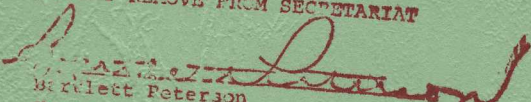


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General Secretary

THE TWENTY-NINTH GENERAL COUNCIL
Portland, Oregon, August 23-29, 1961

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FOREWORD

This record of the General Secretary is presented as a factual report of the business proceedings of the 29th General Council in session at Portland, Oregon, from August 23 to 29, 1961.

A full account of the devotional and evangelistic services has been carried in *The Pentecostal Evangel*, and only a brief mention, therefore, has been made of these services in the text of the official minutes. We wish, however, to acknowledge with appreciation the Spirit-anointed ministry of brethren who served in the evening evangelistic rallies, and who have not been included in the text of the minutes: Ronald L. Prinzing, E. M. Clark, Kenneth Barney and Clyde Henson.

In addition, we should like also to express our sincere thanks to the many friends, ministers and delegates who contributed through their efforts, prayers and presence to make the 29th General Council one of the best in the history of our church.

BARTLETT PETERSON,
General Secretary

THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, INC.

Administrative Offices: 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield,
Missouri

General Officers and Executive Directors of Departments, following election and assignment of portfolios

- Thomas F. Zimmerman General Superintendent
Executive Director Personnel and Public Relations
- Howard S. Bush Assistant General Superintendent
Executive Director Christ's Ambassadors Department,
Men's Fellowship Department and Evangelism Department
- J. Philip Hogan Assistant General Superintendent
Executive Director Foreign Missions Department
- G. F. Lewis Assistant General Superintendent
Executive Director Home Missions Department, The
Women's Missionary Council Department and Ministers'
Benefit Association
- C. W. H. Scott Assistant General Superintendent
Executive Director Sunday School Department, Depart-
ment of Education and Department of Benevolences
- Bert Webb Assistant General Superintendent
Executive Director Publications Department
- Bartlett Peterson General Secretary
Executive Director Radio Department
- M. B. Netzel General Treasurer
Executive Director General Service Areas

Executive Presbytery

Resident in Springfield: Thomas F. Zimmerman, Howard S.
Bush, J. Philip Hogan, Gayle F. Lewis, Martin B. Netzel,
Bartlett Peterson, Charles W. H. Scott, Bert Webb

Non-resident: Richard J. Bergstrom, Northeast Area; Edgar
W. Bethany, Southeastern Area; G. Raymond Carlson,
North Central Area; N. D. Davidson, Northwest Area; D.
H. McLaughlin, Southwest Area; Kermit Reneau, South
Central Area; Roy H. Wead, Great Lakes Area; A. A.
Wilson, Gulf Area.

THE TWENTY-NINTH GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CONVENED AT PORTLAND, OREGON

AUGUST 23-29, 1961

The Twenty-Ninth General Council of the Assemblies of God convened in the Memorial Coliseum at Portland, Oregon, on Wednesday, August 23, at 7 p.m. The convention was officially welcomed by the Honorable Mark Hatfield, Governor of the State of Oregon. N. D. Davidson, Superintendent of the Oregon District of the Assemblies of God, introduced the Governor and Thos. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, gave the response.

The General Superintendent brought the keynote message on the convention theme "Fervent in Spirit." The congregation responded wholeheartedly to his challenge and there was a general move of reconsecration and rededication to the work of the Lord.

THURSDAY MORNING

The business meeting on Thursday morning was preceded by a devotional period with the Reverend G. W. Hardcastle, Jr., in charge. The opening prayer was offered by Reverend John Tappero, followed by congregational singing under the direction of Reverend Philip Wannenmacher. Another season of prayer was led by Reverend Kermit Reneau, after which the Fred Squire Party of Sussex, England presented a vocal duet entitled, "No Name on Earth Has Meant So Much to Me."

The devotional message was presented by Frederick D. Eide, Superintendent of the New Jersey District. Brother Eide took his text from Acts 4:23-31. The theme of his message "The Passion of Pentecost" emphasized the fervor of the Early Church and pled for continuance and application of the compelling testimony of totally dedicated lives.

The General Superintendent officially called the business session to order at 10:10 a.m. On behalf of the General Council, he expressed appreciation at being convened in the City of Portland and thanked the city for the many kindnesses and warm hospitality which had been extended already to the convention.

The chair recognized Pastor Kenneth Haystead of Portland who introduced Howard P. Traver, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor of Portland. He welcomed the 29th Session of the General Council in behalf of the City of Portland. "It is an honor and privilege to be with you this morning and to bring you official greetings from the City of Roses...we wish for you a most successful and harmonious General Council," he said.

The General Superintendent introduced N. D. Davidson, Superintendent of the Oregon District, who welcomed the General Council in behalf of the Oregon District, the Northwest area and the West Coast. "We are delighted so many have come so far...we welcome you in the name of the great West Coast," Brother Davidson concluded.

Giving the response to these addresses of welcome was the Reverend A. A. Wilson, veteran executive presbyter of the General Council.

The chair introduced the members of the Executive Presbytery which included eight Executive Officers and seven non-resident Executive Presbyters. Each Presbyter stood as his name was called: Howard S. Bush, J. Philip Hogan, Gayle F. Lewis, Martin B. Netzel, Bartlett Peterson, Charles W. H. Scott, Bert Webb; N. D. Davidson, G. Raymond Carlson, Grady L. Fannin, D. H. McLaughlin, Kermit Reneau, Roy H. Wead and A. A. Wilson. The chair paid tribute to the memory of Andrew Stirling, non-resident Executive Presbyter, who had gone to be with the Lord during his term of office.

Retired Executive Officers seated on the platform were introduced: Ralph M. Riggs, J. R. Flower, J. O. Savell, E. S. Williams, Fred Vogler and Noel Perkin.

Adoption of Agenda

Copies of the agenda were distributed, after which a motion was made, seconded and carried that it be adopted as a guide for the order of business.

General Council Committees

Attention was called to committees which had been appointed to serve the General Council during its 1961 session. These committees are listed as follows:

Benevolences

William H. Robertson, Chairman; Ernest Berquist, Dave Carlson, W. S. Graham, Dr. Jonas Miller, G. L. Riffe, Steward Robinson, L. D. Wells

Christ's Ambassadors

T. A. McDonough, Chairman; Oscar M. Dykes, Dale Harmon, E. Eugene Perrault

Education

E. A. Born, Chairman; J. Robert Ashcroft, O. Cope Budge, C. C. Burnett, C. E. Butterfield, R. J. Carlson, E. D. Cooley, Paul J. Emery, Joseph R. Flower, R. J. Fulford, T. E. Gannon, G. W. Hardcastle, Klaude Kendrick, F. J. Lindquist, R. L. Moore, Andrew Nelli, Jessie E. Smith, A. E. Spence, C. J. Utley, Hardy Steinberg, Charles W. H. Scott

Evangelism

Jimmy D. Brown, Chairman; Watson Argue, A. C. Bates, Lloyd Christiansen, T. Kermit Jeffrey, Theodore E. Ness

Foreign Missions

T. C. Cunningham, Chairman; James F. Ballard, E. A. Balliet, J. Bashford Bishop, Fred L. Chambers, John Clement, E. A. Manley, Dr. Jere D. Melilli, Wesley F. Morton, Hal C. Noah, De Roy Owings, Noel Perkin, Emmett Peterson, S. H. Peterson, Le Roy Sanders, Rollin N. Severance, E. C. Sumrall, Charles N. Webster, Robert McGlasson, V. G. Griesen, M. L. Hodges, M. L. Ketcham, E. L. Philips, J. Philip Hogan, Bert Webb, N. D. Davidson

General Council Reports

Phinis Lewis, Chairman; Kenneth L. Claycomb, Everette Ewing, Gerard J. Flokstra, Joseph Gerhart, G. W. Hardcastle, Kenneth E. Olson, Orie L. Robinson

Home Missions

Ralph Phillips, Chairman; Paul Buchwalter, H. M. Cadwalder, O. E. Carter, Everett D. Cooley, Jose E. Giron, Jack Kuykendall, Carl W. Loenser, Fred Mosley, Arthur Shell, Fred Vogler, R. A. Wilson

Men's Fellowship

Doyle Burgess, Chairman; M. David Bowen, Sam Cochran, Bill Dewitt, Robert E. Goggin, U. S. Grant, Walter Hanson

Ministerial Relations

R. J. Carlson, Chairman; Albert M. Alber, Robert E. Goggin, Frank Gray, Earl W. O'Dell, W. Howard Robertson, N. Cleo Tapp, Samuel C. Totaro, William Van Winkle

Parliamentary

Ward R. Williams, Chairman; Leland R. Keys, R. D. E. Smith

Program

Roy Southard, Chairman; Guy A. Davidson, G. W. Hardcastle, Jr., Arvid C. Kingsriter, William A. McCann, Harold D. Schmitt, William L. Thornton

Radio

E. M. Clark, Chairman; Enoch Christoffersen, J. D. Courtney, C. C. Crace, Lyle B. Curtis, Harris Lidstrand, Murray W. McLees, Carl L. Stewart, John West

Resolutions

Richard Bergstrom, Chairman; J. C. Burks, E. R. Foster, C. W. Hahn, Kenneth Haystead, Darwin Heuser, Vincente Ortiz, Leonard Palmer, Jesse Smith

Spiritual Life

G. Raymond Carlson, Chairman; E. A. Balliet, Joseph R. Flower, Wiley T. Davis, O. L. Harrup, Murray W. McLees, Kermit Reneau, Willie M. Stevens, E. S. Williams, Thomas F. Zimmerman

Roster

A. F. Berg, Chairman; Fred Cottriel, Howard Davidson, D. G. Foote, James Griggs, George Hendrickson, Stanton Johnson, J. Billy McIntosh, Don McKinney, Charles Miller, Glen D. Miller, E. E. Noland, Ronald Prinzing, G. W. Risner, Burdett Wiles

Sunday School

Loren W. Wooten, Chairman; Noble Chowning, Robert E. Cooley, H. Paul Holdridge, Emmett Maum, J. Derald Musgrove, G. Carlon Townsend

Tellers

Philip Wannenmacher, Chairman; Robert Pirtle, Captain; Johnny Tappero, Captain; William C. Land, Captain; James F. Argue, Harry Ayers, Milton Barfoot, S. K. Biffle, Jr., Isaac Troy Boggs, Lloyd Cagle, Cecil Carathers, Howard Cummings, George Davis, Melford De Vries, Delbert E. Gribling, Dale Harmon, Arnold Hashman, Earl S. Hennings, Arthur Hontz, Percy King, Leonard Leisy, L. I. LaMance, W. W. Martin, Gordon Matheney, Leon Miles, Ernest Moen, D. L. Nultemeier, Earle Pritchard, E. T. Quanabush, Sidney Regnier, Leonard Rogers, Everett Stenhouse

Women's Missionary Council

Mesdames E. William Anderson, chairman; Mary Campbell, Vernon Skaggs, A. F. Thornton, Paul Emery, Paul Samuelson, J. D. Courtney, W. F. Mercer and Miss Sermione Summers

Committee on Arrangements

Bert Webb, Chairman; M. B. Netzel, T. F. Zimmerman and N. D. Davidson

Equipment

William N. Paris, Chairman; John S. Curtis, L. Otis Triplett, Thomas M. Ming, Jr., and Elwin Irwin

Housing

John Fuiten, Chairman; Melvin E. Arn, Lawrence A. Steller, D. DeLoss Crook, and Arthur C. Phillips

Personal Workers

Joseph Dunets, Chairman; F. Wayne Ridout, Ernest Mattson, Elmer E. Kirschman, and Gerald W. Minton

Publicity

Wayne Adams, Chairman; Kenneth M. Haystead, William D. Turnbull, Edmond L. Rey, and William L. Stephens

Ushers

Leon D. Hall, Chairman; Byron Hylton, David W. Phillips, R. J. Mitchell, and Raymond Earl Book

In addition to the above-named committees the chair presented the names of brethren chosen to serve as a committee to study the selection of a site for the 1963 General Council. On motion duly carried the names of Brother Jack Edgar, Chairman; Fred Eide, Phinis Lewis, T. H. Spence, Lester Dickinson, Stewart Robinson and Carl Conner were approved to constitute the committee. Also named was the Convention Budget Committee: N. D. Davidson, Chairman; Ray Soper, A. A. Wilson, C. C. Burnett, Watson Argue, Louis Hauff, Edgar Bethany, F. J. Lindquist and Theodore E. Ness.

Telegrams and Other Messages of Greetings

The following telegram was read from A. C. Bates of Waxahachie, Texas, who was unable to be present due to a physical infirmity:

Christian greetings to all the executive brethren, committeemen, ministers, delegates and visitors attending the 29th General Council. Praying that the Holy Spirit will anoint all speakers and will guide in all deliberations. I deeply regret that I am not able to be with you.

The General Superintendent reported he had received a telephone call from Wesley Morton, who because of illness was not able to be present. Brother Morton extended greetings to the General Council in session.

The General Secretary read a letter of greeting from James A. Cross, Overstar of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee.

A cablegram received from the National Chairman of the North Ghana District Council was read:

Northern Ghana District Council pastors and missionaries send greetings and prayers. (Signed, Tiga Sedirogo, Chairman)

Upon motion duly carried the General Secretary was requested to respond to these greetings by appropriate messages expressing the appreciation of the General Council.

Reports from Executive Officers

The General Superintendent, in behalf of the Executive Officers, presented a printed booklet of reports which had been furnished to all delegates and ministers registering for the General Council. This booklet contained the reports of the General Treasurer, General Secretary and all Departments at headquarters. After the presentation of the General Superintendent's report, the chair was turned to Assistant General Superintendent, Gayle F. Lewis. There was a motion from the floor to accept the report with thanks both to God and to Brother Zimmerman for the fine report. The motion was carried by a rising vote of thanks and a season of praise unto God. The chair was then returned to the General Superintendent.

The General Secretary presented his report which covered the varied activities of the office for the two-year period. Special attention was called to the statistical section. Upon motion duly carried the report was accepted. The General Treasurer, Martin B. Netzel, presented the report of the Finance Department, together with the Auditor's Statement and reproductions from the Audit Report. Attention was called to gains in various areas. Upon motion the report of the General Treasurer was accepted with appreciation.

A motion for adjournment was made and duly carried at 11:50 a.m., with the provision that the General Council reconvene at 2 p.m. The prayer of dismissal was offered by R. M. Riggs.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting on Thursday afternoon convened at two o'clock. Roy Southard of Seattle, Washington, led the devotional. Robert Graber from Canton, Ohio, led in the singing of songs and John Tinsman of Whittier, California, offered prayer. Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent, introduced representatives from other Pentecostal denominations.

Roy H. Mourer, Supervisor of the Northwest District of the International Church of the Four Square Gospel, brought greetings from his fellowship. He read a letter from President Rolph McPherson expressing appreciation for the privilege of being represented at the General Council. He commended the Assemblies of God for its extensive program and outreach for world-wide evangelism and expressed assurance that God would, through the Assemblies of God, give the world a great revival.

G. A. Byas, Assistant Superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, brought greetings from Bishop Synan and from the entire church. He extended a welcome from the local congregation and wished the visitors to Portland an enjoyable stay. Also stated was his desire that God would enlarge our borders to do a greater work for Him throughout the world.

Walter McAlister, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, brought fraternal greetings from Canada. He said that Canada considers its most valuable export to be the many ministers in the United States who were born in Canada.

Reports on Administration Building

Bert Webb, Chairman of the Building Committee, gave a detailed progress report on the construction of the new administration building as outlined in the Architect's letter under date of August 11, 1961. The building is presently about 90 per cent completed and the occupancy date has been set tentatively as December 1, 1961. It was stated that, the Lord willing, it is hoped to have a special dedication week the last of February and the first of March.

Brother Webb also reported on the cash position of the project as set forth in a Cost Budget, dated August 11, 1961. Total construction costs stood at \$2,956,973, of which \$2,158,000 have been paid, leaving a balance of \$798,973 exclusive of furnishings.

M. B. Netzel, General Treasurer, gave a report on the progress of bond sales. Approximately sixty-one per cent of the \$2,000,000 in bonds issued had been sold. Brother Netzel stressed the fact that no trust funds whatsoever are being pledged as security in the construction of the building and that no trust funds are being used in any way for this purpose. He expressed the opinion that all bonds would be completely sold by March 31, 1962.

The Reports on the Administration Building were accepted by motions duly passed.

Departmental Reports

Phinis Lewis, Chairman of the General Council Reports Committee, read the report. His committee had reviewed the printed Reports and presented a digest of the departmental operations for the past fiscal biennium:

General Secretary

In studying the report of the General Secretary, your committee was impressed by the volume of work that is done through this office, and we wish to commend the Secretary for the good job that he is doing. This report shows that there was a gain of 3,050 church members in the U.S.A., and a world gain of 121,053 during the last two years. It is important that we continue to stress the importance of church membership and to urge all those who qualify for membership to join the church. A further gain in total membership could be realized by a more accurate reporting on the annual church questionnaire.

We now have 8,233 churches served by 9,428 ordained and 4,988 licensed ministers. With this ratio of workers to the number of churches, it is appalling to note that there was a gain of only 139 new churches in the two-year period just ending.

General Treasurer

The General Treasurer's report reflects a continued increase in funds handled by the headquarter's office in spite of the recession of 1960. We would like to call attention to the increase in the percentage of the ministers who are now contributing to the General Fund—82.8% of the ordained ministers and 56% of the licensed ministers.

We noted the fact that \$1,010,667 was set aside on March 31, 1961 for the construction of the new administration building, and that an additional \$100,000 is being set aside on August 31, 1961 for this purpose. In addition to these funds, a first mortgage, serial bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000 has been issued to cover the remainder of the cost of the building.

We noted also the splendid work that is being done by the newly created Division of Stewardship. The purpose of the division is to encourage gifts and benefactions by annuities, wills, bequests, trusts and deeds, for the advancement of the cause of Christ. Please note in the report the brochures and pamphlets that are available through this division.

Benevolences

The responsibility of the Benevolence Department falls into three divisions: (1) The care of homeless and neglected children; (2) Care of aged and infirm ministers and missionaries; (3) Support of aged ministers who have little or no income yet able to maintain a home.

Funds were received from 3,352 churches during the past year for these ministries, while the assets of the department virtually doubled in the last two years: from \$347,350 to \$630,482.

An addition to the Hillcrest Children's Home in the amount of \$41,278 was donated by Mrs. Hallie Garrison of Texas bringing the capacity of Hillcrest to 100 children. More than half of the rooms have already been furnished at a cost of \$200 per room. Additional property has been purchased at a cost of \$22,100 consisting of seven and one half acres of land, a six-room house, garage apartment and poultry house. It is here the new Garrison Memorial Cottage was erected. During the past year nearly three hundred ministers, missionaries, and their widows received help from Aged Ministers Assistance. While contributions to the Aged Ministers Fund have increased

by 10 per cent since last reported, there are about 5,000 Assemblies of God which fail to contribute to this fund. More funds are needed to increase assistance and include other aged ministers.

Since last General Council the new Bethany Retirement Home was built at Lakeland, Florida. Residents of Pinellas Park were moved into the new Bethany Home in April 1960. The Pinellas Park building has been sold. Bethany Retirement Home has accommodations for fifty-five persons, a fifteen-bed infirmary, nursing station, library, dining hall and kitchen, lounge, terrace, utility and storage areas and a therapy room. A staff of nurses is maintained on a 24-hour basis. \$95,000 is owed on Bethany, being amortized in yearly payments of \$5,000 plus interest. In May of 1961, a superintendent's home was purchased near Bethany at a cost of \$9,000. The operational income, including transfers from the Department of Benevolences for the past fiscal year, totaled \$51,376, while operational expenditures amounted to \$40,968. Assets total \$246,493; with liabilities totaling a little more than \$100,000. This represents a net gain in the last two years of approximately \$75,000.

At the present time about fifty homes for the aged are operated by individuals, churches and other groups, associated with the Assemblies of God. The Department of Benevolences has sponsored four seminars for operators of such homes. New promotional programs for this Department include films and field representatives.

Christ's Ambassadors

Since last General Council two important training devices to establish teen-age youth have been added to the C. A. program. They are "The Assemblies of God Training Series, Youth" and a new quiz manual on the Book of Acts.

All forty-four districts have C. A. organizations and each has a C. A. president. There are approximately 450 sectional representatives serving in these forty-four districts.

There were 5,109 organized groups reported in 1960, an increase of 26 over 1959. An estimated total membership for 1960 would be 96,600 with an estimated weekly attendance of 102,000.

Over a five-year period, participation in the Goal Achievement Program has grown from 30.70% to 46.35%, while the Chi Alpha program for college students reports activity from 33 campus groups. There are five publications: C. A. Herald, C. A. Guide, Campus Ambassador, CAP and Capsule, with a total circulation of 35,306. In the 88 youth camps reporting, there was an enrollment of 14,951 with 1,824 saved and 2,306 filled with the Holy Spirit. Twenty-two camps were certified under the National Youth Camp Standard.

National C. A. Day found 2,252 churches contributing a total of \$18,841. Speed-the-Light giving has totaled \$680,422 in the last two years. This is a gain of \$4,073 over the previous two years.

From the Servicemen's Division a mailing list of 8,000 servicemen in all fifty states and nearly every major nation on earth receives literature consisting of *Reveille*, *Sentinel Series Tracts* and *At Ease*. We have 21 active duty chaplains, 28 in reserve status, one V. A. hospital chaplain and four men in seminary work preparing for the chaplaincy.

Education

Recognizing that our young people must have the best training possible in a Pentecostal atmosphere, the Board of Education concerns itself with four general areas of formal education. They are: Bible and liberal arts colleges, secondary and elementary schools and adult education.

Our students are making a substantial contribution to the church even while in training. A recent school year reported 1,887 conversions, 160 filled with the Holy Spirit, and five new churches started. During a nine-month period 2,767 students gave a total of \$48,085.86 to missions, a per capita giving of \$17.38.

It is indicated that we may experience a ministerial shortage in the future. In 1956, 86.1% of students enrolled in our schools were theological students and 13.9% in liberal arts. In 1960, 60% were theological students and 40% were liberal arts students.

The 1956 enrollment was 2,523; in 1960, 2,856. Finances enter in here. It is very evident that if our youth are to be educated in a Pentecostal atmosphere, greater financial support must come from our constituency. Concerned friends of the Assemblies of God are beginning to rally to the financial needs. Our schools are being remembered with sizable gifts and in legacies. This is indeed urgent and necessary. A total of 127 young people made applications for C. A. scholarships this past year. Twenty-six were awarded.

The total enrollment of the Berean School of the Bible, from 1948 (when the school was begun) until 1961, was 11,446. The average monthly enrollment for 1960 was 105.

Evangelism

Three distinct scriptural phases of evangelism have been implemented in our movement from its very inception: mass evangelism, enlistment evangelism and personal evangelism.

Many departments of the General Council are engaged directly in winning souls to the Lord. The Department of Evangelism assists in this area.

Convinced that the Day of Pentecost needed to be a stronger day on our calendar PENTECOST CRUSADE received emphasis in the **Evangel**. The year 1961 pointed up the evangelism ministry of the various departments over the fifty-day period from Easter to Pentecost, with special emphasis on our Pentecostal heritage.

All announcements and reports of evangelistic meetings for the **Pentecostal Evangel** are channeled through the Department of Evangelism.

A Directory of Evangelists published by this department is sent to all the pastors. This will acquaint them with our Assemblies of God evangelists.

Foreign Missions

Thanks to God for the continued growth of the missionary work of the Assemblies of God in this time of World Crisis. The wisdom of developing Bible schools and establishing indigenous churches becomes more and more apparent as time goes by.

In the last two years we have had a net gain of 31 in our missionary force. This in spite of the fact that thirteen missionaries have gone on to be with the Lord; two have retired; sixteen were superannuated and 58 took up home ministry. We now have 798 missionaries under appointment working in 71 mission fields.

We have reported an increase of 487 organized churches abroad in the past two years.

Attention is called to the list of ten leading Districts and churches on page 81 (of the printed reports) and also to the breakdown as to how the missionary dollar is spent.

Commendation should be given for the Global Conquest program and magazine and the important place this program is filling both at home and abroad, and to the department for increasing the supply of helps for conventions and local church information.

The School of Missions continues to fill an important place and to meet a great need in the program of the Department.

Home Missions

There is a noticeable upsurge of interest and activity in the area of Home Missions.

Giving to the Home Missions Department in the past two years has shown a commendable increase.

There are 310 home missionaries now under appointment by the department. These are required to itinerate and raise their own support. In the past two years, 464 new churches have been opened compared with 423 in the previous two years.

Invaluable helps have been given through the church building commission saving pioneer churches over \$50,000 in architectural fees and the provision of blueprints. Loans are made from the Krause Loan Fund to pioneer churches amounting to \$139,912.86 as well as sixty-one grants given in the amount of \$50,343.24 from the Needy District Fund to churches under three years old.

Mission USA rallies held each February throughout the nation acquaint the fellowship with the vast home missions program. The Special Ministries division continues to reach many in the U.S.A. Great success is enjoyed among the American Indians with ministry to more than 100 tribes on over 70 reservations, with nearly 1,500 saved in the past two years. In a recent survey it was noted that 80 per cent of all evangelical work accomplished by groups associated with NAE is done by the Assemblies of God.

The Assemblies of God minister to 33 churches in Alaska, with eight outstations and three orphanages, making the greatest progress of any church group in Alaska.

There are 45 workers ministering to the deaf and 14 workers working among the six million Jews of the U.S.A. One worker has been appointed to work with the blind. The department also provides Assemblies of God literature in Braille.

Prison ministry is mightily used of God with 1,168 new enrollees in the free study courses.

Men's Fellowship

This department has for its major objective a spiritual mission. This is accomplished by a TEAM relationship with the pastor in carrying out the functions of the church.

Action mandatory, the program of Men's Fellowship has set definite goals for personal soul winning. On New Year's Eve, 1962, a more intensive effort will be launched in this area by placing definite responsibilities and quotas for soul winning.

The "Light of the World" phase of Men's Fellowship is proving successful as a source of Gospels and Gospel Literature for our missionaries around the world. New vigorous efforts are being put forth to meet the demands for this literature.

District Men's Fellowship Directors are being supplied from the national office with organization materials for programs, plans, promotion, and a drive for new groups and members is under way.

The rapid increase in subscriptions to TEAM magazine has suggested a study to determine whether or not the quarterly publications should be changed to a monthly.

Ministers Benefit Association

This Association which was created as a service to our members as of the beginning of this fiscal year, has 879 participating members and churches. These participating members, helped by their churches, are building a retirement program to supplement their social Security.

Current marketable securities appreciation amounts to \$212,150. Total assets reflect an increase of \$89,262 for the year, or \$178,535 for the two-year period. Funds held to the credit of members increased \$163,256 for the two-year period. The undistributed Reserve Fund of \$20,388 compares with \$12,737 in the 1959 report.

The Ministers Benefit Association offers each minister of our fellowship the privilege of investing in this retirement program. Five to six per cent interest has been paid on investments now for several years.

Publications

The Publications Department consists of a varied area of service to the General Council of the Assemblies of God. The Gospel Publishing House has shown through the years and presently shows a most profitable business year. Despite the business recession and rising costs in mailing and salaries paid, the Gospel Publishing House has increased its sales and profits. The Music Division has enjoyed a wonderful response. "Melodies of Praise" has had nine printings with phenomenal response. In the printing division many new and excellent pieces of equipment have been purchased with the thought of increasing our service and quality of work.

The Church School Literature Department has done a number of things during the past two-year period. The Vacation Bible School courses of study have been revised and enjoy a wide acceptance. One of the outstanding developments in the literature division has been the program of graded material. A second new development has been the undated courses now available at our headquarters. Encouragement is being presented to our constituency with the thought of developing the writing ministry. It is of interest to note that there was a circulation increase of Church School Literature of 129,709 over the report of 1959.

Our official organ, **The Pentecostal Evangel**, has enjoyed a good year of blessing and has increased by way of subscriptions. The May 1961 circulation reached a new high of 172,674 copies. This high circulation could be raised by the full cooperation and support of our officers and churches.

Pulpit magazine has improved and meets a real need and should enjoy the support of all of our ministers.

Public Relations

More than two years ago the Public Relations Department began work on a new endeavor to promote the over-all Assemblies of God ministry.

It is interesting to note the response that has been received from high school and college students on materials offered to them for the purpose of writing term papers on the Assemblies of God. A few of the materials that have been made available for this purpose include a booklet entitled "Early History of the Assemblies of God," "Introducing the Assemblies of God," "The General Council of the Assemblies of God, Its Organization and Beliefs." An effort has been made to give students correct information on use of the organizational name.

Through the services of a part-time worker from Evangel College, it has been possible to increase the informational releases made available from Public Relations. The news release area serves a valuable purpose in informing the entire United States on activities of the Assemblies of God. As a result of releases, additional requests have come for information which has made it possible to continue development of the news program.

Included in correspondence to headquarters offices are prayer requests from individuals throughout the world. These are channeled to Public Relations daily, where they are answered and then passed on to all departments to be remembered in the daily devotional sessions.

In looking ahead the department faces, not only a tremendous need, but a heavy challenge for the future.

Radio

Revivaltime continues to enjoy the blessing of God and through the ministry of C. M. Ward attention has been drawn to the Full Gospel around the world. Response to the broadcast is revealed in some measure by an average of more than ten thousand letters per month coming to the department, with a total of 243,000 received during the past two years.

Currently 340 stations carry the broadcast, 86 of these being ABC network, 214 independent and 40 foreign.

In spite of limited appeals for funds, the 1959-1961 fiscal years totaled \$980,918.70 in church and personal contributions.

The future of Revivaltime presents a great challenge both in foreign outreach and across the nation. It is worthy of the support and backing of our entire constituency.

Sunday School

The Sunday School Department report reveals progress and victory in many areas.

The international convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in May of 1960 estimated 8,500 workers in attendance with 5,220 registered delegates, 120 of which were from the mission fields representing 70 nations. Much planning has already gone into the 1962 regional conventions to be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, March 20-22; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 3-5, and Fresno, California, April 10-12. Significant changes in the National Standard become effective October 1, 1961. The purpose of the revision is to simplify the text and eliminate some of the unnecessary exceptions and technicalities. There are ten renamed features in the new standard, incorporating 12 features of the previous measurement and adds a curriculum feature.

A comparison of statistical information for the past two years in the check-up report reveals a small gain in the over-all Sunday school enrollment, teachers, officers, and souls won, as well as a small decrease in check-ups received and the average attendance of 81 per school remaining the same. It is to be noted that with the foreign branch schools included in our national enrollment we lack only 27,529 of our million goal.

In a five-year period ending February 1960, the BGMC contributed \$93,288.08 to purchase paper, translate and print gospel literature which assisted the fields of the Far East, Africa, Middle East, Europe, Southern Asia and Latin America. Since the inception of the BGMC program in 1949 a total of \$790,645.17 has been given to this missionary program.

The Child Evangelism Division has supervised the writing of a new VBS Manual "Building Better Vacation Bible Schools" by Ruth Copeland, which replaces "The Ideal VBS" and is listed on the workers training list. A statistical VBS report will reveal a gain in VBS's of two per cent over 1958, but a drop of one per cent over 1959.

There have been at least 70 boys and girls camps held each year for the last two seasons, with over nine thousand in attendance of which more than 1,800 were saved and a like number received the Baptism each year.

The Sunday School Counselor has increased circulation from 34,200 to 38,834 in the last two years. The Superintendent's Planner has been changed in name and scope and has a current circulation of 12,000 each quarter.

Ten new service literature items have been produced and 21 have been reprinted in the last two years. In the past year a total of almost 400,000 pieces of 41 titles of service literature have been distributed through district directors, sectional representatives and general request.

There was a three per cent gain over the past two years in numbers of schools conducting a training course. As of May 1961, almost 41,000 certificates had been issued, 36,000 of which were issued for "Ways of Understanding God's Word."

The Sunday School Department is to be complimented on its spiritual, aggressive program, as well as its vision and burden for this great arm of our fellowship.

Women's Missionary Council

In the past ten years great strides have been made in the WMC Department. There are now more than 5,700 local groups with a total membership exceeding 68,000. The past two years have revealed a 7,000 membership gain with 3,500 souls saved through WMC efforts in local communities and more than two million pieces of Gospel Literature distributed. Their contributions to ministries this year exceed \$2,364,454 in cash, and cash value for the fifth consecutive year has exceeded a million dollars.

Slant, Missionette Memos, Pack-kit and Leader Letter promote their activities. A new handbook for WMC leaders will be introduced at this Council.

The Etta Calhoun Fund which was started in 1957, and designed to meet indoor equipment needs for missions and benevolence institutions, has received \$5,606 in the last two years.

There are over 2,000 Missionette Clubs with a membership exceeding 22,000 enjoying the new missionette achievement program "Stairway to the Stars." This achievement program will encourage Christ-centered activity such as the reading of the entire Bible, memorization of Scripture, engaging in purposeful handwork projects, visitation, etc.

We commend the women of our movement for their constructive Christian activity in the past and for their challenging endeavors of the future.

The Committee wishes to express appreciation to all the personnel of the General Council Departments for their splendid work during the past two years and after thorough review moves that the Reports be accepted.

A motion to accept the report was seconded and carried.

Statement of Fundamental Truths

D. H. McLaughlin, Chairman of the Committee to Study the Revision of the Statement of Fundamental Truths, read the report:

Your Committee on Tenets of Faith Revision was appointed by the Executive Presbytery in December, 1959. The committee named by the Executives is as follows: E. S. Williams, Ralph M. Riggs, J. R. Flower, Stanley M. Horton, G. Raymond Carlson, Milton T. Wells and D. H. McLaughlin.

The San Antonio Convention authorized the Executive Presbytery to appoint seven men of "mature ministry and experience" to shoulder this responsibility. We hope you believe that your committee meets these specific qualifications.

The committee has had four meetings since appointment, with your chairman carrying on much correspondence and studying and evaluating the many and varied ideas submitted on where our Tenets of Faith needed revision the most. We made a preliminary report to the General Presbyters in September, 1960. This preliminary report was accepted with the proviso that instructions or counsel be given the committee by any members of the General Presbytery within thirty days. A number of letters were received and oral counsel was offered by some. Our last meeting was held in June, and the copy of our report was printed and mailed to our constituency, in anticipation of your prayerful study before General Council.

Briefly, what we have done in this: We have made no change in our doctrinal position but have sought to clarify and strengthen our Statement of Fundamental Truths. We started with sixteen articles and closed with sixteen.

Brother McLaughlin then explained the various changes which had been made in the Statement of Fundamental Truths and read the entire Statement as the Committee had revised it. He offered a substitute revision for Section 9 on "Sanctification" and distributed copies of this second revision. He also added two Scripture references to Section 15. "The Final Judgment": Matthew 25:46 and Mark 9:43 to 48. On the completion of the reading of the report a motion was duly passed that it be received.

The chair inquired if the house wished to consider the report as a whole or seriatim. There was a motion to consider the report seriatim but when voted upon the motion lost. It was then moved and seconded that the Report of the Revision Committee on Fundamental Truths be adopted.

Robert Carrington moved that Article V, Section 1, *The Scriptures Inspired*, of the Constitution be substituted for the same Section 1 of the proposed revision. The motion was seconded.

After discussion and a number of suggested changes in the wording of Section 1, C. C. Burnett offered a substitute

motion that Section 1 be referred back to the committee for further study. The motion was seconded and carried.

The chair requested that a time of meeting be set in order that those interested in sharing their suggestions with the committee would have opportunity for expression.

A point of order was called and objection raised to considering the proposed revision section by section when it had been decided not to consider the report seriatim. The chair ruled discussion was in order and that a proper procedure had been followed.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 5 p.m. The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology and prayer by Leland Keys.

FRIDAY MORNING

The devotional service began at nine a.m., with Arvid Kingsriter in charge. President Klaude Kendrick of Southwestern Bible College led the singing. Jim Nicholson was at the organ and Mrs. Eldred Nelson at the piano. Edgar Bethany led in prayer. Aaron Wall brought an inspiring message on the importance of intercessory prayer and the altar services in our churches.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zimmerman at 10:15 a.m. Brother Frank Gray, Honorary General Presbyter, invoked God's blessing upon the deliberations.

Reading of Minutes

The General Secretary, Bartlett Peterson, read the minutes of the previous day's sessions. Upon motion offered by A. A. Wilson, and duly carried, the minutes were approved as read.

Revision of Fundamental Truths (Continuation)

D. H. McLaughlin presented a revised report of the committee affecting Section 1, *The Scriptures Inspired*; Section 7, *The Baptism in the Holy Ghost*; and Section 8, *The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost*, of the proposed revision of the Statement of Fundamentals. He explained that the committee had been in session the evening before and had received a number of ministers with suggestions for improving the Tenets. He expressed appreciation for the kindness and courtesy of those who met with the committee.

A question of order was raised from the floor as to whether it was proper parliamentary procedure to entertain for consideration the full revised report as presented. By motion the house sustained the ruling of the chair that it was in order to consider all of the report in question.

Harold Bullock moved that the report which the committee had presented be approved and adopted, including sections one, seven and eight, and that these be considered the correct part of the original revision of the study committee. The motion was seconded.

An amendment to include the entire revision with all sixteen sections of the report was duly carried.

It was then moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the entire report, as revised, be adopted. The report, as revised follows:

ARTICLE V.

STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

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

1. The Scriptures Inspired

The Scriptures, both 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 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

2. The One True God

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

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Sections (a) through (j) of Statement of Fundamental Truths to remain unchanged.

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 Cor. 15:3; 2 Cor. 5:21).
- (e) His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Cor. 15:4).
- (f) His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Philip. 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; 3:5; 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 (Eph. 4:24; Titus 2:12).

6. The Ordinances of the Church

(a) Baptism in Water

The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Saviour and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. (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 Cor. 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Cor. 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!"

7. The Baptism in the Holy Ghost

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

8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost

The Baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance. Acts 2:4. The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (1 Cor. 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use.

9. Sanctification

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Rom. 12:1, 2; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:12.) The Scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14). By the power of the Holy Ghost we are able to obey the command: "Be ye holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15, 16.) Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 6:1-11, 13; 8:1, 2, 13; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 2:12, 13; 1 Peter 1:5.)

10. The Church

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 First-born, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23).

11. The Ministry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a twofold purpose: (1) The evangelization of the world, and (2) The edifying of the Body of Christ (Mark 16:15-20; Ephesians 4:11-13).

12. Divine Healing

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

13. The Blessed Hope

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

14. The Millennial Reign of Christ

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

16. The New Heavens and the New Earth

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

The General Secretary moved that the General Council in session express its deep appreciation and sincere thanks to the Committee for the many hours they had labored and for their devotion to the revision of the Statement of Fundamental Truths. The motion was seconded and a rising vote of thanks indicated that the motion was carried unanimously.

The Report of the Committee on Group Insurance

Roy Wead read the report of the committee which contained no specific recommendation regarding a change in the present insurance plan for ministers:

In compliance with instructions received at the General Council at San Antonio a committee was named "whose duty it shall be to study the General Council Group Insurance Plan with the possibility of including ministers who have reached the age 65. The committee is to be asked to ascertain if this is feasible and if an amount of \$1,000 protection can be provided." The following persons constituted the committee: Roy H. Wead, Chairman, J. R. Flower and R. J. Thurmond.

After reviewing work of previous committees and actuarial firms on this subject we offer without recommendation the following:

"In the opinion of this committee ministers participating in the General Council Group Insurance Program could possibly continue to have \$1,000 insurance in at least one of the following ways:

1. Provision is already made in the present policy for participants reaching age 65 to convert their group policy or term insurance into a personal individual endowment policy up to \$3,000 without medical examination regardless of health. This endowment policy would mature at age 85, would have customary cash, loan, and paid-up values and be available at a rate of \$8.83 per month per thousand of coverage selected or \$95.85 per year per thousand of coverage.
2. It is possible that a plan for group coverage for age 65 and over with certain limitations, similar to our present group policy, at a premium cost of \$5.46 per month per thousand of coverage, could be obtained.
3. It is possible that an insurance program could be set up and operated by the General Council, based on sound actuarial reports and figures at the same rate as mentioned in No. 2; namely \$5.46 per month per thousand of coverage which, if desired, could allow greater, or at least, different latitude for method of premium payments.
4. It is possible that our whole group insurance plan could be revised to provide \$1,000 insurance coverage for those over age 65 by any one of a number of ways as long as the cost is recognized and some means of paying it is agreed upon.

Reputable Independent Consultant actuaries, Nelson and Warren Inc., at St. Louis, Missouri (Assuming that we maintain a level of 8,972 participants in the group insurance program under age 65) inform us that we would ultimately have 3,374 above age 65 with 221 attaining age 65 each year and 221 deaths each year from this group over 65.

Thus, \$1,000 Insurance protection would be possible for our group over 65 at a cost of \$221,000 per year.

Our present group plan already provides \$500 Insurance which would reduce that cost to \$110,500. In other words Insurance protection for our ministers above 65 could be increased from the present \$500 to \$1,000 at an additional cost of approximately \$32.50 per person per year providing it is done on a group basis. Providing also that the cost is paid by someone other than the participants under age 65. A motion to receive the report was duly carried.

Gilbert R. Anderson of North Texas offered a motion that another committee be appointed by the Executive Presbytery to contact a more favorable insurance company to bring us a plan that would be acceptable to the body. The motion was seconded.

Andrew Nelli, lay-delegate from California, offered a substitute motion which provided

That the Executive Presbytery take the necessary steps to develop and make available to the ministers who have reached the age of 65, and ministers who will reach the age of 65, a group coverage in multiples of \$500 at an annual cost of approximately \$32.50 per \$500 coverage.

After considerable discussion it was moved that the Council recess and that this matter be the first order of business in the afternoon session, beginning at two o'clock. The motion to adjourn carried.

Fred Vogler, retired Assistant General Superintendent, dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Roy Southard was in charge of the devotional service as the Council reconvened at two o'clock. R. D. Young directed the singing and R. M. Riggs led the congregational prayer.

Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent, introduced Raymond H. Meyer, President of the Greater Portland Association of Evangelicals. Dr. Meyer then presented Dr. George Ford, Executive Director of the National Association of Evan-

gelicals. Dr. Ford brought an effective message on Christian unity, based on the seventeenth chapter of John.

Other distinguished guests presented by General Superintendent Zimmerman were: Dr. Wilbur J. Antisdale of Spokane, Washington, Chairman of the Board of the Northwest Region of the NAE, and Rev. Wilmer Brown, Director for the Northwest Region of the NAE.

The business session was called to order at 2:45 o'clock by the General Superintendent. Charles W. H. Scott, Assistant General Superintendent, invoked the blessings of God upon the deliberations.

There was a request for an order of the day regarding a time for beginning the elections, but the chair ruled the request was out of order until the motion before the house could be cleared. This motion dealt with the subject of ministers' insurance. Following this the substitute motion to provide insurance for ministers over 65 years of age was put to vote. A voice vote was not clear and a show of hands was requested. The motion was declared lost. A vote was then taken on the main motion which provided

That another committee be appointed by the Executive Presbytery to contact a more favorable insurance company to bring us a plan that would be acceptable to the body.

The motion carried.

Order of the Day—Elections

J. K. Gressett of Arizona requested a motion of privilege which the chair recognized. It was moved that the order of the agenda be set aside and that the elections proceed immediately, and further that the various items of business be considered during the elections, while awaiting the report of the Tellers' Committee. There was a second to the motion.

After some discussion, by common consent, the motion was changed by Brother Gressett to set the time to begin the elections at 3:30. Inasmuch as the motion would change the regular order of business, the chair stated that it would require a two-thirds majority vote to carry the motion.

The vote was taken by a show of hands and the motion was declared carried.

Report of Committee on Definition of General Council Terminology

J. R. Flower, chairman of the committee, read the report. It contained helpful information and an analysis of the principles inherent in the original documents of the General Council. A motion was made and duly carried to accept the report with appreciation to the committee for the extensive work done in compiling this document.

Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a definition of the terms "Assemblies of God" and "General Council," with a further explanation of what constitutes membership in the General Council.

The Committee which was appointed to define terms and in particular to provide a definition of what constitutes membership in the General Council, begs to submit the following report.

It will be recalled that a question was raised at the 1957 General Council in Cleveland, Ohio as to what constitutes General Council membership, and this question was referred to the General Presbytery with instructions that an amendment to the Constitution of the General Council be prepared for action by the next General Council, in which membership is clearly defined.

An amendment to the Constitution was prepared and presented to the 1959 General Council in San Antonio, Texas for action as follows:

All lay members of the local assemblies in good standing in their churches are considered members of the General Council, and may be chosen to serve the fellowship in conformity with our Constitution and Bylaws.

The proposed addition to Article VII of the Constitution was debated and was rejected. A substitute motion was offered and adopted, which did not clearly define membership and so another motion was made and adopted as follows:

That a committee be appointed to clarify the name "General Council of the Assemblies of God" and the convention name "General Council" as it is related to the election of officers, and a definition of membership.

A committee of three was appointed to prepare the proposed statement, consisting of J. R. Flower, chairman, Ralph M. Riggs and Frank J. Lindquist. The committee did meet and prepared a report which was submitted to the General Presbytery in its meeting of August 31-September 2, 1960, and which was approved by that body.

Unfortunately, there are not many ministers remaining who were present at the Constitutional meeting in Hot Springs, Ark. and therefore few there are who are here to interpret the spirit of that first meeting and what the delegates had in mind by the use of the term "General Council." The term was applied to the convention in session, but was also applied to the organization as a whole, the officers being considered the "General Council" between meetings of the annual convention.

In order to have a clear understanding of this important matter, it seems necessary that reference be made to the record of that first meeting in Hot Springs. To begin with, all who were present were determined

"not to organize a man-made church and charter it as a new sect in the land."

A Preamble and Resolution on Constitution was prepared and adopted which contained this statement:

We recognize ourselves as members of said Assembly of God (Heb. 12:23) and do not believe in identifying ourselves with or establishing ourselves into a sect or denomination which constitutes an organization which legislates or forms laws and articles of faith and has jurisdiction over its members and creates unscriptural lines of fellowship and disfellowship, which separates itself from other members of the general assembly (church) of the first born.

The resolution went further to state that we have assembled as a General Council of Pentecostal (Spirit baptized) saints. There was no distinction made as to whether the word "saints" meant ministers or laymen, but probably included both. We were just "saints" (actually both ministers and laymen) from Assemblies of God, Churches of God in Christ, Apostolic Faith Missions, Full Gospel Missions, etc., etc. It remained for future councils to determine who would be qualified to take part in deliberations and to vote on all matters under consideration.

It was agreed by all not to organize or charter a church, denomination or sect, but to have an ANNUAL COUNCIL made up from all Pentecostal Assemblies, churches, and "individuals" to meet once a year to advise scriptural methods of unity and to attend to business for God. This is neither the general church of the first born nor is it the local church. It is simply a voluntary and scriptural council to stand for God between the saints, on the one hand, and the general church on the other—a medium midway between these two to do business for our King. . . . The General Council has to be chartered or incorporated according to law. This will help our missionaries all around the world in many ways. . . .

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Officers were chosen and the statement was made that the "officers chosen were considered to be only the servants of God and of the saints."

In the days that followed, common reference was made to associated persons, laymen or ministers, as "members of the Council." Ministers used that term more freely than laymen. They did not speak of membership as "members of the Assemblies." It was always, "members of the Council." The term "Council" was almost synonymous with a denominational name.

In the beginning, it was a gathering of laymen and ministers and only a few churches applied for membership during the first years. But, as World War I progressed, it became necessary that churches join up with the Council in order to protect their members who had pacifist convictions. And so, churches were "set in order" and voted themselves into "the Council" and received letters of recognition from its Executive Officers.

Although the first General Council declared itself as opposed to the legislation of laws and articles of faith, and the Council refrained from adopting resolutions affecting membership in local assemblies, it became apparent by the time the fourth Council was held that a declaration must be made concerning those truths generally believed among us. And so in 1916 the statement of fundamental truths was adopted. And it was on this statement, constituting a minimum of Bible truths, that both ministers and assemblies were accepted into the "Council" fellowship.

Still, there was no thought of creating a denomination. The term "assemblies" was applied to all local churches, irrespective of whether affiliated with the Council or not, and irrespective of the name under which they were being operated. The roster of the "Council" consisted of ordained ministers first, then the representatives of the free, independent, autonomous assemblies which desired to work cooperatively with the Council.

Today, the fellowship has grown to such proportion that the churches are recognized as "Assemblies" almost exclusively, although there are other churches which use the term "Assembly" which are not associated in the General Council. And this association of churches, the entire fellowship, is being recognized as "Assemblies of God," which is equivalent to a denominational name, although in the beginning we did not want to have one and repudiated the very thought that we should have one.

We did not incorporate the church. It was the "Council" only that was chartered, first in Arkansas and later, in 1916, in Missouri. The denomination, which in the minds of the Council fathers did not exist, was never chartered as such. The Council is the vehicle through which associated and cooperative assemblies can work, and this principle is latent in the Council fellowship to the present time.

The Missouri charter was obtained for a period of fifty years, and will be terminated in 1966. It may be that we should give full consideration to the writing of a new charter for "the church" to be known as "The Assemblies of God" at that time, rather than to endeavor to maintain that we are not a denomination and only associated as free and independent assemblies in a "Council."

It may be well to recall that at one time, to be specific, at the 1927 General Council, it was proposed that we abandon the original principle of independent, autonomous churches (recognized as Assemblies of God), associated cooperatively in a General Council, and that we recognize ourselves as a denomination, and Brother J. Narver Gortner proposed that adoption of the name "Pentecostal Evangelical Church" for the body. That would have involved a change in the Charter, and would have affected many of our associated Assemblies, which were incorporated under the name "Assembly of God," and whose property was obtained and recorded in that name. And so, the suggestion was repudiated, and we were right back where we were in the beginning.

So far as membership in the General Council is concerned, it is the opinion of the committee that all members of associated churches (assemblies) are members of the General Council. But not all members have the right to vote in General Councils. The General Council has become a delegated, representative body, and laymen who are members of local assemblies have membership in General Councils through church delegates and their pastors, who are ordained ministers. This principle is latent in the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Council, and should be understood readily, for it is the same principle as is found in our state and federal governments.

Based on the record that recognition was given in the first General Council to all who attended and took part in the deliberations as simply "saints," and that no distinction was made as to whether the word "saints" referred to ministers or laymen, and undoubtedly meant both; and furthermore at the 1959 General Council an amendment to the Constitution was proposed that only ordained ministers could serve as officers of the General Council, and the proposed amendment failed of adoption, it is the judgment of this committee that there is no reason why a layman should not be chosen to serve the fellowship in any capacity, unless the Constitution and By-laws provide otherwise.

The committee is cognizant of the provision in Article II, Election of Officers, where the word "ministry" is found:

They shall be chosen from the membership of the General Council, and shall be men of mature experience and ability, whose life and "ministry" are above question, and such qualities alone shall determine their eligibility.

This is the only place where there is even a hint that general officers must be ordained ministers. The term "ministry" is subject to interpretation, for laymen have ministries as well as ministers.

To summarize this report: the principles of organization adopted in the beginning are still in effect, although the growth of the fellowship is creating an encroachment on them. All we did then was to create and then incorporate a Council, and it is under the charter then obtained that we have been functioning for the past forty-seven years.

We did not incorporate "The Assemblies of God" then, simply incorporated a Council. We were originally recognized as simply "Assemblies of God," associated in a Council to do business for God, much in the same way that autonomous, independent Baptist churches are associated in a Southern or a Northern Convention. Possibly the time has come for a change, and we should abandon the principles on which the fellowship was founded, and proceed with the incorporation of a church, although it is questionable that we can use the article ("the") without doing violence to the original conception of the meaning of "assemblies of God."

This report is submitted in the hope that it will clarify in some measure the point affecting our understanding of membership, and the use of the term "General Council" as it relates to the biennial meetings and the fellowship as a whole.

Report of the Roster Committee

A. F. Berg, chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the first report of the Roster.

Ordained ministers	1,569
Delegates	421
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Voting members	1,990
Licensed	188
Visitors	1,034
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Total registered	3,212

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Roster Committee be accepted, with the understanding that it did not constitute the closing of the Roster.

Nomination of General Superintendent

The General Superintendent requested Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent, to serve as chairman of the meeting at this time. Brother Webb read from the General Council Bylaws regarding the provisions which obtain for the election of a General Superintendent for the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

It was moved, seconded and carried that in ensuing elections, should any candidate receive a two-thirds majority vote on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. Prior to the casting of the nominating ballot for the office of General Superintendent, E. S. Williams led in prayer asking for God's blessing and guidance.

Method of Electing Non-resident Executive Presbyters

G. F. Lewis brought a report on the findings of the committee appointed to study this matter. He read from the minutes of the 1959 General Council which stated "the suggestion was made that the Executive Presbytery give thought, in the future, to the method of electing eight non-resident Executive Presbyters so that the best way of electing them may be followed." After the 1959 General Council, a committee was appointed consisting of Brothers G. F. Lewis, chairman, Grady Fannin, and Andrew Stirling. Brother Lewis reported that this committee met on three different occasions and finally came to the conclusion that it would be very difficult to improve the method as outlined in the Bylaws. On August 25, 1960 the committee reported to the Executive Presbytery, and likewise to the General Presbytery on September 2, 1960. As a result of the findings of the committee and of the concurrence of the Executive and General Presbyteries, it is recommended

That the procedure for the election of the non-resident Executive Presbyters remain as currently provided for in the Bylaws inasmuch as this seems to be the most democratic and perhaps also the most expeditious.

The report was "received" rather than "adopted" to permit the hearing of other pending reports on the same subject.

Redefinition of Eight Regions

T. E. Gannon, secretary for the committee appointed to study the eight regional boundaries for electing non-resident executive presbyters, read the report:

The 1960 session of the General Presbytery called for study to be made of re-defining the regional boundary lines from which the non-resident executive presbyters are elected so that the boundaries will follow District Council lines rather than state lines.

The committee appointed met at the call of the chairman, Kermit Reneau. After considerable discussion together with reports from most of the districts involved, your committee submits the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED

That we amend Article II, Section 2, paragraph "c," setting forth the listing of the geographical areas from which we are to elect the non-resident executive presbyters to read as follows:

1. Northwest Area
Districts: Northwest, Oregon, Montana, Southern Idaho, Wyoming
2. Southwest Area
Districts: Northern California-Nevada, Southern California, Arizona, Rocky Mountain.
3. North Central Area
Districts: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, West Central, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan
4. South Central Area
Districts: Kansas, New Mexico, West Texas, Oklahoma, North Texas, South Texas
5. Great Lakes Area
Districts: Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Appalachian
6. Gulf Area
Districts: Southern Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi
7. Northeastern Area
Districts: Northern New England, Southern New England, Eastern, New Jersey, New York, Potomac
8. Southeastern Area
Districts: Alabama, West Florida, South Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That members of Foreign Language Branches shall vote in the area wherein they reside, and that missionaries on furlough shall vote with their home districts.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report, including the resolutions be adopted.

Method of Electing Non-resident Executive Presbyters

(Resolution Number 1)

Richard Bergstrom, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, The interests of any fellowship, whether local, regional or national, can best be served by representatives chosen by the constituency of the areas to be represented, and

WHEREAS, The method presently used for nominating the non-resident Executive Presbyters to represent the eight regions of our General Council fellowship on the General Council Executive Presbytery does not essentially accomplish this, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Article II, Section 2, Paragraph "c," of the Bylaws be amended by deleting the second sentence and inserting the following two sentences in its place: "Nominations for the eight non-resident Executive Presbyters shall be made by the eligible voters from their respective geographical areas in caucus. Two or more nominees for each region shall then be presented to be balloted upon by the General Council.

The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded.

It was then moved, seconded and carried that the resolution be amended to provide for "three or more" nominees to be chosen for each area.

The resolution as amended was then carried.

Election of General Superintendent

Philip Wannenmacher, chairman of the Tellers' Committee, announced the results of the nominating ballot for general superintendent:

Total votes cast	1,348
Needed to elect	898

Thomas F. Zimmerman received 1,289. Brother Zimmerman was therefore declared elected on the nominating ballot.

Brother Zimmerman expressed his deep appreciation for the confidence expressed in the election. He said in part:

I pledge myself to seek to give the kind of exemplary life and leadership that will see our Movement go forward under God and reach our generation with the power of the gospel, which alone is able to meet the dire needs of the world in which we live. ... We accept this responsibility knowing that we can depend upon your faithful prayers. We are insufficient but we know Him Who hath promised a sufficient portion for each succeeding day.

At the conclusion of Brother Zimmerman's remarks, there was a manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the form of a message in other tongues and interpretation. A season of praise and worship resulted.

It was moved and seconded that a standing vote of ovation for the General Superintendent's services the past two years and a vote of confidence for the next two years be given. The motion carried by a standing vote, with praises unto God. The chair was then returned to Brother Zimmerman.

Nominations for Assistant General Superintendents

Ballots were distributed for nominations of four assistant general superintendents to be elected without portfolio. Prayer was offered by Brother Zimmerman.

Brother Fred Vogler requested the privilege of the floor and explained that the General Council Home Missions Committee had delegated him to make a motion to change the order of business and request that the Home Missions report be received as the first order of business during the elections which will continue on Saturday morning. The motion was seconded and carried.

There was a motion to adjourn at 4:45 and to reconvene on Saturday morning at nine a.m. Fred Mosely, layman from Waco, Texas, offered the prayer of dismissal.

SATURDAY MORNING

The devotional service on Saturday morning was under the direction of Brother Roy Southard. Norman Gardner led the song service. Frank Gray, honorary General Presbyter, led in prayer. Orville Persons sang a vocal solo entitled "More Like the Master." Brother Robert Voight of Tulsa, Oklahoma, brought the message of the morning, speaking on the need of a new vision of Jesus. His text was Matthew 22:41 and 42.

The General Superintendent called the business meeting to order at 10 a.m. Carl Holleman invoked the blessing of the

Lord upon the deliberations. The General Secretary read the minutes of Friday's proceedings, after which a motion was duly carried to approve the minutes as read.

Report of the Roster Committee

The Chairman of the Roster Committee brought a second report of registrations, as follows:

Ordained ministers	1,612
Delegates	426
Total voting members registered ..	2,038
Licensed ministers	205
Visitors	1,197
Total non-voting registered	1,402
Total registrations	3,440

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Roster Committee be received and that the Roster be held open for further registrations.

Election Assistant General Superintendents

Philip Wannenmacher, chairman of the Tellers' Committee, reported that on the basis of a previous decision to declare elected those who received two-thirds of the votes cast on the nominating ballot, three brethren had been elected as assistant general superintendents. There were 1,195 ballots cast, with 797 needed to elect.

Bert Webb received	1,090 votes
G. F. Lewis received	971 votes
C. W. H. Scott received	885 votes

The chair thereupon declared these brethren elected to the offices of assistant general superintendents.

Following this the Chairman of the Tellers' Committee gave an additional report of the results of the nominating ballot for four assistant general superintendents. He listed the names of 103 brethren who had been nominated for the office of assistant general superintendent.

Ballots were again distributed and prayer was offered by the General Superintendent.

C. C. Burnett rose to a question of privilege and moved

That the Resolutions Committee be authorized to present resolutions at hand in the order of their evident importance regardless of the previously adopted agenda, and that these follow immediately after the order of the day.

The motion was seconded and carried without dissenting vote.

The General Superintendent presented Brothers Bert Webb, G. F. Lewis and Charles W. H. Scott re-elected assistant general superintendents. Appropriate words of appreciation and dedication were expressed by each of these brethren in turn.

Home Missions Report

The chair announced that, according to the order of the day, the next business to be presented was that of the Home Missions Report. Ralph Phillips, chairman of the Home Missions Committee, read the report:

The Report of the National Home Missions Department for the past biennium shows good progress and the committee commends the Director and Secretary of the Department, as well as all department supervisors for work well done. The 325 appointed Home missionaries have made valuable contribution in the areas of special ministries and their dedicated and sacrificial service must be noted. Without such leadership and personnel, the mechanics of a program, however good, can avail little.

A challenge is issued to ministers, laity, theological students to consider the need of pioneering churches in our nation. There is not an oversupply of ministerial personnel, but there is a need of vision and consecration that will burden their hearts for the unsaved and unchurched millions of our nation. Proper vision will find ways and means of ministering to this great number and will fully engage all available ministerial personnel and create a need for more.

The Scripture portion used as a foundation for this report is found in Joshua 1:12-18, as addressed to the two and one half tribes of Israel that had settled themselves before Jordan was crossed and Canaan fully possessed.

The tribes of Reuben, Gad and half tribe of Manasseh had firmly established themselves and were in a state of peace and plenty. But their responsibility to the rest of Israel had not ceased, nor would cease, until all of Canaan was possessed. This is a wonderful type of Home Missions, as no local church, however large and secure in its place, can be free of responsibility until all the land is fully possessed. "There remaineth much land to be possessed." This scripture is used that pastors and laity may be reminded that the visible church exists not only for the subjective ministries of perfecting the saints and edifying the Body of Christ, but also for the objective ministry of evangelism and outreach in accordance with Acts 1:8.

As evil and godless forces work to close doors to gospel endeavor in many parts of the world, we shall never be without an outlet for missionary ministry. This nation, with its cosmopolitan structure and its nearly 100,000,000 people without vital church contact, is a mission field to occupy until Jesus comes.

A few years ago aviation in its reach for speed came to what seemed to be an insurmountable obstacle—the sound barrier. Then almost miraculously a breakthrough was made, and from that point almost limitless opportunities were opened for advancing aviation. Some may feel that an almost insurmountable barrier has come to church extension, but "Operation Breakthrough" can and will open to our movement new frontiers in gospel ministry. What tremendous possibilities are ours the moment we "break through" the barrier of spiritual lethargy and indifference into the great area of 100,000,000 unchurched and unsaved people.

"Where there is no vision 100,000,000 will perish! A consistent effort must be made to impart vision to pastors and those in places of leadership. May every district council, camp meeting, ministers' institute and fellowship meeting find a way to urge the constituency to lift up their eyes and look on the fields. Every effort must be made to cause our constituency to realize that an unevangelized area of our nation is just as vital as an unevangelized area anywhere else in the world. The churches must respond to the appeal for home missions funds as readily as to those for foreign missions. In view of the great challenge before us, your committee submits these recommendations:

1. Inasmuch as we feel an urgent need to advance on the home field, and whereas, The Home Missions Long-Range Committee has done a commendable job for formulating a plan of advance, we therefore heartily endorse the spirit of "Breakthrough" which is the slogan of their report and we recommend the implementation of this program.
2. In order to increase monies available for home missions on the local and national level, we recommend the establishing of regular monthly giving. We suggest the following ways of implementing this:
 - (a) Conducting an annual missionary convention in the local church, or group of churches, which includes home missions in the budget;
 - (b) Receiving properly appointed or approved home missionaries for itineration in local churches just as foreign missionaries are now received.
3. Inasmuch as the report of giving to missions as is now being distributed annually, does not reflect a true picture of home missions giving, and whereas this is due to the lack of a complete record of such giving, we therefore recommend That information regarding all giving to home missions by local churches, not already being reported to Springfield, be gathered by the proper district officers and forwarded to the General Council Home Missions office, and that a complete report of home missions giving be distributed to each district in the same manner as the report of foreign missions is now handled.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Home Missions Committee be adopted.

The chair requested the indulgence of the house in order to clear up one item of unfinished business.

Brother G. F. Lewis reported on an action taken during the 1959 General Council regarding a recommendation which concerned the Evangelism and Home Missions Departments. He expressed the regrets of the Executive Presbytery and also of the General Presbytery, over being unable to find a way to implement the program suggested. (The matter in question is contained in the official minutes of the 1959 General Council, page 75.)

Upon his explanation, it was moved by James Hamill to sustain the action of the Presbyteries regarding this matter. The motion was seconded and carried.

Resolutions Regarding Graduate School of Theology

Richard Bergstrom, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented a resolution calling for the establishing of a graduate school of theology:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education having carefully considered the need of our constituency in these challenging days in which we live recommends the consideration of the content of this report by this Council in session, and

WHEREAS, the General Presbytery, after having carefully scrutinized its content, also recommends its consideration; and

WHEREAS, the General Council Bylaws, Article X, Section 4, states: "As progress and growth demand, the General Council in session may provide a theological seminary with graduate work for those who seek special training for the ministry in the United States or foreign lands," and

WHEREAS, in the considered opinion of the Board of Education, the time has arrived when the growth of our constituency indicates the need for a graduate school of theology as evidenced by the number of Assemblies of God young people enrolled in non-Assemblies of God seminaries, and as further evidenced by a growing demand from districts, pastors, parents, and students, and

WHEREAS, personnel are available within our movement to man a graduate program, be it

RESOLVED, that this General Council in session authorize the Board of Education to take the necessary steps in consultation with the Executive Presbyters, to establish a graduate school of theology at such a time and place as they deem necessary.

He further read a companion resolution providing for the financing of such a school:

WHEREAS, it is necessary and customary for denominations to financially underwrite the training of their pastors, teachers, chaplains, et cetera, during their graduate studies; and

WHEREAS, graduate students have already largely supported themselves during the four years of their undergraduate studies; and

WHEREAS, graduate programs have small enrollments and cost more per student enrolled; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive and General Presbyters be authorized to appropriate sufficient funds to effect the establishment and operation of a graduate school of theology.

After reading the resolutions, Brother Bergstrom moved their adoption. The motion was supported by a second and discussion ensued.

Report of Tellers Committee

The Chairman of the Tellers Committee reported on the first elective ballot for assistant general superintendent. There were 945 ballots cast with 630 needed to elect. The following brethren received the number of votes as indicated: Howard Bush 529, D. H. McLaughlin 74, R. M. Riggs 53, N. D. Davidson 51, Roy Wead 18, T. E. Gannon 17, G. R. Carlson 15, Philip Hogan 14, R. J. Carlson 13, A. A. Wilson 13, R. Goggin 10, O. Harrup 10, E. A. Balliet 9, E. S. Williams 8, L. Keys 7, J. R. Ashcroft 6, K. Reneau 6, J. Gerhart 6, G. W. Hardcastle, Sr. 6, A. Vick 6, E. M. Clark 6, J. O. Savell 5, L. Halvorson 5, C. M. Ward 4, M. Netzel 4, Frank Lindquist 4, G. Fannin 4, Bartlett Peterson 3, L. Palmer 3, Bergstrom 3, R. Brandt 3, J. R. Flower 3, C. Henson 2, Ralph Harris 2, C. Ringness 2, M. Wells 2, J. Edgar 2; the following brethren each received one vote: N. Perkin, J. L. McQueen, Anderson, T. C. Cunningham, S. H. Peterson, R. Cooley, C. C. Burnett, Wesley Steelberg, R. J. Fulford, L. W. Dickinson, L. Hauff, K. Haystead, S. Clark, A. Trotter, H. Myers, K. Prinzing and D. Mallough. There was no election and ballots were again distributed for the second elective ballot, after which prayer was offered.

While the ballots were being counted the business of the house was resumed. The chair proceeded to arrange for the caucus of the eight regions to nominate candidates for the office of nonresident executive presbyters.

It was moved and seconded that the eight regions should caucus at 1:45 p.m. and that the Council should convene in plenary session at 2:15 p.m. The motion carried. Executive Officers were assigned to chair the various regional caucuses.

Election of Assistant General Superintendent

The Tellers' Committee indicated it was ready to report the results of the second elective ballot and announced that there was an election. Total votes cast were 1,177, with 785 needed to elect. Howard S. Bush received 920 votes, and was declared elected to the office of assistant general superintendent by the chair.

A motion was made for adjournment at 12 o'clock with Brother Ben Compton offering the benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon meeting was called to order at 2:30 by the General Superintendent. Following the opening prayer by Emil A. Balliet, C. C. Burnett introduced Dr. Frank Langham from the American Bible Society. He brought greetings from his organization as well as a brief report of the work being so ably carried on by that Society. At the conclusion of the remarks by Dr. Langham, C. C. Burnett introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society was founded in 1816 to provide the Holy Scriptures in the languages of the people; and,

WHEREAS, 1960 was a record year with a total of more than twenty-three million Scripture volumes distributed across the world, and

WHEREAS, four-fifths of the population of the world is dependent upon the work of Bible Societies for the supply of the Scriptures; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this General Council in session again recognize the American Bible Society as the official agency of the Assemblies of God for the translation, publication, and distribution of the Scriptures; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Bible Society is hereby commended to our pastors and churches for greater financial support as one of our missionary causes.

A motion to adopt the resolution as presented was seconded and carried.

Report of Roster Committee

The Chairman of the Roster Committee read the report:

Ordained	1,657	
Delegates	441	
Total voting		2,098
Licensed	209	
Visitors	1,312	
		1,521
Total registered		3,619

A motion to accept the report of the Roster Committee was duly passed, with the understanding that the roster would remain open for those who may still wish to register.

The chair then presented Howard S. Bush who had been re-elected to the office of assistant general superintendent. Brother Bush thanked the assembly for their confidence and pledged his full dedication to the work of the Lord.

Election Foreign Missions Executive Director

The chairman read from Article II, Section 2, Paragraph "e" of the Bylaws setting forth procedures in selecting the Foreign Missions Executive Director, who also becomes an assistant general superintendent. The paragraph provides that the General Presbytery select "two or more names" to be presented to the General Council in session as nominees for this office. He then called upon the General Secretary to read the report from the General Presbytery. The names of J. Philip Hogan and Melvin L. Hodges were submitted as nominees. The prayer for God's guidance was offered by the chairman.

While awaiting the report of the Tellers' Committee the business of the morning was resumed and the attention of the house turned again to the resolutions pertaining to the establishing and financing of a graduate school of theology. The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee was requested by the chair to read the resolutions again. Considerable interest was shown and a number of speeches were made from the floor, both on the positive and negative side of the question. Consideration of the question was suspended to hear the report of the Tellers' Committee:

Number of votes cast	1,029
Needed to elect	673
J. Philip Hogan received	812
Melvin L. Hodges received	217

The chair thereupon declared J. Philip Hogan elected to the office of assistant general superintendent and executive director of foreign missions.

Election of General Secretary

Thos. F. Zimmerman requested that ballots be distributed for the purpose of electing a General Secretary. The chairman then led in prayer for the guidance of the Lord.

A time of adjournment was considered and inasmuch as the *Revivaltime* release was scheduled for 6:30 p.m., it was decided by motion duly passed to fix the time of adjournment at 4:30 in order to give ample time for the preparation of this broadcast. It was further decided to set the time of 4:20 for the distribution of brochures regarding the General Council Bond Issue for the financing of the new administration building.

The Tellers' Committee indicated it had a report and that there was an election.

Total votes cast 1,085
Needed to elect 723
Bartlett Peterson received 1,005 votes.

The chair declared Bartlett Peterson elected to the office of General Secretary of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Election of General Treasurer

The chairman again read from the Bylaws (Article II, Section 2, Paragraph "d") which sets forth the provisions for selecting the General Treasurer of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. This paragraph provides that "one or more" names shall be selected by the General Presbytery for presentation to the General Council. The General Secretary was requested to present the recommendation of the General Presbytery. He reported that the General Presbytery presents the name of Martin B. Netzel as its nominee for General Treasurer. Brother Zimmerman then led in prayer as the ballots were cast.

Brothers J. Philip Hogan and Bartlett Peterson were presented to the Council. These brethren expressed appreciation

to the convention and declared an earnest desire to serve the Lord and the fellowship acceptably in their respective offices.

Debate on the matter of establishing a graduate school of theology was resumed.

At an indication that the Tellers Committee was ready to report, the business before the house was temporarily suspended.

The report of the Tellers Committee indicated there was an election:

Total votes cast 1,071
Needed to elect 714
Martin B. Netzel received 1,056

The chair then declared in behalf of the General Council that Martin B. Netzel had been elected General Treasurer.

The chair presented Brother Netzel who thanked the congregation for its vote of confidence and assured them of his sincere desire to serve the General Council Fellowship acceptably in the will of God.

Brother Harold Keener requested a privileged motion and was recognized, whereupon he moved

That Inasmuch as the speaker for the Monday morning devotional period, Wesley Morton, would be unable to accept the assignment due to illness; and that due to the pressing amount of business still to be considered, the devotional service be set aside and the business session begin at nine o'clock.

The motion was seconded.

The chair explained that Brother Morton had indicated his inability to minister on Monday early enough so that another minister had been assigned to fill this place.

When the vote was taken, the motion lost.

The chair reminded the Council that the adjournment hour was approaching and requested that the Bond Issue brochures be distributed.

The assembly was adjourned by motion duly passed at 4:35 p.m., with Brother H. B. Garlock offering the prayer of dismissal.

SUNDAY SERVICES

A large crowd assembled in the Coliseum at 9:45 a.m. to attend the memorial and communion service which was presided over by Assistant General Superintendent Charles W. H. Scott. Following Communion, Bartlett Peterson, General Secretary, read the names of those ministers and missionaries who had ceased from their labors during the past two years and had entered into eternal rest:

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Adams, Elmer, Ceres, Calif.
 Agnew, William S., Taylor, Texas
 Allard, Jim A., Sr., San Antonio, Texas
 Anderson, Theodore E., Litchfield, Minn.
 Annabel, Leonora, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 Baker, Ferdinand, Tonasket, Wash.
 Barnes, Mrs. Carl W., Ada, Okla.
 Bauer, Ernest E., Lakeland, Fla.
 Beard, Frank H., Laurel, Miss.
 Beaty, Harold E., Hubbard, Oreg.
 Beaver, Elmo, Commerce, Okla.
 Benson, Samuel A., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Boyd, Homer, Poteau, Okla.
 Brackman, Grover C., Mt. Hope, W. Va.
 Bronson, Eugene V., Kirkland, Wash.
 C. J. Brown, Keyes, Calif.
 Bryan, Cinda J. (Mrs.), Wetumka, Okla.
 Bryan, Hulie R., Wickenburg, Ariz.
 Campbell, Billie H., Malden, Mo.
 Carmichael, Richard R., South Gate, Calif.
 Carnahan, Vance G., La Porte City, Iowa
 Carpenter, Blanche A., Ajo, Ariz.
 Carter, Melvin W., Mena, Ark.
 Chapman, Blanche H. (Mrs.), Mobile, Ala.
 Church, John W., Lexington, Nebr.
 Clark, James, Chicago, Ill.
 Clayton, Frank T., Morrilton, Ark.
 Cook, Della (Mrs.), Sheridan, Ark.
 Coons, James D., Phoenix, Ariz.
 Cooper, Ernest P., Tipp City, Ohio
 Cowey, Cecil M. A., Cleveland, Texas
 Cunningham, Addie (Mrs.), Sapulpa, Okla.
 Cunningham, Robert F., Kansas City, Mo.
 Dauer, Lawrence A., Chester, Ill.
 Dean, Raymond L., Sardis, Ky.
 DeShazo, John R., Leggett, Texas
 Dodd, Ferris A., Harrisburg, Oreg.
 Dodd, William J., Davilla, Texas

Dodson, Joe E., Junction City, Oreg.
 Dodson, Leonard A., Rochester, N. Y.
 Donahoo, Burt E., Wister, Okla.
 Eason, Jonathan H., Thickett, Texas
 Edmundson, Malcolm E., Grover City, Calif.
 Edwards, Merle L., Phoenix, Ariz.
 Ernst, Roland, Detroit, Mich.
 Farmer, Charles O., Oakland, Calif.
 Farrar, Juby S., Bell, Calif.
 Fletcher, George A., Fresno, Calif.
 Forga, James H., Monahans, Texas
 Greene, William E., Portland, Oreg.
 Gooch, John M., Steele, Mo.
 Gundersen, William E., Taunton, Mass.
 Gunderson, Edwin, Wells, Minn.
 Hall, Earl A., Ava, Mo.
 Hannan, Minnie O. (Mrs.), Sioux City, Iowa
 Hansberger, C. C., Durant, Fla.
 Harrold, Gertrude A., Greensburg, Pa.
 Hause, John W., Winter Haven, Fla.
 Hayes, William F., Dallas, Texas
 Higgins, Walter J., El Cajon, Calif.
 Holloway, John W., Pensacola, Fla.
 Holovanchuk, Thomas, Bayside, N. Y.
 Hoole, Floyd R., Yerington, Nevada
 Hull, Logan L., San Jose, Calif.
 Ireland, Jack P., Phoenix, Ariz.
 Jacobs, John M., Merced, Calif.
 Jarvis, George M., Woodland, Calif.
 Jepsen, Peter, Seattle, Wash.
 Johnson, Matthew J., Monroeville, Ala.
 Keith, John R., Tulsa, Okla.
 Keyes, Otis W., Fort Worth, Texas
 Kilgore, Silby S., Low Gap, Ark.
 Lack, Joseph K., Siloam Springs, Ark.
 Lager, Melvin R., Great Falls, Mont.
 Lawson, James H., Maud, Okla.
 Lawson, Kennett H., Springfield, Mo.
 Lindsey, Arthur D., Beaumont, Texas
 Longstreth, D. Paul, San Diego, Calif.
 Lonsford, Charles G., Overton, Texas
 McKirdy, Christina, Alliance, Ohio
 Mangum, Arthur W., Dallas, Texas
 Marsh, Russell J., Greenville, S. C.
 Marshall, W. A., Moody, Texas
 Martinez, Juan, Jr., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Millard, Charles H., Lincoln, Nebr.
 Miles, Curtis W., Flora, Ill.
 Miller, F. F., Haynesville, La.

Mitchell, M. M., Provo, Utah
 Moore, Berkley E., Splendora, Texas
 Murphy, Ray D., Nampa, Idaho
 Murphy, Velma (Mrs.), Lubbock, Texas
 Newby, Rewel W., Pryor, Okla.
 Norton, Charles F., N. Charleston, S. C.
 Oeth, Harry A., Modesto, Calif.
 Parish, Mary Jane (Mrs. H. R.), Weott, Calif.
 Parker, Ted C., Citrus Heights, Calif.
 Parrish, Cecil M., Columbus, Ga.
 Pearle, William S., North Little Rock, Ark.
 Phillips, Raymond R., Pleasant Hill, Mo.
 Pool, Wright C., Vinita, Okla.
 Price, Robert O., Watsonville, Calif.
 Robertson, Price E., St. Helena, Calif.
 Rogers, Oscar B., Granite City, Ill.
 Roig, Chester F., Grafton, Ohio
 Russo, Sebastian, New York, N. Y.
 Salzman, Irwin U., San Pedro, Calif.
 Schaffer, Adolph, Walsh, Colo.
 Schmidt, Otto, Atwater, Calif.
 Shaffer, Austin M., Canyonville, Oreg.
 Shalata, Jacob J., Los Angeles, Calif.
 Shearer, Rose (Mrs.), Scappoose, Oreg.
 Sheets, Rachel I. (Mrs. C. B.), Alamogordo, N. Mex.
 Silva, Frank M., Watsonville, Calif.
 Slagel, Wilbur A., Boise, Idaho
 Snair, Curtis H., Tampa, Fla.
 Sobotka, Frank L., El Dorado, Kans.
 Soper, J. Kirk, Sr., Santa Ana, Calif.
 Spencer, Charles D., Ripon, Calif.
 Stiles, John E., Sr., Pacoima, Calif.
 Stirling, Andrew, Dunn, N. C.
 Stribling, Mary M. (Mrs.), Pinellas Park, Fla.
 Stubblefield, John M., Tulsa, Okla.
 Taylor, Joseph H., Eastman, Ga.
 Taylor, William M., Porterville, Calif.
 Trenum, Clarence W., Sr., Fairmont, W. Va.
 Trotter, Charles D., Trenton, Mich.
 Wales, Richard C., Wills Point, Texas
 Wallace, William E., Melcroft, Pa.
 Ward, A. G. Toronto, Canada
 Weaver, Volney W., Lexington, Nebr.
 Wheaton, Quentin M., Rapid City, S. Dak.
 White, Edgar W., Cottage Grove, Oreg.
 White, John W., Westville, Fla.
 Whittaker, Cleveland, Pensacola, Fla.
 Wilkerson, Kenneth W., Scranton, Pa.
 Williams, Clarence E., Dallas, Texas

Wilson, Clark B., Chanute, Kans.
 Wilson, Lewis F., Stockton, Calif.
 Wood, Lawrence R., Fresno, Calif.
 Work, Robert A., Concord, Calif.
 Wray, Hugh H., Newcastle, Texas
 Wright, William C., Los Angeles, Calif.
 Young, George A., Eldon, Mo.
 Zuck, Stephen, Bronx, N. Y.

MISSIONARIES

Anderson, Gustaf A., China
 Bender, Gottfried, Venezuela
 Bolton, Leonard, Formosa
 Dean, Mabel, Egypt
 Eady, Constance S., Trinidad
 Johnson, Bernhard, Brazil
 Johnston, Richard, Korea
 Park, Betsy (Mrs.), Hong Kong
 Slager, H. Abigail (Mrs.), North China
 Stoddart, Thomas S., South India
 Wood, Alice, Argentina

Following the reading of these names the congregation joined in prayer asking God to comfort the bereaved loved ones and to help all to be faithful until the call is heard, "Come up hither."

Roy H. Wead, pastor of Calvary Temple in South Bend, Indiana, and an executive presbyter, preached on "Divine Healing of the Soul and Spirit."

The Global Conquest Rally on Sunday afternoon was the highlight of the 1961 General Council. Foreign missionaries, many of them dressed in the costumes of their fields, and carrying flags of the lands to which God has called them, marched down the aisles and took the seats of honor which had been reserved for them. Robert T. McGlasson, Foreign Missions Secretary, led the service. J. Philip Hogan, Executive Director of Foreign Missions, preached the sermon on "Listen to the Wind." His text John 3:8.

The evangelistic rally opened at seven p.m. with singing led by Paul Johnson and prayer offered by J. K. Gressett, Arizona District Superintendent. "Christian Positrons" was the title of the sermon preached by Pastor Kenneth R. Schmidt of Grand Junction, Colorado. His text was 1 Corinthians 16:13.

MONDAY MORNING

William A. McCann was in charge of the devotional service. Byron Wright led the song service and sang a solo entitled "I Cannot Fail the Lord." Pastor Cyril Homer of Dayton, Ohio, preached on the theme of the General Council, "Fervent in Spirit." His text was taken from Acts 19.

The General Superintendent, Thos. F. Zimmerman, called the business session to order at 10:05. Kenneth Haystead requested a privileged motion and moved.

That, in the interest of time and because of the heavy workload from the Resolutions Committee and the many committee reports yet to be heard, and the short time remaining in which to cover the work;

That we dispense with the reading of the minutes at this session and the remaining sessions and that they be committed to the Executive Presbytery for approval. The motion was seconded and carried.

Report of the Roster Committee

Arthur F. Berg, Chairman of the Roster Committee, presented the following report, as of 10 o'clock Monday morning:

Ordained ministers	1,757	
Delegates	472	
Total voting		2,229
Licensed ministers	219	
Visitors	1,672	
		1,891
Total registered		4,120

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted and that the roster be closed, eliminating further reports but not further registration.

Elections for Non-Resident Executives

The election of the eight non-resident Executive Presbyters was on the basis of nominations submitted after the caucus on Saturday. The elections proceeded in orderly sequence, with business interspersed between the counting of the ballots and the Tellers' Reports. The results of these elections, for the convenience of reporting, are grouped as follows:

- Northwest Area**
 Nominations: N. D. Davidson, R. J. Carlson, John J. Clement
 Second Elective Ballot: Votes cast 758. Needed to elect 504.
 N. D. Davidson received 610, R. J. Carlson 139 and John J. Clement 9.
 N. D. Davidson was declared elected non-resident Executive Presbyter for the Northwest Area on the second elective ballot.
- Southwest Area**
 Nominations: D. H. McLaughlin, L. E. Halvorson and Leland Keys
 First Elective Ballot: Votes cast 762. Needed to elect 507.
 D. H. McLaughlin received 528 votes, L. E. Halvorson 102, and Leland Keys 132.
 D. H. McLaughlin was declared elected non-resident Executive Presbyter for the Southwest Area on the first elective ballot.
- North Central Area**
 Nominations: G. Raymond Carlson, Stanley Clarke, and T. E. Gannon
 First Elective Ballot: Votes cast 797. Needed to elect 532.
 G. Raymond Carlson received 533 votes, Stanley Clark 39 and T. E. Gannon 225.
 G. Raymond Carlson was declared elected non-resident Executive Presbyter for the North Central Area on the first elective ballot.
- South Central Area**
 Nominations: Phinis Lewis, Robert Goggin and Kermit Reneau
 Second Elective Ballot: Votes cast 509. Needed to elect 334.
 Kermit Reneau received 341 votes, Robert Goggin 59 and Phinis Lewis 109.
 Kermit Reneau was declared elected non-resident Executive Presbyter for the South Central Area on the second elective ballot.
- Great Lakes Area**
 Nominations: Roy Wead, E. M. Clark and Everett Cooley
 Second Elective Ballot: Votes cast 580. Needed to elect 385.
 Roy Wead received 429 votes, E. M. Clark 145 and Everett Cooley 6.
 Roy Wead was declared elected non-resident Executive Presbyter for the Great Lakes Area on the second elective ballot.

6. Gulf Area

Nominations: G. W. Hardcastle, Sr., A. A. Wilson, and James Hamill

Second Elective Ballot: Votes cast 676. Needed to elect 456.

G. W. Hardcastle, Sr. received 113, A. A. Wilson 477 and James Hamill 86.

A. A. Wilson was declared elected non-resident Executive Presbyter for the Gulf Area on the second elective ballot.

7. Northeast Area

Nominations: O. L. Harrup, Richard J. Bergstrom and Harry M. Strickland

Second Elective Ballot: Votes cast 647. Needed to elect 432.

Richard Bergstrom received 494 votes, O. L. Harrup 151 and Harry M. Strickland 2.

Richard Bergstrom was declared elected non-resident Executive Presbyter for the Northeast Area on the second elective ballot.

8. Southeast Area

Nominations: Jesse Smith, T. H. Spence and Edgar Bethany

Third Elective Ballot: Votes cast 612. Needed to elect 408.

Edgar Bethany received 524 votes, Jesse Smith 85 and T. H. Spence 3.

Edgar Bethany was declared elected non-resident Executive Presbyter for the Southeast Area on the third elective ballot.

At the conclusion of the elections for non-resident Executive Presbyters, the General Superintendent introduced each one and extended a welcome to him. He expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the non-resident executive brethren during the past biennium and spoke with assurance of a continued happy relationship in days to come. He extended a special welcome to the two newly elected executive brethren, Richard Bergstrom and Edgar Bethany. Brother Zimmerman also expressed appreciation for the services of Grady Fannin, retiring non-resident Executive Presbyter.

Graduate School of Theology (Continued)

Discussion of the question of establishing a graduate school of theology was resumed. This matter was before the house on Saturday at the time of adjournment. There was a motion and a second to limit debate to five minutes. It was moved and seconded that "three minutes" be substituted for "five minutes." When put to vote the motion to substitute failed to carry. The main motion to limit debate to five minutes carried by a two-thirds majority vote. Debate was continued until the previous question was called for, and it was moved and seconded to cease debate and to begin voting on the resolutions immediately. The voice vote was not decisive and a division of the house was called for. The chair called for a rising vote which indicated clearly the motion to cease debate had carried with more than a two-thirds majority vote.

The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee was requested to reread the resolutions.

It was then moved and seconded that this proposition be laid on the table until the time of the next General Council. The motion, when voted upon, was lost. Question was called for from the floor.

The chair requested that the vote on the two resolutions be by secret ballot and requested the tellers to pass out ballots. He instructed those favoring the resolution to establish a graduate school of theology and its companion resolution on financing to mark their ballots "yes," and those opposed to mark their ballots "no." After prayer for the guidance of the Lord, the ballots were marked and received by the tellers.

The report of the Tellers Committee indicated that 943 votes were cast, with 565 affirmative votes and 378 negative votes. The resolutions to effect the establishing of a graduate school of theology were declared adopted.

Television Ministry

The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented Resolution Number Four affecting ministry in television after which he moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Our Lord has commissioned His Church to evangelize the world, and

WHEREAS, Television seems to be one of the great media through which this can be accomplished, and

WHEREAS, The General Presbytery in session has recommended that the following be presented to this General Council body, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That a properly constituted special commission be appointed by the Executive Presbytery, to carefully survey the possibilities of the General Council of the Assemblies of God entering into a television ministry. Their findings shall be submitted to the Executive Presbytery who shall be authorized to implement a program if, and when, it seems feasible.

It was moved, seconded and carried that debate be limited to five minutes; however, the motion to adopt resolution number four was carried without debate.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the morning session be adjourned at twelve o'clock and that the afternoon session should begin at two o'clock.

Emergency Missionary Funds

The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented a resolution which proposed to establish an emergency missionary fund. It carried with it a recommendation to amend Article VIII, Section 5, of the Bylaws to incorporate the provision for the setting up of the emergency fund. It was moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. By motion duly passed, debate was limited to five minutes. There was a motion to delay a vote on the Emergency Missionary Fund until the afternoon session. The motion was seconded and carried.

Prayer for the President

A telegram from the Highland Assembly of God Church of Lubbock, Texas, was read:

The Highland Assembly of God of Lubbock, Texas, suggests the General Council resolve to pray for our President regarding the grave situation in Berlin and the whole world. Also suggest the President be informed of action taken.

A motion was made and duly carried that special prayer be offered for the President of the United States and all his officers in these perilous times and that the President be advised of this season of prayer.

The chair requested Brother Glenn Renick to close the morning session with prayer, invoking God's special blessing and guidance on the leaders of our country. The morning session was adjourned at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was called to order by the General Superintendent at two o'clock. Brother Robert Goggin, Superintendent of the Oklahoma District, led in prayer.

Emergency Missionary Fund

The business before the house regarding the setting up of a special Emergency Missionary Fund was resumed. The chairman of the resolutions committee was requested to re-read the resolution:

WHEREAS, The Foreign Missions Department reports show a consistent overdraft in the undesignated funds which is progressively hampering the operations of the Department, and

WHEREAS, There are insufficient funds to cover emergency expenses for which the Foreign Missions Department is responsible, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the General Council in session authorize the Foreign Missions Department to establish an Emergency Expense Fund to which two per cent of the general funds handled directly by the Department shall be transferred; and

That Article VIII, Section 5, Paragraph "a" of the Bylaws be amended by the addition of the following words:

Except that two per cent of all missionary funds handled directly by the Department be transferred to an Emergency Fund to meet emergency expenses for which the Foreign Missions Department is responsible.

A question centered around what was included in the terms "general funds" as contained in paragraph one of the resolution and "all missionary funds" as the wording appeared in paragraph three. It was explained that these terms "general funds" and "all funds" were intended to include all those funds except "special designations" as they may be received by the department.

A motion to refer the resolution back to the committee for further consideration in order to bring some further elucidation as to what funds could be included in the assessment of this two per cent failed to carry.

Debate continued until a motion was passed calling for the previous question. When put to vote the resolution on Emergency Missionary Funds carried, so that the amended Bylaw, Article VIII, Section 5 "a" shall read:

"The undesignated funds sent to the Foreign Missions Department shall be distributed to those who have received the appointment of the Foreign Missions Board, with the exception that up to ten per cent of undesignated funds may be used by the Foreign Missions Department for administrative expense.

"All funds assigned to particular persons shall be forwarded by the Foreign Missions Department exactly as directed, except that two per cent of all missionary funds (with the exclusion of special designations) handled directly by the Department shall be transferred to an Emergency Fund to meet emergency expenses for which the Foreign Missions Department is responsible."

Missionary Projects

Brother Bergstrom read a resolution regarding Missionary Projects:

WHEREAS, The last General Council in session pointed out the need of greater initiative in leadership to be exercised in the Foreign Missions Department in delineating the Foreign Missions program with corresponding guidance to the individual missionaries, and

WHEREAS, The Foreign Missions Board is authorized in the General Council Bylaws to consistently evaluate missionary policies in the light of changing conditions, and

WHEREAS, There are great needs on individual mission fields for coordinated efforts in projects leading to the development of those fields, and

WHEREAS, There are individual missionaries who have on their own initiative in the past taken on projects more or less as personal efforts for which other missionaries on the same field feel no particular responsibility; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That all missionary projects be fully approved by the Foreign Missions Department and the Field Fellowship concerned; and that missionaries proceeding on regular furloughs be required, after due consideration to the need of their personal budget, to give priority to raising any balance of funds needed to complete, or pay for, existing field projects already approved; and

That we request the Foreign Missions Board to study and to take appropriate action on the proposal that surplus work-and-support funds be used for the respective approved field projects.

A motion was made and seconded that the resolution be adopted. The chair recognized a motion to extend business until 5:30 which was seconded, but when voted upon the motion lost.

Debate continued on the resolution pertaining to Missionary Projects. A motion was made, seconded and carried to amend the resolution by striking out the words "be fully approved by" and inserting the words "shall first obtain the approval of" in their place. The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

Amendment to Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, Paragraph "e"

A resolution affecting the nominations for Assistant General Superintendent and Executive Director of Foreign Missions was presented by the Resolutions Committee:

WHEREAS, It seems desirable to make the subsection concerning the number of nominees for the office of Executive Director of the Foreign Missions Department conform to the subsection dealing with the selection of nominees for the General Treasurer; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That Article II, of the Bylaws, Section 2, subsection "e" be amended by striking from the last sentence the word "two" and inserting in its place the word "one" so that it shall read

"Shall select by secret ballot one or more names to be presented to the General Council in session for election. A two-thirds vote shall be required for election."

A motion to adopt the resolution was seconded and carried.

Change in Allotting Speed-the-Light Fund

A resolution affecting the distribution of Speed-the-Light funds was read by Richard Bergstrom, who also moved its adoption. The motion was seconded.

WHEREAS, The ministry of a number of our missionaries under Home Missions appointment, especially those in Alaska and to the American Indians, is surely curtailed due to lack of vehicles, and

WHEREAS, Under the present breakdown of Speed-the-Light funds which is 70 per cent Foreign Missions, 20 per cent Home, and 10 per cent administrative, makes no provision for this need, be it

RESOLVED, That the present allocation be changed as follows: 75 per cent Foreign Missions, 20 per cent District Home Missions, five per cent special ministry. This percentage to be taken out after administrative costs have been subtracted.

It was moved, seconded and carried to amend by deleting the last sentence and substituting "The administrative costs shall not exceed ten per cent of the total and the designated percentages shall be taken out after these administrative costs have been subtracted."

The main motion as amended was then voted upon and declared carried.

Departmental Uniformity

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented a resolution (number nine) with regard to the various General Council Departments and also moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, There are provisions contained in some departmental bylaws not specifically stated in others, although obviously intended, and in order to bring all of our General Council Departments into administrative conformity with other General Council Bylaws; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the following articles: XI, Sunday School Department; XII, Department of Publications; XIII, C. A. Department; XIV, Radio Department, XV, Department of Finance; XVI, Department of Benevolences; XVII, Women's Missionary Council; XVIII, Men's Fellowship Department; and XIX, Department of Evangelism, shall be amended by adding the following paragraph properly identified under Section 2, Government and Organization:

"The Department shall be amendable to and its work as a whole shall be under the general oversight of the Executive Presbytery;" and be it further

RESOLVED, That Article IX, Section 2, Paragraph "f" be amended by substitution to read: "The Home Missions Department shall be amendable to and its work as a whole shall be under the general oversight of the Executive Presbytery;" and be it further

RESOLVED, That Article VIII, Section 2, paragraph "f" be amended to read as follows:

"The Foreign Missions Department shall be amendable to, and its work as a whole shall be under the general oversight of the Executive Presbytery. All the activities and decisions of the Foreign Missions Department and the Foreign Missions Board shall be subject to review by the Executive Presbytery and the General Presbytery."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2, Paragraph "c" shall be amended by substituting the following words in the first sentence before the words "which shall consist of": "The activities of the Department of Education and all its division shall be under the supervision of a Board of Education,"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2, Paragraph "d" shall be amended by substituting the words:

"The Department of Education and the Board of Education shall be amendable to, and their work as a whole shall be under the general oversight of the Executive Presbytery."

And that the present Paragraph "d" shall become paragraph "e."

The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded. James Hamill moved that the resolution be tabled until the next General Council. The motion to table was seconded and carried.

Location of the Next General Council

An order of the day was established by motion duly carried and the report of the General Council Site Committee was called for immediately. Lester Dickinson read the report and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded.

"The 1963 General Council Site Committee recommends that the Thirtieth General Council of the Assemblies of God be located in Springfield, Missouri, in view of the opening of the new administration building by that time, under the condition that this body would wish to meet in a non-air conditioned building during the day and in a stadium at night.

"Should this General Council feel it unwise to go to Springfield, Missouri, in view of the above arrangements, this Committee recommends that the Thirtieth General Council be located in the general central area of the United States, and that the Executive Presbytery be authorized to survey cities in this area making a bid; namely, Des Moines, Iowa; Kansas City, Missouri; and Memphis, Tennessee, before making a final selection."

Following the reading of the report a motion prevailed to delete the first paragraph. The second paragraph of the report was then considered.

There was a motion to delete "Des Moines, Kansas City and Memphis" and substitute "Miami, Florida." The motion was seconded. Persons from other areas reported that cities such as Rochester, New York had extended invitations to the General Council likewise. It was pointed out that the committee had reviewed all invitations and in its judgment the cities listed in the report would be the most convenient for the greatest number of people traveling to the Council. The motion to substitute was thereupon voted upon and declared lost. Another substitute motion was offered:

That the Executive Presbytery take into consideration and review the report made by the Site Committee but that the time and place be committed to the Executive Presbytery.

The motion was seconded but failed to carry. The motion to accept the report, deleting the first paragraph, was then carried.

National Headquarters Building Equipment Fund

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution, through its chairman:

WHEREAS, The major income for the erection of the new headquarters building has been by the sale of bonds, and

WHEREAS, The local assemblies have had no opportunity to participate in a tangible way,

WHEREAS, In the original construction of the printing plant many of our Sunday schools happily responded, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That a similar opportunity be afforded each local Sunday school to participate in an organized program to furnish and equip our new national headquarters building, the cost of which is estimated at \$200,000; this concerted effort to be sponsored and promoted by the Sunday School Department in cooperation with the Finance Division of the General Council.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the resolution be adopted.

Honorary General Presbyters

Richard Bergstrom, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Our General Council Constitution (Art. IX,

Sec. 3, Par. "4") makes provision for the appointment of certain ministers "who have been highly esteemed among us as General Presbyters" to the office of Honorary General Presbyter, and

WHEREAS, The General Presbytery in session has given unanimous approval to the selection of others of our elder brethren who have served our fellowship for many years with devotion and distinction, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this General Council shall elect to the office of Honorary General Presbyter our esteemed and beloved brethren, Frank J. Lindquist, David H. McDowell, and Floyd C. Woodworth.

The motion to adopt the resolution calling for the appointment of honorary general presbyters as indicated was seconded and carried.

Function of the General Presbytery

Presented next was resolution number 12 which set forth an amendment to the Bylaws, Article III, Section 7, pertaining to the duties of the General Presbytery. After reading the resolution, Brother Bergstrom moved its adoption: The motion was seconded.

WHEREAS, The status of the General Presbytery is not clearly defined in the Bylaws; be it therefore
RESOLVED, That Article III, Section 7, be amended to read,

Functions of the General Presbytery.

(a) The General Presbytery shall be recognized as the highest voice of the organization when the General Council is not in session and shall be empowered to act in all matters pertaining to Foreign Missionary and Ministerial relationships, and all matters which pertain to the proper functioning of departments and institutions in the fellowship. It shall constitute an Instructive Advisory body to the Executive Presbytery. All decisions pertaining to constitutional order or fundamental doctrines shall be referred by it to the General Council for ratification in the manner provided in the General Council Constitution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Article III, Section 6, Par. "j," be amended by the addition of the words "General Presbytery and the" prior to the words "General Council." C. C. Burnett moved that

INASMUCH as the proposals in this resolution were far-reaching in implication, and that due to insufficient time

to give proper consideration to them, that action on the resolution be referred to another General Council; and that the wording of the resolution be submitted to all of the constituency prior to its consideration.

The motion was seconded. A substitute motion was offered.

That action be deferred until the next General Council, and that, in the meantime, the matter be referred to a study committee, and that the findings of this committee be submitted to the constituency in advance of consideration.

The substitute motion was seconded and carried. It was suggested that the resolution (number nine) dealing with "Departmental Uniformity" be referred to the same study committee. This was agreed to by common consent.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Tuesday morning meeting convene at 8:30. The meeting was adjourned at five p.m. by motion duly carried. Edgar Bethany offered the prayer of dismissal.

TUESDAY MORNING

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by General Superintendent, Thos. F. Zimmerman. The devotional message was delivered by Lester Dickinson, Superintendent of the Nebraska District. He took his text from John 9. The business session was called to order at 9:30 and R. A. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District, invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the deliberations of the morning. It was observed that the remaining business of the 29th General Council session consisted chiefly of resolutions to be presented by the Resolutions Committee and General Council Departmental Committee reports. Richard Bergstrom, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the resolutions in order as hereinafter stated. After reading each resolution he formally moved its adoption.

Editorial Policy Board (Resolution 13)

WHEREAS, The 1957 General Council adopted a resolution providing for an Editorial Policy Board; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Article XII, Section 2, Paragraph "c" be amended by the addition of the following:

There shall be an Editorial Policy Board, composed

of the non-resident Executive Presbyters, together with the Director of Publications who shall serve as chairman; and, it shall be the responsibility of this board to provide field-related guidance and suggestions, specifically with relation to *The Pentecostal Evangel* and *Pulpit*; that the Editorial Policy Board shall convene quarterly, and be it further

RESOLVED, That Paragraph "c" of Article XII, Section 2, shall become Paragraph "d."

The motion to adopt resolution 13 was seconded and carried.

Manual of Jurisprudence (Resolution 14)

WHEREAS, A Manual of Jurisprudence has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations set forth in The Report of Jurisprudence which was approved and adopted by the 1959 General Council, and

WHEREAS, The Manual of Jurisprudence has been reviewed and approved by the General Presbytery; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 18, Paragraph "a" be amended to include the words "as defined and interpreted by the Manual of Jurisprudence" following the word "principles" in the last sentence of the paragraph.

The motion to adopt Resolution 14 was carried without debate.

Church Membership (Resolution 15)

WHEREAS, We believe that church membership is scriptural, and,

WHEREAS, The Government of the U.S.A. requires of headquarters reports of the number of lay members of our Assemblies, and

WHEREAS, The chaplaincy quota of the Assemblies of God is filled on the basis of total membership, and

WHEREAS, It is essential that the Assemblies of God be in a position to evaluate its own strength and growth, and

WHEREAS, Financial and other benefits accrue to the local church by a more total picture of membership; lending institutions base their loan commitments to a

great extent on the basis of membership; further, an up-to-date membership is essential to the proper conduct of a church business meeting; therefore, be it RESOLVED, That Article VII, Section 2, of the General Council Bylaws be amended by substitution as follows:

Section 2. Annual Reports from Assemblies

Each church of the Assemblies of God shall be requested to keep an up-to-date record of its membership and a report of the same shall be sent annually to the offices of the District and the General Secretary on forms provided.

The motion to adopt Resolution 15 was seconded and carried.

Church Membership Committee Report

The chair requested Charles W. H. Scott to present a report on church membership which came as a referral from the General Presbytery:

Recognizing that the Scriptures indicate the importance of church membership by the various references that identified the individual members of the Early Church, the Executive Presbytery, at the request of the General Presbytery, appointed a Church Membership Committee two years ago to give continued study and implementation to a renewed emphasis on this important subject. A careful study was made of the records and reports of the Assemblies of God membership. Contacts were made with pastors and laymen of our Fellowship to secure suggestions from them as to what was needed to give greater emphasis to church membership. It was discovered that many churches reported no membership or an extremely small one, although they appeared to have good attendance in Sunday school and in their church services.

The study further revealed that our pastors need to make church membership available to their people by emphasizing its importance and encouraging born-again Christians to become members of the assembly. It was apparent that there is a need on the part of Districts to give emphasis to church membership and that a place be made for the receiving of children and young people who have accepted Christ as their Saviour into the membership of the church.

It became apparent to the committee that definite advantages would accrue to the Assemblies of God as we realize that the number of Assemblies of God chaplains

in the armed services is predicated upon the published membership as recorded in the files of the United States government. Other agencies and financing institutions judge the strength of a movement on its membership figures.

As a result of the committee study, a report was given to the Executive Presbytery and authorization received to proceed with the following:

1. Set aside Pentecost Sunday each year as National Church Membership Emphasis Day.
2. To have articles on church membership appear regularly in *The Pentecostal Evangel* and other General Council publications.
3. To publish tracts, posters, membership cards, and other promotional materials that would be helpful to our pastors in emphasizing this important matter.
4. To prepare a membership record and service book.

In the report of the General Secretary given at this General Council meeting, it was revealed that only 3,050 were added to the membership during the past two years. This, in reality, amounts to a gain of one third of one member per church during this time. At this rate it would take six years to gain one new member.

In view of the foregoing, this committee recommends that this General Council in session go on record as approving this church membership program, and recommends that the general headquarters departments, district councils, sectional areas of our districts, local churches and ministers give special consideration to the matter of integrating all born-again Christians who meet Assemblies of God standards into membership of the churches of the Assemblies of God.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted with the request that the information contained therein be communicated through means of the Ministers Quarterly Letter.

The Resolutions Committee continued its report through its chairman, Richard Bergstrom.

Manner of Election—District C. A. President (Resolution 16)

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 4, Paragraph "a" in the General Council Bylaws states,

"The young people's president shall be an ordained minister. The age limit for presidents shall be through the 38th year;" and

WHEREAS, Some districts have not followed this recommendation regarding age limitation, but have felt it better to retain a man in office if he has developed a good program, and if the district desired his services; and

WHEREAS, The District C. A. Presidents office is often joined with that of the District Sunday School directors and/or other offices, the age limitation has had little or no effect, so far as the respective district is concerned, and

WHEREAS, A survey indicates a number of similar youth organizations do not impose such a limitation on district leadership; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the following amendment be made to Article XIII, Section 4 of the General Council Bylaws, combining paragraphs "a" and "b" to read as follows:

"The manner of election of the District C. A. President will be according to the provisions of the District Constitution and Bylaws. It is recommended that he shall be under the age of thirty-five (35) at the time of his first election, and that he may be retained as long as his service is desired." Paragraph "c" would then become paragraph "b," et cetera.

A motion to adopt Resolution 16 was seconded and carried after brief discussion.

Listing Ministers Who Preach too Few Times in a Year (Resolution 17)

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 8, Paragraph "b" of the General Council Bylaws, now provides that if an ordained minister preaches less than twenty-five times per year, his name shall be placed upon an inactive list, and

WHEREAS, This Bylaw further provides that if such inactivity shall continue for a second year, his name shall be removed from the ministerial fellowship list, and

WHEREAS, This Bylaw records certain exceptions to this rule that do not seem to cover all possible eventualities, and

WHEREAS, Certain recognition and assistance toward restoration of an active ministry may be lost by the removal of an individual's name from the Fellowship roster, and

WHEREAS, A fellow minister who may have given years of faithful service in the Full Gospel ministry is entitled to recognition as a minister and for service rendered; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That ordained Assemblies of God ministers who have had fifteen or more years of such approved ministry, but have not now the opportunity to fulfill the minimum preaching requirements, upon recommendation by their district, may be continued indefinitely on the Assemblies of God inactive ministerial list, and be it further

RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 8, Paragraph "b," sentences four and five, of the Bylaws, be amended to read:

"It shall be understood that this shall not apply to those engaged in other aspects of full-time ministry, to individuals who have had fifteen or more years of approved service as ordained ministers of the Assemblies of God; nor to inactivity caused by the infirmity of old age or ill health. Should the minister at any time return to active ministry, his or her name may be restored to the active list upon application bearing the endorsement of the District Officer."

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 17 be adopted. There was a motion to table Resolution 17 but when voted upon it failed to carry. The motion to adopt Resolution 17 was then carried.

Motion to Limit Debate

A motion prevailed that discussion on the various resolutions shall be limited to ten minutes, unless by order of the floor this time limit is set aside.

Editing the Bylaws

Elder J. R. Flower moved that the Executive Presbytery be requested to take the responsibility for editing the bylaws where a resolution has been offered to change the bylaws, with the understanding that the principle contained in the resolution would not be altered or changed. The motion was seconded and carried.

Amendment to Bylaws—Article XXI.

Brother Bergstrom reported that through an oversight a proper amendment to the Bylaws did not accompany Resolution Eight when it was presented on Monday afternoon. He therefore moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Through an oversight Resolution number eight which passed yesterday afternoon regarding a change in the recommended percentages for division of the Speed-the-Light offerings was not made an amendment to the Bylaws; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Article XXI, Section 2, Paragraph "2" of the Bylaws be amended by substituting therefore the percentages provided in Resolution Eight, with its qualifying provision.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Termination of Credentials (Resolution 18)

WHEREAS, It seems advisable to properly classify and to define the meanings of disciplinary terms; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 12, Paragraph "a" of the Bylaws be amended by inserting the word "disapproved" immediately following the word "suspended," in the ninth line, and be it further

RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 12, of the Bylaws be amended by inserting a paragraph "b" to define terms used in paragraph "a," to wit: "withdrawn," "removed," "suspended," "disapproved," and "dropped." This paragraph shall read as follows:

A minister who has elected to remove himself from the fellowship, and against whom there are no charges filed, shall be listed as having "withdrawn." A minister may be listed as "removed" from the fellowship because of general inefficiency in the ministry, a failure or inability to correctly represent our Pentecostal testimony, a contentious or non-cooperative spirit, an assumption of dictatorial authority over an Assembly, an arbitrary rejection of District counsel, or a declared open change in doctrinal views. A minister who is under serious charges, or who has been given a probationary period for adjusting minor offenses, may be listed as "suspended." One who has been found guilty of indiscretions or misconduct of

a less serious nature may be listed as "disapproved." A minister who has been found guilty of indiscretions involving morals, or other serious misconduct, shall be listed as "dropped."

It was moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted.

An amendment was offered to provide that the phrase "declared open change in doctrinal view" shall be transferred from the "removed" category to the "disapproved" category. The motion to amend was seconded and carried.

The motion to adopt Resolution 18, as amended, was then voted upon and carried.

Restoration of Credentials (Resolution 19)

WHEREAS, There are sometimes unwarranted inferences deduced from the terminology used at the time ministers are restored to our fellowship; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 12, be amended by adding a paragraph to be designated "c" to define the terms "reinstatement" and "renewed" to wit:

The term "reinstatement" shall apply only to those who have withdrawn for reasons of doctrine or practices incompatible with General Council principles or to those who have been under discipline, but whose records have received district clearance. The term "renewed" shall be used strictly for those who for inadvertent reasons fail to comply with the annual questionnaire deadlines and are restored to the ministerial list again." And

WHEREAS, It would seem desirable to qualify the minimum period of time one who has been severed from our fellowship must wait before restoration; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, That we amend Article VI, Section 12, Paragraph "b" by substituting the following first sentence:

"When a minister who is a member of our fellowship shall have been stricken from our rolls for any cause, and shall apply to be reinstated, he shall in no case be eligible for reinstatement until at least six months shall have lapsed after his name has been stricken from our list of ministers." And, be it further

RESOLVED, That paragraphs "b" and "c" of Article VI, Section 12, be redesignated "d" and "e" respectively.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution 19. There was a motion to amend by inserting the phrase "except for failure to renew" immediately following the word "cause" so that the paragraph would read: "...shall have been stricken from our rolls for any cause, except failure to renew, and shall apply to be reinstated..." The motion to amend was seconded and carried. The main motion as amended was then voted upon and declared carried.

Ministry in Non-Council Assemblies (Resolution 20)

WHEREAS, The wording in Article VI, Section 16, of the Bylaws with regard to ministry in non-Council Assemblies is inadequate in that it does not cover all of our ministries; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we amend Article VI, Section 16, by striking out the words "evangelists and pastors" and substituting the word "ministers" in the sixth line, and by striking out the words "before conducting a campaign" and substituting the phrase "before engaging in ministry," so that the amended portion shall read "...therefore, we recommend that our ministers consult with our Council officials before engaging in ministry with a non-Council Assembly in any given city..."

A motion to adopt Resolution 20 was seconded. There was considerable discussion regarding the proposed amendment. It was moved and seconded to insert the word "area" so that the sentence would read..."in any given area of the city..." A substitute motion then prevailed to insert the word "district" in place of the word "city." The main motion as amended was then voted upon. The voice vote was not decisive and a division of the house was called for. The chair thereupon called for a standing vote. It was clearly indicated that the motion to adopt Resolution 20 as amended was carried.

Private Ownership of Religious Institutions (Resolution 21)

WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws declare that if private ownership of property of religious institutions exists that title should be transferred to a properly incorporated body, and

WHEREAS, The owner of record might have certain justifiable equities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Article XXII, Section 2, of the Bylaws, be amended by deleting the last sentence of the first paragraph and substituting the following: "Where private ownership exists a properly incorporated body shall be formed and title to the property shall be transferred to the corporation taking into consideration equity that the title holder may legitimately have."

A motion to adopt Resolution 21 was seconded and duly carried.

Amendment to the Constitution (Resolution 22)

The proposed amendment to the Constitution affecting the procedure in constitutional notices on amendments to the Constitution came as a recommendation from the General and Executive Presbyteries and was presented by the Resolutions Committee. The resolution provided that:

WHEREAS, It is desirable that we have an Article providing for amendments to the Constitution which adequately provides for due notice of proposed amendments to both the Executive Presbytery and to the constituency of the General Council prior to their consideration; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Article XIII of the Constitution be amended by deleting the present Article XIII and substituting the following:

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regularly called session of the General Council provided that the proposed amendments shall have been submitted at least six months prior thereto in writing to the Executive Presbytery. Before the Executive Presbytery may submit such proposed amendments for consideration by a session of the General Council, it shall cause notice thereof to be provided by mail to the office of each District Superintendent and each District Secretary, and by insertion in the letter mailed quarterly to General Council ministers not later than sixty days prior to said session. Amendments to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of all members present for adoption.

The motion to adopt the resolution was moved and seconded. There was an amendment to insert the words "and voting" immediately following the word "present" in the last sentence. The motion to amend was seconded and carried.

The motion to adopt the resolution as amended was then carried.

It was moved by Fred Vogler and seconded and carried that the General Council in session send greetings to Brother J. Narver Gortner, Brother Samuel C. Scull and to the residents of Bethany Retirement Home in Lakeland, Florida.

Amendments Affecting Missionary Projects (Resolution 23)

WHEREAS, It is the function of the Executive Presbytery to authorize and approve projects, and

WHEREAS, It is the function of the department to carry out the promotion of such projects; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Article XXIV, Section 9, Subsection "c," Paragraph "4" of the Bylaws be amended by substituting the "Executive Presbytery" for "Missions Department."

It was moved, seconded and carried that this resolution be adopted.

Review of New Projects (Resolution 24)

The Resolutions Committee presented the last of the resolutions in the series. This resolution pertained to the establishment of an orderly procedure in considering legislation which involved the expenditure of funds and for which there was no foreseeable means of acquiring such funds. It likewise was presented with the recommendation of the Executive and General Presbyteries. The Chairman of the Committee read the resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, It has been common practice for the General Council to receive recommendations from various committees for projects which involve large expenditure of funds, and

WHEREAS, It has not been possible for such committees to be informed regarding similar recommendations from other committees, or persons, and

WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery has sometimes found itself in a dilemma to implement projects authorized and instructed by the General Council due to the fact that no provision was made for funds with which to finance such projects; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any project to be submitted for consideration by the General Council which involves the expenditure of funds shall first be submitted to the Standing Finance Committee for review and advice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Article XV, Section 2, Paragraph "c" shall be amended by adding a new sentence after the words "matters of general finance" to read:

"They shall be responsible to give preliminary survey and advice concerning any major project on the denominational or departmental level involving the expenditure of funds."

The motion to adopt was seconded and carried.

Report of the Committee on Education

Joseph R. Flower, Secretary of the Committee, read the report, deleting the section dealing with a graduate school of theology. The report, including the recommendations, was adopted by motion duly carried.

"Your General Council Education Committee has given prayerful attention to the educational needs of the Assemblies of God. The awareness of our tremendous responsibility to our young people and to the future of our church has resulted in a two-fold reaction. Our schools at all levels are to be commended for the vital contribution they are making to the vigor of our church. There is also the challenge that much more remains to be done if these educational needs of our young people are to be met.

Recognizing the scriptural injunction to train our children and young people in the way they should go, the committee would like to emphasize the need of education beginning in the home. Family altars, where instruction and worship are combined, should not be optional. They must be considered absolute necessities.

The committee also feels that Assemblies of God parents should more actively participate in Parent Teachers Associations, serve on school boards, regularly visit with the teachers and administrators of the schools their children attend, to the end that our distinctive testimony be felt among them and that our evangelical position be made known to them.

The desirability of parents guiding children in their plans for future education cannot be over emphasized. When young people must leave home for higher education, parents can help safeguard the faith of their children by suggesting education in a Pentecostal atmosphere. The tragedy of losing young people from the church and possibly even to Christ can to a great extent be averted by taking advantages of opportunities offered in Assemblies of God schools. The Committee on Education would also like to call attention to the fact that only about 60 per cent of the cost of education is met by tuition. This means that all of our schools need the prayerful support of the churches. It has been estimated that \$3.00 from every member would not only take care of the needs of our schools, but guarantee progress as well.

The Education Committee has noted with appreciation the reporting of Cooperative Plan giving in recent editions of the *Evangel*. It is

hoped that this practice will be continued, since it is believed that it will immeasurably stimulate giving for educational purposes. The committee feels that the Cooperative Plan can be further enhanced if all financial reporting of departments could be made a part of the Cooperative Plan reports. This could be done by the reports showing total cooperative giving followed by columns indicating amounts of missionary, education, district and other pertinent departmental designations.

In order to preserve and propagate our distinctive testimony, the Education Committee recommends that prayerful attention be given to the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Interpretations of the separation of church and state concept by high courts in recent cases such as *McCulloch vs. Illinois* have resulted in school authorities often being concerned in protecting only the right of students holding non-biblical views, and

WHEREAS, Evangelical Bible believing students are often exposed to views based entirely on theories that are contrary to their religious concepts and are subjected to embarrassment resulting from forced participation in activities contrary to the accepted practices of their churches; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the General Council of the Assemblies of God formally protest this obvious discrimination to the Office of the Attorney General, The U. S. Office of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and also to each State Department of Education; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Evangelicals be requested to take appropriate steps to support action which will eliminate such discrimination of Evangelical Bible believing students.

Report of Radio Committee

The report of the General Council Radio Committee was presented by E. M. Clark, chairman of the committee:

After a careful study of the Radio Department your Radio Committee wishes to commend the Radio Department and the Revivaltime speaker for the excellent job being done in the Revivaltime broadcast and for its increasing efficiency and effectiveness in presenting our full gospel message through the medium of radio.

We wish further to commend the staff for its world-wide vision and for its effective management and promotion in presenting Revivaltime to our constituency and to the friends of the broadcast service, thereby helping us to meet the financial needs of this world-wide ministry.

We further commend the Radio Department for the following ministries:

1. In influencing the religious and denominational world with regard to the full gospel as evidenced by some 49 different denominations represented in letters from ministers to Revivaltime.
2. Its outreach to the unsaved as evidenced by the many thousands of letters sent to Revivaltime.
3. The missionary outreach both at home and abroad with its forty foreign releases and its 310 releases in the United States.

Recommendations:

1. We recommend that each church give a regular monthly missionary offering for the support of this world-wide evangelistic outreach.
2. We further recommend that each district provide space in its annual calendar of activities for promotion of Revivaltime and the Radio ministry of the Assemblies of God.
3. We further recommend that this General Council in session adopt the following goals for our radio ministry:
 - a. Coverage in the United States.
Blanket the entire nation with the full-gospel message by means of radio and eliminate all "blank spots."
Seek ways and means of further encouraging listeners to attend local assemblies.
 - b. New Church "Beachheads."
Work closely with the Home Missions Department in a pre-invasion of areas needing new full gospel churches.
 - c. Follow-up and Christian Literature. Distribute one-fourth million pieces of full gospel literature each year and follow up in personal counselling by correspondence with all who write expressing need.
 - d. Foreign Coverage.
Penetrate every English speaking area of the world with the Revivaltime message, adapted where possible to "local" customs and needs.
 - e. Foreign Language Coverage.
Increase the foreign language associate broadcast coverage to penetrate the "Curtains"—both political and language—that have been raised.

There was a motion to adopt the above portion of the report of the Radio Committee which was seconded and duly carried. It was further moved, seconded and carried that the following recommendations affecting amendments to the Bylaws be received for inclusion in the minutes for information, but that further action be deferred in view of action already taken at this General Council with regard to television ministry.

WHEREAS, In 1955 the General Council in session approved a recommendation that the Radio Department give serious thought and consideration to the field of television and that in order to arrive at an acceptable format, a pilot program be produced; and

WHEREAS, The Bylaws governing the Radio Department should be brought in line to conform to this broader ministry; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Article XIV, Section 1, Authorization and Purpose, be revised by the addition of the following: "There shall be a Radio and Television Department of the General Council." Be it further

RESOLVED, That Paragraph "a" shall be amended to read as follows:

"a. It shall prepare such broadcasts and telecasts as the Radio and Television Commission shall determine advisable and shall solicit the highest possible quality in musical presentation and shall feature capable speakers who shall offer messages in keeping with the Statement of Faith of the General Council of the Assemblies of God;"

Be it further

RESOLVED, That in subsequent allusion in the Bylaws to department and personnel, wording shall be revised to conform to this change.

Report of the Christ's Ambassadors Committee

The report of the Christ's Ambassadors Committee was presented by T. A. McDonough, committee chairman:

Your C. A. Committee has surveyed, with gratitude, the progress of the youth work during the past biennium. Worthy of special note is the launching of the National C. A. Bible Quiz, "Action in Acts," and the plans being made for the National Talent Contest. Along with these should be mentioned the Youth Training series and the International C. A. Convention to be held in Mexico City August, 1962. These, when finalized, will serve to strengthen an already strong national youth program.

We wish to commend the leadership who have been responsible for this excellent program, and who are seeking, reaching, enlisting, and training, not only our own youth, but many outside our ranks as well. Our National Executive Director, National C. A. Secretary, and all division heads are highly esteemed among us for their consecration and efficiency, who continue to afford our constituency an adequate and spiritual program, which our youth must have in these crucial hours.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be received.

Report of the Spiritual Life Committee

G. Raymond Carlson, committee chairman, presented the report of the Spiritual Life Committee. After the reading of the report there was a standing vote to indicate its unanimous adoption. The General Superintendent led in a prayer of dedication to the study and preaching of the Word and of waiting upon God in prayer and worship.

With sincere appreciation for the emphasized interest being given to the spiritual life of our Movement on the part of our leaders, this committee gladly reports to this General Council that there is evidence of increased spiritual fervor among us, for which we express grateful thanks to God.

This fervor will not remain of itself. We must cooperate with those means of divine grace which God has given to us for spiritual development and growth.

To this end we bring certain recommendations which we feel will give support to and increase this move of God among us. These recommendations deal in three areas; namely, an emphasis on the Word of God, on prayer and on evangelism.

1. The Word of God

Among the means of grace, we cannot over emphasize the importance of the Word of God. Recognizing this importance of God's Word, we, therefore, recommend.

- a. That each member of the Assemblies of God embrace the program of reading the Bible through in 1962. Such reading of the Bible will give an unfolding of the plan and purpose of God for His people that scattered reading cannot give.
- b. That we urge the reading of God's Word, as well as other helps in the family altar.
- c. That our pastors be encouraged to preach a sermon on the importance of God's Word on Universal Bible Sunday, December 10, and enlist their people in the systematic reading of the Bible through, in the coming year. Each pastor could get his people committed to read their Bibles through and give them a certificate of recognition at the end of the year.
- d. That our ministers give greater emphasis to expository preaching. Expository preaching will give a broader acquaintance with a knowledge of God's Word more than any other type of preaching.
- e. That greater place be given to the public reading of the Bible in our services. We call to your attention the fact that the Lord has magnified His Word above His Name (Psalm 138:2b.) The value of different translations is recognized, but since our laity largely uses the King James Version, it occurs to this committee that the public use of this version should be encouraged.
- f. That pastors and churches include regular Bible study in their church program.
- g. That the ministers gather together in Bible study groups on district and sectional levels. This mutual sharing together of the unsearchable riches of God's Word will enrich all who participate. It will also point up the need of intensifying spiritual life, both individually and collectively.

2. Prayer

Another important means of grace to our spiritual life is prayer. We rejoice in the rich blessings which followed the re-

gional prayer meetings of this year. It was the ministry of the Old Testament prophet to call the people of God to prayer and repentance. The weeping prophet cried "Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old." (Lam. 5:21.) Jehovah challenged King Solomon and all of us in 2 Chron. 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." We solemnly urge a continued and intensified effort to bring our people to prayer and heart searching. To this end we recommend:

- a. That each non-resident Executive Presbyter call all full-time district officers in his region to a time of prayer and heart searching.
- b. That these district officers shall return to their districts and call their ministers together for prayer and heart searching.
- c. That the pastors return to their churches and call their people together for prayer and heart searching. We believe that this earnest effort in seeking God will bring revival and a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us.

3. Evangelism

We would call to the attention of this convention the intense need of a greater compassion for the lost. This is evidenced in the report which shows an increase of only 3,050 members in the past two years or an average of approximately one soul for each 200 members over a period of two years. This does indicate a definite need among us of a greater spirit of evangelism. We strongly urge that every effort possible be made to stimulate a spirit of evangelism or love for the lost among us. To this end we recommend:

- a. That each church give strong emphasis to evangelism in the Sunday evening service. This will create renewed interest in the church which will bring the lost to Christ and His church.
- b. That every pastor and evangelist foster the ministry of personal witnessing among us and that each local church shall train and encourage its people to this New Testament ministry. It was the "house to house" ministry of early Christians that resulted in the gospel being carried to the known world of their day. The Christian church must get back to this primitive but powerful ministry.
- c. That the National Department of Evangelism give stronger leadership in reviving the spirit of evangelism among us.

Recognizing the serious responsibility imposed upon us, because of our relationship to Him who loved a lost world and gave Himself for it, we dedicate ourselves to this end.

Report of the Benevolence Committee

W. H. Robertson, chairman of the committee, presented the report of the committee which contained several recommendations. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be received for consideration. The text of the report is herein presented, with the action on each recommendation indicated:

Among all the ministries of the Christian Church, as outlined in the New Testament, there is none more

clearly defined than the ministry to the physical needs of humanity. This ministry is so vital to our Christian testimony that John writes, "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and truth." (1 John 3:17, 18)

The General Council Benevolence Committee has reviewed the work of the Department of Benevolence with the purpose of evaluating the progress of the department in the light of the over-all growth of our movement. We were encouraged to find that 31 of our Districts have appointed and have operating District Benevolences committees.

In our study we conclude that we have a very fine Benevolence program and wish to express our sincere commendation to the Benevolence Department at this General Council session, realizing that the Department presently operates entirely without being subsidized by the G.P.H. The Department has made great strides forward. This last year there has been a 10% increase in the Aged Ministers Assistance contributions, and even more substantial increases in contributions gleaned for the Bethany Retirement Home and Hillcrest Childrens Home, thus more than doubling the receipts of the previous year. This includes a \$41,000 contribution from a Mrs. Garrison of Texas, for the building of a dormitory for boys at the Hillcrest Home.

Since the Benevolence Department is far from reaching the summit of the immediate needs, we as a committee make the following recommendations in order to strengthen, promote, and co-ordinate the benevolence work of our fellowship.

1. Since less than 40% of our churches have responded with even **one** offering for the entire year for benevolence ministries, we therefore recommend that this General Council go on record as reaffirming Article XVI, Section 3 of the General Council Bylaws which reads as follows: "Each church in the fellowship is expected to cooperate by sending two special offerings annually for the National Benevolences, or by placing the Department of Benevolences in its monthly budget."
2. That a minimum of \$10,000 from the earnings of the Gospel Publishing House be designated annually for

Benevolences, to be used to retire indebtedness of Bethany Retirement Home, aid in Aged Ministers Assistance, and promote expansion into new areas of services for aged ministers.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Item "2" as stated above be referred to the Finance Committee for review and advice to the Executive Presbytery.

3. That "Harvest Festival" be expanded to a Nation-wide program for the operational funds of Hillcrest Children's Home and Bethany Retirement Home.
4. That the Board of Education grant equal consideration to children from the Assemblies of God Children's Homes as is extended to the children of missionaries, thus enabling their education to be developed beyond the provisions of the homes.

It was decided by motion duly carried to refer Item "4" to the Finance Committee for review and advice to the Executive Presbytery.

5. Since Bethany Retirement Home has already reached capacity, it is recommended that facilities for ministers and laymen comparable to Bethany Retirement Home be established in the separate regional areas and that the Benevolence Department make projections and promotions in this direction as soon as feasible.

There was a further motion to refer Item "5" to the Finance Committee for its review and advice to the Executive Presbytery.

6. Be it further recommended that the available Benevolence filmstrips and films be used by the Districts through organized benevolence tours, sectional fellowship meetings and the local churches, to bring the benevolence program to the attention of our constituency.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the report of the Benevolence Committee, taking into consideration the referrals that have been made.

Report of Evangelism Committee

The report of the Evangelism Committee was presented by Jimmy Brown, chairman of the committee, after which a motion prevailed to adopt the report.

We are very grateful for the moving of the Holy Spirit in the field of evangelism and the renewed emphasis on evangelism by the fresh outpouring of the Holy

Spirit upon our own organization along with many denominational believers. We are very thankful for the fulfillment of the word of Joel, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." Thus we feel there is a fresh challenge in our midst and an open door to soul winning.

WHEREAS, at the same time your committee recognizes that the brevity of time and the world crisis calls for an immediate harvest that is reaped not only by revivals and special meetings, but there is an avowed feeling of the need for a fresh revival of personal evangelism in all our churches where each and every person will share in the thrusting in of the harvest sickle.

The work of the Evangelism Department along this line of personal evangelism is to be commended. Its fruitful results have been readily seen here in the city of Portland by the pre-General Council meetings of personal evangelism. With the prevailing feeling that the "night cometh when no man can work," and many of our constituency sensing the need of a new consecration to the winning of souls, and a renewed emphasis on evangelism, your committee recommends:

1. That each minister and delegate make a renewed and new effort in the area of personal evangelism.
2. That each church endeavor to have special training in soul winning either by personal evangelism classes or special soul winning courses, clinics or conferences. Information in regards to personal soul winning courses may be obtained from the Evangelism Department.
3. That there be a strong drive and evangelistic thrust in the Sunday evening services of our churches.

In conclusion your committee wishes to reaffirm Acts 1:8, "And ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me..." Believing that the Lord has poured His Spirit upon us, and raised up our movement to meet the great need of harvesting in our day your committee respectfully submits this report.

Report of Foreign Missions Committee

The report of the Foreign Missions Committee was presented by its chairman, T. C. Cunningham. Following the reading of the report a motion was duly carried to adopt the report.

The Foreign Missions Committee of the 29th General Council in session at Portland, Oregon, has reviewed major

financial and policy matters relating to the Foreign Missions Program. We wish to commend the department for following closely good fiscal practice, for its excellent promotional program, especially in areas of literature and film, and for the growth manifested in its work in almost every overseas area as reflected in its published departmental reports.

The committee wishes to commend the Foreign Missions Department for its success in operating the administrative work of the department with a budget of only 4.9% of the total missionary income. This rate is among the lowest of any church body in the U.S.A.

Considerable study has been given to the present system of giving to foreign missions, and especially to the area of undesignated giving. An analysis of giving over the past five years shows a decided increase in designated giving, but a sharp and continuous decline in undesignated offerings. In 1956 15.1% of all giving was undesignated while in 1961 only 5.4% is undesignated. This has created a continuing emergency situation in certain areas. Some effective measures have already been taken by the department to increase giving for administrative expenses. This committee has committed to the Resolutions Committee of this General Council two resolutions designed to help in this area of need. One of these relates to missionary projects on fields and financing of these projects. The other relates to a suggested percentage of missionary giving for emergency and operational expenses.

Study was made of the program of training national ministers in our 71 overseas Bible Schools. The committee recommends that greater publicity be given to the already extensive work being done by the Assemblies of God through its 12,459 churches and 12,657 national ministers overseas. The Foreign Missions Department is urged to promote with greater emphasis, as a part of its Global Conquest Program, a Pioneer Evangelism Fund to be used for increased backing of National Evangelism and the more rapid establishing of national churches.

In view of the high cost involved in equipping and sending a missionary family to a foreign field, at an average cost in excess of \$25,000 for a single term of service, we commend the Foreign Missions Board for its work in evaluating the ministry and service-record of members of the foreign missions family and urge that this be intensified. The Board and Department are requested to review carefully the work accomplished by each missionary, as well as the measure of God's blessing in each mission field. Where God's Spirit is moving let

us work with God, but where there is apparent stagnation, or little result, action should be taken through the proper channels for the withdrawal or transfer of missionaries as may be deemed expedient for the general good of the work.

It is further recommended that the Foreign Missions Department review each missionary's work at the end of his first term of overseas service in as thorough a manner as is used for initial evaluation of missionary candidates. The purpose of this is to avoid misfits in foreign ministry and to give the best guidance possible to our missionary work.

The School of Missions continues to be of inestimable value to our missionary program in the training of new recruits and in the orientation of furloughed missionaries. We feel that the Department is doing an excellent job in the program through the School of Missions under the direction of the experienced Dean of the School.

We especially note in the School of Missions the inclusion of a conference for District Missionary Secretaries and feel that all Districts should be encouraged to send their Missionary Secretaries to participate in the conferences in succeeding years.

We heartily recommend that the relationship of the Secretary Emeritus of the Foreign Missions Department continue as outlined in the recommendation of the Foreign Missions Committee of the 28th General Council.

Report of Men's Fellowship Committee

The report of the Men's Fellowship Committee was presented by the committee chairman, Doyle Burgess. There was a motion to receive the report for consideration. The motion was seconded and carried. The report follows, with the exception of the sections which received special action:

The Men's Fellowship of our Assemblies of God has become a dynamic force in the last two years. Under the able and God-directed leadership of the Executive Director and the National Secretary, the expansion of Men's Fellowship is now experiencing a mighty growth. The National Secretary's report to the committee was received with sincere appreciation. It gave evidence of the outstanding progress which has been made, and the inspired planning for the years ahead, should Jesus tarry. The three principal areas of activity of the Men's Fellowship are:

Action Mandatory is a carefully planned, consistent program for "Every Man to Win a Man" to be launched

in every assembly on New Year's Eve, 1961. The *Boys' work* is a new program in the research and development stage, which will be an Assemblies of God program for boys from ages eight to eighteen. *Light for the Lost* is a literature crusade which is providing millions of pieces of gospel literature for distribution by our missionaries.

The MF record system was reviewed at length and it is recommended that all District and local Men's Fellowship groups complete and return the forms to the National MF Department so statistical information will be available. The committee commends the Men's Fellowship Department for its interest and research in regard to the establishment of a National Boys' Program. It is recommended that the program be implemented at the earliest possible date.

Upon reviewing *Action Mandatory* it was the committee's feeling that the "Every Man to Win a Man" plan has made a spiritual impact. We recommend that every Assembly adopt the *Action Mandatory* program from December 31, 1961 to March 31, 1962.

The *Light for the Lost* report was given by the National Field Secretary. The report thrilled our souls as we learned that millions had heard of Christ through this project. "Your committee urges that each Assembly give special recognition in its services to laymen on December 3, 1961, which is National Men's Fellowship Day."

The report of the Men's Fellowship Committee contained a recommendation regarding a suggested Constitution and Bylaws for the District Men's Fellowship. It was moved and seconded that the suggested Constitution and Bylaws recommended for Districts be referred to the individual Districts for consideration. The motion carried.

The MF committee further recommended that

INASMUCH as the District Directors of Men's Fellowship are closely associated with the program and progress of the Men's Fellowship,

That two MF District Directors from each of the regional areas serve on the General Council Men's Fellowship Committee together with such others as are appointed by the Executive Presbytery.

The recommendation was adopted by motion duly carried after it was explained that this committee was not a standing committee, but referred to the one which was appointed to serve during the General Council in session.

It was further recommended that

Since Men's Fellowship is one of our newly organized departments, and since there is contained within the MF program those motivating influences that are challenging our laymen into active Christian service, and

Since this department has need of as much promotional help as possible to inform our constituency of its program, your committee recommends:

That the MF program be publicized monthly through our official organ, *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this recommendation be referred to the Editorial Policy Board.

The MF committee report contained the further recommendation

That the new "Dollar a Month" plan be adopted by all local assemblies, to wit:

That each Men's Fellowship member subscribe for \$1 per month and that the local assembly MF Treasurer will allocate the fund as follows:

\$3.00 to the national MF Department, annually

\$2.00 to the district MF Department, annually

\$7.00 to be used in the local Men's Fellowship

(The national Men's Fellowship office will provide TEAM magazine monthly to all MF members.)

It was moved and seconded that this "Dollar a Month" plan be adopted. When voted upon the motion was lost.

A final recommendation of the MF committee provided that each local assembly charter its Men's Fellowship group with the national Men's Fellowship Department as soon as possible so that it will be able to receive all of the benefits of the expanding Men's Fellowship Program. There was a motion to adopt this recommendation which was seconded and carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the time of adjournment be extended until the business of the General Council session had been completed.

Gene Putnam moved that Christian Cadets, authorized and approved at the last General Council, be considered an integral part of the planning for any future children's program for the General Council. The motion was seconded.

It was moved, seconded and carried to table the motion affecting the Christian Cadet program.

Report of the Sunday School Committee

The report of the General Council Sunday School Committee was presented by J. Derald Musgrove. After hearing

the report there was a motion for its adoption which was seconded and duly carried.

The Sunday School Committee has reviewed the work of the National Sunday School Department since the last General Council convened in San Antonio, Texas. We would like to commend the National Sunday School Department for its excellent work.

Some of the accomplishments in their biennial report are as follows:

Sunday School Conventions

The International Sunday School Convention was held May 3-5, 1960 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. There were 5,220 registered delegates and an estimated 8,500 Sunday School workers in attendance. The Department has provided personnel for over 20 district Sunday School conventions.

A great deal of planning already has gone into the 1962 regional conventions to be held at:

Harrisburg, Pa.	March 20-22, 1962
Oklahoma City, Okla.	April 3-5, 1962
Fresno, Calif.	April 10-12, 1962

National Standard

A much needed revision of the National Sunday School Standard becomes effective October 1, 1961. It was noted that during the past two check-up returns, a total of 161,060 souls were won to our Lord.

Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade

The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade has completed its five-year plan of advance. Total amount received in offerings during the past two years was \$222,551. The average monthly offering for the past two years was \$9,294.41. Since the inception of the program in 1949, a total of \$790,645.17 has been given to provide literature for the Far East, Africa, Middle East, Europe, Southern Asia, and Latin America.

Sunday School Counselor

At the 1960 Evangelical Press Association's convention, the "Counselor" received its third award—a first place trophy in the Sunday School division of the annual magazine competition. The general acceptance of the "Counselor" is evidenced in a gratifying circulation increase,

from 34,200 two years ago to a current total of 38,834. This is an increase of 4,634.

Workers Training

The training division shows an increase in the number of certificates issued. The training book for 1962 is "Into the Highways and Hedges," by Raymond Brock. This book deals with ways of perpetuating evangelism in and through the Sunday School, and is to be used in co-operation with the "Break-through" program of evangelism.

Field Ministry

Beside carrying heavy office schedules, the personnel of the department participated in field ministry as follows: 11 summer camps; 30 district tours; 142 workshops; 7 sectional rallies; 7 Bible schools; and 25 denominational conventions.

Department specialization

In keeping with the recommendation of the 1959 General Council Sunday School Committee for a clinic-type program for Sunday school workers, national office personnel have been assigned as consultants in various areas of the Sunday school; specifically, administration, records, and all age levels.

Recommendations

Christian Home: In keeping with "Breakthrough" and "Read It Through in '62," the committee recommends that the National Sunday School Department be asked to pursue an accelerated pace in further developing its program for the Christian Home.

Workers Training Reports: Since the number of Workers Training books sold far outnumber the certificates issued, we recommend that every effort be made to report workers training courses to the National Sunday School Department.

Department Consultants: Inasmuch as the National Sunday School Department offers administration, records, and age-level consultations, we recommend that local Sunday school workers take advantage of this service by writing to the National Sunday School Department for guidance and helps. We further recommend that local Sunday school workers share ideas with the National Department.

Gold Crown Workers Fellowship: Since the inception of Gold Crown Workers Fellowship a number of schools

have enthusiastically accepted this efficiency program, we recommend that each school consider the merits of this program.

These accomplishments were achieved through determination and hard work on the part of every worker in the National Sunday School Department. We commend them on their dedication to serve our Sunday schools.

Report of Music Committee

Robert Watters, evangelist, presented a report from a committee which had been appointed to supply field-related advice and information to the Music Division of the Gospel Publishing House. The committee reported that for the past five years there has been a greater interest in the ministry of music due to the work of this division.

Orchestrations, choir books and sheet music have been produced in addition to another songbook entitled "Melodies of Praise."

The committee further reported that "Pentecost has been characterized by and identified with fervent, Spirit-anointed music. This is one reason why our churches should have a progressive program of music that will embrace every phase of church life and include every member. Wherever one finds dynamic, progressive churches, one finds an effective program of music." The committee urged that churches lay the same degree of emphasis on the quality and character of their music as they do upon other departments of the church. The committee felt that the time had arrived for the development of a full-fledged music program in the churches. Some of the areas they suggested needing immediate attention were:

1. Pentecostal music publications for all areas of church life;
2. A training program at all levels including workshop seminars to further develop those already working in the music field; guidance and encouragement to qualified youth to enter the ministry of music;
3. Full Gospel music material in the curriculum of our colleges;
4. Promotion by all available means of the materials and services offered.

The Music Committee presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Music publications and royalties are a definite means of producing revenue to finance the music division and its services, and

WHEREAS, Music has been an important part of the Pentecostal manifestation and ministry, and is increasingly important in doctrine, worship and soul winning, and

WHEREAS, Music of our churches can be enhanced and the above objectives be more efficiently reached; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the present music division be made a Music Department in order to develop a complete music program necessary to meet the increasing music needs of our constituency.

Upon motion seconded and duly carried the report of the Music Committee was received. It was further moved, seconded and carried that the resolution affecting the status of the music division be referred to the Finance Committee for review and advice to the Executive Presbytery.

Report of Roster Committee

Arthur Berg, chairman of the Roster Committee, read the final report:

Ordained ministers registered	1,770
Delegates	476
Licensed ministers	225
Visitors	1,917
Total registered	4,388

Report Women's Missionary Council Committee

C. C. Burnett moved that inasmuch as the chairman and secretary of the WMC committee had to leave the Council early and had not been able to report for that committee, that the General Secretary be requested to include their report in the official minutes of the General Council. The motion was seconded and carried. The report of the WMC Committee follows:

The General Council WMC Committee met and reviewed the WMC biennial report as it appears in the current General Council Reports. A real note of praise was expressed by the committee, as the outstanding progress of WMC work throughout our constituency was revealed.

The Committee went on record as recommending that the WMC's of all districts work together to purchase

flatware, dishes, cooking utensils, et cetera for our national headquarters cafeteria in Springfield, Missouri.

The WMC Committee wholeheartedly commends our National WMC Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Smuland, her staff, and our Executive WMC Director, Brother Gayle Lewis, for their untiring and dedicated work rendered as unto the Lord.

Resolution of Appreciation

Richard Bergstrom, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Extraordinary cooperation and hospitality have been accorded this 29th General Council by many persons, agencies and business establishments, and

WHEREAS, This has resulted in pleasantness and congeniality which has created an enjoyable reception and made our convention in Portland, Oregon one whose memory will not easily be forgotten; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That our whole-hearted appreciation be extended to the following: District Superintendent N. D. Davidson, officers and members of the Oregon District, other West Coast District officers and constituents, the Greater Portland Assemblies of God churches and pastors, Governor Mark Hatfield for his splendid address of welcome; Mr. Howard Traver, representative of the Mayor of the City of Portland, for his warm words of greeting; and to the Police Department; the Chamber of Commerce Convention Bureau; Mr. Don Jewell and the Memorial Coliseum staff; the radio and TV stations and their staffs for news and special coverage; hotels, motels, and friends who provided rooms in private homes; to all the news media for generous coverage: "The Oregon Journal," "The Oregonian," "The Portland Reporter," "The Christian Review;" the Hammond Organ Company for the use of the arena organ; the Northwest Piano and Organ Co. for the Gulbrandsen in the Assembly Room; the Northwest Bell Telephone and Mrs. Oscar Martin for the message center; to our own Carl Conner and his helpful staff for excellent service in Public Relations and publicity; the Registration Committee; and all committees and personnel whose yeoman efforts have greatly contributed to the success of the Convention, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express to our General Superintendent and his fellow executive officers and their staffs,

our sincerest appreciation of their untiring labors for the fellowship, both during the Council session and for the past two years.

There was a rising vote of thanks in accepting the proposed resolution. The General Superintendent responded in behalf of the headquarters staff in a reciprocal expression of appreciation for the fine spirit of unity and cooperation evidenced during the convention. Brother Zimmerman said: "I feel a deep sense of gratitude to God for the consciousness of His overshadowing Presence. We hereby acknowledge to God our sincere appreciation to Him and to you and we dedicate ourselves anew to intensify our service of love."

There was a motion that the 29th General Council Session be adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried. The congregation stood and joined in singing, "God be with you 'till we meet again," after which J. Roswell Flower pronounced the benediction.

The 29th General Council was declared adjourned sine die.

BARTLETT PETERSON,
GENERAL SECRETARY

Constitution of the General Council of the Assemblies of God in the United States of America and Foreign Lands Revised to

August 29, 1961

CONSTITUTIONAL DECLARATION

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

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

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

Resolved, That we recognize we are a co-operative fellowship of Pentecostal, Spirit-baptized saints from local Pentecostal Assemblies of like precious faith throughout the United States and foreign lands, to be known as The General Council of the Assemblies of God, whose purpose is not to usurp authority over the various local assemblies, nor to deprive them of their scriptural and local rights and privileges, but to recognize and promote scriptural methods and order for worship, unity, fellowship, work and business for God; and to disapprove unscriptural methods, doctrines and conduct, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Eph. 4:13.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name shall be, The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

ARTICLE II. NATURE

The General Council of the Assemblies of God is a co-operative fellowship based upon mutual agreements voluntarily entered into by its membership.

ARTICLE III. PREROGATIVES

a. To approve all scriptural teaching, methods and conduct; and to disapprove unscriptural teachings, methods and conduct.

b. To encourage and promote the evangelization of the world.

c. To provide a basis of fellowship among Christians of like precious faith.

d. To establish and maintain such departments and institutions as may be necessary for the propagation of the gospel and the work of this Pentecostal fellowship.

e. To have the right to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of, such property, real or chattel, as may be needed for the prosecution of its work.

ARTICLE IV. PRINCIPLES

The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall represent as nearly as possible in detail, the body of Christ as described in the New Testament Scriptures, recognizing the principles inherent in that body as also inherent in this fellowship, particularly the principles of unity, co-operation and equality. Its purpose is to maintain conditions under which it can, as a fellowship, demonstrate these principles and their consequent development.

**ARTICLE V
STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS**

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

1. The Scriptures Inspired

The Scriptures, both 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 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

2. The One True God

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

THE ADORABLE GODHEAD

(a) Terms Defined

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

(b) Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead

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

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

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

(d) Identity and Co-operation in the Godhead

The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are never identical as to Person; nor confused as to relation; nor divided in respect to the Godhead; nor opposed as to co-operation. 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, co-operation and authority. Hence, neither Person in the Godhead either exists or works separately or independently of the others. John 5:17-30, 32, 37; John 8:17, 18.

(e) The Title, Lord Jesus Christ

The appellation, "Lord Jesus Christ," is a proper name. It is never applied, in the New Testament, either to the Father or to the Holy Ghost. It therefore belongs exclusively to the Son of God. Rom. 1:1-3, 7; 2 John 3.

(f) The Lord Jesus Christ, God with us

The Lord Jesus Christ, as to His divine and eternal nature, is the proper and only Begotten of the Father, but as to His human nature,

He is the proper Son of Man. He is, therefore, acknowledged to be both God and man; who because He is God and man, is "Immanuel," God with us. Matt. 1:23; 1 John 4:2, 10, 14; Rev. 1:13, 17.

(g) The Title, Son of God

Since the name "Immanuel" embraces both God and man in the one Person, our Lord Jesus Christ, it follows that the title, Son of God, describes His proper deity, and the title Son of Man, His proper humanity. Therefore, the title, Son of God, belongs to the order of eternity, and the title, Son of Man, to the order of time. Matt. 1:21-23; 2 John 3; 1 John 3:8; Heb. 7:3; 1:1-13.

(h) Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ

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

(i) Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord

The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; angels and principalities and powers having been made subject unto Him. And having been made both Lord and Christ, He sent the Holy Ghost that we, in the name of Jesus, might bow our knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father until the end, when the Son shall become subject to the Father that God may be all in all. Heb. 1:3; 1 Peter 3:22; Acts 2:32-36; Rom. 14:11; 1 Cor. 15:24-28.

(j) Equal Honor to the Father and 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 relationship. See paragraphs b, c, and d), and thus honor the Son even as we honor the Father. John 5:22, 23; 1 Peter 1:8; Rev. 5:6-14; Phil. 2:8, 9; Rev. 7:9, 10; 4:8-11.

3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

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

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

4. The Fall of Man

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." However,

man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

5. The Salvation of Man

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

(a) Conditions to Salvation

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration 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 (Eph. 4:24; Titus 2:12).

6. The Ordinances of the Church

(a) Baptism in Water

The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Saviour and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. (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 Cor. 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Cor. 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!"

7. The Baptism in the Holy Ghost

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:

49; Acts 1:4, 8; 1 Cor. 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Ghost come such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Heb. 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost

The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (1 Cor. 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use.

9. Sanctification

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

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

10. The Church

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 First-born, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23).

11. The Ministry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a twofold purpose: (1) The evangelization of the world, and (2) The edifying of the Body of Christ (Mark 16:15-20; Ephesians 4:11-13).

12. Divine Healing

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

13. The Blessed Hope

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

14. The Millennial Reign of Christ

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

16. The New Heavens and the New Earth

~~According to His promise, look for new heavens and~~
Revelation 21:22).

ARTICLE VI. RELATIONSHIPS

The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall prosecute its activities through its General and District Councils.

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the General Council shall consist of all ordained ministers, and missionaries under appointment for foreign service, holding accredited fellowship certificates, and such representatives as may be chosen by the assemblies affiliated with us, each assembly being entitled to one delegate.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

a. Regular sessions of the General Council shall be held biennially, pursuant to a call by the Executive Presbytery.

b. Special sessions of the General Council may be arranged by the Executive Presbytery if agreed by a majority of the General Presbyters.

c. The right of initiative in the matter of calling of special sessions shall be granted to any ordained minister of The General Council of the Assemblies of God when occasion demands. A statement setting forth the reasons for a special session of the Council, signed by not less than fifteen ordained ministers, may be considered sufficient reason for the call of a special session, such statement to be filed with the Executive Presbytery, who may, if it shall be deemed advisable, respond to the summons and issue the call for a special session.

ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS

1. Executive Officers.

The officers shall consist of the General Superintendent, the Assistant General Superintendents, General Secretary, General Treasurer, and the Executive Director of Foreign Missions, together with such other officers as may be required in the future. Their terms of office shall begin three months after date of election and shall continue for two years or until their successors qualify.

2. Executive Presbytery.

The Executive Presbytery shall consist of the General Superintendent, the Assistant General Superintendents, General Secretary, General Treasurer, and the Executive Director of

chosen from the active fellowship to bring the number of executives to sixteen.

3. General Presbytery.

The General Presbytery shall be composed of representative men of mature experience and ability whose lives and ministry are above reproach, who shall represent the fellowship in all phases of its work and interest in their respective fields. Each District shall have the privilege of representation in the General Presbytery by three members, the District Superintendent together with two others who shall be elected by the District Council and who shall take office immediately subject to the approval of the Executive Presbytery.

The Executive Presbyters shall be ex-officio members of the General Presbytery.

The Foreign fields shall be represented in the General Presbytery by the field secretaries of the Foreign Missions Department and by two others from each of the over-all areas which the field secretaries represent.

Upon the approval of the General Presbytery, honorary members may be chosen by the General Council from among those ministers who for years have been highly esteemed among us as General Presbyters, and yet who, because of age or infirmity, can no longer assume the full burden of the office. The addition of such honorary members shall not disturb the regular number of Presbyters granted each district.

ARTICLE X. DISTRICT COUNCILS

a. Membership of the District Council shall consist of all ordained and licensed ministers of the district, and such delegates as may be elected by assemblies to represent them in the meetings of the District Council. Delegates shall be elected upon a basis of representation as may be agreed upon by the Council.

b. The District Council shall have supervision over all the activities of the Assemblies of God in its prescribed field, except such as are agreed upon by a District Council and the General Council officials.

c. The District Council shall have authority to examine and to license and ordain ministers who are to become members thereof and shall report to the office of the General Council the names of approved licensed ministers.

Any certain extent of academic education shall never be a requirement for credentials, but it shall be required of applicants that they take such reading courses and pass examinations as may be prescribed by respective District Councils in agreement with the Credentials Committee of the General Council.

d. The District Council shall elect its own officers, and arrange for its own meetings. It shall be amenable to the General Council in matters of doctrine, and the personal conduct of all ministers who are permitted to have District endorsement.

e. The District Council, being the creature of the General Council and subordinate thereto, cannot be authorized, in any way, to violate the principles of the General Council constitutional agreements or bylaws. In the prosecution of the

work in its prescribed field the District Council shall be expected to keep vigilant watch against any violation of the principles of spiritual unity and co-operative fellowship to which the General Council fellowship is especially and unalterably dedicated.

ARTICLE XI. BRANCHES

a. A Branch is defined as a unit in the General Council organization equivalent to a District Council in General Presbytery and General Council membership and relationship, and according to all provisions of Article X of the Constitution. A Branch is distinguished from a District Council in that its territory of operation is not geographical, but is confined to ministry among certain races or language groups. Its geographical area of operation may therefore overlap or coincide with that of one or more District Councils.

b. Branches shall be allowed that independence of operation which is accorded District Councils within the framework of the General Council Constitution and Bylaws and transfers and other relationships between themselves and regular District Councils shall be effected with that consideration and respect practiced between District Councils.

ARTICLE XII. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES

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

Local assemblies shall be set in order and co-operate in the work of the District. They should support the District organization and may send delegates to the District and General Councils.

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, 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 Bylaws. It shall have the right to acquire and hold title to property, either through trustees or in its corporate name as a self-governing unit.

The fact that a local assembly is affiliated in the association of the District or General Council shall in nowise destroy its rights as above stated or interfere with its sovereignty.

The local assembly shall recognize that the District or General Council has the right to approve scriptural doctrine and conduct and to disapprove unscriptural doctrine or conduct. When in need of counsel or advice, the local assembly may appeal to the District officary for help. It may appeal from a decision by the District officary to the Executive Presbytery of the General Council when there is a question whether or not the Assembly has received proper help from the District.

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

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regularly called session of the General Council provided that the proposed amendments shall have been submitted at least six months prior thereto in writing to the Executive Presbytery. Before the Executive Presbytery may submit such proposed amendments for consideration by a session of the General Council, it shall cause notice thereof to be provided by mail to the office of each District Superintendent and each District Secretary, and by insertion in the letter mailed quarterly to General Council ministers not later than sixty days prior to said session. Amendments to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. PARLIAMENTARY ORDER

In order to expedite the work of the Council and to avoid confusion in its deliberations, the Council shall be governed by accepted rules of parliamentary procedure, in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers.

The officers of the General Council shall be elected at one of its regular meetings, according to the manner of election as provided. They shall be chosen from the membership of

the General Council, and shall be men of mature experience and ability, whose life and ministry are above question, and such qualities alone shall determine their eligibility.

Section 2. Nomination and Election.

a. All candidates for office of General Superintendent, Assistant General Superintendents and General Secretary shall be nominated by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an election. If no election has been declared after the third 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.

b. Election of General Presbyters shall take place at the District Council meeting.

c. The General Council shall have the right to elect additional officers to serve on the Executive Presbytery as provided in Article IX, Section 2 of the Constitution. Nominations for the eight non-resident Executive Presbyters shall be made by the eligible voters from their respective geographical areas in caucus. Three or more nominees for each region shall then be presented to be balloted upon by the General Council. A two-thirds vote shall be required to elect.

d. For the purpose of electing non-resident executive presbyters, the General Council shall be divided into eight areas, according to district boundary lines in the following manner:

Northwest Area: Northwest, Oregon, Montana, Southern Idaho, Wyoming

Southwest Area: Northern California-Nevada, Southern California, Arizona, Rocky Mountain

North Central Area: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, West Central, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan

South Central Area: Kansas, New Mexico, West Texas, Oklahoma, North Texas, South Texas

Great Lakes Area: Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Appalachian

Gulf Area: Southern Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi

Northeast Area: Northern New England, Southern New England, Eastern, New Jersey, New York, Potomac

Southeast Area: Alabama, West Florida, South Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina

Branches: Members of the foreign language branches shall vote in the area wherein they reside.

Missionaries: Missionaries on furlough shall vote with their home districts.

e. The General Treasurer shall be selected in the following manner: The General Presbytery, serving as a nominating committee, shall be entrusted with the responsibility of making careful investigation concerning the qualifications and general fitness of available men for this strategic post and shall select by secret ballot one or more names for this office to be presented to the General Council in session for election. A two-thirds vote shall be required for election.

f. The Executive Director of Foreign Missions shall be an Assistant General Superintendent and shall be elected in the following manner: The General Presbytery, serving as a nominating committee, shall be entrusted with the responsibility of making careful investigation concerning the qualifications and general fitness of available men for this strategic post and shall select by secret ballot one or more names to be presented to the General Council in session for election. A two-thirds vote shall be required for election.

Section 3. Vacancies.

a. In the event any of the Executive Offices of the General Council shall become vacant through death or other cause, the Executive Presbyters shall fill the office by appointment until the next meeting of the General Council, with the exception that in the event of the death or incapacity of the General Superintendent, the General Secretary shall call a special meeting of the General Presbyters to be convened within thirty days, for the purpose of electing from the Assistant General Superintendents one to fill the office for the unexpired term.

b. In the event a General Presbyter shall move to another District or shall vacate his office for any other reason, the Presbytery of the District Council shall appoint one to serve as General Presbyter until that office is regularly filled at the next meeting of the District Council.

Section 4. Voting Constituency.

The voting constituency shall consist of all accredited members, present and registered at any special or regular meeting of the General Council.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Duties of the General Superintendent.

a. To be the head of the General Office, and to supervise all the work of that office during the interim between sessions

of the General Council. To act as President of the Corporation in all legal matters.

b. To preside at the sessions of the General Presbytery and the General Council.

c. To preside at all meetings of the Credentials Committee, and to sign all credentials.

d. To preside at all sessions of the Executive Presbytery, and to receive all communications directed to that body.

e. To appoint Executive Directors of the various departments of the General Council from among the Executive Officers, with the co-operation and advice of those members of the Executive Presbytery who are not Executive Officers.

f. To be General Superintendent of all work on the field conducted in behalf of the fellowship, and to encourage Bible and Missionary Conventions throughout the country.

g. To administer discipline in all cases when requested to do so by the Credentials Committee.

h. To perform any other functions usual and customary as presiding officer or such as may be directed by the General Council or by the Executive Presbytery.

Section 2. Duties of the Assistant General Superintendents.

a. To assist the General Superintendent.

b. To serve as Vice-Presidents of the corporation and to preside at meetings of the Executive Presbytery in the absence of the General Superintendent.

c. To serve as departmental heads as may be directed by the General Superintendent.

d. The responsibility of office work and field ministry shall be equitably distributed among these men under the direction of the General Superintendent.

e. Finally, to perform any other functions under the supervision of the General Superintendent, or such as may be directed by the General Council or the Executive Presbytery.

Section 3. Duties of the General Secretary.

a. The General Secretary shall make and keep true records of the proceedings of the General Council and shall publish the same as approved and directed by the Executive Presbytery.

b. He shall be custodian of the official seal of the Council and shall issue Credentials under the direction of the Credentials Committee and shall keep a record of all ministers, licentiates and assemblies in the fellowship.

c. He shall act as Secretary of the Executive Presbytery and the General Presbytery, and shall keep accurate minutes of the deliberations of these bodies.

d. He shall be authorized to sign all official and legal documents and to perform such other functions as are customary or as may be directed by the General Council or the Executive Presbytery.

e. He shall act as Secretary of the Credentials Committee and shall be considered an ex officio member of all other committees.

Section 4. Duties of the Treasurer.

a. To be custodian of all General Council funds.

b. He shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, conducting the work of his office according to accepted business methods.

c. He shall give a report from time to time as may be requested by the General Council or the Executive Presbytery.

d. He shall give bond to the amount of \$50,000. The treasurer's books shall be audited annually by competent auditors.

e. He shall perform such other functions as are customary to his office or as may be directed by the Council or the Executive Presbytery.

Section 5. Duties of the Executive Director of Foreign Missions.

a. He shall be the Executive Director of the Foreign Missions Department under the supervision of the Executive Presbytery. Under his direction the Department shall perform the following duties and render the following services:

b. Keep a record of all decisions of the Missionary Committee and of all official acts of the Missions Department.

c. Conduct all correspondence with prospective missionaries and with those already on the field.

d. Conduct the missionary columns in the PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL from missionary letters and reports.

e. Represent the General Council in all relationships with governments or authorities where our missionary work is involved.

f. Direct the missionary activities of the fellowship.

g. Distribute all missionary funds as directed by the donors by agreement with the Foreign Missions Committee.

h. Keep such records of all funds received and disbursed as will safeguard the funds from loss en route to the field.

i. Act as purchasing agent for missionary supplies.

j. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Executive Presbytery.

Section 6. Duties of the Executive Presbytery.

a. The Executive Presbyters shall serve as trustees of the General Council. They shall be empowered to supervise and have general oversight of all departments. They shall be authorized to act for the corporation in all matters that affect its interests while the General Council is not in session.

b. They shall have the right to buy, take, lease or otherwise acquire, own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of real property, personal and mixed, tangible and intangible, or whatsoever kind as may be useful for the prosecution of its work.

c. To hold in trust such funds as may be committed to them as trustees, or to dispose of the same as may be directed.

d. To issue annuity bonds or contracts, and to protect the same by judicious investments.

e. They shall be authorized to purchase or to dispose of securities as need requires in an effort to strengthen the financial position of the corporation.

f. All properties of the General Council shall be bought, taken, held, sold, transferred, mortgaged, leased, assigned or conveyed by the trustees in the corporate name.

g. In all matters of great importance, the Executive Presbyters shall communicate with the members of the General Presbytery before final action shall be taken.

h. The Executive Presbyters shall be empowered to arrange for and announce the meetings of the General Council, with consideration for the interests of the fellowship as a whole. The decision of time and place for such meetings shall rest in their hands.

i. The Executive Presbyters shall also at their discretion call business meetings of the General Presbytery when deemed advisable.

j. The Executive Presbyters shall make a report to the General Council of their activities in behalf of the fellowship as may be directed.

Section 7. Duties of the General Presbytery.

a. The General Presbytery shall be empowered to act in all matters pertaining to foreign missionary and ministerial relationships, and all matters which pertain to the proper functioning of departments and institutions in the fellowship. It shall constitute an advisory body to the Executive Presbytery. All decisions pertaining to constitutional order or fundamental doctrines shall be referred by it to the General Council for ratification in the manner provided in the General Council Constitution.

b. The General Presbytery shall also act as a Court of Appeal for the reviewing of testimony given in missionary and ministerial trials. Its decisions shall be final.

ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees.

Standing committees shall be appointed as necessity may require. They shall serve for the designated time or until their purpose is accomplished. In the event a vacancy shall occur in a standing committee, the Executive Presbytery shall be authorized to fill such vacancy.

Section 2. Credentials Committee.

Such members of the Executive Presbytery as may reside at headquarters shall constitute a Credentials Committee. They shall have authority to issue certificates of ordination to approved ministers, who have District Council endorsement, and to issue annual fellowship certificates.

Section 3. Roster Committee.

A Roster Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery prior to each meeting of the General Council. This committee shall be expected to open the roster on the morning of the day preceding the convening of the General Council. It shall be entrusted with responsibility of examining credentials of all ministers and delegates. Ordained ministers shall identify themselves by fellowship certificates of the current year; delegates from assemblies shall obtain letters from their church secretary or pastor certifying to their appointment by the assembly to represent it in the General Council. Suitable badges shall be issued by the Committee to all qualified delegates and ministers, such badges to indicate the classification of ordained ministers, foreign missionaries, licensed ministers, delegates from assemblies, visitors, etc.

Section 4. Other Committees.

Other General Council Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery in collaboration with the department heads.

ARTICLE V. DISTRICT COUNCILS

Section 1. Boundaries.

The boundaries of the Districts shall be determined or rearranged by co-operative agreement between the Districts and the Executive Presbyters of the General Council.

Section 2. Officers.

Each District Council shall be authorized to elect a Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer and Presbyters together with such other officers as may be deemed advisable by the District membership.

Section 3. Voting Constituency.

The voting constituency shall consist of all accredited members present and registered, including ordained and licensed ministers and accredited delegates from affiliated churches.

ARTICLE VI. MINISTRY

Section 1. Ministry Described.

Three classifications are recognized, viz., the ordained minister, the licensed minister, and the exhorter or Christian worker. All applicants for ministerial recognition must give testimony to having received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4.

Section 2. Qualifications.

a. Qualifications for ordination are outlined in the New Testament Scriptures. 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:7-9.

b. Qualifications for a license to preach shall be:

First: Clear evidence of a divine call, a practical experience in preaching, together with an evident purpose to devote one's time to preaching the gospel or engaging in other full-time ministry. They shall preach at least twenty times a year except in case of ill health or infirmity.

Second: Conformity to such provisions as are made for candidates by the General Council in reading courses and other training.

c. Efficient helpers in Gospel work who devote a part of their time to Christian service may be recognized as Christian workers or exhorters. They shall preach at least twelve times a year except in case of ill health or infirmity.

Section 3. License to Preach and Christian Workers' or Exhorters' Certificates.

Licenses to Preach and Christian workers' or Exhorters' Certificates shall be granted by District Councils to properly qualified applicants.

Section 4. Ordinations.

a. All ordinations shall take place under the auspices of the District Councils. Applicants twenty-three years of age or over who shall have met the necessary requirements shall appear before the credentials committee of the district where they reside. No person may be ordained to the ministry until he shall have held a license to preach and shall have been engaged in active work as a pastor or evangelist for at least two full consecutive years.

b. The Scriptures plainly teach that while there is a difference between the ministry of men and of women in the church, divinely called and qualified women may also serve the church in the ministry of the Word. Women who may have demonstrated a distinct ministry of evangelism and who have met the requirements of District Councils may be licensed to preach the Word. Matured women of not less than twenty-three years of age who have developed in the ministry of the Word so that their ministry is acceptable generally and who have proved their qualifications in actual service and who have met all the requirements of the Credentials Committees of the District Councils may be ordained to the ministry of the Gospel and may serve either as evangelists or as pastors as their qualifications warrant. The right to administer the ordinances of the church, when such acts are necessary, shall be included in the ordination.

Section 5. Exceptions.

a. It is recommended that our District Councils refrain from ordaining to the ministry any preacher who may have been licensed in another District until such licentiate shall have resided in the District in which he is seeking ordination at least one year and shall have met the requirements of the District granting him license, and until endorsement be se-

cured from the officary of the District in which the candidate was previously licensed.

b. Since divorced and remarried persons in the ministry usually cause stumbling, reproach and division, whatever may have been the cause of divorce, we disapprove of District Councils granting credentials to a person living in the state of matrimony where either the applicant or the married partner has a former companion living.

c. The Credentials Committee of the General Council shall not be authorized to give consideration to an applicant for credentials upon the basis of an annulment of a former marriage unless the application is accompanied by a clear and satisfactory evidence of an illegal marriage through deception or fraud. Every application must be adjudged on its own merits regardless of expressed opinions of attorneys or judges. The General Presbytery, acting as a court of appeals, has the right to make its own decisions in all such matters.

Section 6. Certificates.

Ordination papers with the accompanying fellowship certificates shall be issued by the General Council Credentials Committee from the Executive office.

Fellowship Certificates are renewable annually and are valid only until September 1 of each year.

Section 7. Expiration of Fellowship Certificates.

Inasmuch as all fellowship certificates expire on the 31st day of August of each year, all who shall have failed to renew their fellowship certificates on or before October 1st, or who shall have failed to indicate their purpose to do so, shall be considered as delinquents whose names shall not appear on the ministerial list to be mailed to the clergy bureaus.

Section 8. Official List.

a. An official list of all ordained ministers shall be compiled by the Credentials Committee of the General Council and published for the convenience of all concerned. The list shall show whether or not each minister is giving full time to his or her ministry. This official list shall be revised annually, and shall include only the names of those ministers to whom certificates of fellowship have been issued for the current year.

b. All ministers who shall withdraw from active ministry or who cease to engage in either pastoral or evangelistic work for a period of one year or more shall be expected to notify the office of the General Secretary, who shall be authorized to remove the names of such persons and to place them upon an inactive list. Ministers who preach less than twenty-five times per year shall have their names placed upon the inactive list for one year. If such inactivity shall continue for a second year, they shall be removed from the ministerial fellowship. It shall be understood that this shall not apply to those engaged in other aspects of full-time ministry, to individuals who have had fifteen or more years of approved service as ordained ministers of the Assemblies of God, nor to inactivity caused by the infirmity of old age or ill health. Should the minister at any time return to active ministry, his or her name may be restored to the active list upon application bearing the endorsement of the District Officer.

Section 9. Ministerial Relations.

a. All ministers holding credentials with the District and General Councils shall be amenable to both the District and General Councils in matters of doctrine and conduct.

b. All ministers ordained and licensed, shall be expected to affiliate with the District Council within the boundaries of which they reside, and to work in co-operation with the same. They shall be expected to co-operate with other District Councils in which they may labor temporarily.

Section 10. Certificate of Transfer.

When a minister takes up residence in another district, a Certificate of Transfer shall be issued within sixty days by the district of which he is a member, unless there are definite charges pending against him. The Certificate of Transfer shall be accepted by the district into which he moves. Exceptions may be made for ministers moving to serve at General Headquarters, or for those who are retired, or are in the armed forces, or who are serving on the faculties of our schools.

In order to assist a minister who is transferring into another district, a transcript giving helpful information concerning him and his wife should accompany the Certificate of Transfer.

Section 11. Affiliating with Other Organizations.

When any of the ministers of the Assemblies of God shall identify themselves, with other organizations granting ministerial credentials, and shall have received such credentials, their affiliation with this body shall be regarded as having ceased. They shall then be requested to return to the Executive Office of the General Council the credentials which had been issued by that office.

Section 12. Termination of Credentials.

a. In the event of the announced desire of a minister to withdraw from our fellowship, before action shall have been taken in the matter by the Credentials Committee or the Executive Presbyters, due investigation shall be made as to the standing of the minister in the district of his affiliation. His request shall be granted, provided he is found in good standing in his home District. In case evidence warrants contrary action, the minister shall be advised of the findings of the Credentials Committee, and his name removed from the ministerial list. In the event the minister asks for a trial, the provisions for trials, as here-in-after stated, shall be followed in disposing of the case, and upon conviction, his name may be published as "withdrawn," "removed," "suspended," "disapproved," or "dropped" depending upon the verdict. All information pertaining to the minister, so gathered, shall be preserved in the office of the General Council Credentials Committee for future reference.

b. A minister who has elected to remove himself from the fellowship, and against whom there are no charges filed, shall be listed as having "withdrawn." A minister may be listed as "removed" from the fellowship because of general inefficiency in the ministry, a failure or inability to correctly represent our Pentecostal testimony, a contentious or non-cooperative spirit, an assumption of dictatorial authority over an Assembly, or an arbitrary rejection of district counsel. A minister who is under serious charges, or who has been given a probationary period for adjusting minor offenses, may be listed as "suspended." One who has been found guilty of indiscretions or misconduct of a less serious nature, or has evidenced a declared open change in doctrinal views may be listed as "disapproved." A minister who has been found guilty of indiscretions involving morals, or other serious misconduct, shall be listed as "dropped."

Section 13. Restoration of Credentials

a. When a minister who is a member of our fellowship shall have been removed from our rolls for any cause, except failure to renew, and shall apply to be reinstated, he shall in no case be eligible for reinstatement until at least six months shall have elapsed after his name has been stricken from our list of ministers. The Credentials Committee of the General Council may also hold the matter in abeyance until the next session of the General Presbytery in order that the General Presbytery may have the opportunity to review the case, in which event the matter of reinstatement of such minister shall be left entirely with that body.

b. Applications for reinstatement may be made through the District Council within which territory the applicant's residence may be found, but the application will be considered subject to the approval of the District in which the termination was made.

c. The term "reinstatement" shall apply only to those who have withdrawn for reasons of doctrine or practices incompatible with General Council principles or to those who have been under discipline, but whose records have received district clearance. The term "renewed" shall be used to apply strictly to those who for inadvertent reasons fail to comply with the annual questionnaire deadlines and are restored to the ministerial list again.

Section 14. Discipline of Members.

Occasions sometimes arise which make it necessary to deal with ministers who are affiliated with us who for some reason seem to have reached the place where, in the estimation of the brethren, endorsement can no longer be given. It is obvious that the Credentials Committees which have the authority to ordain ministers and to recommend them to the headquarters office for credentials also have the right to withdraw their approval and to recommend that the headquarters office recall the credentials. General inefficiency in the ministry, a failure or inability to correctly represent our Pentecostal testimony, a contentious or non-cooperative spirit, an assumption of dictatorial authority over an assembly, an arbitrary rejection of District counsel, a declared open change in doctrinal views, a habit of running into debt which brings reproach upon the cause, a marriage in violation of our stand on marriage and divorce, as constituted in this Article, may give cause for action by the Credentials Committee.

Both the officary of the District Council and the Credentials Committee of the General Council shall be recognized as having the right of initiative in this matter. If, after counsel and warning, there has been no change of character or attitude on the part of the minister, the officary of the District Council may recommend to the Credentials Committee of the General Council that his fellowship certificate be withheld, or not renewed, or that his name be removed from the official list of ministers of the General Council.

Such recommendation shall set forth in writing satisfactory reasons for the action, and a copy of the recommendation shall be placed in the hands of the minister involved. If in the judgment of the Credentials Committee, the District Officiary was justified in the action taken, they shall be authorized to comply with the request of the District.

The right of initiative may be exercised by the Credentials Committee of the General Council in the event that complaints against a minister shall be filed with the committee affecting the character or conduct of the minister. Such complaints shall be referred to the District Officiary for investigation and such action as the revealed facts may warrant.

Section 15. Performing Marriage Ceremonies (Divorced persons).

We disapprove of any General Council minister performing a marriage ceremony for anyone who has been divorced and whose former companion is still living. We also warn that any minister of our fellowship who performs such a ceremony, unless he is innocently deceived into doing the same, may be dismissed from the Council.

Section 16. Violations of Ministerial Courtesy.

All discourteous conduct is disapproved, and all ministers are advised against interfering with pastors in charge of assemblies, whether it be by going in upon their work without consent or by such correspondence with members of the assembly as will hurt the influence of the leader. All correspondence which concerns the whole assembly shall be addressed to the one in charge and not to private members. Where there is no pastor, letters concerning the work shall be addressed to the officers of an assembly.

Any minister who so offends shall be subject to scriptural

treatment as an offender by the District Officer or by the Executive Presbytery of the General Council. Such discourtesy will seriously affect the granting of annual Fellowship Certificates and may be the basis for their recall.

Section 17. Ministry in Non-Council Assemblies.

Inasmuch as unity is a vital principle for growth and spiritual development of the church, it is essential that we recognize our vital relationship to each other, and that we practice Christian co-operation in all our pastoral, evangelistic, missionary, and local church work and business. Therefore, we recommend that our ministers consult with our Council officials before engaging in ministry with a non-Council assembly in any given area of the District, so as to ascertain whether or not such non-Council assembly is approved as to doctrinal standards and cooperative fellowship with Council Assemblies, and if not approved by the District officials, they shall be expected to refrain from conducting services for them. Ministers who violate this principle shall be considered as having opened the door for censure or charge which may necessitate the recall of their credentials.

Section 18. Attitude Toward Those Removed from Council Fellowship.

In order to render effective decisions made in the interest of proper discipline and for the protection of our assemblies, after investigation and consideration of all facts by those qualified to act in such cases according to our co-operative agreements, such decisions shall be by all considered just and final and all who hold credentials shall refrain from taking any attitude toward offenders that would tend to nullify or set at naught the solemn verdict of the brethren entrusted with this responsibility.

In the event of a violation of this agreement the offender shall be subject to reprimand, or such other discipline as shall be agreed upon by the officer of the District with which he is affiliated. In the event that the agreement shall be violated outside of his District the officer of the District in which the offense is committed may communicate with the General Secretary, and it shall be his duty to notify the offending brother that a repetition of the offense will seriously affect his standing as a Council minister, and if persisted in, may result in his suspension or severance from our fellowship.

Section 19. Trials and Appeals.

a. Both the officer of the District Council and the Executive Presbytery of the General Council shall be recognized as having the right of initiative in the trial of members. Trials shall be granted for willful violation of Council principles, wrong doctrine, or other misconduct. In the event the officer of the District Council shall take the initiative, the trial shall be conducted by said officer in accordance with Council principles. In the event that the Executive Presbytery shall take the initiative and it should appear to them after consultation with the District Officer not to be feasible to conduct a trial within the bounds of the District where the alleged offense may have been committed, a Judiciary Committee of six ordained ministers may be appointed by the Executive Presbytery, one of whom shall be chosen by said committee to act as chairman. This committee shall be authorized and instructed to conduct a fair trial in accordance with council principles, as defined and interpreted by the Manual of Jurisprudence.

b. A complete stenographic record of all trials of ministers shall be kept.

c. It shall be the privilege of every minister who may have had a trial to appeal from the decision rendered, provided such an appeal shall be made within thirty days thereafter.

d. Whenever a minister of the General Council shall appeal from a decision of the District to the Executive Presbytery, or from the decision of the Executive Presbytery to the General Presbytery, it shall be the duty of the Executive Presbytery or the General Presbytery to review the case by full examination of the documentary evidence relative to the trial in order to determine whether or not a proper trial has been conducted and a fair decision rendered. Those who conducted the trial shall, in such a case, furnish a complete record of the trial, including all evidence produced. No new evidence shall be considered in the review. All new evidence or testimony must be presented in retrials.

e. In case the Executive Presbytery, or General Presbytery, shall decide, after such a review, that the decision made has not been a fair one, it shall be the right of that Body to which appeal has been made to reverse the decision, or, if it is decided that the case has been handled improperly, it shall be the right of those listening to the appeal to remand the case for retrial.

f. Appeals from decisions made by the District Officials shall not be heard by the General Presbytery until after the evidence has first been reviewed by the Executive Presbytery and its decision has been made.

ARTICLE VII. ASSEMBLIES

Section 1. Membership Certificates.

The General Council office shall issue a membership certificate of proper proportions and script for framing to all churches coming into the fellowship.

Section 2. Annual Reports from Assemblies

Each church of the Assemblies of God shall be requested to keep an up-to-date record of its membership and a report of the same shall be sent annually to the office of the District Secretary and the General Council Secretary on forms provided.

Section 3. Safeguarding the Assemblies.

It is known that many unreliable and unsafe teachers and preachers go about seeking entrance into assemblies without any recommendation, therefore all pastors, workers and leaders of assemblies should make proper investigation regarding such not known to them, and the platform be denied strangers until proper recommendations be forthcoming.

The advice and counsel of the District Presbytery should be sought in such cases, and in all matters of importance when at all possible. Pastors and Presbyters should notify each other, reciprocally, as to such persons when any unreliability becomes manifest.

ARTICLE VIII. FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Section 1. Authorization and Purpose.

a. The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall assume responsibility and do all within its power for the spread of the Gospel in foreign lands. In keeping with this objective, there shall be a Foreign Missions Department to which shall be committed all the foreign missionary interests of the Fellowship.

b. The Pauline example shall be followed as far as possible by seeking out neglected regions where the Gospel has not been preached, as well as by establishing self-supporting, self-governing, self-propagating national churches.

c. In fields where Pentecostal missionaries are already stationed, consultation shall be had with the brethren on the field and the Foreign Missions Department, and a satisfactory plan agreed upon before an attempt shall be made to establish new stations in such localities.

d. Every assembly shall be encouraged to assume definite responsibility for full or partial support of one or more missionaries in co-operation with the Foreign Missions Department.

Section 2. Government and Organization.

a. The Executive Director of Foreign Missions shall be an Assistant General Superintendent, who shall be elected in the manner described in Article II, Section 2, paragraph "e" of the Bylaws.

b. The Executive Presbytery shall appoint a Secretary of the Foreign Missions Department who shall serve under the Executive Director in the administration of the department.

c. The activities of the Foreign Missions Department shall be under the supervision of a Foreign Missions Board which shall consist of the Executive Director of the department, two Executive Presbyters, the Department Secretary, four Field Secretaries, and six pastors of proven missionary zeal and accomplishments who shall be nominated by the Executive Presbytery from the six established geographical areas of the United States and ratified by the General Presbytery in session.

The term of office of the appointed pastors shall be for three (3) years and so arranged that one-third of the terms expire annually, and that upon completion of a term they shall not succeed themselves in office.

The responsibilities of this Board shall be the establishing of policy, the appointment of missionaries, and such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Executive Presbytery. The Board shall be authorized to appoint secretaries for major office divisions of departmental activities as need may arise.

The Board shall also be authorized to

1. Consistently evaluate missions policies in the light of changing conditions.

2. Devise and publish a code of procedure that will serve to guide the Department and Board in matters of discipline.

3. Establish clear, decisive standards of ethics that shall govern in the relationships between all parties concerned with the missionary program.

4. Declare clearly the position of the Board in matters relating to specific field problems.

5. Sit as a Board of Appeal in all matters relating to Field and Department decisions.

d. Field Secretaries to represent major geographical areas shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery on the basis of nominations by the missionaries in the respective areas. These appointments shall be subject to the ratification of the General Presbytery.

e. The general administrative work of the department shall be conducted by a Foreign Missions Committee consisting of the Executive Director as chairman, the Department Secretary as vice-chairman, the Field Secretaries, and the heads of major divisions of the department. The responsibilities of this committee shall be the general supervision and direction of the work of the department and its missionaries in conformity with the established policies and principles of the General Council and the Foreign Missions Board.

f. All the activities of the Foreign Missions Department and the decisions of the Foreign Missions Board shall be subject to review by the General Presbytery as well as the Executive Presbytery. The Foreign Missions Department shall be amenable to the Executive Presbytery.

g. Representatives on the General Presbytery shall be chosen in the following manner:

The Foreign Missions Board shall nominate four (4) missionaries, who will at that time be home on furlough, from each general area represented by the four (4) field secretaries of the Foreign Missions Department, who preferably shall have had administrative experience in the Field Fellowship, to serve on the General Presbytery. A ballot shall be provided for each area and sent to all missionaries who shall by their vote select two (2) to represent them on the General Presbytery. A simple majority vote shall be required to elect, and a report made of the ballots cast.

h. An Advisory Committee consisting of six (6) consecrated Spirit-filled laymen from among our fellowship, known for their spirituality, good judgment and faithfulness, shall be appointed by the General Presbytery. They shall work in co-operation with the Foreign Missions Board in the promotion of World Missions.

They shall be selected from the six sections of the nation, designated for the six pastors appointed to the Foreign Missions Board and shall meet with it at least once annually, or as often as deemed necessary by the Executive Director of the Foreign Missions Department.

They shall be chosen from churches other than those whose pastors may be selected to serve on the Foreign Missions Board. They shall have the endorsement of their respective pastors, and their terms of office shall be for three years and so arranged that one-third of their terms expire annually, and that upon completion of a term they shall not succeed themselves in office.

Section 3. Support of Foreign Missions Department.

The expense of operating the Foreign Missions Department shall be provided from:

a. The assigned percentage of World Missions Plan offerings. (See Article XXI, World Missions Plan)

b. Offerings designated for office expense, in keeping with the recommendation that any who do not contribute under the World Missions Plan should designate a portion of their offering for office expense.

c. A recommended one-half of the tithes of missionaries under appointment receiving funds through the Foreign Missions Department.

d. An appropriation of up to 10% of undesignated contributions.

Section 4. Missionary Candidates.

a. The selection and appointment of missionaries shall be the prerogative of the Foreign Missions Board on recommendation of the Foreign Missions Committee.

b. The Foreign Missions Board shall be governed in its selection and appointment of missionaries by the following requirements. Each applicant shall be examined—

- (1) As to personal experience of full New Testament salvation.
- (2) A definite experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4.
- (3) As to definite call to foreign work.
- (4) As to physical, mental and spiritual fitness for work.
- (5) As to Christian standing and general qualifications, it being required that each applicant receiving appointment shall have the unqualified endorsement of

his district council, particularly in regard to effective ministry and Christian character.

- (6) Young men shall not be granted missionary appointment until they have first qualified for ordination in the homeland, and women candidates shall prove their ministry and stability of character by a similar probationary period of service in the homeland.

c. Prospective missionaries shall be expected to exercise faith in God to provide their outfit and fare to the field. The fitness of the candidate for foreign service, however, will influence the decision of the committee more than the amount of funds pledged toward the applicant's support.

d. Candidates for foreign service of a specialized character such as nurses, teachers, et cetera, may be granted appointment for such types of work if properly qualified, without the necessity of being ordained. Nevertheless, such candidates shall have the endorsement of their respective district councils in regard to their Christian experience and local church activity.

e. Funds provided for the prospective missionaries who shall for any reason be prevented from going to the field can be made available for other missionaries or missionary purposes after consultation with the districts from which the funds have been received.

f. All persons making application for appointment as missionaries shall be expected to meet the requirements of the Foreign Missions Department.

g. The Foreign Missions Department shall confine its missionary activities within the limits of its resources and shall not accept and send out missionaries until the condition of its finances fully warrants such action.

h. Each missionary shall be expected to devote two full years to language study, if necessary, before taking up his full active work. Courses of study with examinations shall be arranged by an advisory committee on each field. Failure on the part of any missionary to obtain a working knowledge of the language during his first term shall furnish ample ground upon which to question his fitness for a second term.

Section 5. Support of Missionaries.

a. The undesignated funds sent to the Foreign Missions Department shall be distributed to those who have received the appointment of the Foreign Missions Board, with the exception that up to ten percent of undesignated funds may be used by the Foreign Missions Department for administrative expense.

b. All funds assigned to particular persons shall be forwarded by the Foreign Missions Department exactly as directed, except that two per cent of all missionary funds (with the exclusion of special designations) handled directly by the Department shall be transferred to an Emergency Fund to meet emergency expenses for which the Foreign Missions Department is responsible.

c. It is requested that all missionaries send a monthly or quarterly report of moneys received and submit a budget of expenses to the Foreign Missions Department. It shall not be incumbent upon the Foreign Missions Department to send of its undesignated funds to missionaries who do not furnish such a report.

d. Missionaries expecting the endorsement and aid of the Foreign Missions Department shall report to the Foreign Missions Department and receive its approval before leaving this country. The Foreign Missions Department shall assume no responsibility whatever, where the foregoing requirements are not complied with.

e. It is recommended that districts endorsing candidates for missionary appointment assume as far as is practicable responsibility for their support.
(See Article XXI. World Missions Plan)

Section 6. Ordination of Missionaries.

The ordination of missionaries under appointment of the Foreign Missions Department shall be determined on the basis of their qualifications for ordination rather than on the basis of their appointment.

Section 7. Fellowship Certificates.

The Foreign Missions Department shall renew the Fellowship Certificates of all foreign missionaries in good standing on or before the first of the year without cost to the missionaries.

This requirement on the part of the Foreign Missions Department shall be contingent upon the missionary's filling out in ample time the annual questionnaire provided by the Department and sending same to the home office. This questionnaire shall provide for statement relative to the missionary's activity, the assemblies or works under his supervision, the number of believers attending each assembly, etc.

Section 8. Field Organization.

a. In all fields occupied by Assemblies of God missionaries, every effort shall be exerted to establish autonomous

Assemblies of God organizations composed of co-operating, sovereign assemblies. It is realized that no fixed organizational pattern is possible. Every organization should take on a form fully consonant with local conditions, manners of life and thought patterns. Missionaries should studiously avoid the practice of proposing a foreign type of organization, but should encourage a type readily understood and easily operated by the nationals of the country. These organizations shall be encouraged to maintain the closest fraternal relationships with Assemblies of God fellowships in other countries but shall not be considered organizationally an integral part of the General Council of the Assemblies of God in the United States of America.

b. Missionary Field Fellowships, composed of all missionaries under appointment by the Foreign Missions Department, shall be formed in each political or geographic area as circumstances may indicate. These Field Fellowships are to be considered as the direct creation of and amenable to the Foreign Missions Department since missionary appointment automatically confers membership in the Field Fellowship. The Missionary Field Fellowships shall serve in a consultative capacity to the Foreign Missions Department in matters of policy and missionary personnel relative to their respective fields. They shall strive to maintain harmonious relationships on the field and with the Foreign Missions Department but shall avoid encroaching on the sphere of activities of their respective National Assemblies of God organizations.

In those fields where there is insufficient personnel to make the organization of a Field Fellowship practical, the Foreign Missions Department may appoint a representative to act for the field in matters normally handled by the Field Fellowship.

c. Missionary Field Fellowships shall be represented in the General Presbytery by their Field Secretary and two others from the over-all area which he represents.

Section 9. Property.

a. All possible precautions shall be taken to safeguard funds invested in foreign properties so that they shall continue to advance the cause of the Assemblies of God in those countries. No funds shall be made available for the purchase of property until arrangements have been made to comply with the laws of the respective countries concerning the legal holding of title and in order to maintain a proper relationship between these missionary projects and the Foreign Missions Department, these principles shall be followed:

(1) All missionary residences shall be held in the name of the General Council wherever legally possible.

(2) It shall be a general policy to hold institutional properties in the name of the General Council. However, the Foreign Missions Department shall be authorized to transfer title to the local National Assemblies of God organization when it deems such action to be in the best interests of the work.

(3) Church buildings or pastors' residences which are procured solely for the benefit of the local church with either local or foreign funds may be held in the name of its national Assemblies of God organization or by a local church which is fully established and competent to hold property in its own name.

(4) In all cases where the Foreign Missions Department has advanced trust funds on a loan basis the General Council shall hold title to the property or receive other adequate security until the loan is fully paid.

b. Missionaries contemplating the purchase of property or erection of buildings should co-operate with the Missionary Fellowship on the field, and secure its endorsement before submitting the proposition to the Foreign Missions Department.

c. A certified copy of the property deeds, titles, and other legal papers relating to all missionary properties which have been purchased shall be forwarded to the Foreign Missions Department for file.

Section 10. National Workers.

a. It is recommended that great care be exercised in the selection of national workers and in the setting up of the national organization so that credentials may be issued only to those maintaining the highest standards and manifesting a real consecration.

b. All foreign funds for the support of national workers shall be administered either by the Missionary Field Fellowship or the National Assemblies of God organization.

Section 11. Furloughs.

a. A furlough is designed primarily for the physical and spiritual benefit of the missionary through a change of climate, food, and living conditions and fresh association in spiritual meetings and conferences in the homeland. It is expected that each missionary will co-operate with the Foreign Missions Department in planning for his own financial interests and for the good of the work in general.

b. The length and frequency of furloughs shall be determined by the Foreign Missions Department in consultation with the Missionary Fellowships on the various fields. It shall not be incumbent on the Foreign Missions Department to

assume any financial obligation to a missionary who has returned home without having first obtained the approval of both the Field Fellowship and the Foreign Missions Department.

c. It shall be the responsibility of the Missionary Field Fellowship to recommend to the Foreign Missions Department whether or not a missionary returning on furlough shall be reappointed to another term of service. This decision shall be made before the missionary leaves the field and if the recommendation is negative the missionary shall be entitled to a personal hearing before the field committee. The final decision in regard to reappointment shall rest with the Foreign Missions Board.

d. When a missionary does not intend to return to the field or, for any reason, he is not recommended for further service, it shall not be incumbent on the Foreign Missions Department to continue his allowance for more than six months unless his retirement from missionary service is because of ill health or the infirmities of age.

ARTICLE IX. HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Section 1. Authorization and Scope.

The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall assume responsibility and do all within its power for the spread of the Gospel to the homeland. In keeping with this obligation, there shall be a Home Missions Department. The work of this department shall include

- (1) Church Extension
- (2) Ministry among those people in the United States who are in need of special ministry by reason of language barriers, physical confinement, handicaps, comparative isolation or religious prejudices
- (3) General supervision of the various foreign language branches that are now or may hereafter be authorized.

Section 2. Government and Organization.

a. The General Superintendent in consultation with the Executive Presbyters who are not Executive Officers shall appoint one of the Executive Officers of the General Council as Executive Director of the Department.

b. The Executive Presbytery shall appoint a Secretary of Home Missions who shall serve under the Executive Director in the administration of the Home Missions Department.

c. The Home Missions Committee shall consist of the Executive Director, the Secretary, and four others appointed by the Executive Presbytery, subject to the approval of the General Presbytery.

d. The Home Missions Committee shall serve for a period of one year or until its successors are appointed.

e. National representatives to serve in specific areas of Home Missions work may be appointed by the Executive Presbytery as it becomes advisable and practical.

f. The work of the Home Missions Department as a whole shall be under the general oversight of, and amenable to, the Executive Presbytery.

Section 3. Church Extension Division.

a. The Church Extension Division of the Home Missions Department shall function in co-operation with the various districts in helping and encouraging pioneer pastors and established churches to enter new fields.

b. Practical aid shall be provided through:

- (1) Maintaining Revolving Loan Funds.
- (2) Providing Building Plans at a nominal fee.
- (3) Supplying the pioneer pastor with literature for distribution and other helps.

c. The Division shall constantly seek to develop and promote the Church Extension Program by offering new and practical helps whenever possible.

Section 4. Special Ministries Division.

a. The Special Ministries Division shall function in co-operation with the various districts.

b. The work of this Division shall include ministry to the Jews, the American Indians, the deaf, the blind, prisoners, the population of Alaska, and the foreign language groups of the United States.

c. Home missionaries shall be appointed by the Home Missions Department with the approval of his or her home District and the District in which the missionary will be working. These appointments are subject to renewal annually.

d. All appointed home missionaries shall be expected to work in accord with the policies of the department as set forth in the Home Missionary manual.

Section 5. Finances.

a. The Department shall be financed by World Missions

offerings, gifts, contributions, and such funds as may be assigned for this purpose.

b. Where missionary support is necessary, home missionaries shall be expected to obtain sufficient pledged support before entering their field of ministry.

c. Missionary credit will be given for funds given to appointed home missionaries and to home missionary projects approved by the District and Home Missions Department.

Section 6. Branches.

a. A Foreign Language Group, in order to be recognized as a Branch of the Assemblies of God, must have at all times in the group a minimum number of twelve churches. If they do not qualify for recognition as a Branch, the pastors and congregations will find ready acceptance in the fellowship of the districts in which they are located.

b. A group which is qualified to receive recognition as a Branch, shall be entitled to elect its own officers, and shall be granted the same representation which is accorded District Councils within the framework of the General Council Constitution and Bylaws.

c. The Foreign Language Branches shall operate under the general supervision of the Home Missions Department. The Branches shall inform the Executive Director of the Home Missions Department of the time and place for all meetings of the governing body, to enable the Director of the Home Missions Department to be present in a consultative relationship, at his discretion. A copy of the minutes of all meetings of the governing bodies shall be forwarded by the branch officers to the Executive director of the Home Missions Department.

d. The Branch and the Home Missions Department shall seek to promote a spirit of fellowship and co-operation between the Branch and the District where the Branch is located. The Branch officers shall consult with the officials of the District concerning the opening of new works in a given area. The Branch churches shall unite, where possible, in fellowship meetings and similar district activities.

ARTICLE X. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Section 1. Authorization and Purpose.

There shall be a department of education of the General

Council which shall have as its general responsibility the supervision and promotion of the education activities of the Assemblies of God. This responsibility shall include grade schools, high schools, junior colleges, senior colleges, Bible institutes, Bible colleges, graduate schools, correspondence schools, and general ministerial and missionary training.

It is understood that the promotion referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be only to that extent and in that way which conforms with the vested authority of the General Council Executive Offices and the sovereignty of the various districts and churches.

Section 2. Government and Organization.

a. The General Superintendent in consultation with the Executive Presbyters who are not Executive Officers shall appoint one of the Executive Officers of the General Council as Executive Director of the Department.

b. The Executive Presbytery shall appoint a Secretary of Education who shall serve under the Executive Director in the administration of the department.

c. The government and work of the Department of Education and all its divisions shall be vested in, and committed to the Board of Education, which shall consist of twenty members to be constituted as follows: The Executive Director, Secretary of Education, and three members from each of the six geographical areas of the United States, viz., northwest, southwest, north central, south central, northeast and southeast, one or more of whom shall be a school administrator from our Assemblies of God schools in their respective areas. These area members shall be elected by the General Presbyters of the respective areas at called meetings during the annual session of the General Presbytery.

d. The members of the Board of Education will serve for terms of three years or until their successors are elected. These terms shall be arranged so that the term of only one member from each area will expire annually. The Executive Director shall serve as chairman of the Board. It shall conduct its own meetings as occasion may require. The leaders of the schools may be invited to the meetings of the Board of Education with the privilege of the floor even though they may not have the privilege of voting. The Board of Education and the entire Department of Education shall be amenable to the Executive Presbytery in all matters.

Section 3. Duties and Functions.

It shall be the responsibility of the Department of Education to seek to maintain a high level of spirituality in all our schools and to guard against any departure from the doctrines and spiritual experiences set forth in our statement of fundamental truths. This department shall also encourage educational and administrative efficiency in the various schools.

It shall also be charged with the responsibility of stimulating and encouraging interest in Christian Education and of promoting enrollment at the various Assemblies of God schools. It shall likewise effect a program for securing funds from Foundations and other sources and from the denomination as a whole on behalf of our educational program.

It shall be the duty of the Department of Education to conduct a continuous study of the educational institutions and services of the Assemblies of God with the view to their increasing effectiveness. It shall seek to correlate all educational efforts into a unified program. To this end, it shall have the following specific rights and functions:

- a. To offer guidance and counsel in the opening of new schools, academic and theological, and may take the initiative in the establishing of such schools;
- b. To recommend the broadening of the scope of individual school services;
- c. To erect standards to which all schools of the Assemblies of God shall be required to conform in order to receive General Council endorsement. These standards may include the qualifications of the faculty and staff, the required subjects of the curriculum, the length of class periods, semesters and terms, the requirements for admission and for graduation, and the general regulations of school life.
- d. To provide general services to all schools.

The Department of Education shall serve the various schools of the Assemblies of God as a faculty placement bureau. It may supply to school staffs and faculties ideas and suggestions for more efficient operation and may publish an inter-school periodical to this end. It may publish an educational directory. It may also promote and conduct faculty seminars.

Section 4. Rights and prerogatives.

The Department of Education shall issue annual certificates of endorsement to schools meeting its standards for endorsement, and no school operated by or patronized by members of the General Council shall be recognized as approved by the General Council unless or until it conforms to the standards erected by the Department of Education and has been officially approved by such department.

It shall be the prerogative of the Department of Education to disburse and apportion whatever funds shall come into its possession to the various educational institutions of the Assemblies of God in that way which it shall consider equitable and right.

In the discharge of its duties and functions and the exercise of its rights and prerogatives, the Department of Education shall consider all endorsed Assemblies of God schools as upon an equal basis, regardless of origin, ownership, or control. All schools which are approved and endorsed by the Department of Education shall enjoy equal rights of publicity and emphasis in General Council publications and in the promotional work of the Department of Education.

It shall also be the prerogative of the Department of Education to seek to provide our own textbooks for our Bible schools.

It shall be the prerogative of the Department of Education to prepare reading and correspondence courses and to promote short, intensive ministers' institutes and seminars for the development of the ministries of those who have been unable to attend our Bible Schools, and for the ministers of the Assemblies of God in general.

As progress and growth demand, the General Council in session may provide a theological seminary with graduate work for those who seek special training for the ministry in the United States or foreign lands.

Section 5. Central Bible Institute.

The Executive Presbytery of the General Council shall constitute the Board of Directors of Central Bible Institute. They shall appoint the President of Central Bible Institute and, in consultation with him, the various members of its faculty and administrative staff.

ARTICLE XI. SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Section 1. Authorization and Purpose.

There shall be a Sunday School Department of the General Council which shall have the responsibility of encouraging and promoting the development of Sunday Schools and other church schools of a non-academic nature throughout the fellowship.

The purpose of the Sunday School Department shall be:

- a. To assist district and local Sunday School organizations in setting up effective programs.
- b. To promote and conduct Sunday School conventions on a national and regional basis.
- c. To encourage and conduct training programs for teachers and workers.
- d. To produce manuals, handbooks, brochures and literature of a promotional nature.
- e. To assist in the organization and development of Vacation Bible Schools and other educational activities of the local church.

Section 2. Government and Organization.

- a. The General Superintendent in consultation with the Executive Presbyters who are not Executive Officers shall appoint one of the Executive Officers of the General Council as the Director of the Department.
- b. The Executive Presbytery shall appoint a Secretary of the Sunday School Department who shall serve under the Executive Director in the administration of the Sunday School Department.
- c. The Sunday School Department Committee shall consist of the Executive Director, the Secretary, and four others appointed by the Executive Presbytery, subject to the approval of the General Presbytery.
- d. The Sunday School Department Committee shall serve for a period of one year or until its successors are appointed.

Section 3. The Sunday School Counselor.

The Sunday School Counsellor shall be recognized as the official organ of the Sunday School Department.

Section 4. District Organization.

- a. Provision shall be made for a District Sunday School

Department in each District of the Assemblies of God. The purpose shall be

- (1) To co-ordinate national, district, sectional and local efforts for Sunday School efficiency, growth and development
 - (2) To encourage every Sunday School in the District to attain to the National Sunday School Standard
 - (3) To promote Sunday School efficiency through seminars, tours, conventions, or by any other acceptable means.
- b. There may be a District Sunday School Director. He shall be chosen in keeping with the District Constitution and Bylaws.
 - c. There may be a District Constitution and Bylaws which shall be presented to the District Council for approval.
 - d. Time may be given throughout the year for the advancement of all phases of the District and National Sunday School Calendar.

ARTICLE XII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. Authorization and Purpose.

There shall be a Department of Publications which shall serve the fellowship and to which shall be committed:

- a. The management and operation of the Gospel Publishing House with its distributing facilities.
- b. The preparation and publication of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, curricular material and other literature for church schools, and such other periodicals and publications as may be authorized by the Executive Presbytery.

Section 2. Government and Organization.

- a. The General Superintendent in consultation with the Executive Presbyters who are not Executive Officers shall appoint one of the Executive Officers of the General Council as Executive Director of the Department.
- b. There shall be a Publications Committee which shall serve with the Director of Publications in the management and control of the Department of Publications. This committee shall be composed of the Director of Education, the Treasurer of the General Council, the Manager of the Gospel Publishing House, the Editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, the Editor of Church School Publications, and the Director of the Sunday School Department.

c. There shall be an Editorial Policy Board, composed of the non-resident Executive Presbyters, together with the Director of Publications who shall serve as chairman. It shall be the responsibility of this board to provide field-related guidance and suggestions, specifically with relation to *The Pentecostal Evangel* and *Pulpit*. Meetings shall be held quarterly.

d. The Manager of the Gospel Publishing House, the Editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, and the Editor of Church School Publications, shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery subject to the approval of the General Presbytery.

Section 3. The Pentecostal Evangel.

The *Pentecostal Evangel* shall be the official organ of the General Council of the Assemblies of God and shall be published in the interests of the fellowship and for the propagation of our distinctive testimony.

Section 4. The Gospel Publishing House.

The Gospel Publishing House, its plant and equipment, the promotion and expansion of its periodicals and publications, and its general business interests, shall be under the supervision of the Department of Publications and shall be operated for the benefit of the Assemblies of God fellowship.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS DEPARTMENT

Section 1. Authorization and Purpose.

a. There shall be a Young People's Department to be identified as the Christ's Ambassadors Department of the General Council, which shall have the responsibility of promoting young people's activities for the Fellowship.

b. The purpose of this Department shall be to plan and promote a spiritual program to save and conserve young people for the Kingdom of God. Its aim shall be to correlate the wisdom and leadership of our older brethren with the zeal and enthusiasm of youth in harmony with the constitutional principles of co-operative fellowship and unity of the Assemblies of God.

c. The functions of this Department shall include:

- (1) Encouraging and assisting the development of District Young People's programs.
- (2) Co-ordinating the development and promotion of projects of national scope.

(3) Producing literature and helps to meet the needs of our Christ's Ambassadors.

(4) Promoting spiritual programs adaptable to the particular problems of young people in high schools and colleges.

Section 2. Government and Organization.

a. The General Superintendent in consultation with the members of the Executive Presbytery who are not Executive Officers shall appoint one of the Executive Officers of the General Council as Executive Director of the Department.

b. The Executive Presbytery shall appoint a Secretary of the Christ's Ambassadors Department who shall serve under the Executive Director in the administration of the Department.

c. The Executive Director and the Secretary with four others appointed by the Executive Presbytery subject to the approval of the General Presbytery, shall constitute the National Christ's Ambassadors Committee. At least three members of the above committee shall be appointed from the field at large.

d. The National Christ's Ambassadors Committee shall serve for a period of one year or until its successors are appointed.

Section 3. Official Organ.

The official organ of the department shall be *The Christ's Ambassadors Herald*.

Section 4. District Organizations.

a. Groups of local organizations may be formed into District organizations, with the approval of the officary of the District Councils involved. The District organizations shall be governed by the principles of co-operative fellowship and shall be considered as a branch or department of the District Council. The District Council officary shall be considered as the honorary membership of the District organization and shall be honored and respected in all matters affecting the activities of the organization. The District organization shall have the right to elect its own officers when deemed advisable by the District Presbytery, and to supervise its own activities within the boundaries of the territory involved. The Superintendent of the District Council shall be an ex-officio member of all District committees.

b. The manner of election of the District C. A. President will be according to the provisions of the District Constitution and Bylaws. He shall be an ordained minister. It is recommended that he will be under the age of thirty-five at the time of his first election, but may be retained as long as his service is desired.

c. Membership in the Christ's Ambassadors shall include those of twelve years of age through thirty-five.

d. A constitution and bylaws covering the activities of the District organization shall be submitted to and approved by the District Presbytery.

e. The president of the District organization shall be subject to call by the District Presbytery for consultation in matters pertaining to young people.

f. Sectional meetings of the District organization shall be strictly spiritual in character and arranged through the cooperation of the pastors and young people's leaders in each section, taking care not to conflict with other local or District meetings.

Section 5. Local Organizations.

a. All local Christ's Ambassadors organizations shall be considered as a branch of the local church work, to be under the general supervision of the pastor, whose counsel, advice and direction shall be respected in all activities which affect the relationship of the organization to the church and its activities in service.

b. The local young people may elect their own officers subject to the approval of the pastor and the church board, and may conduct their own services provided such services do not conflict with, nor detract from the regular services of the church.

c. The pastor shall be considered as an honorary member of the organization and an ex-officio member of all its committees, and should be respected and honored as a shepherd and guide in all matters of service and fellowship.

(Speed-the-Light offerings, see:

Article XXI. World Missions Plan)

ARTICLE XIV. RADIO DEPARTMENT

Section 1. Authorization and Purpose.

There shall be a Radio Department of the General Council.

a. It shall prepare a national broadcast and shall solicit the highest possible quality in musical presentation and shall feature capable speakers who shall offer messages in keeping with the Statement of Faith of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

b. Programs shall originate from such sources, and be released through such outlets, and feature such talents as shall meet the requirements of the Radio Department.

c. A transcription library shall be provided for our ministers to draw upon for use in preparation of local broadcasts as may be desired. Complete transcriptions shall also be prepared for optional use of ministers and churches. Such transcriptions shall allow time for local announcements. An appropriate series of transcriptions offering a distinctive presentation of our Statement of Faith shall be prepared for use in extended Home Missions work.

Section 2. Government and Organization.

a. The General Superintendent in consultation with the Executive Presbyters who are not Executive Officers shall appoint one of the Executive Officers of the General Council as Executive Director of the Department.

b. The Executive Presbytery shall appoint a Secretary of the Radio Department who shall serve under the Executive Director in the administration of the Department.

c. There shall be a Radio Committee which shall consist of the Executive Director, the Secretary, and four others appointed by the Executive Presbytery, subject to the approval of the General Presbytery.

d. The Radio Committee shall serve for a period of one year or until its successors are appointed.

Section 3. Funds.

The Radio Director shall be authorized to employ such means for the raising of funds as shall be deemed advisable by the Radio Committee.

ARTICLE XV. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Section 1. Authorization and Purpose.

There shall be a Department of Finance which shall have

the responsibility for safeguarding, supervising and investing the finances of the General Council.

Section 2. Government and Organization.

a. The Treasurer of the General Council shall be the Executive Director of the department.

b. The Treasurer together with the Executive Director of each department shall constitute the Executive Finance Committee.

c. A Standing Committee on Finance, consisting of seven men from the constituency on the field, shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery, subject to the approval of the General Presbytery. This committee shall be charged with the responsibility of studying the budget with the Executive Presbytery and shall serve in an advisory capacity in matters of general finance. They shall be responsible to give preliminary survey and advice concerning any major project on the denominational or departmental level involving the expenditure of funds. Any project to be submitted for consideration by the General Council which involves the expenditure of funds shall first be submitted to this committee for review and advice.

In order to provide continuity of service, their terms shall be arranged in the following manner: three shall serve for a one-year term; two shall serve for a two-year term; and two shall serve for a three-year term. After the expiration of the first year, appointments shall be made for three-year terms.

Section 3. Support of Headquarters.

a. The work of the General Council in its definite program of development of the spirit of co-operation and fellowship in home and foreign fields incurs considerable expense, including financial support of the Executive Officers and the maintaining of the Executive Offices. Ordained ministers should, therefore, recognize their obligation to contribute from their tithes or as an offering, or through their influence, the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) per month. Licensed ministers should contribute the sum of one dollar and a half (\$1.50) per month. And further, looking toward the increased efficiency of the service to the fellowship throughout the entire field, all who can contribute more, personally or through their assemblies, than the suggested amount, are hereby strongly urged to do so. The General Treasurer's office shall submit to the

respective District offices a semi-annual report of ministers' contributions for the support of Headquarters. Each District shall make this information available to its ministers by any of the following methods: 1. Collectively through District publications; 2. Individually by personal letter; or 3. In any other manner they may select. Each district shall carefully analyze the annual report of each minister and in the light of their knowledge of local situations, determine if the minister has been voluntarily co-operating with the General Council financial program.

b. If practicable, let each assembly take one offering each year for the upkeep of the General Council office and the travel expense of Executive Officers.

ARTICLE XVI. DEPARTMENT OF BENEVOLENCES

Section 1. Authorization and purpose.

There shall be a Department of Benevolences which shall have the responsibility of administration of the Aged Ministers' Assistance Fund, the oversight of Assemblies of God homes for the aged, children's homes, child placement agencies, and the administration of any other benevolent services which may be committed to it.

Section 2. Government and Organization.

a. The General Superintendent in consultation with the Executive Presbyters who are not Executive Officers shall appoint one of the Executive Officers of the General Council as Executive Director of the department.

b. The Executive Presbytery shall appoint a Secretary of the department who shall serve under the Executive Director in the administration of the department.

c. The Department shall be administered by a Committee consisting of the Executive Director, secretary and three other members who shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery, subject to the approval of the General Presbytery.

d. The Benevolence Department Committee shall serve for a period of one year, or until its successors are appointed.

Section 3. Benevolence Funds.

The Department shall be authorized to solicit regular contributions from the ministers and churches of the Assemblies of God. Each church in the fellowship is expected to co-operate by sending two special offerings annually for National Benevolences, or by placing the Department of Benevolences in its monthly budget.

Section 4. Aged Ministers' Assistance.

Assistance shall be made available to ordained ministers and missionaries of the Assemblies of God and to their widows, because of age or physical infirmity and for whom no other means of support is available. Eligibility shall be determined on the following basis:

- a. The individual need shall determine eligibility.
- b. The applicant shall have been engaged in active and approved ministry in the Assemblies of God fellowship for a period of ten or more years.
- c. The record of the applicant shall indicate that he or she has complied with the approved financial plans of the District and General Councils.
- d. Unqualified endorsement must be given by the District Officer.

Section 5. Homes of the Aged and Homes for Children.

General Council benevolent institutions shall be operated by Boards of Directors appointed by the Benevolence Department Committee; said boards shall be responsible to the Benevolence Department in matters of policy and administration.

Section 6. District Council Benevolent Institutions.

District Councils may set up homes for the aged and children's homes and child placement agencies in co-operation with the Department of Benevolences. They shall be expected to conform to the standards approved by the department.

ARTICLE XVII.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT

Section 1. Authorization and Purpose.

There shall be a Women's Missionary Council Department of the General Council which shall serve as follows:

- a. To promote and synchronize the work which may be done by the women of our fellowship with the needs of the Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and Benevolence Departments.
- b. To develop the work of the Women's Missionary Council

on a national scale; to set a standard of spiritual ministry in personal work and intercession as the principal aim of the Women's Missionary Council; to offer encouragement and assistance for the efficient operation of the local district councils and to guide the regulation and unification of all WMC activities.

- c. To encourage local WMC groups, in co-operation with district WMC officers, for the maintaining of high standards of spiritual ministry, and to encourage faithfulness in the execution of assigned projects which shall include definite projects for home and foreign missions, assistance to benevolent homes for the care of children and the aged, etc.

- d. To keep in touch with present needs of our missionaries, their stations, and our benevolent homes, distributing the projects to the various district and local organizations, so that the needs may be met quickly and equitably, and that each district and local group may carry its proportionate share of service.

- e. To conduct WMC conventions, seminars and rallies for the purpose of stimulating interest and disseminating information concerning the work of the Women's Missionary Council.

- f. To prepare and publish handbooks and manuals, and to issue such bulletins as may be needed to carry out the above program.

- g. To publicize the work of the Women's Missionary Council through the mediums of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, and other periodicals as opportunity is afforded.

Section 2. Government and Organization.

- a. The General Superintendent in consultation with the Executive Presbyters who are not Executive Officers shall appoint one of the Executive Officers of the General Council as Executive Director of the department.

- b. The Executive Presbytery shall appoint a Secretary of the Women's Missionary Council Department who shall serve under the Executive Director in the administration of the department.

- c. The Women's Missionary Council Committee shall consist of the Executive Director, the Secretary, the Director of the Home Missions Department, the Director of the Foreign Missions Department and two others, to be appointed by the Executive Presbytery, subject to the approval of the General Presbytery.

- d. The Women's Missionary Council Committee shall serve for a period of one year or until its successors are appointed.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DEPARTMENT

Section 1. Authorization and Purpose.

a. There shall be a Men's Fellowship Department of the General Council which shall have as its general responsibility the promotion, encouragement, and co-ordination of local and district organizations of Men's Fellowships in the Assemblies of God.

b. The purpose of the Men's Fellowship in general is to promote the forming of fellowship groups among men in local churches with the end in view of co-ordinating the interest and assistance of men in all assembly activities, such as definite assistance for the pastor in church projects, personal witnessing to men for Christ, a paternal interest in and care for the boys of the church, participation in benevolent enterprises.

c. For the accomplishment of its purposes, the department shall be authorized to prepare and publish handbooks and manuals, and to issue such bulletins as may be needed to further the cause of fellowship and united effort among the men of the Assemblies of God churches.

Section 2. Government and Organization.

a. The General Superintendent in consultation with the Executive Presbyters who are not Executive Officers shall appoint one of the Executive Officers of the General Council as Executive Director of the Department.

b. The Executive Presbytery shall appoint a Secretary of the Department who shall serve under the Executive Director in the administration of the department.

c. The Men's Fellowship Department Committee shall consist of the Executive Director, the Secretary, and four others to be appointed by the Executive Presbytery, subject to the approval of the General Presbytery.

d. The Men's Fellowship Department Committee shall serve for a period of one year or until its successors are appointed.

ARTICLE XIX. DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM

Section 1. Authorization and Purpose.

There shall be a Department of Evangelism of the General Council. The purpose of the department shall be:

a. To encourage, emphasize, co-ordinate, and promote evangelism in all its phases.

b. To assist evangelists in problems that are peculiar to their ministry on a general basis.

Section 2. Government and Organization.

a. The General Superintendent in consultation with the Executive Presbyters who are not executive Officers shall appoint one of the Executive Officers of the General Council as Executive Director of the department.

b. There shall be a Secretary of the Department of Evangelism appointed by the Executive Presbytery who shall serve under the Executive Director in the administration of the department.

c. The Evangelism Committee shall consist of the Executive Director, the Secretary, and four others appointed by the Executive Presbytery, subject to the approval of the General Presbytery.

d. The Evangelism Committee shall serve for a period of one year or until its successors are appointed.

ARTICLE XX. MINISTERS' BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Section 1. Organization.

The Executive Presbytery shall be authorized to put into operation an Association of Assemblies of God Ministers available to all ordained and licensed ministers of the General Council which shall have as its objective the accumulation of funds to make possible the retirement of its members at 65 years of age with a monthly income for life or a cash settlement as provided hereafter. This Association shall be known as the Assemblies of God Ministers' Benefit Association.

Section 2. Administration.

The Executive Presbytery of the General Council shall serve as the first Board of Directors of this Association but shall delegate the administration of this Association to succeeding Boards of Directors, chosen by the Executive Presbytery and subject to ratification by the General Presbytery. All Boards of Directors of this Association shall, however, be amenable to the Executive Presbytery of the General Council.

Section 3. Investment of Funds.

The Board of Directors of the Ministers' Benefit Association shall be authorized to invest the funds of this Association in good income securities and property of the General and District Councils and local churches of the Assemblies of God provided that such investments are fully protected by mortgage and by note signed by General or District Council officials.

Section 4. Contributions.

Contributions shall be made to the Fund on the following basis:

a. That each participating minister pay not less than 1% of his salary which will be applied to his credit.

b. That each participating church pay an amount equivalent to at least 3% of its pastor's salary, with the recommendation that the church pay an amount equal to 6% or more of its pastor's salary if possible, which amount shall be applied to the minister's credit;

c. That interest shall be computed annually on the average amount which was in the minister's account the previous year and added to his account each January, at the rate which investment experience makes possible.

d. That no church payment shall be credited to the account of any minister who is not at the same time making personal contributions. However, a member may discontinue payments at any time without forfeiting his right to any funds credited to his account. Such funds shall be allowed to accumulate interest until his death or retirement.

e. That evangelists and pastors whose churches do not participate may contribute not less than 1% of their salaries to accumulate interest and to constitute a fund from which they will receive a pension allowance;

f. That every church be encouraged to continue taking two offerings a year for the present old-age assistance fund, regardless of their participation in the Retirement Plan.

Section 5. Benefits.

a. Any members leaving the fellowship of the Assemblies of God or for any reason desiring to withdraw his funds shall

be entitled to withdraw the full amount of his personal contribution plus accumulated interest, subject to ninety days prior notice. The amount deposited by his church plus accumulated interest shall remain on deposit until his death or until he reaches age 65.

b. In case a member shall die before he is 65 years of age, all funds on deposit in his account from whatever source shall be paid to his designated beneficiary or to his estate.

c. Upon reaching age 65 the member may elect one of the following provisions:

(1) He may withdraw all funds credited to his account from whatever source.

(2) He may purchase an annuity contract arranged by the association through an established insurance company at the most favorable rate obtainable which will give to the member himself or to the member and his beneficiary a guaranteed income for life.

ARTICLE XXI. WORLD MISSIONS PLAN

Section 1. World Missions Offerings.

It is recommended that all World Missions offerings shall be divided as follows:

- 70% Foreign Missions
- 5% Foreign Missions Office Expense
- 5% National Home Missions
- 20% District Home Missions

Section 2. Speed-the-Light Offerings

Before assignments from Speed-the-Light offerings are made to any projects an amount not to exceed ten per cent of the total offerings received shall be allocated to administrative costs of Speed-the-Light. It is recommended that the remainder of Speed-the-Light offerings shall be divided as follows:

- 75% Foreign Missions—Speed-the-Light
- 20% District Home Missions—Speed-the-Light
- 5% Special Ministries—Home Missions, Speed-the-Light

The portion returned to the district shall be designated for the purchase and erection of property in pioneer fields,

with the exception that one-fourth of the 20% allocated to the District for Home Missions shall be allowed for the administration of the District Christ's Ambassadors office.

The portion allocated to Special Ministries shall be restricted to missionaries under Home Missions appointment, especially those ministering in Alaska and to the American Indians.

ARTICLE XXII. INSTITUTIONS

Section 1. Miscellaneous Institutions.

a. The General Council shall be in sympathy with the establishment and maintenance of missionary homes.

b. The General Council shall be in sympathy with the establishment and maintenance of missionary schools on the various mission fields where practicable for the training of native workers, and schools for the education of the young children of missionaries.

Section 2. Private Ownership of Religious Institutions.

The General Council approves the holding of title to all church buildings, schools or other institutions that are supported by funds solicited for the work of God through properly constituted corporations. It disapproves the holding title to such properties by the ministers of the Assemblies of God, through private ownership, corporation of sole, closed corporation or any other type of ownership where initiative of action or final authority is not vested in a corporation of the whole. In the event a local congregation is not incorporated or set in order by the District Council, title should be vested in properly qualified trustees. Where private ownership exists, a properly incorporated body shall be formed and title to the property shall be transferred to the corporation taking into consideration equity that the title holder may legitimately have.

A disregard of this principle and recommendation of the General Council shall seriously affect the relationship to the General Council of members involved in such ownership.

ARTICLE XXIII. MILITARY SERVICE

While recognizing Human Government as of Divine ordination and affirming our unswerving loyalty to the Government of

the United States, nevertheless we are constrained to define our position with reference to the taking of human life.

We, as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, believe in implicit obedience to the Divine commands and precepts which instruct us to "Follow peace with all men" (Heb. 12:14), "Resist not evil" (Matt. 5:39), "Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44), etc. These and other scriptures have always been accepted and interpreted by our churches as prohibiting Christians from shedding blood or taking human life; therefore, we, as a body of Christians, while purposing to fulfill all the obligations of loyal citizenship, are nevertheless constrained to declare we cannot conscientiously participate in war and armed resistance which involves the actual destruction of human life, since this is contrary to our view of the clear teachings of the inspired Word of God which is the sole basis of our faith. At the same time the General Council hereby declares its unswerving loyalty to the Government and to its Chief Executive, and we purpose to assist the government in time of war in every way morally possible, consistent with our faith.

ARTICLE XXIV. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES DISAPPROVED

In accord with its constitutional prerogatives, the General Council has declared itself pertaining to disapproval of certain matters as follows:

Section 1. Heresies Disapproved.

The General Council hereby disapproves of the Seventh-day teaching, of the extreme so-called Eternal Security teaching, and of the Restitution of All Things doctrine, and those holding and agitating such teachings, thereby causing confusion and division among God's people, shall be dealt with according to Titus 3:10.

Section 2. Regarding Meats.

The pressing of the question of eating, or not eating meats, has caused divisions in some of the assemblies,

Therefore, the General Council disapproves of such extreme positions on this question which cause these divisions, and we recognize the right of each individual conscience in this matter, according to Col. 2:14-17; Rom. 14:1-23.

Section 3. Setting a Time for the Lord's Return.

It is unwise to teach that the Lord will come at some specified time, thereby setting a date for His appearing; and also it is unwise to give out from the platform, or publish visions of numbers and dates fixing the time of the second coming of the Lord.

Section 4. Regarding Secret Orders.

Ours is a last-day message in preparation for the coming of the Lord (Matt. 24:14), leaving us no alternative but whole-hearted devotion to the cause of spreading the Gospel (Luke 9:62), and it is well known that the various secret orders require much valuable time and interest thus diverting the servant of the Lord out of the way (Eph. 5:16).

The nature of such organizations demands secrecy (John 18:20; Acts 26:26) reinforced by unchristian oaths (Matt. 5:34) and strong attachment by binding obligations to persons who are for the most part unregenerated. (2 Cor. 6:14). Moreover, the spirit, philosophy, and general influence of such secret orders aims at the improvement of the natural man only (1 Cor. 2:14; Col. 2:8), thus wrongly channeling by incorrect interpretation important spiritual truths (2 Pet. 3:16).

Confidence in these secret orders and their teachings has always tended toward the embracing of a false hope of salvation through good works and improved moral service (Eph. 2:8, 9).

In consideration of the foregoing, all ministers affiliated with us should refrain from identifying themselves with any of the secret orders which we recognize as essentially of the world, worldly, and we advise any who may have identified themselves with such orders to sever their connections therewith (2 Cor. 6:17). Furthermore, our ministers are requested to use their good influence among our lay members to dissuade them from such fraternal affiliations (1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:24-26).

Section 5. Divorce and Remarriage.

a. There are now among Christian people those who became entangled in their marriage relations in their former lives of sin, and who do not see how these matters can be adjusted. We recommend that these cases be left in the hands

of the Lord, and that they walk in the light as God lets it shine on their souls.

b. Low standards on marriage and divorce are very hurtful to individuals, to the family, and to the cause of Christ, therefore we discourage divorce by all lawful means and teaching. We positively disapprove of Christians getting divorce for any cause except for fornication and adultery (Matt. 19:9); and recommend the remaining single of all divorced Christians, and that they pray God so to keep them in purity and peace. (See 1 Corinthians 7.)

c. Since it is generally accepted among us that such persons are not to serve in official capacities in our churches, we recommend that this standard be upheld by all our assemblies.

Section 6. Worldliness.

In order to strengthen the hands of our pastors and evangelists in holding up Bible standards against popular sins, we as a body unitedly declare ourselves against all forms of worldliness, but particularly against modern immodesty and extremity in dress, and we all agree as pastors, evangelists, licensed ministers, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents and teachers, to speak the same things and voice ourselves against all forms of popular sins.

Section 7. Post-Tribulation Rapture Teaching.

Whereas, The General Council has declared itself in the Statement of Fundamental Truths that it holds to the belief in the imminent coming of the Lord as the blessed hope of the church, and

Whereas, The teaching that the Church must go through the Tribulation tends to bring confusion and division among the saints; therefore,

We recommend that all our ministers teach the imminent coming of Christ, warning all men to be prepared for that coming, which may occur at any time, and not lull their minds into insecurity by any teaching that would cause them to feel that certain events must occur before the Rapture of the saints.

Furthermore, We recommend that should any of our ministers hold to the post-Tribulation doctrine, they refrain from preaching and teaching it. Should they persist in emphasizing this doctrine to the point of making it an issue, their standing in the fellowship will be seriously affected.

Section 8. Improper Use of Tithes.

a. According to the Scriptures, tithes should be used for the support of the active ministry and for the propagation of the Gospel and work of the Lord and not given to charity or used for other purposes. In tithing, the ministers ought to be examples.

b. We recognize the duty of tithing and urge all our people to pay tithes to God. It is recommended that arrangements satisfactory to the pastor and the church be made by all pastors and churches, so that the pastor may receive regular and adequate support. We disapprove, however of the teaching that all tithes should belong to the pastor for his support.

Section 9. Improper Solicitation of Funds.

a. It is considered improper and unethical for ministers or missionaries to solicit funds by letter or otherwise for anything or any reason whatsoever without proper authorization.

b. The purpose of this section is not to hinder or discourage legitimate projects but to protect the Fellowship from those who employ methods not in harmony with General Council principles or policies.

c. (1) Leaders in local projects shall have unquestioned freedom in local churches or communities.

(2) Projects of general interest to the District must have the authorization of the District Officer

(3) Projects or institutions of national scope must have the authorization of the Executive Presbytery of the General Council.

(4) Promotion of all projects of a missionary character must have the authorization of the Executive Presbytery.

d. The obtaining and use of mailing lists for promotional purposes not having proper authorization or which are not in keeping with Council policies shall be considered improper and unethical, whether it be under the name of a prayer chain beyond a local scope, chain letters or appeals to the constituency for the support of ventures of strictly local or personal character. All offenders guilty of the practices expressed in the foregoing paragraphs shall be subject to discipline.

ARTICLE XXV. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The regular order of business for the Council Meeting shall be:

1. Report of the General Superintendent.
2. Report of Secretary.
3. Report of Treasurer.
4. Departmental Reports.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. Election of Officers.
7. New Business.
8. Adjournment.

All business sessions of the Council shall commence with prayer.

ARTICLE XXVI. QUORUM

All members registered and voting in any meeting of the General Council shall constitute a quorum, and all General Presbyters registered and voting in any meeting of the General Presbytery shall constitute a quorum. The presence of six Executive Presbyters at any meeting of the Executive Presbytery shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XXVII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at any regular meeting of the General Council. Amendments to be adopted shall require a majority of all votes cast.

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