

MINUTES OF THE 105th ANNUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
James River Church, Ozark, MO APRIL 8-10, 2019

MOMENTUM CONFERENCE - MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

The 105th District Council began with the Momentum Conference. Special guests were Dary Northrop and Phillip Schneider.

MONDAY EVENING CELEBRATION SERVICE, APRIL 8, 2019

The Celebration Service was held at James River Church. District Superintendent Don Miller welcomed the congregation. John Lindell, pastor of James River, shared a welcome and offered prayer. The worship team from James River led in worship.

District Executive Secretary, Stan Welch, led in prayer for prayer requests. The offering was received by Rhonda Amer, District Chief Financial Officer. Offertory was presented by the James River Worship Team.

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR ORDAINED MINISTERS

Special recognition and certificates were given to those ministers Ordained with the Assemblies of God for 50 years: David Comfort, Benny Ferguson, Gerald Horne, Conway Huffman, Loyd Ice, William McGarity, N Jack Robinson, C L Stage and Maurice Walker.

RECOGNITION OF 60 YEAR ORDAINED MINISTERS

Special recognition and certificates were given to those ministers Ordained with the Assemblies of God for 60 years: Harry Cole, Edgar Howe, Franklin Myers, Samuel Phillips and Phillip Sharp.

Assistant Superintendent, George Westlake, introduced the evening's speaker, Don Miller. Don is the Superintendent of the Southern Missouri District.

Following the message, the James River worship team provided music for the altar service.

BUSINESS SESSION, TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Don Miller at 9:00 a.m. Brother Miller expressed appreciation to James River Church for all they had done to make this District Council a success. Pastor John Lindell greeted the Council. Former District Superintendent Jack Moore opened with prayer.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SEATED

The Parliamentary Committee was seated. Members of the committee were Chairman Jerry Snavelly, Sydney Ramphal and Greg Robertson.

ROSTER COMMITTEE REPORT #1

Reverend Robert Nilges, Chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the initial roster report: Ordained – 192; Licensed - 107; Certified - 17; Delegates – 32. Total Voting – 348. Visitors – 105. Total Registered – 453. **MSC to accept with appreciation**

MINUTES

The chair stated the Minutes of the 104th Annual District Council and the Annual Report had been made available online.

MSC to accept both as presented

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/MISSIONS/CAMP REPORT

Stan Welch shared his report. Vital statistics reflecting the state of the church were presented. Appreciation expressed to members of the Cross Pointe Camp board; to Curtis and Cindy Washam; to Jerry Orf, director of the Missouri School of Ministry and Andy Estrella, director of Chi Alpha Ministries. **MSC to accept with appreciation**

2018 FINANCIAL REPORT/2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

Highlights of the 2018 Financial Statement and the Proposed 2019 Budget were presented by Chief Financial Officer, Rhonda Amer. Highlights of the 2019 Cross Pointe Camp budget were also presented.

MSC to accept all reports as presented

SUPERINTENDENT'S VISION CASTING

Pastor Don shared his vision for the District. The key component focused on an "Open Heaven" and the impact it will have on the District vision. Members were challenged to develop greater leadership potential by the power of the Holy Spirit. Closed in a time of corporate prayer. **MSC to accept with appreciation**

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE SEATED

The Resolutions Committee was seated. Members of the committee were Chairman Richard Orrell, Stormy Davis and Carl Long.

PROJECT REACH

Don Miller shared background information on the three-year project. Stan Welch, Jerry Harris and Carrol Deal provided updates on key areas in which investment was made. Total raised - \$1,007,000.00.

RATIFICATION OF YOUTH DIRECTOR – AUSTIN WESTLAKE

Total votes cast – 392, necessary to elect – 259. Austin Westlake – 359. Austin Westlake declared elected. Others receiving votes: Joshua Pritchett – 9, John Jahnke – 2.

RATIFICATION OF YOUTH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – JOSHUA PRITCHETT

Total votes cast – 392, necessary to elect – 259. Joshua Pritchett – 359. Joshua Pritchett declared elected. Others receiving votes: Brandon Cederblom – 5, Michael Maschmeyer – 5, Jeremy Jones – 3, Ryan Zafiroff – 3.

RATIFICATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR – JIM CALVIN

Total votes cast – 365, necessary to elect – 241. Jim Calvin – 355. Jim Calvin declared elected. Others receiving votes: Daine Bean – 4, Keith Jones – 3, Gray Nordan – 3.

RATIFICATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – GRAY NORDAN

Total votes cast – 365, necessary to elect – 241. Gray Nordan – 355. Gray Nordan declared elected.

RATIFICATION OF MISSIONS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – DAN MARTIN

Total votes cast – 368, necessary to elect – 243. Dan Martin – 353. Dan Martin declared elected. Others receiving votes: Dan Call – 5, Ted Cederblom – 4.

RATIFICATION OF MISSIONS SECRETARY – KEVIN KAPPLER

Total votes cast – 378, necessary to elect – 250. Kevin Kappler – 368. Kevin Kappler declared elected.

LOGOS BIBLE PROGRAM

A representative from Logos shared a presentation of their Bible software.

ELECTION OF SECTIONAL PRESBYTERS

Clinton

Total votes cast - 474, necessary to elect – 313. Allen Perkins – 343. Allen Perkins declared elected.

Joplin

Total votes cast - 474, necessary to elect – 313. Ken Robinson - 342. Ken Robinson declared elected.

Kansas City

Total votes cast - 474, necessary to elect – 313. John Martz - 338. John Martz declared elected.

Sedalia

Total votes cast - 474, necessary to elect – 313. Jeff Higbie - 340. Jeff Higbie declared elected.

Springfield North

Total votes cast - 474, necessary to elect – 313. Brad McAtee – 342. Brad McAtee declared elected.

Springfield South

Total votes cast - 474, necessary to elect – 313. Ted Cederblom - 334. Ted Cederblom declared elected.

West Plains

Total votes cast - 474, necessary to elect – 313. Mike Dillinger – 343. Mike Dillinger declared elected.

NOMINATION OF NON RESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER FOR GENERAL COUNCIL 2019

Recommend following precedent of previous years, nominating the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

MSC

AGCU

A presentation was made by a representative of AGCU.

ORDAINED FEMALE NOMINEE FOR GENERAL COUNCIL 2019

Nominating ballot

Total votes cast – 356, necessary to elect – 235. There was no election. Nominees are:

Rhonda Amer, Yvonne Bailey, Maile Cockett, Saehee Duran, Brenda Henson, Jill St John, Sherry Welch

1st Electoral Ballot

Total votes cast – 348, necessary to elect – 230. There was no election.

Brenda Henson – 109, Rhonda Amer – 94, Sherry Welch – 75, Saehee Duran – 42, Yvonne Bailey – 10, Maile Cockett – 10, Jill St John – 8

2nd Electoral Ballot

Total votes cast – 338, necessary to elect – 223. There was no election.

Brenda Henson – 210, Rhonda Amer – 69, Sherry Welch – 27, Saehee Duran – 25, Yvonne Bailey – 4, Maile Cockett – 2, Jill St John – 1

3rd Electoral Ballot

Total votes cast – 315, necessary to elect – 208. Brenda Henson – 292. Brenda Henson declared elected.

Rhonda Amer – 14, Sherry Welch – 4, Saehee Duran – 4, Jill St John - 1

Resolution 1 – Marriage Ceremonies

MSC

WHEREAS, the *Bylaws of the General Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Section 5. Divorce and Remarriage, Subsection d. Performing marriage ceremonies, contains directives to Assemblies of God ministers not presently contained in the corresponding section of the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, and

WHEREAS, the Southern Missouri District Council, in voluntary cooperative fellowship with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, is resolved to bring its Bylaws into agreement and conformity with the General Council Bylaws; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XVI. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Section 5. Divorce and Remarriage, Subsection D. Performing Marriage Ceremonies, which presently reads:

D. Performing Marriage Ceremonies

(1) **Ministerial Guidelines.** We disapprove of any Assemblies of God minister performing a marriage ceremony for anyone who has been divorced and whose former companion is still living, unless the case is included in the exceptional circumstances described in Article XVI, Section 5(B) of these Bylaws. Any minister of our Fellowship who performs a ceremony for a disapproved marriage (indicated above), unless innocently deceived into doing so, may be dismissed from the Fellowship. An Assemblies of God minister is required to counsel applicants for marriage ceremonies with scriptural guidelines for Christian marriage prior to the performing of the ceremony. The minister may not perform ceremonies for persons who, in the minister's opinion, approach marriage without proper forethought, wisdom, and sobriety.

(2) **Violation of Conscience Not Required.** Remarrying of such persons included in the exceptional circumstances in Article XV, Section 5, B., could violate the conscience of a minister, and if this should be the case, the minister should not be expected to perform such ceremonies.

Be amended to read:

D. Performing Marriage Ceremonies

(1) **Ministerial Guidelines.** We discourage any Assemblies of God minister from performing a marriage ceremony for anyone who has been divorced and whose former spouse is still living, unless the case is included in the exceptional circumstances described in Article XVI, Section 5(B) of these Bylaws.

(2) **Violation of Conscience Not Required.** We realize that the remarrying of such persons included in the exceptional circumstances described in Article XVI, Section 5(B) of these Bylaws could violate the conscience of a minister; and if this should be the case, the minister should not be expected to perform such ceremonies.

(3) **Same-sex Ceremonies.** No minister shall perform any type of marriage, cohabitation, or covenant ceremony for persons who are of the same sex. Such a ceremony would endorse homosexuality which is a sin and strictly forbidden in God's Word (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26, 27; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:9-11). Any minister of our Fellowship who performs a ceremony for these types of disapproved relations, unless innocently deceived into doing so, shall be dismissed from the Fellowship.

(4) **Counsel.** An Assemblies of God minister is urged to counsel applicants for marriage ceremonies with scriptural guidelines for Christian marriage prior to performing the ceremony. A minister may not perform ceremonies for persons who, in the ministers' opinion, approach marriage without proper forethought, wisdom, and sobriety.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery

Resolution 2 – Funds for Church Planting and Development

MSC

WHEREAS, the Southern Missouri District Council has embraced a fresh and strategic commitment to plant new churches throughout our District; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Missouri District Council is equally committed to the revitalization and development of existing churches within our District; and

WHEREAS, the regular work of church planting and development requires daily focus and movement within the ministry leadership structure at the District Office, including the transaction of business on a variety of fronts; and

WHEREAS, the District Presbytery, in its provision of authorization and oversight, desires to facilitate the day-to-day and ongoing work of church planting and development in order to maximize ministry effectiveness and efficiency; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XIV. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES, Section 5. Church Planting and Development, Subsection C, which presently reads:

C. Funds for the planting of new churches and the revitalization and development of existing churches shall come from the support of partnering churches within the District, from the proceeds of the sale of District Council affiliated church assets, and from other sources made available at the direction of the District Presbytery. All funds invested by the District into the planting of new churches and the revitalization of existing churches shall be approved by the District Presbytery.

Be amended to read:

C. Funds for the planting of new churches and the revitalization and development of existing churches shall come from the support of partnering churches within the District, from the proceeds of the sale of District Council affiliated church assets, and from other sources made available at the direction of the District Presbytery. The District Superintendent, in consultation with the Assistant District Superintendent and the District Executive Secretary, shall be authorized to administer the disbursement of such funds in sums not to exceed \$20,000 per expenditure. Expenditures exceeding \$20,000 shall be approved by the District Presbytery.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery

Resolution 3 – Clarification of the term Executive Presbytery

MSC as amended

WHEREAS, the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God* contain numerous references both to the District Executive Presbytery and to the General Council Executive Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, at times the context of the term *Executive Presbytery* does not clearly differentiate between the two, creating a need for clarification; and

WHEREAS, the terms *Executive Presbytery*, *District Executive Presbytery*, and *Executive Presbytery of the District Council* are used throughout the Bylaws to refer to the same body; and

WHEREAS, the terms *Executive Presbytery*, *General Council Executive Presbytery*, and *Executive Presbytery of the General Council* are used throughout the Bylaws to refer to the same body; and

WHEREAS, there is need for both clarification and consistency; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS, Section 4. Voting Constituency, Subsection B. Executive Presbytery, which presently reads:

B. Executive Presbytery. The courtesy of the floor shall be extended to all members of the Executive Presbytery of the General Council.

Be amended to read:

B. General Council Executive Presbytery. The courtesy of the floor shall be extended to all members of the General Council Executive Presbytery.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 1. Executive Officers, Subsection E. Duties of the Executive Officers, Subsection (1) Duties of District Superintendent, Subsection (b), which presently reads:

(b) To act as chairman of the Executive Presbytery and the District Presbytery, and to be an ex-officio member of all committees of the District Council;

Be amended to read:

(b) To act as chairman of the District Executive Presbytery and the District Presbytery, and to be an ex-officio member of all committees of the District Council;

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 1. Executive Officers, Subsection E. Duties of the Executive Officers, Subsection (3) Duties of District Executive Secretary, Subsection (a), which presently reads:

(a) To keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the District Council, of the District Presbytery, and of the Executive Presbytery;

Be amended to read:

(a) To keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the District Council, of the District Presbytery, and of the District Executive Presbytery;

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 3. Executive Presbytery, which presently reads:

Section 3. Executive Presbytery

A. Executive Presbytery Described. The Executive Presbytery shall consist of the Executive Officers and four Executive Presbyters as described in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article, together with such other officers as may be authorized in the future.

B. Duties of Executive Presbytery. The Executive Presbytery shall be considered the Executive Committee of the District Presbytery and shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) To exercise those rights which shall be delegated to and invested in them by the District Presbytery, and to have the oversight of the activities and departments of the District Council during the interim between District Council and District Presbytery sessions;
- (2) To initiate and implement policies and programs in keeping with the District Council Bylaws; and
- (3) To oversee District finances as provided in these Bylaws or as authorized by the District Presbytery.

Be amended to read:

Section 3. District Executive Presbytery

A. District Executive Presbytery Described. The District Executive Presbytery shall consist of the Executive Officers and four Executive Presbyters as described in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article, together with such other officers as may be authorized in the future.

B. Duties of District Executive Presbytery. The District Executive Presbytery shall be considered the Executive Committee of the District Presbytery and shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) To exercise those rights which shall be delegated to and invested in them by the District Presbytery, and to have the oversight of the activities and departments of the District Council during the interim between District Council and District Presbytery sessions;
- (2) To initiate and implement policies and programs in keeping with the District Council Bylaws; and
- (3) To oversee District finances as provided in these Bylaws or as authorized by the District Presbytery.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 4. District Presbytery, Subsection A. District Presbytery Described, which presently reads:

A. District Presbytery Described. The District Presbytery shall consist of the Executive Presbytery of the District Council as described in Section 3 of this Article, Presbyters chosen from the sections of the District Council in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, Section 6, and Presbyters chosen from ethnic fellowships as described in Article XII, Section 2. The District Presbytery shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, Incorporated. The Board of Directors is hereby authorized to act for the District Council between sessions thereof in accordance with and subject to the provisions and limitations stated in the Bylaws.

Be amended to read:

A. District Presbytery Described. The District Presbytery shall consist of the District Executive Presbytery as described in Section 3 of this Article, Presbyters chosen from the sections of the District Council in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, Section 6, and Presbyters chosen from ethnic fellowships as described in Article XII, Section 2. The District Presbytery shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, Incorporated. The Board of Directors is hereby authorized to act for the District Council between sessions thereof in accordance with and subject to the provisions and limitations stated in the Bylaws.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God* be amended so that every instance of the term *Executive Presbytery of the General Council* be replaced with the term *General Council Executive Presbytery*;

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 8. Corporate Action, Paragraph 1, which presently reads:

The District Superintendent and the District Executive Secretary shall also serve as President and Secretary of the Corporation respectively in business matters requiring such officers. They shall be the officers to sign, execute and deliver, in the name of and on

behalf of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, all instruments that have been authorized by the Board of Directors (or, as provided below, by the District Council or Executive Presbytery) affecting the properties of the District Council. Both the District Superintendent (President) and the District Executive Secretary (Secretary) shall be required to sign all official and legal documents of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God. In the event one of the officers is not available, the Assistant Superintendent shall be authorized as an additional signatory.

Be amended to read

The District Superintendent and the District Executive Secretary shall also serve as President and Secretary of the Corporation respectively in business matters requiring such officers. They shall be the officers to sign, execute and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, all instruments that have been authorized by the Board of Directors (or, as provided below, by the District Council or District Executive Presbytery) affecting the properties of the District Council. Both the District Superintendent (President) and the District Executive Secretary (Secretary) shall be required to sign all official and legal documents of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God. In the event one of the officers is not available, the Assistant Superintendent shall be authorized as an additional signatory.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 8. Corporate Action, Subsection C. Donated Funds, which presently reads:

C. Donated Funds. The Executive Presbytery shall be authorized, and hereby is authorized, to hold in trust such funds as may be entrusted to the District Council, or to dispose of the same as may be designated by donors.

Be amended to read

C. Donated Funds. The District Executive Presbytery shall be authorized, and hereby is authorized, to hold in trust such funds as may be entrusted to the District Council, or to dispose of the same as may be designated by donors.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 10. Electronic Meetings, which presently reads:

Members of the District Presbytery, the Executive Presbytery, the Executive Boards of District Council affiliated assemblies, the General Boards of District Council affiliated assemblies, and any committees designated by the District Presbytery may participate and act at any meeting through the use of a conference telephone or other communications device by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate simultaneously with each other. Participation in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the member or members so participating. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the District Presbytery, the Executive Presbytery, the Executive Boards of District Council affiliated assemblies, or the General Boards of District Council affiliated assemblies may be taken without a meeting if all members consent thereto in writing, and the writings are filed with the minutes of proceedings.

Be amended to read

Members of the District Presbytery, the District Executive Presbytery, the Executive Boards of District Council affiliated assemblies, the General Boards of District Council affiliated assemblies, and any committees designated by the District Presbytery may participate and act at any meeting through the use of a conference telephone or other communications device by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate simultaneously with each other. Participation in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the member or members so participating. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the District Presbytery, the District Executive Presbytery, the Executive Boards of District Council affiliated assemblies, or the General Boards of District Council affiliated assemblies may be taken without a meeting if all members consent thereto in writing, and the writings are filed with the minutes of proceedings.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XIV. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES, Section 8, Subsection I, which presently reads:

I. Should irreconcilable differences arise between the Pastor and other members of the Church Board or members of the church body, destroying unity and the successful ministry of the local assembly, intervention from the District may be requested by the Pastor, a majority of the Church Board members, or a petition signed by not less than 30% of the voting members. Upon such invitation, an

investigating committee appointed by the District Superintendent from among the Executive Presbytery and including the Sectional Presbyter shall investigate such differences and, upon a two-thirds majority vote of the committee, declare the church under District supervision. The term "District supervision" means that the investigating committee has the authority to (1) suspend the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the church, (2) direct the Pastor to resign, (3) suspend the board invested with the authority to manage the affairs of the church, (4) remove individual members from the board of the church, (5) re-classify the church as a District Council affiliated church, or (6) appoint a temporary Church Board of directors invested with the authority to manage both the secular and ecclesiastical affairs of the church until such strife will cease. If the Pastor is also the Sectional Presbyter, then the Assistant Sectional Presbyter shall be a member of the investigating committee in the Pastor's place. When district officers receive such requests for intervention, it is recommended they first verify that scriptural principles of reconciliation, such as those found in Matthew 18:15-17 and 1 Timothy 5:19, have been reasonably attempted by the requesting party in situations involving interpersonal conflict.

Be amended to read

I. Should irreconcilable differences arise between the Pastor and other members of the Church Board or members of the church body, destroying unity and the successful ministry of the local assembly, intervention from the District may be requested by the Pastor, a majority of the Church Board members, or a petition signed by not less than 30% of the voting members. Upon such invitation, an investigating committee appointed by the District Superintendent from among the District Executive Presbytery and including the Sectional Presbyter shall investigate such differences and, upon a two-thirds majority vote of the committee, declare the church under District supervision. The term "District supervision" means that the investigating committee has the authority to (1) suspend the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the church, (2) direct the Pastor to resign, (3) suspend the board invested with the authority to manage the affairs of the church, (4) remove individual members from the board of the church, (5) re-classify the church as a District Council affiliated church, or (6) appoint a temporary Church Board of directors invested with the authority to manage both the secular and ecclesiastical affairs of the church until such strife will cease. If the Pastor is also the Sectional Presbyter, then the Assistant Sectional Presbyter shall be a member of the investigating committee in the Pastor's place. When district officers receive such requests for intervention, it is recommended they first verify that scriptural principles of reconciliation, such as those found in Matthew 18:15-17 and 1 Timothy 5:19, have been reasonably attempted by the requesting party in situations involving interpersonal conflict.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XV. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic Qualifications, Subsection I. Mandatory Screening, which presently reads:

I. Mandatory Screening. All applicants for ministerial credentials shall be screened through a designated screening agency established by the Executive Presbytery. Said screening shall be done by the District Council prior to the submission of the application to the office of the General Secretary.

Be amended to read

I. Mandatory Screening. All applicants for ministerial credentials shall be screened through a designated screening agency established by the General Council Executive Presbytery. Said screening shall be done by the District Council prior to the submission of the application to the office of the General Secretary.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XV. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic Qualifications, Subsection K. Annulments and Marriage Dissolutions, which presently reads:

K. Annulments and Marriage Dissolutions. The District Presbytery shall make recommendations to the General Council Credentials Committee regarding annulments and marriage dissolutions. The General Council Credentials Committee shall have the authority to determine whether an applicant's annulment of a former marriage is consistent with the Scriptural position of the Fellowship relating to the granting or holding of ministerial credentials; or, in the case of a divorce or dissolution whether the circumstances would more appropriately be classified as calling for an annulment. The application for annulment must be accompanied by clear and satisfactory evidence of an illegal marriage through deception or fraud. Appeals from the decisions of the Executive Presbytery may be made to the General Presbytery.

Be amended to read

K. Annulments and Marriage Dissolutions. The District Presbytery shall make recommendations to the General Council Credentials Committee regarding annulments and marriage dissolutions. The General Council Credentials Committee shall have the authority to determine whether an applicant's annulment of a former marriage is consistent with the Scriptural position of the Fellowship relating to the granting or holding of ministerial credentials; or, in the case of a divorce or dissolution whether the circumstances would more appropriately be classified as calling for an annulment. The application for annulment must be accompanied by clear and satisfactory evidence of an illegal marriage through deception or fraud. Appeals from the decisions of the

General Council Executive Presbytery may be made to the General Presbytery.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, Addendum 1: *Recommended Bylaws for General Council Affiliated Assemblies*, ARTICLE VII. GOVERNMENT, Section 5. District Intervention, Paragraph 1, which presently reads:

Should irreconcilable differences arise between the Pastor and other members of the Church Board or members of the church body, destroying unity and the successful ministry of the local assembly, intervention from the District may be requested by the Pastor, a majority of the Church Board members, or a petition signed by not less than 30% of the voting members. Upon such invitation, an investigating committee appointed by the District Superintendent from among the Executive Presbytery and including the Sectional Presbyter shall investigate such differences and, upon a two-thirds majority vote of the committee, declare the church under District supervision. The term "District supervision" means that the investigating committee has the authority to (1) suspend the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the church, (2) direct the Pastor to resign, (3) suspend the board invested with the authority to manage the affairs of the church, (4) remove individual members from the board of the church, (5) re-classify the church as a District Council affiliated church, or (6) appoint a temporary Church Board of directors invested with the authority to manage both the secular and ecclesiastical affairs of the church until such strife will cease.

Be amended to read

Should irreconcilable differences arise between the Pastor and other members of the Church Board or members of the church body, destroying unity and the successful ministry of the local assembly, intervention from the District may be requested by the Pastor, a majority of the Church Board members, or a petition signed by not less than 30% of the voting members. Upon such invitation, an investigating committee appointed by the District Superintendent from among the District Executive Presbytery and including the Sectional Presbyter shall investigate such differences and, upon a two-thirds majority vote of the committee, declare the church under District supervision. The term "District supervision" means that the investigating committee has the authority to (1) suspend the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the church, (2) direct the Pastor to resign, (3) suspend the board invested with the authority to manage the affairs of the church, (4) remove individual members from the board of the church, (5) re-classify the church as a District Council affiliated church, or (6) appoint a temporary Church Board of directors invested with the authority to manage both the secular and ecclesiastical affairs of the church until such strife will cease.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the *District Presbytery*

Recommend to strike the word chairman and insert chair.

MSC

Privileged motion to change all instances of chairman to chair in the Bylaws

MSC

Resolution 4 – Elections on Nominating Ballots

MSC

WHEREAS, it has been customary in the various meetings conducted to do business for the Southern Missouri District Council to entertain a motion at the start of each election allowing the nominating ballot to serve as an electoral ballot should a sufficient number of votes be received by a particular nominee; and

WHEREAS, the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section D. Nomination and Election of the Executive Officers stipulates that "Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared; and

WHEREAS, it seems good to expedite our business meetings by applying such a stipulation to all election processes in the various meetings conducted to do business for the District; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 2. Executive Presbyters, Subsection C. Procedure of Election, Subsection (1), which presently reads:

(1) Each section shall choose a nominee for Executive Presbyter at their sectional council. This nominee shall be an ordained minister who has served as a senior Pastor of a church within the section for at least one year immediately preceding nomination. Nominations shall be by secret ballot. At least three votes shall be necessary to become a candidate for nomination, and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required.

Be amended to read:

(1) Each section shall choose a nominee for Executive Presbyter at their sectional council. This nominee shall be an ordained minister who has served as a senior Pastor of a church within the section for at least one year immediately preceding nomination.

Nominations shall be by secret ballot. At least three votes shall be necessary to become a candidate for nomination, and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required. Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 2. Executive Presbyters, Subsection C. Procedure of Election, Subsection (3), which presently reads:

(3) Election of Executive Presbyters shall be by secret ballot. A two-thirds majority of ballots cast shall be required for an election. If there is no election declared after the second elective ballot, the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes on the second elective ballot shall be voted upon the third and succeeding ballots.

Be amended to read:

(3) Election of Executive Presbyters shall be by secret ballot. A two-thirds majority of ballots cast shall be required for an election. Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. If there is no election declared after the second elective ballot, the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes on the second elective ballot shall be voted upon the third and succeeding ballots.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 5. General Presbyters, which presently reads:

The Southern Missouri District Council shall be represented on the General Council General Presbytery by three members: the District Superintendent, the Assistant District Superintendent (provided that the Assistant Superintendent is a Pastor), and the District Executive Secretary. If the Assistant Superintendent is not a Pastor, then an ordained Pastor who meets the qualifications of an executive officer shall be elected to serve as a General Presbyter by the District Council in session. In such case, nomination shall be conducted by secret ballot and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required for election.

In addition, the Southern Missouri District Council shall participate in the additional representation allowed by The General Council Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d (10), by electing two qualified ministers--one ordained minister under 40 years of age at the time of election active in ministry and one ordained female minister active in ministry. Such election shall take place as scheduled by the Executive Presbytery of the General Council. Election shall be conducted by secret ballot and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required for election. Such General Presbyters shall serve a one-year term.

Be amended to read:

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And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 6. General Council Executive Presbyter Nominees, which presently reads:

Section 6. General Council Executive Presbyter Nominees

The Southern Missouri District Council shall, at its annual meeting prior to the appropriate General Council session, nominate two ministers from its district, one of whom is not an elected full-time district official, to be presented to the General Council as nominees from its area. These nominees shall be presented to and be balloted upon by the General Council in session. A two-

thirds majority vote shall be required to elect said nominees.

In addition, the Southern Missouri District Council shall participate in presenting nominees to the General Presbytery for consideration as additional representatives on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council as described in the *Bylaws of the General Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE II, Section 2, Subsection c (2) (c). Such nominees shall consist of one ordained minister under 40 years of age, one ordained female minister, and one ordained African-American minister.

A. Ordained Minister Under 40 Years of Age. One ordained minister under 40 years of age shall be chosen by the District Council to serve as a nominee to the General Presbytery for consideration as an additional representative on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council. All credentialed ministers under 40 years of age within the District shall be invited to participate in a specially called caucus to be held prior to the appropriate annual meeting of the District Council for the purpose of choosing a nominee for presentation to the District Council in session. The place, time, and format of the caucus shall be announced by the District Superintendent, and the caucus shall be presided over by an Executive Officer of the District. At the discretion of the District Superintendent, the caucus may be conducted electronically, as described in Bylaws ARTICLE X (OFFICERS), Section 10 (Electronic Meetings). Opportunity shall be provided to those ministers invited to the caucus to submit absentee ballots to the District Executive Secretary between the time of the announcement of the caucus and the day of the caucus itself. Absentee ballots shall be added to the ballots cast at the caucus. The caucus shall choose, by secret ballot and by a two-thirds majority vote, the names of no more than three ordained ministers under 40 years of age to be presented to the District Council in session. The District Council in session shall be provided with the names of the caucus' nominees along with the opportunity to submit additional names for nomination from the floor. Three votes shall be required to nominate from the floor. Election shall take place by secret ballot, and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required to elect the nominee. The name of the elected nominee shall be submitted to the General Presbytery in accordance with its specified guidelines.

B. Ordained Female Minister. One ordained female minister shall be chosen by the District Council to serve as a nominee to the General Presbytery for consideration as an additional representative on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council. All credentialed female ministers within the District shall be invited to participate in a specially called caucus to be held prior to the appropriate annual meeting of the District Council for the purpose of choosing a nominee for presentation to the District Council in session. The place, time, and format of the caucus shall be announced by the District Superintendent, and the caucus shall be presided over by an Executive Officer of the District. At the discretion of the District Superintendent, the caucus may be conducted electronically, as described in Bylaws ARTICLE X (OFFICERS), Section 10 (Electronic Meetings). Opportunity shall be provided to those ministers invited to the caucus to submit absentee ballots to the District Executive Secretary between the time of the announcement of the caucus and the day of the caucus itself. Absentee ballots shall be added to the ballots cast at the caucus. The caucus shall choose, by secret ballot and by a two-thirds majority vote, the names of no more than three ordained female ministers to be presented to the District Council in session. The District Council in session shall be provided with the names of the caucus' nominees along with the opportunity to submit additional names for nomination from the floor. Three votes shall be required to nominate from the floor. Election shall take place by secret ballot, and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required to elect the nominee. The name of the elected nominee shall be submitted to the General Presbytery in accordance with its specified guidelines.

C. Ordained African-American Minister. One ordained African-American minister shall be chosen by the District Council to serve as a nominee to the General Presbytery for consideration as an additional representative on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council. All credentialed African-American ministers within the District shall be invited to participate in a specially called caucus to be held prior to the appropriate annual meeting of the District Council for the purpose of choosing a nominee for presentation to the District Council in session. The place, time, and format of the caucus shall be announced by the District Superintendent, and the caucus shall be presided over by an Executive Officer of the District. At the discretion of the District Superintendent, the caucus may be conducted electronically, as described in Bylaws ARTICLE X (OFFICERS), Section 10 (Electronic Meetings). Opportunity shall be provided to those ministers invited to the caucus to submit absentee ballots to the District Executive Secretary between the time of the announcement of the caucus and the day of the caucus itself. Absentee ballots shall be added to the ballots cast at the caucus. The caucus shall choose, by secret ballot and by a two-thirds majority vote, the names of no more than three ordained African-American ministers to be presented to the District Council in session. The District Council in session shall be provided with the names of the caucus' nominees along with the opportunity to submit additional names for nomination from the floor. Three votes shall be required to nominate from the floor. Election shall take place by secret ballot, and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required to elect the nominee. The name of the elected nominee shall be submitted to the General Presbytery in accordance with its specified guidelines.

Be amended to read:

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ballot, an election shall be declared.

In addition, the Southern Missouri District Council shall participate in presenting nominees to the General Presbytery for consideration as additional representatives on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council as described in the *Bylaws of the General Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE II, Section 2, Subsection c (2) (c). Such nominees shall consist of one ordained minister under 40 years of age, one ordained female minister, and one ordained African-American minister.

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B. Ordained Female Minister. One ordained female minister shall be chosen by the District Council to serve as a nominee to the General Presbytery for consideration as an additional representative on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council. All credentialed female ministers within the District shall be invited to participate in a specially called caucus to be held prior to the appropriate annual meeting of the District Council for the purpose of choosing a nominee for presentation to the District Council in session. The place, time, and format of the caucus shall be announced by the District Superintendent, and the caucus shall be presided over by an Executive Officer of the District. At the discretion of the District Superintendent, the caucus may be conducted electronically, as described in Bylaws ARTICLE X (OFFICERS), Section 10 (Electronic Meetings). Opportunity shall be provided to those ministers invited to the caucus to submit absentee ballots to the District Executive Secretary between the time of the announcement of the caucus and the day of the caucus itself. Absentee ballots shall be added to the ballots cast at the caucus. The caucus shall choose, by secret ballot and by a two-thirds majority vote, the names of no more than three ordained female ministers to be presented to the District Council in session. The District Council in session shall be provided with the names of the caucus' nominees along with the opportunity to submit additional names for nomination from the floor. Three votes shall be required to nominate from the floor. Election shall take place by secret ballot, and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required to elect the nominee. Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. The name of the elected nominee shall be submitted to the General Presbytery in accordance with its specified guidelines.

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And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XII. SECTIONS, Section 6. Sectional Officers, Subsection A. Sectional Presbyter, Subsection (1), which presently reads:

- (1) **Sectional Presbyter Described.** Each Sectional Council shall nominate one of its ordained ministers to serve as Presbyter of its section. Each nominee for the office of Sectional Presbyter shall be presented to the District Council for election by secret ballot. A two-thirds majority vote shall be required for election. Presbyters so elected shall become members of the District Presbytery.

Be amended to read:

- (1) **Sectional Presbyter Described.** Each Sectional Council shall nominate one of its ordained ministers to serve as Presbyter of its section. Each nominee for the office of Sectional Presbyter shall be presented to the District Council for election by secret ballot. A two-thirds majority vote shall be required for election. Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. Presbyters so elected shall become members of the District Presbytery.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 8. Elections, Subsection A. Executive Officers, which presently reads:

A. Executive Officers. All elections shall be by secret ballot. On the nominating ballot, at least three votes shall be necessary for nomination. A two-thirds majority of all votes cast shall be required for the election of the Sectional Presbyter nominee, Assistant Presbyter, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Be amended to read:

A. Executive Officers. All elections shall be by secret ballot. On the nominating ballot, at least three votes shall be necessary for nomination. A two-thirds majority of all votes cast shall be required for the election of the Sectional Presbyter nominee, Assistant Presbyter, and Secretary-Treasurer. Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XXI. DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS, Section 1. Missions Department, Subsection D. Elections and Vacancies, Subsection (1) Qualifications and Elections, Subsection (b) Assistant Director and Secretary, Subsection 2. Elections and Terms of Office, Subsection c., which presently reads:

c. The Assistant Director and Secretary shall be elected by secret ballot by a two-thirds majority vote. They shall take office on the first day of the second month following their election.

Be amended to read:

c. The Assistant Director and Secretary shall be elected by secret ballot by a two-thirds majority vote. Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. They shall take office on the first day of the second month following their election.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XXI. DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS, Section 2. Youth Department, Subsection E. Elections and Vacancies, Subsection (1) Qualifications and Elections, Subsection (a) Departmental Leaders, Subsection 2. Elections and Terms of Office, Subsection c., which presently reads:

c. The leaders of the District Youth Department shall be elected by secret ballot and by a two-thirds majority vote. They shall take office on the first day of the second month following their election.

Be amended to read:

c. The leaders of the District Youth Department shall be elected by secret ballot and by a two-thirds majority vote. Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. They shall take office on the first day of the second month following their election.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XXI. DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS, Section 3. Christian Education Department, Subsection E. Elections and Vacancies, Subsection (1) Qualifications and Elections, Subsection (a) Departmental Leaders, Subsection 2. Elections and Terms of Office, Subsection c., which presently reads:

c. The leaders of the Christian Education Department shall be elected by secret ballot and by a two-thirds majority vote. They shall take office on the first day of the second month following their election.

Be amended to read:

c. The leaders of the Christian Education Department shall be elected by secret ballot and by a two-thirds majority vote. Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. They shall take office on the first day of the second month following their election.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery

Resolution 5 – Double Check Signatures for District Council Affiliated Assemblies

MSC

WHEREAS, the *Bylaws for District Council Affiliated Assemblies* establish protocols for government and proper accountability, granting both authorizations and limitations to the officers of those churches governed thereby; and

WHEREAS, those *Bylaws* require that all checks issued by District Council Affiliated Assemblies be signed by two officers, specifically the treasurer and the Pastor; and

WHEREAS, those *Bylaws* do not provide a protocol for the signing of checks when there is a vacancy in either the office of the treasurer or the office of the Pastor; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, Addendum 2: Bylaws for District Council Affiliated Assemblies, ARTICLE VII. GOVERNMENT, Section 3. Duties of Officers, Subsection C. Treasurer, Subsection (1)*, which presently reads:

- (1) The treasurer shall be entrusted with all the finances of the assembly that are committed to them, subject to the supervision of the Pastor and the Executive and General Boards. The treasurer shall deposit all funds in federally insured accounts, or any other account approved by the Executive and General Boards, in the name of the assembly. All checks issued on behalf of the church must be signed by the treasurer and the Pastor.

Be amended to read:

- (1) The treasurer shall be entrusted with all the finances of the assembly that are committed to them, subject to the supervision of the Pastor and the Executive and General Boards. The treasurer shall deposit all funds in federally insured accounts, or any other account approved by the Executive and General Boards, in the name of the assembly. All checks issued on behalf of the church must be signed by the treasurer and the Pastor. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the treasurer, all checks issued must be signed by the Pastor and a member of the General Board of the assembly approved by the Sectional Presbyter. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Pastor, all checks issued must be signed by the treasurer and a member of the General Board of the assembly approved by the Sectional Presbyter. In the event of a vacancy in the offices of both the treasurer and the Pastor, all checks issued must be signed by two members of the General Board of the assembly approved by the Sectional Presbyter.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery

Resolution 6 – Property Deeding for District Council Affiliated Assemblies

MSC

WHEREAS, the *Bylaws for District Council Affiliated Assemblies* specify that all property used by District Council Affiliated Assemblies be deeded to the Southern Missouri District Council; and

WHEREAS, the properties of many existing District Council Affiliated Assemblies are currently deeded both to the Southern Missouri District Council and to the local assemblies; and

WHEREAS, there is need for consistency between the specifications of the *Bylaws* and actual practice throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, it seems good that the property of a District Council Affiliated Assembly be deeded both to the District and to the local assembly in order to represent the rights and responsibilities of both the District and the assembly; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, Addendum 2: Bylaws for District Council Affiliated Assemblies, ARTICLE XII. PROPERTY, Section 1*, which presently reads:

All Property of the assembly shall be deeded to the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, a corporation, 528

W. Battlefield Rd., Springfield, Missouri 65807.

Be amended to read:

All property of the assembly shall be deeded both to the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, a corporation, 528 W. Battlefield Rd., Springfield, Missouri 65807, and to the local assembly.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery

COMPACT MINISTRIES

Jay Mooney shared a presentation about Compact Ministries. A highlight of his report was that much of this ministry is returning to Missouri.

SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD OF HONOR

The Superintendent's Award of Honor was presented to Buena Huffman, pastor of East Side in Eldon and to Gene Ekstrand, pastor of the Assembly of God in Windsor.

INTRODUCTIONS

Missionaries and evangelists from the District were recognized.

Courtesy Resolution #1

MSC

WHEREAS, James River Church has opened its arms to the Council and has provided gracious accommodations for our every need and event, and

WHEREAS, Pastor John Lindell together with the Staff and volunteers of the Church have spared no effort to make us welcome and comfortable; therefore be it

RESOLVED that this 105th Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God express great appreciation to the Church, to Pastor Lindell, to the Staff and to each of the volunteers for their hospitality and the love they have demonstrated for the Movement, for the District and for each of us in attendance.

Courtesy Resolution #2

MSC

WHEREAS, this 105th Southern Missouri District Council has enjoyed a rich anointing and has felt at every turn of events the powerful blessing of God and

WHEREAS, excellence in spiritual preparation and precision in the execution of the myriad details of this Council is abundantly evident; therefore be it

RESOLVED that this 105th Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God express deepest appreciation to The Lord our God, to our District leadership team, to each of our speakers and to each of the Committees which have served so capably and well.

Courtesy Resolution #3

MSC

WHEREAS, this 105th Southern Missouri District Council has been attended by many of the credentialed ministers, lay leaders and their spouses and

WHEREAS, those afore mentioned ministers, lay leaders and spouses have sacrificed and dedicated their time, energy and resources and

WHEREAS, without their involvement, this Council would not be near the blessing that it is to so many; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 105th Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God express great appreciation to all ministers, missionaries, lay leaders and their spouses for their ongoing commitment to the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God. May God continue to richly bless our District.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

The chairman expressed appreciation and thanks to the Roster Committee, Parliamentary Committee, Resolutions Committee, Tellers Committee and Ushers Committee.

Deep appreciation was also expressed to the members of the District team that made this District Council a success.

BUSSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion prevailed to adjourn the business meeting of the 105th District Council.

MISSIONS BANQUET, TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 9, 2019

The Missions Banquet was held on Tuesday evening at the Oasis Convention Center. Executive Secretary/Missions Director Stan Welch and his wife Sherry welcomed the congregation. Don Miller opened in prayer. Eleven candidate missionaries were presented. Various videos were shown of previous projects. The current project, India College of Ministry was introduced. Offerings were received for Gideon 300 with funds to be divided equally between the candidate missionaries.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

9:30 a.m. Prayer/Praise/Communion Service
11:00 a.m. Men's & Women's Luncheon

ORDINATION BANQUET

An Ordination Banquet was held on Wednesday evening preceding the Ordination Service for all Ordination candidates.

ORDINATION SERVICE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 10, 2019

Reverend Brenda Henson, Executive Presbyter SE Region, opened the service with Welcome & Prayer. Licensed Candidates were honored. A time of Praise and Worship was led by the worship team from HeartSong. Jason St John, Executive Presbyter of the NW Region, led in prayer.

The offering was received by Reverend Gary Ankrom, Executive Presbyter SW Region, with special music for the offertory provided by Noah Leathers, Salem Grace Community.

Reverend Don Miller, Superintendent, introduced the speaker, Reverend Doug Clay, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

Following the preaching of the Word, the Ordination Candidates were presented for Ordination. A mantle was placed on the shoulders of each candidate. Members of the District Presbytery, and those ministers designated, laid hands on the candidates and prayed for them. Certificates of Ordination were presented.

Those receiving Certificates of Ordination were:

James Boley	Kimberly Boley	Robert Brinkley	Thresia Brinkley	Jason Brooke
Micah Cartee	Maritza Ceballos	Billy Cockrum	Shirley Darnell	Andy Estrella
Christian Fauth	William Goble	Jeffrey Higgins	Adam Holderread	Joanne Jordan
Daniel Kersten	Lance Langenberg	James Link	Jasmin Luck	Raymond Mabion
Terry Magness	Jakie Martin	Charles Mattix	Mary Phillips	Judy Ramphal
Nora Ross	Channing Snively	Nathan Thomas	Daniel Tidmore	Christopher Wiggs
Freda Wolf	Jeremy Workman			

Respectfully submitted,

Stan L. Welch
District Executive Secretary