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PREFACE

CONSTITUTIONAL DECLARATION

WHEREAS, It is the express purpose of God, our heavenly Father, to call out of the world, a saved people, who shall constitute the body or church of Jesus Christ, built and established upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone; and

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

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

Resolved, That we recognize ourselves as a cooperative fellowship of Pentecostal assemblies of like precious faith throughout the United States and foreign lands, to be known as the General Council of the Assemblies of God, whose purpose is not 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 un-scriptural methods, doctrines and conduct, "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, till we all come in the unity of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13).

DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

Preamble: For the purpose of promulgating the gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means in our district, so that the results of our efforts may be conserved and assemblies established and developed in general unity and cooperative fellowship along the lines of our distinctive testimony; and for the further purpose of cooperating with all other like districts in the work of the General Council at home and abroad; we, who are members of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, hereby associate ourselves as District Council of the Assemblies of God, and agree to be governed by the following constitution and bylaws.

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ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this body shall be The Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God Inc.

ARTICLE II. TERRITORY

This district shall include the work of the Assemblies of God in the state of Kansas.

ARTICLE III. PREROGATIVES

In connection with its purpose to promulgate the gospel of Jesus Christ at home and abroad by all available means, this District Council shall have the following rights:

1. To supervise all activities of the Assemblies of God within its boundaries, except such as shall be agreed upon by the District Council and the General Council officials.
2. To examine, approve and recommend candidates to the General Council who have met the requirements of the district as set forth in its constitution and bylaws as certified ministers, licensed ministers and ordained ministers.
3. To elect its own officers, and to arrange its own meetings, and to govern itself. This district shall be amenable to the General Council in matters of doctrine and the conduct of all ministers who are permitted to have district endorsement.
4. To establish churches and to provide for their development, and to establish and maintain such departments and institutions for the fellowship as may be necessary for the propagation of the gospel.
5. To own, to hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of such property, real or chattel, as may be needed for the prosecution of its work.
6. To create, establish and fund departments deemed necessary by the Council in session.

ARTICLE IV. STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

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

1. The Scriptures Inspired

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

2. The One True God

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

THE ADORABLE GODHEAD

(a) Terms Defined

The terms "trinity" and "persons," as related to the Godhead, while not found in the Scriptures, are words in harmony with Scripture, whereby we may convey to others our immediate understanding of the doctrine of Christ respecting the being of God, as distinguished from "gods many and lords many." We therefore may speak with propriety of the Lord our God, who is One Lord, as a trinity or as one Being of three persons, and still be absolutely scriptural (examples, Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; John 14:16-17).

(b) Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead

Christ taught a distinction of persons in the Godhead which He expressed in specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, but that this distinction and relationship, as to its mode is inscrutable and incomprehensible, because unexplained (Luke 1:35; 1 Cor. 1:24; Matt. 11:25-27; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 John 1:3-4).

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

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

(d) Identity and Cooperation in the Godhead

The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost 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 Ghost 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 Ghost, it therefore belongs exclusively to the Son of God (Rom. 1:1-3, 7; 2 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; 1 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; 2 John 3; 1 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 (2 John 9; John 1:1-2, 14, 18, 29, 49; 1 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 Ghost 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; 1 Peter 3:22; Acts 2:32-36; Rom. 14:11; 1 Cor. 15:24-28).

(j) Equal Honor to the Father and 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 Ghost 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; 1 Peter 1:8; Rev. 5:6-14; Phil. 2:8-9; Rev. 7:9-10; 4:8-11).

3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

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

- (a) His virgin birth (Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35).
- (b) His sinless life (Heb. 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).
- (c) His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).
- (d) His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Cor. 15:3; 2 Cor. 5:21).
- (e) His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matt. 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Cor. 15:4).
- (f) His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 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 (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:17; 3:6; Rom. 5:12-19).

5. 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 and renewing of the Holy Ghost, 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; Rom. 10:13-15; Eph. 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).

(b) The Evidence of Salvation

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

6. The Ordinances of the Church

(a) Baptism in Water

The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe in Christ as Saviour 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 (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47-48; Rom. 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 (2 Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Cor. 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Cor. 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers “till He come.”

7. The Baptism in the Holy Ghost

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Ghost 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 enduement of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gift and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8; 1 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 Ghost come such experiences as an overflowing fulness 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 Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost

The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost 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 (1 Cor. 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use.

9. Sanctification

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Rom. 12:1-2; 1 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 Ghost we are able to obey the command, "Be ye holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15-16).

Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing our individual identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:1-11, 13; Rom. 8:1-2, 13; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 2:12-13; 1 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 her 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 (Eph. 1:22-23; 2:22; Heb. 12:23).

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

- (a) To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16).
- (b) To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (1 Cor. 12:13).
- (c) To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Cor. 12:28; 1 Cor. 14:12).

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

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

11. The Ministry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the threefold purpose of leading the Church in: (1) evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20); (2) worship of God (John 4:23-24); and (3) building a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Eph. 4:11-16).

12. Divine Healing

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

13. The Blessed Hope

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church (1 Thess. 4:16-17; Rom. 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Cor. 15:51-52).

14. The Millennial Reign of Christ

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for 1,000 years (Zech. 14:5; Matt. 24:27, 30; Rev. 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezek. 37:21-22; Zeph. 3:19-20; Rom. 11:26-27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isa. 11:6-9; Ps. 72:3-8; Micah 4:3-4).

15. The Final Judgment

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

16. The New Heavens and the New Earth

We, “according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness” (2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:22).

ARTICLE V. RELATIONSHIP

1. The Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God Inc. shall recognize itself as a part of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, whose headquarters is in Springfield, Missouri, and shall recognize and be subject to the said General Council as the parent body.

2. The local churches of the district, which are in full fellowship with the district, shall recognize and be subject to the District Council as set forth in Article IX.

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Kansas District Council shall consist of:

1. All ministers holding accredited fellowship certificates from either the General Council or the Kansas District Council, and having their permanent residence within the State of Kansas.

2. Senior retired ministers having their residence within the state of Kansas, or if living in another state choosing to be affiliated with the Kansas District.

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3. Ministers affiliated with the Kansas District but presently associated with national headquarters or Bible schools may retain their membership in the Kansas District.

4. Students attending Bible schools or colleges should retain their membership in their home district until permanently located.

5. All delegates chosen by the local assemblies to represent them at the District Council meetings and having proper delegate's credentials.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

1. The District Council shall meet annually, the time and place to be decided by the Board of Directors. Announcement shall be published not later than one month before the meeting.

2. Special sessions may be called to meet any emergency that may arise within the district. Such call should be issued by the superintendent or the secretary after the emergency has been fully considered and passed upon by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

3. Special sessions to fill vacancies in the offices shall be called as prescribed for in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers

- A. There shall be a superintendent, a secretary, and a treasurer of the Kansas District Council Inc., who shall be its executive officers, and shall be elected and perform duties as described in the bylaws.
- B. They shall have the general oversight of the activities of the district and they shall be empowered to act in emergency matters in the interim between meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Sectional Presbyter

There shall be a presbyter in each section.

- A. He shall be elected and perform duties as described in the bylaws.
- B. He shall, by virtue of office, be a member of the board of directors.

Section 3. District Boards**A. Board of Directors**

1. There shall be a Board of Directors, otherwise known as the District Presbytery.
2. The Board of Directors shall be the duly authorized agency responsible for the general oversight and administration of the district in the interim between Council sessions.
3. The board of directors shall consist of the superintendent, secretary, treasurer, Kansas Youth Ministries/Christian Education director and sectional presbyters.
4. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to act for the District Council in all emergency matters that affect the interests of the District Council and to execute board decisions. In such matters, such decisions shall be final unless reversed by the Council in session.

B. Board of Trustees

1. There shall be a Board of Trustees consisting of the superintendent, secretary, and treasurer.
2. All property of the Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God Inc., both real and chattel, shall be committed to their safekeeping.
3. They shall be the Council's officers who are designated to sign, execute and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the corporation, all legal documents, and the secretary shall certify in such instrument of conveyance that the same has been duly recommended and authorized.

ARTICLE IX. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES**Section 1. Rights Related to Sovereignty****A. General Council-Affiliated Churches**

1. We recognize that each local assembly has the right of self-government under Jesus Christ, its living head.
2. The local assembly shall have the power to choose its pastor, elects its official board and transact all other business pertaining to its life as a local assembly.
3. The local assembly shall have the right to administer discipline to its members according to the Scriptures and its bylaws.
4. The local assembly shall have the right to acquire and hold title to property in its own right, either through

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trustees or in its corporate name as a self-governing assembly.

5. All true pentecostal believers associating themselves in local bodies as assemblies and accepting their full share of responsibility of the maintaining of scriptural order in the local body, shall have a standard for membership that may be determined either by the local assembly itself or by agreement with the District Council.

B. District Council-Affiliated Churches

1. We recognize that each local assembly in good standing has the right of self-government in cooperation with the Kansas District Council, under Jesus Christ its living head.
2. The local assembly shall have the power to choose its pastor, elect its official board, and transact all other business pertaining to its life as a local assembly.
3. The local assembly shall have the right to administer discipline to its members according to Scriptures and its bylaws.
4. The local assembly shall have the right to acquire and hold title to property in its own right, either through trustees or in its corporate name as a self governing body.
5. All true Pentecostal believers associating themselves in local bodies as assemblies and accepting their full share of responsibility of maintaining of scriptural order in the local body, shall have a standard for membership that may be determined either by the local assembly itself or by agreement with the District Council.
6. These assemblies shall be encouraged to proceed to the status of General Council affiliated churches.

Section 2. Privileges and Responsibilities Related to Affiliation

A. General Council-Affiliated Churches

The fact that a local assembly is affiliated in the association of the District and General Council shall in no way destroy its rights as stated nor shall such relationship interfere with its sovereignty.

B. District Council-Affiliated Churches

The fact that a local assembly is affiliated with the District

Council shall in no way destroy its rights as stated nor shall such relationship interfere with its sovereignty.

C. All Affiliated Churches

1. The local assembly shall recognize that the District or General Council has the right to approve scriptural doctrine and conduct.
2. When in need of counsel or advice, the local assembly may appeal to the district officary for help.
3. The local assembly may appeal the decision by the district officary to the executive presbytery of the Assemblies of God when there is a question of whether or not the assembly has received proper help from the district. When exceptions are taken to the decisions of the executive presbytery, either by the General Council-affiliated assembly or by the district presbytery, appeal may be made to the general presbytery.
4. Local assemblies are expected to have an interest in the World Ministries of the Assemblies of God and to plan for regular contributions for its support.
5. Local assemblies shall be set in order and cooperate with the district.
6. Local assemblies shall support the district organizations and may send delegates to the District Council.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the constitution may be made by a two-thirds majority vote, provided such proposals have been submitted to the district office for proper editing and publication. The proposed amendment shall be mailed to the membership at least 30 days before a regular business meeting.

ARTICLE XI. RIGHT OF INITIATIVE

Any active member of the Kansas District Council may exercise the right of initiative to address matters of concern with the superintendent, Executive Board of Directors, and the Kansas District Council provided that member adheres to the following process:

1. Presentation to Superintendent

Any active member of the Kansas District Council may formally express matters of concern to the district

superintendent by requesting a private meeting with the superintendent and providing written communication to the superintendent of the matter of concern.

2. Presentation to Board of Trustees

Any three members of the Kansas District Council may together formally express matters of concern to the Board of Trustees by requesting a meeting with the Board of Trustees and providing written communication of the matter of concern. This meeting may be requested provided at least one such member has followed the process established by Article XI, Section 1.

3. Presentation to District Council

Any active member may exercise the right of initiative in the calling of a special meeting of the Kansas District Council by presenting a request signed by no fewer than fifty active members of the council provided the matter has first been presented according to the process established by Article XI, Section 2. The request shall be presented to the superintendent or secretary of the district, who shall proceed to issue a call for said meeting as prescribed in Article VII, Section 2, of the Constitution.

KANSAS DISTRICT BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. Parliamentary Procedure

In order to expedite the work of the Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God Inc., and to avoid confusion in its deliberations, the Council shall be governed by *Roberts Rules of Order*, in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

Section 2. Voting Constituency

The voting constituency shall consist of all accredited members present and registered, including:

- A. Ordained ministers.
- B. Licensed ministers.
- C. Certified ministers who are pastors.
- D. Church delegate - Each affiliated or associated church shall be allowed one delegate chosen by the church.

Section 3. Quorum

- A. Board of Directors - A majority of the members of the Board of directors responding to a properly called meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Committees - A majority of the members of any committee responding to a properly called meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- C. District Meetings - All ministers and delegates who shall respond to the announcement of the time and place of a district meeting, called according to the bylaws, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Order of Business

- A. The regular order of business for the District Council shall be:
 1. Report of the Roster Committee.
 2. Elections interspersed through the remaining agenda.
 3. Reports of officers and departments.
 4. Unfinished business.
 5. New business.
 6. Adjournment.
- B. All business sessions of the Council shall commence with prayer.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS

Section 1. Personnel

- A. District
 - 1. Board of Directors - The superintendent, secretary, treasurer, sectional presbyters and the Youth Ministries/Christian Education director shall constitute the Board of Directors, otherwise known as the District Presbytery.
 - 2. Trustees - The superintendent, secretary and treasurer shall constitute the Board of Trustees.
 - 3. Departments
 - a. Departments and other ministries shall be established, as deemed necessary and beneficial, by proposal of the District Superintendent and ratification of board of directors. Guidelines and operating procedures for such departments shall be included in the Policy and Procedure Manual.
 - b. All department directors shall serve at the discretion of the district superintendent, with their appointments being ratified by the district board of directors. All such directors shall be selected from the District at-large.
 - c. Teams working with department director will be selected by the department director and ratified by the District Superintendent.
- B. General Council, General Presbyters - The superintendent, secretary and treasurer shall be general presbyters by virtue of their office.

Section 2. Qualifications

- A. The officers of the District Council shall be chosen from the membership of the District Council.
- B. The officers, which comprise the Board of Directors, other wise known as the District Presbytery, shall be ordained men of ability and of mature experience who have been resident members of this district for at least two years, and are fully cooperative with all its policies, and such qualifications shall determine their eligibility.
- C. A person serving as sectional presbyter, KYM/CE representative, or HonorBound representative shall be actively involved

as a pastor or full-time staff member of an Assemblies of God church within the section being served.

- D. In the event only one, or no minister meets the above qualifications for the office of presbyter in any section, the district Executive Committee shall be authorized to waive the qualifications, according to guidelines in the Policy and Procedure Manual, Article II. Structure; Section A. Qualifications for Sectional Presbyter, in order to provide a slate of nominees for the office.

Section 3. Term of Office

- A. The superintendent shall be elected to office in even-numbered years. He shall begin office on the first day of June of the year of election and shall continue for four years or until his successor qualifies.
- B. The secretary shall be elected to office in even-numbered years, but generally not in the same year as the superintendent. He will begin office on the first day of June of the year of election and shall continue for four years or until his successor qualifies.
- C. The treasurer shall be elected to office in even-numbered years, but generally not in the same year as the superintendent. He will begin office on the first day of June of the year of election and shall continue for four years or until his successor qualifies.
- D. Sectional Presbyters
 - 1. Election of presbyters shall be held in the sections at a meeting prior to District Council.
 - 2. Election to the office of sectional presbyter shall automatically carry the status of a district presbyter and a membership on the board of directors.
 - 3. The term of office shall be for two years and begins one week following the day of election.
 - 4. The sectional presbyter shall be eligible to serve as presbyter for three terms, following which he must be off of the Presbytery Board at least one term.

Section 4. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in the district offices, it shall be filled in the following manner:

- A. Superintendent - The Board of Directors, within 10 days, shall call a one-day special Council meeting to be held within 30 days

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- to elect a superintendent.
- B. Secretary - A meeting shall be called in connection with the nearest scheduled district event, and a secretary elected.
 - C. Treasurer - A meeting shall be called in connection with the nearest scheduled district event, and a treasurer elected.
 - D. Sectional presbyters - They shall be elected, each in his own section, to fill the unexpired term of their predecessor. The election shall be presided over by the superintendent, or another district officer, at the next sectional meeting.
 - E. Any other office for which no specifics have been given regarding vacancies, shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Nominations and Elections

- A. Candidates for District Superintendent shall be nominated by secret ballot.
- B. A slate of up to three qualified candidates shall be submitted to the District Council by the Board of Directors for each of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. These candidates shall be selected from the District at-large.
- C. Sectional presbyter shall be nominated through a selection process as defined in the sectional presbyter section of the Policy and Procedure Manual.
- D. All names thus presented shall be balloted upon until a candidate shall have two-thirds of the votes cast, provided, however, that if no such majority shall have been reached by the first two electoral ballots cast, the three candidates having the highest number of votes cast in the last ballot shall be the nominees to be voted upon further and all other names shall be eliminated.
- E. Any candidate receiving a two-thirds majority vote on the nominating ballot shall be considered elected to office.
- F. The superintendent, secretary and treasurer, shall be elected at one of the official meetings of the District Council.

Section 6. Notification, District Board of Directors

- A. All members of the district Board of Directors shall be notified of the time and place of all meetings.
- B. Regular meetings shall require at least a 10-day notice.
- C. Special meetings may be called when necessary.

Section 7. Courtesy of the Floor

The courtesy of the floor shall be extended to visiting ministers from other districts of the Assemblies of God; the right to vote shall be withheld.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**Section 1. Superintendent**

- A. To preside at meetings of the District Council.
- B. To be the head of the district office, and to supervise the work of that office during the interim between sessions of the District Council.
- C. To call and to preside at all the meetings of the Board of Directors and to receive all communications addressed to that body.
- D. To administer discipline in all cases when requested to do so by the Board of Directors.
- E. To act as president of the corporation.
- F. To serve as a general presbyter by virtue of his office.
- G. To be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- H. To be the personnel director of the camps.
- I. To perform any other function usual and customary for the presiding officer, or as may be directed by the District Council or the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Secretary

- A. To keep a true record of the proceedings of the District Council meetings, also the meetings of the Executive Board of Directors and the Credentials Committee.
- B. To serve as custodian of the seal of the District Council.
- C. To preside over the Credentials Committee in session.
- D. To issue credentials under the direction of the Credentials Committee and the Executive Board of Directors.
- E. To keep a record of all ministers and churches in the district.
- F. To serve as secretary of the corporation in legal matters.
- G. To serve as general presbyter by virtue of his office.
- H. To perform any other functions usual and customary for a secretary or as may be directed by the District Council or the Executive Board of Directors.
- I. To preside in an official capacity in place of the superintendent as the occasion demands.

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Section 3. Treasurer

- A. To receive and record all monies to the District Council and its departments and to disburse funds under the direction of the Executive Board of Directors.
- B. To serve as resident agent of the corporation.
- C. To establish and maintain a reliable system of bookkeeping and to provide regular monthly financial reports to the Executive Board of Directors.
- D. To have the financial records audited annually by an accredited accountant, selected by the Executive Board of Directors and to publish the audit for each District Council.
- E. To serve as treasurer of the corporation in legal matters.
- F. To serve as general presbyter by virtue of his office.
- G. To be the purchasing agent for all camps.
- H. To perform any other functions usual and customary for a treasurer or as may be directed by the District Council or the Executive Board of Directors.

Section 4. Board of Directors - District Presbytery

- A. To have the general oversight of the activities of the district during interim between Council sessions.
- B. To act for the district in all emergency matters that affect its interests and to execute its decisions.
- C. To arrange for its own meetings, a minimum of one per quarter. All decisions made in those meetings shall be final unless reversed by the Council in session.
- D. To take the necessary legal steps in the transfer of church property, title, and monies to the Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God Inc., under the following provisions, when it does not infringe on the sovereignty of the local church:
 - 1. In the event the church property should cease to be used as an Assemblies of God church.
 - 2. In the event said congregation should sever its affiliation with the Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God Inc., or the General Council of the Assemblies of God Inc.
 - 3. When a church has closed its doors and services have not been held for a period of four months.
 - 4. When a church has solicited and collected money in the name of the Assemblies of God, local, district or otherwise.
- E. To serve as the Credentials Committee in the granting of credentials, administering discipline and reviewing applica-

- tions for reinstatement and renewal of ministerial credentials.
- F. To set the salary and remuneration of all district officers.
 - G. To supervise the distribution of funds in consultation with the department head or officer in charge of the activity for which the fund is being used.
 - H. To ratify the following:
 - 1. The establishment of any or all departments or ministries proposed by the district superintendent.
 - 2. All department or ministry directors appointed by the district superintendent.
 - I. To serve as members of the District Camp Board and the Home Missions Board.

Section 5. Trustees

- A. The superintendent, secretary, and treasurer shall constitute a Board of Trustees who provide for the safekeeping of all the property of the Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God Inc., both real and chattel.
- B. They shall sign, execute and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the corporation, all legal documents and the secretary-treasurer shall certify in such instruments of conveyance that the same has been duly recommended and authorized.
- C. The trustees shall purchase or sell property of the corporation real or chattel, only by the authorization of at least a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
- D. They shall act in emergency matters affecting the district in the interim between meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Sectional Presbyters

See Kansas District Policy and Procedure Manual.

ARTICLE IV. DEPARTMENTS

Section 1. Policy and Procedure

- A. Each department created and established by the Kansas District Council shall be governed by a Departmental Policy and Procedure Manual.
 - 1. Departmental Policy and Procedure Manuals shall be developed and maintained by the respective Departmental Executive Committees.
 - 2. Departmental Policy and Procedure Manuals shall be

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subject to the approval of the district Board of Directors.

B. Guidelines for Policy and Procedure Manuals

1. They shall be consistent with the prerogatives and purposes of the Kansas District Council as set forth in the constitution and bylaws.
2. They shall define departmental programs and the administration of those programs.
3. They shall set forth the qualifications for and duties of departmental officers.
4. They shall set forth the qualifications for membership within their departments.
5. They shall provide guidelines for departmental financing.
6. They shall be under the close scrutiny and supervision of the district Board of Directors who shall be empowered to approve the policy or if necessary improve the policy for the expansion of the kingdom of God.

Section 2. Amenability

The departments shall be amenable to the District Council and its officers.

Section 3. Nomenclature

Departments that have been created are: Christian Education, Kansas Youth Ministries, HonorBound and Women's Ministries.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

Standing committees shall be established or appointed as necessity may indicate.

- A. They shall be appointed by the district superintendent in cooperation with the Board of Directors.
- B. The term of office shall continue from the date of appointment to the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the District Council.

Section 2. Special Committees

Special committees may be created at the District Council in session or by the Board of Directors between sessions as may be required.

Section 3. Notification

All members of any committee shall be notified of the time and place of any meeting.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCES

Section 1. Supervision

- A. All finances shall be under the immediate supervision of the Board of Directors.
- B. Funds belonging to various departments of the district shall be disbursed in consultation with the department head or officer in charge of the activity for which the fund is being used.

Section 2. Types of Income

- A. Tithes
 - 1. Ordained ministers to pay \$20 per month to the General Council office, the balance of ministry income tithe or \$75 per month whichever is greater, to the Kansas District Council.
 - 2. Licensed ministers to pay \$15 per month to the General Council office, the balance of ministry income tithe or \$50 per month whichever is greater, to the Kansas District Council.
 - 3. Certified ministers to pay \$7.50 per month to the General Council office, the balance of ministry income tithe or \$25 per month whichever is greater, to the Kansas District Council.
 - 4. Ministers who are eligible to vote and engaged in secular work are to send one-fourth of tithes from secular work to the Kansas District Council. An exemption is given to ministers serving as pastors of Division One churches (50 or less in attendance). This amount can be used to meet the minimum credential holder dues required at each level.
 - 5. The annual contribution to the General Council for each credential level may be deducted from the giving listed above, unless that causes giving to the district to fall below the minimum annual credential holder dues.
 - 6. The minimum annual credential holder dues, upon request, may be waived for any credential holder who is a

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full-time student.

7. The minimum annual credential holder dues, upon request, may be reduced or waived by appeal to the District Board.
 8. Evangelists are to send one-half of their tithes to the district in which they are working and an equal share to their home district. It is recommended that the same cooperation be given by evangelists working in Kansas. Evangelists shall be subject to the same credential level minimum dues as all credential holders.
- B. Churches
1. It is recommended that two percent of the general income of the church be sent to the district office for district projects.
 2. It is recommended that 10 percent of foreign missions offerings be sent to the district office and designated for home missions.
 3. Departments of the church should contribute as outlined under various district departments: Kansas Youth Ministries, HonorBound, Women's Ministries, Camps and World Ministries.

Section 3. Departmental Funding

- A. The Christian Education Department - Shall be financed by the tithes and offerings sent to the district office by local groups.
- B. The Kansas Youth Ministries Department - Shall be financed by monthly pledges and offerings from local groups.
- C. The HonorBound Department - Shall be financed by tithes and offerings received from local groups and other offerings.
- D. The Women's Ministries Department - Shall be financed by:
 1. Sections - Tithes from sectional offerings.
 2. Local Groups
 - a. Tithes from offerings.
 - b. Offerings in addition to tithes.
 - c. Tithes from earned income, such as sales, etc.
 3. Projects - 20 percent of money raised from district projects.

Section 4. Burial Fund

- A. In the event of the death of a minister of the Kansas District Council or a minister's companion or dependent children, a \$300 gift shall be sent to the surviving companion, the monies to be taken from the administrative account.
- B. Ministers who wish may contribute toward this expense.
- C. At the time of death, a notice shall be sent to all ministers in the district so that condolences may be made.

ARTICLE VII. SECTIONAL DIVISIONS

The Kansas District is divided into nine sections:

- Section 1 - Doniphan, Atchison, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson, Miami and Linn counties.
- Section 2 - Jewell, Republic, Washington, Mitchell, Cloud, Clay, Ottawa, Saline, Dickinson, Geary and Morris counties.
- Section 3 - Phillips, Smith, Rooks, Osborne, Ellis, Russell, Rush, Lincoln and Ellsworth counties.
- Section 4 - Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Wallace, Logan, Gove and Trego counties.
- Section 5 - Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane, Ness, Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Hodgeman, Stanton, Grant, Haskell, Gray, Ford, Morton, Stevens, Seward, Meade and Clark counties.
- Section 6 - Pawnee, Barton, Rice, Edwards, Stafford, Reno, Kiowa, Pratt, Kingman, Comanche, Barber and Harper counties.
- Section 7 - McPherson, Marion, Chase, Harvey, Sedgwick, Butler, Greenwood, Sumner and Cowley counties.

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Section 8 - Woodson, Allen, Bourbon, Elk, Wilson, Neosho, Crawford, Chautauqua, Montgomery, Labette and Cherokee counties.

Section 9 - Marshall, Nemaha, Brown, Riley, Pottawatomie, Jackson, Jefferson, Wabaunsee, Shawnee, Douglas, Lyon, Osage, Franklin, Coffey and Andersen counties.

(A map showing these sectional boundaries may be found near the front of this directory in the introductory pages.)

ARTICLE VIII. THE MINISTRY

Section 1. Definition

We classify ministers in three progressive areas of recognition, as follows:

- A. Certified Ministers - Those persons who have been approved as having met the qualifications in Section 2, Letter A.
- B. Licensed - Those persons who have been approved as having met the qualifications in Section 2, Letter B.
- C. Ordained - Those persons who have been approved as having met the qualifications in Section 2, Letter C.

Section 2. Qualifications

All candidates for ministerial recognition, men and women, must give evidence of:

- A born-again experience (John 3:3).
 - The baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) and a Spirit-filled life (Eph. 5:18).
 - A divine call to the ministry (1 Tim. 3:1-7 and Titus 1:7).
- A. Certified Ministers
1. Membership in an Assemblies of God church for at least one year.
 2. A cooperative spirit and a good report.
 3. Some degree of leadership and ability to minister the Word.
 4. Must be personally acquainted with the sectional presbyter.
 5. Must meet the basic education requirements of the current General Council Bylaws (Article VII. Ministry; Section 2.

Basic Qualifications; Letter h.) as outlined in the Kansas District Policy and Procedure Manual.

6. Must know and cooperate with all policies of the Kansas District Council, including financial support.
7. An exception for provisional issuance of a Certificate of Ministry shall be made according to the General Council Bylaws (Article VII. Ministry; Section 3. Specific Qualifications; b. Certified Minister; Number 3.) as outlined in the Kansas Policy and Procedure Manual.

B. Licensed

1. Preaching Ministry

- a. Must be at least 20 years of age.
- b. Must have had a certificate of ministry for one year or anyone applying for credentials for the first time with a four-year recognized Bible school degree and presently involved in full-time ministry, will begin at the License level. That same person, with a four year degree and not involved in full-time ministry, will begin at the Certified Minister level.
- c. Purpose to devote entire time to the work of the ministry.
- d. Some practical experience in actual ministry.
- e. Must meet the basic education requirements of the current General Council Bylaws (Article VII. Ministry; Section 2. Basic Qualifications; Letter h.) as outlined in the Kansas District Policy and Procedure Manual.
- f. Must know and cooperate with all policies of the Kansas District Council, including financial support.

2. Specialized Ministry

- a. An evident purpose to devote one's time to a specialized ministry such as Christian education, music, church related ministry by a minister's spouse, or other full-time ministries.
- b. The same qualifications as outlined in Paragraph B.1 of this Article shall apply.

C. Ordained

1. Must be at least 23 years of age.
2. Must have had a license for two full years.
3. A member of the Kansas District for at least one full year.
4. No person may be ordained to the ministry until he shall have held a license to preach and shall have been engaged

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in active work as a pastor, evangelist, or some other recognized and proven full-time preaching ministry for at least two full consecutive years immediately prior thereto.

5. Must meet the basic education requirements of the current General Council Bylaws (Article VII. Ministry; Section 2. Basic Qualifications; Letter h.) as outlined in the Kansas District Policy and Procedure Manual.
6. Must know and cooperate with all policies of the Kansas District Council, including financial support.

Section 3. Procedures for Securing Credentials

See Kansas District Credentials Policy and Procedure Manual.

Section 4 . Annual Fellowship Certificates

All credentials expire annually and issuance of fellowship certificates is subject to the approval of the district Board of Directors on the following conditions:

A. Certified Ministers

1. Must return the annual questionnaire to the district office.
2. Should have made progress in Berean College correspondence courses or equivalent Bible school training during the year.
3. Must preach at least 12 times during the year.

B. Licensed

1. Must return the annual questionnaire to the district office.
2. Must have preached at least 15 times during the year.
3. Should have made progress in Berean College correspondence courses or equivalent Bible school training during the year.

C. Ordained

1. Must return the annual questionnaire to the district office.
2. Must have preached at least 15 times during the year.

(Note: Preaching is intended to mean more than teaching a Sunday school class.)

Section 5. Termination of Credentials

- A. Lapsed - A minister who does not elect to renew his credentials, providing there is no cause for disciplinary action, shall be listed as having lapsed.

- B. Resigned - A minister who has elected to remove himself from the fellowship, and against whom there are no charges filed, shall be listed as resigned. In the event a minister requests to resign, due investigation shall be made as to his standing. His request shall be granted, provided he is found in good standing. In case the evidence warrants contrary action, the minister shall be advised of the findings, and appropriate disciplinary action shall be taken.
- C. Suspended - A minister who is under serious charges or who has been given a probationary period for adjusting minor offenses, may be listed as suspended.
- D. Dismissed - A minister shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Credentials Committee if he has been found guilty of any of the following:
 - 1. Any moral failure involving sexual misconduct.
 - 2. Any moral or ethical failure other than sexual misconduct.
 - 3. General inefficiency in the ministry.
 - 4. A failure or inability to represent our Pentecostal testimony correctly.
 - 5. A contentious or noncooperative spirit.
 - 6. An assumption of dictatorial authority over an assembly.
 - 7. An arbitrary rejection of district counsel.
 - 8. A declared, open change in doctrinal views.
 - 9. A habit of running into debt which brings reproach upon the cause.
 - 10. A marriage in violation of our stand on marriage and divorce.
 - 11. Violations of ministerial counseling.
 - 12. Ministry without prior approval in a non-Council assembly church.
 - 13. An improper attitude toward those dismissed from the fellowship.

In the event the offending minister is found to be unrepentant or unwilling to cooperate, or otherwise fails in the rehabilitation effort, the minister shall be listed as having been dismissed.

Section 6. Trials and Appeals

Any minister charged with willful violation of Council principles, wrong doctrines or other misconduct shall have the right of a fair

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trial in accordance with Council principles, as defined and interpreted by the General Council Bylaws, Article IX.

Section 7. Restoration of Credentials

- A. Renewed - The term “renewed” shall be used to apply strictly to those who, for inadvertent reasons, fail to comply with the annual questionnaire deadlines and are restored to the ministerial list again. They must complete the questionnaire before consideration can be given.
- B. Reinstated - The term “reinstated” shall apply to those whose names have been deleted from the official ministerial list, but have received district clearance for restoration to the ministerial list.

Section 8. Ministerial Ethics

- A. To the District Council
 - 1. All ministers shall be amenable to the District Council in matters of doctrine and conduct.
 - 2. All ministers shall be expected to affiliate with the District Council and to work and cooperate with the same, and failure to do so shall bring their ministry into question.
 - 3. Ministers must renew their credentials annually, within the specified time, in order to maintain affiliation with the Kansas District Council and/or the General Council of the Assemblies of God.
 - 4. Ministers shall refrain from identifying themselves with any of the secret orders.
 - 5. Ministers shall not perform a marriage ceremony for anyone who has been divorced and whose former companion is still living (unless his case is included in the exceptional circumstances described in the General Council Bylaws, Article IX, Section 5, Letter b.). Any minister of our fellowship who performs such a ceremony, unless he is innocently deceived into doing the same, may be dismissed from the Council.
 - 6. Ministers using their personal finances in church building projects, without the approval of the Board of Directors, shall have no recourse to any refund. The district will not assume responsibility in such cases.
 - 7. The district presbytery shall be empowered to discipline unruly members in accordance with the Scriptures and in keeping with the resolutions passed by the General Council

affecting such matters.

B. To the Church

1. Ministers shall endeavor to safeguard the church from unreliable and unsafe teachers who seek entry into the assemblies without proper identification and recommendation.
2. Ministers shall be discouraged from accepting tithes from assemblies or local members where they formerly had charge.
3. Ministers are not to accept an office in the church of which they become a member unless this restriction is waived by the district Board of Directors.
4. All correspondence that concerns the whole assembly shall be addressed to the one in charge and not to private members. When there is no pastor, letters concerning the work shall be addressed to the officers of the assembly.
5. Inasmuch as unity is a vital principle for growth and spiritual development of the church, it is essential that we recognize our vital relationship to each other, and that we practice Christian cooperation in all our pastoral, evangelistic, missionary and local church work and business. Therefore, we urge that our ministers consult with our Council officials before engaging in ministry with non-Council assemblies in any given area of the district, so as to ascertain whether or not such non-Council assembly is approved as to doctrinal standards and cooperative fellowship with Council assemblies, and if not approved by the district officials, they shall be expected to refrain from conducting services for them. Ministers who violate this principle shall be considered as having opened the door for censure or charge, which may necessitate the recall of their credentials.

C. To Other Ministers

1. All discourteous conduct is disapproved, and all ministers are advised against interfering with pastors in charge of assemblies whether it be by going in upon their work without consent or by such correspondence with members of the congregation as will hurt the influence of the pastor.
2. Any minister who so offends shall be subjected to scriptural treatment as an offender by the district officary or by the executive presbyters of the General Council. Such discourtesy will seriously affect the granting of annual fellowship certificates and may be the basis for their recall.

Section 9. Transfers

A. Church Membership

1. To avoid confusion among the assemblies in the district, before members of one assembly are received into fellowship of another assembly, it is strongly recommended that the pastors involved consult with each other relative to a letter of transfer.
2. In the event that charges are pending against any of these persons, a satisfactory solution should be sought before these people are transferred or accepted into membership.
3. Under no conditions shall any persons be accepted into the membership in another church until their membership in the first church has been officially terminated.

B. Into the District - A minister who moves into the district, with the intent of making that his place of residence, shall file with the district secretary a letter of transfer from his former district within 60 days.

C. Out of the District

1. When a member leaves the district, he shall inform the district secretary of such removal, giving a forwarding address where he may be reached if necessary.
2. If the member leaves the district for permanent ministry in some other district, a letter of transfer shall be sent within a 30-day period to the secretary of the new district.
3. Exceptions may be made for ministers who are:
 - a. Moving to serve at general headquarters.
 - b. Retired from active ministry.
 - c. In the armed forces currently on active duty.
 - d. Serving on the faculties of schools affiliated with the General Council and District Council or nonaffiliated schools acceptable to the General Council and the district in which the school is located.
 - e. Appointed home missionaries retaining membership in their home district.
 - f. Students in schools outside their home districts.
 - g. Serving in a non-Assemblies of God institution providing:
 - (1) They have a regular scope of ministry which reaches beyond district boundaries.
 - (2) Both districts agree to the exception.
 - (3) The institution is acceptable to both districts.

Section 10. Rites and Ordinances of the Church

- A. Any minister who is either ordained, licensed, or a certified minister who is a pastor, shall have the right to perform the rituals of the church, which include:
 - 1. The communion service.
 - 2. Water baptism.
 - 3. Dedication of infants.
 - 4. Marriage ceremonies.
 - 5. Funeral services.
- B. The above-listed rituals shall be considered an active part of the ministry.

ARTICLE IX. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES

Section 1. Sovereign Assemblies

- A. Obligations of Affiliation
 - 1. Assemblies must recognize their obligations to the fellowship as a whole and to maintain proper standards of doctrine, church order and conduct.
 - 2. Assemblies shall strive to maintain doctrinal unity and practice by refusing to call as pastor anyone who does not hold or maintain credentials with the Assemblies of God or who has not been approved by the district.
 - 3. They shall be expected to participate in the cooperative program of the General and District Councils for the propagation of our testimony in both the home and foreign lands and to share in such provisions as may be made for the maintenance of the fellowship on financial or other practical lines.
- B. Requirements
 - 1. General Council-Affiliated Churches Article XI Section 1, (a) of the General Council Constitution states that the requirements for General Council-affiliated churches are as follows: They shall
 - a. Accept the tenets of faith of the Assemblies of God
 - b. Adopt a standard of membership that may be determined either by the local assembly or by agreement with the District Council;
 - c. Have a minimum active voting membership of 20 persons who shall accept responsibility to maintain scriptural order in the local body;

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- d. Adopt a constitution or bylaws compatible with those recommended by the District Council;
 - e. Have an adequate number of spiritually qualified members to fill the offices of the church called for in its constitution or bylaws, and
 - f. Make provision for a pastor who is a credentialed minister in good standing with the General Council and District Council.
2. Reversion to District Council-/affiliated Status
- If a General Council-affiliated church is unable to meet any of the criteria for affiliation, as set forth in the General Council Constitution, Article XI, Section 1, paragraph a, it shall seek the assistance of the district officers for help in maintaining the minimal requirement for General Council affiliation. The district may use any means prescribed by its bylaws to assist the church in returning to a position of strength. If, after one year, the minimal requirements have not been attained, the church shall revert to district-affiliated status until the minimal requirements for General Council affiliation have been attained.
3. District Council-Affiliated Churches
- a. Churches that do not meet and/or maintain the minimal requirements for General Council-affiliated assemblies shall be recognized as District Council-affiliated churches of the Assemblies of God.
 - b. The Kansas District Board of Directors shall give guidance to District Council-Affiliated Churches under the guidelines set forth in the Policy and Procedure Manual for District Council Affiliated Churches. This Policy and Procedure Manual shall be developed, maintained and approved by the district Board of Directors.
 - c. All newly formed Assemblies of God churches in Kansas shall be governed by the Official Bylaws for District Council-Affiliated churches, as set forth in the Policy and Procedure Manual, until such time as they meet the minimal requirements for General Council-affiliated assemblies.
 - d. Established District Council Affiliated Churches may continue to function under their present Constitution and Bylaws as approved by the district Board of Directors.
 - e. The church may come under district supervision at the

discretion of the district Board of Directors should the need arise:

- (1) by request of the pastor,
- (2) by request of a majority of the church board
- (3) by petition of the majority of the voting membership of the church,
- (4) by unresolved conflict between any of the above, as determined by the District Board of Directors
- (5) or by failure to follow district guidelines for Affiliated Churches in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

The supervised assembly shall be governed by the Official Bylaws for District Council-Affiliated churches, as set forth in the Policy and Procedure Manual. Before such a decision is made the local pastor and church board shall have the right to confer with the district Board of Directors. District supervision may continue until such time as the issues of the Assembly shall be resolved as determined by the district Board of Directors. Any Constitution and Bylaws the church may have will be set aside for the time of district supervision.

Section 2. New Assemblies

- A. The establishment of new assemblies or Home Missions works shall be under the supervision of the Board of Directors.
- B. The Board of Directors shall supervise new assemblies or Home Missions works under the guidelines set forth in the Kansas District Home Missions and New Church Policy and Procedure Manual.
- C. The Kansas District Home Missions and New Church program shall:
 1. Embody the spirit of evangelism and concern the Kansas District Council has for the establishment of new works.
 2. Provide for the safe legal protection of District Council financial provision.
 3. Be under the close scrutiny and supervision of the district Board of Directors who shall be empowered to approve the policy or if necessary improve the policy for the expansion of the kingdom of God.

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Section 3. Church Property

- A. Location - Recommendations are provided in the Kansas District Home Missions and New Church Policy and Procedure Manual.
- B. Deeds - Recommendations are provided in the Kansas District Home Missions and New Church Policy and Procedure Manual.

Section 4. Financial Assistance

Recommendations are provided in the Kansas District Home Missions and New Church Policy and Procedure Manual.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

- A. All proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be presented to the District Council in typed form, such proposal showing both the present reading and the proposed amendment.
- B. Amendments to the bylaws may be made by a majority vote.

ARTICLE XI. ADDENDA

All matters not covered by the constitution and bylaws or by resolutions that have been passed by the District Council shall be governed by resolutions appearing in the minutes of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, “endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, until we all come to the unity of the faith.”