

Resolution 16. Role of the Assistant General Superintendent Redefined as Nonresident Executive Officer

1. WHEREAS, The General Presbytery adopted the recommendations of the Structural Working
2. Group during its August 5 & 7, 2017 meeting, which includes Item #4
3. recommending that, prior to a change in leadership for the position of assistant
4. general superintendent, there be a thorough review of said position by a committee
5. appointed by the general superintendent, to be comprised from the General
6. Presbytery; and
7. WHEREAS, The office of the assistant general superintendent is scheduled for election during
8. the 2019 General Council; and
9. WHEREAS, L. Alton Garrison, our sitting assistant general superintendent has made known his
10. intention to not seek re-election at the completion of his present term; and
11. WHEREAS, The creation of this impending vacancy for the seat of assistant general
12. superintendent is the scenario that activates the recommendation of the General
13. Presbytery; and
14. WHEREAS, The Executive Leadership Team and the entire Fellowship would be well-served
15. by a nonresident executive officer; therefore, be it
16. RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
17. PRESBYTERS, Section 1. Officers, page 135, which reads:
18. **Section 1. Officers**
19. The officers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall be elected
20. at its regular meetings in the manner provided in these Bylaws. They shall be
21. ordained ministers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God and shall
22. be persons of mature experience and ability, whose life and ministry are above
23. question, and such qualities alone shall determine their eligibility.
24. Be amended to read:
25. **Section 1. Officers**
26. The officers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall be
27. elected at its regular meetings in the manner provided in these Bylaws. They
28. shall be ordained ministers of The General Council of the Assemblies of God

1. and shall be persons of mature experience and ability, whose life and ministry
2. are above question, and such qualities alone shall determine their eligibility.
3. The office of assistant general superintendent shall be a nonresident
4. position. The remaining officers of general superintendent, general secretary,
5. general treasurer, executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions,
6. and
7. executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, shall be resident
8. positions.
9. And, be it further
10. RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
11. AND
12. PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph a, page 135,
13. which reads:
14. **Section 2. Nominations and Elections**
15. a. General superintendent and assistant general superintendent. **All**
16. candidates for the offices of general superintendent and assistant general
17. superintendent shall be nominated by receiving 15 votes or more by secret
18. ballot. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an
19. election. In the event two-thirds of the votes cast are received by a qualified
20. candidate on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. If no
21. election
22. has been declared after the second elective ballot, the 15 candidates having
23. the
24. highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be
25. further
26. voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated. If no election has been
27. declared after the third elective ballot, the three candidates having the
28. highest
29. number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted
30. upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.
31. Be amended to read:
32. **Section 2. Nominations and Elections**
33. a. **General superintendent . All**
34. candidates for the offices of general superintendent
35. shall be nominated by receiving 15 votes or more by secret
36. ballot. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an
37. election. In the event two-thirds of the votes cast are received by a qualified
38. candidate on the nominating ballot, an election shall be declared. If no
39. election

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 3. declared after the third elective ballot, the three candidates having the highest
 4. number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted
 5. upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.
 6. And, be it further
 7. **RESOLVED**, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
 8. **PRESBYTERS**, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph b, pages 135-
 9. 136, which reads:
 10. **Section 2. Nominations and Elections**
 11. **b. Other officers.** The general secretary, general treasurer, executive
 12. director of Assemblies of God World Missions, and executive director of
 13. Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be elected in the following manner:
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 14. General Presbytery, serving as a nominating committee, shall be entrusted with
 15. the responsibility of making careful investigation concerning the qualifications
 16. and general fitness of available candidates for these offices and shall select by
 17. secret ballot one or more names to be presented for each office to the General
 18. Council in session for election. The General Presbytery shall submit as
 19. nominees to the General Council all qualified candidates who have received at
 20. least 10 percent of the votes cast by the General Presbytery. The candidates
 21. shall be presented to and voted upon by secret ballot by the General Council in
 22. session. In the event that only one candidate receives at least 10 percent of the
 23. votes cast in the General Presbytery nomination, the vote distinction by the
 24. General Council shall be by selecting "yes" or "no." There shall be no further
 25. nominations from the General Council floor. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast
 26. shall be required to elect. If no election has been declared after the third elective

27. ballot, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot
28. cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be
29. eliminated.
30. Be amended to read:

1. **Section 2. Nominations and Elections**

2. **b. Other officers.** The assistant general superintendent, general secretary,
3. general treasurer, executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions, and
4. executive director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be elected in the
5. following manner: The General Presbytery, serving as a nominating committee,
6. shall be entrusted with the responsibility of making careful investigation
7. concerning the qualifications and general fitness of available candidates for
8. these offices and shall select by secret ballot one or more names to be presented
9. for each office to the General Council in session for election. The General
10. Presbytery shall submit as nominees to the General Council all qualified
11. candidates who have received at least 10 percent of the votes cast by the General
12. Presbytery. The candidates shall be presented to and voted upon by secret ballot
13. by the General Council in session. In the event that only one candidate receives
14. at least 10 percent of the votes cast in the General Presbytery nomination, the
15. vote distinction by the General Council shall be by selecting "yes" or "no."
16. There shall be no further nominations from the General Council floor. A two-
17. thirds vote of all votes cast shall be required to elect. If no election has been
18. declared after the third elective ballot, the three candidates having the highest
19. number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted
20. upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

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