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August 15, 2022

RE: 2022 Annual General Meeting – Proposed Resolutions

Warmest greetings!

In preparation of the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the Western Ontario District of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada scheduled for October 19, 2022, the *District Constitution and By-Laws* of the Western Ontario District (WOD) requires that notice of the public posting of proposed amendments to the constitution be distributed to each credential holder member of the District Conference.

This year, there are three (3) proposed resolutions for amendment of the *District Constitution and By-Laws*. For your review, the resolutions are included in this letter and have also been posted to the district website – www.wodistrict.org

The *District Constitution and By-Laws* does make provision for a printed copy of the by-law resolutions upon request. If you desire to have these mailed to you, please contact Laura Redman at lredman@wodistrict.org.

Sincerely,



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PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION #1 – DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS the District Conference empowered the District Executive, in cooperation with a consultant to begin a restructuring of leadership, organization and the operations of the Western Ontario District for the current, cultural context of ministry within its territory

AND WHEREAS the standing Regional Directors are elected but also paid employees of the Western Ontario District

AND WHEREAS according to By-Law 6.3.2 establishes that Regional Directors will serve directly under the authority of the District Superintendent

AND WHEREAS policy has been established and is governed by the District Executive in respect to paid employees of the Western Ontario District

AND WHEREAS it is the intention of the District Executive to alleviate any potential future confusion and remove redundancy within the *District Constitution and By-Laws* of Western Ontario District;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Laws 4 be amended by the deletion of By-Law 4.2.1.2 and, also, the addition of a new section further defining the process of appointments:

4.3 APPOINTMENTS

4.3.1 Regional Directors

The appointment of Regional Directors shall be made by the District Executive, in consultation with the District Superintendent following a thorough, open application and hiring process made available to all credential holders, as established by the district hiring policy.

4.3.1.1 Vacancies through end of term, resignation, transfer, removal by death or disqualification, shall be filled in accordance with established district hiring policy.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Laws 6.3 becomes By-Law 5.2 with deletions and additions as follows:

5.2 Regional Directors

- 5.2.1** There shall be Regional Directors, the number of which will be determined by the District Executive, based on need and finance.
- 5.2.2** The Regional Directors will serve under the authority of the District Superintendent in the region to which they have been ~~elected~~ appointed.
- 5.2.3** ~~They shall be required to live in the region for which each is elected.~~
- 5.2.4** They shall be non-voting members of the District Executive and may attend District Executive meetings at the discretion of the District Superintendent.
- 5.2.5** They shall hold regional meetings as required, in consultation with the District Superintendent and forward minutes of all regional committee meetings to the Secretary-Treasurer.

5.2.6 They shall work with the District Executive Regional members and Section Pastors on all matters relating to their respective regions. **They shall give leadership in collaboration with the District Executive and Section Pastors on matters relating to their respective regions.**

5.2.7 They shall serve on other committees and perform other duties, as requested by the District Executive, from time-to-time.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 8 be amended as follows:

ARTICLE 8 OFFICERS

8.1 The District Executive Officers of this District Conference shall be:

- District Superintendent
- ~~Regional Directors~~
- Assistant District Superintendent
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Such other officer(s) as the District Conference may determine

8.1.1 The District Superintendent, ~~Regional Directors~~ and the Secretary-Treasurer shall serve in full-time capacity.

8.2 The District Executive shall consist of:

- **District Superintendent**
- **Assistant District Superintendent**
- **Secretary-Treasurer (non-voting)**
- ~~District Executive Officers~~
- District Executive Members
- Such other(s) who may be authorized by the District Conference

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all currently serving, elected regional directors will complete their current term of office and are eligible to apply according to the appointment process as stated in By-Law 4.3.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT any further nomination or election references pertaining to that of the Regional Directors be automatically edited to reflect the change to appointment accordingly.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT any appointment references already established in the *District Constitution and By-Laws*, be automatically moved to the appropriate section for consistency.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the *District Constitution and By-Laws* be renumbered accordingly.

RESOLUTION #2 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

WHEREAS the provincial and federal governments each have reporting requirements for corporate charities,

AND WHEREAS the Western Ontario District of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada is a provincially incorporated, registered charity,

AND WHEREAS the Western Ontario District is subject to the *General Constitution and By-Laws* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

AND WHEREAS the District Conference (voting members) of Western Ontario District are required to meet annually,

AND WHEREAS the District Conference previously approved the use of any electronic means as an emergency provision to facilitate engagement in an annual meeting or special session of the District Conference,

AND WHEREAS the District Conference would benefit from extending this provision beyond emergencies.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 10 be amended as follows:

10.1 Annual General Meeting

~~The District Conference shall meet annually in the fall; time and place to be announced by the District Executive. The announcement shall be published not later than one (1) month prior to the time of meeting.~~

10.1.1 The District Conference shall meet annually in accordance with government requirements

10.1.2 The time and place of the general meeting shall be determined by the district executive.

10.1.2.1 ~~In the event circumstances dictate that the Annual General Meeting cannot be held in person, The Annual General Meeting may be held **in person**, virtually, **or in combination**, by telephonic or electronic means. A voting member who, through those means, votes at a meeting or establishes a communications link to the meeting shall be deemed to be present at the Annual General Meeting.~~

10.1.3 The general meeting notice shall be published no later than one (1) month prior to the time of meeting.

10.2 Special Sessions

~~Special sessions may be called to meet any emergency that may arise within the Western Ontario District. Such call shall be issued by the Secretary-Treasurer upon authorization of the majority vote of the District Executive.~~

10.2.1 The time and place of a special session shall be determined by the district executive.

10.2.1.1 ~~In the event circumstances dictate that the Special Session cannot be held in person, The meeting **Special Session** may be held **in person**, virtually, **or in combination**, by telephonic or electronic means virtually, by telephonic or electronic means. A voting member who, through those means, votes at a meeting or establishes a communications link to the meeting shall be deemed to be present at the meeting.~~

10.2.2 Notice of session shall contain the time and place of meeting and also a concise statement of the business to be dealt with at the meeting.

10.2.3 Notices shall be published no later than 10 days prior to the time of any special session.

10.3 Quorum

~~All credential holders Members with voting privileges and delegates of the Annual General Meeting, who are present and registered by the roster committee, and vote at any meeting of the District Conference, shall constitute the voting constituency and be considered a quorum.~~

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the following definition be added to the *Glossary of Terms*:

PRESENT AT A MEETING **Someone who attends a meeting whether in person or virtually and remains engaged in said meeting shall be deemed to be present.**

RESOLUTION #3 – HOUSEKEEPING AND EDITING

WHEREAS it necessary to conform to all parts in the amended *General Constitution and By-Laws* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as approved at the 2022 General Conference;

AND WHEREAS editorial and grammatical changes have been noted in the text of amendments to the *District Constitution and By-Laws*, as prepared by the Constitutional Review Committee;

AND WHEREAS a further review of the entire *District Constitution and By-Laws*, will be conducted by the office of the Secretary-Treasurer subsequent to this Annual General Meeting and prior to further publication to ensure that the numbering and cross-references in the text are accurate;

AND WHEREAS it is desired to provide uniformity and clarity in all parts of the *District Constitution and By-Laws* of the Western Ontario District of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT such editorial amendments of the 2022 version of the *General Constitution and By-Laws* of The

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and as are included in the 2022 amendments of the *District Constitution and By-Laws*, distributed to the members of this District Conference, and all necessary renumbering of the by-laws with updated cross-references, be hereby approved for publication of the *District Constitution and By-Laws* of Western Ontario District of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the addition of a *Glossary of Terms* be included in the publication of the *District Constitution and By-Laws* of Western Ontario District of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.