

2019 RESOLUTION #1

Marriage Ceremonies

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's opinion, approach marriage without proper forethought, wisdom, and sobriety.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery

2019 RESOLUTION #2

Funds for Church Planting and Development

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

2019 RESOLUTION #3

Clarification of the term Executive Presbytery

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 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

2019 RESOLUTION #4

Elections on Nominating Ballots

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:

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. [Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared.](#)

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. [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 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:

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. [Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating 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.

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. [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.

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.

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. [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.

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

2019 RESOLUTION #5

Double Check Signatures for District Council Affiliated Assemblies

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 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

2019 RESOLUTION #6

Property Deeding for District Council Affiliated Assemblies

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 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