

Resolution #2

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR MINISTRY ASSOCIATE COMMISSION

Resolution to Amend by Strikeout / Insertion

BYLAWS, ARTICLE SEVEN, SECTION ONE, PARAGRAPHS B. AND C.

Requiring 2/3 majority vote

WHEREAS, the Lord commands us to pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest; *and*

WHEREAS, it is evident that a high percentage of people that are called to ministry experience that calling at a young age; *and*

WHEREAS, it is essential that we create a way in which to identify these young-and-called persons, affirm that call, and mentor and support them as they develop that call; *and*

WHEREAS, the District Council is launching the CALLED initiative, which requires retooling the Ministry Associate Commission for this purpose; *and*

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the bylaw language to facilitate this initiative; *therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, that Article Seven, Section One, Paragraphs B. and C. be amended by *strikeout and insertion* as follows:

ARTICLE SEVEN – MINISTERS AND MINISTRY

Section One: Establishment of Ministry

A. Sacerdotal Rites and Ministry

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3. A fifth classification of ministry, a Ministry Associate, may be provided by the District Council, under guidelines adopted in these Bylaws and such additional guidelines adopted by the Executive Presbytery. The Ministry Associate Commission is an apprentice commission, the purpose of which is to provide young persons who feel called to ministry the authorization to conduct certain ministry, under the supervision of a Licensed or Ordained Assembly of God Minister, for training and mentoring purposes. The Ministry Associate Commission is not a General Council Credential, and does not authorize the holder to unsupervised performance of sacerdotal functions, to serve as a Senior Pastor of a church, to have voting rights in district business, or to legal benefits afforded to ministers (such as housing allowance).

B. Classification of Ministerial Credentials

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5. Ministry Associate: Associate Ministers are those persons who are at least 12 ~~16~~-years of age and not more than 20 ~~22~~ years of age, who are preparing to serve in full time ministry.

C. Basic Qualifications Established by District Council

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~~10. Special qualifications for candidates for a~~ Special qualifications for candidates for a Ministry Associate Commission ~~candidates: Ministry Associates: Ministry Associates need not fulfill all of the educational requirements and qualifications listed in paragraphs 7, 8, and 9 above; however they must fulfill the following as a condition of their commission:~~

a. have a personal testimony of salvation;

b. have a personal experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, or are earnestly seeking such;

c. profess a sense of a call to serve God in ministry, or are in the process of clarifying that call;

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- 1 d. profess an intention to live a life of personal integrity;
- 2 e. profess agreement with Assemblies of God doctrines as stated in the Statement of Fundamental Truths;
- 3 f. be actively involved in a mentoring relationship with a Licensed or Ordained Assemblies of God Minister as a
- 4 condition of their commission.

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