
BYLAWS

of the

Rocky Mountain Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God

As amended October 10, 2017

TABLE OF CONTENTS
BYLAWS OF
THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN MINISTRY NETWORK
OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

(As Amended October 10, 2017)

ARTICLE	SUBJECT	PAGE
	HISTORICAL	1
	PREAMBLE	1
I.	RELATIONSHIP	2
II.	TENETS OF FAITH	2
III.	PREROGATIVES	2
IV.	MEMBERSHIP	2
V.	OFFICERS	3
VI.	NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS	5
VII.	NETWORK MEETINGS	7
VIII.	DEPARTMENTS	7
IX.	COMMITTEES	8
X.	LOCAL ASSEMBLIES	8
XI.	FINANCES	11
XII.	RULES OF ORDER	12
XIII.	AMENDMENTS	13

BYLAWS
ROCKY MOUNTAIN MINISTRY NETWORK
OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

(Revised as of 4-21-2015)

HISTORICAL

On March 1, 1918, the ministers of Colorado holding credentials with The General Council of the Assemblies of God, assembled at Colorado Springs to organize a State Council. The council opened with mighty volume of prayer and praise. The chairman then made the following statement:

"Brethren, the object of this meeting is to organize a State Council of the ministers for closer fellowship; for the examining, encouraging and licensing of persons who feel they are called of God to the ministry; for the safeguarding of our field from those who are unworthy; and for the evangelizing of new fields."

The preamble and resolution of the Constitution of The General Council of the Assemblies of God was then read and unanimously adopted.

A resolution was passed at the mid-winter convention March 11, 1926, at Denver, Colorado, to embrace the virgin states of Wyoming and Utah in the Colorado Network, with the approval of the General Council. A letter of endorsement from the General Council was received.

On August 24, 1926, at the annual convention in Loveland, Colorado, a motion was made and carried to adopt the name "The Rocky Mountain District Council of the Assemblies of God", the District consisting of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah.

On May 3, 1949 a motion was made and carried that, since the State of Wyoming's request for privilege to become a District of its own was granted that the word "Wyoming" be deleted from ARTICLE II, Paragraph 2 of the Articles of Incorporation, making the territory of The Rocky Mountain District Council of the Assemblies of God to be Colorado and Utah.

On April 21, 2015, The Rocky Mountain District Council of the Assemblies of God in session approved a resolution adopting the 'doing business as' name of 'Rocky Mountain Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God'. The Council also approved a second resolution changing the title of Superintendent to 'Superintendent aka: Network Pastor'.

PREAMBLE

For the purpose of promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by all available means in our particular district, so that the results of our efforts may be conserved and assemblies established and developed in general unity, and cooperative fellowship along the lines of our distinctive testimony; and for the further purpose of cooperation with all other like districts in the work of the General Council at home and abroad; we who are members of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, hereby associate ourselves as the Rocky Mountain District Council of the Assemblies of God doing business as (dba) the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God, and agree to be governed by the following Bylaws.

ARTICLE I. RELATIONSHIP

Section 1. General Council

The Rocky Mountain Ministry Network is an integral part of the General Council of the Assemblies of God with headquarters at Springfield, Missouri. Therefore, the principles of voluntary unity and cooperative fellowship, as set forth in the Constitution of the General Council, are the principles that shall govern this Ministry Network.

Section 2. Churches

Churches which are in fellowship with the Ministry Network, shall recognize and be subject to the Ministry Network as set forth in Article XI of the General Council Constitution.

ARTICLE II. TENETS OF FAITH

The Rocky Mountain Ministry Network shall stand for the Holy Scriptures as the all sufficient rule of faith and practice; and adopts the Statement of Fundamental Truths approved by the General Council.

ARTICLE III. PREROGATIVES

In connection with its purpose to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ, at home and abroad by all available means, the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network shall have the right to:

- a. Supervise all the activities of the Assemblies of God in its prescribed field, in accordance with the right conferred by Article X of the General Council Bylaws.
- b. Examine and recommend for certification, license and ordination those individuals who have met the requirements of the General Council.
- c. Elect officers, appoint committees, arrange for its own meetings and govern itself. It shall be subordinate to the General Council and amenable thereto in all matters of doctrine and the conduct of ministers who shall have the Ministry Network endorsement.
- d. Establish churches and provide for their development.
- e. Establish and maintain such departments and institutions for the fellowship as being necessary for the propagation of the Gospel within its borders.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network shall consist of:

- a. All ministers of the Gospel holding accredited fellowship certificates from the General Council, and having their permanent residence within the boundaries of the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network.
- b. Senior retired ministers having their residence within the boundaries of the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network, or if living outside those boundaries choosing to be affiliated with the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network.
- c. Ministers affiliated with the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network but presently associated with the national headquarters of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, or any of the colleges, or Bible schools or institutes who retain their membership in the Rocky Mountain

1 Ministry Network.

2 **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

3 4 **Section 1. Executive Officers**

5 **a. Officers and Terms of Office.** The officers shall consist of the Superintendent aka:
6 Network Pastor, the Assistant Superintendent, the Secretary-Treasurer, together with three
7 (3) Field Executive Presbyters. Their terms of office shall begin one month after the vote of
8 election. The term of each Executive Officer shall continue for three years or until a
9 successor qualifies.

10 **b. Qualifications**

11 **(1) Superintendent aka: Network Pastor:**

12 (a) Shall have been a resident of the Ministry Network at least one (1) full year
13 immediately prior to the election.

14 (b) Shall be an ordained minister, credentialed with the General Council.

15 **(2) Assistant Superintendent**

16 (a) Shall have been a resident of the Ministry Network at least one (1) full year
17 immediately prior to the election.

18 (b) Shall be an ordained pastor of a church located in the Ministry Network, credentialed
19 with the General Council.

20 **(3) Secretary-Treasurer**

21 (a) Shall have been a resident of the Ministry Network at least one (1) full year
22 immediately prior to the election.

23 (b) Shall be an ordained minister, credentialed with the General Council.

24 **(4) Field Executive Presbyters**

25 (a) Shall have been a resident of the Ministry Network at least one (1) full year
26 immediately prior to the election and shall reside in the region they serve.

27 (b) Shall be an ordained minister, credentialed with the General Council.

28 **c. Scope of Authority** (Refer Article III - Articles of Incorporation)

29 **(1) Superintendent aka: Network Pastor:**

30 (a) Shall be the President of the Corporation.

31 (b) Shall supervise the work of the Ministry Network.

32 (c) Shall preside at the meetings of the Ministry Network and the Network Presbytery.

33 (d) Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

34 (e) Shall serve as President/Chairperson of the board of Ministry Network Council
35 Churches.

36 **(2) Assistant Superintendent**

37 (a) Shall be the Vice-President of the Corporation.

38 (b) Shall assist the Superintendent aka: Network Pastor in the work of the Ministry
39 Network.

40 (c) Shall assume responsibilities of the Superintendent aka: Network Pastor's office if the
41 Superintendent aka: Network Pastor is unable to serve.

42 **(3) Secretary-Treasurer**

43 (a) Shall serve as the Secretary of the Corporation.

44 (b) Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

45 (c) Shall keep an accurate record of all business meetings of the Council.

- (d) Shall be the custodian of the official minutes for the Ministry Network Council, Executive and Network Presbytery meetings.
- (e) Shall be the Secretary for all Network Affiliated churches.
- (f) Shall serve as the Treasurer of the Corporation.
- (g) Shall receive and record all offerings and moneys to be used for the work of the Ministry Network and to keep the same on deposit in FDIC insured or AG Financial Solutions or equivalent institutions designated by the Network Presbytery.
- (h) Shall disperse the money of the Ministry Network in accordance with the budget and policies established by the Network Presbytery.
- (i) Shall provide for an annual audit of the Ministry Network books by competent auditors.
- (j) Shall perform other responsibilities under the supervision of the Superintendent aka: Network Pastor or such as may be directed by the Ministry Network or the Network Presbytery.

(4) Field Executive Presbyters

- (a) Shall with the addition of the Superintendent aka: Network Pastor, Assistant Superintendent aka: Network Pastor, and Secretary-Treasurer constitute the Executive Presbytery.
- (b) Shall have oversight of all departments.
- (c) Shall conduct necessary business of the Corporation between the sessions of the Network Presbytery.

Section 2. Board of Directors

The Network Presbytery shall consist of the Superintendent aka: Network Pastor, the Assistant Superintendent aka: Network Pastor, the Secretary-Treasurer, Field Executive Presbyters, and Sectional Presbyters. They shall:

- a. Constitute a Board of Directors performing such duties as are usual and customary in use of the term.
- b. Be the official budget and policy making body of the Ministry Network.
- c. Conduct necessary business of the Corporation between the sessions of the annual Ministry Network Council.
- d. Be the Credentials Committee and shall be empowered to act in all matters pertaining to ministerial relationships.
- e. Be empowered to act in all matters which pertain to the proper functioning of departments and institutions in the Ministry Network.
- f. Determine the salaries and allowances of all officers of the Ministry Network.
- g. Have the authority to act on behalf of The Rocky Mountain Ministry Network in acquiring or disposing of Ministry Network owned properties. Such transactions shall require a two-thirds vote in the Network Presbytery.
- h. Establish sections and their boundary lines, working in cooperation with the sections affected.

Section 3. Sectional Officers

a. Sectional Presbyter. Each geographical section shall elect a Presbyter who shall:

- (1) Serve on request and in cooperation with the Superintendent aka: Network Pastor in conducting official business within the section.

(2) Arrange for and preside at sectional meetings.

(3) Serve on the Board of Network Affiliated Churches in their section.

(4) Fulfill responsibilities outlined in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

(5) Be amenable to the Executive Presbytery.

b. Sectional Committee. Two individuals from each geographical section along with the Presbyter shall constitute the Sectional Committee. They shall:

(1) Assist the Presbyter in his/her assigned duties.

(2) Upon request of the Credentials Committee assist in the evaluation of applicants for ministerial credentials.

(3) Serve on the Board of Network Affiliated Churches in their section.

c. Terms of Office

(1) Presbyters shall serve a three (3) year term.

(2) Committeepersons shall serve a concurrent three (3) year term with their presbyter.

d. Qualifications

(1) Presbyters shall be ordained ministers within their geographical section. The Executive Presbytery shall be authorized to appoint or present to a section for election, an ordained minister from a neighboring section when qualified ministers within that section are unwilling to serve or if there are no qualified ministers to serve.

(2) Committeepersons shall be an ordained or licensed minister resident within their geographical section.

Section 4. General Council Presbytery Representatives

The General Council Presbytery representatives of the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network shall consist of the Superintendent aka: Network Pastor, Assistant Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Executive Officers

a. Superintendent aka: Network Pastor and Assistant Superintendent. Nominations shall be cast via secret ballot at meetings organized within each section prior to election. Sectional Presbyters will provide the nomination results to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Network Presbytery, serving as the vetting committee, shall be entrusted with the responsibility of making investigation into the qualifications of nominees and shall select viable candidates to be presented to the voting constituency for election at the Network Council or special meeting in session. All candidates shall be balloted upon until a candidate receives two-thirds of the vote. If a two-thirds vote has not been obtained by the first three ballots taken, the two 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. In the event any nominee, at the time of the elective process, receives no votes, his/her name shall be automatically eliminated from the nominee slate.

b. Secretary-Treasurer. The Network Presbytery serving as a nominating committee, shall be entrusted with the responsibility of making investigation into the qualifications and general fitness of available candidates and shall select one or more names to be presented to the Ministry Network Council in session for election. Suggested nominations may be made to the Network Presbytery through the respective Sectional Presbyter for consideration at the

1 January Presbyters meeting. All nominees receiving two (2) votes or more, shall be added to
2 the electoral ballot. A two-thirds vote of the Ministry Network Council shall be required for
3 election.

- 4 **c. Field Executive Presbyters.** The selection process for Field Executive Presbyters shall be
5 based on geographical region. Each section within the geographical region may nominate
6 one name from within that geographical region during their Sectional Council. Nominations
7 shall be by secret ballot. Those receiving a simple majority shall be presented to the next
8 Ministry Network Council for consideration as Field Executive Presbyter from their
9 geographical region. The names of nominees for Field Executive Presbyter shall be ratified
10 first by the Network Presbytery. If any region should not have any names to present to the
11 Ministry Network Council, the Network Presbytery shall present at least one qualified name
12 for consideration at Ministry Network Council. A two-thirds vote of the Ministry Network
13 Council shall be required for election. The entire voting constituency of the Ministry
14 Network Council shall vote on all the Field Executive Presbyters by geographical regions.

15 **(1) Geographical Regions**

- 16 (a) **Eastern Slope of Colorado:** Denver Metro North, Denver Metro South, Northern,
17 Northeast, Pikes Peak, Southern, and Southeast
18 (b) **Western Slope of Colorado:** San Juan, West Central, Northwest and Mountain
19 (c) **Utah:** Northern and Southern
20

21 **Section 2. Sectional Officers**

- 22 **a. Presbyter and Committee.** Each section at the annual Sectional Council shall nominate and
23 elect by secret ballot a Sectional Presbyter and two (2) Sectional Committeepersons
24 according to each section's three-year cycle. A two-thirds vote shall be required for election.
25 One third of the presbyters shall be elected each year. Sectional Presbyters shall be ratified
26 first by a two-thirds vote of the Network Presbytery and then by a two-thirds vote of the
27 Ministry Network Council in session.
- 28 **b. Sectional Department Representatives.** Representatives of various departments shall be
29 appointed by the Sectional Committee and ratified by the Executive Presbytery in
30 consultation with the respective Ministry Network Department Directors. No layperson shall
31 be appointed to any area of responsibility until he/she shall have been approved by his or her
32 pastor.
33

34 **Section 3. Vacancies**

- 35 a. Any vacancy of an Executive Office, with the exception of Superintendent aka: Network
36 Pastor, that occurs more than ninety (90) days before a Ministry Network Council, shall be
37 filled by the Network Presbytery, through appointment or by calling a special meeting.
- 38 b. Any vacancy of the office of Superintendent aka: Network Pastor that occurs more than
39 ninety (90) days before a Ministry Network Council, shall be filled through election at a
40 "special meeting" to fill the unexpired term.
- 41 c. All vacancies for Sectional Presbyters shall be filled through election at a special called
42 Sectional Council conducted by a representative of the Executive Presbytery. The election
43 shall be for the unexpired term. Sectional Presbyters shall be ratified by a two-thirds vote of
44 the Network Presbytery.

ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY NETWORK MEETINGS

Section 1. Council Meetings

- a. The Ministry Network Council shall meet annually, for a minimum of two days, time and place to be announced by the Executive Presbytery. The announcement shall be published not later than three (3) months prior to the meeting.
- b. Special Meetings may be called to meet any emergency that may arise within the Ministry Network. Such calls shall be issued by the Secretary-Treasurer after the emergency has been fully considered and passed upon by a majority vote of the Network Presbytery.
- c. The right of initiative in the calling of a Special Meeting may be granted to any ordained minister of the Ministry Network. A statement setting forth the reason for the special session and signed by not less than 20 percent of the ordained ministers of the Ministry Network may be considered sufficient reason for such a call, said statement to be filed with the Network Presbytery, who shall issue the call, setting the time and place for the meeting.
- d. Sectional Councils shall be held on an annual basis to elect officers and conduct necessary business. Time and place shall be announced by the Executive Presbytery no later than three (3) months prior to the meeting.
- e. Electronic Meeting is authorized for boards and committees where the opportunity for simultaneous aural communication maintains the deliberative character of the meeting.

Section 2. Voting Constituency

- a. **Ministry Network Council.** Voting constituency at Ministry Network Councils shall consist of registered ordained and licensed ministers, department directors and delegates.
- b. **Sectional Council.** Voting constituency shall include all registered ordained and licensed ministers and delegates residing within the respective section.

ARTICLE VIII. DEPARTMENTS

- a. The Rocky Mountain Ministry Network shall establish such departments as deemed necessary.
- b. Departmental Directors shall be recommended by the Superintendent aka: Network Pastor and appointed by a two-thirds vote of the Network Presbytery.
- c. The duties of the Departmental Directors shall conform to the General Council recommendations.
- d. Departmental Directors shall work in conjunction with and shall be amenable to the Superintendent aka: Network Pastor and the Executive Presbytery.
- e. Ministry Network Department Directors will be accorded a special status at Ministry Network Council and shall be given the privilege of debate and vote on the council floor.
- f. Each department shall be governed by policies and procedures approved by the Network Presbytery.

ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES

- a. The Ministry Network Council in session or the Network Presbytery shall establish committees as deemed necessary.
- b. Committees shall be appointed by the Superintendent aka: Network Pastor and ratified by the Network Presbytery.
- c. Committees shall work in conjunction with and shall be amenable to the Superintendent aka: Network Pastor and Network Presbytery.
- d. The duties and terms of office of the Committees shall be defined by the Network Presbytery.

ARTICLE X. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES

Section 1. Prerogatives

- a. All Pentecostal believers, associating themselves in local bodies as assemblies, desiring to cooperate with principles, doctrines, and faith of Rocky Mountain Ministry Network and General Council of the Assemblies of God, and accepting their full share of responsibility for the maintaining of Scriptural order in the local body shall have the right of recognition by the Ministry Network.
- b. Local assemblies shall be set in order by the Ministry Network Officers and shall be amenable to the Ministry Network in doctrine, in conduct, and all other matters which affect the peace and harmony of the fellowship.
- c. Local assemblies shall have a standard of membership that meets the standards for membership set forth by the General Council.
- d. Local assemblies, including General Council, Network Affiliated, and Parent Affiliated Churches, shall support the Ministry Network, and shall be entitled to representation at the Network and Sectional Councils through a properly accredited delegate.
- e. The Ministry Network recognizes the sovereignty of the local assembly in accordance with Article XI of the General Council Constitution. This shall in no wise take away from the sovereignty of the local assembly.

Section 2. Non Affiliated Churches

Each church desiring to affiliate with the Ministry Network shall secure the services of the sectional committee. Suggested Bylaws and other pertinent documents for local assemblies shall be completed by the requesting body in cooperation with the Secretary-Treasurer, and shall be approved by the Network Presbytery.

Section 3. Setting Church in Order

A Network Affiliated church desiring recognition as a General Council church shall secure the services of the Sectional Committee. Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and other documents shall be completed in cooperation with the Secretary-Treasurer. Approval of a church shall be made first by the Sectional Committee, then the Network Presbytery.

Section 4. Privileges and Provisions

a. General Council Churches

- (1) 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 church. 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 its corporate name as a self-governing unit. The local assembly shall recognize that the Ministry Network has the right to approve Scriptural doctrine and conduct and to disapprove unscriptural doctrine and conduct.
- (2) A local congregation may yield their sovereign rights to the Ministry Network. This privilege granted to any local body will be treated as a sacred trust, and relinquished by the Network Presbytery at a time favorable to both church and Ministry Network. The church and pastor alike will be under direct supervision, until sovereignty is restored.
- (3) If the minimal requirements as stated in the General Council Constitution ARTICLE XI, Section 1 have not been attained, the church shall revert to Network Affiliated status until the minimal requirements for General Council affiliation have been attained. The local church shall remain in a Network Affiliated status until sufficient growth and maturity has been demonstrated to qualify for General Council status. An application for the same shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer and approved by the Network Presbytery.

b. Network Affiliated Churches

- (1) **Supervision.** Network Affiliated Churches shall be recognized and held under supervision of the Official Board, which shall provide pastoral care and appoint necessary officers, until such time as the assembly gives evidence of sufficient maturity to warrant full recognition of General Council status. Such assemblies shall be recognized as having a definite standing in the Assemblies of God Fellowship and may be granted letters of recognition by the Ministry Network at the discretion of the Network Presbytery.
- (2) **Official Board.** The official board shall be the Superintendent aka: Network Pastor, as President and Chairman, the Secretary-Treasurer, as Legal Secretary, the Sectional Presbyter, the Sectional Committeemen, together with the Pastor.
- (3) **Advisory Committee.** If there are members in the local congregation who qualify according to the Scriptures as a Deacon, they may be appointed by the official board to serve as an Advisory Committee, the Pastor serving as the chairperson of the Committee.

c. Parent Affiliated Churches

(1) Listing and Recognition of Parent Affiliated Churches.

- (a) A General Council Church when opening a Parent Affiliated Church shall inform the Ministry Network leadership that the Parent Affiliated Church is opening and the Parent Affiliated Church shall be listed on Ministry Network and General Council records as a Parent Affiliated Church.
- (b) A Network Affiliated Church shall apply for approval from their official board to plant a Parent Affiliated Church. Upon approval the Parent Affiliated Church shall be listed on Ministry Network and General Council records as a Parent Affiliated Church.

- 1 (2) **Recognition of a Parent Affiliated Church as Network Affiliated or General**
2 **Council affiliated.** Upon mutual agreement of the parent church, the Parent Affiliated
3 Church, and the Ministry Network, in accordance with the Ministry Network Bylaws
4 and the General Council Constitution and Bylaws, the Parent Affiliated Church may be
5 recognized as a Network Affiliated or General Council Church. At such time of
6 recognition, the governance of the Parent Affiliated Church shall be transferred from
7 the parent church to the newly recognized General Council assembly or the Ministry
8 Network in the case of a newly recognized Network Affiliated assembly.
9

10 **Section 5. Intervention of Ministry Network in General Council Churches**

- 11 **a. Intervention Guidelines.** General Council Churches have the right to self-government. The
12 Ministry Network may intervene whenever one or more of the following conditions exist.
13 The conditions are:

- 14 (1) Division resulting in the disruption of the assembly
15 (2) Assumption of unscriptural authority by the pastor or the board
16 (3) Prolonged absence of pastoral leadership
17 (4) Deviation or departure from Assemblies of God principles and practices
18 (5) Attempt to disaffiliate from the Assemblies of God
19 (6) Inability of the pastor and board to resolve problems of administrative or unscriptural
20 conduct
21 (7) The active membership has fallen below 20 members, or absence of persons qualified to
22 serve as board members

23 **b. Organizational Assistance**

- 24 (1) General Council Churches may petition the Ministry Network for assistance in resolving
25 any of the issues listed in Section 5.a.
26 (2) Valid petitions may be initiated by the following:
27 (a) The pastor of the General Council Church
28 (b) A majority of the board of said assembly
29 (c) A petition generated by 20 percent of active voting members of said assembly
30 (3) Petitions must be submitted in writing to Ministry Network for consideration. The
31 petition shall include the following:
32 (a) Cover letter explaining the context of situation requiring Ministry Network assistance
33 (b) The petition listing the existing conditions requiring assistance
34 (c) If the petition originates with the board or 20 percent of voting members; all parties
35 submitting a petition for assistance must sign the petition. In addition to signatures a
36 list of names and contact information of the petitioners is also required.
37 (d) In the event that a petition for assistance is contested, those contesting shall have the
38 right to submit a letter outlining their position for consideration by Ministry Network
39 in evaluating the petition. All parties submitting a letter opposing a petition for
40 assistance must sign the petition. In addition to signatures a list of names and contact
41 information of the counter-petitioners is also required.
42 (4) **Ministry Network Responsibility.** Upon receipt of the foregoing documents the
43 Ministry Network will conduct an investigation. Upon completion of the investigation the
44 Ministry Network will issue a letter containing its findings and recommendation for
45 resolution of the situation. Remedial action may result in a change of status for the
46 assembly to a Network Affiliated Church so that the issues may be resolved.

1
2 **c. Disaffiliation of General Council Churches**

3 (1) General Council churches wishing to disaffiliate from the General Council of the
4 Assemblies of God must follow the following steps:

5 (a) Notification must be provided to Ministry Network by the assembly wishing to
6 disaffiliate. Notification shall consist of the following:

7 a. Cover letter explaining the reason for disaffiliation

8 b. Agenda and Minutes for the meeting held by the assembly wherein disaffiliation
9 was decided. Actual vote count is required for those in favor or opposed to
10 disaffiliation. Decision to disaffiliate requires a two-thirds vote of active members
11 of the assembly, or a more restrictive rule prescribed by a governing entity

12 c. List of meeting attendees and their voting status. List shall include the signatures
13 of all those attending the meeting

14 (b) Special Business Meeting shall be called to allow Ministry Network officials to meet
15 with members of the assembly and contend for continued General Council affiliation.
16 The Special Business Meeting shall conform to the following:

17 a. An Agenda prepared and agreed upon by Ministry Network and the disaffiliating
18 church representative

19 b. Meeting date and time shall be by mutual agreement of the parties

20 c. A Chairman for the meeting shall be selected and agreed upon by both parties

21 d. Roster of attendees shall be compiled and provided upon completion of the
22 meeting to both parties

23 e. A Secretary shall be appointed for the meeting and shall provide minutes of the
24 meeting in the form of a digital recording including a transcript, and a
25 contemporaneous set of minutes. Copies of all minutes shall be made available to
26 both parties

27 f. A vote regarding disaffiliation shall be taken at the Special Business Meeting

28 (c) Action may be taken against an assembly that disaffiliates without following the
29 procedures required by their bylaws, Ministry Network Bylaws or General Council
30 Bylaws

31 (d) When disaffiliation of a General Council Church is accepted by the Ministry
32 Network, notification shall be made to the General Council of the Assemblies of God
33 of that assembly's disaffiliation
34

35 **ARTICLE XI. FINANCES**
36

37 **Section 1. General Provisions**

38 a. Financial funds and accounts for the Ministry Network shall be established and governed by
39 budget and policies of the Network Presbytery.

40 b. Financial reports shall be submitted to the Ministry Network Council in session and to
41 regular meetings of the Network Presbytery.

42 c. An annual audit of Ministry Network financial records shall be made in accordance with
43 policies of the Network Presbytery.

Section 2. Tithing

- a. All ministers (ordained-licensed-certified minister) are required to support the Ministry Network monthly with 10% of their ministerial income (a minimum of salary plus housing allowance).
- b. General Council dues may be deducted from Ministry Network tithe/dues.
- c. All ministers engaged in secular employment are required to support the Ministry Network as prescribed in paragraph a. and/or remit a minimum of \$30 per month for certified ministers; \$45 per month for licensed ministers and \$60 per month for ordained ministers. General Council dues may not be deducted from minimums.
- d. All ministers not receiving ministry or secular income are required to remit to the Ministry Network an annual renewal fee (paid monthly) equal to the dues required by The General Council of the Assemblies of God as stated in their Bylaws.
- e. "Senior-Retired" ministers are exempt from the foregoing obligations, and are placed honorably on a free-will offering basis.
- f. U.S. and World missionaries are exempt from the foregoing obligations, and are required to follow guidelines established by the AG U.S. Missions and AG World Missions.
- g. Tithes and offerings and other gifts shall not be considered as investments in the Corporation, nor shares of the same, but shall, in all cases, be considered voluntary gifts and/or dues, without attachment or remuneration.

ARTICLE XII. RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority

In order to expedite the work of the Ministry Network and to avoid confusion in its deliberations, the meetings shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised". All rules of government shall be in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

Section 2. Reports

All annual reports are to be prepared and distributed in printed form, and the oral reading of the same be omitted except upon the request of the Ministry Network Council body.

Section 3. Resolutions

Any resolution brought to the floor of the Ministry Network Council in session, by the Resolution Committee, shall be written out and signed by its sponsor.

Section 4. Quorum

The record of any regular or special meeting shall be considered as official.

(a) **Network and Sectional Councils.** All registered members present and voting shall constitute a quorum.

(b) **Network Presbytery.** A majority of the Executive Presbyters and a majority of the Network Presbyters present and voting in any meeting of the Network Presbytery shall constitute a quorum.

(c) **Executive Presbytery.** A majority of the Executive Presbytery present at any Executive Presbytery meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Proposal

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at any regular or special meeting of the Ministry Network provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Network Presbytery first for consideration, and then mailed to each member of the Ministry Network at least two (2) months prior to the time of meeting.

Section 2. Required Vote

Two-thirds vote with previous notice shall be necessary for adoption.

Section 3. General Council Authority

Because the Ministry Network derives its right to exist and its authority to govern itself from the General Council, therefore bylaws reflecting Ministry Network prerogatives shall conform to General Council Bylaws.

Revised 10/10/2017