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MINISTERIAL TITHE ASSESSMENT

Resolution to Amend by Strikeout / Insertion

BYLAWS, ARTICLE ELEVEN, SECTION ONE

Needing Majority Vote

WHEREAS, the original assessment language that prescribes budget distributions was not presented as a bylaw amendment and not intended to be considered a bylaw; *and*

WHEREAS, debt reduction, benevolence, pastoral care, and leadership development are considered to be “core values” that are central to our district mission; *and*

WHEREAS, the designated amounts are disproportionate to the actual need and the district is nearly always spending far greater sums on these needs; *and*

WHEREAS, receipting and accounting for designated funds unnecessarily complicates the accounting process; *and*

WHEREAS, the practice of budgeting-from-the-floor is an antiquated budgeting philosophy that is no longer considered efficient or effective and no longer matches current needs; *and*

WHEREAS, removing these assessments will allow the Executive Presbytery to fund needs and priorities, and to balance the budget without a tithe increase; *therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, that Bylaws, Article Eleven, Section One, Paragraph E. be amended by *strikeout and insertion* as follows:

Credential Type	Minimum Amt per Month
* Active Ordained Ministers	a minimum of \$258 per month
* Active Licensed Ministers.....	a minimum of \$258 per month
Active Certified Ministers.....	a minimum of \$148 per month
** Senior, Retired Credential Holders	a minimum of \$60 per month (as able)
All Inactive Credential Holders.....	a minimum of \$60 per month
Nationally Appointed US Missionaries, World Missionaries residing in the U.S. or on the field per family, and District approved Chi Alpha Directors.....	a minimum of \$100 per month
Chaplains Nationally Endorsed	a minimum of 10% of their tithe
Student, full-time	a minimum of \$100 per month
*** Spouse as second credential holder	a minimum of \$35 per month

~~* This tithe rate includes \$7 for home missions pastors' benevolence, \$5 for Leadership Development and Pastoral Care, and \$25 for debt reduction on the Resource Center.~~

~~** Half of this amount shall be designated toward ministerial training of those under the age of 25.~~

~~*** This tithe rate is revised every 3 years (Resolution #8, 1996 D.C.).~~

Sponsored by: District Presbytery

Resolution #1 (continued)

- 1 Presented: _____
- 2 Amended: _____
- 3 Referred: _____
- 4 Adopted: _____
- 5 Lost: _____

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7 ^lThe language was originally proposed to the District Council in 1991 by the Decade of Harvest Committee as “Emergency
8 Resolution C.” The motion was amended, lost, reconsidered, amended again, and passed. The resolution was not presented
9 as a bylaw amendment, but as a budget instruction and the language was not published in the bylaws until 1995 when it
10 began to be included (as information only). Over time, however, the language became presumed to be bylaw language.

11 For example: here is a comparison of the revenue vs. expense in 2022:

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	Revenue	Expense
Mortgage	\$183K	\$426K
PCLD	\$36K	\$215K
JBU Costs		\$8K
Benevolence	\$51K	\$31K
Benevolence Counseling		\$4K
Benevolence Disaster Relief		\$45K
U25 Scholarship	\$32K	\$12K
U25 Called Initiative		\$12K

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