

# **2020 RESOLUTION #1**

## ***Ethnic Presbyter Nomination Process***

**WHEREAS**, the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XIII. ETHNIC FELLOWSHIPS, Section 2. Representation on the District Presbytery, Subsection B describes the process by which Ethnic Presbyters may be nominated and elected to serve on the District Presbytery; and

**WHEREAS**, it seems appropriate that the process of nominating Ethnic Presbyters by qualified ethnic fellowships be made as inclusive as possible; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XIII. ETHNIC FELLOWSHIPS, Section 2. Representation on District Presbytery, Subsection B, which presently reads:

**B.** Qualified ethnic fellowships shall choose an Ethnic Presbyter nominee at a specially called caucus to be held prior to the annual District Council in even years. Place and time of the caucus shall be announced by the District Superintendent, and the caucus shall be presided over by an Executive Officer of the District. The nominees shall be presented to the District Council for election. Nominees shall meet all the requirements for a Sectional Presbyter as specified in these Bylaws. Ethnic Presbyters shall serve on the District Presbytery along with the Presbyters chosen from the geographical sections of the District.

Be amended by addition to read:

**B.** All members of each qualified ethnic fellowship shall be invited to participate in a specially called caucus to be held prior to the annual meeting of the District Council in even-numbered years for the purpose of choosing nominees 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 name of one ordained minister, who shall have served as pastor of a church in the District for at least one year prior to the time of taking office, to be presented to the District Council in session. The District Council in session shall be provided with the name of the caucus' nominee. Election shall take place 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. Ethnic Presbyters shall serve on the District Presbytery along with the Presbyters chosen from the geographical sections of the District.

***RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery***

## 2020 RESOLUTION #2

### *Additional Representation on the General Presbytery*

**WHEREAS**, the *Bylaws of the General Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, Subsection d. General Presbyters, Subsection (10) *Additional representation*, Sub-subsection (a) *By area* provides for additional representation on the General Presbytery of the General Council as follows:

(a) *By area*. For the purpose of electing one ordained minister under 40 years of age at the time of election active in ministry and one ordained female minister active in ministry, each district within the eight respective geographical areas and three language areas shall elect on an annual rotational basis qualified members to serve on the General Presbytery for one year, with no more than one ordained minister under 40 years of age at the time of election active in ministry and one ordained female minister active in ministry serving from an area in any one year. The representation shall be determined on an alphabetical basis of the districts within each area according to an annual schedule set by the Executive Presbytery.

and

**WHEREAS**, we, the members of the Southern Missouri District Council, have chosen to participate in the aforementioned opportunity to provide additional representation on the General Presbytery; and

**WHEREAS**, it seems appropriate that those groups specially represented by the aforementioned General Presbyters should have first opportunity to express themselves in the choosing of nominees to be presented to the District Council for election; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 5. General Presbyters, Paragraph 2, which presently reads:

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.

Be amended by addition to read:

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. Nominees shall be submitted to the District Council in session as described herein.

**A. Ordained Minister Under 40 Years of Age.** 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 nominees 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 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 for election. Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared.

**B. Ordained Female Minister.** 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 nominees 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 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 for election. Should a two-thirds majority vote be achieved on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared.

***RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery***

## **2020 RESOLUTION #3**

### ***Divorce Due to Domestic Violence***

**WHEREAS**, the 58th General Council of the Assemblies of God in session (August, 2019) adopted Resolution 15. Divorce Due to Domestic Violence, thereby amending General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 2. Basic qualifications, to read:

**J. Marriage status.** We disapprove of any married persons holding ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God if either marriage partner has a former spouse living, unless the divorce occurred prior to his or her conversion or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9), or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15), or in the case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5-9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16-17; Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32; Ephesians 5), except as hereinafter provided.

And

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned Resolution 15 also amended General Council Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Section 5. Divorce and Remarriage, paragraph c. Local church leadership, subparagraph (1) Standard for offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon, to read:

**c. Local church leadership**

(1) Standard for offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon. Since the New Testament restricts divorced and remarried believers from the church offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon, we recommend that this standard be upheld by all our assemblies (Titus 1:5-9; 1 Timothy 3:12), except when the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17) or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9) or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15) or in the case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5-9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16-17; Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32; Ephesians 5).

And

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned Resolution 15 also amended General Council Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED, Section 5. Divorce and Remarriage, paragraph e. Ministerial credentials, to read:

**e. Ministerial credentials.** We disapprove of any married minister of the Assemblies of God holding credentials if either minister or spouse has a former spouse living unless the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17) or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9) or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15) or in the case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5-9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16-17; Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32; Ephesians 5). (See also Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, paragraphs j and k.)

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 XIV. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES, Section 2. General Council Affiliated Assemblies, Subsection A. General Council Affiliated Assemblies Described, Subsection (7) District Guidelines for Deacons, which presently reads:

**(7) District Guidelines for Deacons.** The deacons shall be persons of mature Christian experience and knowledge, be filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, not be entangled in their marriage relations, except when the divorce occurred prior to conversion; or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9); or the abandonment of the believer by the

unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15), and meet the requirements as set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Acts 6. Deacons shall be at least 23 years old, and shall have been members of the assembly for at least one year. They shall currently support the church with their tithes and offerings, have a cooperative spirit, and regularly attend church services. All Church Board members are chosen to serve the church and therefore shall act in a supportive role to the Pastor, according to Acts 6. No credentialed minister shall serve as a deacon in any assembly. No credentialed minister's spouse may serve as a deacon in any assembly in cases where that credentialed minister serves in a leading or supporting pastoral role.

Be amended to read:

**(7) District Guidelines for Deacons.** The deacons shall be persons of mature Christian experience and knowledge, be filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, not be entangled in their marriage relations, except when the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17) or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9) or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15) *or in the case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5-9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16-17; Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32; Ephesians 5)*, and meet the requirements as set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Acts 6. Deacons shall be at least 23 years old, and shall have been members of the assembly for at least one year. They shall currently support the church with their tithes and offerings, have a cooperative spirit, and regularly attend church services. All Church Board members are chosen to serve the church and therefore shall act in a supportive role to the Pastor, according to Acts 6. No credentialed minister shall serve as a deacon in any assembly. No credentialed minister's spouse may serve as a deacon in any assembly in cases where that credentialed minister serves in a leading or supporting pastoral role.

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 J. Marriage Status, which presently reads:

**J. Marriage Status.** The Southern Missouri District Council disapproves of any married persons holding ministerial credentials if either marriage partner has a former spouse living, unless the divorce happened prior to salvation; or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9); or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1Corinthians 7:10-15), except as hereinafter provided.

Be amended to read:

**J. Marriage Status.** The Southern Missouri District Council disapproves of any married minister of the Assemblies of God holding credentials if either minister or spouse has a former spouse living unless the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17) or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9) or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15) *or in the case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5-9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16-17; Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32; Ephesians 5)*, except as hereinafter provided.

And be it further

**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 B. Remarriage, which presently reads:

**B. Remarriage.** Low standards on marriage and divorce are very hurtful to individuals, to the family, and to the cause of Christ. Therefore, we discourage divorce by all lawful means and teaching. We positively disapprove of Christians getting divorces for any cause except fornication and adultery (Matthew 19:9). Where these exceptional circumstances exist or when a Christian has been divorced by an unbeliever, we recommend that the question of remarriage be resolved by the believer in the light of God's Word (1 Corinthians 7:17,27,28).

Be amended to read:

**B. Remarriage.** Low standards on marriage and divorce are very hurtful to individuals, to the family, and to the cause of Christ. Therefore, we discourage divorce by all lawful means and teaching. We disapprove of Christians getting divorces except for the scriptural causes of a [spouse's marital unfaithfulness \(Matthew 19:9\)](#) or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15) or in the case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5-9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16-17; Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32; Ephesians 5). Where these exceptional circumstances exist, we recommend that the question of remarriage be resolved by the believer in the light of God's Word (1 Corinthians 7:17,27,28).

And be it further

**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 C. Local Church Leadership, Subsection (1) Standard for Offices of Bishop, or Elder, and Deacon, which presently reads:

**(1) Standard for Offices of Bishop, or Elder, and Deacon.** Since the New Testament restricts divorced and remarried believers from the church offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon, we recommend that this standard be upheld by all our assemblies (Titus 1:5-9; 1 Timothy 3:12) except when the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17), or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9), or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15). However, we recommend that all other opportunities for Christian service for which these believers may be qualified be made available to them.

Be amended to read:

**(1) Standard for Offices of Bishop, or Elder, and Deacon.** Since the New Testament restricts divorced and remarried believers from the church offices of bishop, or elder, and deacon, we recommend that this standard be upheld by all our assemblies (Titus 1:5-9; 1 Timothy 3:12), except when the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17) or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9) or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15) [or in the case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child \(Psalms 11:5; 146:5-9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16-17; Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32; Ephesians 5\)](#). However, we recommend that all other opportunities for Christian service for which these believers may be qualified be made available to them.

And be it further

**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 E. Ministerial Credentials, which presently reads:

**E. Ministerial Credentials.** We disapprove of any married minister of the Assemblies of God holding credentials if either minister or spouse has a former companion living unless the divorce happened prior to salvation; or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9); or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15). (See also Article XIV, Section 2, paragraphs J and K).

Be amended to read:

**E. Ministerial Credentials.** We disapprove of any married minister of the Assemblies of God holding credentials if either minister or spouse has a former spouse living unless the divorce occurred prior to conversion ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)) or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9) or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15) or in the case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5-9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16-17; Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32; Ephesians 5). (See also Article [XV](#), Section 2, paragraphs J and K).

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 3. Deacons, which presently reads:

The deacons shall be persons of mature Christian experience and knowledge, be filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, not be entangled in their marriage relations, except when the divorce occurred prior to conversion; or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9); or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15), and meet the requirements as set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Acts 6. Deacons shall be at least 23 years old, and shall have been members of the assembly for at least one year. They shall currently support the church with their tithes and offerings, have a cooperative spirit, and regularly attend church services. All Church Board members are chosen to serve the church and therefore shall act in a supportive role to the Pastor, according to Acts 6. No credentialed minister shall serve as a deacon in any assembly. No credentialed minister's spouse may serve as a deacon in any assembly in cases where that credentialed minister serves in a leading or supporting pastoral role.

Be amended to read:

The deacons shall be persons of mature Christian experience and knowledge, be filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, not be entangled in their marriage relations, except when the divorce occurred prior to conversion ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)) or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9) or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15) [or in the case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child \(Psalms 11:5; 146:5-9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16-17; Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32; Ephesians 5\)](#), and meet the requirements as set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Acts 6. Deacons shall be at least 23 years old, and shall have been members of the assembly for at least one year. They shall currently support the church with their tithes and offerings, have a cooperative spirit, and regularly attend church services. All Church Board members are chosen to serve the church and therefore shall act in a supportive role to the Pastor, according to Acts 6. No credentialed minister shall serve as a deacon in any assembly. No credentialed minister's spouse may serve as a deacon in any assembly in cases where that credentialed minister serves in a leading or supporting pastoral role.

***RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery***

# 2020 RESOLUTION #4

## *Submission of Resolutions*

**WHEREAS**, the procedure for submission of resolutions to be considered by the District Council in session requires a timely and orderly process; and

**WHEREAS**, the directives in the District Bylaws describing the submission and handling of resolutions seem to contain incongruencies that could cause inconsistency and confusion; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES, Section 1. District Committees, Subsection D. Resolutions Committee, Subsection (1) Procedure for Resolutions, which presently reads:

**(1) Procedure for Presentation of Resolutions.** All resolutions for presentation to the District Council, except emergency measures, shall be presented to the District Executive Secretary's office at least 60 days prior to a District Council session. The resolutions committee shall prepare the resolutions in printed form and mail them to the District Council ministers and churches 30 days prior to the District Council, with the understanding that this does not apply to business growing out of District Presbytery meetings just prior to the District Council. Resolutions of an emergency nature may be considered by the Council upon the consent of a two-thirds vote of the District Council in session.

Be amended by addition to read:

**(1) Procedure for Presentation of Resolutions.** All resolutions for presentation to the District Council, except resolutions of an emergency nature, shall be presented to the District Executive Secretary's office at least 100 days prior to a District Council session. The District Executive Secretary shall submit all resolutions received to the District Superintendent for presentation to the District Presbytery, who shall, after proper review, present the resolutions to the resolutions committee with or without recommendations as to appropriateness. The resolutions committee, after determining appropriateness of the resolutions, shall provide them by mail or in electronic format to the ministers and churches of the District Council at least 30 days prior to the District Council session, with the understanding that this does not apply to business growing out of District Presbytery meetings just prior to the District Council session. Resolutions of an emergency nature may be considered by the Council upon the consent of a two-thirds vote of the District Council in session.

And be it further

**RESOLVED** that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XVIII. FINANCES, Section 3. Disbursements, Subsection E. Resolutions for Fund Expenditure, which presently reads:

**E. Resolutions for Fund Expenditure.** The procedure to present to a District Council meeting a resolution or motion that may involve the expenditure of more than \$5,000.00 shall be to first refer it to the District Presbytery, and then the resolution shall be presented to the Council in session with the District Presbytery's evaluation of any financial involvements contained in it.

Be stricken, and the following Subsection F. Incurrence of Debt be renamed E. Incurrence of Debt; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XXIII. AMENDMENTS, which presently reads:

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at any regular or special meeting of the District Council, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted to the District Presbytery first for consideration, and a copy mailed to each member of the District Council not less than one month

prior to the time of the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered. A two-thirds majority vote of all members present and voting shall be necessary for adoption.

Be amended by addition to read:

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at any regular or special meeting of the District Council, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted and processed in accordance with the Procedure for Presentation of Resolutions as described in ARTICLE XI, Section 1, Subsection D, Subsection 1 of these Bylaws.

***RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery`***

# **2020 RESOLUTION #5**

## ***Rearrangement of St. Louis and Park Hills Sections***

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Missouri District consists of thirteen Sections which constitute units of fellowship and administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the geographical boundaries of the Sections have been drawn in such a way as to provide for representation on the District Presbytery, participation in District ministries, practical governing and resourcing, and ministerial fellowship; and

**WHEREAS**, proximity to the regular meeting places of the Sections and their ministries is critical in fostering both attendance and involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XII. SECTIONS, Section 1. Boundaries, state that “The convenience and wishes of assemblies and Pastors within these areas shall be considered by the District Council in arranging or rearranging the boundary lines of these sections, but the decision of the District Council in the matter shall be final”; and

**WHEREAS**, assemblies presently located within the northern portion of the Park Hills Section would benefit geographically from a rearranging of the boundary lines between the Park Hills Section and the St. Louis Section in order to bring those assemblies into the St. Louis Section; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XII. SECTIONS, Section 1. Boundaries, Subsection D, which presently reads:

**D. ST. LOUIS SECTION** shall be composed of St. Louis and St. Louis County.

Be amended to read:

**D. ST. LOUIS SECTION** shall be composed of St. Louis and St. Louis County **and that part of Jefferson County lying west of Highway 30 and that part of Jefferson County lying within one mile east of Highway 30.**

And be it further

**RESOLVED** that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XII. SECTIONS, Section 1. Boundaries, Subsection E, which presently reads:

**E. PARK HILLS SECTION** shall be composed of Jefferson, Madison, St. Genevieve, St. Francois, and Washington Counties, and that part of Iron County lying north of Highway 143 and west of Highway 49.

Be amended to read:

**E. PARK HILLS SECTION** shall be composed of Madison, St. Genevieve, St. Francois, and Washington Counties, **that part of Jefferson County not included in the St. Louis Section**, and that part of Iron County lying north of Highway 143 and west of Highway 49.

***RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Pastor Josh Earls  
Pastor Dan Ross***

# **2020 RESOLUTION #6**

## ***Restructuring of Men's Ministries Department***

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Missouri District Council recognizes the strategic importance of strong men's ministries within our local assemblies and across our District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Men's Ministries Department works diligently to engage, equip, and mobilize men in their daily pursuit of Christ; and

**WHEREAS**, strategizing for forward movement requires regular review and examination of ministry structures and procedures which may reveal the benefits of organizational modifications; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XXI. DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS, Section 6. Men's Ministries Department, which presently reads:

### **Section 6. Men's Ministries Department**

**A. Authorization and Name.** The District Council hereby authorizes the formation and maintenance of the District Men's Ministries Department of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God.

#### **B. Purpose and Objectives**

(1) The purpose of this organization shall be to assist in unifying Assemblies of God men on the local church, sectional, district, and national levels in participating in the objectives of the Men's Ministries Department.

(2) The objectives of the Men's Ministries Department of the Southern Missouri District shall be:

(a) To challenge, train, and involve men in meaningful ministries in key areas of the church under the leadership of the Pastor; and

(b) To unite the efforts of men in national and district advances including National Men's Ministries resources, evangelism and discipleship, Light-For-The-Lost, Royal Rangers, construction ministry, and other designated district projects.

**C. Relationships.** The District Men's Department shall maintain ongoing relationship with the sectional men's ministries in the District and with the men's ministries of local churches.

#### **D. Government**

##### **(1) Leadership**

(a) **District Leadership.** The leadership shall consist of the Men's Ministries Director and the Assistant Director.

(b) **District Coordinators.** District Coordinators shall include the Evangelism and Discipleship Coordinator, the Chair of Light-for-the-Lost, the District Royal Rangers Commander, and the District Construction Coordinator.

(c) **Sectional Representatives.** There shall be a Sectional Representative from each of the sections of the District.

(d) **Men's Ministry Leadership Team.** The Men's Ministries Director, the Assistant Director, the District Men's Ministries Coordinators, and the Sectional Representatives shall constitute the Leadership Team. They shall meet at least annually.

## **(2) Duties of Leaders**

**(a) District Men's Ministries Director.** The District Men's Ministries Director shall be responsible for leading all functions of Men's Ministries in the District. He shall serve as chair of the Men's Ministries Leadership Team. He shall provide leadership and direction to the District Men's Ministries Coordinators and their respective teams. He shall be an ex-officio member of all Sectional Leadership Teams.

**(b) Assistant District Men's Ministries Director.** The Assistant Director shall assist the Director as far as is practicable and shall serve on the Men's Ministries Leadership Team.

### **(c) District Coordinators**

1. The **District Evangelism and Discipleship Coordinator** shall promote evangelism and discipleship throughout the District.

2. The **District Light-For-The-Lost Chair** shall promote and coordinate Light-For-The-Lost activities in the District and shall assist in planning and conducting Light-For-The-Lost area banquets.

3. The **District Royal Rangers Commander** shall provide assistance in organizing local Royal Rangers outposts, conduct leadership training, and lead District Royal Rangers events.

4. The **District Construction Coordinator** shall assist in promoting and organizing approved domestic and foreign construction projects.

**(d) Men's Ministries Leadership Team.** The Men's Ministries Leadership Team shall be responsible to develop and implement the District Men's Ministries program.

**(e) Sectional Representatives.** The Sectional Representatives shall:

1. Serve as members of the Men's Ministries Leadership Team;

2. Be responsible for coordinating all facets of Men's Ministries within their respective sections;

3. Encourage and assist with organizing Men's Ministries in the local churches in cooperation with the Pastors.

## **E. Appointments and Vacancies**

### **(1) Qualifications and Appointments**

**(a) Qualifications.** The leaders shall be men of mature experience, sound Christian character, and executive ability who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit and are members of Assemblies of God churches. The Director shall be an ordained minister or the husband of an ordained minister.

### **(b) Appointments and Vacancies**

#### **1. District Leaders**

a. The **District Men's Ministries Director and Assistant Director** shall be appointed by the District Superintendent and ratified by the District Presbytery. They shall serve until their successors are appointed.

**b.** The **District Coordinators** shall be nominated by the Men's Ministries Director, appointed by the Superintendent, and ratified by the District Presbytery. They shall serve until their successors are appointed.

**2. Men's Ministries Representative.** Each Sectional Executive Committee, in consultation with the District Men's Ministries Director, shall appoint the Sectional Men's Ministries Representative and submit the name to the Sectional Council in session on a printed ballot for ratification. The Sectional Council must ratify the appointee by secret ballot by a majority vote. The Sectional Men's Ministries Representative shall serve a term of two years. The Sectional Executive Committee in consultation with the Men's Ministries Director shall fill any vacancies by appointment. Any such appointment shall be for the unexpired term.

**F. Finances.** All District Men's Ministries Department funds shall be managed and expended under the direction of the District Presbytery and the Men's Ministries Director.

Be amended to read:

## **Section 6. Men's Ministries Department**

**A. Authorization and Name.** The District Council hereby authorizes the formation and maintenance of the District Men's Ministries Department of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God.

### **B. Purpose and Objectives**

(1) The purpose of this organization shall be to assist in unifying Assemblies of God men on the local church, sectional, district, and national levels in participating in the objectives of the Men's Ministries Department.

(2) The objectives of the Men's Ministries Department of the Southern Missouri District shall be:

(a) To engage, equip, and mobilize today's men in today's local churches in Southern Missouri in their daily pursuit of Christ; and

(b) To unite the efforts of men in national and district initiatives including National Men's Ministries resources, evangelism and discipleship, Light-For-The-Lost, Royal Rangers, church improvement and construction ministry, and other designated district projects.

**C. Relationships.** The District Men's Department shall maintain ongoing relationship with the sectional men's ministries in the District and with the men's ministries of local churches.

### **D. Government**

#### **(1) Leadership**

(a) **District Leadership.** The leadership shall consist of the Men's Ministries Director.

(b) **Strategy Team.** The Strategy Team shall consist of three sectional representatives and up to three members at large. They shall meet at the direction of the Men's Ministries Director.

(c) **District Coordinators.** District Coordinators shall include but not be limited to Evangelism and Discipleship Coordinator, Light-for-the-Lost Coordinator, District Royal Rangers Commander, and District Church Improvement and Construction Coordinator.

(d) **Sectional Representatives.** There shall be a Sectional Representative from each of the sections of the District.

**(e) Men's Ministry Leadership Team.** The Men's Ministries Director, Strategy Team, District Coordinators, and Sectional Representatives shall constitute the Men's Ministry Leadership Team. They shall meet at least annually at the direction of the Men's Ministries Director.

## **(2) Duties of Leaders**

**(a) District Men's Ministries Director.** The District Men's Ministries Director shall be responsible for leading all functions of Men's Ministries in the District. He shall serve as chair of the Men's Ministries Leadership Team. He shall provide leadership and direction to the District Men's Ministries Coordinators and their respective teams. He shall be an ex-officio member of all sectional men's leadership teams.

**(b) Strategy Team.** The Strategy Team shall assist the director in shaping vision and overall direction for the ministry. They shall also assist in the creation of strategy for events and initiatives of the District Men's Ministries Department. The Strategy Team members shall serve as members of the Men's Ministries Leadership Team.

### **(c) District Coordinators**

1. The **District Evangelism and Discipleship Coordinator** shall promote evangelism and discipleship throughout the District.

2. The **District Light-For-The-Lost Coordinator** shall promote and coordinate Light-For-The-Lost activities in the District and shall assist in planning and conducting Light-For-The-Lost area banquets.

3. The **District Royal Rangers Commander** shall provide assistance in organizing local Royal Rangers outposts, conduct leadership training, and lead District Royal Rangers events.

4. The **District Construction Coordinator** shall assist in promoting and organizing approved domestic and foreign construction projects.

5. The **District Coordinators** shall serve as members of the Men's Ministries Leadership Team.

**(d) Men's Ministries Leadership Team.** The Men's Ministries Leadership Team shall be responsible to assist in the promotion and implementation of the vision and mission of the department, as well as the execution of strategy for events and initiatives.

**(e) Sectional Representatives.** The Sectional Representatives shall:

1. Serve as members of the Men's Ministries Leadership Team;

2. Be responsible for coordinating all facets of Men's Ministries within their respective sections;

3. Encourage and assist with organizing Men's Ministries in the local churches in cooperation with the Pastors.

## **E. Appointments and Vacancies**

**(1) Qualifications.** The leaders shall be men of mature experience, sound Christian character, and executive ability who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit and are members of Assemblies of God churches. The Director shall be an ordained minister or the husband of an ordained minister.

## **(2) Appointments and Vacancies**

### **(a) District Leaders**

1. The **District Men's Ministries Director** shall be appointed by the District Superintendent and ratified by the District Presbytery. He shall serve until his successor is appointed.

2. The **Strategy Team** members shall be nominated by the Men's Ministries Director, appointed by the Superintendent, and ratified by the District Presbytery. They shall serve until their successors are appointed.

3. The **District Coordinators** shall be nominated by the Men's Ministries Director, appointed by the Superintendent, and ratified by the District Presbytery. They shall serve until their successors are appointed.

**(b) Men's Ministries Representative.** Each Sectional Executive Committee, in consultation with the District Men's Ministries Director, shall appoint the Sectional Men's Ministries Representative and submit the name to the Sectional Council in session on a printed ballot for ratification. The Sectional Council must ratify the appointee by secret ballot by a majority vote. The Sectional Men's Ministries Representative shall serve a term of two years. The Sectional Executive Committee in consultation with the Men's Ministries Director shall fill any vacancies by appointment. Any such appointment shall be for the unexpired term.

**F. Finances.** All District Men's Ministries Department funds shall be managed and expended under the direction of the District Presbytery and the Men's Ministries Director.

***RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery***