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Dear Friends,

In the process of reviewing and streamlining our Constitution, and Bylaws, the following steps are proposed:

- 1) Consolidating our Constitution and Bylaws into a single set of Bylaws.
- 2) Adopting several changes and re-ordering to reflect new realities at NCAG.

We are publishing this proposal to enable action on its substance at our upcoming Annual Conference, April 26-27 at Cross Assembly. Suggested changes can be found in the following:

Article IV., Section 3. This additional section makes allowance for the use of electronic media in extraordinary circumstances (ie. Covid-19).

Article V., Section 6. This amendment allows the Board of Trustees to fully utilize electronic media in the conduct of NCAG business.

Article VI., Section 3. This amendment reflects the present reality of eight geographical regions and representatives of those regions.

Article VIII., Section 3. This amendment imposes term limits on the officers of NCAG.

Article VIII., Section 4. This amendment brings our process into compliance with General Council guidelines.

Article XI., Section 9. This amendment helps ensure our ability to fund ministry by *expecting* our churches to participate in Plus One. It should be noted that expectation falls far short of requirement.

Please take time to familiarize yourself with the Bylaws before we meet. We are looking forward to a wonderful regathering of NCAG in April.

May goodness and mercy follow you.

Sincerely,



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PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED BYLAWS
OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSEMBLIES OF GOD



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NORTH CAROLINA ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. ESSENTIAL RELATIONSHIP

SECTION 1. The North Carolina Assemblies of God (NCAG) shall recognize itself as an integral part of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc., whose headquarters are in Springfield, Missouri, and be subject to the General Council as the parent body.

SECTION 2. The local churches of the NCAG shall recognize and be subject to NCAG as here set forth.

ARTICLE II. CORE BELIEFS

NCAG wholeheartedly subscribes to the Statement of Fundamental Truths as written in the Constitution of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and recognizes this doctrinal statement as the basis of fellowship in the Assemblies of God.

ARTICLE III. PREROGATIVES

SECTION 1. To approve all scriptural teachings, methods, and conduct, and to disapprove all unscriptural teaching, methods, and conduct.

SECTION 2. To encourage and promote the evangelization of the world by all scriptural means.

SECTION 3. To set forth a basis of Christian fellowship and provide for counsel and cooperation among those of like precious faith.

SECTION 4. To establish and develop assemblies in accordance with New Testament standards and principles.

SECTION 5. To examine and certify ministerial candidates who shall meet the standards of the Scripture (I Timothy 3:7; Titus 1:5-9) and requirements of the NCAG as set forth in this Constitution and Bylaws, and to assume the oversight of all ministerial matters in the NCAG.

SECTION 6. To select its own officers and committees, to arrange for its own meetings, and to govern itself in conformity with policies of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc.

SECTION 7. To establish and maintain such departments and institutions as may be necessary for the propagation of the Gospel.

SECTION 8. To own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, rent, lease, or otherwise dispose of such property, real or chattel, as may be useful for the prosecution of its work.

SECTION 9. To empower ministers to reach their potential, equip churches to impact their communities, and engage generations to inspire each other in advancing the Kingdom of God among men.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Constituency

The membership of the NCAG shall consist of all ministers holding a current fellowship certificate with the General Council and whose residence is in North Carolina. Exceptions may be made for those affiliated as missionaries, evangelists, staff members of Assemblies of God colleges, institutions, and approved agencies, or employees of the General Council. In addition, all members of duly affiliated Assemblies of God churches are members of NCAG.

SECTION 2. Voting Constituency

The voting constituency of the NCAG shall be composed of all members holding a current fellowship certificate who are present and registered at a duly called NCAG business session; and of such delegates present and registered as may be chosen by the membership churches, each church being entitled to one delegate.

SECTION 3. Extraordinary Circumstances

In extraordinary circumstances, the NCAG Board of Trustees may authorize a release from the requirement of physical presence of members and delegates and employ electronic media for the conduct of necessary business with NCAG members.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The NCAG shall meet for a biennial Conference in the intermediate year between General Council sessions and at other such times and places as may be determined by the Board of Trustees and announced not later than 60 days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 2. Special sessions of the NCAG may be arranged, if agreed to by two-thirds of the Board of Trustees. Special sessions are to be announced to all members of the NCAG not later than 15 days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 3. All members of NCAG responding to the proper announcement of a business session shall constitute of quorum.

SECTION 4. The right of initiative to call a special session shall be granted to any ordained minister of the NCAG. A statement setting forth reasons for the special session and signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the ordained ministers of the NCAG shall be considered sufficient reason for such a call. The statement shall be filed with the Board of Trustees, which shall issue the call, setting the time and place for the meeting.

SECTION 5. Regional meetings may be held at such times and for such purposes as may be determined by the Superintendent.

SECTION 6. The Board of Trustees shall meet quarterly, in person or by electronic means, and at other such times as deemed necessary by the Superintendent.

SECTION 7. A majority of members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting.

SECTION 8. In order to expedite the work of the NCAG in its deliberations, the Council shall be governed by accepted rules of Parliamentary procedure, all in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be accepted as the final authority.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Executive Officers

- (a) The executive officers of NCAG shall be the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent/Secretary.
- (b) The executive officers shall be ordained ministers of mature experience and ability whose lives and ministries are above question. They shall have been affiliated with the Assemblies of God for three years, with the NCAG one year, and shall have cooperated with the financial policies of the NCAG.
- (c) The Superintendent shall be trustee of the NCAG and is hereby given and shall have authority to execute and deliver deeds, mortgages, encumbrances, contracts, and any other documents affecting real estate now or hereafter owned or held in trust by the NCAG, as well as any other properties or interests which may revert to the NCAG, as hereinafter authorized. Such conveyances, deeds, mortgages, encumbrances, contracts, and other documents shall be attested by Assistant Superintendent/Secretary.

SECTION 2. General Presbyters

The General Presbyters shall be the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent/Secretary, and one member of the Board of Trustees appointed by the Superintendent and ratified by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 3. Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent/Secretary, one member from each of the geographical regions of NCAG, and up to eight members that bring diversity and/or unique experience to the Board. These members shall be ordained ministers of maturity and ability, whose lives and ministries are above question. They shall have

been affiliated with the Assemblies of God for three years, and with the NCAG one year. All Board members shall have cooperated fully with the financial policies of the NCAG.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NCAG Superintendent

- (a) To act as president and trustee of the corporation in all legal matters.
- (b) To preside at all business sessions of the NCAG, Board of Trustees, and Executive Committee, and to establish the agenda for these meetings.
- (c) To give account for all NCAG funds.
- (d) To select, employ, and supervise leadership of NCAG departments.
- (e) To select, employ, and supervise regional NCAG consultants.
- (f) To perform any other function, usual and customary, for the presiding officer or such as may be directed by the Board of Trustees or the NCAG in session
- (g) He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- (h) To supervise the NCAG Finance Director whose duties include the following:
 - The Finance Director shall report directly to the NCAG Superintendent.
 - The Finance Director shall serve as the treasurer of the corporation.
 - To receive and record all money to be used for the work of the NCAG and to make disbursements as directed.
 - To keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements and shall conduct the work of their office according to accepted methods of business.
 - To give a report from time to time and to perform such other duties as may be requested by the Superintendent or Board of Trustees.
 - The financial director shall be bonded and shall present his/her books for audit or review as prescribed in Article XI. Section 1.
 - To assist in the formulation of budgets and shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee.
 - To act as a resource person to committees.
 - To supervise the day-to-day operations of the office.

SECTION 2. NCAG Assistant Superintendent/Secretary

- (a) To act as vice-president/secretary of the corporation in legal matters and shall be authorized, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, to execute and deliver legal documents on behalf of the corporation in the event the office of Superintendent is

vacant, or if the Superintendent is incapacitated and unable to execute and deliver legal documents.

- (b) To assist the Superintendent as directed.
- (c) To perform any other function, usual and customary, for the Assistant Superintendent/ Secretary or such as may be directed by the Board of Trustees or the NCAG in session.
- (d) To act as Corporate Secretary of the corporation, attesting all legal documents.
- (e) To be custodian of the seal of the NCAG and maintain oversight of the credentialing process.
- (f) To keep a record of the proceedings of the NCAG in session, Board of Trustee meetings, and Executive Committee meetings.

SECTION 3. General Presbyters

- (a) To represent NCAG interests on the General Presbytery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- (b) To function in other such capacities, usual and customary for General Presbyters.

SECTION 4. Board of Trustees

- (a) To serve as the Board of Trustees of the corporation.
- (b) To assist the Superintendent in the spiritual directives of the NCAG.
- (c) To provide leadership and accountability for the ministries of the NCAG.
- (d) To appoint committees, receive committee recommendations, and to take action on recommendations as necessary.
- (e) To act in all matters affecting the interests of the NCAG between sessions.
- (f) To ratify and/or appoint pastors of the NCAG affiliated assemblies and make other necessary and prescribed appointments.
- (g) To serve as the Credentials Committee and to provide for the selection of the Credential Interview Committees.

- (h) To serve as the Finance Committee of the NCAG and to appoint a Budget Committee of qualified ministers and laymen in addition to the Executive Officers, to prepare a general operations budget to be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. Included in the committee's work shall be a review and recommendation on the salaries of paid officials.
- (i) To approve the minutes of the NCAG at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees and authorize publication of the same.
- (j) To periodically review regional boundaries and make recommendations of proposed changes, when deemed beneficial, and to present such recommendations to the next business session of the NCAG.
- (k) To provide for the review, approval, and implementation of policies of NCAG, and to provide policy statements and procedural manuals necessary for the effective management of NCAG.
- (l) To review and approve job descriptions of officers, departmental directors, and other staff as necessary.

ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. NCAG OFFICERS

- (a) The Superintendent shall be nominated at one of the biennial NCAG Conference meetings by secret ballot.
- (b) When the office of Assistant Superintendent/Secretary's four-year term is completed or vacancy occurs, the names of up to three ministers with bios, nominated by the Board of Trustees, shall be presented to the NCAG in session prior to the beginning of the electoral process.
- (c) Candidates who shall receive a two-thirds majority on the nominating ballot shall be declared elected.
- (d) If there is no election on the nominating ballot, after the second electoral ballot, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be balloted upon until there is an election. After the fifth electoral ballot, the candidate with the simple majority of votes shall be declared elected.
- (e) The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent/Secretary shall serve as full-time officers of NCAG. They shall be elected for a term of four years each, the their terms of office being staggered.

- (f) All members of the Board of Trustees shall be nominated by the Superintendent in consultation with the Executive Committee and submitted for election to the NCAG to serve a two year term.
- (g) No person shall be eligible to serve in more than one elective office at a time.

SECTION 2. VACANCIES

- (a) If the office of the Superintendent shall become vacant for any reason, the Assistant Superintendent shall fill the office of Superintendent until a special business session of the NCAG is called in order to elect a new Superintendent. This special session shall be called by the Board of Trustees within 60 days of the vacancy and chaired by an executive officer of the General Council.
- (b) In the event of vacancy in the office of Assistant Superintendent/Secretary, the Board of Trustees shall fill the position by appointment until the next NCAG business session.
- (c) In the event of vacancies among the regional members of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Officers shall submit a nominee to the Board of Trustees for ratification to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of office.

SECTION 3. TERM LIMITS

- (a) The Executive officers shall be limited to serve up to three consecutive four-year terms after which they shall be ineligible for re-election to the same office for one election cycle except in the case that he/she is elected to a fourth term on the nominating ballot. A Superintendent, having served three terms, and falling short of election on the nominating ballot for a fourth term, will be dropped from ballot before the first electoral ballot is cast.
- (b) The Assistant Superintendent/Secretary, having served three terms, and not being elected on the first elective ballot for a fourth term, their name will be removed from the second electoral ballot.

SECTION 4. GENERAL COUNCIL NONRESIDENT EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINEES

The NCAG shall nominate two **ordained** ministers from its membership, one of which shall be the Superintendent. The second nominee shall not be an elected full-time NCAG official. The Superintendent and non-officer nominee shall be presented to the General Council as nominees to the Executive Presbytery of the General Council.

ARTICLE IX. MINISTERS

SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION OF MINISTERS

Ministers shall be classified as certified, licensed, or ordained as defined and qualified by the General Council of the Assemblies of God (Article VII, Sections 2,3).

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS OF MINISTERS AT ALL CLASSIFICATIONS

- (a) Applicants shall evidence a scriptural born again experience and shall have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4.
- (b) Applicants shall give testimony of a divine calling and evidence a desire to progress in ministry.
- (c) Applicants shall live blameless Christian lives and give evidence of a good reputation.
- (d) Applicants shall be thoroughly conversant and in agreement with the Assemblies of God doctrinal positions.
- (e) Applicants shall have attended Bible College or completed prescribed Bible courses.
- (f) Applicants shall be willing to accept and be governed by the General Council and NCAG Constitutions and Bylaws.

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORDAINED MINISTERS

- (a) Applicants shall be at least twenty-three years of age.
- (b) Applicants shall have been licensed and engaged in active ministry for at least two full consecutive years.
- (c) Applicants shall give evidence of the blessing and confirmation of God upon their ministry.
- (d) Applicants shall appear before the NCAG Credential Interview Committee and pass a written examination as prescribed by the General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- (e) Applicants shall give evidence of planning for engagement in full-time ministry
- (f) Applicants shall be approved by the General Council Credentials Committee prior to being ordained by the Board of Trustees. This includes receiving and recognizing the ordination of a minister from another denomination.
- (g) Applicants shall be ordained at the biennial meeting of the NCAG or at other such times as arranged by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSED MINISTERS

- (a) Applicants shall be at least eighteen years of age.
- (b) Applicants shall appear before the NCAG Credentials Interview Committee and pass a written examination as prescribed by the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFIED MINISTERS

- (a) Applicants shall be at least seventeen years of age.
- (b) Applicants shall indicate a call to service apart from ministry in their local assemblies and shall be efficient helpers in gospel work who devote a part of their time to Christian service.
- (c) Applicants shall appear before the NCAG Credentials Interview Committee and pass a written examination as prescribed by the General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- (d) A certificate of ministry may be issued on a provisional basis to a person who has not met all of the credentialing requirements but who is deemed by the NCAG Credentials Interview Committee to be essential to the continuity of a church or ministry outreach for which a duly credentialed and qualified minister is unavailable. The applicant must meet all requirements of the General Council Bylaws regarding provisional issuance.

SECTION 6. ISSUANCE OF CREDENTIALS

- (a) All credentials for approved candidates shall be issued by the General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- (b) All credentials shall be subject to renewal annually on satisfactory completion of the General Council renewal form and questionnaire.
- (c) Satisfactory completion of the constitutional provisions alone shall not be considered sufficient grounds for issuance or renewal of any credentials, but general fitness shall also be considered necessary for issuance or renewal of credentials.
- (d) All credential holders who reach at least sixty-five years of age and who are no longer engaged in full-time ministry shall be recognized as senior retired upon his/her request or the request of the NCAG. The annual renewal of his/her credentials shall take place in the regular manner without regard ministerial activities.

SECTION 7. MINISTERIAL PREROGATIVES

- (a) All credentialed ministers shall be authorized to perform the ordinances and ceremonies (sacerdotal functions) of the Assemblies of God in accordance with applicable laws.
- (b) No minister of the NCAG shall be authorized to perform a marriage ceremony for anyone who has been divorced and whose former companion is still living, unless the case is included in the exceptional circumstances described in the General Council Bylaws.

ARTICLE X. MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

SECTION 1. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- (a) All ministers shall be subject to and guided by the General Council Constitution and Bylaws provisions relating to matters of discipline, ministerial relations, and conduct.
- (b) All ministers shall be amenable to the Board of Trustees in doctrine and conduct.
- (c) Ministers accepting ministry in non-Assemblies of God churches shall comply with the General Council Bylaws Article IX,. Section 9.
- (d) No minister, other than the local pastor, shall serve on the board or in any other official capacity in a local church.
- (e) Under no circumstances shall any credentialed minister participate and/or vote in a pastoral election.
- (f) No minister shall make contacts to begin a church until the minister is approved by the Board of Trustees. Ministers proposing to plant or affiliate a new church shall follow the established policies and procedures for NCAG church planting.

SECTION 2. DISCIPLINE

- (a) All matters relating to discipline, conduct of ministers, and ministerial relations shall be referred to the Superintendent.
- (b) Ministers who shall be under charge, or whose ministry shall be questioned, shall be subject to provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, with privileges and appeals as provided therein.
- (c) Discipline and rehabilitation shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of the General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE X. Discipline.

ARTICLE XI. FINANCES

SECTION 1. All finances of the NCAG and its departments, branches, and agencies shall be under the supervision of the Board of Trustees, which shall provide for an annual audit or review of all finds by a certified public accountant and which shall furnish a report of the audit/review to the NCAG at the biennial business session.

SECTION 2. NCAG endorses the biblical principle of tithing (Mal. 3:8,10) and subscribes to the position that the ministries of NCAG should be supported by the tithes/dues and offerings of the ministers and churches and by such other means as may be necessary and proper.

SECTION 3. Ordained and licensed ministers should recognize their obligation to contribute to the General Council an amount (as established by the General Council) from their tithes/dues, as an offering, or through their influence. All who can are strongly urged to give more than the established amount, either personally or through the Assemblies they pastor. Compliance with this requirement shall be a prerequisite for renewal of credentials of all active ministers. If their contributions are in arrears, they shall be given an opportunity to meet this deficit with their renewal.

SECTION 4. Licensed and ordained ministers associated with NCAG shall contribute not less than 80% of their tithes/dues from the gross income from all income sources to the support of NCAG each month.

SECTION 5. Certified ministers associated with NCAG shall contribute not less than 50% of their tithes/dues from the gross income from all income sources to the support of NCAG each month.

SECTION 6. Senior retired ministers associated with NCAG shall contribute not less than 50% of their tithes/dues from gross income received directly from ministry.

SECTION 7. The Board of Trustees shall be authorized to extend financial assistance to NCAG affiliated churches upon written application when such financial assistance is deemed necessary by the Board.

SECTION 8. Failure to comply with the NCAG and General Council provisions for tithing, except as herein provided, shall be considered sufficient grounds for withholding renewal of credentials until satisfactory arrangements have been made.

SECTION 9. Each church in NCAG is expected to send a monthly offering to the NCAG office in the amount of 1% of the church's general fund income to be allocated for ministry beyond the general operations of the NCAG office and staff.

ARTICLE XII. DIRECTORS AND OTHER DESIGNATIONS

Ministry leaders shall be selected by the Superintendent to serve as directors, commissioners, managers, or other specific designations commensurate with the position being filled.

ARTICLE XIII. CHURCH MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS

SECTION 1. CHURCH MINISTRIES

Church Ministries shall be under the direction of the Executive Committee, who shall provide leadership as may be necessary.

SECTION 2. DEPARTMENTS

The Board of Trustees shall be authorized to establish any departments needed within the NCAG. Departments shall operate within the parameters and guidelines of the NCAG Policy Manual.

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS

- (a) Supervise the work and ministry of their respective departments.
- (b) Submit a quarterly report of activities to the Superintendent and a biennial report to the NCAG.
- (c) Submit all funds received for their department to the Finance Director.
- (d) Submit all expense vouchers and statements to the Finance Director for approval and payment.
- (e) Submit to the Board of Trustees, through the budgeting process, any proposal which would financially obligate NCAG.

SECTION 4. LEADERSHIP OF DEPARTMENTS

Departmental Leadership shall be selected by the Superintendent and ratified by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XIV. COMMITTEES AND CONSULTANTS

SECTION 1. COMMITTEES

The administration of NCAG shall be supplemented by such committees as may be necessary and proper. All committees, standing and special, shall be subordinate to the Board of Trustees and shall contribute to the harmony and development of the ministry of NCAG as a whole.

Committees shall function in accordance with policy and procedure manuals provided by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

- (a) All resolutions for presentation to the NCAG shall be through a Resolutions Committee to be appointed biennially by the Superintendent, and shall be presented to the Resolutions Committee chairman forty-five days before a business meeting. This shall not apply to resolutions coming from the Board of Trustees in session immediately preceding the business session.
- (b) The Resolutions Committee shall prepare the resolutions in printed form and make them available at the registration desk. Attention shall be called to the resolutions during the opening service at the NCAG gathering for business.
- (c) The Resolutions Committee may present other resolutions it deems appropriate, which must be approved for presentation by a two-thirds vote of the NCAG gathered in session.
- (d) Each resolution presented shall be signed by its author(s) and the name of the sponsor(s) published in the minutes with the resolution.

SECTION 3. COMMITTEE ON MISSION

- (a) There shall be a Committee on Mission to assist the Superintendent the implementation of NCAG mission and objectives. It shall be amenable to and work in cooperation with the Board of Trustees.
- (b) The committee shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees.
- (c) The committee shall recommend to the Board of Trustees ways in which the NCAG mission and objectives may be fulfilled.
- (d) The committee shall focus on the highest and best use of organizational assets and resources and make recommendations for their use to the Board of Trustees.
- (e) The committee shall make periodic evaluations of ministries, ministry functions, and operating procedures bringing all recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XV. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES

SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION OF ASSEMBLIES

Churches of the NCAG shall be classified as General Council affiliated, NCAG affiliated, parent affiliated, and cooperating assemblies.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR GENERAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

- (a) Churches which desire to affiliate with the General Council of the Assemblies of God shall have at least twenty voting members.
- (b) Churches desiring affiliation must have an adequate number of spiritually qualified members to fill the offices of the church called for in its Constitution and/or Bylaws.
- (c) Churches desiring affiliation must recognize their obligation to the Fellowship as a whole, maintain proper doctrinal standards, and must have achieved spiritual and financial maturity. The church must accept all current and long-term financial obligations, and thereby release NCAG from all loan guarantees relating to the Assembly.
- (d) Affiliated churches shall adopt a Constitution and Bylaws satisfactory to NCAG and to the General Council of the Assembly of God, and must agree to be governed by them.
- (e) Churches which shall have meet the qualifications for affiliation shall be approved by the Board of Trustees, which shall provide affiliation procedures as outlined in General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VI. ASSEMBLIES.

SECTION 3. PROCEDURE FOR GENERAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

- (a) An existing mature church that desires to affiliate with the General Council of the Assemblies of God shall apply to the Superintendent's office for guidance and assistance. The Superintendent's office shall provide an approved application form and procedural instructions.
- (b) The application for General Council affiliation shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval with an official governance document; ie., Constitution and/or Bylaws, acceptable to the NCAG.
- (c) Upon approval by the Board of Trustees, the application for affiliation shall be forwarded to the general secretary of The General Council of the Assemblies of God. Recognition of affiliation shall occur under receipt by the assembly of a letter of recognition and a Certificate of Affiliation issued by the General Secretary.

SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR NCAG AFFILIATION

- (a) All churches which are not General Council affiliated shall be NCAG affiliated.

- (b) Churches having NCAG affiliation shall recognize an obligation to the NCAG, shall maintain proper doctrinal standards, and shall be seeking to achieve spiritual and financial maturity.
- (c) NCAG affiliated churches shall operate under the Constitution and/or Bylaws provided by NCAG.
- (d) NCAG affiliated churches shall file a quarterly report of activities, or as prescribed by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 5. CHURCH PLANTING

Church planting shall be under the supervision of the Superintendent who shall appoint directors and consultants as needed. A new church plant or recognition of an existing church applying for NCAG or General Council affiliation shall require the approval of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 6. PREROGATIVES AND OBLIGATIONS

- (a) A General Council affiliated church shall be self-governing, hold property in its own name, call its own minister, and administer its programs as necessary and proper.
- (b) A NCAG affiliated church shall be deeded to and held in the name of the NCAG.
- (c) No property of a NCAG church which is held in the name of NCAG shall be mortgaged or in any way encumbered without a two-thirds vote of the congregation and final approval of the Board of Trustees.
- (d) The pastor of a NCAG affiliated church shall be elected by the local assembly according to the Constitution and/or Bylaws for NCAG Affiliated Churches.

SECTION 7. AFFILIATION REVERSAL

- (a) A General Council affiliated church whose active voting membership shall decrease to less than twenty, or which for other good and sufficient reasons shall disqualify as a General Council church, shall revert to NCAG affiliation.
- (b) General Council affiliated churches which shall revert to NCAG affiliation shall be expected to return to their former status through provisions as herein stated.

SECTION 8. INTERVENTION OF THE NCAG IN A LOCAL ASSEMBLY

(a) While the right of a local assembly to self-government is a basic General Council principle, it is also recognized that the assembly has a responsibility to the NCAG and General Council; and both councils have a responsibility to the assembly. Some of the circumstances which require intervention by the NCAG officary include:

1. Division resulting in disruption.
2. Assumption of dictatorial authority by a pastor of board.
3. Prolonged absence of pastoral leadership.
4. Deviation or departure from Assemblies of God doctrines, principles, and practices.
5. Attempts to disaffiliate from the Assemblies of God fellowship.
6. Any activity that brings reproach upon the Assemblies of God.

(b) Intervention Procedure

The NCAG officary has the right to meet with the board or congregation. NCAG intervention may also be initiated in the following ways:

1. Request of the pastor
2. Action of the board
3. Petition of the congregation according to Bylaws provisions
4. NCAG officary initiative
5. Exercising the right of organizational assistance as provided by the General Council Constitution and Bylaws

(c) NCAG Policy of Preservation for Affiliated Churches

If a situation arises which require NCAG initiative and involvement, the Superintendent, in consultation with the Board of Trustees, shall meet with the official board, pastor, and/or congregation to assist the church. The Executive Committee may bring the church under NCAG supervision with Board of Trustees approval if such an occasion arises in which they feel it necessary to preserve the assembly. The church shall have the right of appeal according to the General Council Constitution ARTICLE XI. Local Assemblies, Section 1, e.

ARTICLE XVI. PROPERTY RIGHTS

SECTION 1.

All property, real or chattel, shall be taken, held, sold, transferred, or conveyed in the corporate name of the NCAG or any of its subsidiaries; i.e., NCAG, or any of its subsidiaries' names, and shall be under the management of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2.

- (a) Real property, for the use or benefit of the entire NCAG, shall not be purchased or sold unless first authorized by a majority vote of the membership present at any regular or special session of the council.

- (b) Such property may be leased, mortgaged, or rented as the need arises when authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 3.

- (a) Other property, real or chattel, acquired for the purpose of promoting and establishing NCAG affiliated churches may be sold, transferred, leased, rented, conveyed, or mortgaged in the corporate name of NCAG when authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. All proceeds received from the property shall be used at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

- (b) The properties of all churches not affiliated with the General Council shall be held in the corporate name of the NCAG which shall have full power and authority to take and hold such property, whether gift or purchase. Upon affiliation with the General Council, the title of all property, real and personal (whether gift or purchase), and all indebtedness thereupon, immediately, and automatically shall be transferred to and vested in the official name of the duly recognized General Council affiliated church.

SECTION 4. Church property reverting to the NCAG, because of a local assembly ceasing to function as a church body, may be sold, transferred, leased, mortgaged, rented, or conveyed in the corporate name of the NCAG while authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Trustees. All proceeds received from such property shall be used at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 5. When required, the Assistant Superintendent/Secretary shall attach a certified copy of the minutes of the meeting in which authorization for conveyance, lease, contract, or mortgage shall have been authorized by vote of the membership of the NCAG, Board of Trustees, or the Executive Officers as the case may be. Such a certificate shall be held to be conclusive evidence thereof.

SECTION 6.

- (a) In the event this NCAG shall cease to function for the purposes herein set forth, then all property, real or chattel, and all assets remaining after satisfying debts and obligations shall revert to the parent body. The General Council of the Assemblies of God, a Missouri not-for-profit corporation with headquarters at Springfield, Missouri. The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall have full authority to sell such property and to use the proceeds for the extension of the work of the Assemblies of God.
- (b) In the event of cessation, its board of trustees shall transfer all properties and any remaining assets, in accordance with the foregoing provisions, within one year after the date of such cessation. If such transfer is not made within the time prescribed above or if the aforesaid General Council shall be unable or unwilling to accept the aforesaid transfer, then disposition thereof shall be made by the court of the county in which the NCAG headquarters office is located, providing that in such case, proceeds of dissolution shall be distributed to organizations having purposes nearest the purposes of the Assemblies of God.

ARTICLE XVII. NCAG DIVISIONS

SECTION 1.

NCAG shall be comprised **up to eight (8)** geographical regions as determined by the NCAG Officers in consultation with the Board of Trustees and reported to the constituency.

SECTION 2. Non-Regional Ethnic Fellowships.

NCAG recognizes the following Ethnic Fellowships:

- (a) Hispanic Fellowship, which shall consist of the entire Hispanic population of the state.
- (b) Native American Fellowship, which shall consist of the entire Native American population of the state.

Directors of NCAG Ethnic Fellowships shall be nominated by the Superintendent in consultation with the Executive Committee and ratified by the ministers and church delegates present at a duly called meeting of that fellowship.

ARTICLE XVIII. LOAN FUND

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION

NCAG, is authorized to create and operate a Church Loan Fund and other such funds for the primary purpose of making loans to Assemblies of God churches and related entities for church construction, rebuilding, remodeling, and other such needs. The funds may be operated within NCAG, or through a separate non-profit corporation, the directors or trustees of which are appointed by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2. LOAN COMMITTEE

For the funds operated within NCAG, there shall be a loan committee, or committees, of at least three members, each appointed by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Board of Trustees. The loan committee members shall serve for terms of three years. The first appointment shall be as follows: one member shall serve for one year; one member shall serve for two years; one member shall serve for three years. One of the members shall serve as chairman of the committee.

SECTION 3. DUTIES OF LOAN COMMITTEE

The committee shall approve all loans made by the NCAG and shall determine the rate of interest, terms of repayment, security requirements, and other matters of business relative to making all loans. All loans shall be made primarily to Assemblies of God churches and related entities of NCAG. The committee shall make quarterly reports relative to all loans to the Board of Trustees. The Superintendent may request information from the committee whenever he feels such information is pertinent to him. The committee shall review all applications received for loans and shall make all decisions relative to all loans.

ARTICLE XIX. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The recommended order of business for the NCAG Council is:

1. The report of the Superintendent
2. The report of the Assistant Superintendent/Secretary
3. The report of other officers
4. Election of officers with reports of committees and the presenting of resolutions between ballots
5. The report of the Roster Committee
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Adjournment

ARTICLE XX. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made in any regular or special session of the NCAG Council by a majority vote of members present and voting.