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

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 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

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.

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 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 Constitution and Fundamental Doctrines

(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).
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(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:

b. His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; I Peter 2:22).
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 (Acts 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. 12:2-10, 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. 6:11-13; 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:
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).

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 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.
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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 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 Presbytery. After reviewing the written request and its reasons, the Network 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 nonresident 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 nonresident 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 shall consist of the network superintendent, assistant network superintendent, the nonresident general presbyter, and four (4) regional nonresident executive presbyters.
b. The term of office for the four (4) regional nonresident executive presbyters 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.

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 3. Network Presbyters-at-Large

a. Up to two female ordained ministers may serve as female Network Presbyters-at-Large.
b. 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.
c. Up to three ethnic (non-anglo) ordained ministers (male or female) may serve as ethnic Network Presbyters-at-large.

d. The following areas shall conduct their elections in the odd years:

- East Central
- Greater Akron
- Greater Cleveland
- Northeast
- Southeast
- South Central
- Youngstown/Warren

The following areas shall conduct their elections in the even years:

- Greater Columbus East
- Greater Columbus West
- Greater Cincinnati
- Greater Dayton
- Northwest
- North Central
- West Central

Section 5. Network Presbytery

The executive presbyters of the Ohio Ministry Network, together with the area network presbyters and network presbyters-at-large, shall constitute the Network Presbytery.

Section 6. 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 Network Presbytery.

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

Section 2. Credentials Committee

The Network 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 Network 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 Network 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 a member of the Network Presbytery.

(b) Representation in the annual Network Conference, as set forth in the bylaws, shall be the privilege of the church.

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 network superintendent, the network assistant superintendent, the network nonresident general presbyter, the network executive presbyter for the geographical region wherein the assembly is located, the network area presbyter for the area wherein the assembly is located, the senior pastor of the assembly, and an advisory committee member of the assembly, 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.

(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 Network 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.
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(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 therefrom 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 Network 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.

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ARTICLE I. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICERS

The executive officers, regional nonresident executive presbyters, 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. Individuals eligible for area office shall minister or reside within the area. Nominees for the office of each region’s nonresident network executive presbyter shall minister or reside within that region.

ARTICLE II. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. Nominating Ballot

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.

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. Ratification ballots for area officers shall be by two-thirds majority vote of the Network Executive Presbytery.

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

Section 3. Network Executive Presbytery

a. Executive Officers

(1) The network superintendent and the nonresident general presbyter shall be nominated by secret ballot.
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(2) The Network 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 Network Presbytery shall be presented for election when a sole nominee is not elected on an initial ballot.

(3) Executive Officers shall not serve as an area network presbyter or regional nonresident executive presbyter while serving as an executive officer.

b. Regional Nonresident Executive Presbyters

(1) Four regional nonresident executive presbyters shall be elected to serve with the network superintendent, assistant network superintendent, and network nonresident general presbyter, making a total of seven (7) to serve on the Network Executive Presbytery of the network.

(2) The network shall be divided into four (4) regions. A regional nonresident executive presbyter shall be elected from each of the four (4) regions. Region 1 shall consist of the Greater Cleveland, Northeast, and Youngstown/Warren areas. Region 2 shall consist of the Greater Akron, East Central, Southeast, and South Central areas. Region 3 shall consist of the Greater Cincinnati, Greater Dayton, and West Central Areas. Region 4 shall consist of the Northwest, North Central, Greater Columbus East, and Greater Columbus West areas.

(3) The Network Presbytery shall appoint a Nominating Committee of four (4) ordained ministers, one (1) of whom shall be an area network presbyter. These individuals shall serve with the network superintendent acting as chairman. The committee, meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual Network Conference, shall select twelve (12) or more nominees, three (3) or more from each region, to be placed before the Network Conference for election.

(4) No one shall serve as area network presbyter and regional nonresident executive presbyter concurrently.

Section 4. 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 Network 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.

Section 5. Other Network Officers

The Network Executive Presbytery shall serve as an interview committee and shall make recommendations to the Network Presbytery, which shall be charged with the responsibility of appointing the network secretary and the network finance director.
c. When a vacancy occurs in any office of the Network Executive Presbytery other than the network superintendent, the network superintendent’s appointee, ratified by the Network Presbytery within sixty (60) 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 or when the area officer’s election is not ratified, a special business meeting shall be conducted in that area within sixty (60) 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 Network 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 Network Presbytery within sixty (60) days to fill the unexpired term under the provisions of Bylaws Article II, Section 6.

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 Network 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 Network 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 Network 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 Network 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 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 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 Network 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.
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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 Network 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 Network 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. Network Presbyters-at-Large

Network presbyters-at-large shall participate in meetings of the Network Presbytery and fulfill responsibilities as mutually agreed upon with the network superintendent.

Section 7. Duties of an Area Network 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 Network Presbytery.

Section 8. Duties of an Assistant Area Presbyter

a. The assistant area presbyter shall compile, preserve and maintain true records of the area.

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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.

Section 9. Duties of the Network Presbytery

a. The Network 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 Network 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 Network Presbytery shall arrange for its own meetings and report to the Ohio Ministry Network at appropriate times.
d. The decisions of the Network Presbytery shall be final unless reversed by the Network Conference in session.
e. 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 Executive Presbytery or General Presbytery, the Network Presbytery may provide a list of qualified initial nominees for consideration by the Network Conference in session.

Section 10. Duties of the Network Executive Presbytery

a. The Network 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.
b. The members of the Network 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."
c. The Network 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 to forward their recommendations to the Network Presbytery, the Network Credentials Committee.
d. 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.

ARTICLE IV. DEPARTMENTS

Section 1. Authorization

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

**ARTICLE V. FINANCE**

**Section 1. Finance Committee**

a. There shall be a Network Finance Committee consisting of the executive officers, the regional nonresident executive presbyters, 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 Network Presbytery for approval.

c. The Finance Committee shall meet as needed to perform duties delegated by the Network Presbytery and/or the Network Executive Presbytery to examine the operation of the network budget. This committee shall present recommendations to the Network Executive Presbytery on matters relating to the property of the corporation and to the Network Presbytery with regard to all other matters. Upon resolution of the Network Presbytery, the Finance Committee may be authorized to take any action which the Network 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 Network 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 Network Presbytery every third year, with an auditor’s review on the other years unless otherwise requested by the Network 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 Network 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.
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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 Network Presbytery shall be followed, which may include an invitation to meet with the Network Executive Presbytery to address the matter.

c. Should the network’s further communication and redemptive steps approved by the Network 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.

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,” and a corporation known as the “Heartland Conference Retreat Center.” 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 et seq. and ss 1715.01 et seq., including, but not limited to, the right to acquire, hold in trust, manage, and convey real and/or chattel property. The Network 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 and the Heartland Conference Retreat Center.”

Section 2. Identification and Procedure

a. The members of the Network Executive Presbytery shall constitute the corporation known as “The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God,” and a corporation known as “Heartland Conference Retreat Center,” unless at anytime the Network Executive Presbytery shall find itself without a member who is a “resident freeholder of the State of Ohio” according to the meaning of the law, in which case the Network 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.
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(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 Network Presbytery. The duties of the Church Multiplication Director shall be specified in an administrative manual approved by the Network Presbytery.

b. The selection process and duties of a Church Multiplication Network Team shall be outlined in an administrative manual approved by the Network 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. Leadership

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 Network 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.

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 compositions shall be noted in an administrative manual approved by the Network Presbytery and published in the network directory.

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.

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 Network 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 Network 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.
(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 Network 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 Network 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 Network 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.
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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 Network 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 Network Presbytery, shall be appointed by the Network 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, Network 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 Network 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.

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ARTICLE XVII. 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 Network 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; Colos. 2:12; 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 Network 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 Network 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 Network 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 Network Presbytery.

Section 3. Advisory Committee

The Network 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 Network Presbytery. All other officers or committees that may be appointed shall serve under his/her supervision. The senior pastor shall report to the Network Presbytery 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 Network Presbytery. Any action taken by them or the assembly shall be subject to review and approval by the Network 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 Network 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 Network 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.
SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 19 – ORDINATION SERVICE

Assistant Superintendent Jim Palmer and Network Secretary Josh Willaford, opened the service and welcomed everyone. Rev. Matt Mason and the Radiant Life church praise team led in praise and worship.


District Youth Director Nate Ortiz gave testimony regarding the ministry of Fine Arts. Four young ladies from Oberlin Crossroads AG ministered in song who are heading to National Fine Arts in Orlando this July.

Rev. Palmer recognized Rev. Hugh Rosenberg for 60 years of ordination. General Superintendent Doug Clay sent a video greeting and appreciation for Rev. Rosenberg's faithful service. Rev. Rosenberg has left an amazing legacy during his ministry here in Ohio and around the world. He was presented a pillar and video greeting from AGWM Executive Director Greg Mundis.

Rev. Palmer also acknowledged those who have been ordained for over 50 years. An offering was received.

Network Superintendent John Wootton expressed appreciation for the former executive officers that were present. He then exhorted the candidates and preached a very timely, powerful message from Ephesians 1:15-23.

Ordination candidates were introduced. Rev. Hugh Rosenberg led in prayer over the candidates. Presbyters then came to lay hands upon the candidates and pray over them as well. They were then joined by family and friends to share in this special time.

Those who were ordained in the 2019 Network Conference are as follows: Laura Adam, James Aspito, Jacob Collins, Dustin Deike, Kevin Eckhart, Kirstin Edinger, Andrew Erickson, Larry Good, Joshua Hopple, Emily Howard, Erin Jackson, Jeremy Metzger, Jennifer Momenee, Angel Porubsky, Donte Thomas, Michael Woods, Paris Yanno, Somyida Israel Yameogo, and Tara Zimmer.

Service was dismissed. Family and friends were invited to join the ordination candidates and proceed to the reception that followed.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 20 – MEMORIAL/COMMUNION SERVICE

Network Secretary Josh Willaford opened the service in prayer at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Matthew Mason led the attendees in two songs: “This is Amazing Grace” and “Cornerstone” followed by corporate prayer.

A memorial tribute to Ohio ministers deceased since the 2018 Network Conference was presented and included photos and biographical reflections. The memories and ministry faithfulness and fruitfulness of the following deceased ministers were recognized:

Bill Stevens
Ray Tyson
Kenneth Hinkle
Fred Golding
James McCarty
Orville Burk
Robert Graber

Assistant Superintendent Jim Palmer led the attendees in a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

A message was shared by Rev. Paris Yanno, director of Father’s Heart, entitled “The Cross: Where Beauty and Brokenness Join Together.” Rev. Yanno’s message encouraged attendees with the truth that just like glow sticks must be broken to shine in the darkness, God wants to use our brokenness to minister to others. The text for the message was 1 Corinthians 11:20-25.

MONDAY, MAY 20 – MISSIONS LUNCHEON

Superintendent John Wootton opened with an update on Jessica Fletcher. Leslie Wright shared that the day prior Jessica came off sedation and was squeezing hands. Following the corporate prayer for Jessica at the prior night’s service, Jessica woke up in the morning and was responsive! General Presbyter Chris Beard led in prayer.

Assistant Superintendent and Missions Director Jim Palmer welcomed attendees and recognized the Ohio US and World Missionaries, Area Missions Representatives, and Missionary Gary Dickinson and Gabon General Superintendent Jude Benjamin.

Ohio KidMin Director Stacy Petty shared Ohio BGMC giving statistics for 2018. The Ohio Ministry Network gave over $193,000 as a network in 2018 which is the most that Ohio has ever given with less than half of our churches actively participating. Rev. Petty recognized Ohio’s former BGMC director, Rev. Carl Ethridge, and announced Ohio’s new BGMC director, Lynn Mooney. Rev. Petty announced the three churches who gave the most to BGMC in 2018 as follows:

3rd Place Giver: Fairfield Tri County Assembly of God - $10,991
2nd Place Giver: Lima First Assembly - $20,448
1st Place Giver: North Ridgeville Harvest Ridge Assembly of God - $23,392

Ohio Youth Ministries Director Nate Ortiz shared the Ohio Speed the Light giving statistics for 2018. The Ohio Ministry Network gave $108,146 to Speed the Light as a network in 2018. Ohio Youth Alive Director Chad Tusing announced the three churches who gave the most to Speed the Light in 2018 as follows:

3rd Place Giver: Parma Bethel Christian - $9,055
2nd Place Giver: Avon Christian Heritage Assembly of God - $14,457
1st Place Giver: Maumee Calvary Church - $18,939

Ohio Women’s Ministries Director Brigette Wootton shared Ohio Life Offering giving statistics for 2018, recognized the women who traveled on the missions trip to Brussels, Belgium, and announced the next mission trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas. The Ohio Ministry Network gave $20,000 to Life Offering as a network in 2018. Director Wootton announced the three churches who gave the most to Life Offering in 2018 as follows:

3rd Place Giver: Ravenna AG - $1,026
2nd Place Giver: Dublin Radiant Life Church - $1,140
1st Place Giver: Tiffin New Beginnings AG - $1350

Ohio Men’s Director Chris Gross shared Ohio Light for the Lost giving statistics for 2018. The Ohio Ministry Network gave $218,240 to Light for the Lost as a network in 2018. Rev. Gross announced the three churches who gave the most to Light for the Lost in 2018 as follows:

3rd Place Giver: Mentor Lakeshore AG - $11,671
2nd Place Giver: St. Clairsville Harbor of Hope - $12,911
1st Place Giver: Fairfield Tri County AG - $93,300

Rev. Palmer gave an update on total missions giving, per capita giving and percentage increase. The Ohio Ministry Network gave $192,768 to AG US and World Missions as a network in 2018. Rev. Palmer announced the three churches who gave the most to missions in 2018 as follows:

3rd Place Giver: Dayton Christian Life Center - $192,768
2nd Place Giver: Maumee Calvary Church - $312,198
1st Place Giver: Fairfield Tri County AG - $1,277,482

Rev. Palmer gave an update on our Network Missions Project. $525,000 total has been invested in Network Missions Projects. This year the project is directed toward the need for a dormitory and a cafeteria in the School of Theology in Gabon, Africa.

A video from Africa’s Hope was shared. Rev. Palmer prayed. A video from Gary Dickinson was shared.

Rev. Gary Dickinson welcomed the General Superintendent of Gabon, Pastor Jude Benjamin. Pastor Jude shared through Rev. Dickinson’s translating. Rev. Dickinson then shared. A video on the School of Theology was shared. Rev. Dickinson invited the attendees to give to the 2019 Network Missions Project.

Rev. Palmer thanked the Dickinsons and gave instructions on how to give toward the Network Missions Project.

Superintendent John Wootton thanked Rev. Palmer and closed the luncheon with prayer.
MONDAY, MAY 20 – PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE

The worship team from Radiant Life Church in Dublin opened the service at 7:00pm with the song “Overcome.”

Assistant Superintendent Jim Palmer shared a welcome and reviewed the events so far at Network Conference. Rev. Jim Palmer prayed over offering and worship continued led by Matt Mason and the team from Radiant Life Church, Dublin.

Network Superintendent John Wootton closed out worship by encouraging the body to pray with one another. He also shared the Network’s fourth value of desperation. Rev. Wootton led in prayer and then asked if anyone had a word from the Lord. This was followed by several messages throughout the body. Below is a summary of each.

- “For the Lord has laid a path before you…. the Lord has laid out the path. Step upon the path and he will do the work because it is His Kingdom and His Glory…”
- “Reclaim the wells that I have given you. I am going to do a new thing…”
- “He can do exceedingly abundantly more than we ask or imagine. Don’t lean on your own understanding. Stir up the gift, abide in the Spirit, pray in the Spirit…”
- A word of knowledge: “There is a pastor in the room who feels that if God doesn’t speak you are going to quit. Stay in it, your breakthrough is coming. Don’t let the enemy take it away.”

Rev. Wootton closed out the time of worship with some encouragement to continue to let the Spirit of God speak. Rev. Wootton introduced guest speaker, General Treasurer Rick DuBose. A fun video was shown from the General Council Executive Leadership Team sharing that the 2023 General Council will be in Columbus, OH.

General Treasurer Rick DuBose shared a message about the importance of the Word of the Lord in the process of bringing revival. Many scriptures were shared including Matthew 7:26-27 and 1 Samuel 2-4.

Rev. Rick DuBose closed in prayer and gave an altar call. During the altar call, there were several gifts of the Spirit evidenced.

- A message in tongues and an interpretation: Genesis 3 when Adam and Eve sinned, God called out, “Where are you?” God is calling out the same today!
- Gary Dickinson shared a word he was given from Lamentations 5:21
- Rev. Wootton shared another vision someone shared with him that was an exhortation to express a broken heart and repent for what is standing between us and God.

Rev. Wootton led in prayer. The service closed with a song.

MINUTES OF THE 74th OHIO MINISTRY NETWORK
NETWORK CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSIONS
Embassy Suites, Dublin OH
MAY 20-21, 2019

Monday Morning Session, May 20, 2019 (10:03 a.m.)
Superintendent John Wootton called the first business session of the 74th Network Conference to order at 10:04 a.m. Mrs. Sherri Patrick opened the business session with prayer.

Announcements (Monday, 10:04 a.m.)
Superintendent Wootton announced that the next business session would convene at 2:30 p.m. The evening session at Radiant Life Church starting at 7:00 p.m. was also noted. Rev. Wootton explained the order of business, the breakout sessions, the ministry taking place in the evenings each day of Network Conference and noted the value of utilizing Robert’s Rules of Order to guide the business deliberations of the conference.

Rev. Wootton noted that the leader and department written and video reports as well as the resolutions and financial reports are available digitally at www.ohioministry.net/reports.

Rev. Wootton noted the list of pre-nominated eligible ministers in the event book for the respective elections.

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. Lastly, Rev. Wootton noted the two modes of voting including paper and electronic voting. Rev. Wootton also reviewed the elections and nominations that will occur during the Network Conference in session.

A motion prevailed to adopt the agenda for the business of Network Conference 2019.

Rev. Wootton noted the schedule in the event book. In his introductory remarks, Rev. Wootton thanked host Revs. Chris and Rachel Gross and their team for Radiant Life Church’s hospitality. He recognized special guests.

Recognition of Network Conference Committees (Monday, 10:25 a.m.)
Superintendent Wootton recognized with appreciation the following committees:

Parliamentary Committee
Derek Boivin, chairman; John Hembree, Deedra Shilliday

Program Committee
OMN Executive Leadership and Standing Resolutions

Resolutions Committee
Josh Willaford, chairman; Doug Cooper, Heather Erikson, Carl Ethridge, Derek Boivin, TJ Wolfe, Lori Valenzisi

Roster Committee
Tara Zimmer, chairwoman; Donna Bormuth, Shelby Pratt

Tellers Committee
Network Superintendent’s Report (Monday, 10:29 a.m.)

Rev. Wootton invited Assistant Superintendent Jim Palmer to assume chairmanship of the meeting. Rev. Wootton called for the report of the Superintendent. Rev. Wootton presented the Superintendent’s report, sharing highlights from the printed copy in the Conference guidebook. Rev. Wootton thanked Assistant Superintendent Jim Palmer, the Ohio Network Presbytery, the Ohio Ministry Network staff, and the Heartland Conference Retreat Center 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, 10:35 a.m.)

Rev. Wootton called for the report of the Assistant Superintendent. Rev. Palmer presented the Assistant Superintendent’s report and the 2018 Finance Director Report. Rev. Palmer thanked the members of the finance committee including Treasurer Shelby Pratt, Jim Lupica, Greg Shapiro, Jim Wootton, and Phil Weaver. An audit was conducted by SCL Certified Public Accountants which provided an opinion that “the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God and affiliate as of December 31, 2018, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

Rev. Palmer noted the cash flow surplus of $5,727 for total network ministries including the Network Resource Center, Southeastern University Ohio Network Campus, and Heartland Conference Retreat Center. This modest sum was achieved as a result of the very positive performance of HCRC and the investment of significant resources for the second year of SEU ONC.

Rev. Palmer also noted that ministers’ tithes contributions were up by about 9% to $1 million while offerings for Network Ministries and Heartland CRC was similar to 2017 giving. The Ohio Church Multiplication Network revenue grew substantially, by about 20% in 2018.

Rev. Palmer thanked those churches participating in the Heart for Ohio initiative and noted the growth of 73 in 2012 to 105 in 2018.

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


Concluding the Assistant Superintendent’s report on finance partnership, Rev. Palmer thanked Finance Officer Shelby Pratt and highlighted the finance committee members.

Announcements (Monday, 10:44 a.m.)

Rev. Wootton noted the conference push notifications and gave instructions for receiving them on cell phones.

Network Secretary Report (Monday, 10:45 a.m.)

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

Rev. Willaford noted the increases of Sunday morning attendance (+2%) and the total number of adherents (+9.6%), making these two numbers the highest totals in the history of the Ohio Ministry Network. Conversions in Ohio AG churches totaled 9,447, an increase of 25%.

Rev. Willaford celebrated the 35 churches in our network who have had 10 consecutive years where someone has been baptized in the Holy Spirit. There were also 19 churches who experienced a 25% or more growth in their Sunday morning attendance. Rev. Willaford additionally noted church status changes especially the eight church openings in 2018.

Rev. Willaford noted that the total number of ministers did not change significantly and that the percentages of ordained, licensed, and certified ministers are consistent with national averages. There has been continued growth in the number of female and non-Anglo ministers in Ohio.

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

Roster Report (Monday, 10:50 a.m.)

Tara Zimmer, chairman of the Roster Committee, read the roster report as follows:

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The roster report was adopted as presented and a motion prevailed to adopt the roster report.

Text Voting Instructions (Monday, 10:52 a.m.)

Finance Director Shelby Pratt provided guidelines for electronic voting (text based or web based) and announced that paper ballots would be available for those who needed them.

Election of the Great Lakes General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee (Monday, 11:01 a.m.)

Superintendent Wootton read from the bylaws the qualifications and description for the nominees for the Great Lakes General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyters. Ministers to be considered for Great Lakes General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee, as selected by the Network Presbytery, were listed as follows: Chris Beard, Greg Ford, Dan Holbrook.
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Rev. Wootton referenced the printed booklet that also listed the names of those to be considered as nominees for the Great Lakes General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee. Ballots were cast and the chair declared the voting closed.

**Election of the Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee (Monday, 11:04 a.m.)**
Superintendent Wootton read from the bylaws the qualifications and description for the nominees for the Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyters. Ministers to be considered for Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter, as selected by the Network Presbytery, were listed as follows: Kay Gross, Christa Lund, Michele Thompson, Terri Triplett.

Rev. Wootton referenced the printed booklet that also listed the names of those to be considered as nominees for the Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter. Ballots were cast and the chair declared the voting closed.

**Election of the Network Presbyter At Large - Ethnic 1 (Monday, 11:06 a.m.)**
Superintendent Wootton read from the bylaws the qualifications and description for the nominees for the Network Presbyters at Large - Ethnic. Ministers to be considered for Network Presbyters at Large - Ethnic, as selected by the Network Presbytery, were listed as follows: Alex Colon, Amon Kajabika, Donte Thomas, Tara Zimmer.

Rev. Wootton referenced the printed booklet that also listed the names of those to be considered as nominees for the Network Presbyters at Large - Ethnic. Ballots were cast and the chair declared the voting closed.

Due to an error in voting, the results from the first elective ballots of the Ethnic Network Presbyter at Large determined to be invalid by the chair. The first elective ballot for the Ethnic Network Presbyter at Large was cast again and the chair declared the voting closed.

**Election of the Network Presbyter At Large - Female 1 (Monday, 11:08 a.m.)**
Superintendent Wootton read from the bylaws the qualifications and description for the nominees for the Network Presbyters at Large - Female. Ministers to be considered for Network Presbyters at Large - Female, as selected by the Network Presbytery, were listed as follows: Robin Crow, Christa Lund, Deedra Shilliday, Michele Thompson.

Rev. Wootton referenced the printed booklet that also listed the names of those to be considered as nominees for the Network Presbyters at Large - Female. Ballots were cast and the chair declared the voting closed.

Due to an error in voting, the results from the first elective ballots of the Female Network Presbyter at Large were determined to be invalid by the chair. The first elective ballot for the Female Network Presbyter at Large was cast again and the chair declared the voting closed.

**Announcements (Monday, 11:14 a.m.)**
Michael McNamee, President and Founder of Convoy of Hope Europe, gave a presentation about Convoy of Hope. A video presentation was shown.

A motion prevailed to recess business at 11:30 a.m. to reconvene at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20.

Announcements (Monday 11:21 a.m.)
Rev. Palmer invited all of the US and World Missionaries in attendance to the front to be recognized. Each missionary gave a short introduction.

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Rev. Palmer gave instructions regarding the Missions Luncheon which will take place immediately following this session.

**Monday Afternoon Session, May 20, 2019 [2:30 p.m.]**
A motion prevailed to reconvene the afternoon business session at 2:30 p.m.

**Announcements (Monday, 2:32 p.m.)**
The Ohio for Jesus Merchandise Basket giveaway was presented to Peter Miller.

The Men’s Game Day giveaway was presented to Michael Erdel.

**Election of the Network Presbyter At Large - Female 1 (Monday, 2:34 p.m.)**
Rev. Wootton referenced the printed booklet that also listed the names of those to be considered as nominees for the Network Presbyters at Large - Female. Ballots were cast and the chair declared the voting closed.

The first elective ballot for the Female Network Presbyter at Large was cast again and the chair declared the voting closed.

**First Elective Ballot for Great Lakes General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee (Monday, 2:36 p.m.)**

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

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Great Lakes General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes (with ties) on the first elective ballot considered: Chris Beard, Dan Holbrook.

**First Elective Ballot for Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee (Monday, 2:39 p.m.)**
Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee were announced as follows:

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

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes on the first elective ballot considered: Kay Gross, Christa Lund, Terri Triplett.

First Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At Large - Ethnic 1 (Monday, 2:41 p.m.)
Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Ethnic 1 were announced as follows:

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There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Ethnic 1.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Ethnic 1 with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes on the first elective ballot considered: Alejandro Colon, Donte Thomas, Tara Zimmer.

Announcements (Monday, 2:43 p.m.)
Rev. Wootton introduced Dr. Robert Crosby, the president of Emerge Counseling Services, and his wife, Pamela. Dr. Crosby prayed over the business meeting.

Announcements (Monday, 2:50 p.m.)
The Church Development gift basket giveaway was presented to Robin Crow.

Roster Report (Monday, 2:51 p.m.)
Tara Zimmer, chairman of the Roster Committee, read the roster report as follows:

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<td>86</td>
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The roster report was adopted as presented and a motion prevailed to adopt the roster report.

Announcements (Monday, 2:52 p.m.)
Rev. Wootton noted that the Heartland Conference Retreat Center All Things Are Possible pledge cards were available and instructed those wanting to make a pledge or donation to deposit the completed pledge cards in the basket at the registration desk and pick up a copy of “Beyond Blessed.”

Announcements (Monday, 2:53 p.m.)
The Ohio Church Multiplication Network gift basket giveaway was presented to Leah Lorann.

Resolution 1
Timothy J. Wolfe, member of the Resolutions Committee, read Resolution 1, Ratification of Area Officers Following a Special Election (Bylaws). A discussion ensued.

A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 1.

Announcements (Monday, 2:58 p.m.)
A presentation on Thrivent Financial was given.

A video presentation was shown about the upcoming General Council conference in August 2019 which will be hosted in Orlando.

General Council Resolution (Monday, 3:06 p.m.)
Rev. Wootton invited Network Secretary Josh Willaford to share the latest developments regarding a resolution written and sponsored by the Ohio Network Presbytery to be presented for adoption by the General Council. Rev. Willaford noted that physical copies of the resolution are available and a digital copy is available online at www.ohioministry.net/reports. Rev. Willaford noted that four other district presbyteries have voted to co-sponsor this resolution including the Georgia District Presbytery, the Iowa Ministry Network Presbytery, the Louisiana Ministry Network Executive Presbytery, and the Southern California Network Presbytery. The resolution is entitled “Voting Constituency of District Councils.” General Council Bylaws Article V, Section 4 dictates that voting members of district councils must be present. The aim of this resolution is to allow for districts to have the option of permitting bivocational pastors and missionaries abroad who cannot be present to vote at their district council.

2018 Heart for Ohio Giving Recognition (Monday, 3:10 p.m.)
Rev. Wootton expressed appreciation to all of the churches who participate in the Heart for Ohio giving program, including specifically the top three contributing churches for their Heart for Ohio giving in 2018 and presented awards to their pastors. The following churches were recognized:

**TOTAL GIVING**

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<td>Alliance Marlboro AG</td>
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**Second Elective Ballot for Great Lakes General Council Nonresident Executive Presbytery Nominee (Monday, 3:19 p.m.)**

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

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<td>Chris Beard</td>
<td>158</td>
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<td>Dan Holbrook</td>
<td>79</td>
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<td>Total Votes Cast</td>
<td>237</td>
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Having noted that Chris Beard received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Chris Beard the Great Lakes General Council Nonresident Executive Presbytery Nominee. Nominee Chris Beard accepted the election with appreciation.

**Second Elective Ballot for Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbytery Nominee (Monday, 3:20 p.m.)**

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

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

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbytery Nominee with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes on the first elective ballot considered: Kay Gross, Christa Lund.

**Second Elective Ballot for Network Presbytery At Large - Ethnic 1 (Monday, 3:22 p.m.)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Ethnic 1 were announced as follows:

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<td>Donte Thomas</td>
<td>67</td>
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<td>Tara Zimmer</td>
<td>56</td>
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There was no election on the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Ethnic 1.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Ethnic 1 with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes on the first elective ballot considered: Alejandro Colon, Donte Thomas.

**First Elective Ballot for Network Presbytery At Large - Female 1 (Monday, 3:24 p.m.)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Female 1 were announced as follows:

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There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Female 1.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Female 1 with the following names of those receiving the three highest numbers of votes on the first elective ballot considered: Robin Crow, Christa Lund, Michele Thompson.
Announcements (Monday, 3:27 p.m.)
The Heartland Conference Retreat Center gift basket giveaway was presented to Michael Leonard.

“All Things are Possible” Report (Monday, 3:28 p.m.)
Executive Director of Heartland Conference Retreat Center, Sue Nigh, and Superintendent John Wootton shared a presentation on the All Things Are Possible building campaign. Superintendent Wootton provided a review of the historical challenges that have resulted from continued growth and increasing interest. Additionally, a presentation was made that outlined the proposed construction and the funds that are required to accommodate for the expansion.

A video presentation was shared about the ministry of Heartland Conference Retreat Center. Rev. Chris Beard shared a testimony of God’s provision as People’s Church, Cincinnati stepped out in faith to give to the “All Things are Possible.”

Assistant Superintendent Palmer gave an update related to the current status of the gifts already given and pledges committed. He noted that the initial amount of $1.5 million has not yet been met. Currently, the given and pledged amount is more than $300,000 under what is needed to begin construction.

Rev. Dave Gross closed this report with a testimony of the power of faith-filled giving and prayer for God’s faithful provision.

Third Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At Large - Ethnic 1 (Monday, 4:30 p.m.)
Results of the third elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter at Large - Ethnic 1 were announced as follows:

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<td>Donte Thomas</td>
<td>55</td>
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There was no election on the third elective ballot for the office of Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee.

The fourth elective ballot was cast for the office of Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes on the first elective ballot considered: Kay Gross, Christa Lund.

Second Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At Large - Female 1 (Monday, 4:33 p.m.)
Results of the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter at Large - Female 1 were announced as follows:

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<td>252</td>
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There was no election on the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter at Large - Female 1.

The third elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyter at Large - Female 1 with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes on the second elective ballot considered: Christa Lund, Michele Thompson.

Announcements (Monday, 4:34 p.m.)
Rev. Wootton announced that the final business session would take place on Tuesday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Wootton announced that the evening service would begin at 7:00 p.m. at Radiant Life Church in Dublin with speaker and General Treasurer Rick DuBose. Rev. Wootton also announced that the prayer room would be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Frantz Room. Rev. Wootton also explained the format and schedule of the Tuesday morning working sessions.

A motion prevailed to recess business at 4:41 p.m. to reconvene at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21.

Tuesday Afternoon Session, May 21, 2019 (3:03 p.m.)
A motion prevailed to reconvene the afternoon business session at 3:03 p.m.

Announcements (Tuesday, 3:04 p.m.)
The Ohio Youth Ministries duffel bag giveaway was presented to Greg Mooney.
Announcements (Tuesday, 3:04 p.m.)
The Ohio KidMin gift bag giveaway was presented to Jamie Baxter.

Roster Report (Tuesday, 3:06 p.m.)
Tara Zimmer, chairman of the Roster Committee, read the roster report as follows:

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<td>Delegates</td>
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<td>Guests</td>
<td>93</td>
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<td>Total Registered</td>
<td>405</td>
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A motion prevailed to adopt the roster report as presented and to declare the roster closed.

Third Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At Large - Female 1 (Tuesday, 3:08 p.m.)
Results of the third elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyter at Large - Female 1 were announced as follows:

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<td>Christa Lund</td>
<td>151</td>
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<td>Michele Thompson</td>
<td>76</td>
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<td>Total Votes Cast</td>
<td>227</td>
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There was no election on the third elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Ethnic 2.

Fourth Elective Ballot for Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee (Tuesday, 3:13 p.m.)
Results of the fourth elective ballot for the office of Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee were announced as follows:

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<td>Kay Gross</td>
<td>74</td>
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<td>Total Votes Cast</td>
<td>231</td>
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Having noted that Christa Lund received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Christa Lund the Female General Council Nonresident Executive Presbyter Nominee. Nominee Christa Lund accepted the election with appreciation.

Announcements (Tuesday, 3:15 p.m.)
The Girls Ministries gift basket giveaway was presented to Bryan Hart.

Report and Recommendation of the Ethnic & Gender Inclusion in Leadership Committee (Tuesday, 3:16 p.m.)
Rev. Wootton asked Rev. Christa Lund to present the Ethnic & Gender Inclusion in Leadership Committee report. Formed as a result of action at the 2014 Network Conference in Bowling Green when a resolution to add 5 Network Presbyters-at-Large (3 female and 2 ethnic) failed to gain sufficient votes for adoption, the EGIL Committee (Ethnic and Gender Inclusion in Leadership) was charged with “initiating conversations and suggesting actions steps to help advance gender and ethnic diversity in leadership roles at the network, area, and local church levels.”

In the years since, the Committee has convened on multiple occasions, and included men and women, Black and Hispanic and Caucasian, both newer and seasoned ministers, lead pastors and other church leaders. Conversations were open and helpful, challenging yet reassuring.

The Committee noted several positive steps including a successful revision of the Ethnic & Female Presbyter-at-Large resolution adopted by the Network Conference in 2017; the election and benefit of Ethnic Presbyter-at-Large Alex Colon and Female Presbyter-at-Large Christa Lund who have worked with General Presbyter Chris Beard to develop job descriptions for these positions;
the addition of one more Ethnic Presbyter-at-Large and one more Female Presbyter-at-Large in 2019, bringing the total to four; and greater inclusion of these groups at an area level. The committee also noted several resources which they endorse: *Multietnic Conversations: An Eight-week Journey toward Unity in Your Church* by Mark DeYmaz and Oneya Fennell Okuwobi and *God’s Women Then and Now* by Deborah Gill and Barbara Cavaness.

The Committee also noted several signs of organic shifting that are surfacing, such as:

- More churches are addressing bylaw provisions which had previously prevented them from considering qualified women as board members.
- Existing churches are increasingly considering women as candidates for lead pastor positions.
- A greater number of urban church plants led by black and/or ethnic pastors are happening and in the pipeline.
- As recently as 2011, only 10% of ordination candidates were female. In the last three years, each class has been above 40% female.
- In the three years of 2017, 2018, and 2019 compared to the previous three years of 2014, 2015, and 2016, there has been a 300% increase in the number of ethnic (non-Anglo) ordination candidates.

With these initial steps successfully completed, including the addition of four Ethnic or Female Presbyters-at-Large to the Network Presbytery, the Committee believes the time has come to formally end their assignment from 2014.

A motion prevailed to receive with appreciation the report of the Ethnic and Gender Inclusion in Leadership Committee.

**Announcements (Tuesday, 3:24 p.m.)**

A video presentation was shown regarding the location of General Council 2023 which will be Columbus, OH.

**Fourth Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At Large - Female 1 (Tuesday, 3:29 p.m.)**

Results of the fourth elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Female 1 were announced as follows:

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<td>159</td>
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Having noted that Christa Lund received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Christa Lund the Network Presbyter at Large - Ethnic 2. Network Presbytery Christa Lund accepted the election with appreciation.

**Resolution 2 (Tuesday, 3:42 p.m.)**

Heather Erickson, member of the Resolutions Committee, read the Resolution 2, *Courtesy Resolution*, and moved its adoption.

A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 2.

Rev. Wootton expressed appreciation for the members of the committees, Network Resource Center administrative and support staff, and media team.

**First Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At Large - Female 2 (Tuesday, 3:45 p.m.)**

Results of the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Female 2 were announced as follows:

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<td>Michele Thompson</td>
<td>92</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deedra Shilliday</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Votes Cast</td>
<td>169</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Having noted that Donte Thomas received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Donte Thomas the Network Presbyter at Large - Ethnic 2. Network Presbytery Donte Thomas accepted the election with appreciation.

**Election of the Network Presbyter At Large - Female 2 (Tuesday, 3:37 p.m.)**

Superintendent Wootton read from the bylaws the qualifications and description for the nominees for the Network Presbyters at Large - Female. Ministers to be considered for Network Presbyters at Large - Female 2, as selected by the Network Presbytery, were listed as follows: Robin Crow, Deedra Shilliday, Michele Thompson.

Rev. Wootton referenced the printed booklet that also listed the names of those to be considered as nominees for the Network Presbyters at Large - Female 2. Ballots were cast and the chair declared the voting closed.

**Announcements (Tuesday, 3:39 p.m.)**

Rev. Wootton announced that the 75th Network Conference would be held on May 17-20, 2020 in Youngstown. The evening sessions will be held at Highway Tabernacle and the business sessions will be held at the Youngstown Marriott. The conference will be extended one day, until Wednesday.

**Second Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At Large - Ethnic 2 (Tuesday, 3:31 p.m.)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Ethnic 2 were announced as follows:
There was no election on the first elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Female 2.

The second elective ballot was cast for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Female 2 with the following names of those receiving the two highest numbers of votes on the first elective ballot considered: Robin Crow, Michele Thompson.

**Second Elective Ballot for Network Presbyter At Large - Female 2 (Tuesday, 3:50 p.m.)**

Results of the second elective ballot for the office of Network Presbyters at Large - Female 2 were announced as follows:

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<td>133</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Votes Cast</strong></td>
<td><strong>164</strong></td>
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Having noted that Michele Thompson received in excess of the two-thirds votes required, the chair declared Michele Thompson the Network Presbyter at Large - Female 2. Network Presbyter Michele Thompson accepted the election with appreciation.

Adjournment

Assistant Superintendent Jim Palmer closed in prayer and a motion to adjourn prevailed at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Willaford

Network Secretary

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**74th OHIO NETWORK CONFERENCE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**NOMINATION OF ETHNIC AND FEMALE NETWORK PRESBYTERS AT-LARGE (BYLAWS)**

WHEREAS, periodic review of the Ohio Ministry Network Bylaws reveals items that would benefit from greater clarity, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the language of each section of the bylaws aligns with all other parts of the bylaws, and

WHEREAS, the areas of the bylaws that address special elections for vacancies of elected offices are most effective when there are clear ratification timeframes stated to ensure that newly elected officers fill vacancies as soon as possible, and

WHEREAS, elections which are held during regularly scheduled area conferences currently outline a timeline for ratification of elected area officers, and

WHEREAS, such a review recently showed a need for a clarification of the time frame for ratification of officers elected in special area elections, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ohio Ministry Network Bylaws, Article II, section 9, paragraph d, be amended to read:

**PRESENT TEXT**

BYLAWS
ARTICLE II. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
Sections 9. Vacancies
Paragraphs a-c, no changes
d. When a vacancy occurs in an area office or when the area officer’s election is not ratified, a special business meeting shall be conducted in that area within sixty (60) 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 Network Executive Presbytery.

**PROPOSED TEXT**

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Sponsored by: The Network Presbytery and the Resolutions Committee
WHEREAS, We have been enriched and enabled through the ministry of the Spirit and the Word through speakers Rick DuBose, General Treasurer; John Wootton, Ohio Ministry Network Superintendent; Paris Yanno, Director of Father’s Heart; and Missionary Gary Dickinson at this 74th annual Network Conference, and

WHEREAS, Lead Pastor Christopher Gross and the pastoral team and staff of Radiant Life Church AG have served us with generosity, kindness and efficiency, and

WHEREAS, In the spirit of caring, sharing and giving, we are thankful also for the hospitality of the Dublin Embassy Suites hotel, and its emissaries, hostesses, concierge, maître d’ and staff,

WHEREAS, The Lord has favored the Ohio Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God with the spiritual, strategic, and empowering leadership of Superintendent John R. Wootton, and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Wootton possesses the character, skills and spiritual gifts that are hallmarks for a Divinely approved and enabled “overseer entrusted with God’s work” (Titus 1:7-9), and is an esteemed pastor for the Network’s ministers and source of encouragement and wisdom for its churches; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 74th Network Conference commissions the Network Secretary to express appreciation in writing to the pastoral team and staff of Radiant Life Church AG and Dublin Embassy Suites; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 74th Network Conference, convey appreciation and honor to our Superintendent, the Rev. John R. Wootton and his wife and ministry partner, Brigette Wootton, for their faithful and productive leadership of the Ohio Ministry Network.

Respectfully Submitted: The Resolutions and Standing Resolutions Committee
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