

RESOLUTION ONE

District Youth Director serving on the Presbytery

WHEREAS, the District Youth Ministries Director has served, by virtue of office, on the District Presbytery, and

WHEREAS, the Peninsular Florida District Council has instituted a seat on the Presbytery representing all ministers under of the age of 40 years, and

WHEREAS, only the head of the Youth Department has been seated on the Presbytery, and the Presbyters and the Executives voted to bring conformity to the seating of the department heads on the Presbytery, and

WHEREAS, department heads no longer serve on the Presbytery in the majority of Assemblies of God District Councils in the USA,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that ARTICLE X, DISTRICT OFFICERS, Section 1. Officers Designated, subsection e. District Presbyters, of the Constitution of the Peninsular Florida District Council that now reads:

“One presbyter shall be elected from each section and shall represent that section and the district in the performance of his duties as outlined in the Bylaws. These, with the above-named executives officers, the general presbyters, treasurer, and the district youth director, shall constitute the District Presbytery.”

Shall be amended by deleting the clause, “and the district youth director.”

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RESOLUTION TWO

Electronic Communication

WHEREAS, electronic communication is now an important part of the daily work environment and a common business communication method, and

WHEREAS, business and personal communication is carried out digitally by text, email or on social media platforms, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and bylaws of the Peninsular Florida District Council do not include electronic communication as an acceptable and approved method of communication for conducting official District business, and

WHEREAS, 92.3% of our ministers have an email address listed with the District and 7.67% do not (115 ministers), and

WHEREAS, of the 7.67% who do not have emails, 90% of those are not actively involved in the business of the district by attending District Council and voting on business matters, and

WHEREAS, electronic communications would improve efficiency and promptness of communication from District leadership and departments to credentialed ministers, churches, and other stakeholders,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS, of the Peninsular Florida District Council Constitution which now reads in part:

"Notice shall be mailed to each member of the District Council at least thirty days prior to the time of meeting"

Shall be replaced with the phrase "The District Council shall provide written notice of the proposed amendments by regular or electronic mail" to read:

"The District Council shall provide written notice of the proposed amendments by regular or electronic communication to each member of the District Council at least thirty days prior to the time of meeting."

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RESOLUTION THREE

Minimum Vote for Nomination

WHEREAS, provision is made for the nomination and election of qualified candidates to office at Councils of the Peninsular Florida District, and

WHEREAS, there is no minimum number of votes required for a candidate to be nominated, and

WHEREAS, the establishing of a minimum number of votes required for a candidate to be fully nominated would move nominations more quickly toward qualified candidates supported by the entire body of the Council in session, and

WHEREAS, such action would speed the business and work of a Council in session by identifying electable candidates on the nominating ballot,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that a candidate must receive 15 or more votes on the nominating ballot for any and all votes for any district office to be nominated for the office, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ARTICLE II. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS, Section 3. Nominations and Elections, subsection a. Procedure - District which now reads in part:

"All candidates for district office, except Treasurer, shall be nominated by secret ballot at the District Council and elected by two-thirds of all votes cast." Shall be amended by the addition of the sentence: *Only those candidates receiving 15 or more votes on the nominating ballot shall be considered nominated.* Causing it to read:

"All candidates for district office, except Treasurer, shall be nominated by secret ballot at the District Council and elected by two-thirds of all votes cast. *Only those candidates receiving 15 or more votes on the nominating ballot shall be considered nominated.*"

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RESOLUTION FOUR

Restructure of Executive Presbytery

WHEREAS, the Constitution and bylaws of the Peninsular Florida District Council now provide for two Executive District Presbyters, and

WHEREAS, ARTICLE X. DISTRICT OFFICERS, Section 1. Officers Designated. Subsection c. Executive Presbyters, of the Constitution defines the membership of the Executive Presbytery to be: "The Executive Presbytery shall consist of the district superintendent, assistant superintendent, executive secretary, executive treasurer, the general presbyter of the General Council, a northern executive presbyter of Sections 1-8 and a southern executive presbyter of Sections 9-17, and shall carry out its duties as outlined in the Bylaws, Article III, Section 7." And

WHEREAS, ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 7, of the Bylaws describes the assignment of the Executive Presbytery to be: "The District Executive Presbytery shall interpret and facilitate the decisions of the District Presbytery and assist the District Executive Committee, department heads, and sectional presbyters." And

WHEREAS, the work required in serving the credentialed ministers, their families, the congregations, and churches of our district has increased in recent years, and

WHEREAS, that work is occasionally multiplied by natural disasters, man-made disasters, or unexpected needs caused by emergencies in our ministerial family and/or congregations,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that a third Executive Presbyter would be added to the District Executive Presbytery, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ARTICLE X. DISTRICT OFFICERS, Section 1. Officers Designated. Subsection c. Executive Presbyters, of the Constitution, which now reads:

"The Executive Presbytery shall consist of the district superintendent, assistant superintendent, executive secretary, executive treasurer, the general presbyter of the General Council, a northern executive presbyter of Sections 1-8 and a southern executive presbyter of Sections 9-17, and shall

carry out its duties as outlined in the Bylaws, Article III, Section 7.” Shall be amended to read:

“The Executive Presbytery shall consist of the district superintendent, assistant superintendent, executive secretary, executive treasurer, the general presbyter of the General Council, a northern executive presbyter of Sections 1-5, a central executive presbyter of Sections 6-11, and a southern executive presbyter of Sections 12-17, and shall carry out its duties as outlined in the Bylaws, Article III, Section 7.” And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ARTICLE II. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS, Section 3. Nominations and Elections. Subsection b. Procedure - Executive Presbyters, of the bylaws, which now reads:

“Presbyters serving Sections 1 through 8 shall be eligible nominees for the northern executive presbyter. Presbyters serving Sections 9 through 17 shall be eligible nominees for the southern executive presbyter. Election shall be by two-thirds vote at the appropriate District Council.” Shall be amended to read:

“There shall be three District Executive Presbyters. Presbyters serving Sections 1 through 5 shall be eligible nominees for the northern executive presbyter. Presbyters serving Sections 6 through 11 shall be eligible nominees for the central executive presbyter. Presbyters serving sections 12 through 17 shall be eligible nominees for the southern executive presbyter. Election shall be by two-thirds vote at the appropriate District Council.”

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RESOLUTION FIVE

Election Process Study Committee

WHEREAS, there is a need to update the election procedures used by the Peninsular Florida District, and

WHEREAS, other districts in the General Council are finding improved election procedures to be more effective, and

WHEREAS, the procedures now in use have served Peninsular Florida District well but force ministers and delegates to sometimes vote for candidates unknown to them, and

WHEREAS, nominated candidates must make potentially life-changing decisions in a few minutes in the emotionally-charged environment of the District Council in session, and

WHEREAS, the General Council has adopted a nominating procedure prior to Councils, and

WHEREAS, ministers nominated prior to Councils have sufficient time to pray and make informed decisions in accepting or declining nominations, and

WHEREAS, those candidates who have accepted nominations can be properly and carefully vetted, and the facts of such vetting can be reported to the Council to enhance the decisions and votes of the ministers and delegates participating, and

WHEREAS, such an important change in the nominating and voting procedures should not be adopted lightly or quickly, but should be carefully studied so recommendations from the Presbytery to the District Council in session will be well thought-out, properly structured, and beneficial to the District now and in the future,

BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED, that this Council in session call for a study committee comprised of the Executive Presbytery, and other ministers deemed helpful to the investigation of all pertinent and important facts related to the upgrading and improving of election procedures in Peninsular Florida District, and

BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED, that the study committee will report its findings, including any procedural changes necessary for implementation, to the next District Council for consideration.

Sponsored by the District Presbytery

RESOLUTION SIX

John R. Baschieri, Honorary Presbytery

WHEREAS, John R. Baschieri has served the Peninsular Florida District with distinction as a minister, pastor, and Presbyter, and

WHEREAS, he and Diane planted New Life Assembly of God in Lehigh Acres in 1979, and have led the church to become one of the most influential congregations in Peninsular Florida, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Baschieri has served on the District Presbytery for more than thirty continuous years; giving visionary leadership to Section fourteen and our entire District, and

WHEREAS, he has served on the Finance Committee for many years as well as several Blue Ribbon committees, study committees, and special appointed task forces, and enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow ministers throughout the District, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Peninsular Florida District Council provides for the office of Honorary Presbyter in ARTICLE X. DISTRICT OFFICERS, Section 2. Honorary Presbyters, and

WHEREAS, John R. Baschieri fulfills all requirements for this high honor

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, this 93rd Council of the Peninsular Florida District elect John R. Baschieri to be an Honorary Presbyter with all rights and privileges of the office.

Sponsored by the Peninsular Florida District Presbytery.

RESOLUTION SEVEN

Johnny M. Bryant, Honorary Presbyter

WHEREAS, Johnny M. Bryant has served the Peninsular Florida District with distinction as a minister, pastor, and Presbyter, and

WHEREAS, he and Sandra have pastored First Assembly in Lake Placid since August of 1992, building a strong and unified congregation, new facilities on the campus, and a church that influences the town, central Florida, and all the Peninsular Florida District for the glory of God, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bryant has served on the District Presbytery continuously since 2002, and

WHEREAS, Johnny Bryant has provided consistent, Godly, and outstanding leadership for Section Twelve and all Peninsular Florida and has earned the respect and esteem of his fellow ministers throughout the District, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Peninsular Florida District Council provides for the office of Honorary Presbyter in ARTICLE X. DISTRICT OFFICERS, Section 2. Honorary Presbyters, and

WHEREAS, Johnny M. Bryant fulfills all requirements for this high honor

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, this 93rd Council of the Peninsular Florida District elect Johnny M. Bryant to be an Honorary Presbyter with all rights and privileges of the office.

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RESOLUTION EIGHT

Edward J. Russo, Honorary Presbyter

WHEREAS, Edward J. Russo has served the Peninsular Florida District with distinction as a minister, pastor, Presbyter, and Assistant Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, he and Janis planted Life Church in Wesley Chapel in 1987 and have led it to become one of the influencing churches in west central Florida, our District, and the General Council, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Russo served on the District Presbytery for more than twenty years, and

WHEREAS, Presbyter Russo served Peninsular Florida as Assistant Superintendent for four years, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Peninsular Florida District Council provides for the office of Honorary Presbyter in ARTICLE X. DISTRICT OFFICERS, Section 2. Honorary Presbyters, and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Russo fulfills all requirements for this high honor

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, this 93rd Council of the Peninsular Florida District elect Edward J. Russo to be an Honorary Presbyter with all rights and privileges of the office.

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