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RESOLUTION #1

SPONSORED BY: Bylaws

REGARDING: Prayer for Country and Unity of Believers

WHEREAS, Essential Resolution #1 requests us to pray for world, national and local leaders and all those in authority that we may live “peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity” (I Timothy 2:2); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the SoCal Network in session requests all of our pastors and assemblies to arrange in each public service to have prayer offered for our leaders and all those in authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council remind our constituency of this Scriptural injunction, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the SoCal Network at this time prays for world, national and local leaders.

Presented _____

Amended _____

Referred _____

Adopted _____

Lost _____

RESOLUTION #2

SPONSORED BY: Bylaws Revision Committee and Executive Presbytery

REGARDING: Annual Financial Review

WHEREAS, The Bylaws in Article XIX, Section 1, B, requires that an audit be prepared annually; and

WHEREAS, the auditor has recommended the viability of Reviewed Financial Statements for the SoCal Network instead of the Audited Financial Statements; and

WHEREAS, The auditor has indicated that the processes and policies of the SoCal Network are held to a very high standard of accountability; and

WHEREAS, Reviewed Financial Statements are accepted by the Network’s financial partners, and

WHEREAS, this has the potential to save the SoCal Network approximately \$22,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is possible to conduct a full audit whenever warranted; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Article XIX, Section 1, B, which states:

B. There shall be an audit of all District Council account annually, prepared by an independent Public Accountant, in accordance with the requirements of the laws of the State of California. A copy of the audit shall be made available to the District Council in session.

Be amended to read:

B. Annually there will be Reviewed Financial Statements prepared by an audit firm, in accordance with the requirements of the laws of the State of California. A copy of the financial statement shall be made available to the District Council in session. A full audited financial statement may be requested by the Southern California District Executive Presbytery when deemed necessary.

Presented _____

Amended _____

Referred _____

Adopted _____

Lost _____

RESOLUTION #3

SPONSORED BY: Bylaws Revision Committee and Executive Presbytery

REGARDING: Arbitrators

WHEREAS, The Bylaws, in Article XI, Section 6, makes provision for a Panel of Arbitrators to hear and resolve disputes; and

WHEREAS, The Bylaws also clearly defines the qualifications and process for using the Panel of Arbitrators to arbitrate disagreements; and

WHEREAS, viable candidates are best known by the ministers at the regional level; and

WHEREAS, the election of the arbitrators can best be handled at the regional level; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Article XI, Section 6, be amended as follows:

Section 6. Panel of Arbitrators

In order to fulfill the biblical injunction that believers hear and resolve disputes within the church (I Cor. 6:1-8), a Panel of Arbitrators is hereby established.

A. Qualifications:

(1) Each arbitrator shall be an ordained minister of mature experience, sound Christian character and ability, who is a member in good standing in the District and has been so for at least two consecutive years prior to the date of election. The arbitrator must have been serving within the region from which he or she is nominated for 12 consecutive months preceding his or her election.

(2) Each arbitrator shall be a person who has been active and cooperative with the District and Regional activities and is current with his or her financial responsibilities to the District, the General Council and the public.

(3) When the selection of arbitrators shall be unacceptable to either or both of the parties in a dispute, three arbitrators shall be selected by the Christian Legal Society to hear and decide disputes between the Southern California District Council and a General Council or District Affiliated church, or a credentialed Assemblies of God minister.

B. Term of Office: The term of office for the members of the Panel of Arbitrators shall be ~~six~~ *three* years.

C. Termination of Office: The term of office for the members of the Panel of Arbitrators ends and their successors shall take office ~~June 1~~ *immediately* following the close of the ~~Annual District Council~~ *Regional meeting*.

D. Nominations and Elections:

~~(1) Each of the regions of the Southern California District Council of the Assemblies of God shall nominate by secret ballot two (2) ministers. The Regional Executive Presbyter and the Regional Leadership Team shall nominate two ministers meeting the qualifications in Paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2) to represent their region on the Panel of Arbitrators.~~

These nominees will be presented and elected at the annual Regional meeting

~~(2) The District Council shall elect two people from each section meeting the above qualifications to serve on the Panel of Arbitrators.~~

E. Vacancies: In the event a position on the Panel of Arbitrators becomes permanently vacant for any reason, a successor shall be chosen by the ~~Executive Presbytery~~ *respective region* at a regular ~~quarterly~~ meeting of *the region said Presbytery*, or at a special meeting of the Presbytery called by the ~~District Superintendent~~. Such successor shall fill the unexpired term.

Presented _____

Amended _____

Referred _____

Adopted _____

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RESOLUTION #4

SPONSORED BY: Bylaws Revision Committee and Executive Presbytery

REGARDING: Ministers Benevolence Fund

WHEREAS, The Bylaws, in Article XX, Section 4, make provision for a Ministers Benevolence Fund to assist with the expenses upon the death of a member minister; and

WHEREAS, the current assistance is a maximum of \$900.00; and

WHEREAS, the number of SoCal ministers participating in the Fund has diminished significantly as more ministers have purchased personal life insurance policies; and

WHEREAS, the Fund has operated at a deficit for many years; and

WHEREAS, the desire of the SoCal Network leadership is to assist ministers in whatever ways are possible; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ministers Benevolence Fund be dissolved effective July 1, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Article XX, Section 4 be replaced with the following:

Section 4. Bereavement Benefit

The District Council shall provide a bereavement benefit of \$2,000.00 for each credentialed minister of the SoCal Network who was in good standing at the time of his or her death made payable to the widow/widower or family of the credentialed minister.

And be it further RESOLVED, that those non-credentialed individuals currently participating in the Ministers Benevolence Fund be grandfathered in and receive a sum of \$1,000.00 upon his/her death.

Presented _____

Amended _____

Referred _____

Adopted _____

Lost _____

RESOLUTION #5

SPONSORED BY: Bylaws

REGARDING: 2023 CPI Tithe Adjustment

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 5, A, (12), regarding Minister’s Contributions, calls for ratification by the District Council of the annual tithe adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Subcommittee and the Executive Presbytery have reviewed the Consumer Price Index for five reporting counties within the boundaries of the Southern California District and confirmed that the CPI for 2022 is 8.6%; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Presbytery realizes that 8.6% is an unusually large CPI coming out of the Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Presbytery is concerned for all SoCal Network ministers and the impact that such a large CPI adjustment would have on ministers; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Presbytery must be wise stewards of the Network finances to keep up with cost adjustments to be sustainable; and

WHEREAS, in historical research, it was found that the CPI average from 1914-2022 was 3.2%; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a one-year exception be made to use the historical average of 3.2% and not the 2022 CPI of 8.6%; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following amounts be adopted beginning January 1, 2024:

- Ordained: \$292.00
- Licensed: \$265.00
- Certified: \$232.00

Presented _____

Amended _____

Referred _____

Adopted _____

Lost _____

RESOLUTION #6

SPONSORED BY: Bylaws Revision Committee and Executive Presbytery

REGARDING: Emergency Bylaws

WHEREAS, the world has experienced a pandemic since early 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Southern California Executive Presbytery had to adopt the Emergency Powers Act as provided for in the State of California Corporation Law as there was no provision in the Southern California District Council Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, legal counsel for the General Council of the Assemblies of God has recommended that this resolution be considered for addition in all district/network Bylaws; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following be added to the Southern California District Council Bylaws by adding Article XXIV as follows:

Article XXIV. Emergency Operations

Section 1. Emergency Bylaws

A. The Southern California District Executive Presbytery may adopt bylaws to be effective only in an emergency defined in subsection E of this section.

B. The emergency bylaws may make all provisions necessary for managing the Southern California District Council during the emergency, including but not limited to the following:

1. Procedures for calling a meeting of the Southern California District Council and the Southern California District Council Executive Presbytery.
2. Quorum requirements for any meeting.
3. Designation of additional or substitute directors.
4. Modification of lines of succession to accommodate the incapacity of any director, officer, employee, or agent resulting from the emergency.
5. Relocation of the principal office.

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

C. All provisions of the regular bylaws consistent with the emergency bylaws remain effective during the emergency. The emergency bylaws are not effective after the emergency ends.

D. Corporate action taken in good faith in accordance with the emergency bylaws both binds the Southern California District Council and may not be used to impose liability on a corporate director, officer, employee, or agent.

E. An emergency exists for purposes of this section if a quorum of the Southern California District Council's members or directors cannot readily be assembled because of any of the following events:

1. A natural catastrophe, including, but not limited to, a hurricane, tornado, storm, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcano eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, or drought, or, regardless of cause, any fire, flood, or explosion.
2. An attack on this state or nation by an enemy of the United States of America, or upon receipt by this state of a warning from the federal government indicating that an enemy attack is probable or imminent.
3. An act of terrorism or other manmade disaster that results in extraordinary levels of casualties or damage or disruption severely affecting the infrastructure, environment, economy, government functions, or population, including, but not limited to mass evacuations.
4. A pandemic.
5. A state of emergency proclaimed by a governor or by the President.
6. Any other condition as a result of which a quorum cannot readily be assembled.

Section 2. Electronic Meetings and Action by Unanimous Consent

In the event of an emergency or other sufficient cause as determined by the Southern California District Executive Presbytery, the members of the Southern California District Executive Presbytery or Southern California District Council may participate and act at any meeting through the use of any technology by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate simultaneously with each other, upon such terms and in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the member or members so participating.

Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Southern California District Executive Presbytery 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 Southern California District Executive Presbytery.

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____

Executive Presbyter Voting Information

Below you will find the Bylaws which govern the election of Regional and Intercultural Executive Presbyters, with qualifications, method of nomination, and election by the Council in session. Following are short biographical sketches on each of the nominations and their respective regions.

Section 2. Executive Presbytery

The Executive Presbytery shall consist of the District Superintendent, the executive officers, twelve (12) ordained ministers, one of whom shall be chosen from each of twelve (12) regions. Additional members shall consist of one ordained Female, one ordained Minister under the age of 40, one Intercultural representative identified in the General Council Ethnic group category of Asian/Pacific Islander (Intercultural Executive Presbyter 1), one identified in the General Council Ethnic group category of Black (Intercultural Executive Presbyter 2), one identified in the General Council Ethnic group category of Hispanic (Intercultural Executive Presbyter 3), one at large Intercultural presbyter from any General Council Ethnic code other than Anglo (Intercultural Executive Presbyter 4), and one at large Intercultural Executive Presbyter from any General Council Ethnic group category except ethnic code Anglo nominated by the Intercultural Committee (Intercultural Executive Presbyter 5). No more than two Intercultural Executive Presbyters shall be elected from any one General Council Ethnic group category.

The Executive Presbyters chosen to represent the twelve (12) regions shall be called Regional Executive Presbyters. When a General Council Pastor Presbyter is elected or General Council Executive Presbyter, who is not already serving as a District Executive Presbyter, he or she shall serve as an additional Executive Presbyter. Further, the members of the Executive Presbytery who are not Executive Officers also shall be called non-resident Executive Presbyters.

A. Qualifications: Executive Presbyters shall be ordained ministers of mature experience, sound Christian character, and ability who have been members of the District, in good standing, for at least two consecutive years directly prior to their nomination, and who have resided within said region from which they are nominated for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding their election. Qualifications for District Executives who serve also as Executive Presbyters shall be the same as given in Article IX, Section 1, A. The General Council Presbyter-Pastor who also serves as an Executive Presbyter shall have the same qualifications as given for Executive Officers in Article IX, Section 1, A.

B. Nominations and Elections for Executive Presbyters

(1) The Executive Presbyters for Regions 1, 4, 7 and 10 shall be elected in 2015 and serve for one year, and then be elected every three years thereafter. The Executive Presbyters for Regions 2, 5 and 8 and 11 shall be elected in 2015 for two years and then be elected every three years thereafter. The Executive Presbyters for Regions 3, 6, 9, and 12 shall be elected in 2015 for three years and then be elected every three years thereafter. The under 40 Executive Presbyter shall be elected for one year

in 2015 and every three years thereafter. The Credentialed Female Executive Presbyter shall be elected in 2015 for three years and then be elected every three years thereafter. Intercultural Executive Presbyters 1 and 3 shall be elected in 2019 for one year and every three years thereafter, Intercultural Executive Presbyters 2 and 5 in 2019 for two years and every three years thereafter, and Intercultural Executive Presbyter 4 in 2019 for 3 years and every three years thereafter. These initial staggered partial terms will count as a full-term in regards to term limits.

(2) Nominations.

(a) Each Region shall, in its proper year, select candidates from the qualified ministers of the region for the position of Executive Presbyter. Each candidate receiving twenty five percent (25%) of votes cast shall be considered for the office of Executive Presbyter. In the case where no nominee receives twenty five percent (25%) of votes cast, subsequent votes shall be taken until at least one person receives at least twenty five percent (25%) of the vote. The nominees shall be selected at each Region's Annual Business Meeting.

(b) Intercultural Executive Presbyter 1 shall be nominated by all SoCal ministers who have self-identified with the General Council in the Asian/Pacific Islander ethnic group category. Intercultural Executive Presbyter 2 shall be nominated by all SoCal ministers who have self-identified with the General Council in the Black ethnic group category. Intercultural Executive Presbyter 3 shall be nominated by all SoCal ministers who have self-identified with the General Council in the Hispanic ethnic group category. Intercultural Executive Presbyter 4 shall be nominated by all SoCal ministers who have self-identified with the General Council in any ethnic group category except ethnic code Anglo. Intercultural Executive Presbyter 5 shall be nominated by the Intercultural Committee from any ethnic group category except ethnic code Anglo.

(c) The nominee(s) for the Minister under the age of 40 Executive Presbyter position shall be selected, in its proper year, at each Regions' Annual Business Meeting. Qualified candidates shall include all ordained ministers under the age of 40 at the time of election. Voting constituency for this nominee shall be limited to credentialed ministers under the age of 40 residing within said region.

(d) The nominee(s) for the Credentialed Female Executive Presbyter position shall be selected, in its proper year, at each region's annual business meeting. Qualified candidates shall include all female ordained ministers. Voting constituency for this nominee shall be limited to female credentialed ministers residing within said region.

(e) The nominees for Intercultural Executive Presbyters 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be balloted on at each region's annual business meeting in the proper year. Qualified candidates shall include all ordained ministers who have self-identified with the General Council in the appropriate ethnic group categories for the Intercultural Executive Presbyter being nominated. Those receiving at least 25% of the aggregate vote shall be nominees. If no one receives 25%, the individuals receiving the two highest numbers of votes will be the nominees. The Intercultural Committee will nominate the candidates for Intercultural Executive Presbyter 5 at their annual meeting. Those receiving at least 25% of the vote at that meeting shall be nominees. If no one receives 25%, the individuals receiving the two highest numbers of votes shall be the nominees.

(f) Votes from the regions for the Minister under the age of 40 and Credentialed Female Executive Presbyter nominee will be totaled. Those receiving at least 25% of the aggregate vote will be nominees. If no one receives 25%, the two individuals receiving the highest number of votes will be the nominees.

(g) All nominations for Executive Presbyter shall be submitted to the District Council in session for election. Balloting shall continue until the office is filled by two thirds (2/3) of the votes cast. No nominees shall be accepted from the floor. If the nominee is not elected, the Superintendent shall call for the caucus of the region or fellowship to submit a new nominee(s). All nominees receiving at least twenty five percent (25%) of the votes cast at the caucus shall be reported back to the District Council for election.

(3) All nominations from the regions, all Intercultural Executive Presbyters, Credentialed Female, Minister under the age of 40 shall be submitted to the District Council for election. Balloting shall continue until the office is filled by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the votes cast. No nominees shall be accepted from the floor. If a nominee is not elected, the Superintendent will call for the caucus of the Region or Fellowship to submit a new nominee(s). All nominees reported shall have received at least twenty-five (25%) of votes cast at caucus.

(4) Should a Minister under the age of 40 Executive Presbyter, Credentialed Female Executive Presbyter or Intercultural Executive Presbyter be chosen as a Regional Executive Presbyter, he or she shall have the right to choose which office he or she will accept.

Region 3 Executive Presbyter Nominee

Chuck Atherton

Age: 71

Year Ordained: 1975

Schools attended:

- Lakewood High School
- Long Beach City College

Current Ministry Position:

- Retired

Previous Ministry Positions:

- Lead Pastor, Tulare First Assembly Of God
- Senior Pastor, Lakewood Life Center Church
- Associate Pastor, Trinity Church, Texas
- Co-Pastor, Rifle First AG, Colorado
- Pastor, Collbran Assembly of God, Colorado

Network Leadership Positions:

- Regional Executive Presbyter
- Executive & District Presbyter
- General Council General Presbyter



Kenneth McMillan

Age: 49

Year Ordained: 2015

Schools attended:

- Berean School of the Bible
- SoCal School of Ministry

Current Ministry Position:

- Senior Pastor, Armona Central Assembly of God

Previous Ministry Position:

- Youth Pastor
- Associate Pastor
- Bus Ministry Supervisor
- Sunday School Teacher

Region 3 Executive Presbyter Nominee

Michael Robertson

Age: 65

Year Ordained: 1981

Schools attended:

- Southwestern Assemblies of God Bible College
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Current Ministry Position:

- Global Pastor, Visalia First Assembly

Previous Ministry Position:

- Lead Pastor, Visalia First Assembly
- Vice President of Advancement, SAGU
- Lead Pastor, Oceanside Family Fellowship
- Lead Pastor, Praise Temple Assembly (TX)
- Assistant Pastor/Minister of Education, Bethel Assembly of God (TX)
- Youth Pastor, Bethel Assembly of God (TX)

Network Leadership Positions:

- SoCal Network Presbyter



Region 6 Executive Presbyter Nominee

Eli Semintal

Age: 59

Year Ordained: 2012

Schools attended:

- High School in Baja Mexico
- SoCal School of Ministry
- Azusa Pacific

Current Ministry Position:

- Senior Pastor, Sylmar Centro Familiar Cristiano

Network Leadership Positions:

- Region 6 Executive Presbyter
- Co-Director of SoCal Men's Ministry
- Hispanic Men's Ministry
- Missions Committee
- Intercultural Committee



Region 9 Executive Presbyter Nominee

Adam De La Vega

Age: 54

Year Ordained: 2005

Schools attended:

- Vanguard University

Current Ministry Position:

- Senior Pastor, Wilmington Port City Church

Previous Ministry Positions:

- Executive Pastor
- Youth Pastor

Network Leadership positions:

- Region 9 Executive Presbyter



Region 12 Executive Presbyter Nominee

Dan Bruce

Age: 62

Year Ordained: 2001

Schools attended:

- Pullman High School, Washington
- Willamette University
- University of Idaho

Current Ministry Position:

- Lead Pastor, Imperial Faith Assembly



Previous full time Ministry Positions:

- Associate Pastor/Music Pastor, North Hollywood First AG

Network Leadership positions:

- Regional Executive Presbyter
- Imperial Section Presbyter
- Sectional Leadership Team
- Light-For-The-Lost Leadership Team
- Network Pastor Coach

Female Executive Presbyter Nominees

Karla Gutel

Age: 70

Year Ordained: 1989

Schools attended:

- Artesia High School
- Los Angeles County College
- USC Medical Center School of Nursing
- Southern California College

Current Ministry Position:

- Assemblies of God U.S. Missionary

Previous Ministry Positions:

- Director, SoCal School of Ministry
- Assemblies of God World Missionary
- Dean of Education – Thailand Assembly of Bible School
- Director of Church Ministries – Thailand AG

Network Leadership positions:

- Executive Officer Women in Ministry Fellowship
- District Presbyter – Credential Women
- Executive Presbyter

National Assemblies of God Leadership positions:

- General Presbyter



JoAnn Johnson

Age: 39

Year Ordained: 2021

Schools attended:

- Azusa Pacific University
- Vanguard University

Current Ministry Position:

- Executive Pastor, San Diego Newbreak Church

Previous Ministry Positions:

- Student Ministries Director, SoCal Network
- Executive Pastor, Covina Assembly

Network leadership positions:

- Director, Network of Women Ministers

National Assemblies of God Leadership positions:

- Field Rep, NWM University Team

Female Executive Presbyter Nominees

Nicky Stade

Age: 43

Year Ordained: 2019

Schools attended:

- Vanguard University
- SoCal Network School of Ministry

Current Ministry Position:

- Executive Director Women of SoCal
- Associate Pastor, Orange RefugeOC
- Communications Coordinator, AG Network of Women Ministers

Previous Ministry Positions:

- Staff/Children's Pastor, Lomita Calvary Assembly of God
- Women's Director, Lomita Calvary Assembly of God
- Staff/Children's Pastor, Lomita Calvary Assembly of God
- Youth & Women's Leader, Lomita Calvary Assembly of God
- Youth Ministry Leader, Restoration Church, Colorado

Network Leadership positions:

- Executive Director, Women of SoCal
- Co-chair, Network Conference Planning Committee
- Region 10 Leadership Team
- Secretary, SoCal Network of Women Ministers

National Assemblies of God Leadership positions:

- Communications Coordinator, AG Network of Women Ministers
- Co-host/Producer, Network of Women Ministers Podcast
- Co-host, Better Pastors Podcast



Intercultural Executive Presbyter 2 Nominee

Jamal Alexander

Age: 71

Year Ordained: 1993

Schools attended:

- Cal State Los Angeles
- Fuller Theological Seminary

Current Ministry Position:

- Pastor, Los Angeles First Inner City Assembly
- US Missionary, Inner City Church Planting



Previous Ministry Positions:

- SW Regional Director, National Black Fellowship AG
- Executive Board of Directors, National Black Fellowship AG
- Southern California District Urban Task Force

Network leadership positions:

- Intercultural Executive Presbyter
- Chairman, Network Inner City Churches – Los Angeles
- District Presbyter
- Executive Presbyter
- Board of Trustees, Vanguard University

Intercultural Executive Presbyter 5 Nominee

Joshua Pinto

Age: 49

Year Ordained: 2014

Schools attended:

- Vanguard University
- Latin University of Theology
- Latin American Theological Seminary
- Latin American Bible Institute College

Current Ministry Position:

- Senior Pastor, Lake Forest Faro Church

Previous Ministry Positions:

- Youth Pastor, Centro Cristiano Internacional
- Sectional Youth Rep, Southern Pacific District
- Associate Pastor, Centro Cristiano Internacional
- Sectional Mentor for Pastors, Southern Pacific District

Network leadership positions:

- Intercultural Executive Presbyter 5



General Council Executive Presbyter Voting Information

Below you will find the General Council Bylaws which govern the election of General Council Executive Presbyter with method of nomination, and election by the Council in session. Following are short biographical sketches on each of the nominees as submitted by the SoCal Network Executive Presbytery.

2015 General Council Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph c (1), (a), and (2), (c):

(a) *By area.* The nominations for 11 area nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district council at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session shall nominate two ministers from its district, one of whom is not an elected full-time district official, to be presented to the General Council as nominees from its area. These nominees shall be presented to and be balloted upon by the General Council in session. A two-thirds vote shall be required to nominate and elect. If no election has been declared after the third elective ballot has been cast, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

(c) *Additional representation.* The nomination process for three additional nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district council, at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session, may nominate three individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery, one who is an ordained minister under 40 years of age at the time of election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), and one ordained African-American minister (no age requirement). The members of the Executive Board of the National Black Fellowship shall also be considered nominees for the African-American ordained minister. From the nominees the General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General Council four names of ordained ministers under 40 years of age at the time of election, four names of ordained female ministers (no age requirement), and four names of ordained African-American ministers (no age requirement). The candidates shall be presented to the General Council in session and voted on by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote shall be required to elect.

General Council Non Resident Executive Presbyter Nominees – Female

Linda Hicks

Age: 56

Year Ordained: 2015

Schools attended:

- Ozark Bible Institute
- University of North Texas

Current Ministry Position:

- Associate Pastor, Santa Maria Pacific Christian Center
- Director of Ministry to Women, Women of SoCal

Previous Ministry Positions:

- Executive Pastor, Los Angeles Faith Tabernacle
- Chi Alpha Campus Missionary, UCLA
- Children's & Worship Pastor, Miller Assembly of God
- Children's & Worship Pastor, Cisco First Assembly

Network leadership positions:

- Region 1 Leadership Team
- Region 9 Assistant to Executive Presbyter
- Region 9 Leadership Team
- Girl's Ministries Leadership Team
- SoCal Network Finance Committee



JoAnn Johnson

Age: 39

Year Ordained: 2021

Schools attended:

- Azusa Pacific University
- Vanguard University

Current Ministry Position:

- Executive Pastor, San Diego Newbreak Church

Previous Ministry Positions:

- Student Ministries Director, SoCal Network
- Executive Pastor, Covina Assembly

Network leadership positions:

- Director of the Network of Women Ministers

National Assemblies of God leadership positions:

- Field Rep for the NWM University Team

General Council Non Resident Executive Presbyter Nominees – Female

Nicky Stade

Age: 43

Year Ordained: 2019

Schools attended:

- Vanguard University
- SoCal Network School of Ministry

Current Ministry Position:

- Executive Director Women of SoCal
- Associate Pastor, Orange RefugeOC
- Communications Coordinator, AG Network of Women Ministers



Previous Ministry Positions:

- Staff/Children's Pastor, Lomita Calvary Assembly of God
- Women's Director, Lomita Calvary Assembly of God
- Staff/Children's Pastor, Lomita Calvary Assembly of God
- Youth & Women's Leader, Lomita Calvary Assembly of God
- Youth Ministry Leader, Restoration Church, Colorado

Network Leadership positions:

- Executive Director, Women of SoCal
- Co-chair, Network Conference Planning Committee
- Region 10 Leadership Team
- Secretary, SoCal Network of Women Ministers

National Assemblies of God Leadership positions:

- Communications Coordinator, AG Network of Women Ministers
- Co-host/Producer, Network of Women Ministers Podcast
- Co-host, Better Pastors Podcast

REPORT OF THE STEERING AND RULES COMMITTEE
PROPOSED STANDING RULES OF THE 102nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Southern California District Council of the Assemblies of God

April 25-27, 2023

- Rule I. All business sessions shall be under the supervision of the District Superintendent, who shall delegate responsibilities at his discretion.
- Rule II. The Order of Business of the Conference shall be as follows:
1. Election of officers as determined by the Chair.
 2. District Council reports as determined by the Chair.
 3. Unfinished Business.
 4. New Business.
 5. Adjournment.
- Rule III. The Chair of the Roster Committee shall be ready to report at any business session at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- Rule IV. Members desiring to vote must wear badges, issued by the Roster Committee upon registration, for identification purposes and shall be seated in adequate areas designated for voting members.
- Rule V.
1. Recommendations of various committees serving the District Council that are to be presented in the form of resolutions shall be referred to the Resolutions Committee for editing and presentation to the body in session.
 2. All votes will be done by electronic voting fobs or voice vote at the call of the Superintendent.
 3. No motion may be made from the floor except: courtesy, subsidiary, privileged, incidental and emergency motions. The body in session will determine by majority vote, without debate, whether a resolution is an emergency.
 4. The Superintendent shall determine the order in which the resolutions shall be presented to the body in session.
- Rule VI. The Conference, by two-thirds vote, can temporarily suspend Rule V and immediately consider a question or set an Order of the Day for considering a given question. (Suspension of Rule V will be temporary, and it will be back in force immediately following said vote.)
- Rule VII. No member shall speak in debate more than twice on the same question for longer than ten minutes the first time and five minutes the second time, without permission of the Conference granted by a two-thirds vote without debate. The presentation of the resolution, a response to an inquiry for information or clarification does not count as a time of speaking regarding the question. Should a motion on the floor be changed substantially by amendment, the Chair may allow a member who has spoken twice the privilege of speaking again on the question.

Rule VIII. All reports and other material for the permanent records of the Conference shall be printed and/or digital, and immediately upon presentation, copies shall be given to the corporate officials.

Rule IX. 1. Nominations for each office to be filled shall be made according to the bylaws. Election requires a two-thirds vote. In the event that an individual receives the required vote for election on a nominating ballot, said ballot shall be declared to be an elective ballot.

2. Elections:

A) Intercultural Executive Presbyter # 2 and # 5

B) SoCal Executive Presbyter - Female

C) Regional Executive Presbyter for Regions 3, 6, 9, and 12

D) General Council Executive Presbyter – Ordained Female Minister

Voting shall be in the order determined by the Superintendent.

Rule X. Orders of the Day:

1. Orders of the Day shall be determined by the Superintendent.

Rule XI. The minutes of all sessions shall be referred to the Executive Presbytery for reading and approval, thus dispensing with the reading of the minutes during the Council.

Rule XII. Announcements to the Conference shall be in writing and referred to the District Secretary. The Chair may, at his discretion, make other announcements.

Rule XIII. The Secretary shall destroy all ballots, written and/or digital, at the conclusion of the District Council.

Rule XIV. The rules contained in the current issue of the Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Conference in all cases if they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the Southern California District Council of the Assemblies of God and these Standing Rules.

Respectfully presented,

2023 STEERING AND RULES COMMITTEE

Andrea Arevelo, Chairman

James Force