



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 28, 2025

GLAD TIDINGS, BURLINGTON

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION 1 - DISTRICT EXECUTIVE LAY MEMBERS AS VOTING MEMBERS (By-Law 3.1)

WHEREAS at the 2024 Annual General Meeting the District Conference approved the inclusion of lay members to the District Executive of the Western Ontario District,

AND WHEREAS lay members are voting members of the District Executive,

AND WHEREAS lay members do not hold a current, valid credential with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada,

BE IT RESOLVED By-Law 3.1 be revised By-Law 3.1 to include appointed lay persons and appear as follows:

3.1 *Holders of the following categories of current, valid credentials **and appointed lay persons** with the Western Ontario District of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, and who have their permanent residence within the boundaries of the Western Ontario District (residential exceptions may be made at the discretion of the District Executive) shall be recognized as members of the District Conference:*

- *Ordained*
- *Ministerial License for Women*
- *Licensed Minister*
- *Deaconess*
- *Recognition of Ministry*
- *Ministry Related*
- ***Duly appointed lay members of the District Executive***
- *Duly appointed lay delegates from any affiliated assembly*
- *Duly appointed district department directors*
- *Global workers on home assignment with qualifying credentials in Western Ontario*
- *District lay person who is a member of the General Executive*

RESOLUTION 2 - DISTRICT EXECUTIVE QUALIFICATIONS (By-Law 4.1)

WHEREAS at the 2024 Annual General Meeting the District Conference approved the inclusion of lay members to the District Executive of the Western Ontario District,

AND WHEREAS lay members are not required to be ordained,

AND WHEREAS By-Law 4.1 and 4.2 specifies the qualifications of all District Executive members,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 4.1 and 4.2 be revised as follows:

4.1 Qualifications

4.1.1 The District Executive of this District Conference shall be ~~ordained~~ persons of mature experience, and sound character as follows: ~~who shall have been ordained ministers based on By-Law 4.1.~~

4.1.1.1 ~~They shall be chosen from the membership and shall have held their credentials with, and been ministering within, the Western Ontario District for at least one (1) year, immediately preceding such election.~~
The members from each region shall be chosen from the ordained ministers of the Western Ontario District who have been ordained for a period of at least three (3) years, have held their credentials with the Western Ontario District for at least one (1) year immediately preceding such election, and minister in the prescribed region.

4.1.1.2 The members at large shall be chosen from the ordained ministers of the Western Ontario District who have been ordained for a period of at least three (3) years, have held their credentials with the Western Ontario District for at least one (1) year immediately preceding such election.

4.1.1.2 The lay members shall be persons of mature experience and ability who have current District Executive endorsement and membership in a local church of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and who have had membership in one (1) or more churches of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada over a period of six (6) consecutive years, whose life and ministry are above question, and who have given evidence of Christian leadership. Lay members, receiving District Executive endorsement, shall agree with the Statement of Essential Truths of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

4.1.1.3 District Executive Officers, District Executive and Section Pastors may only hold one (1) office at a time, with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer.

4.2 Nominations and Elections

4.2.2 District Executive Members

4.2.2.1 The number of District Executive Members shall be eleven (11) apportioned by two (2) to each region, three (3) members at large and two (2) lay members.

~~4.2.2.2 The members from each region shall be chosen from the ordained ministers of the Western Ontario District who have been ordained for a period of at least three (3) years, have held their credentials with the Western Ontario~~

~~District for at least one (1) year immediately preceding such election, and minister in the prescribed region.~~

~~4.2.2.3 The three (3) members at large shall be chosen from the ordained ministers of the Western Ontario District who have been ordained for a period of at least three (3) years, have held their credentials with the Western Ontario District for at least one (1) year immediately preceding such election.~~

4.2.2.4 The two (2) lay members shall be appointed by the District Executive at the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. ~~persons of mature experience and ability who have current District Executive endorsement and membership in a local church of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and who have had membership in one (1) or more churches of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada over a period of six (6) consecutive years, whose life and ministry are above question, and who have given evidence of Christian leadership. Lay members, receiving District Executive endorsement, shall agree with the Statement of Essential Truths of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.~~

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that numbering be automatically revised.

RESOLUTION 3 - DISTRICT EXECUTIVE NOMINEES (By-Law 4.2.2.5)

WHEREAS By-Law 4.2.2.5 states that biographies and pictures "shall" be presented "along with" the list of nominees as a requirement for the District Executive nomination process,

AND WHEREAS historically there have been times that a biography and picture haven't been submitted which leaves vulnerability of constitutional compliance,

AND WHEREAS the inclusion of biographies and pictures is more of a courtesy or a matter more of policy or procedure,

BE IT RESOLVED By-Law 4.2.2.5 be revised to remove the words "along with a short biography and picture" as shown below:

4.2.2.5 The nomination of District Executive Members be done through a pre-conference nomination ballot. The nomination ballot shall be compiled by a nominating committee consisting of the District Superintendent, Assistant District Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer and based on the pre-conference nomination ballot. However, the nominating committee may submit additional names. A list of nominees who are willing to let their name stand for election shall be presented ~~along with a short biography and picture~~ to the District Conference.