

2023 RESOLUTION #1

Church Health

WHEREAS, The Southern Missouri Ministry Network in its annual meeting in April, 2013, established church planting and church development as priorities within our Network by creating a director level position to lead the Network's efforts of establishing new places of worship and providing for the development of existing churches to reach a place of health and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, the Network Presbytery determined that it was beneficial to separate the functions of church planting and church development under separate leadership in order to produce increased focus and efficiency in the pursuit of those priorities, such separation resulting in the appointing of a Director of Church Planting and a Director of Church Development; and

WHEREAS, The intent of church development is to encourage and facilitate health, growth, and long-term sustainability in our local churches, and

WHEREAS, The term "church development" fails to provide sufficiently comprehensive clarity for the priorities and functions of our Ministry Network; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws* of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network, ARTICLE XIV. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES, Section 5. Church Planting and Development, which presently reads:

Section 5. Church Planting and Development

A. Mission Statement. The Southern Missouri Ministry Network is committed to the work of the expansion of Christ's Kingdom through the planting of new churches and through the continual revitalization and development of existing churches within its borders. The vision for church planting and development shall be continually communicated and encouraged by Network leadership.

B. Policies and procedures for the planting of new churches and the revitalization and development of existing churches shall be formulated and implemented by the office of the Network Superintendent.

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 Network, from the proceeds of the sale of Network Affiliated Assembly assets, and from other sources made available at the direction of the Network Presbytery. The Network Superintendent, in consultation with the Assistant Network Superintendent and the Network 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 Network Presbytery.

D. Locations and schedules for the planting of new churches shall be determined by the Network Superintendent after due evaluation, investigation, and consultation regarding the community under consideration.

Be amended by substitution as follows:

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D. Locations and schedules for the planting of new churches shall be determined by the Network Superintendent after due evaluation, investigation, and consultation regarding the community under consideration.

Section 6. Church Health and Revitalization

A. Mission Statement. The Southern Missouri Ministry Network desires that every Assemblies of God church within its borders be healthy and committed to reaching the lost. Where health and sustainability does not exist in a local church, the Network may provide counsel, training, or other available resources where deemed necessary to assist the church in achieving or returning to a state of health. The vision for church health and revitalization shall be continually communicated and encouraged by Network leadership.

B. Policies and procedures for health and revitalization efforts for existing churches shall be formulated and implemented by the office of the Network Superintendent.

C. Funds for health and revitalization efforts for existing churches shall come from the support of partnering churches within the Network, from the proceeds of the sale of Network Affiliated Assembly assets, and from other sources made available at

the direction of the Network Presbytery. The Network Superintendent, in consultation with the Assistant Network Superintendent and the Network 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 Network Presbytery.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws* of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network, ARTICLE XIV. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES, Sections 6 through 12 be renumbered as Sections 7 through 13 respectively.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the Network Presbytery