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CONSTITUTION DECLARATION

WE BELIEVE:

That God's purpose concerning man is (1) to seek and to save that which is lost, (2) to be worshiped by man, (3) to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, and (4) to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world.

That these believers, saved and called out of the world, constitute the body or church of Jesus Christ built and established upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone.

That the members of the body, the church (ecclesia) of Jesus Christ, are enjoined to assemble themselves for worship, fellowship, counsel, and instruction in the Word of God, the work of the ministry and for the exercise of those spiritual gifts and offices provided for New Testament church order.

That it is evident the early apostolic churches came together in fellowship as a representative body of saved, Spirit-filled believers who ordained and sent out evangelists and missionaries and, under the supervision of the Holy Spirit, set over the church pastors and teachers.

That the priority reason-for-being of the Assemblies of God is to be an agency of God for evangelizing the world, to be a corporate body in which man may worship God, to be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of Saints being perfected in the image of His Son, and to be a people who demonstrate God's love and compassion for all the world.

That 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, which enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs, adding a necessary dimension to worshipful relationship with God, and enabling 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 care for the poor and needy of the world.

That we, the Alaska Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God, are a cooperative fellowship of Pentecostal, Spirit-baptized saints from local Pentecostal assemblies of like precious faith throughout , and in cooperation with the General Council of the Assemblies of God whose purpose is neither to usurp authority over the various local assemblies, nor to deprive them of their scriptural and local rights and privileges; but to recognize and promote scriptural methods and order for worship, unity, fellowship, work, and business for God; and to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

PREAMBLE

Whereas, it has seemed good in the sight of God to multiply the membership and churches of the Assemblies of God in; and whereas, we believe it is our responsibility to promulgate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means in our particular Network, that the results of our efforts may be conserved, and the Assemblies established and developed in general unity and cooperative fellowship along the lines of our distinctive testimony, and for the purpose of cooperation with all other districts and networks in the work of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, we hereby associate ourselves as the Alaska District Council of the Assemblies of God, an Alaskan corporation, doing business as the Alaska Ministry Network and agree to be governed by the following Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this body shall be: Alaska District Council of the Assemblies of God, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as the Alaska Ministry Network.

ARTICLE II - TERRITORY

SECTION 1. The Alaska Ministry Network shall include the entire State of Alaska.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of aiding the pursuance of Alaska Ministry Network business, the territory of this Alaska Ministry Network shall be divided into regions.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

To fulfill the commission of the Church (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8) in the propagation of the Gospel, in its fullness, and to carry out the principles of the General Council of the Assemblies of God in the maintenance of scriptural doctrine and order.

ARTICLE IV - RELATIONSHIP

SECTION 1.

a. This Alaska Ministry Network shall recognize itself as a part of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc., with headquarters at Springfield, Missouri.

b. The Alaska Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God is a cooperative fellowship based upon mutual agreements with the General Council of the Assemblies of God and other member districts and networks.

SECTION 2. The relationship between this Alaska Ministry Network and its local Churches and Ministries is set forth hereinafter in the Constitution.

SECTION 3. Since many of the missionaries in Alaska are under appointment of the Assemblies of God US Missions and receive much of their support through that office,

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this Alaska Ministry Network will work in close harmony with the Assemblies of God US Missions in all matters of mutual concern.

ARTICLE V - PREROGATIVES

SECTION 1. To supervise all the activities of the Assemblies of God in its prescribed field, in accordance with the right conferred by the General Council Constitution.

SECTION 2. To examine candidates for all categories of ministry as provided for by the General Council, to make appropriate recommendations to the General Council Credentials Committee, and to ordain all those who have met the criteria for ordination by the General Council Credentials Committee.

SECTION 3. To elect its own officers and committees, to arrange for its own meetings, and to govern itself. It shall be subordinated to the General Council and amenable thereto in all matters of doctrine and conduct of ministers who shall have the Alaska Ministry Network's endorsement.

SECTION 4. To establish churches and ministries, and to provide for their development; to establish and maintain such departments and institutions for the fellowship as may be necessary for the propagation of the Gospel within its borders.

SECTION 5. To have the right to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of such property, real or chattel, as may be needed for the prosecution of its work.

SECTION 6.

- a. To encourage and promote the worship of God
- b. To encourage and promote the evangelization of the world
- c. To encourage and promote the edification of believers
- d. To encourage and promote His love and compassion for the world

ARTICLE VI - TENETS OF FAITH

The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This Statement of Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e. that we all speak the same thing, I Cor. 1:10; Acts 2:42). The phraseology employed in this statement is not inspired or contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential to a full-gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all Biblical truth, only that it covers our need as to those fundamental doctrines.

SECTION 1. The Scriptures Inspired

The Scriptures, both Old and New Testament, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to men, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Thes. 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

SECTION 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 the Holy Ghost (Deut. 6:4; Isa. 43:10-11; Matt. 28:19; Luke 3:22).

THE ADORABLE GODHEAD

- a. Terms defined "trinity" and "persons" 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: Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 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; Matt. 11:25-27; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; John 1:3-4; 1 Cor. 1:24).
- c. Unity of the One Being of Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Accordingly, therefore, 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 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; Zech.14:9).
- d. Identity and Cooperation in the Godhead
The Father, 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 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, neither Person in the Godhead either exists or works separately or independently of the other (John 5:17-30, 32, 37; John 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; II John 1:3).
- 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

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of Man. He is, therefore, acknowledged to be both God and man; who because He is God and man is "Immanuel," God with us (Matt. 1:23; John 4:2, 10, 14; Rev. 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, described 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 (Matt. 1:21-23; Heb.1:1-13, 7:3; 1 John 3:8; II John 1:3).

h. Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ

Wherefore, it is a transgression of the doctrine of Christ to say that 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 Son; and a displacement of the truth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh (2 John 1:9; John 1:1, 2, 14, 18, 29, 49; 1 John 2:22, 23; 4:1-5; Heb.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 at the right hand of the Majesty on high; angels and principalities and powers, having been made subject unto Him. And having been made both Lord and Christ, He sent the Holy Ghost that we, in the name of Jesus, might bow our knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father until the end, when the Son shall become subject to the Father -that God may be all in all (Heb. 1:3; 1 Pet. 3:22; Acts 2:32-36; Rom. 14:11; I Cor. 15:24-28).

j. Equal Honor to the Father and to the Son

Wherefore, since the Father has delivered all judgment unto the Son, it is not only the express duty of all in heaven and earth to bow the knee, but is an unspeakable joy in the Holy Ghost to ascribe unto the Son all the attributes of Deity, and to give Him all the honor and the glory contained in all the names and titles of the Godhead, except those which express relationship (see paragraph b, c, d), and thus honor the Son even as we honor the Father (John 5:22-23; 1 Pet. 1:8; Rev. 5:6-14; Phil. 2:8-9; Rev. 7:9-10; 4:8-11).

SECTION 3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

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

a. His virgin birth (Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35).

b. His sinless life (Heb. 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).

c. His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).

d. His substitutionary work on the cross (I Cor. 15:3; 2 Cor. 5:21)

e. His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matt. 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Cor. 15:4).

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f. His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11: 2:33; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 1:3).

SECTION 4. The Fall of Man

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

SECTION 5. The Salvation of Man

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

a. Conditions to Salvation

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Rom. 10:13-15; Eph. 2:8; Titus 3:5-7).

b. The Evidences of Salvation

The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Rom. 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Eph. 4:24; Titus 2:12).

SECTION 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 have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Mat. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47-48; Rom. 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 the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4), a memorial of His suffering and death (I Cor. 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (I Cor. 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers "till He comes!"

SECTION 7. The Baptism in the Holy Ghost

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 1:4-5, 8; 1 Cor. 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

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experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Heb. 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and more active love for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

SECTION 8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost

The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking in 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 (I Cor. 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use.

SECTION 9. Sanctification

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

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

SECTION 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 assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven (Eph. 1:22-23; 2:22; Heb. 12:23).

Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by man, and 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 and reason for being of the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is:

- a. To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (1 Cor. 12:13).
- b. To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16).
- c. To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Cor. 12:28; 1 Cor. 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. Adds a necessary dimension to worshipful relationship with God (I Cor.2:10-16; 1 Cor.12:14).

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- b. Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15-20; Acts 4:29-31; Heb. 2:3-4)
- 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 care for the poor and needy of the world (Gal. 5:22-26; Matthew 25:37-40; Galatians 6:10; 1 Cor. 14:12; Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Cor. 12:28; Col. 1:29).

SECTION 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:

- a. Worship of God (John 4:23, 24).
- b. Evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20).
- c. Building a body of saints perfected in the image of His Son (Eph. 4:11-16)
- d. Meeting human need with ministries of love and compassion (Psalm 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).

SECTION 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 (Isa. 53:4-5; Matt. 8:16-17; James 5:14-16).

SECTION 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 (1 Thes. 4:16-17; Rom. 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Cor. 15:51-52).

SECTION 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 earth for one thousand years (Zech. 14:5; Matt. 24:27, 30; Rev. 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezek. 37:21-22; Zeph. 3:19-20; Rom. 11:26-27), and the establishment of universal peace (Isa. 11:6-9; Psa. 72:3-8; Micah 4:3-4).

SECTION 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 burned with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matt. 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Rev. 19:20, 20:11-15, 21:8).

SECTION 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; Rev. 21,22).

ARTICLE VII - STANDARDS OF MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY

SECTION 1. We believe that the only scriptural marriage is the joining of one man and one woman.

SECTION 2. We believe that Scripture commands that there be no intimate sexual activity outside of marriage.

SECTION 3. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex.

SECTION 4. To qualify for credentials, hold a leadership position, or have employment with the Alaska Ministry Network, a person must be in agreement with Article VII and shall not engage in any of the disapproved behaviors outlined in Article VII, Section 3.

ARTICLE VIII - VOTING CONSTITUENCY

The membership of this Alaska Ministry Network shall consist of:

SECTION 1. All ordained, licensed, and certified ministers holding a current credential with the General Council of the Assemblies of God and having their permanent residence within the confines of this Alaska Ministry Network and their credential registered with the secretary of the Alaska Ministry Network.

SECTION 2. All non-resident credentialed ministers having their credentials registered with the Secretary of the Alaska Ministry Network.

SECTION 3. All non-credentialed Ministry Directors.

SECTION 4.

- a. Each assembly officially affiliated with the General Council or Alaska Ministry Network may be represented at the Alaska Ministry Network business sessions by one lay delegate, subject to the regulations of the Bylaws.
- b. Each assembly officially recognized as a "Developing Assembly" or "Parent Affiliated Church," may be represented at the Alaska Ministry Network business sessions by one lay delegate, subject to the regulation of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX – OFFICERS

The officers of the Alaska Ministry Network shall consist of the Network Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer, Network Presbyters (sufficient in number to represent the various regions and Network-Recognized Ethnic/Language Fellowships of the Alaska Ministry Network), General Presbyters, and such other officers as may be required in the future. The tenure of office shall be for two years, except that of the Network Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, and Treasurer

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which shall be for four years. All terms of office shall commence July first (1st) following the election, except Regional and Network-Recognized Ethnic/Language Fellowship Presbyters, whose terms shall begin at the time of election.

ARTICLE X- MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The Alaska Ministry Network shall meet annually, time and place to be selected and announced by the Network Presbytery.

SECTION 2. Special sessions may be called to meet any emergency that may arise within the Alaska Ministry Network. Such a call shall be issued by the Secretary after the emergency has been fully considered and approved by a two-thirds majority of the Network Presbytery.

ARTICLE XI - LOCAL ASSEMBLIES

A. General Council Affiliated Assemblies

SECTION 1. Definition

A General Council affiliated assembly is one that has applied for and received a certificate of affiliation from the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

SECTION 2. Requirements for Affiliation

Churches desiring to affiliate with the General Council shall meet the following requirements. They Shall:

- a. Adopt the Tenants of Faith of the General Council of the Assemblies of God and meet all the criteria required for affiliation by the General Council Constitution, and the Alaska Ministry Network Constitution.
- b. Have reached a state of growth, stability, and maturity qualifying it for affiliation with the General Council of the Assemblies of God. Qualifications shall include a minimum active voting membership of 20 persons. In cases where there are fewer than 20 voting members, an exception may be granted by the Network Presbytery, in compliance with General Presbytery policy, and provided that the church has demonstrated the capacity for self-governance. The assembly shall have matured to a point where a sufficient number of qualified persons are available for the offices called for in its constitution and bylaws.
- c. Forward its request to the office of the Alaska Ministry Network. The Alaska Ministry Network shall provide an approved application form and procedural instructions.
- d. Adopt a constitution and bylaws acceptable to the Alaska Ministry Network containing a dissolution clause naming the Alaska Ministry Network as reverter.
- e. Be set in order under the jurisdiction of and with the approval of the Alaska Ministry Network.

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- f. Have obtained corporate status with the State of Alaska.
- g. Make provisions for a pastor who is a credentialed minister in good standing with the General Council and the Alaska Ministry Network.
- h. Demonstrate a willingness to contribute to Assemblies of God missions.

SECTION 3. Procedure for Affiliation

- a. A church desiring General Council affiliation shall send its request to the Network Secretary. The Network Secretary shall provide an approved application form and procedural instructions.
- b. The meeting in which an assembly is set in order shall be presided over by an officer of the Alaska Ministry Network who shall assist the assembly in adopting an acceptable constitution and bylaws.
- c. An existing, mature church with a constitution and bylaws that desires to affiliate with the General Council shall request guidance and assistance from the office of the Alaska Ministry Network to assure that their constitution and bylaws are in acceptable form.
- d. The Network Presbytery shall determine if an assembly has reached a state of growth, stability, and maturity qualifying it for affiliation with the General Council.
- e. Upon approval by the Network Presbytery, the application for affiliation shall be forwarded to the General Council secretary. Recognition of affiliation shall be complete when the assembly receives a certificate of affiliation from the General Council of the Assemblies of God. In the event an application for affiliation is declined by the Network Presbytery, appeal may be made by the church to the General Council Executive Presbytery whose decision shall be final.

SECTION 4. Prerogatives and Privileges

- a. Autonomy
 - 1) A General Council affiliated assembly shall have recognition and be entitled to all privileges granted by the constitution and bylaws of the General Council. It shall have the right of self-government under Jesus Christ, its living Head, and shall have the power to choose or call its pastor, elect its official board, and transact all other business pertaining to its life as a local unit if it does not conflict with the General Council or the Alaska Ministry Network Constitution, Bylaws, and policies.
 - 2) Even though an assembly is affiliated with the General Council, this shall not destroy its rights nor interfere with its sovereignty.
 - 3) A General Council affiliated assembly shall have the right to receive into its fellowship members who shall qualify for membership according to scriptural principles and the standards determined by the local assembly, and shall be empowered to administer discipline to the members according to the Scriptures and its own bylaws.

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- 4) As a self-governing body, a General Council affiliated assembly shall have the right to acquire and hold title to property in its corporate name, and to sell or dispose of the same.
- 5) The General Council, the Alaska Ministry Network, their officers, employees and agents shall not be responsible, legally or otherwise, for the acts or failure to act, or for the contractual or other legal obligations of a General Council affiliated assembly.

b. Available Ministries

- 1) A General Council affiliated assembly shall have access to the general oversight and pastoral care of the Network officers who shall lend assistance and give advice when called upon for that purpose. It shall be entitled to aid from the Network officers in preparing and adopting constitution and bylaws for the assembly, in conducting special business meetings, electing officers, and choosing a pastor.
- 2) A General Council Affiliated assembly shall have access to General Council and Alaska Ministry Network approved institutions, such as colleges, divisional and departmental ministries, and publications.
- 3) A General Council affiliated sovereign assembly may, because of inability to govern its own affairs, temporarily relinquish its management to the Network Presbytery by asking the Presbytery to serve as its Board of Directors. This temporary status shall not affect the General Council affiliation of the General Council assembly. Management shall not be relinquished until the Network Presbytery accepts the responsibility and assigns supervision.
- 4) The services of the General Council and the Alaska Ministry Network are available to assist the General Council affiliated assembly in dealing with any of its problems, either internal or external, when requested by the pastor and/or a majority of the official board, or a petition assigned by thirty percent (30%) of the voting members, with the petitioning process and delivery to the Alaska Ministry Network taking no more than 30 days in total to complete. When Network officers receive such requests, it is recommended they first verify that scriptural principles of reconciliation, such as those found in Matthew 18:15-17 and 1 Timothy 5:19, have been reasonably attempted by the requesting party in situations involving interpersonal conflict. Network officers shall respond by investigating problems and, if necessary, recommend remedial actions to the Network Presbytery. At its discretion, the Network Presbytery may act to bring the church under Ministry Network supervision, and when necessary, revert it from General Council status to Ministry Network affiliated status until the governing entity considers the problem resolved.

c. Representation

A General Council affiliated assembly shall have the privilege of sending duly appointed and certified delegates to the meetings of the General Council and

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the Alaska Ministry Network.

d. Appeal

- 1) To the Network Presbytery: The pastor, the board, or the church body shall have the right to petition the Network Presbytery for help when they are in need of counsel or advice.
- 2) To the General Council Executive Presbytery: The pastor, the board, or the church body shall have the right to appeal a decision by the Network Presbytery to the General Council Executive Presbytery when there is a question whether or not the assembly has received proper help from the Alaska Ministry Network. This shall be determined by a majority of the church body.
- 3) To the General Council General Presbytery: The local assembly or the Network Presbytery shall have the right to appeal to the General Presbytery when exceptions are taken to the decisions of the General Council Executive Presbytery.

SECTION 5. Responsibilities

a. Sovereignty

Even though a local assembly is affiliated with the General Council, this shall in no way destroy its rights or interfere with its sovereignty, but certain responsibilities to the Assemblies of God should be recognized.

b. Adherence to General Council Principles and Doctrine

Local assemblies shall support by every means possible the basic principles upon which the fellowship is founded, including that of voluntary cooperation and strict adherence to the statement of Fundamental Truths.

c. Maintenance of Polity and Scriptural Order

Local assemblies shall accept their full share of responsibility for the maintenance of scriptural order in the local body and uphold a polity in accordance with General Council policies.

d. Alaska Ministry Network and World Ministries Participation

A General Council affiliated assembly agrees to participate in the cooperative program of the General Council and the Alaska Ministry Network for the propagation of our distinctive testimony in both home and foreign lands and to share in such provisions as may be made in the General Council or the Alaska Ministry Network for the propagation of our distinctive testimony in both home and foreign lands and to share in such provisions as may be made in the General Council or the Alaska Ministry Network for the maintenance of the fellowship.

e. Reports

Reports shall be filed in a timely fashion with the Alaska Ministry Network and General Council as required.

SECTION 6. Relationships Between Churches, the Alaska Ministry Network, and the General Council

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a. Nature

General Council affiliated churches are sovereign, autonomous, self-governing, and self-determining bodies which have, by their action in applying for and receiving recognition as General Council affiliated assemblies, agreed to be amenable to the General Council and the Alaska Ministry Network in matters of doctrine and polity.

b. Relationship

Cooperative fellowship describes the relationship that exists between local churches and their relationships with the General Council and the Alaska Ministry Network.

c. Preservation of Affiliation

In the event the termination of affiliation with the General Council is under consideration by an assembly, the pastor and/or the board shall invite the Network Executive Officers to participate in a specially called business meeting for the express purpose of giving the Network Executive Officers the opportunity to present the benefits of continued General Council affiliation. Final disposition of the matter may then proceed in accordance with a two-thirds vote of the voting membership. In the case of a previously existing church which later affiliated with the Fellowship through a vote of its membership, the percentage required to disaffiliate shall not exceed the percentage required when the church voted to affiliate.

SECTION 7. Pastoral Selection Procedure

a. Minister's Procedure

- 1) At least one month prior to his/her departure, the pastor should notify the Network Superintendent, the Regional Presbyter, and the local assembly of his/her resignation.
- 2) Recognizing the departing pastor's influence, it is suggested that he/she do all within his/her power to guide the church in following the recommended procedure.

b. Church Procedure

- 1) Churches are encouraged to consult the Network Executive Officers and the Regional Presbyter for recommendations.
- 2) It is recommended that no pastoral candidates be considered and voted on whose credential is not in good standing with the General Council. Care should be taken to impress the local church that this is designed for its protection.

c. Network Procedure

- 1) Upon being contacted, the Network Superintendent or his/her designee shall consult with the church and help in any way possible.
- 2) Upon request, the Network shall submit a list of ministers, which can include local ministers desiring pastorates and ministers from other districts and networks who have expressed a desire to transfer and whose records are in good order.

SECTION 8. Disciplinary Intervention in Local Assemblies

a. Right of Intervention

Since the approval of an assembly is the prerogative of the Alaska Ministry Network and the General Council and is indicated by the issuance of certificates of affiliation, the Alaska Ministry Network has the right to request a meeting with the assembly if for some valid reason its status is in question, and the General Council has the right to withdraw its certification membership if deemed necessary.

b. Intervention Procedure

- 1) Official representatives of the Alaska Ministry Network have the right to meet with the church board or voting members, upon an invitation by:
 - (a) request of the pastor;
 - (b) action of a majority of the church board; or
 - (c) petition of thirty percent (30%) of the voting members.
- 2) Before intervention procedures are initiated by any one of the foregoing groups, certain scriptural principles shall be followed. For a petition of thirty percent (30%) of the members to invite Alaska Ministry Network help, the principles of Matthew 18:15-17 shall be acted on. If a pastor's conduct or ministry is in question, the principles of 1Timothy 5:19 shall be acted on as well. Evidence of such action shall be produced before intervention procedures occur.

c. Circumstances Requiring Intervention

While the right of a local assembly to self-government is a basic General Council principle, it is also recognized that the assembly has responsibility to the Alaska Ministry Network and General Council, and both have a responsibility to the assembly. Some circumstances that may require intervention by the Network Presbytery are:

- 1) Division resulting in disruption;
- 2) Assumption of dictatorial authority by the pastor or the board;
- 3) Prolonged absence of pastoral leadership;
- 4) Deviation or departure from the Assemblies of God statement of fundamental truths, principles, and practices;
- 5) Attempt to disaffiliate from the Assemblies of God Fellowship.

SECTION 9. Guidelines for Minimal Membership

If a General Council church is unable to meet any of the criteria for affiliations as set forth in the General Council Constitution, it shall seek the assistance of the Network officers for help in maintaining the minimal requirement for General Council affiliation. The Alaska Ministry Network may use any means prescribed by its bylaws to assist the church in returning to a position of strength. If after 1 year the minimal requirements have not been attained, the church shall revert to Ministry Network affiliated status until the minimal requirements for General Council affiliation have been attained.

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SECTION 10. Mergers and Closures

In order for an existing church to merge or close, thus abandoning a given area, it is recommended that the pastor(s) and board(s) of said church(es) first seek the counsel and direction of the Network Presbytery.

SECTION 11. Ownership of Property

- a. The Alaska Ministry Network approves the holding of title to church buildings, schools, or other institutions through properly constituted corporations if those corporations are supported by funds solicited for the work of God.
- b. The Alaska Ministry Network disapproves the holding of title to such properties by Assemblies of God ministers through private ownership, corporation of sale, closed corporation, or any other type of ownership where initiative of action or final authority is not vested in a corporation of the whole if those institutions are supported by funds solicited for the work of God.
- c. Where private ownership exists, the Alaska Ministry Network strongly recommends that a properly incorporated body be formed and that title to the property be transferred to the body. A disregard of this principle and the recommendation of the General Council and the Alaska Ministry Network shall seriously affect the relationship to the General Council and the Alaska Ministry Network of the members who are involved in such ownership.

B. Other Assemblies

SECTION 1. Ministry Network Affiliated Assemblies

a. Definition

A Ministry Network affiliated assembly is one that has applied for and received a certificate of affiliation from the Alaska Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God but not the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

b. Requirements for Affiliation

Churches desiring to affiliate with the Alaska Ministry Network shall meet the following requirements:

- 1) Adopt the statement of Fundamental Truths of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- 2) Adopt a scriptural standard of membership determined by the local assembly and the Alaska Ministry Network.
- 3) Have an active voting membership of not less than ten (10) persons.
- 4) Be set in order under the jurisdiction and approval of the Alaska Ministry Network, and with approved constitution and bylaws which contain a dissolution clause naming the Alaska Ministry Network as revertor.
- 5) Have obtained corporate status with the State of Alaska.
- 6) Have an adequate number of spiritually qualified members to fill the

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offices of the assembly as specified in its constitution and bylaws.

- 7) Make provision for a pastor who is a credentialed minister in good standing with the General Council and the Alaska Ministry Network.
- 8) Be able to meet financial obligations.

c. Procedure for Affiliation

- 1) A church desiring Ministry Network affiliation shall send its request to the Network Secretary. The Network Secretary shall provide an approved application form and procedural instructions.
- 2) The Network Presbytery shall determine if the church has reached a state of growth, stability, and maturity qualifying it for Network affiliate status.
- 3) Upon approval by the Network Presbytery, recognition of affiliation shall be given and an official certificate of affiliation will be issued by the Network Secretary.

d. Prerogatives and Privileges

1) Autonomy

- (a) A Ministry Network affiliated assembly shall have recognition and be entitled to all privileges granted by the constitution and bylaws of the Alaska Ministry Network. It shall have the right of self-government under Jesus Christ, its living Head, and shall have the power to choose or call its pastor, elect its official board, and transact all other business pertaining to its life as a local unit if it does not conflict with the General Council or the Alaska Ministry Network constitution, bylaws, and policies.
- (b) Even though an assembly is affiliated with the Alaska Ministry Network, this shall not destroy its rights nor interfere with its sovereignty.
- (c) A Ministry Network affiliated assembly shall have the right to receive into its fellowship members who shall qualify for membership according to scriptural principles and the standards determined by the local assembly, and shall be empowered to administer discipline to the members according to the Scriptures and its bylaws.
- (d) As a self-governing body, a Ministry Network affiliated assembly shall have the right to acquire and hold title to property in its corporate name or dispose of the same.
- (e) The Alaska Ministry Network, its officers, employees, and agents shall not be responsible, legally or otherwise, for the acts or failure to act or for the contractual or other legal obligations of a Ministry Network affiliated assembly.

2) Available Ministries

- (a) A Ministry Network affiliated assembly shall have access to the

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general oversight and pastoral care of the Network officers who shall lend assistance and give advice when called upon for that purpose. It shall be entitled to aid from the Network officers in preparing and adopting constitution and bylaws for the assembly, in conducting special business meetings, electing officers, and choosing a pastor.

(b) A Ministry Network affiliated assembly shall have access to Alaska Ministry Network approved institutions, such as colleges, departmental ministries, and publications.

(c) A Ministry Network affiliated assembly may, because of inability to govern its own affairs, temporarily relinquish its management to the Network Presbytery by asking the Presbytery to serve as its Board of Directors. Its temporary status shall not affect the affiliation with the Alaska Ministry Network. Management shall not be relinquished until the Network Presbytery accepts the responsibility and assign supervision.

(d) The services of the Alaska Ministry Network are available to assist the Ministry Network affiliated assembly in dealing with any of its problems, either internal or external, when requested by the pastor, a majority of the official board, or a petition signed by thirty percent (30%) of the voting members. The petitioning process and delivery to the Alaska Ministry Network can take no longer than 30 days in total to complete.

3) Representation

A Ministry Network affiliated assembly shall have the privilege of sending duly appointed and certified delegates to the meeting of the Alaska Ministry Network.

e. Responsibilities

1) Sovereignty

Even though a local assembly is affiliated with the Alaska Ministry Network, this shall in no way destroy its rights or interfere with its sovereignty, but certain responsibilities to the Assemblies of God should be recognized.

2) Adherence to Alaska Ministry Network Principles and Doctrine

Local assemblies shall support by every means possible the basic principles upon which the fellowship is founded, including that of voluntary cooperation and strict adherence to the statement of Fundamental Truths.

3) Maintenance of Polity and Scriptural Order

Local assemblies shall accept their full share of responsibility for the maintenance of scriptural order in the local body, and uphold a polity in accordance with General Council policies.

4) Alaska Ministry Network Participation

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A Ministry Network affiliated assembly agrees to participate in the cooperative program of the Alaska Ministry Network for the propagation of our distinctive testimony in both home and foreign lands, and to share in such provision as may be made in the Alaska Ministry Network for the maintenance of the fellowship.

5) Reports

Churches shall submit a copy of their annual business report with minutes and financial statements and other reports to the Alaska Ministry Network office in a timely manner.

6) Financial Obligations:

Before incurring legal or financial obligations relating to the purchase of property, major construction and architectural plans relating thereto or for other extraordinary obligations or debts other than normal day-to-day operations, the Assembly shall seek counsel from the appropriate Network officials.

f. Relationships Between Churches and the Alaska Ministry Network

1) Nature

Ministry Network affiliated churches are sovereign, autonomous, self-governing, and self-determining bodies which have, by their action in applying for and receiving recognition as Ministry Network affiliated assemblies, agreed to be amenable to the Alaska Ministry Network in matters of doctrine and polity.

2) Relationship

Cooperative fellowship describes the relationship that exists between local churches and their relationship with the Alaska Ministry Network.

3) Preservation of Affiliation.

In the event the termination of affiliation with the Alaska Ministry Network is under consideration by an assembly, the pastor and/or the board shall invite the Network executive officers to participate in a specially called business meeting for the express purpose of giving the Network Executive officers the opportunity to present the benefits of continued Ministry Network affiliation. Final disposition of the matter may then proceed in accordance with a two-thirds vote of the voting membership.

g. Pastoral Selection Procedure

1) Minister's Procedure

(a) At least one month prior to his/her departure, the pastor should notify the Network Superintendent, the Regional Presbyter, and the local assembly of his/her resignation.

(b) Recognizing the departing pastor's influence, it is suggested that he/she do all within his/her power to guide the church in following the recommended procedure.

2) Church Procedure

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- (a) The church may consult the Network Executive Officers and the Regional Presbyter for recommendations.
 - (b) It is recommended that no pastoral candidates be considered and voted on whose credential is not in good standing with the General Council. Care should be taken to impress the local church that this is designed for its protection.
 - 3) Network Procedure
 - (a) Upon being contacted, the Network Superintendent or designee shall consult with the church and help in any way possible.
 - (b) Upon request, the Alaska Ministry Network shall submit a list of ministers, which can include local ministers desiring pastorates and ministers from other districts and networks who have expressed a desire to transfer and whose records are in good order.
- h. Disciplinary Intervention in Local Assemblies
 - 1) Right of Intervention

Since the approval of an assembly is the prerogative of the Alaska Ministry Network and is indicated by the issuance of certificates of affiliation, the Alaska Ministry Network has the right to request a meeting with the assembly if for some valid reason its status is in question, and the Alaska Ministry Network has the right to withdraw its certification of membership if deemed necessary.
 - 2) Intervention Procedure
 - (a) Official representatives of the Alaska Ministry Network have the right to meet with church board or voting members, upon an invitation by:
 - [1] Request of the pastor;
 - [2] Action of a majority of the church board;
 - [3] Petition of thirty percent (30%) of the voting members.
 - (b) Before intervention procedures are initiated by any one of the foregoing groups, certain scriptural principles shall be followed. For a petition of thirty percent (30%) of the members to invite Alaska Ministry Network help, the principles of Matthew 18:15-17 shall be acted on. If a pastors conduct or ministry is in question, the principles of I Timothy 5:19 shall be acted on as well. Evidence of such action shall be produced before intervention procedures occur.
 - 3) Circumstances Requiring Intervention

While the right of a local assembly to self-government is a basic Alaska Ministry Network principle, it is also recognized that the assembly has a responsibility to the Alaska Ministry Network. Some Circumstances that may require intervention by the Network Presbyter are:

 - (a) Division resulting in disruption;

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- (b) Assumption of dictatorial authority by the pastor or the board;
 - (c) Prolonged absence of pastoral leadership;
 - (d) Deviation or departure from the Assemblies of God statement of Fundamental Truths, principles, and practices;
 - (e) Attempt to disaffiliate from the Assemblies of God Fellowship.
- i. Guidelines for Minimal Membership
- When the membership of a Ministry Network affiliated assembly falls below minimum requirements for affiliation, it shall seek the assistance of the Alaska Ministry Network for help in maintaining the minimal requirement for Ministry Network affiliation. If after one year, the minimum requirements are not attained, the assembly shall automatically revert to Developing Assembly status. The church shall remain in Developing Assembly status until it again meets the standard for affiliation as a Ministry Network affiliated assembly. When it meets that standard, an application for Ministry Network affiliation shall be filed with the Network Secretary for presentation to the Network Presbytery for a decision.
- j. Mergers and Closures
- In order for an existing church to merge or close, thus abandoning a given area, it is required that the pastor(s) and board(s) of said church(es) first seek the counsel and direction of the Network Presbytery.
- k. Ownership of Property
- 1) The Alaska Ministry Network approves the holding of title to church buildings, schools, or other institutions through properly constituted corporations.
 - 2) The Alaska Ministry Network disapproves the holding of title of such properties through private ownership, corporation of sole, closed corporation, or any other type of ownership where initiative of action or final authority is not vested in the corporation of the whole of those institutions.
 - 3) Where private ownership of church property exists, the Alaska Ministry Network requires that a properly incorporated body be formed and hold title to the property.

SECTION 2. Developing Assemblies

- a. Definition: Network Developing Assemblies are those churches that:
- 1) Are newly established Assemblies.
 - 2) Were previously Ministry Network status churches and reverted to Developing Assembly status, for failure to meet minimum requirements.
 - 3) Churches who have not become sovereign and received Ministry Network status.
 - 4) Churches who, because of need, vote themselves back to Developing

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Assembly status.

b. Prerogatives and Privileges

- 1) Developing Assemblies shall be under the general supervision of the Network Presbytery in all of its affairs.
- 2) Developing Assemblies shall have the right to elect an advisory board of three (3) members to work with the pastor and the Alaska Ministry Network.
- 3) The Network Presbytery shall give due recognition to the recommendations of the advisory board of said assembly and in some instances shall allow self-management of some of its affairs subject to the final authority of the Network Presbytery.
- 4) Each Developing Assembly may send one delegate to meetings of the Alaska Ministry Network and the region.
- 5) If a Developing Assembly shall have been previously incorporated, the Network Presbytery shall act as the board of directors of such assembly.

c. Responsibilities

Developing Assemblies shall have the same responsibilities to support the Alaska Ministry Network as Ministry Network affiliate assemblies.

d. Pastoral Selection Procedure

Pastors for Developing Assemblies shall be chosen by the Network Presbytery. The expression of the local Assembly shall be considered but the final decision lies with the Presbytery.

e. Ownership of Property

The title to the property of a Developing Assembly church shall be held by the Alaska Ministry Network unless in the opinion of the Network Presbytery the church is qualified to be incorporated and hold title to its own property. If a church does hold title to its own property as a Developing Assembly, the Network Presbytery can require that title be transferred to the Alaska Ministry Network and as the Board of the Church shall have the power to do so.

f. Legal and Financial Obligations

A developing Assembly shall have no right to incur any legal or financial obligation of any kind or nature except by written action of the Network Presbytery.

g. Reports

A Developing Assembly shall render an annual written report to the Alaska Ministry Network Presbytery to include a full statement of financial position and any recommendations of an advisory board, if one exists. In addition, a Developing Assembly shall provide other reports, verbally or in writing, as required by the Network Superintendent or Presbytery.

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Cooperating assemblies will be recognized as authorized by the General Council Constitution.

SECTION 4. Parent Affiliated Churches.

Parent Affiliated Assemblies will be recognized as authorized by the General Council Constitution and polices. Parent Affiliated Assemblies are assemblies under the supervision of a parenting church, in accordance with the parenting church's constitution and bylaws. Each Parent Affiliated Church may send one delegate to meetings of the Alaska Ministry Network and the region.

C. Legal Obligations Relating to All Assemblies

The Alaska Ministry Network, its officers or agents shall not be responsible, legal or otherwise, for the acts or failure to act of any Assembly, its pastor, officers or agents unless those obligations are specifically undertaken or assumed by written action of the Network Presbytery.

D. Name

All local churches of the Alaska Ministry Network shall include the name, "Assembly of God," in their legal name.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION AND REVERSION

SECTION 1. In the event the Alaska Ministry Network shall be reduced to less than a total of forty (40) churches: General Council affiliated, Ministry Network affiliated, and Developing Assemblies, the Alaska Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God shall be dissolved. (See General Council Constitution & Bylaws.)

SECTION 2. In the event this Alaska Ministry Network shall cease to function for the purposes herein set forth, then all property real, or chattel, shall revert to the General Council of the Assemblies of God, a Missouri corporation with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri. The General Council shall have full authority to sell such property and use the proceeds derived for the extension of the work of the Assemblies of God.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regular meeting of the Alaska Ministry Network, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted first to the Network Secretary sixty (60) days prior to the Alaska Ministry Network in session. The proposed resolution shall then be submitted to the Resolutions Committee by the Network Secretary. The proposed resolution in its printed form shall be mailed to the Alaska Ministry Network voting constituency at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Alaska Ministry Network Conference. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of votes cast shall be necessary for the adoption of the proposed amendment.



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ARTICLE I - PARLIAMENTARY LAW

In order to expedite the work of the Alaska Ministry Network and to avoid confusion in its deliberations, the Alaska Ministry Network shall be governed by the accepted rules of parliamentary procedure, as set forth by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

ARTICLE II –ALASKA MINISTRY NETWORK REGIONS

SECTION 1. Each region may have one representative in the Network Presbytery. The Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, and Treasurer may serve as Presbyter of the region in which he/she is a resident.

SECTION 2. The subdivision of the Alaska Ministry Network shall be determined by the Alaska Ministry Network in session.

SECTION 3. Each Region shall have an annual meeting, at which time regional business shall be conducted. One delegate from each church and the ministers with voting privileges in the region has a right to vote in the regional business meetings.

ARTICLE III – NETWORK-RECOGNIZED ETHNIC/LANGUAGE FELLOWSHIPS

Network Ethnic/Language groups may form network-recognized fellowships of churches and ministers if they are duly authorized. A duly authorized fellowship is one that has been endorsed by the General Council Executive Presbytery or by the Network Presbytery, having met the criteria for ethnic/language groups (see General Council Bylaws, Article 5, Section 8, Ethnic and Language Fellowships). The fellowship shall exist for the purpose of exchanging information, facilitating evangelism and establishing churches in cooperation with the Network. Each ethnic/language fellowship must operate under network-approved Articles of Fellowship.

ARTICLE IV – ALASKA MINISTRY NETWORK VOTING CONSTITUENCY

SECTION 1. The voting constituency shall consist of all members present and registered at the annual Alaska Ministry Network meeting, specifically: Ordained Ministers, Licensed Ministers, and Certified Ministers, ministry directors, and recognized delegates of officially affiliated Assemblies.

SECTION 2. All delegates to this Alaska Ministry Network must present an official letter of appointment signed by the pastor and secretary of the church they represent.

ARTICLE V - QUORUM

Quorum for Alaska Ministry Network meetings: All voting ministers and delegates, who shall respond to the proper announcement of the time and place of an Alaska Ministry Network meeting, as given by the Network Presbytery, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Qualifications: All Network Officers shall be faithful and able persons of mature Christian experience, chosen from the ordained ministry of the Alaska Ministry Network who shall have resided and been members of the Alaska Ministry Network for at least one year immediately prior to election.

SECTION 2. Nominations and Elections

The officers of the Alaska Ministry Network, except as hereinafter provided, shall be elected at its annual meeting.

a. Superintendent

Nominees for the office of Network Superintendent shall be chosen by secret ballot. All names thus presented shall be balloted upon until a candidate shall have received a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. If no such majority shall have been reached by the second election ballot, the two candidates then having the highest number of votes in the second election ballot shall be the only nominees to be further voted upon and all other names shall be eliminated.

b. Assistant Superintendent

The Network Presbytery shall act as a nominating committee and present the names of one or more qualified ministers for the office of Assistant Superintendent to be voted upon until one receives a two-thirds majority vote, according to subsection a.

c. Secretary

The Network Presbytery shall act as a nominating committee and present the names of one or more qualified ministers for the office of Secretary to be voted upon until one receives a two-thirds majority vote, according to subsection a.

d. Treasurer

The Network Presbytery shall act as a nominating committee and present the names of one or more qualified ministers for the office of Treasurer to be voted upon until one receives a two-thirds majority vote. There shall be no further nominations from the floor.

e. Executive Presbytery

The Executive Presbytery shall consist of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Presbytery shall communicate regularly to review Alaska Ministry Network business and the activities of the Alaska Ministry Network between sessions of the Presbytery. They shall serve as ex-officio members of the Regional Committees.

f. Network Presbyters

1. Regional Presbyters. Regional Presbyters shall be resident in the region which they represent. Nominations of Regional Presbyters shall be made by their respective regions. Election of Presbyters shall be in the same manner as that of the Superintendent. Northern and Central Regional Presbyters shall be elected on the even years and Southeast,

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Western and Peninsula Regional Presbyters shall be elected on the odd years.

2. Network-Recognized Ethnic/Language Fellowship Presbyters. Each duly authorized ethnic/language fellowship having seven (7) or more network-recognized churches, whether General Council Affiliated, Network Affiliated, Developing Assembly, or Parent Affiliated, which are a member of the ethnic/language fellowship, shall be entitled to nominate the President of their Fellowship to represent their Fellowship as a Presbyter on the Alaska Ministry Network Presbytery. This nomination will be ratified by the Network Conference in session following the nomination. The election will occur in the same manner as that of Network Regional Presbyters. The ministers and churches of the Fellowship will not formulate a new Alaska Ministry Network Region. They will remain a participant in their respective Alaska Ministry Network Region. The qualifications, nomination process, and term of office for Ethnic/Language Presbyters shall be defined by the Alaska Ministry Network approved Articles of Fellowship.

g. General Presbyters

According to the General Council Bylaws, each district and/or network shall have the privilege of representation in the General Presbytery by three members. The Network Superintendent and the Secretary shall serve as General Presbyters. If the Assistant Superintendent is a senior pastor or is involved in other ministry located in the Network, he/she shall serve as General Presbyter. In the event that the Assistant Superintendent does not serve as a senior pastor or in other ministry, the Alaska Ministry Network in session shall elect an ordained Assemblies of God senior pastor or someone involved in another ministry to serve as General Presbyter.

h. Northwest Area Representation for General Presbytery

The Alaska Ministry Network will elect, in it's turn, from it's constituency, one ordained minister under 40 years of age at the time of election, active in ministry, and one ordained female minister, active in ministry, to serve on the General Presbytery for one year, representing the Northwest Area. Nominees shall be chosen by secret ballot. All names thus presented shall be balloted upon until a candidate shall have received a simple majority of the votes cast. However, if no such majority shall have been reached by the second electoral ballot, the two candidates then having the highest number of votes in the second electoral ballot shall be the only nominees to be further voted upon and all other names shall be eliminated. These Northwest area elections will occur on an alphabetical basis of the districts within each area, according to the annual rotational schedule set by the Executive Presbytery.

i. Non-Resident Executive Presbyter

The Alaska Ministry Network shall nominate two Non-Resident Executive Presbyters prior to the General Council in which the Northwest Area Non-Resident Executive Presbyter is elected. The Alaska Ministry Network Presbytery shall nominate the Superintendent and the Assistant

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Superintendent of the Alaska Ministry Network for the position of Nonresident Executive Presbyter as long as they meet the criteria of the applicable General Council Bylaw. These nominations shall be ratified by a simple majority voice vote of the Alaska Ministry Network Conference (Alaska District Council) in session.

j. Additional Representation for Executive Presbytery

The nomination process for three additional non-resident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Prior to the General Council at which the election will occur, at its Network Conference, the Alaska Ministry Network shall nominate three individuals from its Network to the Executive Presbytery, one who is an ordained minister under the age of 40 at the time of election, one ordained female minister, and one ordained African-American minister. From the nominees received from all the Districts and Networks, the General Presbytery will select and submit to the General Council four names of ordained ministers under 40 years of age at the time of election, four names of ordained females, and four names of ordained African-Americans. These candidates shall be voted on at General Council.

k. Honorary Presbyters

Upon approval of the Presbytery, honorary members may be chosen by the Alaska Ministry Network from those ministers who have served on the Network Presbytery for 10 years or more and have reached the age of 60. This honor does not extend the privilege of participation in presbytery meetings.

l. Network Representatives on the Northwest University of the Assemblies of God Board of Directors

The Network Superintendent shall, by virtue of office, serve on the Board of Directors of Northwest University of the Assemblies of God. The Presbytery shall develop policy in the Alaska Ministry Network policy manual for appointing additional nominees for consideration to the Board of Northwest University in accordance with Northwest University Bylaws.

SECTION 3. Vacancies

- a. Any office shall be declared vacant by an action of two-thirds of the Presbytery. Grounds for such actions shall be: unscriptural conduct, radical departure from the tenets of faith, incompetence in office, and absence from the Alaska Ministry Network.
- b. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Network Superintendent, the unexpired term shall be filled by the Assistant Superintendent. The unexpired term of the Assistant Superintendent shall be filled by the Presbytery. The unexpired term of the Secretary shall be filled by the presbytery. The unexpired term of the Treasurer shall be filled by the presbytery. The unexpired term of a Presbyter shall be filled by the Executive Presbytery.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Duties of the Network Superintendent

The Network Superintendent shall:

- a. Be a corporate officer.
- b. Devote his/her full time to the duties of the office, and shall have personal supervision of all work of the Network in cooperation with the Network Presbytery.
- c. Preside at the meetings of the Alaska Ministry Network.
- d. Preside at the meetings of the Network Presbytery.
- e. Preside at the meetings of the Executive Presbytery.
- f. Co-sign all legal documents.
- g. Be the President of the corporation in all its legal matters and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- h. Perform any other function customary for the presiding officer, or such as may be directed by the Alaska Ministry Network or Presbytery and shall be given Power of Attorney to enable him/her to carry out these directives, programs, and policies.
- i. Initiate an investigation regarding a credentialed minister upon receipt of written complaint.

SECTION 2. Duties of Assistant Superintendent

The Assistant Superintendent shall:

- a. Be a corporate officer.
- b. Accept responsibilities as designated by the Network Superintendent and Presbytery. He/she shall be a member of and attend all Network Presbytery sessions.
- c. Be a member and attend all Executive Presbytery sessions.
- d. Represent the Alaska Ministry Network at the General Council.
- e. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Network Superintendent, he/she shall assume that office and perform all duties required until the next Alaska Ministry Network Conference.

SECTION 3. Duties of Secretary

The Network Secretary shall:

- a. Be a corporate officer.
- b. Have duties determined by the Network Presbytery in harmony with the provisions of Alaska State law.
- c. Be a member of the Network Presbytery and General Council Presbytery by virtue of office.

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- d. Be a member of the Executive Presbytery.
- e. Serve as Secretary of the meetings of the Executive Presbytery, Network Presbytery, and the Alaska Ministry Network in Session.
- f. Be custodian of the Official Seal.
- g. Oversee the recording of all credentialed ministers, churches, and affiliated ministries within the Alaska Ministry Network.
- h. Be authorized to sign all official and legal documents and checks, as need may require, and perform such other functions as may be directed by the Network Presbytery or Alaska Ministry Network in session.

SECTION 4. Duties of the Treasurer

The Network Treasurer shall:

- a. Be a corporate officer.
- b. Have duties determined by the Network Superintendent in conjunction with the Network Presbytery and Alaska State laws.
- c. Be a Member of the Alaska Ministry Network Presbytery by virtue of office.
- d. Be responsible for the maintenance and publication of Alaska Ministry Network financial records and custodian of all Alaska Ministry Network funds.
- e. Verify that accurate records of receipts and disbursements of the Alaska Ministry Network monies are maintained.
- f. Contract annually with a Certified Accountant to review the Alaska Ministry Network's finances.
- g. Be authorized to sign all official and legal documents and checks, as need may require, and perform such other functions as may be directed by the Network Presbytery or Alaska Ministry Network in session.

SECTION 5. Duties of the Network Presbytery

- a. It is the duty of the Network Presbyters to represent the Alaska Ministry Network constituency, to serve in keeping with the expressed intent of the Alaska Ministry Network in session, and to make a report to the body.
- b. The Network Presbytery shall be the directors and trustees of the Alaska Ministry Network Corporation. They shall have the official oversight of the business and activities of the Alaska Ministry Network, working in keeping with the expressed intent of the Alaska Ministry Network. Their decision shall be final unless reversed by the Alaska Ministry Network in session.
- c. They shall have the power to appoint committees and department directors as may be required.
- d. They shall assist the Network Superintendent in the oversight of official meetings, in making investigations regarding credential matters, and in other Alaska Ministry Network matters as assigned.

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- e. They shall periodically review the Alaska Ministry Network Policy Manual, overseeing and ratifying changes as deemed necessary.
- f. They shall determine the salary and financial arrangements of the Alaska Ministry Network with respect to Network officers and the expenses of their offices, and shall review the same annually.
- g. The Network Presbyters may make provision for paying travel expenses of Regional Presbyters, General Presbyters, and Network Officers while traveling on authorized Alaska Ministry Network business.
- h. They shall provide for annual vacations with pay for all full-time Network Officers.
- i. The Presbytery of the Alaska Ministry Network shall be the Credentials Committee.
- j. In cooperation with the officers of the Network, the regional duties of the Presbyters shall be:
 - 1) To arrange for the date and place of any official meeting to be held in his/her region, and to submit this information to the Network Superintendent. Each Presbyter shall notify the ministers in his/her region of meetings which are to be held.
 - 2) To assist and encourage Assemblies in his/ her region.
 - 3) To encourage the constituency, by example, to support the Alaska Ministry Network spiritually, morally, financially, and in every way.
 - 4) To work in close harmony with the Network Superintendent and keep him/her informed of developments within the region.
 - 5) To encourage the ministers and missionaries of the region to work in close harmony with the presbyter and keep him/her informed of the welfare and progress of the work in their respective fields.

SECTION 6. Duties of General Presbyters

The General Presbyters shall represent the Alaska Ministry Network at the General Council and General Presbyter's meetings.

SECTION 7. Meetings

Members of the Presbytery or Executive Presbytery, or any committee designated by the Presbytery or Executive Presbytery, may participate and act in any meeting through the use of a conference telephone or other communication device by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate simultaneously with each other. Participation in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the member or members so participating.

Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Presbytery or Executive Presbytery may be taken without a meeting if all members consent thereto in writing, and the writings are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Presbytery.

ARTICLE VIII – MINISTRY

SECTION 1. Requirements for Ministry

The requirements for ministerial credentials for the Alaska Ministry Network shall be the same as those stated in the General Council Bylaws.

SECTION 2. Discipline

All matters regarding discipline of credentialed ministers of the Alaska Ministry Network Assemblies of God shall be the same as those stated in the General Council Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX – FINANCES

SECTION 1. Paying Tithes

The Alaska Ministry Network recognizes the duty and privilege of tithing and expects that all believers will pay their tithes in honor of God. According to Scripture, the tithe should be used for the support of active ministry, the propagation of the Gospel, and the work of the Lord.

a. Credentialed Ministers Tithe

- 1) The work of the Alaska Ministry Network, in its oversight and development of the Network, incurs considerable expense including financial support of the full-time Network Officials and other help needed in maintaining its work, expenses, travel, etc. Therefore, to meet this need, every Certified Minister, Licensed and Ordained minister of the Alaska Ministry Network will pay a minimum monthly fee of \$70 per month or eighty percent (80%) of his/her ministerial tithe, whichever is the greater, to the Alaska Ministry Network General Fund.
- 2) The Network Presbytery shall be given the authority to develop and implement policy which will allow the Network Presbytery to adjust the minimum monthly fee of the ministerial tithe.
- 3) Nationally appointed US Missionaries and World Missionaries and Chaplains who have national ecclesiastical endorsement shall contribute according to the requirements set by the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
- 4) Non-Ministry Network Personnel: Any minister or evangelism/musical group from other networks involved in ministry will be expected to contribute to the Alaska Ministry Network a minimum of two percent (2%) of the total funds received in the Alaska Ministry Network to the Alaska Ministry Network.
- 5) The credentials of any minister who fails to support the Alaska Ministry Network with his/her tithes shall be withheld until reason is given to the Credentials Committee and validity is considered. Any minister who has failed to meet his/her financial responsibility to the Alaska Ministry Network will not be eligible for transfer to another district or network until that obligation is satisfied.
- 6) In cases where both husband and wife are credentialed, the second

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credentialee shall be required to contribute a minimum of \$10.00 per month.

- 7) Senior ministers 65 or over whose tithes is below the minimum requirements stated in the Bylaws shall not be expected to pay the minimum.

b. Exemptions of Tithes

- 1) Any minister who has reached the age of 65 and reports on his/her annual General Council credential renewal application as senior-retired shall be exempt from paying tithes to the Alaska Ministry Network.
- 2) Any exemption cases may be appealed annually in writing to the Executive Presbytery. All those granted exemption status will be expected to tithe at least the portion applicable from their income received until such time that they can again tithe as stated in the Article.

SECTION 2. Church Contributions

- a. It is recommended that every Assembly support the Alaska Ministry Network office with two percent (2%) of their general funds.
- b. Each Assembly is encouraged to contribute to the Network Ministries fund on a monthly basis or by special offering.
- c. Each Assembly is encouraged to financially support Northwest University.

SECTION 3. Distribution of Alaska Ministry Network Funds

The disbursement of Alaska Ministry Network funds shall be at the direction of and subject to the approval of the Network Presbytery.

SECTION 4. Loans

The Network Presbytery shall be authorized to borrow funds on behalf of the Alaska Ministry Network in accordance with the policies, plans, and programs adopted by the Alaska Ministry Network.

ARTICLE X - BUILDING PROJECTS

Any church related construction or purchase where Alaska Ministry Network funds are utilized must receive prior approval from the Network Presbytery.

ARTICLE XI - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Regional Committees

Each region shall elect a committee of two Ordained Ministers to work with the Presbyter. If Ordained Ministers are not available for election, Licensed Ministers actively pursuing Ordination may be elected. The Presbyter shall chair this committee.

- a. They shall be members of their region for at least six (6) months.
- b. Each region shall elect their two committee persons by simple majority at the

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- caucus of their region during the annual Alaska Ministry Network Conference.
- c. Each committee person shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.
 - d. In the event of a vacancy in the committee during the year, the Presbyter, in consultation with the Superintendent, shall appoint an Ordained Minister in the region to fill the unexpired term. If Ordained Ministers are not available for election, Licensed Ministers actively pursuing Ordination may be elected.
 - e. Any credentialing matters involving Ordination, Licensed Minister/s actively pursuing Ordination would be replaced by Executive Presbyter/s or appointed Ordained Minister/s selected by the Presbyter, in consultation with the Superintendent.
 - f. Duties of the Regional Committee shall be:
 - 1) To assist the Presbyter in the formation and promotion of the regional program.
 - 2) To act with the Presbyter in church planting and development in their region.
 - 3) To serve with the presbyter as the Regional Credentials Committee.

SECTION 2. Regional Credentials Committee

The Regional Credentials Committee shall consist of the Presbyter of the region and two (2) regional committee persons. Duties of Regional Credentials Committee:

- a. They shall interview all credential applicants from their respective region. This committee's recommendations shall be forwarded to the Alaska Ministry Network Credentials Committee for final action.
- b. In the event any applicants are denied credentials, they shall have the right of appeal to the Alaska Ministry Network credentials committee.

SECTION 3. Standing Committees

- a. Standing Committees shall be established or appointed as necessary. They shall be appointed by the Network Superintendent in cooperation with the Network Presbytery, and the term of office shall continue until the dissolution of the committee by the Network Superintendent in cooperation with the Network Presbytery.
- b. All committees shall be appointed and notified at least forty-five (45) days before the convening of the annual Alaska Ministry Network meeting or as needed.

SECTION 4. Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc committees shall be appointed and dissolved by the Network Superintendent as needed.

SECTION 5. Resolutions Committee

- a. Procedure for presenting resolutions

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A Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the Network Presbytery. All resolutions for presentation to the Alaska Ministry Network, except emergency measures, shall be presented to the Network Secretary's office and the Resolutions Committee Chairman at least sixty (60) days prior to an Alaska Ministry Network in session. The Resolutions Committee shall prepare the resolutions in printed form and mail them to the Alaska Ministry Network ministers and churches at least 21 days prior to the Alaska Ministry Network Conference, with the understanding that this does not apply to resolutions of an emergency nature. A two-thirds vote of the Alaska Ministry Network will decide the emergency nature of a resolution. The Network Presbytery may also present resolutions to the Alaska Ministry Network without prior notice if in their judgment they deem it to be of sufficient importance.

b. Sponsorship policy

All resolutions presented to the Resolutions Committee shall be signed by the author or sponsor. When a resolution is presented for the consideration of the Alaska Ministry Network in session, the author, sponsor, or a spokesperson shall be expected to be the first speaker on behalf of the resolution.

c. Appropriateness of resolutions

The Resolutions Committee shall, by a two-thirds vote, determine the appropriateness of a proposed resolution, including the following criteria in its decision: possible conflict with the corporate charter, constitution, bylaws, or those proposals absurd in substance.

d. Right of sponsor

If the Resolutions Committee determines that a resolution is inappropriate, the author shall be apprised of the right to present the proposed resolution to the Alaska Ministry Network in session for determination as to its appropriateness.

e. Format of presentation

The Resolutions Committee shall:

- 1) Put resolutions in proper form.
- 2) Eliminate duplication where similar resolutions relating to a specific subject will be offered in a logical sequence.

ARTICLE XII - US AND WORLD MISSIONS

Each minister shall promote the interests of US and World Missions. They shall encourage missionary giving both to home and foreign fields.

ARTICLE XIII - INSURANCE

- a. It is recommended that all ministers of the Alaska Ministry Network avail themselves of the Group Insurance Plan provided by the General Council or the plan endorsed by the Alaska Ministry Network.

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- b. All members of the Insurance Plan shall keep their premiums paid up in full.

ARTICLE XIV - POLICY MANUAL

The Network Presbytery shall be empowered to develop and maintain a set of documents referred to as the *Alaska Ministry Network Policy Manual*. These documents shall set forth the policies, procedures, guidelines, and parameters relating to the development, operation, structure, and leadership of the recognized ministries and Alaska Ministry Network office personnel. The *Alaska Ministry Network Policy Manual* shall be administered by the Network Presbytery. The Executive Presbytery shall submit to the Network Presbytery all proposed additions, deletions, and modifications of the *Alaska Ministry Network Policy Manual* for approval or amendment. The *Alaska Ministry Network Policy Manual* shall be made available, upon request, to all churches and credentialed ministers.

ARTICLE XV - BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Network Superintendent shall present an order of business for approval by the Alaska Ministry Network in Session.

ARTICLE XVI - DISSOLUTION AND REVERSION

- a. In the event this Alaska Ministry Network shall cease to function for the purposes herein set forth, then all property, real or chattel, shall revert to the parent body, the General Council of the Assemblies of God, a Missouri corporation with headquarters at Springfield, Missouri. The General Council shall have full authority to dispose of such property and use the proceeds derived there from for the extension of the work of the Assemblies of God.
- b. In the event of cessation of this Alaska Ministry Network, its Board of Trustees (or Directors) shall transfer all properties, 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 or if the aforesaid General Council shall be unable to or unwilling to accept the afore-stated transfer, then disposition shall be made by the court of the Judicial District in which the Alaska Ministry Network headquarters office is located, provided that in such case proceeds of the dissolution shall be distributed to organizations having purposes nearest the purpose of the Assemblies of God.

ARTICLE XVII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at the regular meetings of the Alaska Ministry Network. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary for adoptions.



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