



**Network Council
2026
Resolutions**

Michigan Ministry Network

Resolution 1: Statement of Fundamental Truths
(Constitution)

- 1 WHEREAS the Michigan Ministry Network exists in cooperative fellowship with the General
2 Council of the Assemblies of God and is committed to maintaining doctrinal and
3 theological alignment with the General Council, and
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5 WHEREAS the General Council of the Assemblies of God has adopted and maintains the
6 official Statement of Fundamental Truths as the authoritative doctrinal position of
7 the Fellowship, and
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9 WHEREAS the Michigan Ministry Network Constitution currently reproduces the full text of
10 the Sixteen (16) Fundamental Truths within Article V, adding substantial length
11 and complexity to the governing document, and
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13 WHEREAS the Fundamental Truths may be amended from time to time by official action of
14 the General Council in session, and
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16 WHEREAS any such amendment presently necessitates subsequent constitutional action by
17 the Michigan Ministry Network in order to maintain doctrinal consistency, and
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19 WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Michigan Ministry Network to ensure continued
20 alignment with the General Council’s Statement of Fundamental Truths while
21 maintaining a clear, concise, and current constitutional document,
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23 therefore, be it

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25 RESOLVED that the Constitution of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network,
26 ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, Section 3.

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28 be amended to read:

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30 **ARTICLE V. STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS**

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32 The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This Statement of
33 Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e., that
34 we all speak the same thing, 1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42). The phraseology
35 employed in this statement is not inspired or contended for, but the truth set forth
36 is held to be essential to a full-gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains
37 all biblical truth, only that it covers our need as to these fundamental doctrines.
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39 The Michigan Ministry Network fully ascribes to, affirms, and adopts by
40 reference the official Sixteen (16) Fundamental Truths of the General Council of
41 the Assemblies of God, as currently stated and as may be amended by official
42 action of the General Council in session.

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The most current version of the Statement of Fundamental Truths, as adopted by the General Council of the Assemblies of God, shall be recognized as the authoritative doctrinal standard for the Michigan Ministry Network.

~~1. The Scriptures Inspired~~

~~The Scriptures, both the Old and the New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith, and conduct (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Peter 1:21).~~

~~2. The One True God~~

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

THE ADORABLE GODHEAD

~~a. Terms Defined~~

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

~~b. Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead~~

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

~~c. Unity of the One Being of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost~~

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

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~~d. Identity and Cooperation in the Godhead~~

~~The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are never identical as to person; nor confused as to relation; nor divided in respect to the godhead; nor opposed as to cooperation. The Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son as to relationship. The Son is with the Father and the Father is with the Son, as to fellowship. The Father is not from the Son, but the Son is from the Father as to authority. The Holy Ghost is from the Father and the Son proceeding, as to nature, relationship, cooperation, and authority. Hence, no person in the godhead either exists or works separately or independently of the others (John 5:17-30,32,37; 8:17,18).~~

~~e. The Title, Lord Jesus Christ~~

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

~~f. The Lord Jesus Christ, God with Us~~

~~The Lord Jesus Christ, as to His divine and eternal nature, is the proper and only Begotten of the Father, but as to His human nature, He is the proper Son of Man. He is, therefore, acknowledged to be both God and man; who, because He is God and man, is "Immanuel," God with us (Matthew 1:23; 1 John 4:2,10,14; Revelation 1:13,17).~~

~~g. The Title, Son of God~~

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

~~h. Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ~~

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

~~i. Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord~~

~~The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, angels and principalities and powers~~

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127 ~~having been made subject unto Him. And having been made both Lord and Christ,~~
128 ~~He sent the Holy Ghost that we, in the name of Jesus, might bow our knees and~~
129 ~~confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father until the end, when~~
130 ~~the Son shall become subject to the Father that God may be all in all (Hebrews 1:3;~~
131 ~~1 Peter 3:22; Acts 2:32-36; Romans 14:11; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28).~~

132 133 ~~j. **Equal Honor to the Father and to the Son**~~

134 ~~Wherefore, since the Father has delivered all judgment unto the Son, it is not only~~
135 ~~the **express duty** of all in heaven and on earth to bow the knee, but it is an~~
136 ~~**unspeakable** joy in the Holy Ghost to ascribe unto the Son all the attributes of~~
137 ~~deity, and to give Him all the honor and the glory contained in all the names and~~
138 ~~titles of the godhead except those which express relationship (see paragraphs b,~~
139 ~~c, and d), and thus honor the Son even as we honor the Father (John 5:22,23; 1~~
140 ~~Peter 1:8; Revelation 5:6-14; Philippians 2:8,9; Revelation 7:9,10; 4:8-11).~~

141 142 **3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ**

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

- 144 ~~a. His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31,35).~~
- 145 ~~b. His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).~~
- 146 ~~c. His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).~~
- 147 ~~d. His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3, 2 Corinthians 5:21).~~
- 148 ~~e. His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians~~
- 149 ~~15:4). f. His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9,11; 2:33; Philippians. 2:9-11;~~
- 150 ~~Hebrews 1-3).~~

151 152 **4. The Fall of Man**

153 ~~Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after~~
154 ~~our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only~~
155 ~~physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26,27;~~
156 ~~2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).~~

157 158 **5. The Salvation of Man**

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

- 160 ~~**a. Conditions of Salvation.** Salvation is received through repentance toward God~~
161 ~~and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By washing of regeneration and renewing~~
162 ~~of the Holy Ghost, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of~~
163 ~~God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-~~
164 ~~15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).~~
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166 ~~**b. The Evidences of Salvation.** The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness~~
167 ~~of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of~~
168 ~~righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12)~~

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~~6. The Ordinances of the Church~~

~~a. **Baptism in Water.** The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47,48; Romans 6:4).~~

~~b. **Holy Communion.** The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements — bread and the fruit of the vine — is the symbol expressing our sharing and divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!"~~

~~7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit~~

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

~~8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit~~

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

~~9. Sanctification~~

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

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

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~~10. The Church and Its Mission~~

~~The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general church and church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22,23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23).~~

~~Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by man, to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, and to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world, the priority reason for being of the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is:~~

- ~~a. To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16).~~
- ~~b. To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (1 Corinthians 12:13).~~
- ~~c. To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfect in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 14:12).~~
- ~~d. To be a people who demonstrate God's love and compassion for all the world (Psalm 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).~~

~~The Assemblies of God exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this reason for being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This experience:~~

- ~~a. Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15-20; Acts 4:29-31; Hebrews 2:3,4).~~
- ~~b. Adds a necessary dimension to worshipful relationship with God (1 Corinthians 2:10-16; 1 Corinthians 12-14).~~
- ~~c. Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edifying of the body of Christ, and to care for the poor and needy of the world (Galatians 5:22-26; Matthew 25:37-40; Galatians 6:10; 1 Corinthians 14:12; Ephesians 4:11,12; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Colossians 1:29).~~

~~11. The Ministry~~

~~A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the fourfold purpose of leading the Church in: (1) evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20), (2) worship of God (John 4:23,24), (3) building a Body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11,16), and (4) meeting human need with ministries of love and compassion (Psalms 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).~~

~~12. Divine Healing~~

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

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13. The Blessed Hope

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

14. The Millennial Reign of Christ

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27,30; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21,22; Zephaniah 3:19,20; Romans 11:26,27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalm 72:3-8; Micah 4:3,4)

15. The Final Judgment

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast, and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8).

16. The New Heavens and the New Earth

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

*Under Article V, the Michigan Ministry Network understands that the term "man" is used to refer to humankind and includes all people except when used in gender-specific cases.

*Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board
Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 2: Elections and Appointments

(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS it is essential that those serving in leadership within the Michigan Ministry
2 Network possess a clear understanding of the vision, values, culture, and mission
3 of the Network. And

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5 WHEREAS greater familiarity with the Michigan Ministry Network enables leaders to serve
6 with effectiveness, wisdom, and excellence, and

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8 WHEREAS the required period of six (6) months of residence within a Section or within the
9 Network does not provide sufficient time to establish the necessary relationships,
10 understanding, and contextual awareness needed and helpful for effective
11 leadership, and

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13 WHEREAS the Michigan Ministry Network desires that Presbyters and Assistant Presbyters
14 serve with the highest standards of spiritual maturity, organizational knowledge,
15 and leadership excellence,

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17 therefore, be it

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19 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE
20 V. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS, Section 3. SECTIONAL OFFICERS, subsection
21 a. Sectional Presbyters, point 1, and subsection b. Assistant Sectional Presbyters,
22 point 1,

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24 be amended to read:

25 26 **ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

27 28 **Section 3. Sectional Officers**

29 **a. Sectional Presbyters**

30 1) *Qualifications.* The Sectional Presbyters shall be ordained ministers of
31 mature experience and ability who have been members of the Michigan
32 Ministry Network and have resided in the Section ~~for at least six (6) months~~
33 and in the Network for at least one (1) year.

34 35 **ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

36 37 **Section 3. Sectional Officers**

38 **b. Assistant Sectional Presbyters**

39 1) *Qualifications.* The Assistant Sectional Presbyters of the Sections shall be
40 ordained or licensed ministers of mature experience and ability who have
41 been members of the Michigan Ministry Network and have resided in the
42 Section ~~for at least six (6) months~~ and in the Network for at least one (1) year.

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44 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
45 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 3: Appointment of Network Directors

(Bylaws)

- 1 WHEREAS the Michigan Ministry Network is committed to appointing the most qualified and
2 effective individuals to serve as directors of its Network departments, and
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4 WHEREAS the Presbyter Board reviews and ratifies appointments for each Network director
5 position annually, and
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7 WHEREAS some Network directors such as Narrative, JBQ, and Royal Rangers have not
8 historically been credentialed, and
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10 WHEREAS in certain circumstances, the most qualified individual may not have attained the
11 Ordination level of Assemblies of God credentials, and
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13 WHEREAS the current bylaws provide inconsistent credentialing requirements among
14 appointed Network director positions, and
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16 WHEREAS the current Qualifications language of the bylaws for some Appointed Network
17 Directors lists obsolete department titles,

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19 therefore, be it

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21 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE V.
22 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS, Section 7. APPOINTED NETWORK DIRECTORS,

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24 be amended to read:

25 26 **ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

27 28 **Section 7. Appointed Network Directors**

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30 **a. Qualifications.** All appointed directors shall hold credentials with the Assemblies
31 of God and be in good standing with the Michigan Ministry Network or be
32 individuals who are members in good standing of a local Assemblies of God
33 church. ~~The Network Affiliated Church Director and the Michigan Missions and~~
34 ~~Church Planting Director shall be ordained ministers.~~

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36 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
37 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 4: Executive Presbyters

(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS the Executive Presbyters are responsible for reviewing and recommending
2 compensation considerations for the Executive Officers to the Presbytery Board,
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5 WHEREAS the current language of Article VII, Section 5, addresses only the compensation of
6 the Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer, and
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8 WHEREAS the Assistant Superintendent receives a part-time stipend and serves in an
9 executive leadership capacity, and
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11 WHEREAS it is necessary for the Bylaws to clearly define the scope of the Executive
12 Presbyters' authority regarding all executive compensation matters,
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14 therefore, be it
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16 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE VII.
17 DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 5,
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19 be amended to read:
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21 **ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

22 **Section 5. Executive Presbyters**

23 *The Executive Presbyters:*
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27 c. Review and set financial compensation for the ~~Superintendent and Secretary-~~
28 ~~Treasurer~~ Executive Officers in accordance with the policies set by the Presbyter
29 Board.
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31 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
32 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 5: Boards and Committees

(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS it is essential that individuals serving on committees within the Michigan Ministry
2 Network possess a clear and informed understanding of the vision, values, culture,
3 governance, and mission of the Michigan Ministry Network, and
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5 WHEREAS such understanding is best developed through sustained participation,
6 relationship-building, and active engagement within the life and ministry of the
7 Network, and
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9 WHEREAS a period of six (6) months of residency within the Network or a Section does not
10 provide sufficient time to cultivate the depth of familiarity, discernment, and
11 institutional knowledge necessary to serve with excellence, wisdom, and
12 accountability;
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14 therefore, be it

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16 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE
17 VIII. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES,
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19 be amended to read:
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21 **ARTICLE VIII. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

22 23 **Section 1. Standing Committees**

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25 a. **Qualifications.** All members of standing committees shall be ordained or licensed
26 ministers of mature experience and ability or individuals who are members in
27 good standing of affiliated local churches; all of whom have resided within the
28 Network for ~~six (6) months~~ one (1) year prior to the time of appointment.
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30 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
31 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 6: Resolutions Committee

(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS the Presbyter Board is entrusted with the spiritual oversight, governance, and
2 administrative accountability of the Michigan Ministry Network, and
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4 WHEREAS it is the established practice of the Presbyter Board to review and approve all
5 Network committees and department directors, and
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7 WHEREAS such approvals are customarily conducted on an annual basis at the June meeting
8 of the Presbyter Board, and
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10 WHEREAS the participation of the full Presbyter Board in this approval process promotes
11 transparency, shared discernment, and the consistent application of Network
12 policies and standards,
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14 therefore, be it

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16 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE
17 VIII. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, Section 4. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE,
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19 be amended to read:
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21 **ARTICLE VIII. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

22 23 **Section 4. Resolutions Committee**

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25 **a. Procedure for presentation of resolutions.** A Resolutions Committee shall be
26 appointed by the ~~Executive~~ Presbyter Board. All resolutions for presentation to
27 the Network Council, shall be presented to the Network Secretary's office at least
28 seventy-five (75) days prior to a Network Council. The Resolutions Committee
29 shall prepare the resolutions and present them to the Presbyter Board prior to
30 Network Council for review. The Network Secretary will have the finalized
31 resolutions sent to the Network Council credential holders by mail or electronic
32 means at least 30 days prior to the Network Council.
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34 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
35 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 7: Classification of Local Churches
(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS the Michigan Ministry Network is entrusted with the spiritual oversight,
2 governance, and stewardship of Network Affiliated churches, and
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4 WHEREAS the classification, supervision, and approval of Network Affiliated churches and
5 their related actions are matters of shared responsibility within the Presbyter
6 Board, and
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8 WHEREAS such approvals are conducted at Presbyter Board meetings to ensure
9 accountability, transparency, and consistency in governance, and
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11 WHEREAS it is healthy and beneficial for the full Presbyter Board to participate in the review
12 and approval of any asset changes to maintain sound oversight, and
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14 WHEREAS the Network has a Network Affiliated Director who will review the appropriate
15 status of Network Affiliated churches through the information given in the AMCR,
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17 therefore, be it
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19 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE IX,
20 LOCAL CHURCHES, Section 1. Classification of Local Churches,
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22 be amended to read:

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24 **ARTICLE IX. LOCAL CHURCHES**

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26 **Section 1. Classification of Local Churches**

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28 **a. Network Affiliated churches.** Local churches that have not matured sufficiently to
29 assume their full share of responsibility for the maintenance of scriptural order or
30 do not meet the qualifications of the General Council Bylaws (Article VI, Section 5)
31 shall be ~~held under the general supervision of the Presbyter Board~~ classified of the Presbyter Board as a
32 Network Affiliated church, and shall be subject to the Network Affiliated Bylaws,
33 and must seek Presbyter Board approval for the purchase and or selling of assets.
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35 Network Affiliated churches shall complete an Annual Church Ministry Report
36 (ACMR) each year.

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38 An annual review of Network Affiliated churches will be ~~done by the Presbyter~~
39 ~~Board~~ performed by the Network Affiliated Director on the basis of their ACMR
40 and shall initiate appropriate action to encourage the church to advance to a
41 General Council classification when they meet the qualifications.
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43 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
44 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 8: Sale & Disbursements of Closed Church Assets
(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS the Michigan Ministry Network is committed to planting healthy, dynamic, and
2 multiplying churches across our state, and
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4 WHEREAS effective church planting requires not only financial assistance for facilities, but
5 also intentional investment in the spiritual, leadership, and organizational
6 development of church planters, and
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8 WHEREAS providing comprehensive training, coaching, and relational connection through
9 the Michigan Ministry Network and national Church Multiplication Network
10 (CMN) initiatives significantly increases the likelihood of long-term church health
11 and sustainability, and
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13 WHEREAS some church plants may not require immediate building acquisition assistance,
14 thereby limiting their ability to benefit from funds currently restricted solely to
15 property purchase or rental, and
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17 WHEREAS the ultimate goal of church planting is not merely the acquisition of facilities, but
18 the establishment of thriving, enduring congregations that effectively reach
19 communities with the hope of Jesus Christ, and
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21 WHEREAS the Network currently provides recalibration grants for existing churches, yet
22 limits church planting grants primarily to building purchase or rental assistance,
23 and
24

25 WHEREAS it is both wise and strategic to allow designated church planting funds to support
26 the development and training of Lead Pastors and Campus Pastors, including
27 participation in national CMN training and Parent Affiliated Church (PAC)
28 processes, and
29

30 WHEREAS the present bylaw language restricts the broader and more strategic utilization of
31 church planting funds,
32

33 therefore, be it
34

35 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE IX.
36 LOCAL CHURCHES, Section 9. Sale and disbursement of closed church assets and
37 property. Subsection a.
38

39 which currently reads:
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41 a. 40% of the proceeds shall be designated for Church Planting in the Michigan
42 Ministry Network to help with the initial purchase of land, buildings, and/or rental

Resolution 8: Sale & Disbursements of Closed Church Assets
(Bylaws)

43 of buildings for new church plants. The Church Planting and Development Board
44 will make grants for new church plants under the policies approved by the
45 Presbyter Board.

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47 be amended to read:

- 48
49 a. 40% of the proceeds shall be designated for Church Planting in the Michigan
50 Ministry Network to ~~help with the~~ support the development and equipping of
51 church planters by providing grants for church planters' training, development,
52 Parent Affiliated Church (PAC) training, and the initial purchase of land, or
53 buildings, and/or rental of buildings for new church plants. The Church Planting
54 and Development Board will ~~make~~ approve all grants for new church plants, ~~under~~
55 ~~the policies as approved by the Presbyter Board.~~ The promotion, administration,
56 and strategic allocation of church planting funds shall be governed by policies
57 adopted by the Presbyter Board.

58
59 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
60 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 9: Lead Pastor
(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS the term *Senior Pastor* has, in common and denominational usage, been largely
2 replaced with the term *Lead Pastor* to more accurately reflect the role's
3 leadership function, and
4

5 WHEREAS the Assemblies of God often utilizes the term *senior* in reference to age-specific
6 ministry contexts, including senior adult ministry, and
7

8 WHEREAS the continued use of the term *Senior Pastor* may create ambiguity regarding age
9 classification rather than pastoral office, and
10

11 WHEREAS it is necessary for the Bylaws to clearly identify the credentialing requirement for
12 the primary pastoral leader of each local church,
13

14 therefore, be it
15

16 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE IX.
17 LOCAL CHURCHES, Section 3. Senior Pastor
18

19 be amended to read:
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21 **ARTICLE IX. LOCAL CHURCHES**
22

23 **Section 3. ~~Senior~~ Lead Pastor**
24

25 The ~~senior~~ Lead Pastor for every Assemblies of God local church shall be a credentialed minister
26 in good standing with the General Council of the Assemblies of God.
27

28 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
29 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 10: Membership Requirements

(Bylaws)

- 1 WHEREAS the purpose of the Bylaws of the Michigan Ministry Network is to provide clear
2 governance, guidance, and structural directives for affiliated local churches, and
3
4 WHEREAS each affiliated local church adopts and administers its own policies and
5 procedures regarding church participation, affiliation, or membership in
6 accordance with its governing documents and applicable law, and
7
8 WHEREAS the provisions currently contained in Article IX, Section 4, are advisory in nature
9 and not enforceable by the Michigan Ministry Network, and
10
11 WHEREAS the continued inclusion of non-binding recommendations within the Network
12 Bylaws may create confusion regarding authority, compliance expectations, and
13 local church autonomy, and
14
15 WHEREAS some affiliated churches utilize alternative terminology and structures in place of
16 formal "membership," while remaining in full doctrinal and cooperative alignment
17 with the Network,
18

19 therefore, be it

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21 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE IX.
22 LOCAL CHURCHES, Section 4. Membership Requirements,
23
24 be removed:
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26 ~~ARTICLE IX. LOCAL CHURCHES Section 4. Membership Requirements~~

27 28 ~~Section 4. — Membership Requirements~~

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30 ~~It is recommended that the minimum requirements for membership be:~~

- 31 ~~a. **Born Again.** Members in this local church shall be expected to give a clear~~
32 ~~testimony of having been born of the Spirit of God (John 3:3, 5-7; 2 Corinthians~~
33 ~~5:17).~~
34 ~~b. **Baptism in the Holy Spirit.** Members shall have received the Holy Spirit or be~~
35 ~~earnestly seeking to be baptized in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:2-4).~~
36 ~~c. **Baptism in Water.** All members shall have followed the scriptural command to be~~
37 ~~baptized in water by immersion in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of~~
38 ~~the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19).~~
39 ~~d. **God's Word.** Members shall believe in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures as the~~
40 ~~Word of God and the final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.~~
41 ~~e. **Holiness.** Members shall separate themselves from the world by refraining from~~
42 ~~the reading, viewing, listening, and participation in any activity, material and/or~~
43 ~~media that would be contrary to Scripture as pertaining to holiness, righteousness,~~
44 ~~clean living, and the testimony of such to this world. They shall reflect the truth~~

Resolution 10: Membership Requirements

(Bylaws)

45 that each believer's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. (Luke 21:34,35; Romans
46 8:5-8; 12:1-2; 14:17-18; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 18-20; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18;
47 Galatians 5:18-20; Ephesians 5:11; 1 Timothy 2:8-10; 4:12; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-
48 17; Titus 2:12; Revelation 21:8).

49 ~~f. **Habits.** Members shall abstain from the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and
50 the misuse of drugs (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).~~

51 ~~g. **Christ's Return.** Members shall earnestly cherish the hope and expectancy of the
52 premillennial coming of the Lord Jesus (1 Thessalonians 4:16,17).~~

53 ~~h. **Tenets of Faith.** Members shall fully subscribe to the Tenets of Faith as set forth
54 in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Assemblies of God.~~

55 ~~i. **Cooperation.** Members shall indicate a willingness to cooperate in the work of the
56 church, to be governed by its Rules of Order and to contribute regularly to its
57 financial support as the Lord may prosper.~~

58 ~~j. **Application for Membership.** It is recommended that all churches use the
59 application for membership form provided by the General Council.~~

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61 and be it further

62
63 RESOLVED that any renumbering of sections shall occur.

64
65 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
66 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 11: Officers of Local Churches

(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS the purpose of the Bylaws of the Michigan Ministry Network is to provide clear
2 governance guidance and organizational standards for local churches within the
3 Network, and
4

5 WHEREAS General Council affiliated churches operate under their own duly adopted
6 constitutions and bylaws governing the qualifications and selection of local church
7 officers and board members, and
8

9 WHEREAS Network Affiliated Churches are subject to the Network Affiliated Bylaws, which
10 provide recommended guidelines for the qualifications of local church officers and
11 board members, and
12

13 WHEREAS the inclusion of non-binding recommendations within the Network Bylaws may
14 create confusion regarding enforceability and legal responsibility at the local
15 church level, and
16

17 WHEREAS it is desirable for the Network Bylaws to clearly distinguish between enforceable
18 provisions and advisory recommendations, thereby promoting clarity,
19 consistency, and appropriate local church autonomy,
20

21 therefore, be it
22

23 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE IX.
24 LOCAL CHURCHES, Section 5. Officers,
25

26 be removed:
27

28 **Section 5. — Officers**

29
30 ~~It is recommended that all officers of a local church meet the following minimum requirements:~~

- 31 ~~a. Meet the minimum requirements for membership.~~
- 32 ~~b. Be at least twenty one (21) years of age.~~
- 33 ~~c. Have been an active member of the church for at least one year. "Not a novice..."~~
34 ~~(1 Timothy 3:6,8-13).~~
- 35 ~~d. Hold to a high standard of Christian marriage. It is recommended that married~~
36 ~~persons are ineligible if either marriage partner has a former spouse living, except~~
37 ~~for an ecclesiastical annulment where deception and fraud was involved or when~~
38 ~~the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17) or for the scriptural~~
39 ~~causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9) or the~~
40 ~~abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10-15) or in the~~
41 ~~case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5-9;~~
42 ~~Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16-17; Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32; Ephesians 5) (General~~
43 ~~Council Bylaws, Article IX, Section 5 subsection a.)~~

Resolution 11: Officers of Local Churches

(Bylaws)

44 and be it further

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46 RESOLVED that any renumbering of sections shall occur.

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Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board

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Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee

Resolution 12: World Evangelism

(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS the term “Master” may be subject to varied interpretation and lacks explicit
2 identification within the context of the bylaws, and

3
4 WHEREAS it is beneficial for governing documents to clearly and expressly identify the source
5 of authority and mission, and

6
7 WHEREAS the use of the term “God” provides greater clarity, theological precision, and
8 alignment with the doctrinal framework of the Assemblies of God,

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10 therefore, be it

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12 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE XII.
13 WORLD EVANGELISM, Section 1. Scope and Policy,

14
15 be amended to read:

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17 **Section 1. Scope and Policy**

18
19 Since ~~the Master~~ GOD has declared that the field is the world, the Michigan Ministry Network
20 Council shall assume the responsibility to do all in its power to spread the full Gospel in the United
21 States and throughout the whole world.

22
23 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
24 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 13: Network Missions Committee

(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS the Network Missions Committee processes missionary candidates in accordance
2 with the standards, policies, and procedures established by Assemblies of God
3 World Missions (AGWM) and Assemblies of God U.S. Missions (AGUSM), and
4

5 WHEREAS the Presbytery Board does not direct or administer this candidate evaluation and
6 appointment process, and
7

8 WHEREAS it is prudent for the bylaws to reflect accurate governance authority and
9 operational responsibility,
10

11 therefore, be it
12

13 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE XII.
14 WORLD EVANGELISM, Section 2. Organization, subpoint b. Network Missions
15 Committee,
16

17 be amended to read:
18

19 **Section 2. Organization**
20

21 b. Network Missions Committee. The Network Missions Committee shall review any
22 applicant for missionary appointment under Assemblies of God World Missions
23 and Assemblies of God US Missions as directed by ~~the Presbyter Board~~ AGWM and
24 AGUSM requirements.
25

26 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
27 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 14: Support of Network Ministries
(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS credentialed ministers of the Michigan Ministry Network provide regular financial
2 support to the Network in accordance with the Bylaws, and

3
4 WHEREAS affiliated local churches are encouraged to participate in the financial support of
5 the Network and its ministries through a recommended contribution of one
6 percent (1%) of the church's General Fund, and

7
8 WHEREAS additional support for departments can be donated for projects or events as may
9 be presented from time to time,

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11 therefore, be it

12
13 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE
14 XVII. FINANCE Section 2. Support of Network Ministries,

15
16 be removed:

17
18 **~~Section 2. Support of Network Ministries~~**

19
20 ~~It is recommended that each local church support Network ministries and departments with~~
21 ~~monthly offerings or in accordance with departmental policies.~~

22
23 and be it further

24
25 RESOLVED that any renumbering of sections shall occur.

26
27 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
28 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 15: Loan Endorsement

(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS the Michigan Ministry Network does not maintain or operate a Capital Investment
2 Fund from which financial benchmarks or percentage-based lending thresholds
3 may be reasonably or accurately derived, and
4

5 WHEREAS the Michigan Ministry Network does not provide financial guarantees,
6 endorsements, or underwriting for loans obtained by local churches from banks
7 or other lending institutions, and
8

9 WHEREAS the continued inclusion of loan endorsement authority in the Bylaws may create
10 confusion regarding the financial responsibility, liability, or fiduciary role of the
11 Network,
12

13 therefore, be it
14

15 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE
16 XVII. FINANCE Section 4. Loan Endorsement, subpoint a.
17

18 be amended to read:
19

20 **Section 4. Network Indebtedness**

21
22 ~~a. **Limitations.** No unbudgeted indebtedness exceeding \$15,000 shall be incurred by~~
23 ~~the Michigan Ministry Network unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of the~~
24 ~~Presbyter Board.~~
25

26 and be it further
27

28 RESOLVED that subpoint b., be removed:
29

30 ~~b. **Loan Endorsement.** The Presbyter Board shall be authorized to endorse loans~~
31 ~~obtained by local churches from banks or other sources up to the total amount of~~
32 ~~fifty percent (50%) of the capital investment fund of the Network.~~
33

34 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
35 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 16: Publishing Church Closings
(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS local churches may cease operations due to a congregational decision to disband
2 or because the size of the congregation has diminished to the point that the
3 ministry is no longer sustainable, and
4

5 WHEREAS every reasonable effort is made to pursue revitalization or replanting
6 opportunities before a church is formally closed, and
7

8 WHEREAS notification of a potential church closure is communicated to churches within the
9 surrounding area that have previously expressed interest in assisting with
10 revitalization or church replanting efforts, and
11

12 WHEREAS once a church has ceased operations, the responsibility for maintaining the
13 property and facilities transfers to the Michigan Ministry Network, and
14

15 WHEREAS the costs associated with maintaining unoccupied church properties can become
16 substantial due to increased insurance rates, property taxes, risks of vandalism
17 and required repairs, ongoing mortgage obligations, utilities, and general upkeep;
18 and
19

20 WHEREAS church properties often require a longer time to sell than other types of real
21 estate, and
22

23 WHEREAS all available church properties are publicly listed on the Michigan Ministry
24 Network website to provide visibility and opportunity for potential ministry use,
25 and
26

27 WHEREAS the current bylaw requires that a church remain inactive for ninety (90) days prior
28 to the property reverting to the Michigan Ministry Network and being listed for
29 sale, and
30

31 WHEREAS reducing this timeframe from ninety (90) days to sixty (60) days would allow the
32 Network to steward Kingdom resources more responsibly and reduce unnecessary
33 financial burdens while still providing adequate opportunity for revitalization
34 interest,
35

36 therefore, be it
37

38 RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, Article IX.
39 Local Churches, Section 8. Church Property, subpoint e.
40

41 which currently reads:
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Resolution 17: Hospitality

(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS Trinity Assembly of God, Mount Morris, Michigan, has worked diligently in
2 preparation and in hosting this annual 82nd Network Council of the Assemblies of
3 God, Michigan Ministry Network, and we have been blessed with a time of
4 fellowship, encouragement, worship, and inspiration, and
5

6 WHEREAS many individuals have utilized their giftings and abilities to help make this Council
7 a wonderful success,
8

9 therefore be it

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11 RESOLVED that the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network Council conveys its
12 appreciation to Pastor Rob King, the Official Board, Church Staff, Ministry
13 Volunteers, and Congregation of Trinity Assembly of God for the gracious
14 hospitality, consideration and the use of their facilities, which has made our stay
15 enjoyable and comfortable,
16

17 and be it further

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19 RESOLVED that the Network Council express its sincere gratitude to all those, who through
20 their efforts this year, have honored the Lord Jesus Christ; and to our Network
21 Superintendent, Aaron Hlavin, for his leadership; and to the Executive Officers,
22 Presbyters, Committees, and Network Office Staff for their unwavering
23 dedication, excellent support and service throughout the Council.
24

25 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*

26 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*