K. Lawley, housing manager; Sheila R. Mixer, registration; Paul Griffin, security

Accounting Committee

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Children's Activities

David Boyd, Kids Council chairperson and early childhood coordinator; chairperson; Jason Noble, Kids Council logistics; Aldin Tinsley, Kids Council homeroom coordinator

Information Technology Support

Tim Strathdee, chairperson; Paula Lamar, Telecommunications; Kelly Rhea, Justin Butler, Fine Arts; Ben Ellis, General Council registration; Bill Campbell, Webmaster; Helen Piper, *Council Today*; Chris Hill, GPH Bookstore; Darrin Hull, streaming audio/video; John Ivaska, network/connectivity; Bruce Harp, Roger Richardson, computer support

Equipment

Don Lander, chairperson; Mike Cooper, Eric Goss, Don Goss, on-site trucking

Exhibits

Paula Blankenship, Randall Howard, co-coordinators

Hospitality

Beth Carroll, chairperson; Jeanne Estebo, Pat Hawkins, Helen Wray

Human Resources

Jim Stalnaker, personnel coordinator; Beth Carroll, Mari Bull

National Youth Convention

Jay Mooney, chairperson; David Raley, Rick Lorimer, Rod Whitlock. Fine Arts director; Ken Peckett, Jack Trewern; Jerry Dahlberg, youth outside production

Prayer

John Maempa, chairperson

Printed Materials (Pre-Council only)

Paul Smith, chairperson; Julie Horner, J.T. Wray, Jewell Woodward, resource

Promotions/Press/Communications

Juleen Turnage, chairperson; Hal Donaldson, INSP liaison; Bill Campbell, Keith Surface, Dan VanVeen

Registration

Sheila R. Mixer, chairperson; Mark Christianson, roster liaison; Ben Ellis, IT programmer

Tellers Liaison

Efraim Espinoza, liaison

Translations

Kevin Babin, deaf coordinator; Efraim Espinoza, Spanish coordinator; Jonathan Cabrera, local resource

Transportation

Dan Clopine, chairperson; Erin Buskirk, company pilot; Nadine Buskirk, Sherry Clopine, Bill Conley, Larry Kolsky, Ron Sherman

Ushers/Communion

Wade Trivitt, chairperson; Gary Allen, Communion coordinator; Rhonda Curtis, Larry Thomas

Adoption of Agenda

The chairman called attention to the agenda, briefly summarizing items to be covered. A motion prevailed that the agenda be adopted as a guide.

General Superintendent's Report

The general superintendent's report as printed in the *Biennial Report* was given via video.

Charles Crabtree, assistant general superintendent, assumed the role of the chairman to bring the report before the body. A motion prevailed to receive the report of the general superintendent with appreciation.

The chair was returned to the general superintendent.

Assistant General Superintendent's Report

The assistant general superintendent's report as printed in the *Biennial Report* was given via video.

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the assistant general superintendent with appreciation.

General Secretary's Report

The general secretary's report as printed in the *Biennial Report* was given via video.

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the general secretary with appreciation.

General Treasurer's Report and General Council Audit Report

The general treasurer's report as printed in the *Biennial Report* was given via video.

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the general treasurer with appreciation.

Departmental/Divisional Reports

The general superintendent called attention to the fact that the Departmental/Divisional Reports were no long included in the *Biennial Report* but can be found on the General Council Web site at: www.ag.org/biennialreport. He urged the delegates to take time to review these reports.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 12:04 p.m. Young Gil Kim, superintendent of the Korean District Council, closed in prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—AUGUST 9

The Thursday afternoon session began at 2. Zollie L. Smith, Jr., executive presbyter from the Ethnic Fellowship Area, opened in prayer. The business session was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Roster Committee Report

David Wigington, chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the following report as of 1:45 p.m., Thursday, August 8, 2007:

VOTING:

Ordained	2,771	
Licensed	734	
Delegates	518	
Executive Presbyters	17	
General Presbyters	<u>229</u>	
Voting constituency		4,269

NONVOTING:

Exhibitors	955
Kids Council	437
Youth Convention	12,316
General registration	<u>7,153</u>
Nonvoting constituency	<u>20,861</u>
Total	25,130

A motion prevailed to receive the report.

Procedural Motion

A motion prevailed that all previously printed resolutions that were distributed by mail not be read when presented to this body for consideration.

Resolution 5. Credential Requirement for Elected Officers of the General Council

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 5 and moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 5 as follows:

WHEREAS, General Council Bylaws, Article II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 1. Officers, page 95, calls for officers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God to “be chosen from the membership of the General Council...”; and

WHEREAS, General Council Constitution, Article VII. MEMBERSHIP, Section 1. The General Council of the Assemblies of God, page 86, defines the membership of The General Council of the Assemblies of God as consisting “of all ordained and licensed ministers”; and

WHEREAS, Historically officers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God have been ordained ministers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 1. Officers, page 95, which reads:

The officers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall be elected at its regular meetings in the manner provided in these Bylaws. They shall be chosen from the membership of The General Council of the Assemblies of God and shall be persons of mature experience and ability, whose life and ministry are above question, and such qualities alone shall determine their eligibility.

Be amended to read:

The officers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall be elected at its regular meetings in the manner provided in these Bylaws. They shall be ordained ministers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God and shall be persons of mature experience and ability, whose life and ministry are above question, and such qualities alone shall determine their eligibility.

Electronic Voting Instructions

The General Council for the first time used an electronic voting system. Instructions were given both orally and by video. A test vote was done to help familiarize the delegates with the new procedure.

Election of General Superintendent

The general secretary read Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, paragraph a, and Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph a, pertaining to the election of general superintendent. Everett R. Stenhouse, former assistant general superintendent, led in prayer for God’s guidance during the election process. The ballot was cast for the election of general superintendent and the chairman declared the voting closed.

Rollin J. Carlson, chairman of the Tellers Committee, report that no person received a sufficient number of votes on the nominating ballot to be elected. According to Constitution, Article II, all persons receiving 15 or more votes shall be nominees for the office of general superintendent.

The following persons received 15 or more votes: Gordon L. Anderson, Tommy J. Barnett, M. Wayne Benson, C. Dan Betzer, James T. Bradford, James K. Bridges, L. John Bueno, H. Franklin Cargill, Douglas E. Clay, G. Robert Cook, Jr., Charles T. Crabtree, Charles E. Crank, L. Alton Garrison, J. Don George, Thomas W. Greene, Larry H. Griswold, Byron D. Klaus, John E. Lindell, Ronald F. McManus, Dary R. Northrop, John M. Palmer, Terrell R. Raburn, H. Robert Rhoden, Randal L. Ross, Mark Rutland, Zollie L. Smith, Jr., Randy L. Valimont, George O. Wood.

The following persons requested that their names be removed from the ballot: Gordon L. Anderson, Tommy J. Barnett, James K. Bridges, J. Don George, Ronald F. McManus, Dary R. Northrop, Mark Rutland.

Since there was no election on the nominating ballot, the first elective ballot was cast:

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the first elective ballot:

Total votes cast	3,687
Needed to elect	2,448
Invalid votes	15
M. Wayne Benson	95
C. Dan Betzer	144
James T. Bradford	33
L. John Bueno	106
H. Franklin Cargill	42
Douglas E. Clay	236
G. Robert Cook, Jr.	35
Charles T. Crabtree	391
Charles E. Crank	32
L. Alton Garrison	733
Thomas W. Greene	70
Larry H. Griswold	21
Byron D. Klaus	37
John E. Lindell	412
John M. Palmer	120
Terrell R. Raburn	78
H. Robert Rhoden	64
Randal L. Ross	34
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	51
Randy L. Valimont	54
George O. Wood	884

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast:

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the second elective ballot:

Total votes cast	3,650
Needed to elect	2,423
Invalid votes	16
M. Wayne Benson	19
C. Dan Betzer	58
James T. Bradford	4
L. John Bueno	32
H. Franklin Cargill	5
Douglas E. Clay	216
G. Robert Cook, Jr.	6
Charles T. Crabtree	250
Charles E. Crank	2
L. Alton Garrison	1,001
Thomas W. Greene	11
Larry H. Griswold	4
Byron D. Klaus	7
John E. Lindell	543
John M. Palmer	46
Terrell R. Raburn	6
H. Robert Rhoden	8
Randal L. Ross	5
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	17
Randy L. Valimont	18
George O. Wood	1,366

Since there was no election, a third elective ballot was cast:

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the third elective ballots:

Total votes cast	3,504
Needed to elect	2,328
Invalid votes	13
M. Wayne Benson	15
C. Dan Betzer	18
James T. Bradford	4
L. John Bueno	12
H. Franklin Cargill	5
Douglas E. Clay	192
G. Robert Cook, Jr.	5
Charles T. Crabtree	76
Charles E. Crank	2
L. Alton Garrison	1,302
Thomas W. Greene	5
Larry H. Griswold	4
Byron D. Klaus	4
John E. Lindell	38

John M. Palmer	13
Terrell R. Raburn	2
H. Robert Rhoden	3
Randal L. Ross	5
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	5
Randy L. Valimont	13
George O. Wood	1,788

Since there was no election, a fourth elective ballot was cast. The chairman indicated that according to Bylaws, all names will be eliminated except for the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes, which were: Douglas E. Clay, L. Alton Garrison, and George O. Wood.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the fourth elective ballot.

Total votes cast	2,643
Needed to elect	1,760
Invalid votes	3
Douglas E. Clay	163
L. Alton Garrison	914
George O. Wood	1,563

Since there was no election, a fifth elective ballot was cast on Friday morning, August 10.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the fifth elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,565
Needed to elect	1,706
Invalid votes	6
Douglas E. Clay	151
L. Alton Garrison	785
George O. Wood	1,623

Since there was no election, a sixth elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the sixth elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,996
Needed to elect	1,990
Invalid votes	12
Douglas E. Clay	148
L. Alton Garrison	713
George O. Wood	2,123

The chairman, noting that George O. Wood received well in excess of the two-thirds vote required, declared him elected as general superintendent.

Brother Trask called on George O. Wood to make any comments he wished. Sister Wood was asked to join him on the platform. Brother Wood responded by expressing his humbleness at the vote of the body and that he approaches this office with fear and trembling. He states that we are one in Spirit, one in the faith, and one in Christ. Anyone who serves in this position must serve the entire body, stating, "If we want to go fast—walk alone; if we want to go far—walk together."

Resolution 1. Constitution Article II. Nature

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 1 and moved its adoption.

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee offered Resolution 1-A as an amendment to Resolution 1 which would amend the last sentence to read: and shall be known as a fellowship of churches and credentialed ministers.

A motion prevailed to adopt the proposed amendment as presented by the Resolutions Committee.

The motion to adopt Resolution 1 as amended carried.

Resolution 1 (1-A) as amended and adopted follows:

WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God was established as a fellowship of churches; and
WHEREAS, The founding fathers sought to establish a fellowship, not a denomination; and

WHEREAS, It is our desire to reaffirm our true identity; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution, Article II. NATURE, page 80, which reads:

The General Council of the Assemblies of God is a cooperative fellowship based upon mutual agreements voluntarily entered into by its membership.

Be amended by addition so that it will read:

The General Council of the Assemblies of God is a cooperative fellowship based on mutual agreements voluntarily entered into by its membership, and shall be known as a fellowship of churches and credentialed ministers.

Resolution 2. Executive Officers

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 2. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 2, as follows:

WHEREAS, The 2005 General Presbytery in session referred to the Executive Presbytery the defining of the Board of Administration, the Executive Presbytery, and the General Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, Article IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 1. Executive Officers, paragraph a. Officers and terms of office, page 87, does not clearly define the officers to be the officers of the General Council; and

WHEREAS, Article IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 1. Executive Officers, paragraph b. Board of Administration, page 87, does not reflect the action taken by the General Council in Washington, D.C., when it adopted Resolution XIX, which added the executive directors of Assemblies of God World Missions and Assemblies of God U.S. Missions to the Board of Administration; and

WHEREAS, One of the functions of the Board of Administration is to serve as the vision-casting entity of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution, Article IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 1. Executive Officers, page 87, which reads:

a. Officers and terms of office. The officers shall consist of the general superintendent, the assistant general superintendent, the general secretary, and the general treasurer, together with such other officers as may be authorized in the future. Their terms of office shall begin 60 days after the date of election, and shall continue for 4 years or until a successor qualifies.

b. Board of Administration. The executive officers shall constitute a Board of Administration.

Be amended to read:

a. Corporate Officers and terms of office. The General Council corporate officers shall consist of the general superintendent, assistant general superintendent, general secretary, and general treasurer. They shall serve as the officers of the corporation. Their terms of office shall begin 60 days after the date of election, and shall continue for 4 years or until a successor qualifies.

b. Executive Leadership Team. The General Council officers along with the executive directors of Assemblies of God World Missions and Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall constitute an Executive Leadership Team. Members of the Executive Leadership Team shall be amenable to the actions of the Executive Presbytery within duties prescribed in the Bylaws.

Resolution 18. Role of the Executive Leadership Team

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 18. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 18, as follows:

WHEREAS, The executive officers serve as the vision-casting entity of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, They provide spiritual leadership for all Headquarters personnel; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to correctly identify the role of the executive officers beyond administration; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, PRESBYTERS, BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, Section 8. Duties of the Board of Administration, page 102, which reads:

Section 8. Duties of the Board of Administration

The Board of Administration shall be responsible to the Executive Presbytery and is authorized to perform the following functions and duties:

- a. Serve as the executive arm of the Executive Presbytery.
- b. Provide for general services as required for the various operations at Headquarters.
- c. Execute those matters delegated to it by the Executive Presbytery.

Be amended to read as follows:

Section 8. Duties of the Executive Leadership Team

The executive officers shall constitute an Executive Leadership Team. Members of the Executive Leadership Team shall be amenable to the actions of the Executive Presbytery and perform the following functions and duties:

- a. Serve as the executive arm of the Executive Presbytery.
- b. Provide for general services as required by the various operations at Headquarters.
- c. Execute those matters delegated to it by the Executive Presbytery.
- d. Give administrative oversight to all General Council offices.
- e. Support the spiritual thrust and vision of the Fellowship.
- f. Lead assigned ministries.
- g. Manage internal operations of Headquarters as indicated in *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual*.

Privileged Motion

A motion prevailed that the general secretary be given editorial privilege that in the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Council any place the term “Board of Administration” appears it be changed to “Executive Leadership Team.”

Nothing’s Too Hard For God Media Campaign

A video was presented introducing the new media campaign “Nothing’s Too Hard For God,” and the materials that are now available to churches.

Resolution 16. Role of General Superintendent

Arden K. Adamson, member of the Resolutions Committee, read Resolution 16 and moved its adoption.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 16 be amended by the addition of a paragraph o. to read: He is not required to serve full-time or resign his pastorate. The motion lost.

The motion to adopt Resolution 16 carried. Resolution 16 as amended and adopted follows:

WHEREAS, The role of the general superintendent is strategic to the Fellowship; and
WHEREAS, There is the need to clarify additional responsibilities of the office; therefore,
be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, PRESBYTERS, BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, Section 1. Duties of the General Superintendent, page 99, be amended by the rewording of paragraph f, which reads:

f. Preside at all sessions of the Executive Presbytery and the Board of Administration and receive all communications directed to these bodies.

To read as follows:

f. Preside at all sessions of the Executive Presbytery and the Executive Leadership Team and receive all communications directed to these bodies.

And by the addition of five new paragraphs to be known as j, k, l, m, and n, which read as follows:

j. Cast primary vision for the Fellowship along with the other executive officers.

k. Provide spiritual oversight to leadership and Headquarters personnel.

l. Strategically network with other fellowships.

m. Give consultation in hiring staff at departmental level of leadership or above.

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

Resolution 19. Role of the General Presbytery

Larry H. Griswold read Resolution 19 and moved its adoption.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 19 be amended by rewording paragraph 2, line 18, so that it will read: e. Act as a body of appeal to actions taken by the Executive Presbytery. The motion lost.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 19 be tabled until tomorrow. The motion lost.

It was moved and seconded that the word “the” in paragraph b, line 11, be changed to “a.”
The motion lost.

The motion to adopt Resolution 19 carried. Resolution 19 as adopted follows:

WHEREAS, There is a need to clarify the role of the General Presbytery; and
WHEREAS, The General Presbytery serves as a policy-making body; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,
PRESBYTERS, BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, Section 9. Duties of the
General Presbytery, page 102, which reads:

Section 9. Duties of the General Presbytery

The General Presbytery is authorized to perform the following functions and duties:

- a. Act in all matters pertaining to world missionary and ministerial relationships, and all matters which pertain to the proper functioning of divisions, departments, and institutions in the Fellowship. Should an irreconcilable difference arise between the General Presbytery and the Executive Presbytery, the decision of the General Presbytery shall prevail until such time as the issue may be submitted to the General Council. All decisions pertaining to constitutional order or fundamental doctrines shall be referred to the General Council for ratification in the manner provided in the constitution.
- b. Act as a court of final appeal for a disciplined minister.
- c. Determine the salaries and allowances of all elected officers of the General Council. A committee of five general presbyters shall be appointed annually by the Executive Presbytery for the purpose of making a review of such salaries and allowances. It shall report its recommendations to the General Presbytery for final action.
- d. Ten percent or more of the members of the General Presbytery shall have the prerogative of calling a special session of the General Presbytery by presenting a signed request to the general superintendent who shall determine the time of such meeting in consultation with the Executive Presbytery.
- e. Any district council by the action of its district presbytery or any three or more general presbyters may have a matter added to the General Presbytery agenda at any time during any duly called General Presbytery meeting.

Be amended to read as follows:

Section 9. Duties of the General Presbytery

The General Presbytery is authorized to perform the following functions and duties:

- a. Advance the mission of the Assemblies of God by promoting effective ministry and harmonious relationships among all churches, credentialed ministers, ministries, institutions, and entities of the Fellowship.
- b. Be the policy-making body.
- c. Act as a court of final appeal for a disciplined minister.
- d. Determine the salaries and allowances of all elected officers of the General Council. A committee of five general presbyters shall be appointed annually by the Executive Presbytery for the purpose of

making a review of such salaries and allowances. It shall report its recommendations to the General Presbytery for final action.

- e. Act as a body of appeal to actions taken by the Executive Presbytery whenever 10 percent or more of the members of the General Presbytery so requests.
- f. Any district council by the action of its district presbytery or any three or more general presbyters may have a matter added to the General Presbytery agenda at any time during any duly called General Presbytery meeting.

Recognition of Fory and Cynthia VandenEinde

The general superintendent presented a plaque of appreciation to Fory and Cynthia VandenEinde for their work with Disaster Relief. District Superintendent Douglas E. Fulenwider shared his thanks not only to the VandenEindes for their work during and since the Katrina Hurricane disaster, but the entire Assemblies of God for their gifts and support. He indicated that he not only expressed appreciation from the Louisiana District, but he also expressed appreciation from the South Texas and Mississippi districts as well.

Following this presentation the Convoy of Hope disaster relief video was shown.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 5 p.m. Prayer: Armon Newburn, former executive presbyter, South Central Area.

THURSDAY EVENING—AUGUST 9

The Thursday evening service of the 52nd General Council began at 7 in the Conseco Field House in Indianapolis, Indiana, following pre-service music provided by the North Central University Chorale under the direction of Larry Bach.

Tom Matrone led worship assisted by the house band. Floodgate from Central Bible College, Springfield, Missouri, consisting of: Matt Adams, Ammi-El Sulieman, Jamal Fletcher, and David Womelsdorf, under the direction of Glenda Mohr, performed a dramatic Scripture reading taken from Matthew and the writings of Paul. George O. Wood, general secretary, received the offering. Special music was provided by Ramona Crabtree, Springfield, Missouri.

The speaker for the evening, Charles T. Crabtree, assistant general superintendent was introduced by Thomas E. Trask. The message delivered by Charles Crabtree stressed the importance of discipleship. He issued a discipleship challenge to those in attendance. He emphasized that discipleship must be taken more seriously if the Assemblies of God is going to be viable in the future. Crabtree stressed that pastors and lay leaders must explain to individuals making salvation decisions that this is a life-changing event. Those who fail to be integrated into the life of the body will perish spiritually. Too often Christianity in American culture results in no-cost discipleship, a deceptive faith and lip service to a God of convenience. Established Christians should want to train Christlike, Spirit-empowered disciples who are not ashamed of the gospel and love God more than the world or anything in it.

Crabtree pointed out that the New Testament church is a cutting-edge prototype for the church today. The New Testament church model resolves ethnic problems, meets social needs with compassion ministries, solves high budget costs, provides for Holy Spirit-anointed ministries, and equips the church with every kind of gift needed to make up for human inability. He stressed that Sunday school remains one of the best discipleship forums in the Assemblies of God. The service closed with Crabtree leading the assembled who came forward for an altar call. He asked God through the Holy Spirit to truly make Jesus the Lord of the Fellowship.

FRIDAY MORNING—AUGUST 10

The Friday session began at 9 a.m. at the Indiana Convention Center.

Business Session

The assistant general superintendent opened the Friday business session by asking the original Couriers (Dave Kyllonen, Duane Nicholson, and Neil Enloe) to sing a couple of songs. Prayer was offered by Jesse Miranda, executive presbyter, Language Area—Spanish. Chairman Trask called the business session to order at 9:15 a.m.

Roster Committee Report

Richard A. Plunk, co-chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the following report as of 8:49 a.m., Friday, August 10, 2007:

VOTING:

Ordained	2,817	
Licensed	750	
Delegates	526	
Executive Presbyters	17	
General Presbyters	<u>230</u>	
Voting constituency		4,340

NONVOTING:

Exhibitors	956	
Kids Council	447	
Youth Convention	12,324	
General registration	<u>7,833</u>	
Nonvoting constituency		<u>21,560</u>
Total		25,900

A motion prevailed to receive the report.

Resolution 4 (4-A). Composition of General Presbytery

Larry Griswold presented Resolution 4 and moved its adoption.

As chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Larry Griswold presented Resolution 4-A as an amendment to Resolution 4, said resolution being sponsored as an amendment to the General Council by the General Presbytery.

It was moved and seconded that amendment Resolution 4-A be adopted.

It was moved and seconded that the word “ministers” on line 25 be amended to read “pastors.” The motion lost.

A motion prevailed that the vote on the main motion be taken by secret ballot.

Following considerable discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 4-A as an amendment to Resolution 4 was carried.

A secret ballot vote was taken on the main motion to adopt Resolution 4 as amended (Resolution 4-A). The Tellers Committee reported the following:

Total votes cast:	2,917
Need to carry:	1,945
Yes	1,816 (62.3 percent)
No	1,101 (37.7 percent)

The chairman noting that the issue did not receive the necessary two-thirds vote required, declared the motion to adopt Resolution 4, as amended, lost:

Resolution 4-A is as follows:

WHEREAS, The 2005 General Presbytery in session referred to the Executive Presbytery the defining of the Board of Administration, the Executive Presbytery, and the General Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, The composition of the General Presbytery was a point of conversation in each of the Young Pastors Listening Forums; and

WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God has over 6,000 female credential holders; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that the Assemblies of God would be well-served to expand the General Presbytery to reflect our constituency and increase the representation of pastors under 40 years of age and female credential holders who are ordained; and

WHEREAS, The leadership team of the national office, per *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* approved by the 2005 General Council, identifies a Tier 1 leadership team made up of 6 elected officers and 4 appointed positions; and

WHEREAS, Those appointed positions give strategic direction under the supervision of the general superintendent; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution, Article IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 3. General Presbytery, page 87 and page 88, be amended by the addition of two new paragraphs to be known as g. Tier I Leadership and h. Additional Representation, which shall read:

g. Tier I Leadership. The Tier I Leadership of the national office shall be ex officio members of the General Presbytery.

h. Additional Representation. ~~The Executive Presbytery shall select~~ There shall be an additional 30 members to serve a 2-year term based on ratios of approximately 25 percent ordained females and 75 percent ordained males the balance ordained ministers under the age of 40 at the time of election.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That present paragraphs g and h be relettered as i and j.

Election of Assistant General Superintendent

The general secretary read Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, paragraph a, and Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph a, pertaining to the election of assistant general superintendent. The ballot was cast for the election of assistant general superintendent and the chairman declared the voting closed.

Rollin J. Carlson, chairman of the Tellers Committee, reported that no person received a sufficient number of votes on the nominating ballot to be elected. According to Constitution, Article II, all persons receiving 15 or more votes shall be nominees for the office of assistant general superintendent. The following persons received 15 or more votes: M. Wayne Benson, C. Dan Betzer, James K. Bridges, L. John Bueno, H. Franklin Cargill, Douglas E. Clay, G. Robert Cook, Jr., Charles T. Crabtree, L. Alton Garrison, A. Elizabeth Grant, Thomas W. Greene, Larry H. Griswold, Byron D. Klause, John E. Lindell, Ronald F. McManus, John M. Palmer, Terrell R. Raburn, H. Robert Rhoden, Zollie L. Smith, Jr., Randy L. Valimont.

The following persons requested that their names be removed from the nominating ballot: James K. Bridges, Charles T. Crabtree, John E. Lindell, L. John Bueno, Ronald F. McManus, H. Robert Rhoden.

Since there was no election on the nominating ballot, the first elective ballot was cast:

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the first elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,927
Needed to elect	1,948
Invalid votes	5
M. Wayne Benson	86
C. Dan Betzer	141
H. Franklin Cargill	40
Douglas E. Clay	686
G. Robert Cook, Jr.	44
L. Alton Garrison	1,188
A. Elizabeth Grant	226
Thomas W. Greene	62
Larry H. Griswold	30
Byron D. Klaus	41
John M. Palmer	173
Terrell R. Raburn	77
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	77
Randy L. Valimont	51

Since there was no election on the first elective ballot, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the second elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,816
Needed to elect	1,865
Invalid votes	19
M. Wayne Benson	13
C. Dan Betzer	41
H. Franklin Cargill	2
Douglas E. Clay	811
G. Robert Cook, Jr.	5
L. Alton Garrison	1,583
A. Elizabeth Grant	233
Thomas W. Greene	7
Larry H. Griswold	5
Byron D. Klaus	5
John M. Palmer	45
Terrell R. Raburn	15
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	20
Randy L. Valimont	12

Since there was no election on the second elective ballot, a third elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the third elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,626
Needed to elect	1,743
Invalid votes	12
M. Wayne Benson	2
C. Dan Betzer	8
H. Franklin Cargill	2
Douglas E. Clay	743
G. Robert Cook, Jr.	3
L. Alton Garrison	1,624
A. Elizabeth Grant	195
Thomas W. Greene	3
Larry H. Griswold	1
Byron D. Klaus	0
John M. Palmer	13
Terrell R. Raburn	7
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	10
Randy L. Valimont	3

Since there was no election, a fourth elective ballot was cast. The chairman indicated that according to Bylaws, all names will be eliminated except for the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes, which would be Douglas E. Clay, L. Alton Garrison, A. Elizabeth Grant.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the fourth elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,169
Needed to elect	1,444
Invalid votes	4
Douglas E. Clay	558
L. Alton Garrison	1,436
A. Elizabeth Grant	171

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the fifth elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,032
Needed to elect	1,350
Invalid votes	8
Douglas E. Clay	473
L. Alton Garrison	1,448
A. Elizabeth Grant	103

The chairman, noting that L. Alton Garrison received well in excess of the two-thirds vote required, declared him elected as assistant general superintendent.

Brother Trask called on L. Alton Garrison to make any comments he wished. Sister Garrison was asked to join him on the platform. Brother Garrison expressed his appreciation for the confidence placed in him.

Reconsideration of Resolution 4

It was moved and seconded that the action taken on Resolution 4 be rescinded and that the resolution be reconsidered. The motion to reconsider lost.

Resolution 15. Election of the General Presbytery

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee withdrew Resolution 15 in light of the fact that Resolution 4 was defeated.

Election of General Secretary

The general secretary read the Bylaws provision for the election of general secretary, Article II, Section 2, paragraph b, and indicated that the General Presbytery is presenting the names of Larry H. Griswold, John M. Palmer, and Zollie L. Smith, Jr. as nominees for the position of general secretary. Ballots were cast and the chair declared voting closed.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following on the first elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,448
Needed to elect	1,622
Invalid votes	16
Larry H. Griswold	630
John M. Palmer	1,023
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	779

Since there was no election on the first elective ballot, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the second elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,523
Needed to elect	1,666
Invalid votes	24
Larry H. Griswold	284
John M. Palmer	1,434
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	781

Since there was no election on the second elective ballot, a third elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the third elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,576
Needed to elect	1,706
Invalid votes	18
Larry H. Griswold	111
John M. Palmer	1,862
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	585

Having noted that John M. Palmer had received more than the required number of votes, the general superintendent declared that he had been elected to the position of general secretary.

The chairman asked Debbie to join her husband on the platform. John and Debbie Palmer expressed their deep appreciation to the Fellowship for the confidence that has been placed in them.

General Superintendent's Medal of Honor

The General Superintendent's Medal of Honor was presented by the general superintendent to the following two outstanding laypersons:

The Couriers

Dwight D. Eisenhower was president and gas was 20 cents a gallon when God placed His call upon three young men students at Central Bible Institute who formed a music ministry team. Some five decades ago, they chose the name "The Couriers" and the rest is history.

Dave Kyllonen, Duane Nicholson, and Neil Enloe have spent these years singing the good news of Jesus Christ in churches, concerts, prisons, and hospital rooms, and countless other places. They have recorded over 40 albums of music, traveled to every state in the Union as well as 80 nations in missionary evangelism.

The Couriers have received three prestigious Dove Awards from the Gospel Music Association. Two of the awards, "Song of the Year" and "Associate Members Award," were bestowed on Neil Enloe for his original music composition, "Statute of Liberty."

In 1980, the group decided to launch out into individual ministries with their families which they did for several years. A few years later, they reorganized and resumed the Couriers. However, in 2000 the three stepped out of the Couriers—but not the music ministry—for the last time. So today they are simple Dave, Duane, and Neil. And they take life at a little slower pace so they aren't on the road day in and day out as has been the case for so many years.

Their former pastor, Paul Wislocky, says, "I have been friends with Dave, Duane, and Neil since our years together as students at Central Bible Institute (now college). I can tell you first hand they always operate within the bounds of ministerial ethics and Christian courtesy. They are men of integrity, heart, and vision. They have a tremendous desire to introduce people to the saving grace and power of Jesus Christ. Their focus has always been on ministry. They have exhibited a great love for people, been a consistent example of faithfulness to our Lord, and represented our Fellowship well.

For exemplary lives, bringing glory and honor to God and to this church, it is my privilege to confer upon Dave Kyllonen, Duane Nicholson, and Neil Enloe the General Superintendent's Medal of Honor.

Richard R. Hammar

For almost 29 years, Richard Hammar has served this church as its first and only legal counsel. Richard had only been a Christian 2 years when he graduated from Harvard Law School in 1976. He was heavily courted by elite law firms but he had decided to seek God's will for his life. Little did he know that surrendering to God would lead him in 2 short years to the Assemblies of God Headquarters in Springfield, Missouri. When General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman and the Executive Presbytery offered him the newly created post of legal counsel, Rich accepted the job, rented a U-haul, and with his wife and young daughter moved to Springfield.

Although he was hired without a job description, he decided as legal counsel his duty was to provide advice on legal matters and to defend the national office against lawsuits.

He soon determined through voracious reading and self-education to become an authority on church law. Today he is recognized across the nation in that capacity. He writes three professional church law newsletters and has written more than 100 books on church law (averaging 10 books a year). His books are cited by courts and the IRS relies on them—he’s literally written more on church law than anyone, anywhere.

Richard says he approaches the job through St. Augustine’s credo: Work as if the results depend entirely upon your efforts and pray as if the results depend entirely upon God. He views his position as a ministry and a sacred trust.

In addition to his vital role at Headquarters, Rich teaches astronomy at Evangel University and is actively engaged in his hobby. He teaches church law at Central Bible College. And he teaches a fourth-grade Sunday school class at Central Assembly, his home church where he also serves as a deacon. He has been honored as Teacher of the Year by the Southern Missouri District Council. Rich plays the cello, is a frequent speaker in and out of the Assemblies of God, and exercises enough to be categorized in the “superior” level of fitness at a national health institute. He loves to sail and even became a certified diesel mechanic in order to fix his boat’s engine.

Richard was recently named one of the 50 most influential Christians in America by *Christianity Today* magazine.

His pastor, James Bradford, stated, “I am impressed with Richard’s commitment to the local church. He prays with people at the altar every Sunday and stays actively interested and involved in the weekly ministries of the church. I have witnessed the considerable influence of his life on the generations of fourth graders who have had him as a Sunday school teacher. He starts every class with the words, “Students, you are awesome and you are going to change the world.”

For an exemplary life, bringing glory and honor to God and to his church, it is my privilege to confer upon Richard Hammar the General Superintendent’s Medal of Honor.

Resolution 3. Composition of Executive Presbytery

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 3. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 3, as follows:

- WHEREAS, The 2005 General Presbytery in session referred to the Executive Presbytery the defining of the Board of Administration, the Executive Presbytery, and the General Presbytery; and
- WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery in approving the final report of its study committee noted the wisdom of the changes in the composition of the Executive Presbytery by General Council action of 1995 and 1997, adding representation from non-Hispanic foreign language districts and ethnic fellowships; and
- WHEREAS, This action has been more than justified in the intervening years as the foreign language districts and ethnic fellowships have continued to expand and make immense contributions to the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery, after reviewing the Young Pastors Listening Forum report, approved the recommendation of adding members to the Executive Presbytery through the inclusion of a nonresident executive

presbyter who is an ordained pastor under 40 years of age, and a nonresident executive presbyter who is an ordained female credential holder; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Constitution, Article IX. OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, Section 2. Executive Presbytery, page 87, be amended by changing the number 11 to 13 and the number 17 to 19 to allow for the inclusion of such persons so the amended paragraph will read:

- a. **Composition and terms of office.** The Executive Presbytery shall consist of the general superintendent, the assistant general superintendent, the general secretary, the general treasurer, the executive director of ~~the~~ Assemblies of God World Missions, the executive director of ~~the~~ Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, together with ~~11~~ 13 other persons to bring the number to ~~17~~ 19. The terms of office for the executive director of ~~the~~ Assemblies of God World Missions and the executive director of ~~the~~ Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall continue for 4 years or until their successors qualify. The terms of office for all members of the Executive Presbytery, except as stated in this section and Section 1, shall begin 60 days after date of election and shall continue for 2 years or until their successors qualify.

Resolution 14. Election of the Executive Presbytery

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 14. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 14, as follows:

WHEREAS, The 2005 General Presbytery in session referred to the Executive Presbytery the defining of the Board of Administration, the Executive Presbytery, and the General Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery in approving the final report of its study committee noted the wisdom of the changes in the composition of the Executive Presbytery of the General Council action of 1995 and 1997, adding representation from non-Hispanic foreign language districts; and

WHEREAS, This action has been more than justified in the intervening years as the foreign language districts and ethnic fellowships have continued to expand and make immense contributions to the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery has been expanded over the years to effectively represent our growing constituency; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery after reviewing the Young Ministers Listening Forums report, approved the recommendation of adding members to the Executive Presbytery through the inclusion of a nonresident executive presbyter who is an ordained pastor under 40 years of age, and a nonresident executive presbyter who is an ordained female credential holder; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph c. Nonresident executive presbyters, subparagraph (2). *Division for electing nonresident executive presbyters*, page 96, be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (c), to read as follows:

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

Recess

The meeting recessed at 12 noon, to reconvene at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—AUGUST 10

The Friday afternoon session began at 2. H. Robert Rhoden, nonresident executive presbyter from the Northeast Area, opened the session with prayer: The general superintendent called the business session to order at 2:05 p.m.

Roster Committee Report

David Wigington, chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the following report as of 1:43 p.m., Friday, August 10, 2007:

VOTING:

Ordained	2,826	
Licensed	750	
Delegates	527	
Executive Presbyters	17	
General Presbyters	230	
Voting constituency		4,350

NONVOTING:

Exhibitors	960	
Kids Council	449	
Youth Convention	12,330	
General registration	8,220	
Nonvoting constituency		21,959
Total		26,309

A motion prevailed to receive the report.

Election of Executive Director Assemblies of God World Missions

The general secretary read the Bylaws provision for the election of the executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions, Article II, Section 2, paragraph b. and presented the name of L. John Bueno as the nominee from the General Presbytery. Ballots were cast and the chair declared voting closed.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report:

Total votes cast	1,962
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Needed to elect	1,308
Yes votes	1,861
No votes	101

Having noted that L. John Bueno had received more than the required number of votes, the general superintendent declared that he had been reelected to the position of executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions. John and Lois Bueno expressed appreciation to the Fellowship for its continued confidence and support.

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

The general secretary read the Bylaws provision for the election of the executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, Article II, Section 2, paragraph b. and presented the names of Thomas W. Greene and Zollie L. Smith, Jr., as the nominees from the General Presbytery for the position of executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions. Ballots were cast and the chairman declared voting closed.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report for the first elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,548
Needed to elect	1,684
Invalid votes	22
Thomas W. Greene	1,031
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	1,495

Since there was no election on the first elective ballot, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the second elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,546
Needed to elect	1,691
Invalid votes	10
Thomas E. Greene	594
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	1,942

Having noted that Zollie L. Smith, Jr., had received more than the required number of votes, the general superintendent declared that he had been elected to the position of executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions.

Phyllis Smith joined her husband on the platform. Zollie and Phyllis were presented to the body and both expressed to the Council their appreciation for the confidence placed in them.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Northwest Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Northwest Area:

Total votes cast	1,979
Needed to elect	1,308
Invalid votes	17
Ted R. Boatsman	158
Warren D. Bullock	866
Robert J. Fox	25
Doyle A. Fulkes	37
Paul D. Goodman	112

Barry D. Osteen	63
Lewis R. Shelton	64
Roy W. Welch, III	37
William E. (Bill) Wilson	173
Leslie E. Welk	182
Jesse C. Ybarra	165
Daniel M. York	80

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report on the second elective ballot:

Total votes cast	2,131
Needed to elect	1,412
Invalid votes	13
Ted R. Boatsman	51
Warren D. Bullock	1,851
Robert J. Fox	2
Doyle A. Fulkes	5
Paul D. Goodman	10
Barry D. Osteen	7
Lewis R. Shelton	6
Roy W. Welch, III	7
William E. (Bill) Wilson	61
Leslie E. Welk	69
Jesse C. Ybarra	40
Daniel M. York	9

Having noted that Warren D. Bullock had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Northwest Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Southwest Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter for the Southwest Area:

Total votes cast	1,832
Needed to elect	1,212
Invalid votes	15
James E. Ayers	38
James R. Braddy	178
Craig W. Carter	27
Rick Cole	251
G. Robert Cook, Jr.	151
Richard L. Dresselhaus	754
Stephen L. Harris	95
James D. Marocco	55
George K. Nagato	55
T. Ray Rachels	250

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot:

Total votes cast	1,816
Needed to elect	1,206
Invalid votes	8
James E. Ayers	21
James R. Braddy	73
Craig W. Carter	9
Rick Cole	151
G. Robert Cook, Jr.	62
Richard L. Dresselhaus	1,255
Stephen L. Harris	38
James D. Marocco	25
George K. Nagato	17
T. Ray Rachels	157

Having noted that Richard L. Dresselhaus had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Southwest Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—North Central Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the North Central Area:

Total votes cast	1,637
Needed to elect	1,088
Invalid votes	6
Arden K. Adamson	203
M. Ray Brewer	207
Leon D. Freitag	61
Ronald M. Garner	39
Edwin R. Homer	31
Thomas M. Jacobs	141
Darrell D. Losing	34
John M. Palmer	13
Clarence St. John	422
Dwight A. Sandoz	97
Stephen R. Schaible	55
Edmund L. Tedeschi	162
Ronald J. Traub	122
Robert A. Wine	44

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for executive presbyter from the North Central Area:

Total votes cast	1,756
Needed to elect	1,167
Invalid votes	6
Arden K. Adamson	101
M. Ray Brewer	167
Leon D. Freitag	4
Ronald M. Garner	10

Edwin R. Homer	1
Thomas M. Jacobs	43
Darrell D. Losing	6
John M. Palmer	8
Clarence St. John	1,323
Dwight A. Sandoz	7
Stephen R. Schaible	12
Edmund L. Tedeschi	40
Ronald J. Traub	25
Robert A. Wine	3

Having noted that Clarence W. St. John had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him elected as executive presbyter from the North Central Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—South Central Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the South Central Area:

Total votes cast	1,717
Needed to elect	1,141
Invalid votes	6
H. Franklin Cargill	182
T. Craig Dacus	35
Richard W. DuBose	142
J. Don George	928
R. Kenneth George	46
Joseph P. Granberry	45
Jonathan M. Hollis	24
Thomas D. Lakey	17
Marcus W. McClain	17
E. Don Nordin, Jr.	42
Robert L. Slaton	32
Terry L. Yancey	201

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for executive presbyter from the South Central Area:

Total votes cast	1,848
Needed to elect	1,228
Invalid votes	6
H. Franklin Cargill	71
T. Craig Dacus	9
Richard W. DuBose	38
J. Don George	1,567
R. Kenneth George	10
Joseph P. Granberry	8
Jonathan M. Hollis	1
Thomas D. Lakey	2
Marcus W. McClain	3
E. Don Nordin, Jr.	5
Robert L. Slaton	5
Terry L. Yancey	123

Having noted that J. Don George had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the South Central Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Great Lakes Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Great Lakes Area:

Total votes cast	1,742
Needed to elect	1,160
Invalid votes	3
Isaac Troy Boggs	18
Ray A. Berryhill, Sr.	151
Douglas E. Clay	698
Charles E. Crank	368
Marvin R. Dennis	22
Donald G. Gifford	48
Joseph S. Girdler	36
Larry H. Griswold	221
David L. Gross	23
John K. Jordan	19
William F. Leach	90
David R. Williams	45

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Great Lakes Area:

Total votes cast	1,742
Needed to elect	1,160
Invalid votes	3
Isaac Troy Boggs	6
Ray A. Berryhill, Sr.	47
Douglas E. Clay	1,461
Charles E. Crank	186
Marvin R. Dennis	11
Donald G. Gifford	10
Joseph S. Girdler	4
Larry H. Griswold	60
David L. Gross	2
John K. Jordan	3
William F. Leach	19
David R. Williams	8

Having noted that Douglas E. Clay had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Great Lakes Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Gulf Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Gulf Area:

Total votes cast	1,571
Needed to elect	1,042
Invalid votes	8
Bill R. Baker	127

D. Maury Davis	283
Walter L. Davis	37
Douglas E. Fulenwider	631
Larry Moore	162
Ronnie Morris	39
Bill R. Newby	129
Walter L. Rose	13
R. Eddie Turner	95
Robert B. Wilburn	47

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Gulf Area:

Total votes cast	1,645
Needed to elect	1,094
Invalid votes	4
Bill R. Baker	25
D. Maury Davis	199
Walter L. Davis	3
Douglas E. Fulenwider	1,309
Larry Moore	53
Ronnie Morris	3
Bill R. Newby	30
Walter L. Rose	0
R. Eddie Turner	13
Robert B. Wilburn	6

Having noted that Douglas E. Fulenwider had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him elected as executive presbyter for the Gulf Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Northeast Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Northeast Area:

Total votes cast	1,429
Needed to elect	951
Invalid votes	3
Daniel R. Abbatiello	41
Carl J. Colletti	85
Duane P. Durst	48
Clayton B. Glickert	10
Larry F. Hickey	42
Donald A. James	57
Byran D. Koch	79
Dennis W. Marquardt	77
H. Robert Rhoden	829
Otis D. Stanley	33
Stephen R. Tourville	68
Robert Wise, Jr.	57

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Northeast Area:

Total votes cast	1,545
Needed to elect	1,028

Invalid votes	4
Daniel R. Abbatiello	15
Carl J. Colletti	36
Duane P. Durst	7
Clayton B. Glickert	5
Larry F. Hickey	4
Donald A. James	10
Byran D. Koch	22
Dennis W. Marquardt	17
H. Robert Rhoden	1,401
Otis D. Stanley	2
Stephen R. Tourville	12
Robert Wise, Jr.	7

Having noted that H. Robert Rhoden had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Northeast Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Southeast Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Southeast Area:

Total votes cast	1,188
Needed to elect	790
Invalid votes	3
C. Dan Betzer	626
Roger W. Brumbalow	29
Phil F. Edwards	7
Billy J. Glover	17
Charles Kelly	9
John A. Loper, Jr.	19
Ronald F. McManus	260
G. Edward Nelson	2
Terrell R. Raburn	92
Victory E. Smith	4
Robert S. Thompson	10
Randy L. Valimont	110

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Southeast Area:

Total votes cast	1,053
Needed to elect	700
Invalid votes	3
C. Dan Betzer	857
Roger W. Brumbalow	9
Phil F. Edwards	5
Billy J. Glover	2
Charles Kelly	0
John A. Loper, Jr.	4
Ronald F. McManus	102
G. Edward Nelson	0
Terrell R. Raburn	25
Victory E. Smith	1
Robert S. Thompson	1
Randy L. Valimont	44

Having noted that C. Dan Betzer received more than the two-thirds vote required, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Southeast Area.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Language Area—Spanish

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Language Area—Spanish:

Total votes cast	807
Needed to elect	536
Invalid votes	3
Lee Baca	34
Isaac J. Canales	59
Jesse L. Galindo	10
Nicanor Gonzalez	15
Gary Jones	38
Rigoberto Nagana	4
Clemente Maldonado, Jr.	33
Edward Martinez	41
Jesse Miranda, Jr.	500
Daniel Negron	1
Rafael Reyes	15
Dennis J. Rivera	25
Arturo N. Santana	2
Juan H. Suarez	4
Alfred Vargas	23

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for the Language Area—Spanish:

Total votes cast	687
Needed to elect	457
Invalid votes	2
Lee Baca	5
Isaac J. Canales	12
Jesse L. Galindo	2
Nicanor Gonzalez	4
Gary Jones	2
Rigoberto Nagana	0
Clemente Maldonado, Jr.	4
Edward Martinez	5
Jesse Miranda, Jr.	644
Daniel Negron	0
Rafael Reyes	0
Dennis J. Rivera	4
Arturo N. Santana	0
Juan H. Suarez	1
Alfred Vargas	2

Having noted that Jesse Miranda, Jr., had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Language Area—Spanish.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Language Area—Other

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Language Area—Other:

Total votes cast	605
Needed to elect	402
Invalid votes	3

Nam Soo Kim	550
Daniel J. Miller	30
Lawrence G. Olson	22

Having noted that Nam Soo Kim had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him reelected as executive presbyter from the Language Area—Other.

Election of Executive Presbyter—Ethnic Fellowship Area

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the first elective ballot for executive presbyter from the Ethnic Fellowship Area:

Total votes cast	515
Needed to elect	340
Invalid votes	6
Paul Adu-Antoh	33
Michel Beaudouin	1
Rodger A. Cree	17
Yan Sang “Robert” Chai	9
Emory K. Dively	24
Dennis E. Hodges	14
Nilo Jaren M. Lapasaran, Jr.	15
Rudolf A. Lolowang	4
John E. Maracle	142
Nicky Pop	26
George A. Rafidi	35
Sydney H. Ramphal	55
Alex A. Shevchenko	22
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	4
Wade Southerland	87
Teloma A. Tuamasaga	11
Eremasi Vabasi	2
Tomasi Vi	8

Since there was no election, a second elective ballot was cast.

The chairman of the Tellers Committee gave the following report of the second elective ballot for the Ethnic Fellowship Area:

Total votes cast	522
Needed to elect	346
Invalid votes	3
Paul Adu-Antoh	4
Michel Beaudouin	0
Rodger A. Cree	2
Yan Sang “Robert” Chai	0
Emory K. Dively	4
Dennis E. Hodges	2
Nilo Jaren M. Lapasaran, Jr.	6
Rudolf A. Lolowang	1
John E. Maracle	443
Nicky Pop	2
George A. Rafidi	5
Sydney H. Ramphal	13
Alex A. Shevchenko	3
Zollie L. Smith, Jr.	0
Wade Southerland	32

Teloma A. Tuamasaga	0
Eremasi Vabasi	0
Tomasi Vi	1

Having noted that John E. Maracle had received more than the two-thirds vote required for an election, the chairman declared him elected as executive presbyter from the Ethnic Fellowship Area.

Privileged Motion

In light of the number of resolutions still to be considered, a motion prevailed that debate be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

Resolution 17. Role of the Executive Presbytery

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 17. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 17 as follows:

- WHEREAS, There is a need to clarify the role of the Executive Presbytery; and
 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery serves in a managerial role, as well as providing spiritual leadership; therefore, be it
 RESOLVED, The General Council Bylaws Article III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, PRESBYTERS, BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, Section 7. Duties of the Executive Presbytery, page 101, be amended by the rewording of paragraph k which reads:

- k. Be amenable to the General Presbytery. It shall communicate with the members of the General Presbytery before final action shall be taken on all matters of great importance.

To read as follows:

- k. Be amenable to the General Presbytery in all matters under the functions and duties of the General Presbytery.

And the addition of two new paragraphs to be lettered l and m, which will read as follows:

- l. Protect and enhance the vision of the executive officers.
 m. Provide oversight of internal operations of Headquarters as indicated in *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual*.

Delta Alpha Distinguished Educator Awards

Robert H. Spence, acting president of The Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education, presented the Delta Alpha Distinguished Educator Awards. The following resolution had been adopted by the Executive Presbytery:

Carolyn Tennant

- WHEREAS, The Reverend Doctor Carolyn J. Tennant has distinguished herself in our Fellowship by consistent excellence in teaching and has made an outstanding contribution and lifetime commitment to Christian Higher Education in the Assemblies of God; and
 WHEREAS, Doctor Tennant has served the Lord as a professor at North Central University from 1983 to the present; and in addition has held several administrative positions during that time, and has been nominated by the North Central University Board of Directors for national recognition by the Assemblies of God; and

- WHEREAS, Doctor Tennant, having met the criteria of Service, Scholarship, Teaching, and Character, was elected by the Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education in session May 24, 2007, to receive the Delta Alpha Distinguished Educator Award; be it therefore
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in session June 5-6, 2007, recognizes Doctor Carolyn J. Tennant as a distinguished educator in our Fellowship and expresses sincere appreciation for her faithful and excellent service to the Church; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery express thanks to our Lord who appointed Doctor Tennant among those teachers given to the Church “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry,” (Ephesians 4:12); and be it further
- RESOLVED, That this resolution be read publicly by a representative of the Executive Presbytery on the occasion of the Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education Luncheon, August 9, 2007, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Robert Spence recognized James H. Railey as second recipient of the Delta Alpha Distinguished Educators Award. The following resolution had been adopted by the Executive Presbytery:

James H. Railey

- WHEREAS, The Reverend Doctor James H. Railey has distinguished himself in our Fellowship by consistent excellence in teaching and has made an outstanding contribution and lifetime commitment to Christian Higher Education in the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, Doctor Railey has served the Lord as a professor at Assemblies of God Theological Seminary from 1991 to the present and professor at Southeastern University from 1979-90; and has been nominated by Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Board of Directors for national recognition by the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, Doctor Railey, having met the criteria of Service, Scholarship, Teaching, and Character, was elected by The Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education in session May 24, 2007, to receive the Delta Alpha Distinguished Educator Award; be it therefore
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in session June 5,6, 2007, recognizes Doctor James H. Railey as a distinguished educator in our Fellowship and expresses sincere appreciation for his faithful and excellent service to the Church; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery express thanks to our Lord who appointed Doctor Railey among those teachers given to the Church “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry” (Ephesians 4:12); and be it further
- RESOLVED, That this resolution be read publicly by a representative of the Executive Presbytery on the occasion of the Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education Luncheon, August 9, 2007, Indianapolis, Indiana.

A third recipient for the Delta Alpha Distinguished Educators Award was the late Donald Baldwin. His granddaughter, Abigail Noble, received the award in behalf of her grandfather. The following resolution had been adopted by the Executive Presbytery:

Donald E. Baldwin (posthumously)

- WHEREAS, The Reverend Doctor Donald E. Baldwin (deceased) distinguished himself in our Fellowship by consistent excellence in teaching and has made an outstanding contribution and lifetime commitment to Christian Higher Education in the Assemblies of God; and

- WHEREAS, Doctor Baldwin has served the Lord as a faculty member at Vanguard University of Southern California from 1977 to 2005; and has been nominated by the Vanguard University Board of Directors for national recognition by the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, Doctor Baldwin, having met the criteria of Service, Scholarship, Teaching, and Character, was elected by The Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education in session May 24, 2007, to receive the Delta Alpha Distinguished Educator Award; be it therefore
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in session June 5,6, 2007, recognizes Doctor Donald E. Baldwin as having been a distinguished educator in our Fellowship and expresses sincere appreciation for his faithful and excellent service to the Church; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery express thanks to our Lord who appointed Doctor Baldwin among those teachers given to the Church “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry” (Ephesians 4:12); and be it further
- RESOLVED, That this resolution be read publicly by a representative of the Executive Presbytery on the occasion of the Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education Luncheon, August 9, 2007, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Omicron Alpha Distinguished Administrator Awards

Robert H. Spence, acting president of The Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education, presented the Distinguished Administrator Award. He recognized Delmer Guynes and Wayne Kraiss as recipients of the Omicron Alpha Distinguished Administrator Award. The following resolution had been adopted by the Executive Presbytery:

Delmer Guynes

- WHEREAS, The Reverend Doctor Delmer R. Guynes has distinguished himself in our Fellowship as an excellent college administrator and faculty member, and has made an outstanding contribution and lifetime commitment to Christian Higher Education in the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, Doctor Guynes served the Lord as chaplain for Southwestern Assemblies of God University from 2000-07, president of Southwestern Assemblies of God University from 1982-84 and 1990-2000, and executive vice president of Assemblies of God Theological Seminary from 1975-79, and has been nominated by the Southwestern Assemblies of God University Board of Directors for national recognition by the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, Doctor Guynes, having met the criteria of Service, Scholarship, Administration, and Character, was elected by The Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education in session May 24, 2007, to receive the Omicron Alpha Distinguished Administrator Award; be it therefore
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in session June 5,6, 2007, recognizes Doctor Delmer R. Guynes as having been a distinguished administrator in our Fellowship and expresses sincere appreciation for his faithful and excellent service to the Church; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That this resolution be read publicly by a representative of the Executive Presbytery on the occasion of the Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education Luncheon, August 9, 2007, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Wayne Kraiss

- WHEREAS, The Reverend Doctor Wayne E. Kraiss has distinguished himself in our Fellowship as an excellent college administrator and faculty member, and has made an outstanding contribution and lifetime commitment to Christian Higher Education in the Assemblies of God; and

- WHEREAS, Doctor Kraiss served the Lord as an instructor at Vanguard University 1994-99, president of Vanguard University 1975-2000, chancellor of Vanguard University 2000-03 and was also commissioner of Christian Higher Education for the Assemblies of God 1995-2000, and has been nominated by the Vanguard University Board of Directors for national recognition by the Assemblies of God; and
- WHEREAS, Doctor Kraiss, having met the criteria of Service, Scholarship, Administration, and Character, was elected by The Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education in session May 24, 2007, to receive the Omicron Alpha Distinguished Administrator Award; be it therefore
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in session June 5,6, 2007, recognizes Doctor Wayne E. Kraiss as having been a distinguished administrator in our Fellowship and expresses sincere appreciation for his faithful and excellent service to the Church; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery express thanksgiving to our Lord who appointed Doctor Kraiss among those with gifts of administration and leadership (1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:8); and be it further
- RESOLVED, That this resolution be read publicly by a representative of the Executive Presbytery on the occasion of the Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education Luncheon, August 9, 2007, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Resolution 20. Role of the District Council

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 20. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 20, as follows:

- WHEREAS, It is important to define each level of organization; and
- WHEREAS, The district council functions in a specific role of relationship and training, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, page 104, be amended by the addition of a new Section 2. The Role of the District, to read as follows:

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 General Council affiliated churches in accordance with provisions of the Constitutional Declaration, Constitution Article XI, and Bylaws Article VI, and the constitution and bylaws of the respective district council. The district oversees district-affiliated churches in accordance with its own bylaws, and processes and recommends ministerial credentialing and discipline for its constituents.

And, be it further

- RESOLVED, That present Sections 2 through 7 be renumbered as Sections 3 through 8.

Resolution 21. Local Church Credential

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 21. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 21, as follows:

- WHEREAS, The General Presbytery requested a committee to review and give recommendations regarding the local church credential; and
- WHEREAS, This committee has reported to the General Presbytery and the General Presbytery has approved its recommended changes to the Bylaws that clarify the intent for the local church credential; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article VII. MINISTRY, Section 1. Ministry Described, fourth paragraph, page 110, which currently reads:

A fourth classification of ministry, a local church credential, may be provided by a local General Council affiliated church under basic guidelines adopted by the General Presbytery and such additional guidelines adopted by the district council. The local church credential shall be non-transferable (limited to the issuing local church) and shall be limited to 2 years, unless the credential is solely required by active and ongoing local ministry in a prison, hospital, or institution (renewable by the local church for an additional 2 years). A person holding a local church credential can perform the ordinances and ceremonies (sacerdotal functions) of the church if authorized in writing by the senior pastor of the local church issuing the credential.

Be amended to read:

A fourth classification of ministry, a local church credential, may be provided by a local General Council affiliated church under basic guidelines adopted by the General Presbytery and such additional guidelines adopted by the district council. The local church credential shall be non-transferable (limited to the issuing local church) and shall be limited to 2 years, unless the credential is solely required by active and ongoing local ministry in a prison, hospital, or institution (~~renewable by the local church for an additional 2 years~~). A person holding a local church credential can perform the ordinances and ceremonies (sacerdotal functions) of the church if authorized in writing by the senior pastor of the local church issuing the credential.

Resolution 22. Assemblies of God U.S. Missions

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 22. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 22, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Vision for Transformation Committee recommended to the General Presbytery that General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS, page 138, be referred to Assemblies of God U.S. Missions requesting review of the present Bylaws in light of current operations and structure and that it bring back proposed amendments to the Bylaws to the Board of Administration and the Executive Presbytery for recommendations to the General Presbytery prior to the 2005 General Council in Denver; and

WHEREAS, A new executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions was to be elected at the 2005 Denver General Council, a decision was made to postpone General Council action on proposed changes to Article XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS, until the 2007 General Council; and

WHEREAS, *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual* outlines procedures, guidelines, and parameters relating to the operation of the divisions, departments, and commissions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS, page 138, be amended as follows:

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<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS</p> <p>Section 1. Authorization and Purpose</p> <p>a. Authorization. The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall assume responsibility and do all within its power to spread the gospel to the homeland. In keeping with this obligation, there shall be an Assemblies of God U.S. Missions.</p> <p>b. Purpose. The primary responsibility of this division shall be to act as an agency of the church in fulfilling its threefold mission. The essential functions are promoting the establishing of indigenous churches representing all cultural, socioeconomic, and other identifiable groups requiring specialized understanding and methods; and facilitating the evangelization and discipleship of individuals within these groups. All such activities shall be conducted in full cooperation with the district councils. The division shall provide coordination, promotion, assistance to motivate action, and shall receive and disburse funds.</p> <p>Section 2. Organization and Governance</p> <p>a. Executive director. There shall be an executive director of the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions who shall be elected in the manner described in Bylaws Article II, Section 2, paragraph b.</p> <p>b. Administrator. The Executive Presbytery shall elect an administrator who shall serve under the executive director in the administration of the division.</p> <p>c. Departments. The General</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE XIV. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD U.S. MISSIONS</p> <p>Section 1. Authorization and Purpose</p> <p>a. Authorization. The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall assume responsibility and do all within its power to spread the gospel to the homeland. In keeping with this obligation, there shall be an Assemblies of God U.S. Missions.</p> <p>b. Purpose. The primary responsibility of this division shall be to act as an agency of the church in fulfilling its mission. The essential functions are promoting the establishing of indigenous churches and facilitating the evangelization and discipleship of individuals within the scope of U.S. Missions. All such activities shall be conducted in full cooperation with the district councils. The division shall provide coordination, promotion, assistance to motivate action, and shall receive and disburse funds.</p> <p>Section 2. Organization and Governance</p> <p>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.</p> <p>b. Administrator. There shall be an administrator who shall serve under the executive director in the administration of the division.</p> <p>c. Departments. The General</p>

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 Policy Manual*. These departments shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Church Planting
- (2) Intercultural Ministries
- (3) Chaplaincy
- (4) Chi Alpha Campus Ministries
- (5) Teen Challenge International, U.S.A.
- (6) Mission America Placement Service

~~The Executive Presbytery shall elect a leader for each department to be charged with the operation of the department under the direction of the executive director.~~

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

e. U.S. Missions Board. The work of the Assemblies of God U.S.

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* provides campus ministry to evangelize and disciple American and international college and university students.
- (3) *Church Planting and Development* provides ministry to facilitate and support the development, planting, and multiplication of missional churches.
- (4) *Intercultural Ministries* provides ministry to distinct people groups in the United States who require specialized understanding.
- (5) *Mission America Placement Service* provides ministry to enlist, facilitate, and place volunteers in distinct areas of Christian service.
- (6) *Teen Challenge International, U.S.A.* provides ministry to people of all ages with addictive behaviors.

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

e. U.S. Missions Board. The work of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions

Missions shall be under the supervision of a U.S. Missions Board.

~~(1) *Composition.* The U.S. Missions Board shall consist of the executive director of the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions; the general superintendent (ex officio); the administrator; one additional member of the Board of Administration; two nonresident members of the Executive Presbytery; and eight ministers, each from a different area of the nation. Four of the national board members shall be selected from among those district officials who have assigned to them the portfolio of district U.S. missions director.~~

~~The department leaders, and other key Assemblies of God U.S. Missions personnel as determined by the executive director, shall serve as ex officio members of the U.S. Missions Board.~~

~~(2) *Elections.* The members of the U.S. Missions Board shall be nominated by the executive director of the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, and elected by the Executive Presbytery subject to ratification by the General Presbytery.~~

~~(3) *Term of office.* A term of office shall be for 2 years and so arranged that some of the pastors will be elected each year to maintain continuity. Members may be elected for one succeeding term. The chairperson and ex officio members will have no term limitations.~~

~~(4) *Authority and amenability.* It is the responsibility of the U.S.~~

shall be under the advisement of a U.S. Missions Board.

~~Missions Board to evaluate policies of the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions and to offer guidance and counsel in the areas of its supervision, including the approval of policies and procedures governing the operation of the various ministries of the division. The U.S. Missions Board shall be amenable to and under the general supervision of the Executive Presbytery and the General Presbytery.~~

~~(5) Vacancies. The Executive Presbytery may fill a vacancy on the U.S. Missions Board by appointment until the term is expired.~~

f. U.S. Missions Committee. The general administrative work of the division shall be conducted by a U.S. Missions Committee consisting of the executive director as chairperson, the administrator as vice-chairperson, the ~~leaders~~ of the major departments of the division, and other personnel as determined by the Executive Presbytery. The responsibilities of the U.S. Missions Committee shall be the general supervision and direction of the work of the division and its missionaries in conformity with the established policies and principles of The General Council of the Assemblies of God and the U.S. Missions Board.

g. Commission on Chaplains

(1) *Composition.* The Commission on Chaplains shall consist of the executive director of the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, representatives of the Military/Veterans Affairs and ~~Industrial/Occupational~~

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 Board of Administration. 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, representatives of the Military/Veterans Affairs and ~~Industrial/Occupational~~

Chaplaincies, one of whom shall be the ~~leader~~ of the Chaplaincy ~~Department~~, and eight others. They shall consist of two executive presbyters, two military/VA chaplains, two ~~industrial/~~occupational chaplains, and two members at large. The commission shall serve as the endorsing agency for The General Council of the Assemblies of God. Members of the commission and its chair~~man~~ shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery.

~~(2) Term of office. The term of office shall be for 2 years and so arranged that one half of the terms expire annually. Members may be appointed for one succeeding term. The commission chairperson and ex officio members will have no term limitations.~~

(3) *Authority and amenability.* The government and work of the Chaplaincy ~~Department~~ 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 the Military/Veterans Affairs, ~~Industrial/~~Occupational Chaplaincies, 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.

NOTE: Reverse order of "h"

Chaplaincies, one of whom shall be the department director of Chaplaincy Ministries, two executive presbyters, two Military/Veterans Affairs chaplains, two ~~Institutional/~~Occupational chaplains, two members at large, legal counsel, and others at the discretion of the Board of Administration. The commission shall serve as the endorsing agency for The General Council of the Assemblies of God. Members of the commission and its chair~~person~~ 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 the Military/Veterans Affairs, ~~Institutional/~~Occupational Chaplaincies, 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.

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h. 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. ~~However, the supervision and administration of the work of the various ministries and missionaries shall be committed to the districts where they are located.~~

i. National U.S. missionaries. National U.S. missionaries shall be appointed by action of the U.S. Missions 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 the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions upon the approval of the work district.

Section 3. Support

Financial assistance in meeting the operating expense of the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be provided from:

- a. Offerings ~~designated for office expense.~~
- b. Five percent of all funds contributed through the national Assemblies of God U.S. Missions

NOTE: New order

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 district 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 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.

Section 3. Support

Financial assistance in meeting the operating expense of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be provided from:

- a. Offerings.
- b. Five percent of all funds contributed through national Assemblies of God U.S. Missions.

~~for nationally appointed and/or approved Assemblies of God U.S. missions workers.~~

~~e. An appropriation of 10 percent of undesignated contributions.~~

~~d. Five percent of all funds for approved district, regional, or national Assemblies of God U.S. missions projects.~~

e. One-half of the tithes of missionaries under appointment.

~~f. All endorsed and/or approved Assemblies of God chaplains actively serving full- or part-time, reserve chaplains, chaplain trainees, military trainees, and military seminarians shall contribute one-half of their tithes from their income earned from chaplaincy services to the Chaplaincy Department. Industrial/Occupational chaplains' contributions shall be placed in the Industrial/Occupational Chaplaincy Fund, and the Military/Veterans Affairs Chaplain's contributions shall be placed in the Military/Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy Fund.~~

g. Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Department

~~(1) All Chi Alpha campus ministers shall contribute one-half of their tithes to the national Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Department.~~

~~(2) All International Student Ministry missionaries and recognized international student ministry campus and church staff shall contribute one-half of their tithes to the national Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Department.~~

~~(3) All Chi Alpha chapters and International Student Ministry works shall contribute 5 percent of their budget to the national Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Department.~~

c. One-half of the tithes of missionaries under appointment designated to their respective departments.

d. All endorsed and/or approved Assemblies of God chaplains actively serving full- or part-time, reserve chaplains, chaplain trainees, military trainees, and military seminarians shall contribute one-half of their tithes from their income earned from chaplaincy services to Chaplaincy Ministries.

e. Chi Alpha Campus Ministries
All Chi Alpha groups are required to contribute five percent of all group revenue to national Chi Alpha Campus Ministries.

<p>h. Teen Challenge International, U.S.A. All Teen Challenge centers shall contribute monthly in support of Teen Challenge International, U.S.A.</p>	<p>f. Teen Challenge International, U.S.A. All Teen Challenge centers shall contribute a monthly accreditation fee determined by the Teen Challenge U.S.A. board of directors.</p>
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**Resolution 11. Assemblies of God World Missions
Regional Directors Term of Service**

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 11. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 11, as follows:

- WHEREAS, The term of service for Assemblies of God World Missions regional directors is 4 years; and
- WHEREAS, The term of service needs to be included in the Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article XIII. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORLD MISSIONS, Section 2. Organization and Governance, paragraph f. Regional directors, page 135, which reads:

f. Regional directors. There shall be regional directors who shall direct the missions activities in their assigned geographical regions. They shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery on the basis of nominations by the missionaries in the respective areas, subject to the ratification of the General Presbytery.

Be amended to read:

f. Regional directors. There shall be regional directors who shall direct the missions activities in their assigned geographical regions. They shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery for a 4-year term on the basis of nominations by the missionaries in the respective areas, subject to the ratification of the General Presbytery.

**Resolution 12. *The General Council of the
Assemblies of God Operations Manual***

The Resolution Committee presented Resolution 12. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 12, as follows:

- WHEREAS, The Vision for Transformation’s recommendation to the 2005 General Presbytery/General Council revising Article XVIII of the General Council Bylaws was withdrawn at the request of the general superintendent and referred back to a committee appointed by the Executive Presbytery with the understanding that said committee would report to the 2006 General Presbytery and 2007 General Council; and
- WHEREAS, The 2005 General Council in Denver, Colorado, adopted Bylaws, Article XII. *THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD ORGANIZATIONAL MANUAL*, page 133, which authorized the establishment of *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual* to be administered by the Board of Administration as approved by the Executive Presbytery, subject to the approval of the General Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, The duties of the general superintendent as outlined in Article III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, PRESBYTERS, BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, Section 1. Duties of the General Superintendent, page 99, of the Bylaws state that the general superintendent shall superintend all work of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, The proposed *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual* will be a supporting document to *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual*; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article XVIII. *GENERAL COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL*, page 143, which reads:

ARTICLE XVIII. GENERAL COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

The General Presbytery shall be empowered to develop and maintain a set of documents referred to as the *General Council Policy Manual*. These documents shall set forth the policies, procedures, guidelines, and parameters relating to the operation and structure of divisions, departments, commissions, and ministries of The General Council of the Assemblies of God. The *General Council Policy Manual* shall be administered by the Board of Administration. The Executive Presbytery shall submit annually to the General Presbytery all proposed additions, deletions, and modifications to the *General Council Policy Manual* for approval or amendment by the General Presbytery. The *General Council Policy Manual* shall be available upon request to churches and credentialed ministers.

Be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVIII. THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OPERATIONS MANUAL

The office of the general superintendent shall develop and maintain a set of documents referred to as *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual*. These documents shall set forth the procedures, guidelines, and parameters relating to the operation of divisions, departments, commissions, and ministries of The General Council of the Assemblies of God as outlined in *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Organizational Manual*. *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual* shall be administered by the Board of Administration and shall be approved by the Executive Presbytery. An updated copy will be made available to the General Presbytery at its annual meeting. *The General Council of the Assemblies of God Operations Manual* shall be available upon request to all General Council affiliated churches and licensed or ordained ministers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 7. Commitment to the Fellowship

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 7. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 7, as follows:

WHEREAS, At the 2005 General Council, Bylaws Article VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic Qualifications, page 110, was amended by the addition of a new paragraph g entitled Voluntary Cooperation and Commitment to the Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Present paragraph h. Commitment to the Fellowship, page 110, is a duplication of language contained in paragraph g; and

WHEREAS, Present paragraph h. Commitment to the Fellowship, page 110, should have been deleted at the time of the addition of the new paragraph g; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Bylaws Article VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic Qualifications, paragraph h. Commitment to the Fellowship, page 110, which reads as follows, be deleted:

h. Commitment to the Fellowship. An active loyalty to our constitutional agreements, a cooperative spirit, and a readiness to seek and receive the counsel of older mature Christians and those in positions of authority.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the remaining paragraphs i through n in Section 2 be relettered h through m.

Resolution 6. Relational Districts

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 6, and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt Resolution 6 lost. Resolution 6 as presented follows:

WHEREAS, The intent of the Assemblies of God is to see God's church grow through the developing of local congregations; and

WHEREAS, Current media and transportation developments have broken down previous limitations in time and space; and

WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God currently has ethnic/language districts that are based on a common cultural identity rather than geography; and

WHEREAS, A growing trend in the church today is multisite campuses; and

WHEREAS, The philosophy of ministry of a local church and its pastor causes it to associate with other like-minded churches and pastors across geographical boundaries; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Bylaws Article V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, pages 104-106, be amended by the addition of a new Section 6. Relational Districts, page 106, to read as follows:

Section 6. Relational Districts

a. Recognition qualifications:

(1) A relational district consists of 40 churches or more who choose, regardless of where they are located in the United States, to associate together to form a district.

(2) The name of the relational district and the names of the charter churches shall be submitted to the Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God for its approval.

b. Equality with geographical and ethnic/language districts. A relational district shall have the same privileges and responsibilities which are accorded district councils within the framework of the Constitution and Bylaws.

c. Church transfer procedures. When a church desires to transfer from one district to another, a church business meeting shall be called and the minutes of said meeting shall reflect the action authorized by the congregation. This action shall be submitted to the officers of the district the congregation is leaving as well as the district it is joining. If either district has objection, the church shall have the right of appeal to the

Executive Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution (Article XI).

d. **Cooperative relationships in all districts.** Geographical, ethnic/language, and relational districts shall seek to promote a spirit of fellowship and cooperation. The relational district must inform the geographical district of relational district churches that are located within the geographical district's area.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That current Bylaws, Article V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 6. Dissolution of Districts, page 106, be renumbered to become Section 7 and current Section 7. Ethnic and Language Fellowships, be renumbered to become Section 8; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in order to allow relational districts to be represented on the Executive Presbytery that Bylaws, Article II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph c. Nonresident executive presbyters, subparagraph (2) Divisions for electing nonresident executive presbyters, page 96, be amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to be entitled, By relational districts, which will read as follows:

(c) *By relational districts.* When a relational district is formed the Executive Presbytery shall add each of these to one of the 10 existing areas for the purpose of the relational district being represented in the election of a nonresident executive presbyter.

Resolution 8. Divorce and Remarriage: Conditions for Credentialing

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 8, and moved its adoption.

A motion prevailed that Resolution 8 be amended by the deletion of the reference to NIV throughout the resolution.

The motion to adopt Resolution 8 as amended was carried. Resolution 8 as amended and adopted follows:

WHEREAS, The 2001 General Council in session determined that a married person with a former spouse living could be granted ministerial credentials with The General Council of the Assemblies of God provided that his or her divorce occurred prior to conversion; and

WHEREAS, While the Scriptures surely denounce divorce and uphold the intended permanence of marriage, they nonetheless provide that in the cases of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9), or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15), a divorce can be granted without attaching the designation of adultery; and

WHEREAS, It is the Scriptures that serve as our source for determining the offices of ministry and the requirements associated with each for the purpose of credentialing and/or local church leadership; and

WHEREAS, The current Bylaws fail to account for the circumstances of those who have experienced divorce for either of these two causes permitted by Scripture; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Bylaws, Article VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic Qualifications, paragraph k. Marriage status, page 111, which currently reads:

k. Marriage status. We disapprove of any married persons holding ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God if either marriage partner has a former spouse living, unless the divorce occurred prior to his or her conversion except as hereinafter provided.

Be amended to read:

k. Marriage status. We disapprove of any married persons holding ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God if either marriage partner has a former spouse living, unless the divorce occurred prior to his or her conversion or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9), or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15), except as hereinafter provided.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That Bylaws, Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Section 5. Divorce and Remarriage, paragraph e. Ministerial credentials, page 123, which currently reads:

e. Ministerial credentials. We disapprove of any married minister of the Assemblies of God holding credentials if either minister or spouse has a former spouse living unless the divorce occurred prior to conversion.

Be amended to read:

e. Ministerial credentials. We disapprove of any married minister of the Assemblies of God holding credentials if either minister or spouse has a former spouse living unless the divorce occurred prior to conversion or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9), or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15).

And, be it further

RESOLVED, That Bylaws, Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Section 5. Divorce and Remarriage, paragraph c. Local Church Leadership, sub-paragraph (1) Standard for offices of bishop, or elder and deacon, page 123, which currently reads:

(1) *Standard for offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon.* Since the New Testament restricts divorced and remarried persons from the church offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon, we recommend that this standard be upheld by all our assemblies (Titus 1:5-9; 1 Timothy 3:12), except when the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Be amended to read:

(1) *Standard for offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon.* Since the New Testament restricts divorced and remarried persons from the church offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon, we recommend that this standard be upheld by all our assemblies (Titus 1:5-9; 1 Timothy 3:12), except when the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17) or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9), or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15).

Who's Who Among Assemblies of God Educators

General Superintendent Thomas Trask presented the Who's Who Among Assemblies of God Educators award to Glenna Carter, Washington, Pennsylvania. This annual award recognizes

Pentecostal educators who have dedicated themselves to teaching children. To be selected each nominee must demonstrate classroom excellence, exemplary Christian character, and the ability to influence others in spiritual growth and personal development. Those selected for 2006 and 2007 are as follows:

2006

Glenna Carter, Washington, Pennsylvania
Beth Feest, Union Grove, Wisconsin
Marian Griffin, Ama, Louisiana
Susan Kelley-Brown, Statesville, North Carolina
Bettie McNay, Pasadena, Texas
Tobi Reed, Crowley, Louisiana
Ray Scaff, Austin, Arkansas
Myra Stewart, Fort Myers, Florida
Ashley Watkiss, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania

2007

Kyle Fowler, Muldrow, Oklahoma
Brandy Hebert, Pasadena, Texas
Kevin Jennings, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Michelle Johnson, Lakeland, Florida
Chris Madlena, Lakewood, Washington
Linda Parker, Boyd, Texas
Sharon Robbins, Atlantic Beach, Florida
Steve Vigil, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Resolution 13. Honorary General Presbyter—D. Wendel Cover

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 13. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 13 as follows:

- WHEREAS, D. Wendel Cover has faithfully served the Assemblies of God with distinction for 49 years as an evangelist, pastor, district, and national leader; and
- WHEREAS, He has served for nearly 30 years as pastor of Word of Life Assembly of God, Springfield, Virginia, leading the church to rank as the second largest contributor to World Missions among U.S. Assemblies of God churches (2006); and
- WHEREAS, He has served the Potomac District Council for 14 years as Youth director leading the district to rank third in the nation in Speed the Light giving (1977), 14 years as the World Missions director leading the district to rank fourth in the nation in World Missions giving (2006), 5 years as an executive presbyter, and 22 years as assistant district superintendent; and
- WHEREAS, He has served on the Board of Trustees for Valley Forge Christian College for 22 years; and
- WHEREAS, He has served the General Council as a member of the Assemblies of God World Missions Board for 3 years, as a general presbyter for 22 years, and on many other boards and committees; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, page 88, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be named an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That D. Wendel Cover be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 23. Honorary General Presbyter—Thomas E. Trask

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 23. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 23 as follows:

- WHEREAS, Thomas E. Trask has faithfully served this Fellowship with distinction as a pastor, district leader, and national leader for over 50 years; and
- WHEREAS, He admirably served the Michigan District as superintendent, assistant superintendent, district youth director, district Sunday School director, and pastor; and
- WHEREAS, He served Brightmoor Christian Church for 12 years, leading the church to growth, ministry impact, and outstanding world missions giving; and
- WHEREAS, He served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as general treasurer for 5 years and as general superintendent since 1993 as well as serving on many other national boards and committees; and
- WHEREAS, Under his leadership the Assemblies of God has grown from about 25 million to over 57 million worldwide; and
- WHEREAS, He initiated a number of new ministries for the church, including the National Prayer Center, AG Financial Solutions, ministries for senior and singles, and a children's ministries agency; and
- WHEREAS, His stewardship in office has been characterized by a forceful focus on Pentecostal doctrine and experience; and
- WHEREAS, He has faithfully represented the General Council in leadership positions of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, the Pentecostal World Fellowship, the National Association of Evangelicals, the Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America, and the National Religious Broadcasters; and
- WHEREAS, He has served as a member of the General Presbytery for 35 years; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, page 88 of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be named an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That Thomas E. Trask be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 24. Honorary General Presbyter—Charles T. Crabtree

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 24. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 24 as follows:

- WHEREAS, Charles T. Crabtree has faithfully served the Assemblies of God as an evangelist, pastor, district, and national leader; and
- WHEREAS, He served Bethel Church of San Jose, California, for 14 years, leading the church to growth, ministry impact, and outstanding world missions giving; and
- WHEREAS, He served the Northern California and Nevada District Council as executive presbyter and as General Council presbyter/pastor; and
- WHEREAS, He served the national office for 5 years as Decade of Harvest director in which time 2,940 churches were planted nationwide; and

WHEREAS, He has served the General Council as assistant general superintendent since 1993, as well as serving on many other national boards and committees; and
WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, page 88, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be named an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That Charles T. Crabtree be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 25. Honorary General Presbyter—Paul D. Goodman

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 25. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 25 as follows:

WHEREAS, Paul D. Goodman has served the Montana District Council of the Assemblies of God with faithfulness, integrity, and distinction without interruption for the past 31 years, first in the office of district secretary (1976-83), subsequently as assistant superintendent (1983-89), and superintendent (1989-present); and
WHEREAS, Paul D. Goodman has made significant contributions not only to the Montana District, but also to the ongoing ministry of The General Council of the Assemblies of God through his service on the General Presbytery for 31 years, and on various college boards, committees, and special assignments; and
WHEREAS, Paul D. Goodman has announced his intention to submit his resignation from the office of Montana District superintendent, effective August 31, 2007; and
WHEREAS, Paul D. Goodman meets all the General Council Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter; and
WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, page 88, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such a distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That Paul D. Goodman be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 26. Honorary General Presbyter—Donald C. MacPherson

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 26. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 26 as follows:

WHEREAS, Donald C. MacPherson has served the Wyoming District Council of the Assemblies of God for nearly 21 years as secretary-treasurer; and
WHEREAS, He served as a general presbyter for the entire period he served as district secretary-treasurer; and
WHEREAS, He has pastored churches in Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and Wyoming for approximately 43 years, all but 10 years of which have been in his current pastorate in Powell, Wyoming; and
WHEREAS, He has served in departmental offices within the districts where he has pastored, always supporting and cooperating with their ministries; and
WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, page 88, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such a distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

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

Resolution 27. Honorary General Presbyter—Vernon J. Marks

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 27. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 27 as follows:

WHEREAS, Vernon J. Marks has faithfully served the Oregon Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God, 17 years as pastor, 27 years as a district, executive, or general presbyter, 12 years as assistant superintendent, and 5 years as district superintendent; and

WHEREAS, He has been a faithful and dedicated servant leader to the churches and ministries in Oregon, and has demonstrated a life of integrity and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, His years of service include serving on the Northwest University Board of Directors, Church Extension Plan Board of Directors, and Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Board, and numerous district committees; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, page 88, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for those having served on the General Presbytery for 20 years or more to be named an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Vernon J. Marks be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 28. Honorary General Presbyter—Jerry L. Parsley

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 28. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 28 as follows:

WHEREAS, Jerry L. Parsley has been a member of the Minnesota District since 1963, pastoring churches in Warren and Mahnomes, Minnesota, before leaving for the foreign mission field in June 1970; and

WHEREAS, He served as an Assemblies of God missionary in East Pakistan/Bangladesh from 1970 to 1979, working with relief and development, handling the funds for the World Relief Commission, helping to establish the national Christian Review Society through which national Christians could meet the physical needs of their own people; and

WHEREAS, He directed the International Correspondence Institute (ICI) ministry for Bangladesh; and

WHEREAS, In 1979 Jerry L. Parsley became the area representative for the Assemblies of God in Southern Asia, planning missions strategy for the area, ministering to fellow missionaries, relating to the national churches, and serving on numerous boards and committees in various countries; and

WHEREAS, He became the Eurasia field director in 1983 (Eurasia consisted of all Europe, Southern Asia, and the Middle East/North Africa, until Europe became a separate region in 1998, having the Parsleys in charge of missionaries and associates serving in 44 countries); and

WHEREAS, During Jerry L. Parsley's tenure as Eurasia field and regional director 38 new fields/countries in the strategic 10/40 window have been opened; and

WHEREAS, He has served on the General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, page 88, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such a distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

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

Resolution 29. Honorary General Presbyter—David D. Rueb

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 29. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 29 as follows:

WHEREAS, David D. Rueb has served the German District Council of the Assemblies of God with honor and distinction as secretary/treasurer and as its superintendent for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, His pastoral ministry has spanned over 42 years; and

WHEREAS, He has served on various boards and committees for the General Council and for the German District Council; and

WHEREAS, He has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as a general presbyter for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph h, page 88, of the General Council Constitution makes provision for persons with such a distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That David D. Rueb be elected by this General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Resolution 9. Integrity in Educational Credentials

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 9. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 9 as follows:

WHEREAS, There is a growing proliferation of unaccredited independent organizations, including fraudulent diploma mills, offering inadequate unreliable education supposedly qualifying people as ministers of the church, all the while marketing their education and degrees as equivalent to those offered by fully accredited reputable institutions; and

WHEREAS, The independent Pentecostal/charismatic movement in particular is increasingly permeated by these dubious educational entities with their deficient degrees, unbiblical teachings, and deceptive practices, all of which are freely marketed to our own ministers and churches; and

WHEREAS, Anyone who makes use of such organizations is either being defrauded or is guilty of seeking to avoid the rigors of proper preparation for ministry, and may become guilty of perpetrating a fraud, and of exposing themselves and their employers to legal liability; and

WHEREAS, Government agencies, fully accredited educational institutions, and professional organizations are taking ever greater care to ensure that the people they accept, employ, license, or promote are properly prepared and not guilty of fraudulently claiming a title, degree, or expertise they have not legitimately earned, and to warn potential students against spurious institutions; and

- WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God has always worked hard to achieve the highest standards in training and educational accreditation that we have been able to attain at any given time, and to ensure that our ministers have actually acquired the spiritual formation, education, and preparation which they claim; and
- WHEREAS, One primary reason for our Movement's founding was to provide our ministers with a solid evangelical, Pentecostal education that would keep us firmly embedded in orthodox Christianity, and prevent our being drawn into error by the false doctrines, spiritualities, and practices of the sectarian fringe, as had happened with all previous Pentecostal/charismatic revivals; and
- WHEREAS, Even our smallest specialized, unaccredited but fully endorsed Assemblies of God institutes and colleges must meet strict standards for course content and quality to maintain their endorsement, and cannot at all be compared to spurious independent schools; and
- WHEREAS, There is now available through in-class residential, or Internet, or other distance education, an abundance of fully accredited institute, university, or graduate level educational opportunities, whether through the Assemblies of God or other sound evangelical and orthodox Christian institutions, enabling anyone desiring a genuinely excellent education to obtain it; and
- WHEREAS, The simplest way to protect our ministers and churches against educational deceptions and frauds, and to maintain our integrity, good name, and credibility in these matters with the broader Church and with the world, is to keep our educational ethics and standards clearly linked to those the General Council and our nationally and regionally accredited Assemblies of God schools will certainly be careful to maintain; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That Bylaws, Article VII. MINISTRY, pages 109-120, be amended by the addition of a new Section 14 on page 120, to read:

Section 14. Integrity in Educational Credentials

a. Continuing education encouraged. Our ministers and churches are encouraged to seek continuing education, discipleship, spiritual formation, and training opportunities of all kinds, of all degrees of difficulty, of their own initiative or in cooperation with the district council and the General Council, but with great care always taken to properly understand and honestly describe all such training, certifications, degrees, and titles.

b. Using adequately accredited institutions. Because of the many questionable institutions offering unaccredited or deficient training and education, and since the General Council, our General Council schools, and our regional Assemblies of God universities are committed to achieving and maintaining the highest standards of accreditation in education, we strongly encourage our ministers to meet their continuing education needs either through endorsed Assemblies of God institutions or through other reputable institutions having accreditation status at least equivalent to that held by our own regionally and nationally accredited schools, and to consult the district council or General Council offices if they have questions in these matters.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That Bylaws, Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, B. List of Doctrines and Practices Disapproved, pages 121-126, be amended by the addition of a new Section 13, page 126, to read: **Section 13. Accountability in Educational Attribution**

a. Attribution. In order to maintain our testimony of quality and integrity in educational credentials before the Church and the world, and to minimize the possibility of our ministers and churches being victimized by, or supporting, or perpetrating frauds in education or credentialing, we maintain certain standards for the attribution of degrees, certifications, and titles.

(1) *Attribution by ministers.* Our ministers shall refrain from listing, promoting, or attributing to themselves or others any degrees or titles conferred by institutions or organizations having, at the time of conferral, a formal accreditation status less than that of our appropriately corresponding Assemblies of God institutions (whether institute, regional university, or seminary).

(2) *Attribution by the General Council.* No media, ministry, department, arm, or employee of the General Council shall list, attribute, or promote for any person, any degree or title conferred by an institution or organization having, at the time of conferral, a formal accreditation status less than that of our appropriately corresponding Assemblies of God institutions (whether institute, regional university, or seminary).

(3) *Attribution by local churches.* We strongly encourage our ministers, boards, and churches to take great care to ensure that all ministers and church employees have actually earned the legitimately accredited education, training, and certification, as defined above, which they claim by their titles or degrees (such as counselor, therapist, doctor, and so on).

b. Intentional failure to comply. Intentional refusal to comply with this ethical standard for educational credentials constitutes perpetrating a fraud upon the church and the world, personally and in the good name of the Assemblies of God, and the General Council disapproves of such practices.

Resolution 10. Legalism

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 10, and moved its adoption.

A motion prevailed that the word “toward” on page 2, line 3 be changed to “in,” so that the sentence will read: The Assemblies of God strongly affirms that salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8,9).

The motion to adopt Resolution 10 as amended was carried. Resolution 10 as amended and adopted follows:

WHEREAS, The Commission on Doctrinal Purity was requested by the Executive Presbytery to review General Council Bylaws, Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, B. List of Doctrines and Practices Disapproved, Section 2. Legalism, page 121; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Doctrinal Purity was asked to draft substitute language for this section of the Bylaws so as to reflect a positive orientation to the matter of maintaining purity of life; and

WHEREAS, The General Presbytery has concurred with the recommendation of the Commission on Doctrinal Purity; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, B. List of Doctrines and Practices Disapproved, Section 2. Legalism, page 121, which reads:

Section 2. Legalism

a. Matters of conscience. The Assemblies of God disapproves of those who hold to matters of conscience, such as eating or not eating meats, who press their opinions on others.

b. Adding conditions to salvation. The Assemblies of God also disapproves of those who hold to issues which seem to add conditions to salvation, such as keeping the seventh day, who press their opinions on others.

Be amended by substitution to read:

Section 2. Legalism

a. Matters of conscience. The Assemblies of God strongly affirms that the Scriptures teach a life of “holiness without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). However, since sincere commitment to holy living sometimes results in sharp differences of opinion among believers on debatable matters of personal conscience, the Assemblies of God disapproves the practice of pressing these debatable matters of personal conscience upon others (Romans 14:1-4).

b. Adding conditions to salvation. The Assemblies of God strongly affirms that salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8,9). Therefore, the Assemblies of God disapproves any teaching or practice that seems to add conditions to salvation (Galatians 3:1-5).

Resolution 30. Appreciation for Thomas E. Trask

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 30. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 30 as follows:

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Trask, a dedicated servant of the Lord, has given his life unselfishly for over 50 years in faithful ministry to the Lord and this church; and
WHEREAS, He has been an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God for 49 years; and
WHEREAS, He has served with distinction and honor on all levels of our Fellowship—pastor, superintendent of the Michigan District, district youth director, district Sunday school director, general treasurer, and since 1993 as general superintendent; and
WHEREAS, In this office he has provided direction for ministries and outreach of the Fellowship; and
WHEREAS, Under his leadership the church has grown from about 25 million to over 57 million worldwide; and
WHEREAS, He initiated a number of new ministries for the church, including the National Prayer Center, Assemblies of God Financial Services Group, ministries for seniors and singles, and a children’s ministries agency; and
WHEREAS, His stewardship in office has been characterized by a forceful focus on Pentecostal doctrine and experience; and

- WHEREAS, He has faithfully represented the General Council in leadership positions of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, the Pentecostal World Fellowship, the National Association of Evangelicals, the Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America, and the National Religious Broadcasters; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That we express glory and praise to God for raising up this choice servant/leader, Thomas E. Trask; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That we express grateful appreciation to his wife, Shirley, for the wonderful grace of her character, her example as a woman of God, her loyal and untiring support of her husband’s ministry as he gave himself, his time, and his talents to this Fellowship; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That this 52nd General Council go on record as proclaiming its highest thanks and deepest gratitude to our esteemed Brother Thomas E. Trask for his exemplary life, his faithful leadership, and his Christlike spirit as our general superintendent; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery present an appropriate gift from the General Council to Brother and Sister Trask as a symbol of our deepest love and appreciation.

Resolution 31. Appreciation for Charles T. Crabtree

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 31. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 31 as follows:

- WHEREAS, Charles T. Crabtree, a faithful servant of God, has given over 47 years in full-time ministry to God and this Fellowship; and
- WHEREAS, His life and ministry have exemplified servant leadership, powerful preaching, and committed obedience to God; and
- WHEREAS, His ministry has included service as an evangelist, pastor, director of the Decade of Harvest, and since 1993 assistant general superintendent of the Fellowship; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That we express thanks and praise to God for giving to the Assemblies of God this gifted leader; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That we offer appreciation and thanks to his wife, Ramona, for her exemplary Christian commitment and her talented musical ministry; and for her faithful and loyal support of his ministry as he has given himself, his time, and his talents to our Fellowship; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That this 52nd General Council go on record as expressing its deepest love and appreciation to our esteemed Brother Crabtree for his faithful commitment to his Lord, and this church in service as our assistant general superintendent for the past 14 years; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery present an appropriate gift from the General Council to Brother and Sister Crabtree as a symbol of our deepest love and appreciation.

Privileged Motion

A motion prevailed that the matter of expanding the General Council through electronic systems to allow ministers to participate in the 2009 General Council via the Internet, be referred to a study committee.

Resolution 32. Courtesy Resolution

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 32. A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 32 as follows:

- WHEREAS, The 52nd General Council of the Assemblies of God has been afforded gracious hospitality and accommodation by the officials and agencies of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and our host districts, the Indiana District Council and the Midwest Latin American District Council; and
- WHEREAS, A wide host of persons, countless agencies, and firms have committed much in order to provide effective service to the members, delegates, and guests of this 52nd General Council; and
- WHEREAS, The 52nd General Council has experienced record total attendance by its members, the wide and varied expressions of this church through its effective ministries at home and abroad, and the intentional involvement of compassion ministry to many needy residents of our host city; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That sincere appreciation be expressed to: Mayor Bart Peterson of the City of Indianapolis; the Indiana Convention Center & RCA Dome, the Conseco Fieldhouse, the Indiana Convention & Visitors Association, and the many hotel and restaurant personnel, for their accommodation and hospitality, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That we express our thanksgiving to God of His gifts to our church in the persons of outgoing leaders Thomas E. Trask and Charles T. Crabtree as evidenced in their exemplary lives and service; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves to consistent prayer and a cooperative spirit as our newly elected leaders assume responsibility—Superintendent-elect George O. Wood, Assistant Superintendent-elect L. Alton Garrison, General Secretary-elect John M. Palmer, and Executive Director-elect Zollie L. Smith, Jr., for Assemblies of God U.S. Missions; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the ministers and churches of this Fellowship determine that the clarion call issued by our Lord at this 52nd General Council in the Spiritual Life Report and the ever-present call and challenge to expand His kingdom at home and abroad by every means possible, be affirmed and sustained by our ongoing commitment to fulfill the assignments that our Lord Jesus, the Head of this Church, has given us, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That on this historic occasion of our 52nd General Council of the Assemblies of God that we rededicate ourselves, the Holy Spirit being our helper, to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ and that we leave this council in the bonds of Christian unity, determined to serve His wishes with all the resources, passion, and energy of our lives.

Adjournment

A motion prevailed to adjourn the business meeting of the 52nd General Council at 6 p.m., Friday, August 10, 2007.

FRIDAY EVENING—AUGUST 10

The Friday evening service of the 52nd General Council began at 7 in the Conseco Fieldhouse, with a Parade of Nations by Assemblies of God world missionaries, U.S. missionaries, and youth missionaries who are missionaries to the high school campuses of more than 700. During the parade, J. Daniel Smith directed the choir and orchestra from Bethesda Community Church, Fort Worth, Texas, which provided music for the missionary parade. Prayer for the service was offered by Loren Triplett, former executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions.

The offering taken at the service was designated for the Senders Fund offering. This fund is to help missionary candidates by cutting the itineration time. The offertory was provided by the Bethesda Community Church, Fort Worth, Texas, choir. Special music for the service was also provided by a choir made up of 123 men and women preparing to head to 51 countries for missionary service plus 95 candidates who have been approved for service with Chi Alpha,

Intercultural Ministries, chaplaincy, MAPS, Teen Challenge, Youth Alive, and church planting, directed by Cindy Sites, missionary to Northern Asia.

The speaker for the service was L. John Bueno, executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions. Bueno reminded the crowd that God's plan of redemption is a divine plan, not a human plan or even a denominational plan. Some Christians may question what has happened to God's purpose when looking at the chaotic state of the world, Bueno said, but God's covenant shouldn't be forgotten. The state of the stock market or the violence in Iraq doesn't change God's design, he said. "God is still the desire of the nations, We dare not be caught up in any substitute plan."

Church leaders can't change the world in their own ingenuity or strategy, Bueno said. Christians must rely completely on God, even when the news of the world seems as though God isn't listening, he indicated. "God's power is still evident in the hour in which we live as much as it ever was," Bueno told the missions service audience. "We have a supernatural God who works in every country of the world. His intention is to reach everyone everywhere because this is His supernatural power." God will fulfill His eternal plan and be exalted among the heathen, Bueno proclaimed.

Following the evening message a missionary commissioning service was held with General Superintendent Thomas E. Trask commissioning new candidates heading to the mission field.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—AUGUST 11

The concluding service of the 2007 General Council began at 3:30 p.m. with a joint rally of adults and youth in the RCA Dome. The service began with the National Fine Arts Festival Celebration. Jay Mooney, along with other youth representatives, presented Fine Arts Festival awards. Worship for the service was led by Planetshakers Band, consisting of: Henry Seeley, Sam Evans, Rudy Nikkerud, Matt Garner, Mike Webber, and Jonathon Hunt.

The speaker for the evening was Jeanne Mayo, president of Youth Source Ministries and director of Oxygen Youth and Youth Adult Outreach. Currently, she is youth pastor at the Assembly of God Tabernacle in Atlanta, Georgia. Following her challenging message, thousands of young people streamed forward for an extended time of commitment to Jesus Christ.

George O. Wood
General Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

The following list includes the names of all who had been reported to the general secretary's office from June 1, 2005, to May 31, 2007, and were included in the video presentation.

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Adams, Herbert L., Minneapolis, Minnesota
Adcock, Douglas C., Heflin, Alabama
Albers, Berniece, Ellisville, Missouri
Alberti, Jose A., Bayamon, Puerto Rico
Allen, James P., Sugar Land, Texas
Alvarado, Mariano, Ridgewood, New York
Ammons, Leon L., Springfield, Missouri
Amundson, William J., Phoenix, Arizona
Anderson, Lorin H., Joplin, Missouri
Anderson, Vance A., Butte, Nebraska
Anderson, Wheeler W., Overland Park, Kansas
Andrews, Lillian, Shreveport, Louisiana
Anthony, Warren C., Palm Harbor, Florida
Archer, Lee, Corpus Christi, Texas
Ashley, Earl, Mena, Arkansas
Atchison, Gerald D., Bonner Springs, Kansas
Austin, Charles W., Des Moines, Iowa
Baez, Wilfredo Sr., Reading, Pennsylvania
Bagwell, Wilma L., Fort Smith, Arkansas
Bailey, Floyd A., Coquille, Oregon
Baker, Comer, Waxahachie, Texas
Baldwin, Virgil W., Springfield, Missouri
Barnes, Charles M., Arlington, Texas
Barnett, Hurshel L., Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Barr, Charles E., Fultondale, Alabama
Barrios, Julia, Tulare, California
Barron, Frances L., Bethany, Missouri
Bates, Lloyd, Spring, Texas
Bayliss, Daniel, Medford, Oregon
Becerra, Santos A., San Angelo, Texas
Begley, Gerald E. Jr., Hannibal, Missouri
Bell, Billy P., Clinton, Illinois
Bell, Ernest C., Germantown, Tennessee
Beltran, Julio R., Sarasota, Florida
Benitez, Emilio, Naguabo, Puerto Rico
Berkey, Rodger D., Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Berry, Brenda K., Athens, Texas
Berthume, Genevieve G., Durand, Michigan
Bethard, Bruce D., Everett, Washington
Billingsley, Mary K., Prescott, Arizona
Bing, William A., McDonough, Georgia
Bingham, George M., Topeka, Kansas
Bird, Theresa M., Woodward, Oklahoma
Birkeland, B.P., Mercer Island, Washington
Birmingham, Murray, Kalama, Washington
Blase, Delmar C., Hannibal, Missouri
Bono, Joseph P., New Hartford, New York
Bontrager, T.M., Indianapolis, Indiana
Booth, June R., Trenton, Missouri
Booth, Thomas H., Sacramento, California
Borges, Jorge, Vega Baja, Puerto Rico
Bostick, Walter E., Sacramento, California
Bowman, Donald V., Gardner, Kansas
Brankel, James D., El Cajon, California
Branson, Cecil O., Porterville, California
Brewer, Melvin M. Jr., Sammamish, Washington
Bridges, Clara B., Valliant, Oklahoma
Bridgforth, Hartwell, Rocky Mount, Missouri
Briggs, Ernest C., Canton, Texas
Broadhead, Larry G., Muscle Shoals, Alabama

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Brown, Betty J., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Brown, Don M., Laurinburg, North Carolina
Brown, J.O., Casa Grande, Arizona
Brown, Kenneth J., Conway, Arkansas
Brown, Phosa A., Cushing, Oklahoma
Brumfield, Marion R., Albuquerque, New Mexico
Bruner, Ima J., Hendrix, Oklahoma
Bryant, James P., Nixa, Missouri
Bucher, Elbert R., Springfield, Missouri
Buena, Gabriel, Newark, Ohio
Bullock, Pauline E., Longview, Texas
Burke, Robert A., Mustang, Oklahoma
Burnside, Shirley A., Greenfield, Indiana
Burwell, Geneva G., Humble, Texas
Bush, Georgia A., Checotah, Oklahoma
Caceres, Maria E., Stamford, Connecticut
Calhoun, Henry C. III, Coffeyville, Kansas
Call, Eula M., Fort Collins, Colorado
Callahan, Marvin L., Cuba, Missouri
Camarillo, Esteban, Daly City, California
Campbell, Angela J., Greenwood Village, Colorado
Campbell, David L., Ankeny, Iowa
Campbell, John K. Sr., Salem, Indiana
Campbell, Lester L., Livingston, Texas
Cantelon, Paul D., Bellingham, Washington
Cantwell, Mack A., Point, Texas
Capehart, Jimmie D., Corsicana, Texas
Cargnel, Daena, Lakeland, Florida
Carlow, Margaret E., Weiser, Idaho
Carroll, J. Luther, Cleveland, Tennessee
Carter, John J. Jr., Milry, Alabama
Carter, Pauline V., Duncan, Oklahoma
Carter, Violette M., Lake City, South Carolina
Cass, Faith E., Oceanside, California
Caughman, Edith L., Wynona, Oklahoma
Cavaness, R.B., Springfield, Missouri
Cayton, Nina E., Dale, Texas
Chapman, Terry D., Loris, South Carolina
Cheshier, James E., Fort Smith, Arkansas
Chesterfield, Rhydonia, Las Vegas, Nevada
Christian, Virgil E., Orangevale, California
Chymiak, Elias, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Clark, A. Lucille, Windham, Connecticut
Clark, Heber L., Enterprise, Alabama
Clark, Joel W., Jonesboro, Arkansas
Clark, Ray C., Las Vegas, Nevada
Clark, Walter A., Greenville, South Carolina
Classen, Joy V., Barnwell, South Carolina
Clayton, Robert V. Sr., Bushnell, Florida
Clevenger, Duane H., Mobile, Alabama
Clutter, Beulah R., Lakeland, Florida
Cockrell, Evelyn, Lindale, Texas
Colbaugh, F. Wildon, Garibaldi, Oregon
Collarite, Anthony I., Dover, New Jersey
Collazo, Jose, Bayamon, Puerto Rico
Collins, Lonnie, Phoenix, Arizona
Collins, Mable C., Indianapolis, Indiana
Combs, Garland, Cottage Grove, Oregon
Comer, Joseph L. Sr., Vidalia, Georgia
Comstock, Wallace E., Houston, Texas
Cookman, Charles H., Dunn, North Carolina

Cooley, Everett D., Rogersville, Missouri
 Cooley, J. Haskell, Vista, California
 Coons, Lavanah A., West Burlington, Iowa
 Coots, Louis W., Leesburg, Florida
 Corley, I. Mildred, Conyers, Georgia
 Cornelius, Orville, Ashland City, Tennessee
 Costephens, Elvis B., Holcomb, Missouri
 Couch, Leonard L., Payson, Arizona
 Council, D.G., Kaufman, Texas
 Cox, M.C., Odessa, Texas
 Crampton, Mabel C., West Linn, Oregon
 Crane, Irene E., Shoreline, Washington
 Cranor, Leonard G., Strafford, Missouri
 Creek, Thomas D., Belleville, Illinois
 Creider, Macie F., Corpus Christi, Texas
 Crissman, Harold E., Bakersfield, California
 Crompton, Arline L., Bradenton, Florida
 Crouch, Phyllis, Rio Rancho, New Mexico
 Crowe, Ethel, Roselle, New Jersey
 Crowe, Kenneth R., Alexandria, Kentucky
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 Cull, Beulah K., Santa Rosa, California
 Cunningham, Paul G., Bulverde, Texas
 Curtis, Paul D., Stone Mountain, Georgia
 Daily, Lloyd T., Waco, Texas
 Dale, Charles M., Springfield, Missouri
 Dalton, Adele F., Springfield, Missouri
 Darneal, Edmond M., Houston, Texas
 Daugherty, Fred C., Nazareth, Pennsylvania
 Daugherty, Thomas E., Italy, Texas
 Davidson, Roy H., Bluefield, West Virginia
 Davis, Claud H., Lawton, Oklahoma
 Davis, John P., Bakersfield, California
 Davis, Myrtle I., Vacaville, California
 Deal, Randall S., Newton, Alabama
 Dean, Helen L., Fresno, California
 De Jesus, Carmen M., Carolina, Puerto Rico
 Delgatty, Violet J., Springfield, Missouri
 Delozier, Darrel J., Lakeland, Florida
 Denney, Thelma L., Ardmore, Oklahoma
 De Pasquale, Joseph R., Livingston, New Jersey
 De Prenger, Leo D., Sun City, Arizona
 Deshotel, L.J., Welsh, Louisiana
 Dewey, Leroy Jr., Chelsea, Oklahoma
 Dial, Robert M., Bloomington, Texas
 Dieter, Joseph M., Springfield, Missouri
 Doan, Pearl G., Tampa, Florida
 Dobson, Alfred A., Bremerton, Washington
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 Don Carlos, Thomas B., Prairie Home, Missouri
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 Doss, E. Ward, Lanett, Alabama
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 Dunbar, Helen S., Canyonville, Oregon
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 Duncan, Katherine C., Kenner, Louisiana
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 Frye, Ronald E., Ripley, Tennessee
 Gandy, Howard K., Waltherville, Oregon
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 Gothard, Ralph, Stockton, Missouri
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 Grappe, John L., Midland, Texas
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 Green, Boyce L., Texarkana, Texas
 Green, Clinton J., Anson, Texas
 Green, James R., Montgomery, Alabama
 Green, Lucille D., Springfield, Missouri
 Greer, Bessie F., Neches, Texas
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 Gregg, Mattie M., Sioux Falls, South Dakota
 Grindstaff, Aubrey Jr., Columbia, Missouri
 Gross, Rosamond L., Lakeville, Indiana
 Grossnickle, Libia, Durant, Florida
 Guidrey, Mary E., Iowa, Louisiana
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 Hagar, I. Vernon, Lubbock, Texas
 Hale, Dennis G., Tulsa, Oklahoma
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 Hansen, Harold J., Spokane, Washington
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 Hughes, James M., Star City, Arkansas
 Hukill, Ervin M., Mineral Wells, West Virginia
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 Jackson, Gene, Hendersonville, Tennessee
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 Johnson, Mildred A., Nogal, New Mexico
 Johnson, Robert K., Prineville, Oregon
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 Jordan, Helen E., Lefors, Texas
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 Judah, William H., Waycross, Georgia
 Jun, Jeong Soon, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
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 Kent, James E., Birmingham, Alabama
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 Killion, Vida J., Round Top, Texas
 Kim, Joel J., Las Vegas, Nevada
 Kimball, Margaret O., Poulsho, Washington
 King, Jerry A., Surprise, Arizona
 Klemm, Vernon L., Salem, Oregon
 Knight, George E., Howardwick, Texas
 Kolenda, Daniel P., Port Charlotte, Florida
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 Kramer, Ivan R., Weeki Wachee, Florida
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 Leach, Glen E., Bismarck, Missouri
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 Lindahl, Robert C., Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 Lindseth, Oscar M., Renton, Washington
 Linney, Jack B., Fort Worth, Texas
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 Marinacci, Anthony A., Maple Shade, New Jersey
 Marker, Gordon A., Seattle, Washington
 Markley, Patrick D., San Diego, California
 Marocco, Esther G., Kahului, Hawaii
 Marshall, Jackie R., Boise, Idaho
 Martin, Avis F., Lee's Summit, Missouri
 Martin, Donna J., Adel, Georgia
 Martin, James O., New Blaine, Arkansas
 Martin, L.G., Maud, Oklahoma
 Martinez, Ezequiel F., Westminster, Colorado
 Martinez, Gilivaldo, Clovis, New Mexico
 Mason, Charles R., Bryan, Texas
 Mason, Elbert J., Irondale, Missouri
 Mathison, Orville L., Volcano, Hawaii
 Mattea, Louis, Carlinville, Illinois
 Mayfield, Robert C., Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Mayfield, Ruth, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Mazurek, John A., McCook, Nebraska
 McAllister, Ronnie L., Booneville, Arkansas
 McAnulty, Roy A., Sikeston, Missouri
 McCall, Mavis D., Jacksonville, Florida
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 McCrory, Irene J. Y., Coushatta, Louisiana
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 McIntosh, Jack L., Indianapolis, Indiana
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 McKenzie, Chesley B., Humboldt, Tennessee
 McKenzie, Warren G., Oviedo, Florida
 McNatt, William K., Petersburg, Tennessee
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 Meherg, Clarence S., Hollins, Alabama
 Meng, Vona B., San Jose, California
 Mercado, Camelia, Bronx, New York
 Mercedes, Alejo Leonardo, Trenton, New Jersey
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 Millard, Amos D., Kirkland, Washington
 Millen, Herbert E., Port Orchard, Washington
 Miller, Bobby M., Columbus, Georgia
 Miller, Charles H., Fontana, California
 Miller, Gary L., Modesto, California
 Miller, Leo, Apple Valley, Minnesota
 Miller, Loyal A., Gladstone, Oregon
 Miller, Willie S., Chandler, Oklahoma
 Minton, Gerald W., Salem, Oregon
 Mitchell, Clemens C., Phoenix, Arizona
 Montgomery, Glenn, Fairfield, Texas
 Moore, Luther E., Springfield, Missouri
 Moore, Philip J., Dade City, Florida
 Moore, Thadellua J., Rowlett, Texas
 Moores, Evelyn L., Rockledge, Florida
 Morales, Jose, Barceloneta, Puerto Rico
 Moreland, Edna L., Muskogee, Oklahoma
 Morgan, David G., Moundville, Alabama
 Moroco, Fernando, Chandler, Arizona
 Morris, Clarence J., Pensacola, Florida
 Morris, Stanley E., Marblemount, Washington
 Morrison, Charles B., Sapulpa, Oklahoma
 Mort, Bernice, Wasilla, Alaska
 Mort, Beulah, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania
 Morton, George W., Washington, New Jersey
 Moss, Cynthia L., Heavener, Oklahoma
 Moulder, James M., Columbia, Missouri
 Munger, Erma M., Westminster, Colorado
 Munns, Odis J., Athens, Texas
 Munoz, Blas, Sun City, California
 Murray, Forrest A., Hot Springs Village, Arkansas
 Myers, Ray F.G., Russells Point, Ohio
 Neciuk, John M., Avondale, Arizona
 Neese, John D., Radcliff, Kentucky
 Ness, Theodore E., Turlock, California
 Nichols, Sir R., Springhill, Louisiana
 Nivens, Buford O., Allons, Tennessee
 Nixon, Robert L. Sr., Devine, Texas
 Noa, Taoetasi A., San Jose, California
 Nowlin, Ollie W., Andalusia, Alabama
 Nylin, Doris E., Springfield, Missouri
 Oliver, Raymond C., Forest Ranch, California
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 Ong, John C.H., Castro Valley, California
 Orlando, Carl, Harpersfield, New York
 Ortiz, Vicente, Tampa, Florida
 Osborne, James G., Albany, Georgia
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 Palmer, Richard W., Frederick, Maryland
 Pannell, Josie J., Canton, Oklahoma
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 Parker, Charles A., Columbia, Missouri
 Parker, Floyd M., Casa Grande, Arizona
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 Pedro, Nathanael, Spring Hill, Florida
 Pena, Anastacio Jr., San Antonio, Texas
 Perez, Alejandro, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
 Perkins, Freddie A., Wheatland, Missouri
 Perna, Alfred J. Sr., Vestal, New York
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 Peterson, David L., Westminster, California
 Peterson, Rachel L., Miami, Florida
 Pfoutz, Howard E., Manheim, Pennsylvania
 Phelps, Edna F., Attica, Indiana
 Phelps, Edward F. Jr., Hartford, Arkansas
 Phillips, William A., Hewitt, Texas
 Pierce, Burton W., Springfield, Missouri
 Pipkin, Paul H., Fresno, California
 Plata, James, San Antonio, Texas
 Pleger, Robert O., Sun City West, Arizona
 Plymel, Carl Jr., Thomasville, Georgia
 Pool, Archie A., Lakeview, Oregon
 Preiser, Gordon F., Eustis, Florida
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 Pritchard, Thelma V., Cottonwood, Arizona
 Pugh, Elizabeth A., Citrus Heights, California
 Purdy, Vernon L., Springfield, Missouri
 Quinn, A.J., Springfield, Oregon
 Ragsdale, Albert A., Memphis, Tennessee
 Ragsdale, Vernon H., Salem, Oregon
 Randall, Lawrence D., Spokane, Washington
 Ratliff, Hubert R., Houston, Texas
 Reddin, Opal S., Springfield, Missouri
 Reece, Edward J., Rancho Cordova, California
 Renfroe, Robert J., Scottsdale, Arizona
 Rexroat, Russell W., Edmond, Oklahoma
 Reyes, Roman L., Phoenix, Arizona
 Reyes, Tony T., Paso Robles, California
 Rhinehart, Jerome J., Greer, South Carolina
 Richards, Anna S., Chula Vista, California
 Richardson, Alton L., Springfield, Missouri
 Rigby, Cary L., Northport, Alabama
 Rios, Pedro, Wesley Chapel, Florida
 Rivera, Miguel A., Hormigueros, Puerto Rico
 Rivero, Eulogio B., Hialeah, Florida
 Roberson, Agnes W., Honolulu, Hawaii
 Roberts, Carl L., Rolla, Missouri
 Roberts, Reba M., Humboldt, Tennessee
 Roberts, Thomas M., Ashdown, Arkansas
 Rodgers, Fern L., Louisville, Kentucky
 Rogers, Alta J., Bixby, Oklahoma
 Rogers, Arnie D. Sr., Clovis, California
 Rogers, Dennis P. Jr., Danville, Illinois
 Rogers, Haskell H., Bixby, Oklahoma
 Rogne, Donald R., Tacoma, Washington
 Roman, Andres B., Surfside, Florida
 Romine, B. Alan, Doniphan, Missouri
 Rosario, Luis, Astoria, New York
 Rosin, Robert W., Rice Lake, Wisconsin
 Rosser, E. Ruth, Wentzville, Missouri
 Rosser, Henry H., Highlands, Texas
 Rubio, Augustine III, Litchfield Park, Arizona

Rubio, Joe, Victoria, Texas
Rudnik, Wilbur H., Marysville, Washington
Rudolph, Donald W., Sparks, Nevada
Rueb, George H., Ashley, North Dakota
Runyan, James H., San Bernardino, California
Rutkowski, Roman L., Oroville, California
Rye, A. C., Russellville, Arkansas
Sachs, William N., Springfield, Missouri
Sample, John T., Livingston, Texas
Sanchez, Delfino E., San Antonio, Texas
Sanchez, Eliza T., Albuquerque, New Mexico
Sanchez, Ramon, New York, New York
Sanchez, Tony, Bloomington, California
Sander, Ralph J. Jr., Seattle, Washington
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Savchenko, L. Elma, Mesa, Arizona
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Schenbeck, Arlie D., Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Schenk, William F., Hemet, California
Schneider, Franklin R., Woodinville, Washington
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Serrano, Carmen, Salinas, Puerto Rico
Serrano, Pedro, New Britain, Connecticut
Sewell, Raymond D., Waxahachie, Texas
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