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**CONSTITUTION OF THE  
OHIO DISTRICT COUNCIL, INC.  
OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD**

**CONSTITUTIONAL DECLARATION**

**WE BELIEVE:**

That God's purpose concerning man is (1) to seek and to save that which is lost, (2) to be worshipped by man, (3) to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, and (4) to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world.

That these believers, saved and called out of the world, constitute the body or church of Jesus Christ; built and established upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ, Himself, being the chief cornerstone.

That the members of the body, the church (ecclesia) of Jesus Christ, are enjoined to assemble themselves for worship, fellowship, counsel, and instruction in the Word of God, the work of the ministry, and for the exercise of those spiritual gifts and offices provided for New Testament church order.

That it is evident the early apostolic churches came together in fellowship as a representative body of saved, Spirit-filled believers, who ordained and sent out evangelists and missionaries, and, under the supervision of the Holy Spirit, set over the church, pastors and teachers.

That the priority reason-for-being of the Assemblies of God is to be an agency of God for evangelizing the world, to be a corporate body in which man may worship God, and to be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son, and to be a people who demonstrate God's love and compassion for all the world.

That the Assemblies of God exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to the reason-for-being in the New Testament apostolic pattern, by teaching and encouraging believers in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs, adding a necessary dimension to worshipful relationship with God, and enabling them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries, as in New Testament times, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

That we are a cooperative fellowship of Pentecostal, Spirit-baptized saints from local Pentecostal assemblies of like precious faith throughout the State of Ohio, to be known as the Ohio Ministry Network, whose purpose is neither to usurp authority over the various local assemblies, nor to deprive them of their scriptural and local rights and privileges; but to recognize and promote scriptural methods and order for worship, unity, fellowship, work, and business for God; and to disapprove unscriptural methods, doctrines, and conduct, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace "till we all come in that unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13).

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The corporate name is *Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God*, which refers to the legal entity.

This corporation shall do business as (dba) the *Ohio Ministry Network*.

The term *Network Conference* refers to sessions of the corporation.

**ARTICLE II. TERRITORY**

The State of Ohio shall be the territory of the Ohio Ministry Network. The network shall be divided into areas, the boundaries of which are determined by the Network Executive Presbytery.

**ARTICLE III. NATURE**

The Ohio Ministry Network shall be a voluntary, cooperative fellowship, based upon mutual agreements entered into by its members. It shall be incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Ohio. It shall function in conformity and harmony with the provisions for district councils as outlined in Article V of the Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

**ARTICLE IV. PREROGATIVES**

The prerogatives of the Ohio Ministry Network shall be:

- a. To encourage and promote the evangelization of the world.
- b. To encourage and promote the worship of God.
- c. To encourage and promote the edification of believers.
- d. To provide a basis of fellowship among Christians of like precious faith.
- e. To demonstrate God’s love and compassion for all the world.
- f. To establish and maintain such departments and institutions as may be necessary for the propagation of the gospel and the work of this Pentecostal fellowship.
- g. To approve scriptural teachings and practices, and to disapprove unscriptural teachings and practices. A list of disapproved doctrines and practices is set forth in Articles IX and X of the Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- h. To have the right to buy, borrow, or otherwise acquire; to own, hold in trust, use, loan, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, invest, or otherwise dispose of funds and property, both real and chattel, as may be needed for the prosecution of the work.

**ARTICLE V. PRINCIPLES FOR FELLOWSHIP**

The Ohio Ministry Network shall represent, as nearly as possible, the body of Christ as it is described in the New Testament. It shall recognize the principles inherent in the Body as also inherent in this Fellowship, particularly the principles of unity, cooperation, and equality. It recognizes that these principles will enable it to achieve its priority reason-for-being as an agency of God for evangelizing the world, as a corporate body in which man may worship God, and as a channel of God’s purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son.

**ARTICLE VI. STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS**

The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This statement of fundamental truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e., that we all speak the same thing, I Cor. 1:10; Acts 2:42). The phraseology employed in this statement is not inspired or contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential to the full gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all Biblical truth, only that it covers our need as to these fundamental doctrines.

**1. The Scriptures Inspired**

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (II Tim. 3:15-17; I Thess. 2:13; II Peter 1:21).

**2. The One True God**

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM," the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deut. 6:4; Isaiah 43:10, 11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22).

**THE ADORABLE GODHEAD****(a) Terms Defined**

The terms "trinity" and "persons," as related to the Godhead, while not found in the Scriptures, are words in harmony with Scripture, whereby we may convey to others our immediate understanding of the doctrine of Christ respecting the Being of God, as distinguished from "gods many and lords many." We, therefore, may speak with propriety of the Lord our God, who is One Lord, as a Trinity or as one Being of three persons and still be absolutely scriptural (examples, Matt. 28:19; II Cor. 13:14; John 14:16, 17).

**(b) Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead**

Christ taught a distinction of persons in the Godhead, which He expressed in specific terms of relationships, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but that this distinction and relationship, as to its mode, is inscrutable and incomprehensible because unexplained (Luke 1:35; I Cor. 1:24; Matt. 11:25-27; 2:19; II Cor. 13:14; I John 1:3, 4).

**(c) Unity of the One Being of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

Accordingly, therefore, there is that in the Father which constitutes Him the Father and not the Son, there is that in the Son which constitutes Him the Son and not the Father; and there is that in the Holy Spirit which constitutes Him the Holy Spirit and not either the Father or the Son. Wherefore, the Father is the Begetter, the Son is the Begotten, and the Holy Spirit is the One proceeding from the Father and the Son. Therefore, because these three persons in the Godhead are in a state of unity, there is but one Lord God Almighty, and His name one. John 1:18; 15:26; 17:11, 21; Zech. 14:9.

**(d) Identity and Cooperation in the Godhead**

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are never identical as to person, nor confused as to relation, nor divided in respect to the Godhead, nor opposed as to cooperation. The Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son as to relationship. The Son is with the Father and the Father is with the Son, as to fellowship. The Father is not from the Son, but the Son is from the Father, as to authority. The Holy Spirit is from the Father and the Son proceeding, as to nature, relationship, cooperation, and authority. Hence, no person in the Godhead either exists or works separately or independently of the others (John 5:17-30, 32, 37; John 8:17, 18).

**(e) The Title, Lord Jesus Christ**

The appellation "Lord Jesus Christ" is a proper name. It is never applied in the New Testament either to the Father or to the Holy Spirit. It, therefore, belongs exclusively to the Son of God (Rom. 1:1-3, 7; II John 3).

**(f) The Lord Jesus Christ, God With Us**

The Lord Jesus Christ, as to His divine and eternal nature, is the proper and only Begotten of the Father, but as to His human nature, He is the proper Son of Man. He is, therefore, acknowledged to be both God and man, who, because He is God and man, is "Immanuel," God with us (Matt. 1:23; I John 4:2, 10, 14; Rev. 1:13, 17).

**(g) The Title, Son of God**

Since the name "Immanuel" embraces both God and man in the one person, our Lord Jesus Christ, it follows that the title, "Son of God" describes His proper Deity, and the title "Son of Man" His proper humanity. Therefore, the title "Son of God" belongs to the order of eternity, and the title "Son of Man" to the order of time (Matt. 1:21-23; II John 3; I John 3:8; Heb. 7:3; 1:1-13).

**(h) Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ**

Wherefore, it is a transgression of the doctrine of Christ to say that Jesus Christ derived the title "Son of God" solely from the fact of the incarnation or because of His relation to the economy of redemption. Therefore, to deny that the Father is a real and eternal Father and that the Son is a real and eternal Son is a denial of the distinction and relationship in the Being of God, a denial of the Father and the Son and a displacement of the truth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh (II John 9; John 1:1, 2, 14, 18, 29, 49; I John 2:22, 23; 4:1-5; Heb. 12:2).

**(i) Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord**

The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, angels and principalities and powers having been made subject unto Him. And having been made both Lord and Christ, he sent the Holy

Spirit that we, in the name of Jesus, might bow our knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father until the end, when the Son shall become subject to the Father, that God may be all in all (Heb. 1:3; I Peter 3:22; Acts 2:32-36; Rom. 14:11; I Cor. 15:24-28).

#### **(j) Equal Honor to the Father and to the Son**

Wherefore, since the Father has delivered all judgment unto the Son, it is not only the express duty of all in heaven and on earth to bow the knee, but it is an unspeakable joy in the Holy Spirit to ascribe unto the Son all the attributes of deity and to give Him all the honor and the glory contained in all the names and titles of the Godhead except those which express relationship, (see paragraphs b, c, and d) and thus honor the Son even as we honor the Father (John 5:22, 23; I Peter 1:8; Rev. 5:6-14; Phil. 2:8, 9; Rev. 7:9, 10; 4:8-11).

### **3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ**

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare:

- a. His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35).
- b. His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; I Peter 2:22).
- c. His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).
- d. His substitutionary work on the cross (I Cor. 15:3; II Cor. 5:21).
- e. His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matt. 28:6; Luke 24:39; I Cor. 15:4).
- f. His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1-3).

### **4. The Fall of Man**

Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

### **5. The Salvation of Man**

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

#### **a. Conditions to Salvation**

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration, a renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).

#### **b. The Evidences of Salvation**

The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12).

### **6. Ordinances of the Church**

#### **a. Baptism in Water**

The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus, they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of Life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47, 48; Romans 6:4).

#### **b. Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements—bread and the fruit of the vine—is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death; and a prophecy of his second coming (I Cor. 11:26), and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!"

### 7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8; I Cor. 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11: 14-16; 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Spirit come such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Act 2:43; Heb. 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

### 8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same, in essence, as the gift of tongues (I Cor. 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use.

### 9. Sanctification

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Rom. 12:1, 2; I Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:12). The Scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14). By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to obey the command: "Be ye holy, for I am holy" (I Peter 1:15, 16).

Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:1-11, 13; 8:1, 2, 13; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 2:12, 13; I Peter 1:5).

### 10. The Church and its Mission

The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of the great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23).

Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by man, to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, and to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world, the priority reason-for-being of the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is:

- a. To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15, 16).
- b. To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (I Cor. 12:13).
- c. To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Eph. 4:11-16; I Cor. 12:28; I Cor. 14:12).
- d. To be a people who demonstrate God's love and compassion for all the world (Psalm 112:9; Gal. 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).

The Assemblies of God exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this reason-for-being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This experience:

- a. Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15-20; Acts 4:29-31; Hebrews 2:3, 4).
- b. Adds a necessary dimension to worshipful relationship with God (I Cor. 2:10-16; I Cor. 12-14).
- c. Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries, as in New Testament times, for the edifying of the body of Christ and care for the poor and needy of the world (Gal. 5:22-26; Matt 25:37-40; Gal. 6:10; I Cor. 14:12; Eph. 4:11, 12; I Cor. 12:28; Col. 1:29).

### 11. The Ministry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the fourfold purpose of leading the Church in: (1) evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20), (2) worship of God (John 4:23, 24), (3) building a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Eph. 4:11-16), and (4) meeting human need with ministries of love and compassion (Psalm 112:9; Gal. 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).

**12. Divine Healing**

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement and is the privilege of all believers (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:16, 17; James 5:14-16).

**13. The Blessed Hope**

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation, together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church (I Thess. 4:16, 17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; I Cor. 15:51, 52).

**14. The Millennial Reign of Christ**

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zech. 14:5; Matt. 24:27, 30; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21, 22; Zephaniah 3:19, 20; Rom. 11:26, 27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalms 72:3-8; Micah 4:3, 4).

**15. The Final Judgment**

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matt. 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8).

**16. The New Heavens and the New Earth**

"We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." (II Peter 3:13; Revelation 21, 22).

**ARTICLE VII. RELATIONSHIPS**

1. The Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God shall be an integral part of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri, and the principles of voluntary unity and cooperative fellowship, as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, are and shall be the principles by which this Ohio Ministry Network shall be governed.
2. Local churches of the Ohio Ministry Network shall be subject to that body, as set forth in Article XI of the General Council Constitution.
3. It is recommended that senior pastors encourage church members moving from one city to another to apply for a letter of recommendation or transfer to an assembly in the new location. It is further recommended that senior pastors within the same city consult with the senior pastor of the church from which the person is coming.

**ARTICLE VIII. MEMBERSHIP**

1. All ministers holding valid fellowship certificates with The General Council of the Assemblies of God, whose credentials are registered with the Ohio Ministry Network, shall be recognized as members.
2. All members of churches affiliated with the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God and/or The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall be recognized as members, but the voting privilege shall be limited to delegates from said churches, who shall be chosen in the manner prescribed in the bylaws, Article II, Section 8.

**ARTICLE IX. BUSINESS SESSIONS**

**Section 1. Regular Business Sessions**

- a. The Ohio Ministry Network shall convene annually, pursuant to call by the Network Executive Presbytery.



- b. Biennial Area Conferences shall be conducted in each area of the network between September 1 and November 30, according to the provisions of Article X, Section 3 of the constitution and Article II, Section 7 of the bylaws. The schedule for such Conferences shall be arranged by the area network presbyter, and the network superintendent or his/her appointee shall preside.

**Section 2. Special Business Sessions**

- a. Special business sessions of the Ohio Ministry Network may be called when approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Network Executive Presbytery
- b. The right of initiative in calling for special business sessions of the Ohio Ministry Network shall belong to each ordained member of the network when occasion demands. Each request for a special business session shall be accompanied by a written statement setting forth reasons for the session and signed by fifteen (15) or more ordained members of the network, such statement to be filed with the Network Executive Presbytery. After reviewing the written request and its reasons, the Network Executive Presbytery shall issue a call for a special business session of the Network Conference, if two-thirds of its membership consider the action advisable and approve it with an affirmative vote.

**ARTICLE X. OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Executive Officers**

- a. The executive officers shall consist of the network superintendent, the assistant network superintendent, and the general presbyter. Hereinafter, references to the “general presbyter” shall be in reference to the elected general presbyter other than the superintendent, the assistant superintendent, honorary general presbyter(s), general presbyter under forty, or female general presbyter.
- b. The terms of office for the network superintendent and the assistant network superintendent shall begin 60 days after the date of election, unless otherwise authorized by the Network Executive Presbytery, and shall continue for four (4) years. The term of office for the general presbyter shall be two (2) years.
- c. The executive officers shall serve concurrent terms as the Network’s three general presbyters for the General Council of the Assemblies of God in accordance with General Council Bylaws Article II, Section 2, paragraph d.

**Section 2. Network Executive Presbytery**

- a. The Network Executive Presbytery, hereinafter referred to as the Executive Presbytery, shall consist of the network superintendent, assistant network superintendent, the general presbyter, seven (7) regional executive presbyters, and up to five (5) executive presbyters-at-large.
- b. The term of office for the regional executive presbyters and executive presbyters-at-large, shall be for two (2) years. They shall begin their term of office at the close of the Network Conference in which they are elected.

**Section 3. Network Presbytery**

- a. The Network Presbytery shall consist of the Executive Presbytery, Network Presbyters-at-Large, and Area Presbyters.
- b. Network Presbyters-at-Large
  - i. Up to two female ordained ministers may serve as female Network Presbyters-at-Large.
  - ii. Up to three ethnic (non-Anglo) ordained ministers (male or female) may serve as ethnic Network Presbyters-at-large.
  - iii. Network presbyters-at-large shall serve terms of two (2) years. They shall begin their term of office at the close of the Network Conference in which they are elected.

**Section 4. Area Officers**

- a. The area officers shall include the area network presbyter and assistant area presbyter.
- b. The area network presbyter shall serve for a term of two (2) years, beginning January 1 following their election, except in the case of special election.
- c. The assistant area presbyter shall serve for a term of two (2) years, beginning January 1 following their election, except in the case of special election.
- d. The area presbyters will have their election in odd years and the assistant area presbyters will have their election in even years.

**Section 5. Other Network Officers**

The network secretary and the network finance director shall be network officers.

## ARTICLE XI. DEPARTMENTS

The Ohio Ministry Network shall establish and maintain departments sufficient to serve its needs.

## ARTICLE XII. COMMITTEES

### Section 1. Standing Committees

Standing committees shall be appointed when necessary. The network superintendent shall make such appointments and secure their confirmation from the Executive Presbytery.

Appointees shall serve from the date of appointment until adjournment of the next Network Conference.

### Section 2. Credentials Committee

The Executive Presbytery shall constitute the Credentials Committee.

### Section 3. Standing Resolutions Committee

A Standing Resolutions Committee, chaired by the network secretary, shall be appointed approximately one (1) year in advance of the Network Conference. The committee shall meet whenever necessary during the year, and shall work in concert with any structural committees and the Executive Presbytery, for the purpose of bringing resolutions relating to matters of the constitution and bylaws.

The Standing Resolutions Committee shall provide needed resolutions to amend the Ohio Ministry Network Constitution and Bylaws to conform as much as possible in concept and format to the constitution and bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

### Section 4. Special Committees

Special committees may be created while the Network Conference is in session, or by the Executive Presbytery between sessions.

### Section 5. Committee Reports

- a. Committees reporting to the Network Conference shall prepare their reports in printed form prior to the Network Conference and present them to the voting constituency as early in the Conference as possible.
- b. When reports contain recommendations that should take the form of resolutions, these reports shall be submitted to the Resolutions Committee prior to the presentation of the report to the Conference, thus making it possible to consider the resolutions as the next order of business after the report, if so requested in the report.

## ARTICLE XIII. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES

### Section 1.

True Pentecostal believers shall associate together in local independently incorporated bodies known as assemblies. They shall qualify for membership in accordance with the disciplines of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

### Section 2.

In order to maintain standards of righteousness in the assembly, only those known to be living consistent and overcoming lives shall be eligible for office. It is recommended that positions of official responsibility be left vacant in local assemblies in which the number of people qualified to hold office is insufficient.

### Section 3.

Classifications:

- a. General Council Affiliated
  - (1) Provisions and requirements for General Council affiliated assemblies, including eligibility, incorporation, membership and relationship are outlined in Article XI of the Constitution of The General Council of the Assemblies of God and Article VI of the Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

(2) Network Involvement

- (a) General Council affiliated assemblies shall be set in order or organized by the superintendent or his/her appointee.
- (b) Representation in the annual Network Conference, as set forth in the bylaws, shall be the privilege of the church.
- (c) In the event that a General Council affiliated assembly should fail to maintain minimum requirements or scriptural order in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution of The General Council of the Assemblies of God the assembly shall be subject to reversion to the status of a network affiliated assembly, until such time as General Council affiliated status may be reestablished (General Council Bylaws Article VI., Section 5.).
- (d) In the event that a General Council affiliated assembly elects by majority vote to revert to the support and control of the ODC, Inc. of the Assemblies of God, that assembly shall revert to the status of a network affiliated assembly, at the discretion of the Executive Presbytery, until such time as General Council affiliated status may be reestablished (General Council Bylaws Article VI., Section 5.).
- (e) The services of both the General Council and Ohio Ministry Network are available to assist the General Council affiliated church in dealing with any of its problems, either internal or external. In such cases, the provisions of the General Council Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4, paragraph c. Organizational Assistance, and the General Council Constitution, Article XI, Section 1, paragraph e. Right of Appeal, shall apply.
- (f) When a senior pastor decides to resign his/her pastorate, it is recommended he/she shall notify the network superintendent and the presbyter of his/her area before the announcement is made public.
- (g) When a vacancy occurs in the pastorate, it is recommended that the advice and counsel of the network superintendent be sought and that the network superintendent be kept informed of any far-reaching changes in local church procedure.

b. Network Affiliated

- (1) Assemblies which have not matured sufficiently to be fully responsible for the maintenance of scriptural order shall be known as network affiliated assemblies. Said assemblies shall be independently incorporated bodies, spiritually bonded to the Ohio Ministry Network by the church's Articles of Incorporation. The board of directors for all network affiliated assemblies shall include the senior pastor of the assembly, an advisory committee member of the assembly, and others that shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery, and shall comprise the legal voting membership and trustees of the assembly.
- (2) The assembly shall be under the general supervision of the network superintendent, the area presbyter, and the senior pastor.
- (3) Officers of the assembly shall serve at the discretion of its board of directors, which shall have the right to remove any officer or to make new appointments as may seem advisable. Upon majority vote of the board of directors of the assembly, network affiliated assemblies shall have the authority, subject to this constitution and bylaws, to acquire and hold title to real and/or chattel property in the corporate name of the assembly, and to sell, lease, mortgage, encumber, dispose of, or otherwise alienate such property.
- (4) Classification of the network affiliated assembly is defined in Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Ministry Network Bylaws.
- (5) These churches shall be subject to the provisions for network affiliated churches as outlined in Article XI of the Constitution of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

c. Parent Affiliated Churches

Provision shall be made by district councils for parent affiliated assemblies which shall be under the supervision of a parenting church, in accordance with the parenting church's constitution and bylaws.

d. Cooperating Assemblies

Provision may be made by the Ohio Ministry Network and the General Council Executive Presbytery for the status of a cooperating assembly according to Article XI of the Constitution of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

**ARTICLE XIV. DISSOLUTION**

In the event this Network shall cease to function for the purposes herein set forth, then all property, real or chattel, and all assets remaining after satisfying debts and obligations shall revert to the parent body, THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, a not-for-profit corporation, with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri, with authority to sell such property and use the proceeds derived there from for the extension of the work of the Assemblies of God.

In the event of the cessation of this Ohio Ministry Network, its Board of Trustees (or directors) shall transfer all properties and any remaining assets in accordance with the foregoing provisions within one year after the date of such cessation. If such transfer is not made within the time prescribed above or if the aforesaid General Council shall be unable or unwilling to accept the aforesaid transfer, then disposition thereof shall be made by the court of the county in which the Ohio Ministry Network headquarters office is located, provided that in such case proceeds of the dissolution shall be distributed to organizations having purposes nearest the purposes of the Assemblies of God.

#### **XV. AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended at any regular or special Network Conference, when the complete content of proposed amendments has been communicated to each assembly and credentialed minister at least thirty (30) days in advance of the session in which they are to be considered. An affirmative vote from two-thirds of a quorum present shall be required for the adoption of any amendment.

Upon two-thirds approval of the Executive Presbytery, the network secretary shall edit this constitution for clerical and grammatical corrections and to keep in compliance with the General Council governance documents. Appropriate notifications for these corrections will be provided to the constituency of the Network.

## BYLAWS

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### ARTICLE I. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICERS

The executive officers, regional executive presbyters, executive presbyters-at-large, network presbyters-at-large, and area officers shall be ordained ministers of ability and mature experience, whose lives and ministry are above reproach and who have been members of the Ohio Ministry Network for at least two years (at least one year for assistant area presbyters). The network secretary and network finance director shall be specifically qualified to fulfill the responsibilities assigned them in Bylaws, Article III., Sections 4 and 5 respectively. All officers shall regularly minister or reside within Ohio, with regional executive presbyters ministering or residing within their region and area officers ministering or residing within their area.

### ARTICLE II. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

#### Section 1. Nominating Ballot

a. For elections at Network Conference, a nominating ballot is achieved when at least one eligible nominee receives three or more votes, with all persons receiving a minimum of three votes being considered nominees. When a person receives a required majority for election on a nominating ballot, the nominee shall be declared elected without further balloting at both the Network and Area Conferences. The results of this nominating ballot, which becomes an elective ballot, shall be announced, giving the number of votes cast for each nominee.

b. With advance approval of the Executive Presbytery, voting for the nominating ballot or the first elective ballot of an office may be conducted up to ten (10) days prior to convening a regular or specially called Network Conference. The procedure for the above shall be:

1. Voting participants must be registered for Network Conference prior to participation in elections.
2. After the meeting has been called to order, the results of each ballot shall be ratified by the voting constituency registered for the conference in the order of highest-ranking network office as pre-determined by the Executive Presbytery.
3. If a nominee is on more than one ballot taken prior to a Network Conference and that nominee is elected to a higher-ranking network office, all ballots of lower-ranking network offices in which the same individual is a nominee shall be nullified and recast by the voting constituency at the Network Conference in session.

#### Section 2. Elections

a. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast shall be required to elect.

- (1) When twelve or more nominees are being considered and there is no election on the first elective ballot following nomination, only the five highest candidates shall be considered on the second elective ballot. If there is still no election, only the three highest candidates shall be considered on the third elective ballot. If there is still no election, only the two highest candidates shall be considered in further balloting until an election is obtained.
- (2) When less than twelve nominees are being considered and there is no election on the first elective ballot, only the three highest candidates shall be considered on the second elective ballot. If there is still no election, only the two highest candidates shall be considered in further balloting until an election is obtained.
- (3) Unless the required majority for election has been achieved, the qualifying names announced after each round of balloting shall not be accompanied publicly by their corresponding number of votes until, following the procedures outlined above, only the names of the three highest candidates are announced.

b. Election of area officers at Area Conferences shall require a simple majority of votes cast.

c. All votes for elections and ratifications shall be by secret ballot.

#### Section 3. Concurrent Offices

a. No officer may serve in more than one elected position concurrently.

#### Section 4. Executive Presbytery

a. Executive Officers

- (1) The network superintendent and the general presbyter shall be nominated by secret ballot.

- (2) The Executive Presbytery shall present to the Network Conference one (1) or more nominees for the office of assistant network superintendent. One or more alternate nominees selected by the Executive Presbytery shall be presented for election when a sole nominee is not elected on an initial ballot.
- (3) The general presbyter shall not be a full-time employee of the Ohio Ministry Network.

b. Regional Executive Presbyters

- (1) The network shall be divided into seven (7) regions. A regional executive presbyter shall be elected from each of the seven (7) regions. The boundaries and assignments of these regions and their corresponding areas shall be assigned by the Executive Presbytery.
- (2) Other than the superintendent and assistant superintendent, Executive Presbyters shall not be a full-time employee of the Ohio Ministry Network. The full-time employee status of the assistant superintendent is not a requirement of the position unless required otherwise by the Executive Presbytery.

c. Executive Presbyters-at-Large

- (1) Executive presbyters-at-large may be elected by the Network Conference in session when nominees are provided for the number of positions designated in advance by the Executive Presbytery to be filled.
- (2) In order to promote greater inclusion of perspective and insight, consideration shall be given to the nominee's spiritual life, ministry effectiveness, background, ethnicity, age, gender, and/or ministry context when determining the nominees to be presented for consideration of executive presbyters-at-large at Network Conference.

d. Nominations for Regional Executive Presbyters and Executive Presbyters-at-Large

- (1) A nominating process will be created to ensure that the nominees are aware of the responsibilities entailed in the role. The Executive Presbytery shall appoint a Nominating Committee comprised of one ordained minister from each region, at least one of whom shall be an area presbyter. These individuals shall serve with the network superintendent acting as chairman. The committee, meeting at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual Network Conference, shall select no less than three (3) nominees from each region, to be placed before the Network Conference for the election of positions of regional executive presbyters and executive presbyters-at-large, although fewer than three (3) nominees may be presented when nominations have been declined.
- (2) The nominating committee should be mindful to forward candidates who are not encumbered with irreconcilable conflicts of interests such as, but not limited to, familial relationships with current members of the Executive Presbytery, church staffing relationships with current members of the Executive Presbytery, and any other relationship that would inhibit the candidate's ability to maintain their fiduciary responsibility to the Ohio Ministry Network and its affiliated entities.

### Section 5. Network Presbyters-at-Large

- a. Network presbyters-at-large may be elected by the Network Conference in session when nominees are provided by the Executive Presbytery for the number of positions designated in advance by the Network Executive Presbytery to be filled.
- b. The nomination process should include a mindfulness to forward candidates who are not encumbered with irreconcilable conflicts of interests such as, but not limited to, familial relationships with current members of the Network Presbytery, church staffing relationships with current members of the Network Presbytery, and any other relationship that would inhibit the candidate's ability to maintain their responsibility to the Ohio Ministry Network and its affiliated entities.

### Section 6. Area Officers

- a. Area Officers shall be elected in Area Conferences according to the provisions of Article X, Section 3 of the constitution, between September 1 and November 30 pursuant to communication by the network office to each assembly and credentialed minister in the area at least thirty (30) days in advance.
- b. The network superintendent or his/her appointee, other than incumbents and ministers eligible for area offices, shall preside over the elections. The same procedure as outlined in Sections 1 & 2 of this article shall be followed to elect Area Officers.
- c. Nominations of Area Officers
  - (1) A nominating process will be approved by the Executive Presbytery, outlined in the administrative manual, and will include consideration of input from the ministers and delegates in the Area. The process will ensure that nominees are prayerfully and properly vetted and oriented to the responsibilities of the role.

## (2) Area Presbyters

The Executive Presbytery shall appoint a nominating committee comprised of three (3) credentialed ministers from the area and the regional executive presbyter who presides over the area. These individuals shall serve with the network superintendent acting as chairman. The committee, meeting at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual Area Conference, shall select, no less than three (3) nominees from each area to be placed before the Area Conference for the election of area presbyter, although fewer than three (3) nominees may be presented when nominations have been declined.

## (3) Area Assistant Presbyters

The Executive Presbytery shall appoint a nominating committee comprised of three (3) credentialed ministers from the area and the area presbyter who presides over the area. These individuals shall serve with the regional executive presbyter acting as chairman. The committee, meeting at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual Area Conference, shall select no less than three (3) nominees from each area to be placed before the Area Conference for the election of area assistant presbyter, although fewer than three (3) nominees may be presented when nominations have been declined.

**Section 7. Voting Constituency**

- a. In accordance with Article V, Section 4 of the Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, the voting constituency for Network Conferences in the Ohio network shall consist of all ordained, licensed and certified ministers, and accredited delegates from affiliated churches, who are registered for network meetings and satisfy the guidelines for participation in said meetings as outlined in the administrative manual. The same shall apply to Area Conferences.
- b. A delegate elected by an affiliated assembly or appointed by the official board of an affiliated assembly shall have a letter of authorization from the secretary of the same to be eligible to vote. Each General Council affiliated assembly shall be entitled to two (2) lay delegates, each network affiliated assembly and parent affiliated assembly shall be entitled to one (1) lay delegate.

**Section 8. Vacancies**

- a. Any office in the network may be declared vacant by an act of a majority of the Network Presbytery. Grounds for such action may include, but not be limited to:
  - (1) Death.
  - (2) Unscriptural conduct.
  - (3) Doctrinal departure from the Statement of Fundamental Truths.
  - (4) Failure to perform required duties of the office.

Any elected incumbent thus affected shall be fully informed of the action and the reason for it; also, shall have the right of appeal to the Network Conference in its next regular or special session, provided such appeal is made in writing to the network secretary acting at said meeting.

- b. When a vacancy occurs in the office of the network superintendent, the assistant network superintendent shall succeed to the office of network superintendent; or, in the event the offices of the network superintendent and assistant superintendent both become vacant, the succession to the office of the network superintendent shall be as follows: First, the general presbyter, and second, the appointee of the executive presbytery. A special session of the Ohio Ministry Network shall be called for the purpose of the election of the vacant positions within sixty (120) days of the vacancies' occurrence.
- c. When a vacancy occurs in any office of the Executive Presbytery other than the network superintendent, the network superintendent's appointee, ratified by the Executive Presbytery within ninety (90) days of the vacancy, shall assume the responsibilities of the office until a successor is chosen under regulations governing the office to fill the unexpired term at the next regular or special session of the Ohio Ministry Network.
- d. When a vacancy occurs in an area office, a special business meeting shall be conducted in that area within ninety (90) days to elect a successor to fill the unexpired term. The network office shall communicate meeting details thirty (30) days in advance of the same to each assembly and credentialed minister within the area. A successor shall be chosen under regulations governing Area Conferences and shall be ratified by the Executive Presbytery within sixty (60) days of the date of the election.
- e. When a vacancy occurs in the office of network presbyter-at-large, a successor shall be chosen by the Executive Presbytery within ninety (90) days to fill the unexpired term under the provisions of Bylaws Article II, Section 4, Subsection f.

**Section 9. General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter**

Subject to the provisions of Article II of the Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, Ohio network nominees for the Great Lakes General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter shall be selected as follows:

- a. The network superintendent, by virtue of office, shall be one nominee from the Ohio Ministry Network to be presented to the General Council for election as General Council nonresident executive presbyter.
- b. At the Network Conference just prior to the General Council, one nominee from the Ohio Ministry Network shall be elected from the candidates approved by the Executive Presbytery to be presented to the General Council for election as General Council nonresident executive presbyter. The nominee must be an ordained minister, other than an elected, full-time network official. The nominee's life and ministry must be above question. There is no minimum residence requirement.

**ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS****Section 1. Duties of the Network Superintendent**

- a. The network superintendent shall emphasize and implement the fourfold mission of the church: the evangelization of the world, the worship of God, the building of a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son, and demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world; and promote and coordinate efforts directed toward the fulfilling of that mission.
- b. The network superintendent shall be general superintendent of all work on the field conducted in behalf of the Ohio Ministry Network.
- c. The network superintendent shall supervise the work of the Ohio Ministry Network, act as president of the corporation in all legal matters, and be an ex officio member of all committees and boards.
- d. The network superintendent shall preside at the meetings of the Network Presbytery, the Network Executive Presbytery, and the Network Conference, and receive all communications directed to those bodies.
- e. The network superintendent shall preside at all meetings of the Ohio Ministry Network Credentials Committee.
- f. The network superintendent shall administer discipline in all cases when requested to do so by the Credentials Committee.
- g. The network superintendent shall be authorized to sign all official and legal documents on behalf of the corporation.
- h. The network superintendent shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee. He shall be authorized to perform any other function usual and customary as presiding officer or such as may be directed by the Ohio Ministry Network, the Network Presbytery, or by the Network Executive Presbytery.

**Section 2. Duties of the Assistant Network Superintendent**

- a. The assistant network superintendent shall assist the network superintendent, including the supervision of one or more departments or initiatives, as assigned by the network superintendent.
- b. The assistant network superintendent shall preside at meetings in the absence of the network superintendent.
- c. The assistant network superintendent shall assist the network superintendent in the supervision of the work on the field and perform any other function under the supervision of the network superintendent that may be requested by the Ohio Ministry Network or the Executive Presbytery.
- d. The assistant network superintendent shall act as the vice-president of the corporate body, be an ex officio member of all committees and boards, and be authorized to sign all official and legal documents on behalf of the corporation.
- e. At the direction of the network superintendent, the assistant network superintendent shall:
  - (1) Assist in the conducting of church business meetings.
  - (2) Assist in the settling of internal church disputes.
  - (3) Carry out other assignments related to church development.

**Section 3. Duties of Executive Officers**

- a. The Executive Officers shall fulfill duties as assigned herein and by the Executive Presbytery and/or the Network Presbytery, or as empowered by the Network Presbytery.
- b. As general presbyters, the executive officers shall communicate to the constituency of the network the important organizational decisions of the General Presbytery. Such information shall be in accordance with policy set forth by the Executive Presbytery.

**Section 4. Duties of the Network Secretary**

- a. The network secretary shall compile and preserve true records of the proceedings of the network and shall communicate the same to each assembly and credentialed minister as approved and directed by the Executive Presbytery.



- b. The network secretary shall keep a record of all ministers and assemblies in the fellowship, handling oversight of all official communication pertaining thereto with appropriate General Council personnel and committees.
- c. The network secretary shall serve as secretary of the corporation and shall be authorized to sign all official and legal documents and to perform such other functions as are customary or may be requested by the Ohio Ministry Network, Executive Presbytery, or Network Presbytery. Unless otherwise directed by the network superintendent, the network secretary shall serve as an auditor of all meetings of the Network Executive Officers, the Network Executive Presbytery, the Network Presbytery, and the Network Finance Committee and other committees as requested by the network superintendent and shall compile and preserve true records of the proceedings of these bodies in session.
- d. The network secretary shall oversee the annual communication to each assembly and credentialed minister of the revised network constitution and bylaws, the Network Conference minutes, and the annually revised network directory of those credentialed.
- e. The network secretary shall secure a master insurance policy to insure properties held in the name of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God, The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God, the Heartland Conference Retreat Center, and incorporated network affiliated churches.
- f. The network secretary shall communicate a synopsis of non-personal decisions of the Executive Presbyter and Network Presbytery to each assembly and credentialed minister.
- g. The network secretary shall maintain minutes of all matters considered and all resolutions offered or upon which action was taken in meetings of the Executive Officers, the Network Presbytery, or the Executive Presbytery. The network secretary shall note the identity of all persons participating in the meeting.
- h. The network secretary shall edit and frame resolutions and resulting amendments to the constitution and bylaws so that they appear in proper form.
- i. Upon a vacancy in the office of senior pastor of a General Council church, the network secretary shall communicate to the church board the General Council position that General Council churches be pastored by a credentialed minister in good standing with the General Council and the Ohio Ministry Network.
- j. Following a 30-day waiting period to allow for reinstatement efforts, the network secretary shall forward to the attention of the church board a copy of General Council notification to a church's senior pastor that his/her credentials are no longer valid.
- k. The network secretary shall be authorized to sign all official and legal documents on behalf of the corporation.

#### **Section 5. Duties of the Network Finance Director**

- a. The network finance director shall serve as the treasurer of the corporation.
- b. The network finance director shall be custodian of all funds of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God, The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God, and the Heartland Conference Retreat Center.
- c. The network finance director shall keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements and shall conduct the work of his/her office according to accepted methods of business.
- d. The network finance director shall give a report from time to time and shall perform such other duties as may be requested by the Ohio Ministry Network or the Executive Presbytery.
- e. The network finance director shall be bonded and shall present his/her books for audit or review as prescribed in Article V. Section 6.
- f. The network finance director shall assist in the formulation of network budgets and shall serve as a member of the Network Finance Committee.
- g. The network finance director shall act as a resource person to network committees.
- h. The network finance director shall be responsible for the supervising of the day-to-day operation of the office, as provided for in an administrative manual approved by the Executive Presbytery.
- i. In the performance of his/her duties the network finance director is immediately accountable to the network superintendent.
- j. At the direction of the network superintendent, the network finance director shall assist churches with finances and loans.

#### **Section 6. Duties of the Executive Presbytery**

- a. The Executive Presbytery shall act as the Board of Directors of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God and represent the corporation in all matters of its business proceedings, including the approval and communication of the minutes of all special and regular Network Conferences.
- b. The Executive Presbytery shall have general oversight of all network activity between Network Conference sessions and shall be authorized to act for the corporation in all matters of interest and concern unless the Ohio Ministry Network shall otherwise direct.
- c. The Executive Presbytery shall manage all property of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God and shall have the authority to purchase, sell, lease, encumber, or otherwise dispose of all property of the corporation except in the case of the purchase or sale of real estate at which time a two-thirds vote from the Network Presbytery shall be required.
- d. The members of the Executive Presbytery shall constitute the membership of the corporation known as "The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God," which shall hold title to all the property of the Ohio District

Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God," except those properties which, by agreement between the respective boards of the "Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God" and "The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God," may be held in the name of the "Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God."

- e. The Executive Presbytery shall assist the network superintendent in special credentials-related matters as needed and shall authorize all credentials-related Interview Committees for applicants, upgrades, reinstatements, divorce recognitions, discipline, etc., and shall instruct Interview Committees.
- f. It shall fulfill other responsibilities assigned or delegated to it by the Network Presbytery. It shall arrange for its own meetings and report to the Network Presbytery at appropriate times.
- g. In years when the General Council of the Assemblies of God calls for the election of one or more nominees from the Ohio Ministry Network for the General Council Executive Presbytery or General Presbytery, the Executive Presbytery may provide a list of qualified initial nominees for consideration by the Network Conference in session.

#### **Section 7. Duties of the Network Presbytery**

- a. The Network Presbytery shall arrange for its own meetings and report to the Ohio Ministry Network at appropriate times.
- b. The decisions of the Network Presbytery shall be final unless reversed by the Network Conference in session.

#### **Section 8. Duties of Executive Presbyters-at-Large and Network Presbyters-at-Large**

Executive presbyters-at-large and network presbyters-at-large shall function as members of their respective presbyteries and shall fulfill responsibilities as mutually agreed upon with by the network superintendent and their respective presbyteries.

#### **Section 9. Duties of an Area Presbyter**

- a. The area network presbyter shall serve as chairman of the area by virtue of office and shall represent the Ohio Ministry Network in the fulfillment of its mission, values, work, interests, and concerns in the area.
- b. The area network presbyter shall perform those duties assigned him/her by the Network Executive Officers. He/She shall have the general oversight of all phases of the work in his/her area, shall be subject to call by the network superintendent to aid in administrative or disciplinary work in the churches of his/her area or any other area, and shall be an ex officio member of any department or committee functioning within his/her area.
- c. The area network presbyter shall function according to accepted and defined procedures set forth in an administrative manual approved by the Executive Presbytery.

#### **Section 10. Duties of an Assistant Area Presbyter**

- a. The assistant area presbyter shall compile, preserve and maintain true records of the area.
- b. The assistant area presbyter shall be a member of the Area Development Team and subject to the requests of the network superintendent and the area presbyter to assist in oversight of the area.
- c. The assistant area presbyter shall serve the network as a member of the Credentials Screening Committee and as otherwise called upon by the Executive Officers.

### **ARTICLE IV. DEPARTMENTS**

#### **Section 1. Authorization**

The departments of the Ohio Ministry Network shall be established by the Executive Presbytery and identified in an administrative manual approved by the Executive Presbytery.

#### **Section 2. Qualifications and Duties of Departmental Directors**

The qualifications and duties of departmental directors shall be provided for in an administrative manual approved by the Executive Presbytery.

#### **Section 3. Selection of Departmental Directors, Staff, and Auxiliary Directors**

The selection of departmental directors, staff and auxiliary directors shall be guided by processes defined in an administrative manual approved by the Executive Presbytery.

## ARTICLE V. FINANCE

### Section 1. Finance Committee

- a. There shall be a Network Finance Committee consisting of the executive officers, two (2) executive presbyters who are not also executive officers, the network finance director, and four (4) members of the constituency at large.
- b. The Finance Committee shall examine the departmental budgets submitted and present a recommended budget to the Executive Presbytery for approval.
- c. The Finance Committee shall meet as needed to perform duties delegated by the Executive Presbytery to examine the operation of the network budget. This committee shall present recommendations to the Executive Presbytery on matters relating to the property of the corporation with regard to all other matters. Upon resolution of the Executive Presbytery, the Finance Committee may be authorized to take any action which the Executive Presbytery could take, subject only to the limitations of said resolution.

### Section 2. Income

It is recommended that the Ohio Ministry Network be supported in the following manner:

- a. All credentialed ministers shall contribute no less than eighty (80) percent of their tithes as dues to the network from both ministerial and secular incomes, forwarding the same to the executive finance officer each month. A minister who has an arrangement with his/her local church or ministry to forward his/her tithes/dues directly to the network office is responsible to see that this is done on a timely basis.
- b. Newly credentialed ministers may request to participate in graduated network tithing on a temporary basis as follows: 20% during the first year holding credentials; 40% during the second year holding credentials; 60% during the third year holding credentials; 80% during the fourth year holding credentials and thereafter.
- c. It is also recommended that each local church make a monthly 2% contribution of its general fund income to support network ministries (1%) and Heartland Conference Retreat Center (1%).

### Section 3. Disbursements

- a. Each department director shall be required to submit an annual budget to the Finance Committee, detailing anticipated income and expenditures on a form provided by the committee. This budget shall be submitted no later than November 10 of the year preceding the fiscal and calendar year for which the budget is submitted.
- b. The financial remuneration, including salary and expenses of executive officers, departmental directors, and other network personnel, shall be determined and authorized by the Executive Presbytery.
- c. There shall be a benevolence fund for the purpose of helping to meet emergency short-term needs of Ohio Ministry Network credentialed ministers, their widows or widowers, and aged ministers.

### Section 4. Banking of Funds

Network funds shall be deposited in a bank selected by the executive officers. The network finance director, network superintendent, assistant network superintendent, and network secretary shall be signatories for all accounts and may either deposit or withdraw funds.

### Section 5. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year for all departments shall run concurrently with the calendar year.

### Section 6. Auditing

The network finance director's books shall be audited by an accountant approved by the Executive Presbytery every third year, with an auditor's review on the other years unless otherwise requested by the Executive Presbytery. Said audit and/or review shall be studied by the Finance Committee, which shall move its adoption at the Network Conference, thus eliminating the reading of the entire report in the Conference session.

## ARTICLE VI. MINISTRY

### Section 1. General Council Credentials

Provisions for ministry including qualifications, credentialing, classifications, relations, cooperation, doctrinal standards, and discipline are outlined in Articles VII, IX, and X of the Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

### Section 2. Network Recommendations

Recommendations to the General Council Credentials Committee by the Executive Presbytery regarding ministers shall be by a two-thirds vote.

### Section 3. Ministerial Relations

Recognizing the critical importance of healthy and cooperative relationships among ministers and congregations for building the kingdom of God, the following is recommended:

- a. That credentialed ministers in the same community relate to each other as fellow laborers, modeling respect, unity and cooperation as a team of spiritual leaders.
- b. That credentialed ministers seek doctrinal compatibility when co-sponsoring ministries with non-Assemblies of God churches.
- c. That credentialed ministers desiring to participate in non-Assemblies of God settings in other communities first confer with the Assemblies of God senior pastors in those communities, as an expression of cooperative fellowship.
- d. That leaders of sovereign local churches communicate with network leadership when dealing with difficult and complicated circumstances.
- e. That local church boards and advisory committees seek assistance and guidance from network leadership when pastoral transitions occur.
- f. That credentialed ministers recognize network leadership as a valuable resource for counsel and wisdom when considering ministry transitions.
- g. That credentialed ministers refrain from serving on local church boards.
- h. That the network directory of credentialed ministers and churches not be used for solicitation purposes.

### Section 4. Failure to Fulfill Financial Responsibility to the Network

- a. The network secretary shall oversee communication from the network to each credentialed minister who fails to contribute eighty (80) percent of his/her tithes to the network within a given quarter, with the exception of disabled and/or senior retired ministers thus approved by the network who have no further obligation of financial support to the network.
- b. Should the network's initial communication prove ineffective, further communication approved by the Executive Presbytery shall be followed, which may include an invitation to meet with the Executive Presbytery to address the matter.
- c. Should the network's further communication and redemptive steps approved by the Executive Presbytery prove ineffective, the network may proceed with actions that include, but are not limited to:
  - (1) Informing the governing authority or organizational leader of the local church or ministry where the credentialed minister presently serves or affiliates, or is in consideration to serve or affiliate regarding the minister's failure to fulfill his/her financial responsibility to the network;
  - (2) Reclassifying the credentialed minister's status as "not in good standing" with the Ohio Ministry Network;
  - (3) Not renewing the credentials of the minister.
  - (4)

## ARTICLE VII. CORPORATE PROVISIONS

### Section 1. Authorization

- a. There shall be a corporation known as the "Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God" a corporation known as "The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God," a corporation known as the "Heartland Conference Retreat Center," and a corporation known as the "Southeastern University Ohio Network Campus." Each of the corporations shall be imbued with all powers, rights, and provisions granted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the State of Ohio Revised Code ss 1702.01 etseq. and ss 1715.01 etseq., including, but not limited to, the right to acquire, hold in trust, manage, and convey real and/or chattel property. The Executive Presbytery of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God shall hold title to the various properties.
- b. The executive officers of the "Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God" shall be the executive officers of "The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God," the "Heartland Conference Retreat Center," and "Southeastern University Ohio Network Campus."

### Section 2. Identification and Procedure

- a. The members of the Executive Presbytery shall constitute the corporation known as "The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God," a corporation known as "Heartland Conference Retreat Center," and a corporation known as "Southeastern University Ohio Network Campus" unless at any time the Executive Presbytery shall find itself

- b. without a member who is a “resident freeholder of the State of Ohio” according to the meaning of the law, in which case the Executive Presbytery shall be empowered to appoint a “resident freeholder” to act with it on The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God, and the Heartland Conference Retreat Center, and Southeastern University Ohio Network Campus.
- c. All properties that may be acquired for network affiliated assemblies shall be deeded to "The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God" to be held in trust by said board until the assembly is duly established and incorporated consistent with this constitution and bylaws, at which time the property shall be transferred to said corporation.
- d. Any General Council affiliated assembly requiring network assistance to obtain a loan will be required, pursuant to a two-thirds vote of its membership, to modify its affiliation status to that of a network affiliated assembly, subject to all provisions of this constitution and bylaws, including the amendment of its Articles of Incorporation to conform to the requirements contained therein. Upon release of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God and the release of The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God from all liability with regard to said obligation, provided the assembly meets all other qualifications, said assembly shall again be franchised as a General Council affiliated assembly.

## **ARTICLE VIII. MISSIONS**

### **Section 1. Leadership**

- a. The network superintendent or his/her appointee from among the executive officers shall serve as executive missions director.
- b. The network superintendent and the executive missions director shall appoint a network missions director. This appointment shall be ratified by the Executive Presbytery.
- c. The network superintendent, the executive missions director, and the network missions director shall appoint the Network Missions Committee as directed in an administrative manual approved by the Executive Presbytery. The network superintendent or his/her appointee shall be chairman of the Network Missions Committee.

### **Section 2. Relationships**

- a. All Ohio missionaries and missions ministries appointed by Assemblies of God U.S. Missions and Assemblies of God World Missions shall conduct their ministry under the blessing and support of the Ohio Ministry Network and according to the provisions of Articles XIII and XIV of the Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God. The evaluation of the missionary’s effectiveness, pastoral care, and fellowship opportunities shall be shared jointly by the Ohio Ministry Network and either Assemblies of God U.S. Missions or Assemblies of God World Missions.
- b. All missionaries and missions ministries shall be expected to cooperate with the mission’s policies and initiatives of the network.
- c. Ohio Assemblies of God missionaries and missions ministries should be given priority consideration by Ohio network churches and areas for financial support, networking opportunities and partnership in missions projects. Non-Ohio Assemblies of God missionaries and missions ministry representatives shall arrange their itineraries with the knowledge of the network missions director.
- d. Missionaries and missions ministries shall seek pledges from assemblies and constituents of the Ohio Ministry Network only when this action has been approved by the respective senior pastor.

### **Section 3. Cooperative Support**

- a. Churches
  - (1) Each church in the Ohio Ministry Network shall be encouraged to send monthly offerings to Assemblies of God U.S. and World missions personnel and ministries. Churches should maintain balance in missions giving reflecting global, national, state and local priorities (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8).
  - (2) Churches shall be encouraged to prioritize financial support of Ohio Assemblies of God missionaries, missions ministries, and missions projects.
  - (3) Church leaders may seek the counsel of the network missions director prior to hosting or supporting agents or missionaries of non-Assemblies of God missions organizations.

- b. Senior Pastors

All senior pastors shall cooperate with Assemblies of God missions endeavors. This includes hosting missionaries for services and meetings, providing opportunity for missions offerings to be given, and leading the church in making individual and corporate pledges for financial and prayer support for missions.

## ARTICLE IX. CHURCH MULTIPLICATION

### Section 1. Leadership

- a. A Church Multiplication Director shall be appointed by the network superintendent and the executive missions director and be ratified by the Executive Presbytery. The duties of the Church Multiplication Director shall be specified in an administrative manual approved by the Executive Presbytery.
- b. The selection process and duties of a Church Multiplication Network Team shall be outlined in an administrative manual approved by the Executive Presbytery.

### Section 2. Funding

It is recommended that monthly offerings for Church Multiplication be sent by local churches totaling at least 1% of their general fund income. Other methods of funding may be approved by the Church Multiplication Network Team, the executive missions director, and the network superintendent.

## ARTICLE X. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES

### Section 1. Guidelines

Foundational guidelines for all churches in the Ohio Ministry Network, whether General Council affiliated or network affiliated, are included in Article XI of the Constitution of The General Council of the Assemblies of God and Article VI of the Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

### Section 2. Area Alignment

- a. Local assemblies shall be organized in areas, with the Network Presbytery having the prerogative of assigning churches to areas. Area composition shall be noted in an administrative manual approved by the Executive Presbytery and published in the network directory.
- b. A local assembly desiring to change areas shall authorize their pastor to notify the network superintendent in writing. The network superintendent will provide counsel and advise the pastor of procedural directives outlined in an administrative manual approved by the Executive Presbytery.

### Section 3. Reversion of property

The Ohio Ministry Network recommends that the following be placed in the charter and/or constitution of each church affiliated with the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God:

"In the event a church ceases to operate as a church, or ceases to abide by the Tenets of Faith of the Assemblies of God, or ceases to operate in affiliation with The General Council of the Assemblies of God or the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of

God, then the property shall automatically revert to and be transferred to the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God or its successor in interest, without trust limitations imposed."

### Section 4. Network Affiliated Assemblies

#### a. Organization

- (1) Assemblies that have not yet matured to the status of a General Council affiliated assemblies shall be incorporated as independent religious entities pursuant to Ohio non-profit corporation law. The Articles of Incorporation of each assembly shall provide that the purpose of the corporation is to facilitate religious worship and assembly by persons unified by their affiliation with the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God. Each network affiliated assembly shall, within its Articles of Incorporation, affirm its acceptance of the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God and the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice. The assembly shall adopt the constitution and bylaws approved by the Executive Presbytery. The Statement of Fundamental Truths approved by The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall appear in the network-provided constitution and bylaws for network affiliated assemblies.

- (2) All network affiliated assemblies shall be governed by the bylaws for network affiliated assemblies, until said assembly has been established pursuant to Article X of the bylaws of the Ohio Ministry Network. Said rules are hereby acknowledged and affirmed to be an integral part of the bylaws of the Ohio Ministry Network.

b. Classification of Network Affiliated Assemblies

- (1) Church Multiplication network affiliated assemblies are those under the direction and administration of the Church Multiplication Network Team.
- (a) The network superintendent, in cooperation with the Church Multiplication director, shall annually appoint a senior pastor for the assembly and appoint others as may be needed in an advisory capacity.
  - (b) A Church Multiplication sponsored network affiliated assembly may, at the discretion of the Church Multiplication director, the executive missions director, and the network superintendent be reclassified as a network affiliated assembly under the direction of the network superintendent and governed by its board of directors when it has fifteen (15) bona fide members, three (3) of whom can qualify for appointment as members of an Advisory Committee.
- (2) Network affiliated assemblies are those which have not yet matured sufficiently to maintain scriptural order and to qualify for advancement to General Council status.
- (a) The assembly shall function under the direction of the network superintendent and governed by its board of directors. The day-to-day operations of the assembly shall be under the direction of the senior pastor and Advisory Committee.
  - (b) The assembly shall adopt the constitution and bylaws approved by the Executive Presbytery.
  - (c) The network superintendent shall annually appoint a senior pastor and Advisory Committee for the assembly.
  - (d) The assembly must have at least fifteen (15) bona fide members, three (3) of whom can qualify for appointment as members of the Advisory Committee.
  - (e) The assembly may receive some form of network financial support.
  - (f) When an assembly has established sufficient maturity to maintain scriptural order and upon approval of the Executive Presbytery, an assembly may be promoted to General Council status, on the following conditions:
    - 1) The assembly must have twenty (20) or more bona fide active members, three (3) of whom can qualify for consideration and election as officers of the assembly.
    - 2) The assembly may not have any outstanding obligations for which the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God or The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God is liable, either as a primary obligor or a guarantor.

c. Administration

- (1) All network affiliated assemblies shall be governed by the board of directors and directed by a manual approved by the Executive Presbytery. Church Multiplication network affiliated assemblies shall be governed by the board of directors in cooperation with the Church Multiplication Network Team.
- (2) The network superintendent, in cooperation with the board of directors, shall appoint a senior pastor for the assembly and appoint such other personnel as may be needed in an advisory capacity. The senior pastor shall serve a term of one year. All local church officers and other advisory committee members shall serve for one year, each term of office expiring on the last day of January, thus enabling new officers to assume responsibility on the first day of February. It is recommended that consideration be given to the desires and wishes of the membership in making appointments, but the choice in each case shall remain that of the network superintendent, whose selection shall be approved by the board of directors.

d. Property

All property of the assembly, whether real or chattel, shall be titled in the name of the corporation, subject to reversion to the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God. No property shall be acquired or disposed of without approval of the board of directors.

## ARTICLE XI. RELEVANT POSITIONS

### Section 1. Statement on Human Sexuality and Marriage

In the Ohio Ministry Network, we affirm human sexuality as a gift from God, designed to serve as a mirror of one's relationship with God. We believe that God's intention for human sexuality is between one genetic male and one genetic female within the

covenant of marriage (Genesis 2:18, 21–24; Hebrews 13:4). In addition, the Ohio Ministry Network supports the understanding that any attempts to change one’s God-given sexuality through elective sex-reassignment, transgender, or nonbinary acts or conduct is at odds with biblical standards. Any deviation from a biblical standard of sexual behavior is a result of separation from God, and therefore is an opportunity for repentance, grace, and redemption so that as a community, we might honor one another and glorify God.

**Section 2. Doctrines and Practices Disapproved**

In its commitment to the upholding of scriptural doctrine as the most healthy response to relevant concerns, the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God affirms Articles VIII and IX of the Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

**ARTICLE XII. INSTITUTIONS**

**Section 1. Institutions for Ministry Preparation**

The Ohio Ministry Network shall recognize the need of vocational and marketplace ministers and missionaries and shall support the establishment and maintenance of schools whose doctrine aligns with the Statement of Fundamental Truths. It shall encourage prospective students to consider schools endorsed by The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

**Section 2. Heartland Conference Retreat Center**

Heartland Conference Retreat Center, located in Peru Township, Morrow County, Ohio, owned and operated by The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God, shall be maintained for the purpose of conducting camp meetings, youth camps, conferences, and such other activities as may be approved by the Executive Presbytery.

**ARTICLE XIII. PUBLICATIONS**

The Ohio Ministry Network shall support all General Council papers and publications and any other publications authorized by the network.

**ARTICLE XIV. MILITARY**

As a movement, we affirm our loyalty to the government of the United States in war or peace.

We shall continue to insist, as we have historically, on the right of each member to choose for himself/herself whether to declare his/her position as a combatant, a noncombatant, or a conscientious objector.

**ARTICLE XV. QUORUM**

**Section 1. Network and Area Conferences**

All ministers and delegates who respond to the announcement of a Network Conference or Area Conference shall register and qualify with the Roster Committee for the voting privilege. Those present in any business session shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 2. Other Network Meetings**

At all meetings of the Network Presbytery, the Network Executive Presbytery, the Executive Officers, or any committee established by the same, a majority of the authorized constituents of each body shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE XVI. MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Order of Business Sessions**

The regular order of business for the Ohio Ministry Network shall be:

- a. Appointment of committees
- b. Report of the network superintendent
- c. Report of the assistant network superintendent



- d. Report of the executive secretary
- e. Report of the executive finance officer
- f. Election of officers (interspersed with other business)
- g. Reports of committees
- h. Unfinished business
- i. New Business
- j. Adjournment

### **Section 2. Reports, Resolutions, and Ballots**

Guidelines for the preparation and presentation of reports, resolutions and ballots of business sessions of the Ohio Ministry Network shall be contained in an administrative manual approved by the Executive Presbytery.

### **Section 3. Parliamentary Procedure**

- a. The business sessions of Network Conference and elections at Area Conferences shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship.
- b. A Parliamentary Committee consisting of three (3) persons, exclusive of the Executive Presbytery, shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery to serve the chair and the body, thereby helping to facilitate the business of the Council.

### **Section 4. Announcements of Business Sessions**

Announcements of all regular and special business sessions of the Ohio Ministry Network shall be communicated to each assembly and credentialed minister by the network secretary thirty (30) days in advance of the same.

### **Section 5. Scheduling of Network Functions**

Network functions shall not be scheduled at a time that conflicts with regular state and national elections.

### **Section 6. Electronic Meetings**

- a. The Network Presbytery, Executive Presbytery, Executive Officers, or any committee designated by the same, may participate and act at any meeting through the use of any 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.
- b. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Network Presbytery, the Executive Presbytery, or Executive Officers, may be taken without a meeting if all members consent thereto in writing, and the writings are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the respective body. Any certificate with respect to the authorization or taking of any such action which is required to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State shall recite that the authorization or taking of such action was in a writing or writings approved and signed as specified pursuant to R.C. S/S 1702.25.

## **ARTICLE XVII: EMERGENCY BYLAWS**

- a. The Executive Presbytery may adopt bylaws to be effective only in an emergency defined in paragraph b of this section.
- b. An emergency exists for purposes of this section if a quorum of the Network's members or directors cannot readily be assembled because of any of the following events:
  - (1) A natural catastrophe, including, but not limited to, a hurricane, tornado, storm, high water, wind-driven water, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, or drought, or, regardless of cause, any fire, flood, or explosion
  - (2) An attack on this state or nation by an enemy of the United States of America, or upon receipt by this state of a warning from the federal government indicating that an enemy attack is probable or imminent
  - (3) An act of terrorism or another manmade disaster that results in extraordinary levels of casualties or damage or disruption severely affecting the infrastructure, environment, economy, government functions, or population, including, but not limited to, mass evacuations
  - (4) A pandemic or epidemic
  - (5) A state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor of Ohio or by the President of the United States
  - (6) Any other condition as a result of which a quorum cannot readily be assembled
- b. The emergency bylaws may make all provisions necessary for managing the network during the emergency, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Procedures for calling a meeting of the Network Conference, Executive Presbytery, and Network Presbytery
- (2) Quorum requirements for any meeting
- (3) Designation of additional or substitute officers
- (4) Modification of lines of succession to accommodate the incapacity of any officer or agent resulting from the emergency
- (5) Relocation of the principal office

During an emergency, the Executive Presbytery shall have the maximum authority possible to run the network's interim affairs in the manner they deem best.

- c. All elections and/or appointments made for officers that normally require a vote must be ratified at the next available meeting of the appropriate body.
- d. All provisions of the regular bylaws consistent with the emergency bylaws remain effective during the emergency. The emergency bylaws shall be in effect up to but no longer than sixty (60) days. Upon expiration of the emergency bylaws, the Executive Presbytery may choose to renew these emergency bylaws. The effective end of the emergency bylaws will be voted on by the Executive Presbytery. The emergency bylaws are not effective after the emergency ends.
- e. Corporate action taken in good faith in accordance with the emergency bylaws both binds the network and may not be used to impose liability on a corporate director, officer, employee, or agent.

### **ARTICLE XVIII. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to these bylaws may be made at any regular or special session of the Network Conference. A majority of the votes cast shall be required for the adoption of any amendment.

Upon two-thirds approval of the Executive Presbytery, the network secretary shall edit these bylaws for clerical and grammatical corrections and to keep them in compliance with General Council governance documents. Appropriate notifications of these corrections will be provided to the constituency of the Network.

## **RULES OF ORDER FOR UNINCORPORATED NETWORK AFFILIATED ASSEMBLIES**

The following Rules of Order have been adopted by the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God and are affirmed to be a part of its bylaws.

These Rules shall apply to all network affiliated assemblies, until such time as they have been established in accordance with Article X of the bylaws of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God.

### **I. NAME**

The name of this assembly shall be \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly of God.

### **II. AFFILIATION**

This assembly shall be affiliated with the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God and shall be classified as a network affiliated assembly.

### **III. TENETS OF FAITH**

This assembly shall accept the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God and the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice. In the interest of unity, it shall adopt the Statement of Fundamental Truths approved by the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God.

### **IV. ORDINANCES**

#### **Section 1. Baptism by Immersion**

The ordinance of baptism by immersion in water (Matt. 28:19) shall be administered to all who have repented of their sins and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls, and who have given clear evidence of their salvation (Romans 6:3-5; Col. 2:12).

#### **Section 2. The Lord's Supper**

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed regularly as enjoined in the Scriptures (Luke 22:19, 20; I Cor. 11:23-26).

### **V. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1. Qualifications**

Membership in this assembly shall be open to those who possess the following qualifications:

- a. A testimony to an experience of the "new birth" (John 3:3, 5-7; 2 Cor. 5:17).
- b. Having been baptized in water by immersion.
- c. Evidence of a consistent Christian life (Romans 6:4; 8:1-4; 13:13, 14; Ephesians 4:17-32; 1 John 1:6,7).
- d. An indication of willingness to contribute regularly to the financial support of the church of which he/she is to become a member.
- e. Having reached 16 years of age.
- f. Acceptance of the Tenets of Faith as referenced in Article III.
- g. Having regularly attended the services of and supported this assembly for a period of at least three consecutive months prior to the date of the application for membership.
- h. Agreement to be governed by the bylaws of this assembly, and of the Ohio Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God, as both may be amended from time to time.

#### **Section 2. Reception of Members**

The senior pastor, together with the Advisory Committee, shall pass upon all candidates for membership in this assembly. Those individuals desiring to apply for membership shall fill out the application form provided by The General Council of the Assemblies of God and submit it to the senior pastor. If, after proper investigation, the applicant is endorsed for membership, he/she may be publicly received in any convenient service and his/her name inscribed upon the membership roll.

#### **Section 3. Classification of Membership**

a. Active Membership

All those who meet the Scriptural standards for membership and have passed their 16th birthday shall constitute the active membership of the assembly.

b. Junior Membership

Members who shall not have passed their 16th birthday shall constitute the junior membership.

c. Associate Membership

Members who shall have moved from the city but have not transferred membership to another church or those members who by reason of physical incapacitation cannot attend service shall be classified as associate members.

d. Inactive Membership

Enrolled members of the assembly who shall willfully absent themselves from the services of the church for a period of three or more consecutive months, or who cease to contribute of their means to its support, or who may be out of harmony with its teachings and ministries, or who shall be under charges of misconduct, or who may have fallen into condemnation through sinful or worldly practices shall be considered inactive by action of the senior pastor and Advisory Committee. Inactive members may be restored to an active status at the discretion of the senior pastor and Advisory Committee.

e. Voting Membership

The voting constituency of the church shall consist of all active members of the church.

**Section 4. Revision of Membership Roll and Discipline of Members**

- a. It shall be the duty of the senior pastor, in cooperation with the Advisory Committee, to revise the membership roll of the assembly at least once a year prior to the annual business meeting.
- b. Any individual removed from a membership classification shall have the right of protest and be entitled to a hearing before the Executive Presbytery.

**Section 5. Transfer of Membership**

A letter of transfer, signed by the senior pastor, shall be granted upon request and sent to the senior pastor or secretary of the receiving church. It shall state whether or not the member is in good standing in the local assembly. If he is not in good standing, reason for his/her unfavorable rating shall be indicated.

## VI. ADMINISTRATION

### Section 1. Trustees

The members of the Executive Presbytery of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God shall be trustees of the assembly. The trustees shall have complete authority over the assembly and shall utilize the services of the network superintendent to provide pastoral care, appoint necessary officers, etc., as specified in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God.

### Section 2. Officers

The network superintendent, in cooperation with the Executive Presbytery, shall appoint a senior pastor for the assembly and such other personnel as may be needed in an advisory capacity. The senior pastor shall serve for a term of one year. All officers shall serve for one year, each term of office expiring on the last day of January, thus enabling new officers to assume responsibility on the first of February. It is recommended that consideration be given to the desires and wishes of the membership in making appointments, but the choice in each case shall remain that of the network superintendent, whose selection shall be approved by the Executive Presbytery.

### Section 3. Advisory Committee

The Executive Presbytery shall appoint an Advisory Committee of three members to counsel with the senior pastor on matters of church policy.

### Section 4. Duties of Officers

#### a. Senior Pastor

The senior pastor shall be recognized as the spiritual head and general overseer of the assembly and shall direct all of its activities under the supervision of the Executive Presbytery. All other officers or committees that may be appointed shall serve under his/her supervision. The senior pastor shall report to the Network Executive as requested, using forms provided for this purpose.

#### b. Secretary

The secretary shall record and preserve minutes of the annual and special business meetings of the assembly. He/She shall keep a record of the membership of the assembly and perform any other clerical work necessary to the proper discharge of his/her duties.

#### c. Treasurer

The treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the assembly and shall receive and disburse the same under the direction of the senior pastor and the Board of Trustees. He/She shall deposit all funds in his/her care in a responsible bank and make all disbursements by check. He/She shall keep a true and accurate record of all monies received and disbursed. He/She shall make reports as may be requested. His/Her books shall be audited at least once a year and when he/she retires from office. This regulation shall likewise apply to the various departmental treasurers, including the custodian of missions funds.

d. Network Supervision

All officers shall serve under the direction of the senior pastor and the Executive Presbytery. Any action taken by them or the assembly shall be subject to review and approval by the Executive Presbytery, which shall also be recognized as having the right to remove any officer or to make new appointments as may seem advisable.

**Section 5. Business Meetings**

Business meetings may be arranged by the senior pastor or Executive Presbytery. Adequate notice of the time and purpose of a business meeting shall be given to all members. "Adequate notice" shall be defined as a public announcement on two consecutive Sundays before the business meeting or a written announcement mailed to each member's address of record no less than three days before the meeting.

**VII. PROPERTY**

**Section 1. Deeding of Property**

All property shall be deeded to "The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God" and held in trust by that board until such time as the assembly has been established in accordance with Article X. of the bylaws of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God.

**Section 2. Disposition of Property**

No real or chattel property of the assembly shall be sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise alienated without the same having been authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

**Section 3. Authorization**

The senior pastor of the assembly and a network official shall certify in such conveyance, lease, or mortgage that the same has been duly authorized by the vote of the Board of Trustees. Such certificate shall be held to be conclusive evidence thereof.

**VIII. DEPARTMENTS**

All departments shall be under the direct supervision of the senior pastor, who may personally direct their activities or appoint competent leaders other than those individuals appointed by the Executive Presbytery.

**IX. DEVELOPMENT**

The assembly may apply for recognition as General Council affiliated status in accordance with Article X of the bylaws of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God.

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**SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 21 – ORDINATION SERVICE**

At 7:00 p.m. on May 21<sup>h</sup> the New Heights Church worship team opened the Ordination Service with “Freedom Reigns”

Network Superintendent, John Wootton, welcomed the congregation with prayer and logistics for the evening.

New Heights Church continued in worship. “Our God Reigns”, “Only King Forever”, “Lion and the Lamb”, medley of “Worthy”, “What a Beautiful Name”, and “Great Are You Lord”.

Assistant Superintendent, Dan Lund brought a greeting and encouragement from Psalm 118 then prayed over the service.

General Presbyter, Chris Beard, recognized the newly Certified and Licensed Ministers.

Leader Development Director, Dr. Josh Willaford, along with Rev. Wootton, and Rev. Lund recognized ministers who have reached the milestone anniversaries of 50 and 60 years.

Rev. Ronal Riley recognized for 60 years Ordained (not present).

Rev. David Mazzella and Rev. Ronald Swiger recognized for 50 years Ordained.

A video was shown featuring Mike Harroll of City Church, a member of the 2022 Ordination Class that survived a diagnoses and treatment of cancer and a serious truck accident. His medical staff recognized him as a walking miracle. When he asked, “what does ordination mean to you?” His answer was, “VICTORY”. Giving praise to God.

Rev. Wootton introduced special guest, AG Executive Presbyter, Dr. Melissa Alfaro.

Dr. Melissa Alfaro gave the evening message. Her message came from Romans 1 and focused on Why We Say Yes to the Call of God. Like Paul, we are indebted to pray for one another, indebted to encourage and strengthen one another, and indebted to preach the gospel and share with our neighbors. We that have not given up in ministry were praised for our SPIRITUAL GRIT and were encouraged not to lose sight of the WHY.

Rev. Wootton came to the microphone to inform us of the three stages of presentation to the ordination candidates: Presbyters/elders would come and present each candidate with a bible, a vial of anointing oil, and a stole. Next. Presbyters would lay hands on the candidates and pray for them then designated prayer partners and family would follow, and finally guests and friends.

**Those who were ordained at the 2023 Network Conference were as follows:**

Jillian Arriaga  
Carl Bauchspiess  
Justin Cluck  
Christopher Groh  
Joe Grubbs  
Carlos Hernandez

Timothy Howell  
Kimberly Kelly  
Mathew Kelly  
Magaly Lannum  
Cynthia Martin  
Veronica Moorhead  
Francesca Panzanell-Goodrich  
Joshua Smith  
Matthew Sullivan  
Robin Vasaturo  
Christopher Vasquez  
Kyle Walsh  
Charles Winter  
Patricia Winter

Service was dismissed. Everyone was invited to join the newly ordained ministers and proceed to the reception that followed.



## MONDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 22 – MEMORIAL SERVICE

Revs. Dan and Christa Lund opened the memorial service at 3:00pm by leading us in worship, singing “How Great Thou Art”, “I Need You”, and “Great is Thy Faithfulness”.

Rev. Josh Willaford welcomed all and prayed a prayer of blessing. He then directed us to the Honoree booklet and recognized the families of the ministers who had passed on. Rev. John and Bridgette Wootton presented gifts and flowers from the OMN to the families attending.

A video of those home with Jesus was shown.

Included in the video are:

(David) Boyd McClellan

Bruno Glodkowski

Eugene Meador

Joseph Serbin

Keith Huffman

Kenneth Judd

Robert Lafferty

Roger Hillegas

Rev. John Wootton greeted the families and recognized those on whose shoulders we stand – our heroes and trailblazers! Pastor John then prayed for the families and introduced Revs. Ty and Cina Silva. Silvas have been AG church planters and AG missionaries in the Philippines, across Asia Pacific and Taiwan.

As the Silva’s began to speak, they quoted the lines to Steve Green’s song, “Find Us Faithful”. These lines honored all eight men who had served God for many years and had passed onto glory.

Ty shared how some of these men had impacted his life. Prov. 16:20 says, “Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the Lord will be joyful.” Bruno was a man of joy and that joy helped guide Ty’s life and ministry. Joe recognized God’s hand on Ty and Cina’s lives. In a challenging situation Joe advised them to “keep the main thing the main thing.” Paul admonished Timothy and gave him the opportunity to do the work of the ministry.

Cina then shared how Eugene encouraged them by saying when things get tough “don’t quit!” Phil. 3:12 says, “I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.” She and Ty then thanked the families for sharing their loved ones. Matt. 5:4 says, “God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” As we mourn, we need to do as Phil. 4:6 says, “Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.” Jesus never leaves His post! He’s protecting you.

These men invested not only in the Kingdom but in their marriages, and their children. Their influence will continue into eternity. These men have departed but Jesus says they have just arrived. As the scripture says when we are born of the Spirit we will live forever. So, we must give our very best to the Kingdom of God. We do find their lives faithful and we see it carrying on in the next generations.

Cina prayed and reminded us that their story is not finished, we carry on faithful on the journey, and thanking God that these men are a gift to us.

Ty and Cina then led in Holy Communion. The Lunds led us in singing “God, You’re So Good”, “Amazing Love”, and “Oh the Blood of Jesus”.

Pastor John Wootton thanked the Silvas, invited the families to the front for a photo and then to a meal prepared for them.

## **MONDAY EVENING, MAY 22 – OHIO FOR JESUS SERVICE**

At 7:00 p.m., on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the New Heights worship team opened the service with the song “In Christ Alone.”

Superintendent Doug Clay greeted the audience from Springfield, Missouri through a video inviting everyone to General Council in Columbus, Ohio starting July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Justin Hansen, Lead Pastor of New Heights, greeted everyone honoring the pastors and missionaries present. Pastor Hansen recounting the advice given to him by Hugh Rosenberg to never miss an opportunity to take an offering encouraged the body to give in an offering to bless the Ohio Ministry Network.

After prayer, the worship team continued with songs “Glorious,” “Risen,” “There is Nothing Our God Can’t Do,” and “I Speak Jesus.”

Network Superintendent, John Wootton expressed his appreciation to the worship team and Pastor Hansen for their hospitality. Rev. Wootton also gave special honor to Melissa Alfaro, Rob Ketterling, Doug Clay, Robert Crabtree, Roberta Crabtree, and Bridget Wootton.

Rev. Wootton began his message entitled “Stir It Up” speaking from 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy chapter 1 and highlighting verses 6 and 7.

Rev. Wootton broke his message down into two parts. The first part dealt with activating the mind and the heart. The second part of the message focused on activating our hands.

Rev. Wootton highlighted the fact that Timothy already had the gift of faith, but that gift of faith needed to be stirred up.

Rev. Wootton had us look at our hands and led us in three rounds of laying hands in powerful prayer for one another.

The service closed with a treat as ice cream was provided along with spoons reminding everyone to stir it up.

**MINUTES OF THE 78th OHIO MINISTRY NETWORK  
NETWORK CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSIONS  
Holiday Inn, Cincinnati, OH  
MAY 21-23, 2023**

**Monday Morning Session, May 22, 2023**

Superintendent John Wootton called the first business session of the 78th Network Conference to order at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Wootton opened the business session. Rev. Laura Cox led in a time of prayer.

**Announcements (Monday, 9:00 am)**

A motion prevailed to adopt the agenda for the business of Network Conference 2023.

Rev. Wootton noted that the Network Conference deliberative body is the highest decision-making entity in the governance structure of the Ohio Ministry Network, stating that we have committees, including parliamentary and teller committees, that can be helpful for those that are new to the process. He also explained the various bodies that the network empowers to do the daily and monthly business of the network. Rev. Wootton also reviewed the elections and nominations that will occur during the Network Conference in session.

Rev. Wootton expressed his gratitude to the exhibitors in attendance.

Rev. Wootton explained the order of business and the ministry taking place in the evenings and each day of Network Conference. He noted the value of utilizing Robert's Rules of Order to guide the business deliberations of the conference.

Rev. Wootton noted that the written and video department reports, as well as the resolutions and financial reports are available digitally at [www.ohioministry.net/business](http://www.ohioministry.net/business).

Rev. Wootton noted the list of pre-nominated ministers for the respective elections at [www.ohioministry.net/business](http://www.ohioministry.net/business).

Rev. Wootton noted the schedule in the event book. In his introductory remarks, Rev. Wootton thanked host Revs. Justin and Liz Hansen and their team for New Height's hospitality. He recognized special guests.

**Recognition of Network Conference Committees (Monday, 9:15 am)**

Superintendent Wootton recognized with appreciation the following committees:

*Parliamentary Committee*

Chris McCormick, chairman; Tiffany Crosby, and Rich Weller

*Program Committee*

OMN Executive Leadership and Standing Resolutions

*Resolutions Committee*

Josh Willaford, chairman; Mark Lehman, Braedon Enloe, Erin Jackson, and Carlos Hernandez

*Roster Committee*

Veronica Moorhead, chair; Donna Bormuth, Tara Zimmer

*Tellers Committee*

John D. Musgrave, chairman; Kyle Zeid, Josh Plaisance, Tim McGinnis, Monica McGinnis, Rick Mason, Matt Haflett, Carl Bauchspiess, Kevin Hargis, Mike Hampton, Mike Bengela, Mark Andreasen, Jason Goss, Chuck Davis, and Susie Davis

**Network Superintendent's Report (Monday, 9:18 am)**

Superintendent Wootton invited Assistant Superintendent Dan Lund to assume chairmanship of the meeting. Rev. Lund called for the report of the Superintendent. A video was played in which Rev. Wootton

presented the Superintendent's report, sharing highlights from the digital copy on the Conference website. Rev. Wootton shared thanks to Assistant Superintendent Dan Lund, the Ohio Network Presbytery, the Ohio Ministry Network staff, the Heartland Conference Retreat Center staff, and the Southeastern University staff. A motion prevailed to receive with appreciation the report of the Network Superintendent.

Rev. Wootton re-assumed the chairmanship of the meeting.

**Assistant Superintendent & Finance Director Report (Monday, 9:31 am)**

Rev. Wootton called for the report of the Assistant Superintendent. Rev. Lund presented the Assistant Superintendent's report and the 2022 Finance Director Report.

A motion prevailed to receive with appreciation the report of the Network Assistant Superintendent and Finance Director.

A motion prevailed to receive with appreciation the 2022 Consolidated Financial Report, including the Independent Accountant's Review Report, of the Ohio Ministry Network, Heartland Conference Retreat Center, and Southeastern University Ohio Network Campus.

Concluding the Assistant Superintendent's report on finance partnership, Rev. Lund thanked Finance Officer Amy Parsell and highlighted the finance committee members.

**Roster Report (Monday, 9:42 am)**

Veronica Moorhead, chairman of the Roster Committee, read the roster report as follows:

Ordained Ministers	153
Licensed Ministers	62
Certified Ministers	31
Provisional Certified Ministers	0
Senior Retired Ministers	3
Delegates	33
<b>Total Voting Constituency</b>	282
Guests	80
<b>Total Registered</b>	362

The roster report was accepted as presented, and a motion prevailed to accept the roster report.

**Electronic Voting Instructions (Monday, 9:43 am)**

Network Secretary Josh Willaford provided guidelines for electronic voting (QR code or web-based). Voting stations are also located at the back of the room if technical support is required.

**Practice Ballot (Monday, 9:51 am)**

A practice ballot was cast to test the electronic voting system.

**Pre-Conference Voting Report (Monday, 9:45 am)**

Superintendent Wootton provided background information on pre-conference voting. Rev. John Musgrave gave a report of the pre-conference voting for General Presbyter.

**Election of Nonresident General Presbyter - Nominating Ballot**

Rev. Wootton explained what is meant by “nonresident” for the office of general presbyter and read from the General Council bylaws Article II, section 2, paragraph d pertaining to the requirements for eligibility of the office of general presbyter.

A motion prevailed to ratify the results of the nominating ballot cast during pre-conference voting.

Rev. Willaford gave further instructions for voting.

**Results of Nominating Ballot for Nonresident General Presbyter**

Rev. Willaford gave instructions for removing one’s name from the list of nominees for the office of nonresident general presbyter.

Results of the nominating ballot for the office of nonresident general presbyter were announced as follows:

Christopher Beard (41), Darrell Bucher (16), Chad Gilligan (15), David Gross (8), Larry Fletcher (6), Kevin Crow (4), Rick Mason (4), Timothy Wolfe (3), Justin Hansen (3), Enos Marshall (2), Christopher Gross (4), David Welle (2), Aaron Taylor (2), Ayodele Okuwobi (2), Angela Porubsky (3), Matthew Miller (2), Gary Gray (2), Jordan Moore (2), Alejandro Colón (1), David Kidd (1), Deedra Shilliday (1), Christa Lund (1), Nathan Bacorn (1), Lance Porubsky (1), Josh Plaisance (2), Chris McCormick (1), Heather Erickson (1), Dominique Horsley (1), Veronica Moorhead (1), Klen Kuruvilla (1), Phil Anderson (1), Cornell Jordan (1), Dan DeLembo (1), Robin Crow (1), Stanley Tharp (1), Donovan Reed (1), Eric Prior (1), Jeffrey Phail (1), Konan Stephens (1), Laura Adam (1), Michele Thompson (1), Carlos Hernandez (1).

There was no election on the nominating ballot for the office of general presbyter.

Rev. Wootton noted that according to OMN bylaws article II, section 1 all persons receiving three or more votes shall be the nominees for general presbyter.

The following nominees requested that their names be removed from the ballot:  
Justin Hansen

The following nominees allowed their name to stand to be considered on the first elective ballot for general presbyter:  
*Christopher N. Beard, Darrell R. Bucher, Chad S. Gilligan, David L. Gross, Larry Fletcher, Kevin L. Crow, Chris Gross, Rick Mason, Angela Porubsky, Timothy J. Wolfe*

Rev. Wootton clarified the nonresident eligibility requirement for the office of general presbyter which excludes full-time directors at the Ohio Ministry Network office.

Rev. Willaford gave instructions for voting.

The first elective ballot was cast for the office of nonresident general presbyter. Rev. Wootton closed the first elective ballot for the office of nonresident general presbyter.

**First Elective Ballot for General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee (Monday, 9:55 am)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Christa Lund	69	40
Heather Erickson	64	38

Michele Thompson	37	22
Abstain	4	
Total	174	

A motion prevailed to ratify the results of the First Elective Ballot for General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee cast during pre-conference voting.

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Heather Erickson, Christa Lund, Michele Thompson.

**First Elective Ballot for General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee (Monday, 10:00 am)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chad Gilligan	93	54
Tom Groot	54	31
Michele Thompson	25	15
Abstain	2	
Total	174	

A motion prevailed to ratify the results of the First Elective Ballot for General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee cast during pre-conference voting.

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Chad Gilligan, Tom Groot, Michele Thompson.

**First Elective Ballot for General Council General Presbyter Female (Monday, 10:06 am)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Heather Erickson	63	38
Christa Lund	63	38
Mandy Groot	41	24

Abstain	7	
Total	174	

A motion prevailed to ratify the results of the First Elective Ballot for General Council General Presbyter Female cast during pre-conference voting.

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Heather Erickson, Christa Lund, Mandy Groot.

**First Elective Ballot for General Council General Presbyter Under 40 (Monday, 10:10 am)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Under 40 were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chris Gross	64	38
Jay Seidler	56	33
Andrew Erickson	49	29
Abstain	5	
Total	174	

A motion prevailed to ratify the results of the First Elective Ballot for General Council General Presbyter Under 40 cast during pre-conference voting.

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Under 40.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council General Presbyter Under 40 with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Chris Gross, Jay Seidler, Andrew Erickson.

**Resolution 2 (Monday, 10:17 am)**

Rev. Josh Willaford, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read Resolution 2, Honorary General Presbyter Greg M. Mundis (Bylaws). A discussion ensued.

A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 2.

**Nullification of Elections (Monday, 10:24 am)**

A motion prevailed to nullify the first elective ballot of General Presbyter, second elective ballot of General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee, second elective ballot of General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee, second elective ballot of General Council General Presbyter Female, and second elective ballot of General Council General Presbyter Under 40 due to technological errors.

The first elective ballot was cast for the office of nonresident general presbyter. Rev. Wootton closed the first elective ballot for the office of nonresident general presbyter.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Heather Erickson, Christa Lund, Michele Thompson.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Chad Gilligan, Tom Groot, Michele Thompson.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Heather Erickson, Christa Lund, Mandy Groot.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council General Presbyter Under 40 with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Chris Gross, Jay Seidler, Andrew Erickson.

**Communications Items**

Communications Director, Tara Zimmer, provided information on the various items in the resource bags.

**Network Secretary Report (Monday, 10:36 am)**

Rev. Wootton called for the report of the Network Secretary. Network Secretary Josh Willaford presented the Network Secretary’s report.

A motion prevailed to receive with appreciation the report of the Network Secretary.

**Resolution 1 (Monday, 11:03 am)**

Mark Lehman, member of the Resolutions Committee, read Resolution 1, Statement on Human Sexuality and Marriage (Bylaws). A discussion ensued.

A motion prevailed to amend line 18 to add Matthew 19:4-6 to the listing of the supportive Scripture outlined in Resolution 1 to read:

(Genesis 2:18, 21–24; Matthew 19:4-6; Hebrews 13:4)

A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 1.

**SEU Report (Monday, 11:20 am)**

Rev. Dan Lund, Assistant Superintendent, Sarah House, Executive Director of Heartland Conference and Retreat Center, Dr. Josh Willaford, Executive Director of SEU, and Rev. Amy Parsell, Network Operations Director, provided a report on the SEU Ohio transition to Heartland Conference and Retreat Center.

Rev. Gary Gray led in a time of prayer.

**First Elective Ballot for General Presbyter (Monday, 11:32 am)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chris Beard	86	33
Darrell Bucher	30	11
Kevin Crow	16	6
Larry Fletcher	11	4



Chad Gilligan	56	21
Chris Gross	11	4
David Gross	10	4
Rick Mason	8	3
Angel Porubsky	29	11
TJ Wolfe	7	2.7
Abstain (non-vote)	2	
Total	264	

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of General Presbyter with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Chris Beard, Darrell Bucher, Chad Gilligan

**Second Elective Ballot for General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee (Monday, 11:35 am)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Heather Erickson	113	43
Christa Lund	108	41
Michele Thompson	41	16
Abstain	4	
Total	262	

There was no election on the second elective ballot for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Heather Erickson, Christa Lund.

**Second Elective Ballot for General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee (Monday, 11:36 am)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chad Gilligan	164	62

Tom Groot	68	26
Michele Thompson	31	12
Abstain	3	
Total	263	

There was no election on the second elective ballot for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Chad Gilligan, Tom Groot.

**Second Elective Ballot for General Council General Presbyter Female (Monday, 11:37 am)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Heather Erickson	114	44
Christa Lund	82	32
Mandy Groot	63	24
Abstain	7	
Total	259	

There was no election on the second elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Heather Erickson, Christa Lund.

**Second Elective Ballot for General Council General Presbyter Under 40 (Monday, 11:38 am)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Under 40 were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Andrew Erickson	49	19
Chris Gross	86	33
Jay Seidler	127	48
Abstain	4	
Total	262	

There was no election on the second elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Under 40.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council General Presbyter Under 40 with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Jay Seidler, Chris Gross.

**First Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Female (Monday, 11:39 am)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Michele Thompson	75	45
Mandy Groot	60	36
Robin Crow	32	19
Abstain	7	
Total	174	

A motion prevailed to ratify the results of the First Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Female cast during pre-conference voting.

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Robin Crow, Mandy Groot, Michele Thompson.

**First Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Under 40 (Monday, 11:40 am)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Under 40 were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Jay Seidler	105	62
Jonathan Taylor	34	20
Sarah Reed	30	18
Abstain	5	
Total	174	

A motion prevailed to ratify the results of the First Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Under 40 cast during pre-conference voting.

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Under 40.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Under 40 with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Sarah Reed, Jay Seidler, Jonathan Taylor.

**First Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo (Monday, 11:41 am)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Alex Colón	55	33
Veronica Moorhead	33	19
Donte Thomas	81	48
Abstain	5	
Total	174	

A motion prevailed to ratify the results of the First Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo cast during pre-conference voting.

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Alex Colón, Veronica Moorhead, Donte Thomas.

**First Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Under 150 (Monday, 11:41 am)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Under 150 were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Nathan Bacorn	17	10
Josh Plaisance	55	33
TJ Wolfe	94	57
Abstain	8	
Total	174	

A motion prevailed to ratify the results of the First Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Under 150 cast during pre-conference voting.

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Under 150.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Under 150 with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Nathan Bacorn, Josh Plaisance, TJ Wolfe.

**Giveaway (Monday, 11:42 am)**

A Father’s Heart giveaway was presented to Lori Bucher.

An OMN Women giveaway was presented to Laura Cox.

An SEU Ohio giveaway was presented to Stuart Ross.

A KidMin giveaway was presented to Leslie Wright.

**Monday Morning Session End, May 22, 2022**

A motion prevailed to recess the business session at 11:50 am.

**Monday Afternoon Session Begin, May 22, 2022**

Superintendent John Wootton called the Monday afternoon business session of the 78th Network Conference to order at 2:02 p.m.

**Roster Report (Monday, 2:03 pm)**

Veronica Moorhead, chairman of the Roster Committee, read the roster report as follows:

Ordained Ministers	170
Licensed Ministers	65
Certified Ministers	31
Provisional Certified Ministers	0
Senior Retired Ministers	4
Delegates	34
<b>Total Voting Constituency</b>	<b>304</b>
Guests	86
<b>Total Registered</b>	<b>390</b>

The roster report was accepted as presented, and a motion prevailed to accept the roster report.

**Second Elective Ballot for General Presbyter (Monday, 2:06 pm)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chris Beard	123	47
Darrell Bucher	44	17
Chad Gilligan	93	36
Abstain	3	
Total	260	

There was no election on the second elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of General Presbyter with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Chris Beard, Chad Gilligan.

**Third Elective Ballot for General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee (Monday, 2:02 pm)**

Results of the third elective ballot for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chad Gilligan	197	76
Tom Groot	62	24
Abstain	4	
Total	259	

Having noted that Chad Gilligan received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Chad Gilligan the General Council Executive Presbyter Great Lakes Nominee. Chad Gilligan accepted the election with appreciation.

**Third Elective Ballot for General Council Executive Presbyter Female (Monday, 2:03 pm)**

Results of the third elective ballot for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Heather Erickson	155	60
Christa Lund	103	40
Abstain	5	
Total	258	

There was no election on the third elective ballot for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee.

The fourth elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Heather Erickson, Christa Lund.

**Third Elective Ballot for General Council General Presbyter Female (Monday, 2:04 pm)**

Results of the third elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Heather Erickson	152	59
Christa Lund	106	41

Abstain	5	
Total	258	

There was no election on the third elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female.

The fourth elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Heather Erickson, Christa Lund.

**Third Elective Ballot for General Council General Presbyter Under 40 (Monday, 2:04 pm)**

Results of the third elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Under 40 were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chris Gross	57	22
Jay Seidler	204	78
Abstain	2	
Total	261	

Having noted that Jay Seidler received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Jay Seidler the General Council General Presbyter Under 40. Jay Seidler accepted the election with appreciation.

**Second Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Female (Monday, 2:05 pm)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Robin Crow	30	12
Mandy Groot	100	39
Michele Thompson	125	49
Abstain	8	
Total	255	

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Mandy Groot, Michele Thompson.

**Second Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Under 40 (Monday, 2:06 pm)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Under 40 were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Sarah Reed	34	13
Jay Seidler	190	74
Jonathan Taylor	32	13
Abstain	7	
Total	256	

Having noted that Jay Seidler received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Jay Seidler the Executive Presbyter At-Large Under 40. Jay Seidler accepted the election with appreciation.

**Second Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo (Monday, 2:07 pm)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Under 40 were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Alex Colón	56	22
Veronica Moorhead	50	20
Donte Thomas	144	58
Abstain	13	
Total	250	

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Donte Thomas, Alex Colón.

**Second Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Under 150 (Monday, 2:08 pm)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Under 150 were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Nathan Bacorn	19	8
Josh Plaisance	68	27
TJ Wolfe	166	66
Abstain	10	
Total	253	



There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Under 150.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Under 150 with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Josh Plaisance, TJ Wolfe.

**Giveaway (Monday, 2:10 pm)**

A Men’s Ministry giveaway was presented to Donte Thomas.

A Chi Alpha giveaway was presented to Morgan Piercefield.

**Acknowledgment of Service (Monday, 2:17 pm)**

Rev. Willaford expressed his gratitude to Rev. Harry Hunt for his service as the Director of Royal Rangers.

Adult & NextGen Ministries Director, Christa Lund, expressed her appreciation for Rev. Hunt and presented him with a gift.

**Regional Drivers Cabinets (Monday, 2:25 pm)**

Superintendent Wootton explained the purpose behind creating the Regional Drivers Cabinets. The members of the Regional Drivers Cabinets were introduced.

**Third Elective Ballot for General Presbyter (Monday, 2:34 pm)**

Results of the third elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chris Beard	115	53
Chad Gilligan	103	47
Abstain (non-vote)	3	
Total	218	

There was no election on the third elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter.

The fourth elective ballot was cast for the office of General Presbyter with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Chris Beard, Chad Gilligan.

**Fourth Elective Ballot for General Council Executive Presbyter Female (Monday, 2:34 pm)**

Results of the fourth elective ballot for the office of General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Heather Erickson	150	69
Christa Lund	68	31
Abstain	3	
Total	218	

Having noted that Heather Erickson received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Heather Erickson the General Council Executive Presbyter Female Nominee. Heather Erickson accepted the election with appreciation.

**Fourth Elective Ballot for General Council General Presbyter Female (Monday, 2:35 pm)**

Results of the fourth elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Heather Erickson	127	58
Christa Lund	91	42
Abstain	3	
Total	218	

There was no election on the fourth elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female.

The fifth elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Heather Erickson, Christa Lund.

**Third Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Female (Monday, 2:36 pm)**

Results of the third elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Mandy Groot	92	43
Michele Thompson	122	57
Abstain	7	
Total	214	

There was no election on the third elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female.

The fourth elective ballot was cast for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Mandy Groot, Michele Thompson.

**Third Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo (Monday, 2:36 pm)**

Results of the third elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Under 40 were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Alex Colón	52	25

Donte Thomas	157	75
Abstain	12	
Total	209	

Having noted that Donte Thomas received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Donte Thomas the Executive Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo. Donte Thomas accepted the election with appreciation.

**Third Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Under 150 (Monday, 2:37 pm)**

Results of the third elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Under 150 were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Josh Plaisance	46	22
TJ Wolfe	165	78
Abstain	10	
Total	211	

Having noted that TJ Wolfe received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared TJ Wolfe the Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Under 150. TJ Wolfe accepted the election with appreciation.

**2022 Heart for Ohio Giving Recognition (Monday, 2:38 pm)**

Rev. Wootton expressed appreciation to all of the churches participating in the Heart for Ohio giving program, including the top three contributing churches for their Heart for Ohio giving in 2022, and presented awards to their pastors. The following churches were recognized:

**TOTAL GIVING**

Maumee Calvary Church AG	\$56,179
Lima First AG	\$47,779
Bowling Green Dayspring AG	\$43,089

**PER CAPITA GIVING**

Dayton Risen Church	\$127.21
Galion Ark Church	\$106.27
Barnesville Cornerstone AG	\$98.67

**AD**

A video about the Center of Christian Virtue was shown.

**Every Disciplines**

Rev. Amy Parsell provided information on the every disciplines as a part of the Ohio for Jesus plan.

**Fourth Elective Ballot for General Presbyter (Monday, 2:58 pm)**

Results of the fourth elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chris Beard	126	53
Chad Gilligan	112	47
Abstain (non-vote)	2	
Total	238	

There was no election on the fourth elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter.

The fifth elective ballot was cast for the office of General Presbyter with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Chris Beard, Chad Gilligan.

**Fifth Elective Ballot for General Council General Presbyter Female (Monday, 2:59 pm)**

Results of the fifth elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Heather Erickson	140	59
Christa Lund	97	41
Abstain	3	
Total	237	

There was no election on the fifth elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female.

The sixth elective ballot was cast for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Heather Erickson, Christa Lund.

**Fourth Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Female (Monday, 2:59 pm)**

Results of the fourth elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Mandy Groot	86	37
Michele Thompson	149	63
Abstain	5	
Total	235	

There was no election on the fourth elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female.

The fifth elective ballot was cast for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Mandy Groot, Michele Thompson.

**AD**

A video about Convoy of Hope was shown.

**Resolution 4 (Monday, 3:05 pm)**

Carlos Hernandez, member of the Resolutions Committee, read Resolution 4, Network Presbyter-At-Large Conflicts of Interest (Bylaws). A discussion ensued.

A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 4.

**Fifth Elective Ballot for General Presbyter (Monday, 3:10 pm)**

Results of the fifth elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chris Beard	139	58
Chad Gilligan	102	42
Abstain (non-vote)	3	
Total	241	

There was no election on the fifth elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter.

The sixth elective ballot was cast for the office of General Presbyter with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Chris Beard, Chad Gilligan.

**Sixth Elective Ballot for General Council General Presbyter Female (Monday, 3:11 pm)**

Results of the sixth elective ballot for the office of General Council General Presbyter Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Heather Erickson	182	75
Christa Lund	60	25
Abstain	2	
Total	242	

Having noted that Heather Erickson received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Heather Erickson the General Council General Presbyter At-Large Female. Heather Erickson accepted the election with appreciation.

**Fifth Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Female (Monday, 3:12 pm)**

Results of the third elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Mandy Groot	60	25
Michele Thompson	180	75
Abstain	4	
Total	240	

Having noted that Michele Thompson received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Michele Thompson the General Council General Presbyter Female. Michele Thompson accepted the election with appreciation.

**Giveaways**

An SEU Event Services giveaway was presented to Brigette DeLembo.

A Communications giveaway was presented to Level Woodruff.

**Monday Afternoon Session End, May 22, 2022**

Rev. Wootton provided some explanation on how the business session would run on Tuesday, May 23rd. Rev. Lucas Gray led in a time of prayer. A motion prevailed to recess the business session at 3:20 pm.

**Tuesday Morning Session Begin, May 23, 2022**

Superintendent John Wootton called the Tuesday morning business session of the 78th Network Conference to order at 8:15 a.m.

**Giveaways**

A Missions Partnership giveaway was presented to Kevin Starr.

A Church Health giveaway was presented to Katie Billman.

**Roster Report (Tuesday, 8:20 am)**

Veronica Moorhead, chairman of the Roster Committee, read the roster report as follows:

Ordained Ministers	173
Licensed Ministers	65
Certified Ministers	31
Provisional Certified Ministers	0
Senior Retired Ministers	4
Delegates	35
<b>Total Voting Constituency</b>	<b>308</b>
Guests	97
<b>Total Registered</b>	<b>405</b>

The roster report was accepted as presented, and a motion prevailed to accept the roster report.

**Sixth Elective Ballot for General Presbyter (Tuesday, 10:00 am)**

Results of the sixth elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chris Beard	144	61
Chad Gilligan	91	39
Abstain (non-vote)	2	
Total	235	

There was no election on the sixth elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter.

The seventh elective ballot was cast for the office of General Presbyter with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Chris Beard, Chad Gilligan.

**Seventh Elective Ballot for General Presbyter (Tuesday, 10:00 am)**

Results of the seventh elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chris Beard	125	64
Chad Gilligan	70	36
Abstain (non-vote)	0	
Total	195	

There was no election on the seventh elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter.

The ninth elective ballot was cast for the office of General Presbyter with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Chris Beard, Chad Gilligan.

**Election of the Network Presbyter At Large Female (Tuesday, 10:01 am)**

Rev. Josh Willaford read from the bylaws the qualifications and description for the Network Presbyters At Large. Ministers to be considered for Network Presbyter At Large Female, as selected by the Network Presbytery, were listed as follows: Robin Crow, Mandy Groot, Veronica Moorhead, and Angel Porubsky.

**Eighth Elective Ballot for General Presbyter (Tuesday, 10:11 am)**

Results of the eighth elective ballot for the office of General Presbyter were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chris Beard	156	70
Chad Gilligan	69	30
Abstain (non-vote)	0	

Total	228	
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Having noted that Chris Beard received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Chris Beard the General Presbyter. Chris Beard accepted the election with appreciation.

**First Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At-Large Female (Tuesday, 10:12 am)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Robin Crow	37	17
Mandy Groot	81	38
Veronica Moorhead	45	21
Angel Porubsky	53	25
Abstain	9	
Total	216	

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Mandy Groot, Veronica Moorhead, Angel Porubsky.

**First Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Over 1000 (Tuesday, 10:13 am)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Over 1000 were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Chad Gilligan	146	87
Jim Wilkes	21	13
Abstain	7	
Total	174	

A motion prevailed to ratify the results of the First Elective Ballot for Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Over 1000 cast during pre-conference voting.

Having noted that Chad Gilligan received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Chad Gilligan the Executive Presbyter At-Large Churches Over 1000. Chad Gilligan accepted the election with appreciation.

**Second Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At-Large Female (Tuesday, 11:10)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female were announced as follows:



Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Mandy Groot	95	47
Veronica Moorhead	51	25
Angel Porubsky	58	28
Abstain	4	
Total	204	

There was no election on the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Mandy Groot, Angel Porubsky.

**Election of the Network Presbyter At Large Non-Anglo (Tuesday, 11:13 am)**

Rev. Josh Willaford read from the bylaws the qualifications and description for the Network Presbyters At Large. Ministers to be considered for Network Presbyter At Large Non-Anglo, as selected by the Network Presbytery, were listed as follows: Alex Colón, Tiffany Crosby, Amon Kajabika, and Veronica Moorhead.

**AD**

A video about Life Publishers was shown.

**Tuesday Morning Session End, May 23, 2022**

A motion prevailed to recess the business session at 11:24 am. Rev. Zach Moebius led in a time of prayer. Sarah House, Director of Events and Resourcing, provided instruction for the Missions Luncheon.

**Tuesday Afternoon Session Begin, May 23, 2022**

Superintendent John Wootton called the Tuesday afternoon business session of the 78th Network Conference to order at 1:25 p.m.

**First Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo (Tuesday, 1:27 pm)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Alex Colón	95	44
Tiffany Crosby	32	15
Amon Kajabika	26	12
Veronica Moorhead	64	29
Abstain	5	
Total	217	

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Alex Colón, Tiffany Crosby, Veronica Moorhead.

**Third Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At-Large Female (Tuesday, 1:28 pm)**

Results of the third elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Mandy Groot	156	71
Angel Porubsky	65	29
Abstain	1	
Total	221	

Having noted that Mandy Groot received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Mandy Groot the Network Presbyter At-Large Female. Mandy Groot accepted the election with appreciation.

**Second Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo (Tuesday, 2:48 pm)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Alex Colón	91	47
Tiffany Crosby	31	16
Veronica Moorhead	72	37
Abstain	3	
Total	194	

There was no election on the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Alex Colón, Veronica Moorhead.

**Roster Report (Tuesday, 3:46 pm)**

Veronica Moorhead, chairman of the Roster Committee, read the roster report as follows:

Ordained Ministers	178
Licensed Ministers	65
Certified Ministers	32
Provisional Certified Ministers	0

Senior Retired Ministers	4
Delegates	35
<b>Total Voting Constituency</b>	314
Guests	110
<b>Total Registered</b>	424

The roster report was accepted as presented, and a motion prevailed to accept and close the roster report.

**Third Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo (Tuesday, 3:47 pm)**

Results of the third elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Alex Colón	108	65
Veronica Moorhead	57	35
Abstain	2	
Total	165	

There was no election on the third elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo.

The fourth elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Alex Colón, Veronica Moorhead.

**Seek & Save**

A promo video highlighting the Seek & Save event was shown.

**Center for Christian Virtue**

David Maham provided information on the Center for Christian Virtue.

**Fourth Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo (Tuesday, 3:58 pm)**

Results of the fourth elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Alex Colón	111	80
Veronica Moorhead	28	20
Abstain	1	
Total	139	

Having noted that Alex Colón received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Alex Colón the Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo. Alex Colón accepted the election with appreciation.

**Election of the Network Presbyter At Large Female (Tuesday, 3:59 pm)**

Rev. Josh Willaford read from the bylaws the qualifications and description for the Network Presbyters At Large. Ministers to be considered for Network Presbyter At Large Female, as selected by the Network Presbytery, were listed as follows: Robin Crow, Veronica Moorhead, and Angel Porubsky.

**Resolution 3 (Monday, 4:00 pm)**

Erin Jackson, member of the Resolutions Committee, read Resolution 3, Clarification of the Roles of the Network Presbytery and Executive Presbytery (Bylaws). A discussion ensued.

A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 3.

**First Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At-Large Female (Tuesday, 4:10 pm)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Robin Crow	26	20
Veronica Moorhead	57	43
Angel Porubsky	50	38
Abstain	1	
Total	133	

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Robin Crow, Veronica Moorhead, Angel Porubsky.

**Resolution 5 (Tuesday, 4:14 pm)**

Braedon Enloe, member of the Resolutions Committee, read Resolution 5, Updated Protocol for the Simultaneous Vacancy of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent (Bylaws). A discussion ensued.

A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 5.

**Second Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At-Large Female (Tuesday, 4:17 pm)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Robin Crow	7	5
Veronica Moorhead	88	61
Angel Porubsky	49	34
Abstain	0	

Total	144	
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There was no election on the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Veronica Moorhead, Angel Porubsky.

**Third Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At-Large Female (Tuesday, 4:17 pm)**

Results of the third elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Veronica Moorhead	111	77
Angel Porubsky	33	23
Abstain	0	
Total	144	

Having noted that Veronica Moorhead received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Veronica Moorhead the Network Presbyter At-Large Female. Veronica Moorhead accepted the election with appreciation.

**Announcements (Tuesday, 4:20 pm)**

Rev. Wootton announced that the 79th Network Conference would be held at Radiant Life, Dublin, with Rev. Chris and Rachel Gross.

**Election of the Network Presbyter At Large Non-Anglo (Tuesday, 4:23 pm)**

Rev. Josh Willaford read from the bylaws the qualifications and description for the Network Presbyters At Large. Ministers to be considered for Network Presbyter At Large Non-Anglo, as selected by the Network Presbytery, were listed as follows: Tiffany Crosby, Amon Kajabika.

**Giveaway (Tuesday, 4:25 pm)**

An Ohio Youth Ministries giveaway was presented to Erin Jackson.

An OCMN giveaway was presented to Ken DeChant.

**First Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo (Tuesday, 4:30 pm)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Tiffany Crosby	59	45
Amon Kajabika	72	55
Abstain	7	
Total	131	

There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Female with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the next elective ballot considered: Tiffany Crosby, Amon Kajabika.

**Second Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo (Tuesday, 4:38 pm)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo were announced as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received	Percentage Votes Received
Tiffany Crosby	30	23
Amon Kajabika	101	77
Abstain	1	
Total	131	

Having noted that Amon Kajabika received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Amon Kajabika the Network Presbyter At-Large Non-Anglo. Amon Kajabika accepted the election with appreciation.

Rev. Larry Bogenrief led in a time of prayer over newly elected and re-elected members of the presbytery.

**Resolution 6 (Tuesday, 4:43 pm)**

Carlos Hernandez, member of the Resolutions Committee, read Resolution 6, Courtesy Resolution (Bylaws). A discussion ensued.

A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 6.

**Adjournment**

Rev. Richard Boettiger II closed in prayer, and a motion to adjourn prevailed at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Josh Willaford  
Network Secretary

# OHIO MINISTRY NETWORK RESOLUTION NO. 1

## STATEMENT ON HUMAN SEXUALITY AND MARRIAGE

1	WHEREAS, biological sex, human sexuality, and marriage are designed by God, and	1
2		2
3	WHEREAS, the contemporary cultural understanding of marriage, sexuality, and gender	3
4	outside of the Christian church commonly promotes an ideal in opposition to the	4
5	witness of Scripture, and	5
6		6
7	WHEREAS, the General Council of the Assemblies of God has long held to the biblical	7
8	view that biological sex is designed by God and that human sexual relationships are to	8
9	be permitted only within the covenant of marriage between a biological male and a	9
10	biological female, and	10
11		11
12	WHEREAS, the General Council of the Assemblies of God has noted its scriptural	12
13	commitments in its bylaws, position papers, and other statements, and	13
14		14
15	WHEREAS, clarity on issues of human sexuality, marriage, and gender identity is of	15
16	growing importance in the present cultural landscape and is being encouraged by	16
17	national Assemblies of God leadership,	17
18		18
19		19
20		20
21	THEREFORE, be it resolved that Bylaws Article IX “Relevant Positions” be amended to read:	21

	<u>PRESENT TEXT</u>	<u>PROPOSED TEXT</u>	
1			1
2			2
3	BYLAWS	BYLAWS	3
4	ARTICLE IX. RELEVANT POSITIONS	ARTICLE IX. RELEVANT POSITIONS	4
5			5
6	In its commitment to the upholding of scriptural	<u>Section 1. Statement on Human Sexuality and</u>	6
7	doctrine as the most healthy response to relevant	<u>Marriage</u>	7
8	concerns regarding marriage and family and		8
9	regarding doctrines and practices which are	<u>In the Ohio Ministry Network, we affirm human</u>	9
10	disapproved, the Ohio District Council, Inc. of	<u>sexuality as a gift from God, designed to serve as</u>	10
11	the Assemblies of God affirms Articles VIII and	<u>a mirror of one’s relationship with God. We</u>	11
12	IX of the Bylaws of The General Council of the	<u>believe that God’s intention for human sexuality</u>	12
13	Assemblies of God.	<u>is between one genetic male and one genetic</u>	13
14		<u>female within the covenant of marriage (Genesis</u>	14
15		<u>2:18, 21–24; Hebrews 13:4). In addition, the</u>	15
16		<u>Ohio Ministry Network supports the</u>	16
17		<u>understanding that any attempts to change one’s</u>	17
18		<u>God-given sexuality through elective sex-</u>	18
19		<u>reassignment, transgender, or nonbinary acts or</u>	19
20		<u>conduct is at odds with biblical standards. Any</u>	20
21		<u>deviation from a biblical standard of sexual</u>	21
22		<u>behavior is a result of separation from God, and</u>	22
23		<u>therefore is an opportunity for repentance, grace,</u>	23
24		<u>and redemption so that as a community, we</u>	24
25		<u>might honor one another and glorify God.</u>	25
26			26
27		<u>Section 2. Doctrines and Practices Disapproved</u>	27
28			28
29	In its commitment to the upholding of scriptural	In its commitment to the upholding of scriptural	29
30	doctrine as the most healthy response to relevant	doctrine as the most healthy response to relevant	30
31	concerns, regarding marriage and family and	concerns, regarding marriage and family and	31

32		regarding doctrines and practices which are	32
33		<del>disapproved</del> , the Ohio District Council, Inc. of	33
34		the Assemblies of God affirms Articles VIII and	34
35		IX of the Bylaws of The General Council of the	35
36		Assemblies of God.	36

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**OHIO MINISTRY NETWORK  
RESOLUTION NO. 2**

**HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER GREG M. MUNDIS**

1	WHEREAS, Dr. Greg M. Mundis has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assemblies of God	1
2	with great faithfulness and integrity as a minister of the gospel for 50 years, having	2
3	been licensed to preach and ordained on April 22,1976; and	3
4		4
5	WHEREAS, Dr. Mundis served as a youth pastor, missionary, and an international church	5
6	planter, and	6
7		7
8	WHEREAS, Dr. Mundis demonstrated gifts of leadership for over 20 years while serving as the	8
9	Area Director for Central Europe, and then the Regional Director for the entire	9
10	Europe Region; with the area implementing new strategies for ministries during a	10
11	swell of immigration; and	11
12		12
13	WHEREAS, Our entire Fellowship saw fit to request Dr. Mundis to serve as the Assemblies of	13
14	God World Missions Executive Director since 2011; and	14
15		15
16	WHEREAS, The Ohio Ministry Network has great appreciation for Dr. Mundis’ entire breadth	16
17	of ministry because of his integrity, ethics, skill, and is one whom is fit to be	17
18	honored; and	18
19		19
20	WHEREAS, General Council Constitution Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j. makes provision	20
21	for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general	21
22	presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and	22
23		23
24	WHEREAS, Dr. Mundis. meets all the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications	24
25	for recognition as an honorary general presbyter;	25
26		26
27		27
28	THEREFORE, be it resolved that Dr. Greg M. Mundis be elected by this General Council to the	28
29	position of honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies	29
30	of God.	30

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**OHIO MINISTRY NETWORK  
RESOLUTION NO. 3**

**CLARIFICATION OF THE ROLES  
OF THE NETWORK PRESBYTERY AND EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY**

1	WHEREAS, the Ohio Ministry Network Conference in 2021 voted unanimously to recalibrate the	1
2	roles and responsibilities of the Network and Executive Presbyteries to enable a	2
3	more effective distribution of responsibilities, and	3
4		4
5	WHEREAS, the role of Network Presbytery has shifted to focus on fostering ministerial	5
6	relationships and the implementation of Ohio for Jesus goals at the local level, and	6
7		7
8	WHEREAS, the role of Executive Presbytery has evolved to oversee the administrative,	8
9	procedural, operational aspects of the Ohio Ministry Network, and	9
10		10
11	WHEREAS, the presbytery recalibration has enabled the maximization of the giftedness and	11
12	effectiveness of the Network and Executive Presbyteries, and	12
13		13
14	WHEREAS, there are additional areas of the Ohio Ministry Network bylaws that would benefit	14
15	from greater refinement and alignment in the areas noted above,	15
16		16
17	THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following Ohio Ministry Network bylaws be amended to	17
18	read:	18
19		19

	<u>PRESENT TEXT</u>	<u>PROPOSED TEXT</u>	
1			1
2			2
3	BYLAWS ARTICLE II. NOMINATIONS,	BYLAWS ARTICLE II. NOMINATIONS,	3
4	ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS	ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS	4
5			5
6	Section 4. Executive Presbytery	Section 4. Executive Presbytery	6
7	a. Executive Officers (2) The Network	a. Executive Officers (2) The <del>Network</del>	7
8	Presbytery shall present to the Network	<u>Executive</u> Presbytery shall present to the	8
9	Conference one (1) or more nominees for the	Network Conference one (1) or more nominees	9
10	office of assistant network superintendent. One	for the office of assistant network	10
11	or more alternate nominees selected by the	superintendent. One or more alternate	11
12	Network Presbytery shall be presented for	nominees selected by the <del>Network</del> <u>Executive</u>	12
13	election when a sole nominee is not elected on	Presbytery shall be presented for election when	13
14	an initial ballot.	a sole nominee is not elected on an initial ballot.	14
15			15
16	c. Executive Presbyters-at-Large (1) Executive	c. Executive Presbyters-at-Large (1) Executive	16
17	presbyters-at-large may be elected by the	presbyters-at-large may be elected by the	17
18	Network Conference in session when nominees	Network Conference in session when nominees	18
19	are provided for the number of positions	are provided for the number of positions	19
20	designated in advance by the Network	designated in advance by the <del>Network</del>	20
21	Presbytery to be filled.	<u>Executive</u> Presbytery to be filled.	21
22			22
23	d. Nominations for Regional Executive	d. Nominations for Regional Executive	23
24	Presbyters and Executive Presbyters-at-Large	Presbyters and Executive Presbyters-at-Large	24
25	(1) A nominating process will be created to	(1) A nominating process will be created to	25
26	ensure that the nominees are aware of the	ensure that the nominees are aware of the	26
27	responsibilities entailed in the role. The	responsibilities entailed in the role. The	27
28	Network Presbytery shall appoint a Nominating	<del>Network</del> <u>Executive</u> Presbytery shall appoint a	28
29	Committee comprised of one ordained minister	Nominating Committee comprised of one	29
30	from each region, at least one of whom shall be	ordained minister from each region, at least one	30
31	an area presbyter. These individuals shall serve	of whom shall be an area presbyter. These	31

32	with the network superintendent acting as	individuals shall serve with the network	32
33	chairman. The committee, meeting at least	superintendent acting as chairman. The	33
34	ninety (90) days prior to the annual Network	committee, meeting at least ninety (90) days	34
35	Conference, shall select no less than three (3)	prior to the annual Network Conference, shall	35
36	nominees from each region, to be placed before	select no less than three (3) nominees from each	36
37	the Network Conference for the election of	region, to be placed before the Network	37
38	positions of regional executive presbyters and	Conference for the election of positions of	38
39	executive presbyters-at-large, although fewer	regional executive presbyters and executive	39
40	than three (3) nominees may be presented when	presbyters-at-large, although fewer than three	40
41	nominations have been declined.	(3) nominees may be presented when	41
42		nominations have been declined.	42
43	Section 5. Network Presbyters-at-Large		43
44	Network presbyters-at-large may be elected by	Section 5. Network Presbyters-at-Large	44
45	the Network Conference in session when	Network presbyters-at-large may be elected by	45
46	nominees are provided by the Network	the Network Conference in session when	46
47	Presbytery for the number of positions	nominees are provided by the <del>Network</del>	47
48	designated in advance by the Network	<u>Executive</u> Presbytery for the number of	48
49	Presbytery to be filled.	positions designated in advance by the Network	49
50		Executive Presbytery to be filled.	50
51	Section 9. General Council Nonresident		51
52	Executive Presbyter	Section 9. General Council Nonresident	52
53		Executive Presbyter	53
54	b. At the Network Conference just prior to the		54
55	General Council, one nominee from the Ohio	b. At the Network Conference just prior to the	55
56	Ministry Network shall be elected from the	General Council, one nominee from the Ohio	56
57	candidates approved by the Network Presbytery	Ministry Network shall be elected from the	57
58	to be presented to the General Council for	candidates approved by the <del>Network</del> <u>Executive</u>	58
59	election as General Council nonresident	Presbytery to be presented to the General	59
60	executive presbyter. The nominee must be an	Council for election as General Council	60
61	ordained minister, other than an elected, full-	nonresident executive presbyter. The nominee	61
62	time network official. The nominee's life and	must be an ordained minister, other than an	62
63	ministry must be above question. There is no	elected, full-time network official. The	63
64	minimum residence requirement.	nominee's life and ministry must be above	64
65		question. There is no minimum residence	65
66		requirement.	66
67			67
68			68
69			69
70			70
71			71
72			72
73	BYLAWS ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF	BYLAWS ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF	73
74	OFFICERS	OFFICERS	74
75			75
76	Section 3. Duties of Executive Officers	Section 3. Duties of Executive Officers	76
77	b. As general presbyters, the executive officers	b. As general presbyters, the executive officers	77
78	shall communicate to the constituency of the	shall communicate to the constituency of the	78
79	network the important organizational decisions	network the important organizational decisions	79
80	of the General Presbytery. Such information	of the General Presbytery. Such information	80
81	shall be in accordance with policy set forth by	shall be in accordance with policy set forth by	81
82	the Network Presbytery.	the <del>Network</del> <u>Executive</u> Presbytery.	82
83			83
84	Section 4. Duties of the Network Secretary	Section 4. Duties of the Network Secretary	84
85	a. The network secretary shall compile and	a. The network secretary shall compile and	85
86	preserve true records of the proceedings of the	preserve true records of the proceedings of the	86
87	network and shall communicate the same to	network and shall communicate the same to	87
88	each assembly and credentialed minister as	each assembly and credentialed minister as	88
89	approved and directed by the Network	approved and directed by the <del>Network</del>	89
90	Presbytery.	<u>Executive</u> Presbytery.	90
91			91

92	c. The network secretary shall serve as secretary	c. The network secretary shall serve as secretary	92
93	of the corporation and shall be authorized to	of the corporation and shall be authorized to	93
94	sign all official and legal documents and to	sign all official and legal documents and to	94
95	perform such other functions as are customary	perform such other functions as are customary	95
96	or may be requested by the Ohio Ministry	or may be requested by the Ohio Ministry	96
97	Network or Network Presbytery. Unless	Network, <u>Executive Presbytery</u> , or Network	97
98	otherwise directed by the network	Presbytery. Unless otherwise directed by the	98
99	superintendent, the network secretary shall serve	network superintendent, the network secretary	99
100	as an auditor of all meetings of the Network	shall serve as an auditor of all meetings of the	100
101	Executive Officers, the Network Executive	Network Executive Officers, the Network	101
102	Presbytery, the Network Presbytery, and the	Executive Presbytery, the Network Presbytery,	102
103	Network Finance Committee and other	and the Network Finance Committee and other	103
104	committees as requested by the network	committees as requested by the network	104
105	superintendent and shall compile and preserve	superintendent and shall compile and preserve	105
106	true records of the proceedings of these bodies	true records of the proceedings of these bodies	106
107	in session.	in session.	107
108			108
109			109
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**OHIO MINISTRY NETWORK  
RESOLUTION NO. 4**

**NETWORK PRESBYTER-AT-LARGE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

1	WHEREAS, The Ohio Ministry Network Bylaws Article II, Section 4, paragraph d. presently	1
2	requires the nominating committee for the Executive Presbytery to be mindful to	2
3	forward candidates who are not encumbered with irreconcilable conflicts of interests	3
4	that would inhibit the candidate’s ability to maintain their fiduciary responsibility to	4
5	the Ohio Ministry Network and its affiliated entities, and	5
6		6
7	WHEREAS, Presently, there is an absence of similar language in reference reviewing potential	7
8	conflicts of interest in the nomination of Network Presbyters-At-Large, and	8
9		9
10	WHEREAS, Adding clarity related to conflicts of interest to the nominating process will help to	10
11	ensure the best operation of the Network Presbytery and create consistency within the	11
12	Ohio Ministry Network bylaws.	12
13		13
14	THEREFORE, be it resolved that Bylaws Article II, Section 5 be amended to read:	14
15		15
16		16

	<u>PRESENT TEXT</u>	<u>PROPOSED TEXT</u>	
1	BYLAWS	BYLAWS	1
2	ARTICLE II. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS	ARTICLE II. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS	2
3	AND APPOINTMENTS	AND APPOINTMENTS	3
4			4
5	Section 5. Network Presbyters-at-Large	Section 5. Network Presbyters-at-Large	5
6			6
7	Network presbyters-at-large may be elected by the	a. Network presbyters-at-large may be elected by	7
8	Network Conference in session when nominees	the Network Conference in session when	8
9	are provided by the Network Presbytery for the	nominees are provided by the Network Presbytery	9
10	number of positions designated in advance by the	for the number of positions designated in advance	10
11	Network Presbytery to be filled.	by the Network Presbytery to be filled.	11
12			12
13			13
14			14
15		<u>b. The nomination process should include a</u>	15
16		<u>mindfulness to forward candidates who are not</u>	16
17		<u>encumbered with irreconcilable conflicts of</u>	17
18		<u>interests such as, but not limited to, familial</u>	18
19		<u>relationships with current members of the</u>	19
20		<u>Network Presbytery, church staffing relationships</u>	20
21		<u>with current members of the Network Presbytery,</u>	21
22		<u>and any other relationship that would inhibit the</u>	22
23		<u>candidate’s ability to maintain their responsibility</u>	23
24		<u>to the Ohio Ministry Network and its affiliated</u>	24
25		<u>entities.</u>	25

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**OHIO MINISTRY NETWORK  
RESOLUTION NO. 5**

**UPDATED PROTOCOL FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS VACANCY  
OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

1	WHEREAS, The Ohio Ministry Network makes every effort to prepare for unforeseen	1
2	circumstances, and	2
3		3
4	WHEREAS, The office of network superintendent of the Ohio Ministry Network is to be held by an	4
5	ordained minister as outlined in Bylaws Article I, and	5
6		6
7	WHEREAS, The present language Ohio Ministry Network bylaws would allow for an individual	7
8	who has not been ordained to succeed to the office of Network Superintendent in the	8
9	event of a simultaneous vacancy of the offices of network superintendent and assistant	9
10	network superintendent,	10
11		11
12	WHEREAS, The current provisions do not outline a timeframe for filling the vacancy of the	12
13	superintendent when there is a simultaneous vacancy of the superintendent and the	13
14	assistant superintendent, and	14
15		15
16	WHEREAS, Ensuring the ordained status of a temporary superintendent and defining the timeframe	16
17	for filling the vacancy would be beneficial to the network should an occasion arise	17
18	where such a provision is needed,	18
19		19
20		20
21	THEREFORE, be it resolved that Article II, Section 8 be amended to read:	21

	<u>PRESENT TEXT</u>	<u>PROPOSED TEXT</u>	
1			1
2			2
3	BYLAWS	BYLAWS	3
4	ARTICLE II. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS	ARTICLE II. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS	4
5	AND APPOINTMENTS	AND APPOINTMENTS	5
6			6
7	Section 8. Vacancies	Section 8. Vacancies	7
8			8
9	b. When a vacancy occurs in the office of the	b. When a vacancy occurs in the office of the	9
10	network superintendent, the assistant network	network superintendent, the assistant network	10
11	superintendent shall succeed to the office of	superintendent shall succeed to the office of	11
12	network superintendent; or, in the event the	network superintendent; or, in the event the	12
13	offices of the network superintendent and	offices of the network superintendent and	13
14	assistant superintendent both become vacant, the	assistant superintendent both become vacant, the	14
15	succession to the office of the network	succession to the office of the network	15
16	superintendent shall be as follows: first, the	superintendent shall be as follows:	16
17	network secretary, and second, the network		17
18	treasurer, regardless of credential status, until a	<del>first, the network secretary, and second, the</del>	18
19	successor is chosen under regulations governing	<del>network treasurer, regardless of credential status</del>	19
20	this office to fill the unexpired term at the next	<del>until a successor is chosen under regulations</del>	20
21	regular or special session of the Ohio Ministry	<del>governing this office to fill the unexpired term at</del>	21
22	Network.	<del>the next regular or special session of the Ohio</del>	22
23		<del>Ministry Network.</del>	23
24		<u>First, the general presbyter, and second, the</u>	24
25		<u>appointee of the executive presbytery. A special</u>	25
26		<u>session of the Ohio Ministry Network shall be</u>	26
27		<u>called for the purpose of the election of the</u>	27

28 29		<u>vacant positions within sixty (120) days of the vacancies' occurrence.</u>	28 29
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