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MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CERTIFICATION

THIS CONSTITUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THREE-FOURTHS MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELIGIBLE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL ON THE 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 1990 AND REVIEWED AND UPDATED NOVEMBER 2007.

PREAMBLE

This Constitution shall be the governing instrument for the Midwestern District Council, 12th Episcopal District, of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, inc. (Hereinafter referred to as the Council or M.D.C.) No law, rule or directive shall become binding upon the Council, or its members, when such rule violates the provisions of this document.

This document at all times shall uphold the integrity of the Word of God as the infallible doctrine upon which the Council is built.

This document shall not directly or indirectly support, infer, suggest, sustain, or otherwise make any rule of government, which dilutes or discredits the teachings of the Bible.

This document shall not violate the Constitution or By -Laws of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. (Hereinafter referred to as the P.A.W.)

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION

The Diocese shall be organized in accordance with the laws of the P.A.W. and incorporated in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri as a not-for-profit religious institution. Its purpose shall be consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the P.A.W. and the Articles of Incorporation whereby it is founded. Furthermore, its existence shall be perpetual. The Diocese shall engage in any activity deemed lawful by the State of Missouri, the P.A.W. and the Board of Directors of the Midwestern District Council so long as such activity is deemed beneficial to the Council in the fulfillment of its purpose, and docs not conflict with or compromise the Word of God.

ARTICLE II - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Council shall be governed by a Board of Directors. Such Board shall constitute the governing body for all secular and judiciary members of the Council. The Diocesan shall be the President of the corporation and shall serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Diocese. The Diocesan, Chairman, 1st Vice Chairman, 2nd

Vice Chairman Secretary, General Treasurer, Assistant General Treasurer, and two lay members of the Diocese shall be permanent members of the Board of Directors as long as they hold such office (April 2016). Lay members shall be elected by a majority of the electorate. Such lay members shall serve in such capacity until the term of such Director is expired. The Director shall serve period of three (3) years or until such lay member is deemed incapable by reason of death, ill-health, or a lifestyle that is inconsistent with the Word of God, the P.A.W. or the Council; or until such lay member is no longer a member of the Council. The Diocesan, Chairman, General Secretary, General Treasurer, and one (1) lay member of the Council shall comprise an Executive Committee, and shall act on behalf of the Board of Directors when a meeting of the entire Board is not convenient. All former M.D.C. Presiding Bishops shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III - DIOCESAN

The Diocesan shall be the executive head of the Diocese. Such Diocesan shall be appointed by the P.A.W. and shall be its official representative to the 12th Episcopal District, of which the Council is comprised. Such Diocesan shall be accorded all authority, rights and privileges granted by the P.A.W. The Diocesan shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Diocese and primary overseer of its affairs.

The signature of the Diocesan and the Chairman shall be affixed to all business of the Council. Such business shall include, but not be limited to, all legal and financial business of the Council.

ARTICLE IV – DIOCESAN BISHOP'S CABINET

The Bishop's Cabinet shall be appointed at the discretion of the Diocesan.

ARTICLE V – EPISCOPAL OFFICE

The Episcopal Office is established to assist the Diocesan with the continuous operation and flow of the Council. The Diocesan shall have the authority to appoint the necessary personnel who may serve at the discretion of the Diocesan for as long as the Diocesan deems necessary. The Episcopal Office shall consist of, but shall not be limited to, the following positions: Director of Evangelism and New Church Development, Director of Fine Arts, Director of Marketing, Director of Public Relations, Director of MDC Connection, Director of Community Relations, Director of MDC Institute, Director of Multimedia, Director of Programming, and Director of Welcome and Hospitality. Bishop's Cabinet shall be appointed at the discretion of the Diocesan.

ARTICLE VI – GENERAL ELECTED OFFICERS

All general officers of the Council shall be elected by a majority of the eligible voters of the Council, in accordance with its By-Laws, during an Annual Council Session, and shall serve for a period of three (3) years. The term "general elected officer" shall apply to the Chairman, 1st Vice Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, General Treasurer, and Assistant General Treasurer. No person shall be eligible to hold general office that has not been a registered participant of the previous three (3) general council sessions (April, November, and July) prior to a general election.

ARTICLE VII – APPOINTED COMMITTEE HEADS/STAFF

The Chairman shall be empowered to appoint limited to Chaplains(s), Parliamentarian(s), Sergeant(s)-at-arm s, Monitor(s), and Teller(s) for the balloting committee for functions needed to operate Council sessions as well as to appoint necessary appointees to fulfill Chairman responsibilities. All appointees of the Chairman are subject to the approval of the Diocesan.

ARTICLE VIII - CHAIRMAN

The Chairman shall serve as Chief Operating Officer of the Council and shall be authorized to implement all programs and actions pertaining to the operations of the Council as legislated by the Council; directed by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee: or directed by the Diocesan. The Chairman, along with the Diocesan, shall plan the activities of the general Council sessions and shall chair all meetings of the Council sessions. The signature of the Chairman shall be affixed to all business of the Council; however, all financial matters and legal matters of the Council must be with the approval of the Diocesan. Such business shall include, but shall not be limited to all legal and financial business of the Council. The Chairman shall act as designee on behalf of the Diocesan when required. The Chairman's authority shall be derived from the Bishop of the Council and the Constitution. The Chairman shall be an active pastor of the Council.

ARTICLE IX – VICE CHAIRMAN

The Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman as shall be requested from time to time. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall chair the general Council sessions. In the event of a long-term illness or death of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, shall act as chairman until the next regularly scheduled general election. The Vice-Chairman shall be an active pastor of the Council.

ARTICLE X – GENERAL SECRETARY

The General Secretary shall maintain all records and papers pertaining to the Council sessions including the archiving of all records at the District office as determined by the Diocesan. Such records shall become the property of the Council,

and shall be maintained at a location and in a manner as shall be determined by the Council. The General Secretary shall record minutes of all official proceedings of the general Council sessions; and shall furnish typed copies of such minutes as shall be needed from time to time. Such minutes shall be read at the next meeting; and shall be corrected and maintained as adopted.

The General Secretary shall maintain all legislation passed by the Council, and shall ensure compliance with such legislation. Copies of such legislation shall be available during business sessions.

Section 1. The General Secretary shall attend all business sessions and all official business meetings of the Council and shall record minutes of such meetings.

Section 2. The General Secretary shall send copies of all minutes to all M.D.C. Pastors after each special called meeting and each general business session via U.S. mail.

Section 3. The General Secretary shall provide All-Auxiliary badges to the members that shall include an amount that registers the recipients of the badge with every Auxiliary of the Council. The badge shall have prorated into its cost the cost of general Council registration.

Section 4. The General Secretary shall provide free registration to various members of the Council as directed by the Board of Directors. Lifetime memberships will be granted to various members of the Council based on longevity and services as deemed necessary by the Diocesan, Board of Directors, or Executive Committee, with the approval of the Diocesan.

Section 5. The General Secretary shall provide the Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, General Treasurer, and Assistant General Treasurer of the Council free All-Auxiliary registration with all rights and privileges therein. The spouse of the Chairman shall receive the same.

Section 6. The General Secretary shall provide the Bishop of the Diocese free All-Auxiliary registration with all of the rights and privileges therein. The spouse of the Diocesan shall receive the same.

Section 7. The name of the Diocesan and the Chairman of the Council shall appear on all letterhead and other printed documents of the M.D.C.

Section 8. The General Secretary shall summarize, prepare and disseminate all pertinent information to all of the appropriate persons in writing as he/she is furnished with the information concerning any Council business sessions.

Section 9. The General Secretary shall provide typed copies of the minutes of the Council

to the members as they register for the general Council session. (As a matter of convenience the minutes shall be provided in the registration packets.)

Section 10. In the case of sickness or death or like distresses which may occur in the lives of our members, members of the Council shall inform the General Secretary of such occurrences, who will inform the Suffragan Bishops and District Elders, who will then inform the Pastors of the Churches in their Districts and the Pastors are to inform their members.

Section 11. The General Secretary shall inform the Diocesan, Chairman, and Suffragan Bishops of Member Churches that are not filing their Church Reports. The Suffragan Bishops shall inform the District Elders who will then inform the Member Church.

Section 12. The General Secretary shall be responsible for the District calendar with information provided to him/her by the Diocesan, Chairman, and Auxiliary Presidents. The deadline for submitting such information is October 1 of each year.

Section 13. The registration fee for general Council registration is $7.00 and the total fee for All-Auxiliary registration is $60.00. (See SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL REG ISTRATION FEES)

ARTICLE XI – ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

The Assistant General Secretary shall exercise those functions and duties delegated to him/her by the General Secretary. The Assistant General Secretary shall assist the General Secretary as shall be required during such absence. The Assistant General Secretary shall operate and staff the registration office during general Council sessions. In the event of a long-term illness or death of the General Secretary, the Assistant General Secretary shall act as General Secretary until the next regularly scheduled general election.

ARTICLE XII – GENERAL TREASURER

The General Treasurer shall receive, account, receipt, deposit, and maintain all Council funds as shall be directed by the Board of Directors or Diocesan. The General Treasurer shall process all disbursements submitted through the Budget/Finance Committee upon the signed request of the Diocesan or Chairman ***(April 2016)***. A record of all monetary transactions shall be reported each session. Such report shall be made during each annual Council session; and shall include an accounting of all funds on hand.

The General Treasurer or Assistant General Treasurer shall sign along with the Chairman who has consent of the Diocesan all blank drafts, notes,

checks, or other instruments of withdrawal issued on behalf of the Council (April 2016). The General Treasurer shall prepare and present an annual budget report to the Chairman and Diocesan, for approved by the Diocesan, prior to the new fiscal year. The General Treasurer along with the Assistant General Treasurer shall prepare and present to the Chairman and the Diocesan a complete cash management report on all cash receipts and expenditures regarding council activities not more than fourteen (14) days after each General Council session ***(April 2016)***.

ARTICLE XIII – ASSISTANT GENERAL TREASURER

The Assistant General Treasurer shall assist the General Treasurer as shall be requested from time to time. During any absence of the General Treasurer, the Assistant General Treasurer shall perform the duties of the General Treasurer as shall be required during such absence. In the event of a long- term illness or death of the General Treasurer, the Assistant General Treasurer shall act as Treasurer until the next regularly scheduled general election.

ARTICLE XIV – COUNCIL SESSIONS

The Council shall convene tri-annually in the months of April, July, and November at such location and times as shall be decided upon by the Board of Directors. The duration and format of the above references Council sessions shall be set by the Board of Directors. The council may authorize such other sessions along with place, duration, and formats therefore as it shall see fit in carrying out its purpose as set forth in this Article XIV of the Constitution. In the event a called meeting is necessary between or during Council sessions, such meeting shall be called by the Diocesan or Chairman with the approval of the Diocesan. During all meetings, except regularly scheduled Council sessions, a quorum shall be required for the consideration of any Council business. Such quorum shall consist of not less than one-third of the Pastors of the Diocese.

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
GENERAL COUNCIL SESSIONS

Day	Time	Event
*Tuesday	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	Evening Service
Wednesday	9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	Morning Manna Series
	10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	General Business Session
	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	Evening Service
Thursday	9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	Morning Manna Series
	1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Pastors Advisory Board Meeting
	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	Evening Service
Friday	9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	Morning Manna Series
	10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	General Business Session
	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	Evening Service
Saturday	10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Morning Manna Series

	3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	General Business Session
	5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	Evening Service

*July Council only

ARTICLE XV – ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board shall consist of the Diocesan, Suffragan Bishops, and District Elders. The Advisory Board shall meet during each Council session at the site of such session and at other times as the members deem it necessary. The Diocesan shall appoint a member of the Board to serve as secretary as he/she deems necessary.

The Advisory Board shall consider ecclesiastical matters referred by the Board of Directors or the Diocesan; the outcome of such matters shall be reported to the Council on the last day of business as a recommendation of the Advisory Board if it is deemed the proper thing to do by the Diocesan.

The Advisory Board shall consider and dispose of ecclesiastical matters deemed by the Diocesan as being too sensitive to discuss during open sessions; such consideration shall not be reported to the electorate. The Advisory Board shall consider no other matters except those approved by the Diocesan. The disposition of such matters shall be decided by the Advisory Board.

The Diocesan shall determine if such matters are to be reported to the electorate. In the event of the Board's inability to dispose of the business brought before it during its regular session, the Advisory Board shall be empowered to convene additional meetings. Notice of such meetings along with an agenda, shall be mailed to all members not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the proposed date of such meeting

The Diocesan shall determine if such matters are to be reported to the electorate. In the event of the Board's inability to dispose of the business brought before it during its regular session, the Diocesan or Council Chairman shall be empowered to convene additional meetings. Notice of such meetings shall be mailed to all members not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the proposed date of such meeting.

ARTICLE XVI – ACTIVE CHURCHES

The term "Active Church" shall apply to:

a. Churches in accordance with the laws of the Council.

b. All P.A.W. Member Churches located within the geographical boundaries of the 12th Episcopal District. Such Churches must be in good standing with the P.A.W. and shall be governed by the laws and doctrine of same.

c. All established Churches fellowshipped into the Council in accordance with the laws of the P.A.W. and the Council.

All newly organized Churches founded by a minister and/or member in an Active Church wishing to organize a new Church to be associated with the Council shall be presented, by his/her Pastor, to the Advisory Board. A formal application, on Council forms, shall then be presented to the Council secretary. The Secretary shall read the application to the Advisory Board for consideration. Upon approval of such application, the minister shall be assigned a District Elder who shall provide assistance in the organization process. In the event the application is not approved, the minister shall be referred back to his/her Pastor for further training.

All Active Churches associated with the Council shall have the same rights and privileges as any other Church of like status without regard to size, location, pastor, or any other character of such Church.

ARTICLE XVII – AFFILIATE CHURCHES

An Affiliate Church is a church of like faith that is not a member of the P.A.W. or an M.D.C. Church, which has been removed from active status. However, these churches and their members enjoy privileges limited to fellowship with the M.D.C.

Affiliate Churches may participate in any worship services or activities provided by the M.D.C. Beyond this fellowship, the Affiliate Churches shall have no further rights or privileges.

ARTICLE XVIII – MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Membership status in the Council shall be granted to all persons holding active membership and, in good standing, with any member church of the Council. Such membership shall be without regard to race, sex, prior religious affiliation, nationality, creed or background. The Council shall hold to and practice the principle that salvation is free to, and can be obtained by, all people upon experiencing the "new birth" as outlined in Acts chapter 2. The Council shall hold to and practice the principle that salvation is free to, and can be obtained by, all people. Membership shall be evidenced by the payment of registration fees as shall be legislated by the Board of Directors and the presentation of a membership badge at each Council session. (See SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL REGISTRATION FEES)

ARTICLE XIX - VOTING

All matters affecting the Council, but not otherwise provided for, shall be subject to a majority vote of the eligible members of the Council in attendance at the time of such vote. Such voting members shall include only those members who are in good standing with the Council at the time of such vote; and who during a general election was a registered participant of the previous three (3) general Council sessions prior to

a general election.

ARTICLE XX - AMENDMENTS

The provision of this constitution may be altered, repealed, amended, or otherwise changed or a new constitution may be drafted during an Annual Council Session. Notice of such intent to alter, repeal, change, or otherwise amend this document shall be mailed by the General Secretary to all district pastors not less than sixty (60) days prior to the start of the sessions during which such change shall be proposed. Such notice shall include the provision to be amended along with proposal change. No change shall become effective until it is ratified by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the eligible voting members of the Council present to vote. Voting eligibility shall be determined in accordance: with the provisions of Article XVI pertaining to voting during General Elections. In the event such ratification shall not take place, the proposal amendment shall be deemed null and void.

ARTICLE XXI - DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, all assets shall be liquidated and the proceeds shall be distributed among the associated Churches of the council. However, all indebtedness shall be satisfied prior to any disbursement of liquidated assets.

ARTICLE XXII – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

The Council's fiscal year shall end on August 31. The new fiscal year shall begin September 1.

BY-LAWS

GENERAL COUNCIL FINANCIAL ASSESSMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. Offerings shall be received in each session of the M.D.C. to defray the Bishop's and the Chairman expenses to and from the General convent ion of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World and if the offerings received are not adequate to pay the expense, they will be supplemented by the Council's General Treasury.

Section 2. An offering shall be received for the Diocesan on Friday night in our General Council Sessions.

Section 3. The Diocesan, Suffragan Bishops and District Elders, General Secretary and General Treasurer when on official Council business authorized by the Chairman/Diocesan shall be paid a per mile traveling expense. Payment shall be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts as set by the P.A.W.

Section 4. A liberal love offering shall be received for Suffragan Bishops and District Elders when they are invited to come to a Church. Such offering shall be received by the inviting Church and given to the Suffragan Bishop and District Elder.

Section 5. The M.D.C. shall provide meals for Bishops and their wives, Suffragan Bishops and their wives, District Elders and their wives and all the officers of the general body and their spouses when they are present at each Council.

Section 6. In each General Session of the M.D.C. an offering shall be taken nightly for the Hosting Church with exception of Friday night which is designated for the Bishop's offering.

Section 7. Members of the Council shall pay a fee for registration in each Council setting.

Section 8. Senior Citizens 62 and older, youths up to 22 years of age, who are attending school and are not self-supported shall be eligible for full Council Registration at half the registration fee stipulated by the Council.

Section 9. Any member who does not register shall have no voice in the business of the Council.

Section 10. Members delinquent in their dues for one (1) year shall be placed on an inactive list when duly notified.

Section 11. Members who have become delinquent because of failure to pay their registration shall pay their back dues before having a voice in the business of the Council when duly notified. lf a member desires to appeal this decision for a special reason, such member may appeal to the Advisory Board. **(July 1978)**

Section 12. The General Officers of the M.D.C., their assistants and office helpers shall be given love honorariums at each Council Session according to the following schedule; the Chairman $750.00, the 1st Vice-Chairman $600.00, 2nd Vice Chairman $550.00, the General Secretary $450.00, The General Treasurer $550.00, the Assistant General Secretary $550.00, the Assistant General Treasurer $450.00, the Assistant General Secretary $450.00. **(July 2016)** Administrative Staff shall receive an honorarium designated by the Executive Staff.

CHURCHES OBLIGATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Section 1. M.D.C. Churches are not restricted from holding their local Church functions on M.D.C. Auxiliary special function days other than when the Council designates that Churches be closed. **(July 1992)**

Section 2. No services or activities shall be conducted in any of the M.D.C. Churches during Council Sessions with the exception of special ministries, such as funerals, special

media preparations such as radio and television broadcast ministries. Churches, which are located at least fifty (50) miles away from the Council site, are not required to close.

Section 3. The M.D.C. shall consider an organization to be a Church, which has a certified P.A.W. Minister for a Pastor and at least one (1) member and a group of worshippers. **(Nov. 1992)**

Section 4. Any Church that consistently fails to file its Church Reports in three (3) consecutive councils, is not paying its five-dollar ($5) money and/or is inactive otherwise shall be placed on an Inactive List. **(Nov. 1991)**

Section 5. The Church Reports, which are read du ri ng the business meeting, shall be read at the end of the session being the last i tem on the business agenda. **(April 1996)**

When Church reports are read by the General Secretary during our General Council business sessions, only the Pastors name, the amount of five-dollar ($5) money paid and the report's grand total shall be read to the assembly. **(April 1996).**

FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT FOR CHURCHES

Section 1. The financial assessments for the M.D.C. Churches (Exclusively for the M.D.C., which does not include P.A.W. five-dollar ($5) money, P.A.W. Plaza fees or Ministerial Licensing fees,) shall be the following:

a. The assessment amount here mentioned pays the Church's financial obligation to the Council, which was previously paid on the old line item Church Report mentioned in Section 4 under "Churches Obligations to the Council".
b. Churches with one hundred (100) members or less shall pay five hundred dollars ($500) per year. Two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) is due in the July Council.
c. Churches with more than one hundred (100+) members shall pay five dollars ($5) per member. Half of the total payment shall be paid during council session in November and the other half shall be paid in July. **(Dec. 1997)**

COUNCIL ASSISTANCE FOR CHURCHES

Section 1. The funds received through fellowship paper receipts, ten dollars ($ 10) per recipient, shall be used for Church Extension and Evangelism. **(July 1985)**

Section 2. (RECONSTRUCTED AND ADOPTED 1993)

The following plan was adopted by the Pastors of the Midwestern District Council to assist Churches in obtaining needed financial help after exhausting other means and in the case of an emergency. This plan was also designed to help smaller Churches to build a good credit rating that they may be able to obtain loans as needed on their credit

history. This plan was ratified and had progressed to the stage of selecting a Financial Committee for banking funds received.

To obtain a financial base to be in a position to help the Midwestern District Council of Churches in obtaining loans for building, repairing, maintaining Church property or to meet any other emergency situation that may arise unexpectedly. Be it so resolved that every Church would assess its members a one-time assessment of $12.00 ($1.00 per month) to be collected by the Pastors and turned over to the District Elder. The District Elder is to report the monies received to the Financial Committee for banking in an interest bearing account as a surety fund in a banking or financial institution as designated by our Diocesan and/or Chairman.

Any Church finding it necessary to obtain a loan for church extension, renovation, building maintenance or any emergency situation will obtain an application from said lending agency. This application will be turned over to a screening committee appointed by the Diocesan and/or Chairman for review. After review, the committee will return application to applicant to be submitted to lending agency. If screening committee approves applicant's application the signature of Chairman of the Committee, along with Diocesan and/or Chairman of Council will be affixed to application.

An approved application will assure lending agency that the Midwestern District Council surety fund will guarantee loan with equal amount from deposited funds. If in process of repaying a loan, a church finds itself in the position that they are unable to make re-payment of note of time, notice will be forwarded to the committee Chairman, Diocesan and/or Council Chairman no later than five (5) days prior to due date. After examination of notice, the Chairman would authorize the payment to be submitted to lending agency to help Church maintain a good credit rating. Guidelines would be set up to determine what constitutes an emergency situation and any other guidelines to help i n determining criteria necessary for approval of request.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVE STANDING

Section 1. The procedure for receiving new Churches into the M.D.C. is that the applying Church shall file an application with the Council Chairman approved by the recommending pastor. Upon the approval of the Diocesan, the Chairman shall submit to the Advisory Board for membership and for further action. The Advisory Board shall advise the House of the action of the Board.

Section 2. The guidelines for dealing with Inactive Churches shall be the following:

a. The name of the Inactive Churches shall be given to the Suffragan Bishop to whom they have been assigned.

b. The Suffragan Bishop shall investigate each reported case in their jurisdiction and report their findings to the Advisory Board for further adjudication. The Suffragan Bishop's report to the Advisory Board may include a recommendation for action to be taken by the Council.

c. Approval for a Church being removed from M.D.C. active status must be upon the recommendation of the Suffragan Bishop of that Church. **(April 1997)**

PASTORS

Section 1. The Pastors of the M.D.C. openly go on record as requesting that the Diocesan will teach the Pastors the Word of God and other pertinent information that might be helpful to the Pastors at his own discretion during the Pastor's breakfast. These breakfasts are held on the third Saturday of each month when feasible and are planned and organized under the direction of the Diocesan, by the General Secretary of the M.D.C. **(Nov. 1994)**

AUXILIARIES

No group shall be considered an Auxiliary of the Council until its creation has been ratified by the electorate. Such group shall present a written proposal outlining the proposed Auxiliary's purpose, its contribution to the Council, its impact upon existing Auxiliaries, and a complete list of organizers of any such group shall be made up of members in good standing of at least three (3) Active Churches. If ratified, the Diocesan shall appoint a Director over the newly proposed Auxiliary. Upon ratification, and prior to the start of any activity, the proposed Auxiliary shall present to the Advisory Board, through its Director, a written copy of its proposed By-Laws. Upon receipt of such By- Laws, the Advisory Board shall accept, reject or recommend modifications of such By-Laws. Upon completion of an acceptable set of By-Laws, auxiliary status shall be granted.

All auxiliaries, or officers and activities thereof, of the Council shall be governed by the constitution and By-Laws of the Council. No rules, By-Laws, or directives shall be made by any Auxiliary, or officer thereof, which shall discredit, by intent or otherwise, the provisions of this or any other governing document. The provisions of Articles IV and XVII, pertaining to officers and the election thereto shall apply to all Auxiliaries and auxiliary elections, except that the terms "General office" and "General election" shall refer to "Auxiliary office" and "Auxiliary election". All Auxiliary activities, not otherwise provided for, shall be presented to the Council or Advisory Board by the Auxiliary's Director for approval prior to implementation, or the start thereof.

All Auxiliaries shall maintain an accurate record of its financial activities. Such records shall become the property of the Council and shall be reported annually to same.

Such report shall be made by the General Treasurer in each Annual Council Session.

AUXILIARY LAWS

Section 1. No person may hold more than one (1) elected office in an auxiliary **(April 1990).**

Section 2. All Auxiliaries are to submit an annual budget in written form by submitting such report to the General Secretary, one (1) month prior to the Annual Session. Any Auxiliary, which does not submit an annual budget by that time, shall not have more than seven days to submit their budget.

Section 3. Any auxiliary not complying with the deadline shall have its funds impounded by the Council. **(July 1989)**

Section 4. The auxiliary's Annual financial reports are to be submitted on the first day of the General Council business session in the Annual Session of the M.D.C. (July 15, 1988)

Section 5. Auxiliaries shall report to the General Secretary an annual program on a form provided by the General Secretary in the Annual Session to be approved by the Diocesan and Chairman. **(April 1984)**

AUXILIARY DIRECTORS

Section 1. Auxiliary Directors are appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese. Auxiliary Presidents may make two (2) recommendations for their Director. The final decision will be made by the Diocesan.

Section 2. No person shall substitute for a Director in making his or her report. **(July 1990).**

AUXILIARY FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Section 1. In compliance with 1990 General Convention Minutes, Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., at St. Louis, Missouri, August 6, 1990, the following accounting and procedure policy is submitted for your consideration, with respect to all auxiliaries and components of the Midwestern District Council (Inc.), of the P.A .W. The policy is expected to remain i n force until a subject manual is issued by the parent organization, i n which will be a guide to future procedures.

Separate checking accounts for auxiliaries eliminated as of July 8, 1991.

a. All funds now held, or due, by the auxiliaries will be turned over to the General Treasurer intact. Council Receipt issued. (Exhibit C)

b. All receipts during current council setting, from all sources, will be turned over to the General Treasurer immediately after counting and recording Council Receipt issued.

c. Petty cash fund will be ensured at close of Council setting, if the auxiliary has sufficient funds after properly discharging all of its obligations.

d. The maximum petty cash fund will be three hundred dollars ($300.00) with the following conditions:

    a. Auxiliary must submit a full account of expenditures before submitting a replenishing of petty cash funds.
    b. An additional amount of three hundred dollars ($300) will be placed on hold (in reserve) from auxiliaries available funds on deposit in the auxiliary account with the General Treasurer to ensure request for petty cash replenishment can be processed timely.

e. The Treasurer and Secretary of each auxiliary or entity, will maintain their own accounting records and shall make periodic comparisons with those of the General Treasurer.

AUXILIARY PRACTICAL PROCEDURES

1. A Council Voucher, properly executed, will be presented to the General Treasurer for issuance of check (check will be issued even in cases of cash expenditures). The General Treasurer will, upon record of available funds, issue check.
2. Vouchers will be signed by (l) President or Chairman, (2) Secretary or Assistant Secretary, and (3) Treasurer. Incomplete voucher will not be honored.
3. Support funds may be turned in to General Treasurer for deposit in bank account at convenience of auxiliary during Council setting. However, checks will be feasibly issued at one time.

District Elder Jesse L Watts General Treasurer
Approved: 12 July 1991, 1996

AUXILIARY PROGRAMMING FOR COUNCILS

Section I. Prior to a speaker being contacted to speak on auxiliary's council program, the auxiliary shall check with the speaker's pastor for approval. **(Nov. 1998)**

Section 2. Each auxiliary who desires to schedule a speaker to speak during the evening services of the Council should submit the names of three (3) proposed speakers to the Pulpit Committee from which one (l) name will be selected. These names should be submitted not more than thirty days after the current Council, in preparation for the next Council. **(Nov. 1983)**

Auxiliaries are to submit their programs to the General Secretary not later than six weeks before the Council and having the speakers to be approved by the Pulpit Committee submitted to the General Secretary.

It is recommended that the Pastors of the Council will be the evening speakers in the Councils as much as possible. Hence, auxiliaries are encouraged to submit the names of Pastors to speak in the evening services.

The above underlined Sections are not laws of the Council but are the procedures that are used for producing the Council programs.

Section 3. The auxiliary shall meet during Council times as prescribed by the General Council.

AUXILIARY RULES FOR ORDER

Section 1. Any Auxiliary which has had multiple infractions of the laws and regulations of the M.D.C., at the Diocesan or the Chairman's discretion will have its President or any elected Officers involved with such infractions removed from office. Such removal shall occur immediately, after such infractions have been substantiated. Vacancies that shall result from such removal shall be filled by the procedures set forth in the laws of the M.D.C. **(April 5, 1991)**

GENERAL COUNCIL

Section 1. The principle speakers that are scheduled to speak in the evening services of our Council Sessions shall be presented to speak by nine o'clock and no later than 9: 15 (Nov. 1989)

Section 2. During our Council Session, a reserved parking space shall be provided for the Bishops, the Chairman and the M.D.C. Executive Officers.

Section 3. There shall be a Council Planning Committee assigned to plan for future Council's locations and facilities. This Council Planning Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman.

Section 4. There shall be three (3) Council Sessions, one (1) in July, which will be the Annual Session, beginning the First Tuesday through Saturday following July 4th holiday. The November Session will begin the first Wednesday through Saturday. The April council will be the second Thursday, except when Good Friday falls within that week. In which case, the Council convenes the following Thursday.

Section 5. When the Council meets in a location that requires travel expenses such as lodging, transportation and meals, the Bishop of the Diocese shall have these expenses,

paid for by the Council.

Section 6. The M.D.C. shall have a historian to maintain records of the Council events that are of historical value to the Council. This person shall be appointed by the Chairman.

Section 7. The Bishop of the Diocese may give an Annual Address in the Annual Session of the M.D.C. During the meeting where the Bishop's Address is scheduled there shall be no other speaker(s) scheduled for that meeting.

Section 8. The Executive Board may at its discretion schedule a Bible Class Session on the Council's programs. **(April 3, 1996)**

Section 9. The registration for the General Council is set at $7.00 per registrant and ratified by the House.

Section 10. The M.D.C. shall have Ministers of Music who shall assign musicians to play for the nigh t services. Musicians who play for said services shall be paid $50.00 per night service. The Minister of Music shall be appointed by the Chairman and the honorarium shall be determined by the M.D.C. Executive Board

Section ll. The Council shall have a Publicity Committee for the purpose of promoting the Council. This committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Council; this committee shall function under the direction of the Chairman of the Council. **(April 1997)**

Section 12. There may be a choir, which renders special music for the Council; this choir shall be called the Midwestern District. The Midwestern District choir shall be under the supervision of the Bishop of the Diocese.

SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL REGISTRATION FEES

MCWA	$7.00
PYPU	$7.00
MDMW	$7.00
MDMM	$7.00
MDHP	$7.00
MOUA	$7.00
IN-SYNC MDCE	$7.00
MDCEE	$7.00
	$7.00
MDIMD	$7.00
GENERAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION	$ 10.00
TOTAL	$60.00

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Section l. Whereas the P.A.W. requires that each Council send a District Elder or Suffragan Bishop to the Convention as a delegate. The M.D.C. shall send only one (l) delegate from the Council to the P.A.W. Convention. At such time that the Council has a Suffragan Bishop or a District Elder as its Chairman, the chair shall serve as delegate to the convention. If the Council has a Chairman, that is not a Suffragan Bishop or District Elder then the Chairman may appoint a Suffragan Bishop of District Elder to be the General Council's delegate to the P.A.W. Convention. **(June 1999)**

Section 2. The Executive Board of the M.D.C. shall write the job description for the delegate to the convention. **(April 1996)**

Section 3. The job description for the delegate to the P.A.W. Convention is the following:

a. To attend as permitted all meetings of business pertaining to the organization that shall affect the M.D.C.

b. To observe and take notes on the entire convention in preparation for submitting a report of the same to the General Council Secretary.

c. To submit any reports or documents sent by the General Council to the Convention.

d. To purchase copies of the P.A.W. Minute Books Ministerial Manuals and other necessary books and materials to be dispensed among our Council Actives.

e. To obtain copies of all minutes and printed materials that may be issued from the General Convention.

f. To deliver all of the above-mentioned items intact to the General Office of the M.D.C. not more than ten days after returning from the Convention.

g. To be prepared to give an oral report to the Council during the business session of the Council following the Convention, which the delegate has attended. **(July 1995)**

Section 4. The amount of money given to the Convention delegate for expenses shall be decided on by a committee, which consists of the Chairman of the Council, the General Secretary and the General Treasurer. This committee shall determine the delegate's allotment based on the guidelines given by the council for these expenses. **(July 1995)**

Section 5. The delegate who is sent from the M.D.C. to the P.A.W. Convention per our P.A.W. law shall have an expense budget for the following:

a. Air Fare at an affordable rate.

b. Hotel Expense for the nights required for the delegate to be present at and in the required meetings of the Convention.

c. An adequate allotment for meals.

d. The cost of registration and like required fees.

e. Incidentals expense at a rate of twenty-five ($25) dollars per Convention day. **(July 1994).**

Section 6. The Chairman of the Council shall be allotted the same budget as the Convention delegate to attend the P.A.W. convention. **(July 1994)**

Section 7. The Convention expenses of the Chairman shall be paid from the Midwestern District Council Treasury. **(Nov. 1989)**

SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS, DISTRICT ELDERS AND JURISDICTIONS

Section 1. The seniority ranking of the District Elders shall be determined by the Diocesan. **(Feb. 1994)**

Section 2. The office of Suffragan Bishop is to be recommended by the Diocesan and ratified by the P.A.W. Suffragan Bishops shall serve as assistants to the Diocesan and shall receive their assignments from the Diocesan. District Elders are to be recommended by the Diocesan and ratified by the Council. District Elders shall receive assignments from the Diocesan. **(July 1992)**

Section 3. The Diocesan shall set jurisdictional boundaries. Such boundaries shall be approved by the Diocesan. **(July 1992)**

Section 4. A liberal love offering shall be received for the Suffragan Bishop when he is invited to a Church to serve as Suffragan Bishop. **(Nov. 1993)**

Section 5. Each fifth Sunday i n the year shall be called "Jurisdictional Sunday". On those Sundays, the Suffragan Bishop shall preside over a service with the Churches in his jurisdiction. Further details concerning these meetings will be worked out at a later time. **(July 1992)**

Section 6.

The jurisdictional boundaries for the Midwestern District Council are the following :

THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Shall be the area located I-70 South to I-44, and West of US HWY 65.

THE NORTHERN JURISDICTION

Shall be the area located I-70 North to the Northern border of the State of Missouri, and West to US HWY 65 (Western border of the M.D.C.).

THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION

Shall be the area located I-44 to the Southern border to the State of Missouri; bordered on the West by US I-HWY 65.

THE EASTERN JURISDICTION

Shall be all of the areas of the Southern part of the State or Illinois to the borderline of the M.D.C. That boundary at this time is unknown. **(July 1992)**

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

Section 1. The cost of a fellowship paper shall be ten dollars ($10.00). **(July 1990)**

Section 2. The licensing and ordination committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the business during a Council and shall serve until the same time the following year.

Section 3. Candidates for ordination are to file for ordination in November to be ordained in the Annual Session i n July. (Nov. 1984, April 1985, Nov. 1985, Nov. 2007).

A step by step procedures manual to aid in obtaining licensing through the M.D.C. for the is presented May 13, 1998.

RULES FOR GOVERNING CREDENTIALS

Section 1. To be eligible for a Fellowship Certificate the applicant must be filled with the Holy Ghost for at least two (2) years. A candidate must pass an examination on the following questions, which must be signed by his or her Pastor.

a. How long have you had the baptism of the Holy Ghost?
b. When and where did you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost?
c. When and where were you baptized in Jesus Name?
d. Have you been tried for sin since you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost?
e. Where you found guilty? Explain.
f. Do you attend Church regularly?
g. Do you pay your tithes?

The candidate is only eligible for a Fellowship Certificate if he/she is recommended by his

Pastor. The above form shall be used as the official questionnaire for Fellowship Papers. The candidate also must be loyal to their Pastor and local Church.

Section 2. Anyone who fails to renew their Fellowship Certificate within three (3) months after their expiration date, without a reasonable excuse, shall be considered as out of fellowship.

Section 3. After an applicant has held fellowship papers for one (l) year, i f no delinquencies are found, the Minister shall be eligible to apply for the Un-Ordained Minister License as noted i n the P.A.W. Minute Book, Article VII requires that such person:

a. Be at least 21 years of age.
b. Have the one Baptism as prescribed in Acts 2:4, 38, Acts I0:44, 48, Acts 19:1-6, and believe in, preach, and teach the same, and shall have had the baptism at least two (2) years.
c. Have worked as a faithful worker in a local assembly at least one (l) year and have received from the Pastor of that assembly a signed application. '
d. Submit a copy of the Aenon Bible College completion certificate for the Ministerial Introduction course with his application.
e. Be able to conduct religious services acceptably.
f. Be able to officiate at a marriage ceremony, funeral service, and the Lord's Supper.
g. Successfully pass a written Ministers' examination that is administered when the District Council is in session.
h. The license fee is fifty ($50) dollars and is renewed annually.

CREDENTIALS, LICENSES AND ORDINATION

Section 1. The rules for governing P.A .W. license and Ordination Credentials will be the rules set forth in the Minute Book of the current Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. (May 1995)

Section 2. The Ordination License fee is seventy (70.00) dollars and is renewed annually at the District Council.

Section 3. Once the Ordination application process is complete, and Ordination Ceremony is conducted. This Ordination Ceremony occurs at the District Council in the Ju ly annual session.

Section 4. Exceptions to this procedure do occur. Ministers who are licensed i n another organization and later obtain membership with the P.A.W . Incorporated may or may not be required to follow these steps.

Section 5. If a Minister desires to transfer hi s or her license or Ordination certificate from

an organization that is not a recognized creditable Apostolic Organization the Minister may do so after he has met the P.A.W. Aenon Bible College course requirement and all other requirements as staled i n the Minute Book.

Section 6. The Bishop of the Diocese will be the final judge of the Apostolic organization that has a long standing recognized creditable history of service and ministry.

COMMITTEES

Section 1. The standing committees consisting of the following: The Resolution Committee, the Licensing and Ordination Committee and will serve for three (3) years. The Baptism Committee, the Pulpit Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee will serve for one (1) year. All standing committees will be appointed in the November Council following the General Election.

Section 2. The Resolution Committee shall consist of persons willing and ready to serve at each Council Session. This committee must receive and present all resolutions submitted to it during the General Business Session.

Section 3. The Licensing Committee shall consist of persons who are willing and ready to serve at each Council Session. This committee shall receive all applications for Fellowship Certificates and License and shall examine all candidates for eligibility.

The Chairman of this committee must be knowledgeable of all the laws of the P.A.W. governing Fellowship Certificates and Credentials.

a. This committee shall be governed by the current Minute Book of the P.A.W. dealing with credentials.

b. This committee shall use the M.D.C. "Form I" Fellowship Certificate Application.

Section 4. The Ordination Committee shall consist of persons who are w ill i ng and ready to serve at each Council setting for at least one (I) year. The Chairman of this committee must be an Ordination Minister.

a. All of the committee members of this committee must be ordained.

b. This committee shall be governed by the current Minute Book of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World Inc. and the Constitution and By-Laws of the M.D.C.

Section 5. The baptism and alter worker's committee shall consist of persons who are willing and ready to serve at each Council setting and should include one (1) person from

the Host Church.

a. The committee shall have as its primary responsibility to help the candidates that come forth for baptism during our Council Sessions.

b. The committee shall be interwoven with the Host Church's baptism and altar workers.

Section 6. The Pulpit Committee shall consist of the Diocesan, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the General Secretary, the Host Pastor and President of the MCWA.

a. This committee shall receive the names of auxiliary speakers for approval no later than six (6) weeks prior to the Council session.

b. This committee shall select the General Council Bible Teachers.

c. The committee shall schedule Seminars, Ministerial Workshops, and such programs designed for Pastors and/or Ministers.

Section 7. There shall be a Budget and Finance Committee, which shall make recommendations to the Council concerning budgetary matters.

RULES OF DISCIPLINE

Section 1. No member of the M.D.C. or of a M.D.C. Church shall conduct any meeting, regardless of inspiration, zeal or desire without permission of his or her Pastor or appropriate Authority.

Section 2. All Pastors of the M.D.C. shall be discouraged from fellowshipping with a minister who has been dis-fellowshipped from the M.D.C., until proper adjustments have been made.

Section 3. Any member holding papers with the general body and refuses co abide by these rules, or separates from the Council because of i ts rule, shall be refused fellowship in any pulpit affiliated with the M.D.C. until proper apology is made.

Section 4. Participants on programs rendered during M.D.C. sessions must be filled with the Holy Ghost except for i n special cases.

Section 5. The Chairman of the Council shall conduct the business meeting of the Council by using Robert's Rule of Order to maintain order.

Section 6. Whenever a member of the Council has been accused and is to be brought

before the Council, his or her Pastor shall be notified of the charges before a trial can take place.

a. The accused person shall have the right to meet the person who has accused him.

b. The accused must be notified in adequate time to prepare for his defense.

Section 7. M.D.C. Churches are encouraged not to fellowship with a person who has been dis-fellowshipped from his Church until proper adjustments have been made.

Section 8. Any Pastor who becomes aware of the fact that someone is circulating throughout our Churches and taking advantage of our Churches, the Pastor shall tell the Diocesan/Chairman about the matter who shall decide on the disposition of the matter.

Section 9. No type of outside entertainment shall be sponsored by our members during the M.D.C. Sessions that will interfere with the purpose of the Council.

Section 10. Churches, which re-locate their Church from one location to another shall inform the Bishop of the move.

TRIALS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The trial of any Pastor shall be at the discretion of the Bishop of the Diocese as the P.A.W. Minute Book states, under the heading "Bishops, Suffragan Bishops and District Elders" that the Bishops, Suffragan Bishops and the District Elders shall be responsible for the moral condition of the Diocese. (P.A.W. Minute Book 1996, Page 54)

Section 2. In the event that a trial for a member, it must be conducted by the Council in accordance with the following procedures:

a. A copy of the charge(s) and specifications shall be delivered to the accused a sufficient length of time before the trial, to allow the accused time before the trial to prepare for his or her defense. He or she shall be allowed the right to have unlimited challenge for cause and the right to interrogate the committee person to ascertain the cause. The sufficiency of the cause shall be determined by the presiding officer. The accused shall also have the right of preemptory challenge of two in a committee of five, and in like ratio for any number.

b. The Chairman or Bishop or an appointee shall preside at the trial. The presiding official shall decide all questions of law pertaining to the case. At the commencement of the trial, he shall appoint a secretary, who shall record minutes of the proceedings and maintain records of the evidence. The minutes when read and approved, shall be signed by the presiding official and the secretary.

If after sufficient notice has been given to the accused, the accused evades the trial by being absent at the time of the trial, the trial will proceed as though he or she were present. If witnesses cannot be induced to attend the trial, the Bishop shall appoint some discreet member of the Council to take the written statements of the witnesses as provided.

Section 3. What shall be done i n the case where a member displays improper temper, words or actions of disobedience to the order and discipline of the Council?

In such a case, private reproof may be given by the Bishop or by another leader appointed by the Bishop. If there is an acknowledgement of the fault, and promise of Amendment, the matter shall be considered settled. If not, the Chairman must take with him or her two or three faithful members, who shall go to the person to labor to bring the offender to proper repentance; but if he or she will not hear them and there be no sign of Amendment the offender shall be suspended.

Section 4. What shall happen when a member disseminates doctrine that is contrary to our article of faith?

If a member of our Council endeavors to sow dissension in any of our societies by in weighing against either our doctrines or disciplines, such person shall first be reproved by the Bishop or Chairman. Then if he persists in such practice, the offender shall be suspended from membership.

Section 5. What shall be done in the case of disputes between members of the M.D.C.?

a. Should any dispute occur between members of the M.D.C. concerning the payments of debts or other matters which cannot be settled by the parties concerned, the President of the trial shall inquire into the circumstances of the case and refer the parties involved to an arbitration committee comprised of three (3) arbitrators. One arbitrator i s selected by one of the con tending parties and another selected by the other contending party and a third that shall be selected by the two (2) arbitrators selected by the contending parties.

b. If one of the parties is dissatisfied with the judgment given, that party may appeal to the Bishop of the Diocese for a second arbitration the request shall be granted. The decision of the second arbitrators shall be final and i f either person refuses to abide by that judgment such party shall be considered out of order and may be suspended from membership.

AMENDMENTS AND NEW LAWS

Section 1. The Council shall have a Council Planning Committee, which shall have as its head the Chairman of the Council. The Council's General Secretary shall be a member of

this committee. The Chairman of the Council shall appoint other members to this committee who will work to plan forth coming Council sites and programming that will affect the success of the Council Session. (June 1999)

Section 2. The President of each auxiliary i n office prior to election of officers shall be the delegate to the current summer P.A.W. Convention the Annual M.D.C. Session. The newly elected President will be the delegate starting at the next P.A.W. Summer Convention the following year. (June 1998)

Section 3. There shall be a special colored badge to be worn by ordained ministers, provided by the General Secretary's office and given to ordained ministers when they register with the Council. (June 1998)

Section 4. All M.D.C. Business meetings must be taped to insure the accuracy of the minutes. (June 1998)

Section 5. Non-Preachers shall not be eligible to hold ministers licenses.

Section 6. The Council Planning Committee appointed on November 2007 has the following members: Chairman-Elder Oscar Houston, Suffragan Bishop John H. Pettiford, Suffragan Bishop Gregory Wells, Sr., and General Secretary Evangelist Barbara Cole.

Section 7. There shall be a Ministerial Retreat Committee, which shall plan the program, determine the site and facilities for the M.D.C. Ministerial Retreat. However, this committee's work shall not interfere with the work of the Council 's Pulpit Committee. (June 1999)

Section 8. The Central Jurisdiction of the M.D.C. shall proceed with the process of starting a work in Jefferson City, MO with the support of the M.D.C. (June 1999)

The members of the Ministerial Retreat Committee are Chairman-Suffragan Bishop Gregory Wells, Pastor Illona Dickson and Elder Larry Baylor.

Section 9. The MCWA Convention shall convene the third week in October annually.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Section 1. We hereby record notification to our electorate of our intent to change Constitutional Article II to the effect that the Assistant General Secretary and the Assistant General Treasurer will be members of the Executive Committee. (June 1998)

Special notice of intent to amend the Constitution of the Midwestern District Council.

Section 2. By order of the Bishop of the Diocese, we hereby notify the Pastors of the Council of our intent to amend Article XII of our Constitution pertaining to Council Sessions.

ARTCLE XII

The Council shall convene tri-annually at locations decided by the electorate; such meetings shall take place during the months of April, July and November. The location of the succeeding Council shall be decided at current sessions. The July session shall convene on the second Monday; the November session shall convene on the first Wednesday; the April session shall convene on the first Monday. All Council sessions shall continue through Saturday night. In the event a called meeting is necessary between, or during Council sessions, such meeting shall be called by the Diocesan or Chairman only. During all meetings, except regularly scheduled Council sessions, a quorum shall be required for the consideration of any Council business. Such quorum shall be one-third of the Pastors of the council.

We intend to change this Article to the effect that the Council will be able to meet any three (3) times per year and have a program format according to the discretion of the house. (So that we will comply with the Constitution with our new Council times: June, November and a retreat in April.)

MISCELLANEOUS LAWS

Section 1. M.D.C. Churches, which have certified personnel, shall be allowed to administer the (ETA) (Evangelical Teachers' Training Associations) Courses in their Church. (Nov. 1989)

Section 2. The Friday afternoon Bible Class that was previously scheduled from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays in each Council has been discontinued. (April 3, 1996)

Section 3. The International Missions Department has been granted special permission to have petty cash balance of not more than $400.00 as opposed to the $100 dollar maximum for other auxiliaries. (July 1992)

A monthly payment amount set by the P.A.W. shall be paid by the Council to help on the W . Plaza remodeling project. (July 1997)

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL AUXILIARY CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section I. The name of this Auxiliary shall be the Midwestern District Council Christian Education Association. This Auxiliary may also be referred to as the Sunday School and/or the MDCE.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this Auxiliary shall be:

a. To enthusiastically promote the ministry of teaching competent administration and efficient practices of Christian education within the context of the Apostolic Faith. To provide printed material and other such resources essential to the dutiful performance of the above purposes.

b. To promote the objectives and goals of the International Christian Education Association of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.

c. To raise the standards of Christian Education.

Section 2. Members must pay a registration fee as specified by the MDCE. All fee increases must receive prior approval from the parent Council. Participants will receive a badge for their registration fee.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of this Auxiliary shall be the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer.

Section 2. All Officers shall be elected by majority votes. The Director of Christian Education, Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain shall be appointed by the Superintendent.

Section 3. Election shall be by secret ballot with nominations limited to three (3) persons per office. All nominees must be faithful in their local Sunday School or other Christian Education efforts. To be eligible for nomination, candidates must have attended and registered with the MDCE in two (2) of the previous three (3) MDCE sessions of the Council, excluding the April session, prior to a general election.

Section 4. Tenure of office shall be limited to three (3) years per term. Each officer may only serve two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 5. The Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain shall be appointed by the District Superintendent.

Section 6. A written job description shall be given to each officer thereby avoiding infringement of any officer upon the duties or rights of another.

Section 7. Vacancies occurring between terms shall be filled by an appointment made by the Diocesan and/or Chairman. The Superintendent may make recommendations.

Section 8. The Director of Christian Education shall be appointed by the District Superintendent. Tenure of office shall be limited to (3) years per terms. The Director of Christian Education may only serve two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 9. All manners affecting the MOCE, but not otherwise provided for, shall be subject to majority vote of the eligible members of the MDCE. Such voting members shall include only those members who are in good standing with the MDCE at the time of such vote; and who registered with the current MDCE session. However, no person shall be eligible to vote during a general election who was no a registered participant of two (2) of the previous three (3) MDCE sessions of the Council prior to a general election, excluding the April session.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings: This Auxiliary is subject to all rules and regulations of the Parent body and shall meet at the time prescribed by them.

Section 2. The Auxiliary shall meet Friday after dinner (5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.) in the November meeting. All day Thursday of the Annual Council session in July and in the April session as assigned by the Council.

Section 3. The Workers' Conference shall meet every first Saturday in March. Meeting time from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Section 4. The Workers' Conference place of meeting shall be determined by invitations of churches. When more than one (l) invitation is received, the electorate will vote.

ARTICLE V - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Constitution can only be amended by a two-thirds majority ballots cast during an Annual session with previous notice of intent to amend not less than sixty (60) days prior to the session where amendment is to be made.

BY-LAWS

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Duties of the Superintendent:

a. To preside over all auxiliary meetings.

b. To appoint all committees and program directors.

c. To attend all District meetings and to attend the ICEA National and Regional Conventions as the delegate of the MDCE.

d. To serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

e. To deliver an Annual Address in the July Session.

Section 2. The Duties of the Assistant Superintendent:

a. To preside over all meetings in the absence of the Superintendent.

b. To serve as the Chairman of the Program Committee.

c. To perform other duties at the request of the Superintendent Section 3. The Du

ties of the Secretary

d. To Record the minutes of all meetings.

e. To prepare an agenda of the order of business for the presiding officer at each meeting.

f. To receive the reports of each local Sunday School or Christian Education work.

g. To keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements.

h. To keep a copy of Constitution and By-laws at all meetings and be prepared to read from the same if necessary.

i. Have books ready to turn in for auditing at all times.

Section 4. The Duties of the Assistant Secretary:

a. To perform the duties of the Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

b. To register and keep registration cards up to date with information pertaining to the voting eligibility status of each MDCE participant. The record should be kept as prescribed in Article III, Section 9 of our MDCE Constitution.

c. To perform whatever duties requested by the Secretary.

Section 5. The Duties of the Corresponding Secretary:

a. To send out correspondence upon the request of the Superintendent or the Secretary.

b. To send out notices of all Council meetings at least three (3) weeks prior to the session.

Section 6. The Duties of the Treasurer:

a. Receive and count all monies received in church reports and to give signed receipts for the

b. To keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements.

c. To make an official report at each annual session.

d. To relinquish all monies to the General Treasurer of the M.D.C. following each Council session.

e. To maintain and record balances kept in petty cash.

f. Have books ready at all times for audit upon request.

Section 7. The Duties of the Assistant Treasurer:

a. To perform the duties of the Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer and report transactions and funds to the Treasurer.

b. To assist the Treasurer in any way requested by the Treasurer.

Section 8. The Duties of the Chaplain:

a. To make sure that all devotional services are started promptly.

b. May either conduct the services or employ someone else to do so.

Section 9. The Duties of the Assistant Chaplain:

a. To see that all devotional services are started promptly in the absence of the Chaplain.

b. To assist whenever the Chaplain requests.

Section 10. The Duties of the Director of Christian Education:

a. To develop a district program curriculum in support of the ministry of teaching competent administration and efficient practices of Christian Education.

b. To operate the MDCE District Classes according to the Operational Procedures established (See Attached).

c. To serve as the Chairman of the Workers' Conference Committee.

d. With prior approval of the Superintendent, select and train teachers for the MDCE District Classes.

e. To perform other duties at the request of the Superintendent.

COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Section 1. The Duties of the Program Committee

a. To coordinate the Program for each meeting based on the theme designated.

b. To sec that the Superintendent has been consulted and has approved the program before the initial contact and confirmation of program participants are made.

c. To forward the approved program to the General Secretary of the Council when required.

Section 2. The Duties of the Awards and Recognition Service Committee:

a. To present plans to the Superintendent for approval, by February of each year, for the Awards and Recognition Service to be held during the Evening Service of the July Council. The Awards and Recognition Program shall be given annually to highlight achievements in the Christian Education Department of the M.D.C. At this program MDCE Superintendent, Teacher, and Student of the Year will be announced. The Superintendent and Teacher selected will be the District nominees for the award at the CEA.

b. To implement the plans upon approval.

c. To produce a Souvenir Booklet that shall include all the Awards and Recognition Nominees selected by their church to represent Superintendent, Teacher and Student of the Year. The Souvenir Booklet should include the following:

d. A short biography of each Nominee's achievements

e. Patrons & Ads from each M.D.C. church.

f. The deadline for all entries of Nominees, Patrons and Ads will be at a MDCE session to be announced. The proceeds from the Souvenir Booklet will serve as the Annual Fund Raiser for the MDCE.

Section 3. The Duties of the Appropriation Committee:

a. To compute the expenses of the Superintendent attending the ICEA Convention.

b. To make recommendations to the house as to the amount to be given to the delegate no later than the month of April prior to the National Convention.

Section 4. The Duties of the Workers' Conference Committee:

a. To coordinate the program for each conference meeting based on the theme designated.

b. To see that the Superintendent has been consulted and has approved the programs before the initial contact and confirmation of program participants are made.

Section 5. The Duties of the Special Emphasis Christian Educational Program Directors:

a. To receive guidance and direction from the Superintendent in coordinating programs activities that will be used to reinforce and address certain critical needs in the field of Christian Education.

b. To use Program activities that will actively involve students and teachers throughout the District. These programs shall be designed to increase participation in Christian Educational growth enhancement projects. Examples: Fun to Learn (targeted audience: all Christian Educators of the District).

ASSESSMENTS AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. Each local Sunday School and Christian Education activity (i.e. Children's Church, Day Care, Christian School, Day Camps, Vacation Bible School and such like)

shall send an official delegate to each Council session and make a financial report.

Section 2. In accordance with the Council law, any church failing to report at any session shall be expected to make the delinquent report at the next session. The Secretary shall send notices to this effect.

Section 3. For each Sunday School and Christian Education activity, a financial report shall be made to the ICEA as specified.

Section 4. Each Sunday School and Christian Education activity is requested to support the ICEA Regional Convention. Each Council and local Sunday School is requested to meet its financial obligation toward the ICEA Regional Convention.

STANDING RULES

Section 1. The MDCE shall send a delegate, depending on the strength of treasury each year to the CEA Convent ion with expenses finances by the MDCE.

Section 2. The District Superintendent shall be our delegate and the Assistant Superintendent shall be the alternate delegate.

Section 3. The Sunday School shall purchase, out of its treasury, meal tickets for its executive board on the Sunday School's day during the Councils.

Section 4. Approved expenses incurred while doing official MDCE business will be reimbursed as appropriate from the treasury.

Section 5. The Secretary shall be empowered to purchase necessary supplies with approval of the Council and upon presentation of receipts for reimbursement.

Section 6. The Appropriations Committee shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and at least one (1) other appointed member.

Section 7. During the November Council a love offering of no less than $50.00 each shall be received for the Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 8. An annual love offering of no less than $100.00 each shall be to each of the following: The Auxiliary Director and the Assistant Superintendent based upon there strength of the Treasury.

Section 9. An annual love offering of no less than $100.00 shall be given to each of the following: The Auxiliary Director of Christian Education and the Assistant Superintendent.

Section 10. The Workers' Conference is to be supported by the registration of churches with Sl.00 per Sunday School officer and teacher and a love offering of $5 .00 to the MOCE.

Section 11. The MDCE shall represent in the ICEA Regional Conference with financial support and active participation in all program activities annually.

Section 12. The entertaining church of the Workers' Conference is not obligated to serve a free repast to conference members.

Section 13. The love offering received at each Worker's Conference setting is to be divided between the host church and the Director of Christian Education. The host church shall be provided with a love offering of not less than $100.00.

Section 14. The speaker of the Workers' Conference will be provided with a love offering of no less than $50.00.

Section 15. The MDCE shall assist the ones conducting the workshops i n the ICEA Regional Convention with their expenses, $100.00 to each person, when finances permit.

Section 16. When the MDCE treasury permits, at least $50.00 shall be given to the District Superintendent and the Director of Christian Education to defray travel expenses incurred when attending the ICEA Regional Convention.

Section 17. An Awards and Recognition Program shall be given annually to highlight achievements in Christian Education is the MDCE. At this program MDCE Superintendent, Teacher and Student of the Year will be announced. The Superintendent and Teacher selected will be the District nominees for the award at the ICEA.

MISCELLANEOUS LAWS

Section 1. sessions. The registration fee for the MDCE shall be $7.00 during the Council

Section 2. The Superintendent of the MDCE shall be empowered to appoint an advisory cabinet that shall have a voice i n any meeting in which they are invited to attend by the Superintendent.

Section 3. The Christian Education Department may have an annual program celebrating The Pioneers of Pentecost. The name of the service shall be the "The Pioneers of Pentecost Program". (Nov. 1995)

CHURCH EXTENSION AND EVANGELISM CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of this Auxiliary shall be the Midwestern District Council Church Extension and Evangelism and may be referred to as the MDCEE.

ARTICLE II -PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the Church Extension and Evangelism auxiliary is to help churches in times of distress when possible.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

Section 1. All officers and members of the M.D.C. Church Extension and Evangelism Auxiliary shall be members i n good standing of their local assembly and the M.D.C.

Section 2. Members must pay a registration fee of $7.00 per council session and shall receive a registration badge.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Church Extension and Evangelism Auxiliary shall consist of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Chaplain, and Assistant Chaplain.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected by majority ballots except the Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain, which shall be appointed by the President.

Section 3. Election shall be by secret ballot, with nominations limited to three (3) persons for each office.

Section 4. The tenure of office shall be three years. Each officer may only serve for two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 5. A written job description shall be given to each officer thereby avoiding an infringement of any officer upon the du ties or the rights of another.

Section 6. Vacancies occurring between terms shall be filled by appointments made by the Diocesan/Chairman. The President may make recommendations of persons to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. The auxiliary shall meet at the place selected by the Midwestern District Council.

Section 2. The auxiliary shall meet on days and hours assigned by the General Council.

ARTICLE VI– AMENDMENTS

The Constitution can only be amended by a two-thirds majority vote during an Annual session. Notice of intent to change must be given sixty days prior to the Annual session.

BY-LAWS

Section l. The President shall preside at all regular or called meetings of the Church Extension and Evangelism Auxiliary; appoint all committees, attend all District meetings, He/She shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees; and deliver an Annual Address in their July session.

Section 2. The Vice President shall exercise those duties and functions assigned by the President, and preside in the absence of the President.

Section 3. The Secretary shall record all minutes of regular or called meetings; He/She receive a record of financial transactions, and shall send out all notices of meetings.

Section 4. The Assistant Secretary shall act in the place of the Secretary in her absence and shall assist the Secretary in whatever du ties or functions assigned.

Section S. The Corresponding Secretary shall also send out notices or other correspondence at the request of the President or Secretary.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall record all funds received by the Auxiliary. All monies are to be relinquished to the General Treasurer of the Midwestern District Council following each council session with an annual report due in each July session. The Auxiliary is allowed to maintain a petty cash fund. Records should be available at any time upon request for audit.

Section 7. The Assistant Treasurer shall exercise those duties and functions assigned by the Treasurer, and shall assist the Treasurer during business sessions.

Section 8. The Chaplain shall sec that all devotional services are started with songs, prayer, and scripture promptly. The Chaplain shall conduct services until the President is ready to preside. The Assistant Chaplain shall assist the Chaplain and act in the absence of the same.

COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Church Extension and Evangelism Auxiliary shall consist of a Program

Committee, a Ways and Means Committee, and an Appropriation Committee.

Section 2. The duties of the Program Committee shall be to coordinate the program for each meeting based on the theme as designated by the General Council. The President must be consulted for approval of the program. The Program Chairman shall implement the program upon request of the President.

Section 3. The Ways and Means Committee shall present ideas for increasing the finances of the Midwestern District Council Church Extension and Evangelism upon approval, by the President and Executive Board. Prior approval must be obtained from the General Council.

Section 5. The Secretary shall receive a gift of love, not less than $25.00, and any deficit shall be supplemented by the Church Extension and Evangelism Auxiliary's treasury.

Section 6. A special offering will be taken for the Auxiliary during the Church Extension and Evangelism Auxiliary session.

Section 7. The President and all officers including the Chaplains shall receive free meals paid for by the Auxiliary during each session on Church Extension and Evangelism's day at the Council.

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I -NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this Auxiliary will be the Midwestern District Council International Missions Department. This Auxiliary may be referred to as the MDIMD.

Section 2. The purpose of this Auxiliary shall be the following:

a. To keep the Midwestern District Council informed about the works of the International Missions Department of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.

b. As approved by the Council's Executive Board.

c. To encourage each church in the district to make monthly financial contributions and to give other support to the International Missions Department, (this includes hosting fund raising services of the Auxiliary)

d. To keep the Council informed of the needs of the missionaries in the foreign

fields.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All members i n good standing with a local church affiliated with the Midwestern District Council may become a member of this Auxiliary.

Section 2. Members must pay a registration fee set by the Auxiliary and shall receive a badge to wear during the meetings.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Auxiliary shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Chaplain(s).

Section 2. All officers shall be elected by plurality votes except for the Chaplain(s) who shall be appointed by the President.

Section 3. Elections for officers shall be by secret ballot with nominations limited to three (3) persons per office.

Section 4. The term of office shall be three (3) years. No officer shall succeed them self more than two (2) consecutive term in the same office.

Sectiion 5. A written job description shall be given to each officer, thereby, avoiding any infringement of one officer duty upon the duty and rights of another officer.

Section 6. Should any vacancies occur during the regular terms of office between elections, said vacancy shall be filled by appointment. The President of the Auxiliary may submit recommendations for said office.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1. This auxiliary shall meet at times designated by the Parent Body of the M.D.C.

ARTICLE V – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

This Constitution can only be amended by two-thirds majority vote taken during an annual Council session where sixty day prior notice of intent to amend this Constitution has been given.

BY-LAWS

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Duties of officers: President:

a. To preside over all meetings.

b. To appoint all committees.

c. To work closely with the International Director of the Foreign Mission Board of the P.A.W.

d. To work closely with the appointed M.D.C. Director for the Auxiliary.

e. To serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

f. To deliver an Annual address in the Annual Council session.

Vice President:

a. To preside over meetings in the absence of the President.

b. Vice President is Chairperson of the Program Committee including the Annual fund Raising program.

c. To perform other duties as requested by the President.

Secretary:

a. To record the minutes of all meetings.

b. To prepare an agenda of the order of business for the presiding officer.

c. To receive and record the reports of each local church after the money has been paid to the Treasurer.

d. Keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements.

e. To keep a copy of the annual reports turned in by the Treasurer to the M.D.C.

f. To work closely with the Treasurer and to assist in receiving offerings.

g. To have a copy of the Constitution and By-laws at all meetings and be prepared to read from them if necessary.

Assistant Secretary:

a. To perform the duties of the Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

b. Maintaining registration and up-to-date registration records.

c. To perform other duties as requested by the Secretary.

Treasurer:

a. To receive all monies turned in with Auxiliary church reports, verify the amounts on the reports and give signed receipts for the same.

b. To keep accurate records of the Auxiliary's receipts and disbursements.

c. To give a written report at each Annual session.

d. To relinquish all monies other than petty cash to the General Treasurer of the M.D.C. following each council session or fundraiser and retain receipts of monies submitted.

e. To report all expenses with receipts to the General Treasurer.

f. With the authorization of the President and the Secretary, submit all bills for payment to the General Treasurer of the M.D.C.

g. Have books ready at any time for audit upon request.

h. To preside over offertories at Council settings and District fund raisers.

Assistant Treasurer:

a. To perform duties of the Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer.

b. To perform other duties as requested by the Treasurer.

c. To assist in offertories at Council settings and District fund raisers. Chaplain:

d. To begin and conduct all auxiliary devotional services punctually.

e. To be responsible for conducting devotional services.

COMMITTEES

Section 1. The standing committees shall be the Program Committee and the Ways and Means Committee.

Section 2. The duties of these committees are as follows:

The Program Committee:

a. To coordinate the program for the Annual International Missions Day.

b. Proposed speakers to the General or Diocesan, prior to initial contact and

confirmation of program participants.

c. To be responsible for submitting the names of the initial contact and the confirmation of all program participants in advance.

Way and Means Committee:

a. To present ideas for increasing the finances of this Auxiliary.

b. To implement said ideas after they have been approved by the Chairman and Diocesan.

ASSESSMENTS AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. Each local church shall report to the Auxiliary with a love-offering of not less than $5.00 each Council session.

Section 2. The Auxiliary shall be responsible for reporting with a payment of not less than One hundred dollars ($ 100.00) to the International Missions Convention of the P.A.W. annually, in March accordance with our International assessment for the same.

STANDING RULES

Section 1. The Midwestern District Council International Missions Department will pay for all of its officers serving at each Council session on that day.

Section 2. The Secretary shall be given expense money for correspondence for petty cash.

Section 3. The Auxiliary's expense for badges, programs, and like expenses shall be paid for they Treasurer upon the presentation of bills.

Section 4. The President will be sent to the Midwinter International Missions and/or National Convention with expenses paid by funds than are raised outside of the Council settings.

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of the Auxiliary shall be the Midwestern District Council Health Professionals of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. This Auxiliary may be referred to as MDHP.

Section 2. The Purpose of this Auxiliary shall be to assist the physical well-being of the general public attending each council.

Section 3. To make available information to increase the knowledge of good health and safety practices.

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS

Section 1. There will be five (5) meetings yearly for the purpose of teaching health education to provide better services for God's people at the home church and on the District level.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers if this Auxiliary shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer.

Section 2. The appointed officers of this Auxiliary shall be the Chaplain and the Parliamentarian.

Section 3. The tenure of office for both elected and appointed officers of this Auxiliary shall be three (3) years.

Section 4. The te The terms of office shall be limited to two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms.

ARTICLE IV - AUXILIARY DIRECTOR

Section 1. An Auxiliary Director will be appointed by the Bishop of the Midwestern District Council.

Section 2. This Director shall advise and have a voice in any and all meetings of the M.D. C. Health Professionals.

ARTICLE V - QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

Section 1. Nominees must be in good standing in their local church , be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and be filled with the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Section 2. Nominees must have registered and served the Council for a period of two years, prior to the election year as a member of the M.D.C. Health Professionals Auxiliary before holding office.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Auxiliary. The President shall appoint the Chaplain, Parliamentarian and the appointed committees. He/She shall represent the M.D.C. Health Professionals in other groups and shall give an annual address to the Auxiliary.

Section 2. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The president may make a recommendation to Council Chairman fulfill vacancies that shall arise in any office. The Diocesan or the Chairman will make the appointment to fill the vacancy.

Vice President

Section 1. Shall preside in the absence of the President and may perform duties as appointed by the President.

Section 2. Shall serve as the chairman of the Program Committee Secretary
Section 1. She or He shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the auxiliary.

Section 2. Shall sign and read "the minutes" for correction and approval.

Section 3. Shall take care of correspondence, such as notes of special meetings, application blanks to members and etc. under the direction of the President.

Section 4. He or She shall keep an accurate copy of records from the treasury for all monies turned over to the Treasurer.

Section 5. Shall be given a love offering from the auxiliary no less than $50.00 for services rendered annually based on the strength of the treasury.

Assistant Secretary

Section 1. Shall serve in the event of the incapacitation and/or absence of the secretary.

Section 2. Duties are as directed by Secretary.

Treasurer

Section 1. This book is to be open at all times for inspection by the President and the General Treasurer.

Section 2. He/she shall receive a copy of the receipt for all monies given to the Treasurer.

Section 3. He/She shall render a financial report annually.

Section 4. He/She shall be given a love offering from the auxiliary, no less than $50.00 for services rendered annually.

Assistant Treasurer

Section l. He/She shall serve in the absence and/or incapacitation of the treasurer.
Section 2. His or Her duties are as directed by the Treasurer.

Chaplain

Section 1. He/She shall lead the body i n prayer and scripture after the meeting has been called to order.

Section 2. He/She shall give the benediction when the meeting is adjourned.

Parliamentarian

Section 1. Shall be knowledgeable of rules, order and is to advise the chair and members of such rules.

Section 2. Call attention of the chair to any errors in proceedings that may affect the rights of any member.

Section 3. Must be tactful in advising the President and members.

Section 4. Shall be assigned a seat as near as possible to the chair.

Note: The Chair has the right to rule on a question after receiving the advice of the parliamentarian.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1. Members of the M.D.C. Health Professionals may be any male or female graduate nurse or lay worker.

Section 2. They must be able to presents a card showing that he/she has completed a course i n CPR.

Section 3. Annual dues for each member of all local church Health Professional is $15.00 per year, $10.00 goes to the International Health Professionals. Each president of their assembly is responsible for the collection of dues from their members and reporting such monies to the District Health Professionals' Treasurer.

ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Section 1. Nomination for candidates for office will be from the floor.

Section 2. Nominees must be present at the time of nomination unless represented by a letter of intent to serve.

Section 3. Nominees must affirm Article V , Section l and Section 2 of the constitution at the time of nomination.

Section 4. Voting shall be by secret ballot, and ballots will be counted by the Balloting Committee.

Section 5. Election to office shall be by majority vote.

AUXILIARY DRESS CODES

Section l. Al l females when on duty should be properly dressed in full uniform, with their M.D.C. cap. Sleeves shall be below the elbow, or lab coat and hemline shall be below the knees when sitting, possibly mid-calf. Du ty shoes and stockings must be white.

Section 2. All males when on duty should be properly dressed in white pants and a long sleeve shirt, if a male is wearing a short sleeve shirt a lab coat is required. Shoes and socks must be white.

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEN'S MINISTRY

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. The name of this Auxiliary shall be the Midwestern District Council Men 's Ministry Auxiliary and may be referred to as MDMM.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section l. The purpose of this Auxiliary shall be:

a. To foster the spirit of Brotherhood throughout the Council, and to assist the Council in any profitable way, both spiritually and naturally.

b. To meet in session tri-annually to evaluate programs and to aid each other in producing effective programs that will benefit local churches and our Council.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership may be obtained by any brother in full fellowship with his respective home assembly and the M.D.C.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Auxiliary shall be a President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, and Sergeant-At-Arms.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected by secret ballot from the candidates nominated from the floor for each office. The candidate for each office receiving the highest number of majority votes shall be declared elected.

Section 3. The term of office shall be a period of three (3) years and elections shall be held during the July Council of a scheduled M.D.C. election year.

Section 4. The newly elected officers shall take office at the end of the P.A.W. convention after all business has been settled.

Section 5. The duties of the officers shall be those associated with the title as presented in these By-laws.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The regular officers of the MDMM, together with the Presidents of the Men's

Ministry within the local churches shall make up the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have all the power necessary to transact business or initiate studies, as it deems advisable for the best interest of the Men's Ministry. Any action must be approved by a majority of the members present and the Council Chairman.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall meet as often as necessary.

ARTICLE VI –MEETINGS

Section 1. Sessions. The Men's Ministry will meet on Saturdays in each of the Tri-annual

Section 2. The Men's Ministry shall be authorized to hold quarterly meetings during the Council year. The time and place shall be designated and/or approved by the Bishop or Chairman of the M.D.C.

ARTICLE VII - FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. The assessments shall be set by the membership with the approval of the Council Chairman.

Section 2. Only members who are registered in two (2) of three (3) consecutive councils, excluding the April session, shall be eligible to run for an office.

ARTICLE VIII - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Constitution can only be amended at any Annual meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of eligible brothers present, provided that a copy of the proposed change is submitted to the members in writing 60 days before the opening session.

BY-LAWS

Section 1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Call to order

b. Read, correct and approve minutes

c. Report of Treasurer

d. Reports of Officers and Committees

e. Old or unfinished business

f. New business

g. Adjournment

Section 2. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITIEES

The President shall appoint all committees with the right to participate in debate and to vote. He shall be a member of all standing committees.

Section 3. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

a. The President shall preside over all regular meetings of the Men's Ministry. He will be in complete charge of the meetings. He will rule on all issues according to parliamentary procedure. He shall see that all decisions of the Men's Ministry are carried out.

b. The Vice President shall preside as chairman in the absence of the President. He will be in complete charge. He shall act as the coordinator of the work of all committees and see to it that they carry out their purpose and functions.

c. The Second Vice President shall preside as chairman in the absence of the Vice President.

d. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Men's Ministry. The Secretary shall read the minutes of the previous meetings at the request of the President. He shall keep complete records of all business transactions of the Men's Ministry as deemed necessary by the President or Vice Presidents.

e. The Assistant Secretary shall help the Secretary in carrying out all of his duties. He shall assume the duties of the secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

f. The Corresponding Secretary shall manage all correspondence and convey the contents of incoming correspondence to the Executive Board of the Men's Ministry. He shall keep all areas covered by the National Men's Ministry informed by correspondence of the activities of this Men's Ministry.

g. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, associated with the activities of this auxiliary and report the same at each meeting. All monies are to be relinquished co the General Treasurer of the M.D.C. within five (5) days of receipt. He shall submit all bills co the General Treasurer of the M.D.C. for payment

Section 4. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. The Program and Publicity Committee shall plan programs for the betterment of the Men's Ministry and shall publicize our meetings and programs.

b. The Ways and Means Committee shall plan ways and means by which we may be able to enrich our treasury and better our Men's Ministry.

c. The Balloting Committee shall dispense and count ballots at election time.

d. The President may appoint other committees that may be needed for the successful operation of Men's Ministry.

Section 5. REGISTRATION AND ASSESSMENTS

a. Registration for this Men's Ministry shall be five ($5) dollars per member, per Council setting.

b. Extra funds may be raised by special assessments upon the members so that special projects can be undertaken, but these measures must meet with the express consent of the Men's Ministry by a majority vote of the members present and the approval of the Council Chairman.

Section 6. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

a. For a member to be eligible to hold an office in the Men's Ministry Auxiliary, he must be in good standing with his local church. Further, he must have registered in two (2) of the past three (3) consecutive council sessions, excluding the April session.

b. Nominations will be received in the November Council session prior to the
c. M.D.C. election year.

d. Nominees or letter of intent to run for office must be present at the time of nomination.

e. The presiding officer must announce each office separately and ask for nominations from the floor.

f. In cases of emergency such as death or any other circumstance acceptable to the Men's Ministry, a member can be nominated being absent from the nominating session and elected only if this information is forwarded to the Secretary prior to the nomination session.

g. Election voting shall be by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to the respective office for which they were nominated. Winning candidates will take office at the end of the P.A.W. Convention. In the case of a tied vote, the Auxiliary Director shall have the deciding vote.

Section 7. VOTING

a. Voting on issues before this Men's Ministry shall be by acclamation (Aye or Nay).

b. If there is any doubt about voting by secret ballot on matters, then another method of voting may be employed.

c. Voting in all elections shall be by secret ballot except when vacancies are being filled and one (1) candidate is nominated. In which case voting may be by acclamation.

d. All vacancies shall be filled by the Diocesan and Chairman.

Section 8. TRANSACTIONS

Laws will be passed or rejected by members present at the meeting and submitted to Parent Body for final approval.

Section 9. VACANCIES

In case of death or the resignation of any officers, the vacancy shall be filled by the Diocesan or the Council Chairman. The President may make recommendations to fulfill the vacancy.

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MINISTERS' WIVES AUXILIARY

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. The name of this Auxiliary shall be the Midwestern District Council Ministers' Wives. The Auxiliary may be referred to as the MDMW.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. The Purpose of the Auxiliary is to unite the wives into a common fellowship for support, encouragement and personal growth. This purpose shall be accomplished through programs that will educate and inspire them to the highest degree of spiritual, intellectual and social development.

This programming will further encourage them to use their God given talents and skills for the up building of God's Kingdom, to encourage them to support their husbands, love the people of God and are a light to their community.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Auxiliary shall be the following:
President
Vice President Secretary
Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer.

Section 2. The term of office for officers shall be three (3) years. Each officer may serve two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 3. All vacancies occurring between elections during regular terms shall be filled by appointments of the M.D.C. Chairman and/or Diocesan. Recommendations may be submitted by the Executive Board of the Auxiliary.

Section 4. The President shall provide the direction and the oversight to the Auxiliary. The President may appoint officers other than the elected officers, as she deems necessary.

Section 5. The Vice President shall be an assistant to the President and seek to do al l her hands and heart can do to make the President's vision a success.

Section 6. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording and maintaining the minutes and all records including a copy of treasury records, and correspondences as directed by the President. The Secretary shall present a copy of all of these records to the General Secretary of the Council. The Outgoing Secretary shall present a copy of all records to the incoming President at the beginning of a term of office.

Section 7. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary and send correspondence under the direction of the Secretary.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall be responsible for counting, recording and dispensing income. The Treasurer shall maintain good records and report the same to the Auxiliary President and Secretary.

Section 9. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist in all of the responsibilities of the Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section l. Meeting times for this Auxiliary are during the Midwestern District Council sessions and are set by the Midwestern District Council.

Section 2. The locations of meetings shall be determined by the General Council.

ARTICLE V – FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. The MDMW may send a delegate each year to the International Ministers'

Wives Annual Convention of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. with expenses financed by the auxiliary based upon the strength of the treasury. The expenses may include transportation, housing, meals, offering and other expenses necessary to attend the meeting.

Section 2. The President of the MDMW shall be the delegate representing the auxiliary at all International meetings, seminars, etc. The Vice President shall be the alternate delegate in the event the President i s unable to attend.

Sect ion 3. Dues for the members of this auxiliary are set at $36 per year (about 10 cent per day) i n addition to registration with the General Council and the Auxiliary during Council sessions.

Section 4. Inasmuch as events, cost of living, etc. affect our ability to serve our membership, our council and our national body, dues arc subject to change as approved by two-thirds majority vote and approval of the General Council.

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MISSIONARY AND CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of the Auxiliary shall be the Missionary and Christian Women's Auxiliary. The Auxiliary may be referred to as the MCWA.

ARTICLE II – AUXILIARY PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this Auxiliary is to reach all the women of the Midwestern District Council with a program of education and opportunity for Christian service and support the Midwestern District Council. The Auxiliary will work to inspire women of all ages to this end.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All women of a church affiliated with the Midwestern District Council may become a member of this Auxiliary providing they are in good standing i n their local assembly.

Section 2. The Auxiliary may set a fee for its members for registration. All changes i n fees must be ratified by the M.D.C. general body.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Auxiliary shall be the following: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected by majority vote. Elections of these Officers shall be by secret ballot with nominees limited to three (3) persons per office.

Section 3. The Director or a member of the General Council's executive officers shall oversee the electoral process.

Section 4. The tenure of office for the elected officers shall be limited to two (2) consecutive three (4) years terms. The election for officers shall run concurrently with the time of election for the parent body of the M.D.C.

Section 5. All nominees must be present at the time of nominations unless a written notice of their acceptance of the nomination is presented.

Section 6. The Missionary and Christian Women's Auxiliary Executive Board may offer recommendations of persons to the Diocesan and/or Chairman of the M.O.C. to fill any vacancies of offices that occur between elections.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Auxiliary shall function in compliance with all of the rules and regulations of the M.O.C. and shall meet at the times prescribed or approved by the M.O.C.

ARTICLE VI - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

This Constitution can only be amended by a two-thirds majority vote, cast during an Annual session with previous notice of intent to amend submitted to the General Secretary's office at least sixty days prior to vote.

BY-LAWS

QUALIFICATION AND DUTIES OF OFFICES

Section 1. All nominees for elected office must have a home church in the M.D.C., be faithful co-chair church's Missionary and/or Women's Auxiliary and be in good standing with their pastor.

Section 2. Eligible nominees for the office of President must have attended the meetings of the MCWA regularly for the past two (2) consecutive years.

Section 3. The President shall preside over all meetings and boards of the Auxiliary according to the By-laws and constitution of the Auxiliary and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. At her discretion, she shall deliver an annual address in the annual session of the Council.

Section 4. The First Vice President shall assist the President in any way she shall be directed by the President and shall preside in the absence of the President in accordance

with the constitution of the MCWA and the M.D.C. The second V ice President shall perform such duties as shall be directed by the President.

Sec t ion 5. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the Auxiliary and shall maintain the records of the same. The Secretary shall keep the President informed of the Auxiliary's proceedings and shall supply the President with copies of the same. The Secretary shall have a copy of the Constitution and By-laws at all meetings. The Secretary shall be the Chairperson of the Appropriation Committee.

Section 6. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary wherever necessary and function as secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

Section 7. The Corresponding Secretary under the supervision of the Secretary shall send notices to all local church Women's Auxiliary and/or Missionary Presidents regarding forth coming councils at least twenty-one (21) days preceding the date when the Council settings are scheduled begin.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all funds received by the Auxiliary. In addition, shall relinquish all monies to the General Treasurer of the M.D.C. following each Council session. This auxiliary is allowed to maintain a petty cash fund, not to exceed one hundred dollars ($ 100).

Section 9. The President shall appoint two (2) chaplains.

COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President shall be empowered to appoint the following committees: Program Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Cheer Committee and Appropriation Committee. The duties and functions of these committees shall be assigned by the President.

Section 2. The Auxiliary shall have an Executive Board consisting of all elected officers of the Missionary and Christian Women's Auxiliary. The Auxiliary shall also have an Advisory Board consisting of Ex-M.D.C. Presidents and two senior members of the Auxiliary. The Executive Board and/or Advisory Board shall meet with the President of the MCWA and be empowered to call a meeting with her when deemed necessary.

Section 3. There shall be a District Cabinet that shall consist of the local church presidents, any International officers of the P.A.W. Missionary and Christian Women's Auxiliary who are members of this Auxiliary and any former MCWA presidents who are members of the MCWA. This Cabinet shall meet with the President six (6) weeks prior to each Council setting when feasible.

Section 4. The Appropriation Committee shall consist of the Secretary (as chairperson), the Treasurer and three (3) appointed members. The three (3) appointed members of this committee shall be appointed by the President.

ASSESSMENTS AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. A love offering shall be received and given to the Secretary in an amount not less than $50.00. If the offering received, is less than $50.00, the MCWA treasury shall supplement the offering to make up the difference.

Section 2. The President of the Missionary and Christian Women Auxiliary, the Officers and the Chaplains shall receive free meals during each woman's session, when present, such meals shall be paid for by the MCWA.

Section 3. The MCWA shall pay the travel, food lodging and registration expenses of the President of the MC'WA as a delegate to the International Missionary and Christian Women's Convention of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. The MCWA shall fulfill all financial obligations necessary for reports to the International MCWA Convention. The President shall be responsible for making said reports.

Section 4. Whereas it is a requirement that the President of the MCWA attend the International Planning Board meeting of the International Christian Women and Missionary Auxiliary of the P.A.W. annually, this auxiliary will assist the President financially to attend the meeting based on the strength of the Treasury.

Section 5. Each member of the MCWA of the M.D.C. is requested to pay $5.20 annually to the National Ways and Means Committee.

Section 6. The Appropriation Committee will designate the amount of money to be taken from the treasury as a love offering for the President. The Vice Presidents shall receive a love offering of an amount of money, which shall be designated by the President.

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL SINGLE PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. The name of this Auxiliary shall be the Midwestern District Council Single People's Alliance. This Auxiliary may be referred to by the acronym IN-SYNC: In Single Years Navigating with Christ.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. The Mission of this Auxiliary shall be tri-fold:

a. To provide interaction, information and resources that deal with those issues, challenges and concerns common to the single lifestyle.

b. To provide a support system for single people.

c. To provide fellowship for single people.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Auxiliary is open to all single individuals who are baptized, filled with the Holy Ghost and affiliated with and in good standing with a Midwestern District Council Church. Active members of this Auxiliary must be at least twenty-one (2 1) years old.

Section 2. The members will pay a registration fee in each Council session and will receive an Auxiliary registration badge through the General Secretary's office.

Section 3. Each member of this Auxiliary shall meet one or more of the following qualifications; be single by reason of widowhood, divorce, never married, parent without a partner, and in cases of legal separation.

Section 4. Any registered member who marries while being a member may remain an active member of the body from the time of their marriage to the following council, having all rights and privileges of the single person. Thereafter, he/she may register with IN-SYNC., wear an honorary badge and be an honorary member for one (1) year. He/She may not vote or hold any office. He/She may have no voice in any official business. He/She may participate in all social functions as desired for a period of one (I) year.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of is Auxiliary shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain.

Section 2. The Officers are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee. No married or separated individual may be nominated to hold office in this Auxiliary.

Sect on 3. The tenure of office will be three (3) years. Each officer may serve only two (2) terms consecutively. Any officer who becomes married may complete the remainder of the term to the following Council setting and shall not be eligible thereafter for any office unless there is a marital status change in the interim. The married officer if so desired may be a lay advisor to the Executive Board for a period of two (2) Council settings and be an honorary member of the body for three (3) Council settings.

He/she may register with the Auxiliary and wear an honorary officer's badge. He/she shall have no voice or vote on any issue.

Section 4. In Accordance with the M.D.C. Law, election of officers shall be by secret ballot and by majority vote.

Section 5. Vacancies shall be filled by the IN-SYNC Executive Board.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. This Auxiliary shall meet in accordance with the Midwestern District Council's meeting dates.

ARTICLE VI - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution can only be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members present with a previously given notice to the membership of intent to amend it. Such proposed amendments must be in writing and presented at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting.

QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside over all meetings and boards of this Auxiliary according to the By-laws and Constitution of this Auxiliary, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. The President shall have the authority to make decisions or to act on matters requiring immediate attention. The President shall appoint and dissolve all standing committees and other committees as needed.

Section 2. The Vice President shall execute those duties delegated to him by the President. In the absence of or incapacitation of the President, the Vice President shall preside over meetings. The Vice President shall serve out the un-expired term of the President as stated in Article Ill, Section 4.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the Auxiliary and shall maintain the records of it. The Secretary shall keep the President informed of the Auxiliary's proceedings and shall supply the President with copies of it. The Secretary shall have a copy of the Constitution and By-laws at all meetings.

Section 4. The Assistant Recording Secretary shall assist the Secretary wherever necessary and function as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all funds received by the Auxiliary. In addition, shall relinquish all monies to the General Treasurer of the M.D.C. following each Council session. This auxiliary is allowed to maintain a petty cash fund, not to exceed one hundred dollars ($ 100).

Section 6. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer wherever necessary and shall function as Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer.

Section 9. The Chaplain and Assisting Chaplain shall be appointed by the President.

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees shall be the Ways and Means, the Program Committee, the Budget Finance Committee and the Screening Committee.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Program Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President and shall have members of the Executive Board as its committee members. The committee shall plan each Council program for the Auxiliary. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for submitting a copy of the proposed program to the Director of the Auxiliary. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for submitting a copy of the proposed program to the General Secretary.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall receive the names of the persons nominated for each office, shall prepare and present the ballots at election time and count the ballots at the close of the election. The Chairman of this committee shall present the results of the balloting. The Auxiliary President shall appoint the chairman of this committee.

All nominees must be a member of a Midwestern District Council Church, filled with the Holy Ghost and serving in the Single's Auxiliary in their home assembly (if there be any), or support the Single's Ministry at the Council level. Nominees must be able to serve, be of high moral standards and excellent reputation, as confirmed by their pastor if accepting the nomination. Nominees must till the qualifications as stated in Article III, Section 3.

Section 2. Eligible single lay members may be nominated for offices that have supported the auxiliary through registration for two (2) out of the last three (3) council sessions, with the exception of the April session.

Section 3. All members who vote must be registered with the General Council and the Auxiliary and wearing a registration badge when voting.

Section 4. Each elective office shall receive not more than three (3) nominees to be placed on the ballot.

Section 5. Nominees for offices must be present and registered or represented by a letter of intent when the nominations are submitted.

Section 6. Nominees accepting the nomination for office must have approval of the pastor of the church where they are a member before being elected to office.

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL USHERS AUXILIARY

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I—NAME

Section 1. The name of this Auxiliary shall be the Midwestern District Council Ushers Auxiliary and may be referred to as the MDUA.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this Auxiliary is to establish a system of standards for the Council's ushers that will provide uniformity in ushers' procedures in every Midwestern District Council session. These standards shall help to ensure their ushers are prepared to perform their service to God and His people i n an acceptable manner.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Section I. This Auxiliary shall meet at times and places designated and/or approved by the parent body of the M.D.C.

Section 2. The Midwestern District Council's Ushers Auxiliary has monthly business meetings, which are held on the second Monday of each month. The Ushers' meetings are held at a place to be designated by the officers. These meetings are held for all Ushers' Board members in the Midwestern District Council's local churches.

Section 3. The Midwestern District Council Ushers' Annual Convention is held during the third week of May with Council approval. The convention convenes for three (3) days.

Section 4. The Midwestern District Council Ushers' Annual Christmas Banquet is held the second Monday night i n December.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Auxiliary shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer. Each officer shall be elected to serve three (3) years i n office. This Section of the Constitution is i n accordance with the Constitution of the M.D.C.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A person may become a member of this Auxiliary who is faithful to their local usher board and a member i n good standing in their church. Such persons must also be registered with this auxiliary during each council session.

ARTICLE VI - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may only be amended in an Annual session of the Council where a

previous notice of intent to change it has been given by a previous notice at least sixty day prior to the meeting where the change is to be made.

ARTICLE VII - DRESS CODES

Section l. The uniforms for female ushers are black suits and white blouses, with white undergarments only. No dark or pastel undergarments are permitted. In the summer, it is to be white suits and white undergarments only. Additional accessories include black handkerchiefs, black gloves, white shoes, neutral colored stockings (no dark or pastel colored stockings) and the Midwestern District Council Ushers ' badge. The M.D.C. Ushers' badge must be worn while on duty at District Council sessions or other M.D.C. services.

Section 2. Men's uniforms are black suits, white shirts, black ties, white gloves, black shoes and the Midwestern District Council Ushers' badge.

ARTICLE VII - ASSESSMENTS AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Section l. The Midwestern District Council Ushers' Auxiliary dues are assessed as $l.00 (one dollar) per usher each month or $ 12.00 (twelve dollars) per year. During the Midwestern District Council sessions, each local church Ushers' Board is required to pay $2.00 board and $1.00 per usher on their board. During the Midwestern District Council Ushers' Convention, each board is required to pay $20.00 (twenty dollars) per board and $1.00 per usher. Additionally, each member should register with the General Council and the Auxiliary.

Section 2. The Auxiliary funds are used to purchase usher badges, handkerchiefs and pay the required dues as assessed by the International Usher Board or the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. In addition to these assessments, this Auxiliary will assists fellow ushers with purchasing uniforms when needed. An usher needing assistance in purchasing a uniform must meet certain Auxiliary criteria. Any usher requesting assistance to purchase a uniform must have been current paying their ushers' dues.

Section 3. In the event of the death of an usher, an usher's spouse or other immediate family member, the Auxiliary will withdraw approximately $50.00 (fifty dollars) for benevolent related expenses from the treasury. In the event of the death of a district pastor or pastor's spouse, the Auxiliary will withdraw approximately $50.00 (fifty dollars) or more for benevolent expenses.

Section .t. Expenditures for the President of Midwestern District Council Ushers Auxiliary for travel and maintenance shall be allotted based upon the strength of their treasury. The President shall present an annual budget to the General Treasurer during the November Council.

When officers of the Ushers' Auxiliary attend the International Ushers' Auxiliary National Convention, the following allocation of funds shall be given based on the strength of their treasury:

Director	$300.00
President	$300.00
Regional Director	$200.00
District Officers	$150.00.

In order to receive travel and maintenance assistance, the officer must meet the following criteria. Members who receive travel and maintenance assistance must be faithful to the Auxiliary through paying their dues and being active in the Auxiliary.

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL PENTECOSTAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. The name of this Auxiliary shall be the Midwestern District Council Pentecostal Young People's Union. This Auxiliary may be referred to as the PYPU.

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this Auxiliary shall be to promote greater interest and participation, among young people, in the Midwestern District Council. The purpose shall be accomplished through programming that will educate and inspire them to the highest degree of spiritual, intellectual and social development. This programming will further encourage them to use their God given talents and skill s for the up building of God's kingdom.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members hip shall be granted to all persons holding active membership in good standing with any church in good standing with the Midwestern District Council, which is determined by the Executive Board of the General Body. Members shall not have exceeded their fortieth birthday.

Section 2. Membership shall be evidenced by the payment of registration fees and the presentation of a current membership badge during each session of the council.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the President. Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected by majority of ballots cast every three (3) years which shall be concurrent with the election schedule of the parent body of the Midwestern District Council.

Section 3. Shall be thirty-six (36) years of age or less at the time of election.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. The location of meetings shall be wherever the Midwestern District conventions.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected by majority of ballots cast every three (3) years which shall be concurrent with the election schedule of the parent body of the Midwestern District Council.

Section 3. The PYPU shall be in session on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. through the evening service in the July and November sessions. In April, we shall meet at times as approved by the General body of the M.D.C.

Section 4. The PYPU third Saturday programs shall be held to enrich the young people of this Council.

BY-LAWS

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside over all regular meetings. The president shall see to it that all decisions of the PYPU are carried out.

Section 2. The Vice President shall preside in similar capacity to the President in the absence or incapacitation of the President. The Vice President shall also assist the President in other capacities as needed.

Section 3. The Secretary shall record all minutes, receive a copy of all financial transactions and send out all notices of meetings and events. The Secretary shall be responsible for obtaining a list of the registered members from the General Secretary's office and the proper maintenance of all records.

Section 4. The Assistant Secretary shall act in a similar capacity to the Secretary in the absence or incapacitation of the Secretary. He or she must also assist the Secretary in other capacities as needed.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall work with the Secretary recording and maintaining all receipts and financial transactions. He/ She shall relinquish monies to the General Treasurer of the M.D.C. following each council session, District Convention and all other PYPU programs. He shall submit a printed detail each Council to the General Treasurer. The Treasurer shall maintain a record of the balance of the petty cash fund ($100.00).

Section 6. The Assistant Treasurer shall act in similar capacity to the Treasurer in the absence or incapacitation of the Treasurer. He or she shall also assist the Treasurer in other capacities as needed.

Section 7. All appointed officers shall be appointed by the President to head departments as needed under his or her administration. Such appointed officers shall include, but not limited to, Chaplain(s), Parliamentarian(s) and Sergeant(s)-at-arms. The duties of such appointed officers and shall be limited to those granted by the President and such duties chat are customary to such position.

CONVENTION DELEGATE

Section 1. The PYPU shall send a delegate to the International Pentecostal Young People's Union Convention with the expenses financed by the PYPU based upon the strength of the PYPU treasury.

The President shall be the delegate to represent at Convention. The V ice President shall be the alternate delegate to represent at the Convention in the event that the President is unable to attend. If both of these officers are unable to represent the protocol for sending a delegate will be in the following order: The Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and the Assistant Treasurer.

Section 2. Funding for expenses, depending upon the strength of the treasury, shall begin one (l) day prior to the first official day of the IPYPU session. Expenses may include:

a. Transportation

b. Hotel

c. Other Expenses

1. A required registration fee.
2. $30.00 a day for meals including gratuities.

3. Required convention assessment: The PYPU shall submit to the IPYPU a financial assessment at the summer convention based upon the financial strength of the PYPU.

LOCAL CHURCH REPORTING

Section 1. The youth department of each church shall send an official delegate to each council session and make a church report during the business session. Late reports shall be turned into the Treasurer or the Secretary prior to the Young People's service.

Section 2. Any church failing to report at any session, must make their delinquent report at the next session. All local youth departments are required to comply with this law. The Secretary shall send notices to this effect to the churches.

NOMI NAT IONS A ND ELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 1. Membership is required for all voters as stated in Article II, Sections I and II. Only members of the council are eligible to vole who have been registered in two (2) of the previous three (3) council sessions, excluding the April session.

Section 2. Matters affecting the PYPU, bur not otherwise provided for shall be subject to a majority vote of the members. The methods of voting that shall be used by this Auxiliary shall be by the raising of hands and/or the motion of common consent or the casting of ballots.

Section 3. The method of voting which shall be employed during the election of officers shall be by secret ballot.

NOMINATION OF OFFICER S

Section 1. Nominees eligible to hold office in the PYPU must adhere to Article II, Sections l and 2 of the PYPU By-laws and Constitution.

Section 2. Nomi nations will be made in the November session, prior to the election year. All nominees accepting nomination for offices must be present at the time of nomination or have submitted in writing their willingness to serve.

Section 3. In the case of an emergency such as death or any other circumstances acceptable to the Election Committee as a legitimate reason for being absent from the nominating session, a member can be nominated being absent only if the i n formation regarding the reason for their absence is forwarded to the Election Committee prior to the nominating session if possible.

Section 4. The Election Committee will be empowered with the authority to preside over the nomination session, assist the Screening Committee, notify candidates of their acceptance and/or rejection and construct and count the ballots.

Section 5. The Screening Committee will be empowered with the authority to accept qualifying candidates and reject/eliminate non-qualifying candidates based on the criteria set for qualifying them. The Screening Committee will consist of the current PYPU President, the current Director and a pastor or lay person.

Section 6. The winning candidate will take office at the conclusion of the P.A.W. Inc.'s international convention of the election year. In the case of a tie, the deciding vote shall be cast by the Auxiliary Director.

Section 7. In the case of death or vacancy of office, the Chairman or Diocesan will appoint an individual to fulfill the vacancy. The Executive Board of the PYPU may submit suggestions for candidates.

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL SERVICE UNIT CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL DEAF MINISTRY SERVICE UNIT

Presenter: Sister Yvonne Berry Founder and Coordinator

The proposal to implement the Deaf Ministry Service Unit was submitted on November 1, 1995 to the Advisory Board, Midwestern District Council, Nove mber 1996 Council Session i n Poplar Bluff , Missouri. The Proposal was approved as a service unit of the Midwestern District Council. The service unit shall not function as an auxiliary, but a support group to the Midwestern District Council and its con stituency.

PURPOSE

The Deaf Ministry Service Unit shall function within the established guidelines of the Deaf Ministries Department of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World.

The general purpose of the Deaf Ministry Service Unt shall be:

To involve Pastors, Missionaries, Christian Workers and all interested persons in ministering to and reaching the deaf community through American Sign Language and Deaf culture education.

It shall be the goal of the service unit to support the aforementioned purpose through the following training activities:

a. Provide classes that enrich, improve and advance interpreters/workers knowledge and ability to use American Sign Language and methods of ministry to the Deaf and hearing impaired.

b. Assist interested persons/groups in understanding the Deaf culture; thereby furthering the ability to minister to the Deaf.

c. Promote an environment in our council sessions, which fosters attendance by the Deaf community to the Midwestern District Council functions and services.

FUNCTION

The Deaf Ministry Service Unit sets forth to provide interpreting services at the Midwestern District Council evening sessions and/or as needed. The availability of trained interpreters will affect the service unit's ability to provide ongoing interpreting services at the council sessions. The established priori ty will be to meet the interpreting needs of any deaf person attending our services.

OFFICERS/WORKERS

The Deaf Ministry Service Unit shall function with the following officers/workers: Coordinator: Sister

Yvonne Berry
New Christ Temple Church

*Assistant Coordinator: To be appointed by the Chairman

*Secretary To be appointed by the Chairman

*Assistant Secretary To be appointed by the Chairman

*These offices denote interested Midwestern District Council members who desire to serve in the Service Unit.

All interested persons in the Deaf Ministry Service Unit should exemplify a desire to reach the Deaf for Christ and participate in becoming trained in American Sign Language.

Local colleges will work with the Deaf Ministry Service Unit coordinator in assigning advance

sign language students to assist in interpreting council services, but only Midwestern District Council members can function as appointed officers/workers.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Interpreters shall adhere to the Code of Ethics as set forth by The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. has set forth the following principles of ethical behavior to protect and guide the interpreter, the consumers (hearing and hearing-impaired) and the profession, as well as to ensure for all, the right to communicate:

Interpreters must use discretion in discussing church interpreting assignments as to ensure confidentiality of the deaf or hearing impaired consumer.

Interpreters shall render the message faithfully, always conveying the content and spirit of the speaker, using language most readily understood by the person(s) whom they service.

Interpreters shall not counsel, advice, or interject personal opinions.

Interpreters shall accept assignments using discretion with regard to skill, selling and consumers involved.

DRESS CODE

Interpreters shall be attired in professional dress or the attire best suited for the event. Dress attire should be solid colored suit or dress. The emphasis of the dress code is placed on the signer's signing space (signer's head to waist). The signing space shall be a solid background as to lessen distracting factors; pastels, large pieces of jewelry, bright colored clothing.

DUES

The service unit does not have regular payment of dues as it supports the District, but is not an auxiliary. The Coordinator must consult with the appointed advisor or director regarding activities or means of generating funds within the service unit. Any funds generated for the service unit will be used to promote the quality delivery of services to the deaf and hearing attending the District services and functions.

ADVISOR

The Deaf Ministry Service Unit shall report to the Chairman of the Midwestern District Council. The Chairman shall appoint a M.D.C. pastor as Advisor to the Deaf Ministry Service Unit.

The following candidates were submitted for consideration for the Advisor to the Midwestern District Council's Deaf Ministry Service Unit:

Pastor Arthur Roy Johnson Pastor Larry J. Baylor Pastor Elmer Kirksey, Sr.

The Deaf Ministry Service Unit will operate within the established guidelines as set forth by Bishop James A. Johnson, Diocesan of the Midwestern District Council and the directives given by the Deaf Ministry Department of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World.

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