

BYLAWS
OF THE
OREGON MINISTRY NETWORK
OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD



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ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this body shall be the ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, OREGON DISTRICT dba OREGON MINISTRY NETWORK OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, and shall include all territory in the State of Oregon.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

To fulfill the commission of the Church (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8), in the propagation of the Gospel in its fullness, and to carry out the principles of The General Council of the Assemblies of God in the main tenets of scriptural doctrine and order.

ARTICLE III. RELATIONSHIPS

Section 1. This Ministry Network shall recognize itself as a part of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri.

Section 2. The relationship between the Oregon Ministry Network and its local assemblies is set forth in Article IX.

ARTICLE IV. TENETS OF FAITH

The Article of Faith shall be the same as set forth in the Statement of Fundamental Truths of The General Council and its local Assemblies of God, which are as follows:

STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

(Revised 1961 General Council)

The Bible is our all-sufficient rule of 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 Corinthians 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 Scripture Inspired

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 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 (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10-11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22).

The Adorable Godhead

(a) Terms Defined

The terms "trinity" and "person", as related to the Godhead, while not found in the Scriptures, are words in harmony with the 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: Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 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 it is unexplained (Luke 1:35; 1 Corinthians 1:24; Matthew 11:25-27; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 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 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 One (John 1:18; 15:26; 17:21; Zechariah 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 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; 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. (Romans 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 (Matthew 1:23; 1 John 4:2,10,14; Revelation 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 (Matthew 1:21-23; 2 John 3; 1 John 3:8; Hebrews 1:1-13; 7:3).

(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; Hebrews 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 at 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 (Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 3:22; Acts 2:32-36; Romans 14:11; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28).

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

Wherefore, since the Father has delivered all judgment unto the Son, it is not only the express duty of all in heaven and on earth to bow the knee, but it is an unspeakable joy in the Holy 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 relationships (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; Revelation 5:6-14; Philippians 2:8,9; Revelation 7:9,10; 4:8-11).

3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

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

- (a) His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31,35).
- (b) His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).
- (c) His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).

- (d) His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
- (e) His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 15:4).
- (f) His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9,11; 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1:3).

4. The Fall of Man

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

5. The Salvation of Man

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

(a) Conditions to Salvation

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration 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; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).

(b) The Evidences of Salvation

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

6. 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 on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47, 48; Romans 6:4).

(b) Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements - bread and the fruit of the vine - is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 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 gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8; 1 Corinthians 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 fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy 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 Corinthians 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 (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12). Scriptures teach a life of holiness without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 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 his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Romans 6:1-11,13; 8:1,2,13; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 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 (Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23).

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

(a) To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16).

(b) To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (1 Corinthians 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 (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 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; Hebrews 2:3-4).

(b) Adds a necessary dimension to a worshipful relationship with God (1 Corinthians 2:10-16; 1 Corinthians 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 (Galatians 5:22-26; 1 Corinthians 14:12; Ephesians 4:11,12; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Colossians 1:29).

11. The Ministry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the three-fold purpose of leading the church in: (1) the 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 (Ephesians 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 (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 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 Thessalonians 4:16,17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51,52).

14. The Millennial Reign of Christ

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27,30; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21-22; Zephaniah 3:19,20; Romans 11:26,27); and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalm 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 (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8).

16. The New Heavens and the New Earth

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

ARTICLE V. PREROGATIVES

Section 1. To promote the evangelization of our state, our country and the world by all scriptural means.

Section 2. To set forth a basis of Christian fellowship and provide for counsel and cooperation among those of like precious faith (1 John 1).

Section 3. To establish and develop Assemblies in the fellowship in accordance with New Testament standards and principles.

Section 4. To examine for the ministry and recommend to the General Council for credentials all who shall meet the Scriptural standards (1 Timothy 3:7; Titus 1:5-9) as set forth in the General Council Bylaws, and to assume the oversight of all ministerial matters in the Ministry Network as far as the Ministry Network or General Council may be affected thereby.

Section 5. To elect its own officers and committees, to arrange for its own meetings, and to govern itself.

Section 6. To establish and maintain such departments and institutions as may be thought advisable for the pursuance of its work.

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Ministry Network shall consist of:

Section 1. All ministers holding credentials with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri and the Oregon Ministry Network.

Section 2. Each assembly officially affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri, or the Oregon Ministry Network. Each assembly may be represented at the Ministry Network Conference sessions by one lay delegate, subject to the regulations of the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers

The Executive Officers shall consist of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. Ministry Network Presbyters

The Executive Officers, the Ministry Network Presbyters, the General Presbyter and the Finance Committee Chair shall constitute the Ministry Network Presbytery.

Section 3. General Presbyters

The Oregon Ministry Network shall be represented on the General Presbytery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God by three members: the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, and an ordained pastor of a church located in the Oregon Ministry Network.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Sessions

Regular sessions of the Oregon Ministry Network Conference shall be held annually, time and place to be selected and announced by the Ministry Network Presbytery at least 30 days prior to convening.

Section 2. Special Sessions

Special sessions of the Oregon Ministry Network Conference may be arranged by the Ministry Network Presbytery if agreed to by a majority of Ministry Network Presbyters.

Section 3. Right of Initiative

The right of initiative in the matter of calling special sessions shall be granted to any ordained minister of the Oregon Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God when occasion demands. A statement setting forth the reasons for a special session of the Ministry Network Conference, signed by not less than 25 percent of the ordained ministers in fellowship with the Oregon Ministry Network, shall be considered sufficient reason for the calling of a special session, such statement to be filed with the Ministry Network Presbytery who shall respond to the summons and shall issue the call for a special session.

Section 4. Presbyters Meetings

The Oregon Ministry Network Presbyters will meet a minimum of five times per year.

ARTICLE IX. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES**Section 1. Ministry Network Affiliation**

The local assembly (or church) is recognized as God-ordained (1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Revelation 1:11-20). Groups of believers accepting the Assemblies of God tenets of faith and associating themselves in local bodies, accepting their full personal share of responsibility and maintenance of scriptural order in the local body and having a standard of membership in keeping with scriptural principles, shall be recognized as local Assemblies and eligible for affiliation with the Ministry Network.

Section 2. General Council Affiliation

A General Council affiliated assembly is one which has applied for and has received a Certificate of Affiliation from The General Council of the Assemblies of God. For requirements see General Council Constitution Article XI, Section 1, paragraph a.

Section 3.

We recognize that each local assembly has the right of self-government under Jesus Christ, its Living Head, and shall have the power to choose or call its pastor, or elect its official board, and transact all other business pertaining to its life as a local unit. It shall have the right to administer discipline to its members according to the Scriptures and its constitution and bylaws. It 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 unit.

Section 4.

The fact that a local assembly is affiliated in the association of the Oregon Ministry Network, or the General Council, shall in no way destroy its rights as above stated or interfere with its sovereignty. The local assembly shall recognize that the Oregon Ministry Network or General Council has the right to approve scriptural doctrine and conduct. When in need of counsel or advice, the local assembly may appeal to the Oregon Ministry Network for help. It may appeal a decision by the Oregon Ministry Network to the Executive Presbytery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God when there is a question whether or not the assembly has received proper help from the Oregon Ministry Network. When exceptions are taken to the decision of the Executive Presbytery, either by the local assembly or by the Oregon Ministry Network Presbytery, appeal may be made to the General Presbytery of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Section 5.

Each affiliated local assembly shall be set in order. Each assembly shall cooperate in the work of this Ministry Network and shall support the Ministry Network organization. Being officially affiliated, they may send a delegate to the Ministry Network Conference.

Section 6.

In the event that any General Council affiliated assembly or Ministry Network affiliated assembly located within the Oregon Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God shall be divided over doctrinal or any other issues, or shall vote to disaffiliate from the Assemblies of God, and having received from the General Council, Oregon Ministry Network, or from another Assemblies of God church, any real property or financial support during the history of that church, or if the General Council or Ministry Network has co-signed any note for that church, or if the church has been started by the General Council, Oregon Ministry Network, or another Assembly of God church, all property of the assembly shall remain with those members whatever their number, desiring continued affiliation with the Assemblies of God and adhering to its Statement of Fundamental Truths. The determination of which group of members desires continued affiliation with the Assemblies of God and adheres to its Statement of Fundamental Truths shall be arbitrated by the Presbytery of the Oregon Ministry Network, and its decision shall be final and binding. If all the members of the local assembly shall vote to disaffiliate from the Assemblies of God for doctrinal or any other reasons, then all of the property of such assembly shall come under the ownership of the Oregon Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God and shall be used by the Ministry Network as an Assemblies of God Church if possible, and if not possible, the Ministry Network may sell the property and apply the proceeds in any manner consistent with its stated purposes. Any church previously nonaffiliated with the Oregon Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God and having come into the Assemblies of God and received any of the kinds of assistance described above shall also be governed by the same rules of disaffiliation.

Section 7.

Local assemblies are expected to have an interest in the missionary enterprise and plan for regular contribution to its support.

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION CLAUSE**Section 1.**

In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of this Ministry Network, then all property, real or chattel, and all assets remaining after satisfying debts and obligations, shall revert to the parent body, THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, a Missouri not-for-profit corporation with headquarters at Springfield, Missouri. The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall have full authority to sell such property and to use the proceeds derived therefrom for the extension of the work of the Assemblies of God.

Section 2.

In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the Oregon Ministry Network, its Board of Trustees (or Directors) shall transfer all properties and any remaining assets, in accordance with the foregoing provisions within one year after the date of such dissolution. If such transfer is not made within the time prescribed above or if the General Council shall be unable or unwilling to accept the aforesaid transfer, the disposition thereof shall be made by the court of the county in which the

Ministry Network headquarters office is located, provided that such case proceeds of the dissolutions shall be distributed to the organizations having purposes nearest the purposes of the Assemblies of God.

ARTICLE XI. BUSINESS PROCEDURE

Section 1. Rules of Order

In order to expedite the work of the Ministry Network Conference and to avoid confusion in its deliberations, the Council shall be governed by parliamentary procedure as set forth in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Section 2. Network Sections

For the purpose of aiding the pursuance of Oregon Ministry Network business, the territory of this Network is the state of Oregon, and shall be divided into 6 or more regions and 12 or more geographical sections.

Section 3. Location of the Ministry Network Conference

The location shall be selected at least one year prior to the date of the Council and shall be announced to the constituency.

Section 4. Ministry Network and Sectional Voting Constituency

a. The Ministry Network Conference voting constituency shall consist of all members present and registered at the annual Ministry Network Conference meeting. Specifically, ordained ministers, licensed ministers, including specialized licensed ministers, certified ministers, recognized delegates of officially affiliated assemblies, and the spouses of the Ministry Network officers.

b. All church-appointed delegates of this Ministry Network Conference must be twenty-one years of age or over and must present an official letter of appointment signed by the pastor or Secretary of the church they represent.

c. The voting constituency for the sectional meetings shall consist of the ordained, licensed, specialized licensed, and certified ministers residing in the section, and one delegate duly selected and certified as herein provided in Section 4(b) above from each affiliated assembly of the section (Article IX, Section 5).

Section 5. Order of Business

- a. The order of business for the Ministry Network Conference meeting shall include:
- (1) Ordinations
 - (2) Report of the Ministry Network Superintendent

- (3) Report of the Assistant Superintendent
- (4) Report of the Secretary
- (5) Report of the Treasurer
- (6) Departmental/Ministry reports
- (7) Election of officers
- (8) Committee reports
- (9) Unfinished business
- (10) New business
- (11) Adjournment

b. The Order of Business shall be established by the Rules Committee.

Section 6. Quorum

a. All members registered and voting in any meeting of the Ministry Network Conference shall constitute a quorum.

b. 51% of Ministry Network Presbyters present and voting in any duly called meeting of the Presbytery shall be considered a quorum.

Section 7. Minutes

The minutes of the proceedings of the Oregon Ministry Network Conference shall be reviewed and approved by the Minutes Review Committee, appointed by the Network Superintendent.

Section 8. Annual Reports

a. Departmental reports shall be presented in printed form to the ministers and the church delegates at the annual session of the Ministry Network Conference.

b. It shall be the prerogative of the Ministry Network Conference in session to dispense with the reading of printed reports.

c. Standing Committee reports shall be presented to the constituency and included in the minutes in printed form. The chair shall be available to answer questions at the time the report is given to the Ministry Network Conference in session.

Section 9. Resolutions

a. All proposed resolutions shall be submitted in printed form and signed by the sponsor(s) to the Ministry Network Secretary by February 1, preceding the annual session of the Ministry Network Conference. Prepared resolutions shall be submitted in nearly completed form as guided by *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. Resolutions pertaining to changes in the Bylaws shall be presented to the Resolutions Committee in such a way to clearly call attention to the areas of change with specific wordings on deletions and additions.

b. Resolutions may be submitted by any member of the Ministry Network. The author shall be the first to speak to the resolution.

c. Resolutions shall be prepared and forwarded to every church and minister no later than 30 days prior to the date of the annual session of the Ministry Network Conference.

d. Emergency resolutions may be submitted to the Ministry Network Conference by the Ministry Network Presbytery.

ARTICLE XII. NOMINATION, ELECTION, AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. Officers

a. Qualifications

(1) Executive Officers

(a) Shall be persons of mature experience, Christian integrity and ability, whose lives and ministries are above question.

(b) Shall have held credentials and ministered as ordained ministers for at least 5 consecutive years in the Assemblies of God.

(c) Shall have been members of the Oregon Ministry Network for a minimum of 3 consecutive years immediately prior to their election.

(d) Shall have demonstrated a genuine interest in, and cooperation with, the ministries, policies, and support of the General Council, and the Oregon Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God.

(2) Ministry Network Officers

(a) Ministry Network Presbyter

(1) Shall be ordained and have resided in the network for at least 1 year.

(2) Shall have been members of The General Council of the Assemblies of God for at least 3 years.

(b) General Presbyters. Shall meet the qualifications for Executive Officers. The Oregon Ministry Network shall be represented on the General Presbytery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God by three members: the Superintendent, the Assistant superintendent and an ordained pastor of a church located in the Oregon Ministry Network.

(c) **General Council Non-Resident Executive Presbyter.** Shall meet the qualifications for the General Presbyter of the General Council (General Council Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, paragraph e).

b. Manner and Time of Elections

(1) **Time of Elections.** The Executive Officers shall be elected at the annual Oregon Ministry Network Conference in session.

(2) **Manner of Election**

(a) **Ministry Network Superintendent.** Nominees for Ministry Network Superintendent shall be chosen by secret ballot. Should a nominee receive a two-thirds majority vote on the nominating ballot an election shall be declared. If there is no election, all names thus nominated shall be voted upon until a nominee receives a two-thirds majority vote. If there is no election after the second electoral ballot, the two nominees with the highest number of votes in the second electoral ballot shall be the only nominees to be further voted upon until one receives a two-thirds majority vote.

(b) **Assistant Superintendent.** The Oregon Ministry Network Presbytery, in consultation with the Ministry Network Superintendent, shall act as a nominating committee and present the names of one or more qualified nominees for the office of Assistant Superintendent to be voted upon until one receives a two-thirds majority vote according to the procedure set forth in "a" above.

(c) **Secretary-Treasurer.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall be nominated and elected in the same manner as the Assistant Superintendent.

(d) **Ministry Network Presbyters.** Nominees for Ministry Network Presbyter shall be nominated in each section at the biennial sectional business meeting prior to the annual Ministry Network Conference. Nominations shall be by secret ballot. Should a nominee receive a two-thirds majority vote on the nominating ballot an election will be declared. If there is no election declared, all names thus nominated shall be voted upon until a nominee receives a simple majority of votes cast. If there is no election after the second electoral ballot, the two nominees with the highest number of votes in the second electoral ballot shall be the only nominees to be further voted upon until one receives a simple majority of votes cast.

(1) All nominees from that region shall be submitted as nominees to the forthcoming annual Ministry Network Conference along with a biographical sketch of each nominee, which shall be given to the Conference in session prior to balloting.

(2) A simple majority vote of the Ministry Network Conference shall be required for election.

(e) General Presbyters

(1) The Ministry Network Superintendent and Assistant Ministry Network Superintendent shall be General Presbyters by virtue of their office.

(2) Nominees for the General Presbyter (pastoral position) shall be by secret ballot at the annual session of the Oregon Ministry Network Conference. Should a nominee receive a two-thirds majority vote on the nominating ballot an election shall be declared. If there is no election all names thus nominated shall be voted upon until a nominee receives a two-thirds majority vote. If there is no election after the second electoral ballot, the two nominees with the highest number of votes in the second electoral ballot shall be the only nominees to be further voted upon.

Section 2. Department Directors

The Ministry Network Superintendent shall submit to the Ministry Network Presbytery a list of names for ratification 90 days from assuming office. A two-thirds majority vote of the Presbyters shall be required for appointment.

Section 3. Standing Committee Chairpersons**a. Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee Chair shall be nominated by the Ministry Network Presbytery, and then ratified by the Ministry Network Conference in session by a two-thirds majority vote. The chair shall serve on the Ministry Network Presbytery by virtue of office as a voting member of the Ministry Network Presbytery.

b. Ministry Network World Missions Director

The Ministry Network World Missions Director shall be nominated by the Ministry Network Presbytery and ratified by the Ministry Network Conference in session by a two-thirds majority vote.

c. Any other standing committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the Ministry Network Presbytery.

Section 4. General Council Non-Resident Executive Presbyter

a. The Ministry Network Conference shall nominate two ministers from its list of ordained ministers to be presented as its nominees for Non-Resident Executive Presbyter to the General Council of the Assemblies of God, one of whom shall be the Ministry Network Superintendent of the Oregon Ministry Network.

b. This nomination shall take place at the annual Oregon Ministry Network Conference, which meets prior to the General Council in session.

c. The second nominee shall be an ordained minister of the Oregon Ministry Network with potential national leadership stature and who has a history of cooperation and support of the Assemblies of God ministries and policies.

d. The second nominee shall be nominated and elected in the same manner as the Ministry Network Superintendent, set forth above (Section 1, paragraph b, (2), (a)).

Section 5. Tenure of Office and Vacancies

a. Ministry Network Superintendent

(1) The term of office shall be for 4 years commencing 60 days after the date of election.

(2) In the event of the Superintendent's office shall become vacant, there shall be no automatic succession to the office. If it occurs within 120 days of the annual Ministry Network Conference session, it shall be the first matter of business at the session. Should the office be vacated more than 120 days prior to the annual session of the Ministry Network Conference, the Ministry Network Presbytery shall within 30 days call a special session of the Ministry Network Conference for the purpose of electing a Superintendent. The constituency shall be given 30 days advance notice of this special meeting.

(3) The newly elected Superintendent shall not be elected to fill an unexpired term of office, but shall be elected for a full 4-year term. In a special election this term of office shall be calculated from the next annual Ministry Network Conference session. Duties shall be assumed as soon as possible, but not later than 60 days after the date of the election.

b. Assistant Superintendent

(1) The term of office shall be for 2 years commencing 60 days after the date of election and may or may not be full-time.

(2) In the event of a vacancy within the 90 days prior to the annual Ministry Network Conference, the regular procedure shall be followed for selecting the nominees and the election previously described (Article XII, Section 1, paragraph b, (2), (b)). If the vacancy occurs prior to the 90 days preceding the annual session, the Ministry Network Superintendent along with the Ministry Network Presbytery shall select a qualified person to fill the office. Duties shall be assumed within 60 days, but the 2-year term shall be calculated from the next Ministry Network Conference session, which shall ratify the Assistant Superintendent's selection by a two-thirds majority vote.

(3) The Assistant Superintendent is not elected to fill an unexpired term of office, but shall be elected for a full two-year term. This term of office shall be calculated from the next annual Ministry Network Conference session. Duties shall be assumed as soon as possible, but not later 60 days after the date of the election.

c. Secretary-Treasurer

(1) The term of office shall be for 2 years commencing 60 days after the date of election and may or may not be full-time.

(2) In the event of a vacancy within 60 days prior to the annual Ministry Network Conference session, the regular procedure shall be followed for the selection and the election previously described (Article XII, Section 1, paragraph b, (2), (c). If the vacancy occurs prior to 60 days preceding the annual session, the Ministry Network Superintendent, along with the Ministry Network Presbytery shall select a qualified person to fill the office. The term shall be calculated in the same manner as in Section 5, paragraph a, (3).

d. Ministry Network Presbyter

(1) The term of office shall be for 2 years commencing at the time they are ratified by the Ministry Network Conference.

(2) Ministry Network Presbyters shall be elected with approximately one-half being voted upon at each annual Oregon Ministry Network Conference session.

(3) If any Presbyter ceases to serve, the office shall automatically become vacant. The Ministry Network Superintendent shall poll the pastors and ministers who reside in that region within 30 days, as a basis for consideration by the Ministry Network Presbytery who shall then appoint within 30 days a qualified candidate to fill the unexpired term, and the members of the Oregon Ministry Network shall be notified of appointment.

e. General Presbyter

(1) Ministry Network officers' terms shall coincide with their term of office in the Oregon Ministry Network.

(2) The elected General Presbyter shall be a pastor of a General Council affiliated assembly for a period of at least 1 year immediately prior to election. The term of office shall be for 2 years.

(3) Should the elected General Presbyter cease to be a pastor during their term of office, the office shall be declared vacant and the successor appointed by the Ministry Network Presbytery to fill the unexpired term.

f. Departmental Directors

(1) The term of office of any divisional or departmental directors who are elected officials shall coincide with their elected term of office or at the will of the Superintendent and Presbyters.

(2) In the event of a vacancy of a director, the Presbytery shall select a successor.

(3) The term of office of all appointed directors shall be at the will of the Superintendent and Presbytery.

g. Intradepartmental Directors

(1) All intradepartmental directors shall be appointed by the Superintendent and Presbyters on the recommendation of the Department Director.

(2) In case of a vacancy the successor shall be appointed by the same process as (g)(1).

(3) The terms of intradepartmental directors shall be at the will of the Department Director, Superintendent and Presbytery.

h. Finance Committee Chairperson

The term of office shall be for 2 years. In the event of a vacancy, the Ministry Network Presbytery shall appoint a new person to fill the unexpired term of office.

i. Ministry Network World Missions Director

The term of office shall be for 2 years. In the event of a vacancy, the Ministry Network Presbytery shall appoint a new person to fill the unexpired term of office.

j. Non-resident Executive Presbyter of the General Council

Their term of office and procedure in the event of a vacancy shall be in accordance with General Council regulations (Article II, Section 3, paragraph b, of the General Council Bylaws).

k. Appointed Boards and Standing Committees

(1) Appointment shall be for 2 years.

(2) Should a vacancy occur, the person appointed by the Presbytery to fill that position shall begin to serve immediately, but the term shall be calculated from the next annual Ministry Network Conference session.

ARTICLE XIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Ministry Network Superintendent

a. Shall devote full time to the duties of the office and shall have personal supervision of the work of the Ministry Network and the Ministry Network Office with the cooperation of the Ministry Network Presbytery.

b. Shall be President of the corporation in all its legal matters.

- c. Shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Oregon Ministry Network.
- d. Shall preside at the meetings of the Ministry Network Conference, the Ministry Network Presbytery and shall supervise all the activities and functions thereof.
- e. Shall be responsible to emphasize, encourage, and lead evangelism in all of its phases throughout the Ministry Network.
- f. Shall provide opportunities for leadership development.
- g. Shall promote relational structures among Network constituency.
- h. Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- i. Shall administer discipline and counsel to the ministers of the Ministry Network in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, the Oregon Ministry Network Bylaws and the prerogatives of the office in cooperation with the Presbytery.
- j. Shall represent the Ministry Network at all sessions of the General Council and of the General Presbytery.
- k. Shall assist through counseling churches and pastors during pastoral changes.
- l. Shall provide leadership to pastors, churches and all other areas as deemed necessary or is requested.
- m. Shall be responsible for the oversight of all departments of the Ministry Network.
- n. Shall make provision for the regularly called meetings of the Ministry Network Conference or the Ministry Network Presbytery.
- o. Shall perform any other function customary to the office or as may be directed by the Ministry Network Conference or the Ministry Network Presbytery.

Section 2. Assistant Ministry Network Superintendent

- a. Shall serve full or part-time at the discretion of the Ministry Network Superintendent and the Ministry Network Presbytery.
- b. Shall be a member of the Ministry Network Presbytery and a General Presbyter by virtue of the office.
- c. Shall be amenable to the Superintendent, and whose work shall be under the supervision of the Superintendent.

d. Shall assist the Superintendent and preside at the meetings of the Ministry Network Conference and the Ministry Network Presbytery in the absence of the Superintendent.

e. Shall be Vice President of the corporation and shall be authorized to sign legal and official documents when necessary.

f. May serve as a departmental director of assigned departments and assume other portfolios and duties as stipulated by the Ministry Network Superintendent and/or Ministry Network Presbytery.

g. Shall perform any other function customary to the office of Assistant Superintendent.

Section 3. Ministry Network Secretary

a. Shall serve full or part-time at the discretion of the Ministry Network Superintendent and the Ministry Network Presbytery.

b. Shall make and keep true records of the proceedings of the Ministry Network Conference and shall publish the same as approved and directed by the Council.

c. Shall be the custodian of the official seal of the Oregon Ministry Network.

d. Shall issue and sign credentials as directed by the Credentials Committee.

e. Shall keep a record of all credentialed ministers and assemblies in the Ministry Network.

f. Shall be a member of the Ministry Network Presbytery and shall act as Secretary of their meetings.

g. Shall be authorized to sign all official and legal documents and to perform such other functions as are customary to the office or as directed by the Ministry Network Conference or Ministry Network Presbytery.

h. Shall be under the direction and supervision of the Ministry Network Superintendent in all matters of Ministry Network business as determined by the Superintendent.

i. Shall supervise the overall work of the Ministry Network Office, as assigned by the Ministry Network Superintendent and/or the Ministry Network Presbytery.

j. Shall have the oversight of all insurance of the Ministry Network.

k. Shall perform any other functions customary to this office

Section 4. Ministry Network Treasurer

a. Shall serve full or part-time at the discretion of the Ministry Network Superintendent and the Ministry Network Presbytery.

b. Shall be custodian of the Ministry Network funds, and shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Ministry Network Presbytery. The Ministry Network shall provide bond for the faithful performance of the duties of the office and insurance for the protection of the funds.

c. Shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements of funds, and conduct the work of this office according to the accepted method of business.

d. Shall be authorized to sign such checks and make such disposition of funds as may be required in the accurate procedure of the business of the Ministry Network, as directed by the Ministry Network Conference, and/or the Ministry Network Presbytery.

e. Shall provide an audited report to the Ministry Network Presbytery and the Ministry Network Conference once a year or as requested by that body.

f. Shall be a member of the Ministry Network Presbytery.

g. Shall be under the direction and supervision of the Ministry Network Superintendent in all matters of Ministry Network business as determined by the Superintendent and/or the Ministry Network Presbytery.

h. Shall perform any other function customary to the office.

Section 5. Ministry Network Presbytery

a. Shall serve with the Ministry Network Superintendent in carrying out the Superintendent's vision and goals and be a representative of the Ministry Network constituency. They shall be governed by the principles of Christ relative to the administration of His Church and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Superintendent.

b. Shall comprise a Board of Presbyters and shall be trustees of the Oregon District Council Corporation of the Assemblies of God (dba Oregon Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God). They shall have the official oversight of the business and activities of the Ministry Network between the sessions of the Council, working in keeping with the expressed intent of the Council in session, and shall make appropriate reports to that body.

c. Shall be authorized to return to local assemblies properties held in trust for them by the Ministry Network.

d. Shall have the power to appoint committees as may be required.

e. Shall assist the Superintendent in the oversight of Network meetings, other Ministry Network matters, and in making investigations.

f. Shall serve as Credentials Committee in all matters concerning credentials.

g. Shall make appointments to fill any unexpired term of office that may become vacant between sessions of the Oregon Ministry Network Conference, except in cases where other methods of procedures are indicated.

h. Shall choose nominees for select positions to be voted on by the Ministry Network Conference in session.

Section 6. General Presbyter

a. Shall represent the Ministry Network at the General Council and the General Presbyters' meeting.

b. Shall be a member of the Ministry Network Presbytery by virtue of the office.

ARTICLE XIV. NETWORK CAMP AND CONFERENCE MINISTRIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Board of Directors

A Ministry Network Camp and Conference Ministries Board of Directors shall be established under the following guidelines and duties.

a. Board of Directors Membership

(1) The membership shall consist of 7 members, consisting of at least 3 lay persons who are members in good standing of Oregon Ministry Network Assemblies of God churches, and at least 3 ministers (licensed or ordained) who are members in good standing of the Oregon Ministry Network. The seventh board member can be either of the above. The Ministry Network Superintendent shall be an ex-officio voting member of the board of directors by virtue of his office.

(2) Board members shall be elected by the Ministry Network Presbytery by a simple majority vote. Should a vacancy occur prior to the expiration of a term, the Ministry Network Presbytery shall appoint a replacement for the duration of the unfulfilled term.

(3) The term of office shall be revolving 3-year terms. The beginning board shall be elected as follows: 2 persons for 1-year terms, 2 persons for 2-year terms, and 3 persons for 3-year terms. Following the initial election of the board, all terms shall be for 3 years. There will be no term limits and board members may be reelected to additional terms.

(4) The Ministry Network Presbytery shall elect a Camp and Conference Ministries chairperson annually. The Camp and Conference Ministries Board of Directors shall elect an Executive Committee of three board members, made up of the chairperson, one lay person from the board and one minister from the board. The Executive Committee shall meet

between regularly scheduled board meetings as necessary to conduct business as empowered and authorized by the Ministry Network Camp and Conference Ministries Board of Directors.

b. Duties of the Board of Directors

(1) They shall be responsible for the oversight of personnel and operations of Bethel Park and all Oregon Ministry Network camp and conference facilities. They shall be responsible for the oversight of maintaining and improving the grounds and facilities to enhance maximum ministry use of these facilities and to preserve and improve current asset valuation.

(2) They shall meet quarterly, with additional meetings as needed.

(3) They shall be responsible for hiring a Director of Camp and Conference Ministries to oversee and administrate the operations of Bethel Park and the Oregon Ministry Network camp and conference facilities.

(4) They shall review the annual budget submitted by the Director of Camp and Conference Ministries and approve the budget prior to said budget being sent to the Finance Committee and the Ministry Network Presbytery for ratification. Any capital expenditure, acquisition of property, borrowing of monies, or capital fund drives shall also follow this same procedure.

(5) They shall be responsible for the development of general policies.

c. The Director of Camp and Conference Ministries

(1) The Director of Camp and Conference Ministries shall be hired by the board of directors. A candidate or list of candidates for this job shall be submitted to the Ministry Network Superintendent prior to hiring for his review or comment.

(2) The Director of Camp and Conference Ministries shall be the administrative and operational manager of all functions of Bethel Park and the Oregon Ministry Network camp and conference facilities, including the hiring of staff. The Director of Camp and Conference Ministries shall accomplish these objectives within the policies and guidelines established by the board of directors. The Director of Camp and Conference Ministries shall designate the duties of those engaging in the work of Bethel Park and the Oregon Ministry Network camp and conference facilities and be responsible directly to the board of directors.

(3) The Director of Camp and Conference Ministries shall be a member of the Camp and Conference Board. An annual performance review of the Director of Camp and Council Ministries shall be conducted by the Executive Committee of the Camp and Conference Ministries Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV. MINISTRY
(See General Council Bylaws, Article VII)

Addendum to General Council Bylaws, Article VII, Section 8.

Ministerial Relations

a. Cooperation with the Oregon Ministry Network. Pastors are encouraged to refrain from planning special meetings during Family Camp or Ministry Network Conference and to incorporate Ministry Network events into their planning.

b. All credentialed ministers of the Oregon Ministry Network Conference shall refrain from holding office in local churches (i.e., deacons, trustees, and other lay officials), other than the church they pastor.

c. No pastor should leave an assembly without advising the Ministry Network Superintendent, the Presbyter in that region and the local assembly at least one month prior to his departure.

Ministerial Ethics

a. Local Assemblies. All credentialed ministers are advised against interfering with the affairs of a local assembly of which they are not pastoring. Any conduct or communications in such cases which hurt the leadership or local assembly is disapproved of and subject to Ministry Network discipline.

b. Correspondence. All correspondence which concerns the assembly as a whole shall be addressed to the pastor in charge and not private members. Where there is no pastor, all correspondence concerning the work should be addressed to the officials of the assembly.

c. Evangelists. Council evangelists and workers shall cooperate with the local Ministry Network in which they are ministering.

d. New or Relocated Assemblies. Before starting a new work or relocating an established work, where an assembly currently exists in a city or community, any Assemblies of God minister shall receive the written endorsement of the Ministry Network Presbytery and shall work in harmony with the local pastor(s).

e. Confidentiality. Oregon Ministry Network Assemblies of God credentialed ministers are obligated to respect as sacred and confidential information confided to them while they are functioning in their ministerial capacity as spiritual counselors and are expected not to disclose such confidential information except with the expressed written consent and permission of the confidant or in the case of preventing the commission of a crime.

f. Discipline. Any minister who shall offend in these matters shall be subject to discipline.

*Addendum to General Council Bylaws, Article VII, Section 10, Credentials***Renewal of Fellowship Certificates**

a. Expiration Date. All who have not renewed their fellowship certificates by mail postmarked on or before December 31 shall be considered delinquent.

b. Ministry Network Renewal Fee

(1) All applications for renewal of credentials shall be accompanied by a \$10 renewal fee which is in addition to the required ministerial tithe. Each credentialed minister will be provided a copy of the Ministry Network Yearbook, a subscription to Network publications, and enrollment in the Network approved life insurance program.

(2) **Grace period until January 15.** All who shall have failed to renew their fellowship certificates by mail postmarked on or before December 31 shall be considered delinquent. They shall be required to pay a late fee of \$25 up until January 15, to be divided equally between the Ministry Network and General Council offices.

(3) **Reinstatement of lapsed minister.** Ministers whose renewal applications are not postmarked by January 15 shall be recorded as lapsed as of the expiration date of December 31. They must make application for reinstatement and pay a nonrefundable fee of \$100 to the Oregon Ministry Network and \$25 to the General Council. These ministers shall not be subject to the minimal time-lapse required of those whose credentials have been terminated for other causes.

(4) **Reinstatement of other than dismissed minister.** When ministers who are members of our Fellowship have been removed from our rolls for any cause, except failure to renew and dismissal, and shall apply for reinstatement, they shall in no case be eligible for reinstatement until at least 6 months shall have elapsed after their name has been stricken and be accompanied with a nonrefundable fee of \$100 to the Oregon Ministry Network and \$25 to the General Council. See General Council Bylaws Article X, Section 12, for reinstatement of the dismissed minister.

The District of residence shall seek a letter of clearance from the District which processed the termination and, upon receipt of the clearance, may add its endorsement and forward the application, together with the letter of clearance, to the General Council Credentials Committee for its action.

c. Accountability

(1) Each minister who has not complied with the financial policy of the General Council of the Assemblies of God and the Ministry Network shall send a statement of explanation with the annual application for renewal.

(2) The Ministry Network Conference or the Ministry Network Presbytery shall be authorized to establish and administer any method of financial accountability that they deem appropriate.

(3) Compliance with the above requirements shall be a prerequisite for renewal of credentials of all active ministers. If a minister's contributions are in arrears, an opportunity shall be given to meet the deficit at the time of renewal.

ARTICLE XVI. MINISTRY NETWORK FINANCES

Section 1. Ministry Network General Fund

a. General Fund

(1) A fund for the support of the Ministry Network activities shall be created by the cooperation of the members of the Ministry Network.

(2) The fund shall be for the support of the Ministry Network offices and for Ministry Network activities.

(3) It shall be distributed under the supervision of the Ministry Network Presbytery pursuant to recommendation from the Finance Committee through the budget process.

b. Borrowing Authorization

(1) The Executive Officers of the Oregon Ministry Network shall be authorized to borrow up to 10 percent of the annual administrative budget.

(2) Ministry Network Presbytery approval is required for borrowings that exceed 20 percent of the administrative budget, up to \$750,000.

(3) Ministry Network Conference approval is required for borrowings of \$750,000 and over.

Section 2. Ministers' Contribution

a. Requirements

(1) Each credentialed minister affiliated with the Oregon Ministry Network shall pay as dues 7½ percent of their ministerial income to the Ministry Network Treasurer for the administration fund.

(2) Ministers dues for all credentialed ministers, certified, licensed, and ordained, be set at 7½ percent of their ministerial income or \$60 per month whichever total represents the highest dollar amount.

(3) World Missionaries: \$30 per month when resident in the U.S.A.; \$15 when resident outside the U.S.A.

(4) National Home Missionaries: \$30 per month when ministering in their home Ministry Network; \$15 when outside the home Ministry Network.

(5) Where both husband and wife are credentialed, the second credentialed person shall be required to contribute a minimum of \$10 per month.

(6) Home Missions pastors in active service will not be required to give more than 100 percent of their tithes amount on their total income or the minimum.

(7) Chaplain, Military, V.A., Industrial and Institutional, shall contribute a minimum of 10 percent of their tithes in compliance with General Council policy.

(8) Senior Ministers. All active senior ministers are expected to contribute regularly to the support of the Ministry Network as required of all other ministers.

(9) Senior Semi-Retired and Senior Retired Ministers. Upon reaching the age of 65, the minimum requirement shall be \$15 per month, but are encouraged to give 7½ percent of their ministerial income to help with the cost of benefits and services they receive. Senior semi-retired ministers are expected to contribute their support to The General Council of the Assemblies of God as required of all other ministers. Senior retired may contribute on a freewill offering basis.

(10) All ministers under suspension and/or rehabilitation shall contribute to the support of the Ministry Network as required of all other ministers.

(11) All world missionaries and nationally appointed home missionaries are required to contribute 5 percent of all cash offerings received in Oregon to the respective department.

(12) Failure to fulfill one's minimum financial responsibility to the Ministry Network will result in a minister's credentials not being renewed until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Ministry Network Presbytery. In instances of extreme circumstances or hardship, the minister so affected may appeal to the Presbytery for adjustment.

b. General Council Requirements

All ordained and licensed ministers of the Ministry Network are obligated to support the General Council headquarters according to the General Council requirements.

Section 3. Church Contributions

a. Shared Responsibility

Each church is encouraged to share in their responsibility to the Ministry Network Office, contributing at least 2 percent of their general fund.

b. Recommended Offering

It is recommended that one offering be sent to the Ministry Network Office at least 30 days prior to the Ministry Network Conference and one offering at least 30 days prior to Family Camp for the support of these events.

Section 4. Special Funds

All funds designated for special purposes will be used for those purposes only.

Section 5. Support of Bible Colleges**a. Local Churches**

Each assembly shall be encouraged to contribute 1 percent of its general fund per annum for the support of our Bible colleges.

b. Ministry Network

The Ministry Network shall contribute a percentage of its tithe, as determined by action of the Presbytery, from the ministers' tithes and Shared Responsibility to the support of our Bible colleges and seminary, and ministry scholarships. These allocations and any other allotments of scholarship aid to deserving students, who are pursuing ministerial studies on the junior and senior or upper level college courses, and whatever other qualifications will be determined by the Ministry Network Presbytery.

Section 6. Retirement**a. Recommended Retirement Programs**

The Oregon Ministry Network recommends that the ministers participate in the federal Social Security program, the General Council's Ministers Benefit Association, Church Extension Plan's Life Rewards™ program or a private retirement fund, and that each church share the cost of these programs for its ministers.

Section 7. Audit

The finances of the Ministry Network shall be audited annually, and the report of said audit shall be made at the Ministry Network Conference. A Certified Public Accountant shall be employed for the audit.

Section 8. Guarantees and Endorsements**a. Authorization**

The Ministry Network Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer, jointly upon authorization of

the Ministry Network Conference or Ministry Network Presbytery shall execute on behalf of the Ministry Network, sureties, or endorsements of loans made by banks, individuals, or other lending institutions to General or Ministry Network Conference affiliated churches, and any other projects as specified under Article V, Sections 4 and 6 of the Bylaws of the Oregon Ministry Network.

b. Limits

(1) The Executive Officers of the Oregon Ministry Network shall be authorized to co-sign for the guarantee of loans up to 10 percent of the administrative budget.

(2) Presbytery approval is needed for loans that exceed 20 percent of the administrative budget, up to \$750,000.

(3) Ministry Network Conference approval is needed for loans of \$750,000 and over.

Section 9. Indemnification

The corporation shall indemnify, exonerate, reimburse or defend any present or former director, officer, employee affiliate, agent or contractor of this corporation for expense, claims, liabilities, indebtedness, penalties, danger or injury incurred by or caused by them in such capacity except for their own negligence, knowingly unauthorized acts or defalcation not ratified, confirmed or adopted or the benefit thereof received by this corporation.

ARTICLE XVII. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED
(See General Council Bylaws, Article IX)

ARTICLE XVIII. DISCIPLINE AND REHABILITATION
(See General Council Bylaws, Article X)

Addendum to General Council Bylaws, Article X, Section 12 e.

e. Reinstatement fee. When applying for reinstatement the minister must include a \$125 reinstatement fee with the application, \$100 to the Ministry Network and \$25 to the General Council.

ARTICLE XIX. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Section 1. Northwest University

The Oregon Ministry Network shall be co-owner of Northwest University of the Assemblies of God.

Section 2. Administration

The Oregon Ministry Network, together with other co-owner Districts, shall share in the policies, administration and support of Northwest University.

Section 3.

This relationship with Northwest University shall not hinder other Assemblies of God colleges from itinerating or raising funds within the Oregon Ministry Network.

Section 4.

At least three people shall be selected to serve on the board of Northwest University: the Ministry Network Superintendent by virtue of his office, one other Ministry Network executive officer, and at least one layman.

a. The Ministry Network Presbytery shall elect members of the board other than the Ministry Network officers.

b. Terms of office shall be two years and may succeed themselves; Ministry Network executive officer's terms shall be concurrent with their terms of office.

Section 5. Finances

The Oregon Ministry Network shall give its whole-hearted support to the operational needs of Northwest University. This shall be provided in the following manner:

a. One percent of the Minister's Tithe shall be sent to Northwest University.

b. Churches and individuals shall be encouraged to support Northwest University through pledged support, offerings, and bequests, etc.

ARTICLE XX. CATEGORY OF CHURCHES

Section 1. General Council Church. See General Council Constitution Article XI, Section 1, and Bylaws Article VI.

a. General Council churches are strongly urged to seek advice and counsel from the Ministry Network office when their pastors resign.

Section 2. Ministry Network Church

a. May have less than 20 members, but is capable of self-governing and is financially solvent.

b. Ministry Network affiliated churches shall be required to seek advice and counsel from the Ministry Network office when their pastors resign.

Section 3. Mission Oregon Church

a. All new works shall be designated Mission Oregon churches and shall function under

the direction of the Oregon Ministry Network Assemblies of God recommended Constitution and Bylaws for Mission Oregon Churches.

b. When a General Council or a Ministry Network church is no longer able to fill the corporate offices of the church with scripturally-qualified members, or meet its ongoing financial obligations, or falls below 20 members, or fails to meet any other requirements for General Council affiliation (See General Council Constitution Article XI, Section 1.a.), the Network may exercise its prerogative to bring that church under the supervision of the Oregon Ministry Network Division of Church Development. At such time as the church has returned to sufficient strength it may re-apply with the Oregon Ministry Network and the General Council for reinstatement to General Council status.

c. Churches that revert to Mission Oregon status must:

(1) Dissolve their board

(2) Suspend their Constitution and Bylaws

(3) Function under the Oregon Ministry Network Assemblies of God Constitution and Bylaws for Mission Oregon churches.

Section 4. Cooperating Assemblies

Provision shall be made for the status of a cooperating assembly, which would allow churches that subscribe to Article IV. Statement of Fundamental Truths of the General Council Constitution to enter into a cooperative status with the Oregon Ministry Network Presbytery and the General Council on a temporary basis (4-year term, renewable by the request of the local church congregation at the discretion of the Oregon Ministry Network in cooperation with the General Council Executive Presbytery) before officially affiliating with the Oregon Ministry Network and the General Council.

On a periodic basis the Oregon Ministry Network Presbytery may review the status of the participating church to determine if continued cooperation is appropriate.

ARTICLE XXI. INTERVENTION

Section 1. Ministry Network Intervention

a. The Ministry Network may request a meeting with an assembly for discussion or clarification if for some valid reason the assembly's status or operations are in question.

b. Official representatives of the Ministry Network have the right to meet with the official church board or voting members of a local assembly in cases involving:

- (1) Division resulting in disruption
- (2) Assumption of unscriptural or dictatorial authority by the pastor or board
- (3) Prolonged absence of pastoral leadership
- (4) Deviation or departure from Assemblies of God principles and practices.
- (5) Attempt to disaffiliate from Assemblies of God fellowship.
- (6) Inability of pastor and board to resolve problems of administrative or unscriptural conduct.
- (7) By virtue of the membership of an assembly falling below twenty active voting members or absence of persons qualified to serve as board members.

Section 2. Church Request for Intervention

a. While the right of a local sovereign assembly to self-government is a basic General Council privilege, it is also recognized that the assembly has a responsibility to the Ministry Network and General Council, and both have a responsibility to the assembly.

b. An invitation should be directed to the Ministry Network Office for a representative to meet with the assembly.

- (1) Request of the pastor, or
- (2) Majority action of the official church board, or
- (3) Petition of 20 percent of the voting members.

c. In this Article, the term "intervention" shall mean the giving of counsel and advice, offering the services of the Ministry Network and the attendance of Ministry Network officials at meetings of the official board and church membership for the purpose of better understanding of the situation and presenting the views and viewpoints of the Ministry Network on the situation. There is no intent that this subsection should in any way violate the sovereignty of the local assembly or authorize the Ministry Network to take control of the assembly without their consent.

ARTICLE XXII. PROPERTY

Section 1. Conveyance of Property

a. All property, real or chattel, shall be taken, held, sold, transferred, or conveyed in the corporate name of the district, namely: Assemblies of God, Oregon District.

b. No real property of the Assemblies of God, Oregon District, which is held for use of the entire Ministry Network, shall be sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise alienated without the transaction first being authorized by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any regular or special session of the Ministry Network Conference which has been properly called. Other properties may be sold, leased, mortgaged or otherwise alienated as the need arises, when properly authorized. In those cases where the Ministry Network shares joint title with a local church, the Executive Officers of the Ministry Network along with the local Presbyter may, when deemed appropriate, execute and sign the necessary documents of reconveyance. Furthermore, in those cases where properties are not held for use of the entire Ministry Network, the Executive Officers are authorized to execute and sign the necessary documents after receiving the consent of a majority of the Presbytery.

c. The Ministry Network Superintendent as President, the Assistant Superintendent as Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be authorized to execute and, deliver such conveyance, lease, mortgage, or deed which has been duly authorized by a vote of the membership or by a vote of the Presbytery as the case may be.

Section 2. Camp Property

- a. Bethel Gospel Park - 9255 Portland Road NE., Salem, Oregon 97305.
- b. Camp Davidson - 31051 SW Suttle Lake Road, Sisters, Oregon 97759.

ARTICLE XXIII. RECORDS

The Oregon Ministry Network shall, pursuant to the provisions of ORS 75.774, maintain an open records policy for members. Members' right to access such records shall not include records containing personal information of a private nature about any specific individual. Such limitations include, but may not be limited to, ministerial and personnel files, disciplinary records, and individual giving and compensation records.

ARTICLE XXIV. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the bylaws may be made at any regular meeting of the Ministry Network Conference. A two-thirds majority of votes cast shall be necessary for adoption.

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