



Network Council
2025
Resolutions

Michigan Ministry Network

Resolution 1: Consistency of name “Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network” throughout entire Constitution and Bylaws
(Constitution & Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS it has been recommended by the Network’s lawyer that the name of the body be
2 defined in Article I and then used consistently throughout the Constitution and
3 Bylaws, and
4

5 WHEREAS in different places, throughout the Constitution and Bylaws, the organization is
6 referred to with different names or multiple names, and
7

8 WHEREAS to avoid any allegation of ambiguity in the governing documents,
9

10 therefore, be it
11

12 RESOLVED that the Constitution and Bylaws, Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network,
13 ARTICLE I. NAME, which currently reads,
14

15 The corporate name of this body shall be Assemblies of God, Michigan District
16 working under a DBA of Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network.
17

18 be amended to read:
19

20 The corporate name of this body shall be Assemblies of God, Michigan District
21 working under a DBA of Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network. The body may
22 be known colloquially as the Michigan Ministry Network.
23

24 and be it further
25

26 RESOLVED that anywhere outside of Article I. NAME, of the Constitution, where the
27 organization’s name is listed in the Constitution or Bylaws, it will be replaced with the
28 colloquial term “Michigan Ministry Network.”
29
30
31

32 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
33 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

**Resolution 2: Add New Article Regarding the Michigan Ministry Network
as an Employer
(Bylaws)**

1 WHEREAS it is not defined in the Bylaws that the Michigan Ministry Network is an employer, and
2
3 WHEREAS it has been recommended by the Network's lawyer that a new Article be added to
4 provide transparency and help protect the Network from potential legal and ethical
5 issues, and
6
7 WHEREAS it will help clarify religious and/or ethical considerations regarding employment.
8
9 therefore, be it

10
11 RESOLVED that a new Article be added to the Bylaws, Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry
12 Network, as follows:

13
14 **ARTICLE XXI. MICHIGAN MINISTRY NETWORK AS AN EMPLOYER**

15
16 **Section 1. At-Will Employment**

17 The Michigan Ministry Network is an at-will employer and has the right to terminate
18 any employee at any time, pursuant to the requirements of these Bylaws.

19
20 **Section 2. Religious Employer**

21 The Michigan Ministry Network is a religious employer and makes employment
22 decisions based on its religious beliefs, including but not limited to its Statement of
23 Faith.

24
25 and be it further

26
27 RESOLVED that Article XXI. AMENDMENTS be renumbered as Article XXII.
28
29
30

31 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
32 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

**Resolution 3: Credentialed Ministers' Subjectivity to both General Council and
Michigan Ministry Network Constitution and Bylaws**
(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS it has been recommended by the Network's lawyer that clarification is needed
2 regarding credentialed ministers being subject to both the General Council of the
3 Assemblies of God Constitution and Bylaws and the Assemblies of God, Michigan
4 Ministry Network Constitution and Bylaws,

5
6 therefore, be it

7
8 RESOLVED that the Constitution, Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE VIII.
9 MEMBERSHIP, Section 1, which currently reads,

10
11 **Section 1. Ministers**

12 All ministers holding credentials with the General Council of the Assemblies of God,
13 having their permanent residence within the geographical boundaries of the
14 Michigan Ministry Network, are considered members of the Michigan Ministry
15 Network except as provided for in the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
16 (Bylaws Article VII, Section 8, subsection b.)

17
18 Ministers listed in the Michigan Ministry Network Bylaws, Article XI, Section I,
19 subsection c., are also considered members of the Michigan Ministry Network.

20
21 be amended to read:

22
23 **Section 1. Ministers**

24 All ministers holding credentials with the General Council of the Assemblies of God,
25 having their permanent residence within the geographical boundaries of the
26 Michigan Ministry Network, are considered members of the Michigan Ministry
27 Network except as provided for in the General Council Constitution and Bylaws
28 (Bylaws Article VII, Section 8, subsection b.)

29
30 Ministers listed in the Michigan Ministry Network Bylaws, Article XI, Section I,
31 subsection c., are also considered members of the Michigan Ministry Network.

32
33 All Ministers of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network shall be subject to
34 the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Council of the Assemblies of God and the
35 Constitution and Bylaws of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network.

36
37
38
39
40 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
41 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 4: Removal of Missionary Offering of 5% to Network (Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS the Network Bylaws require each missionary to send 5% of their itineration offerings
2 to the Network to support world missionary endeavors, and

3
4 WHEREAS many missionaries are unaware of the 5% required by the Bylaws, and

5
6 WHEREAS missionaries are already asked to support the Network with the tithe required by the
7 General Council Bylaws, and

8
9 WHEREAS the amount received from the 5% has significantly declined and has averaged under
10 \$4000 annually due to many churches sending their offerings directly to AGWM or
11 AGUSM, and

12
13 WHEREAS the 5% is an amount taken from their itineration offerings in addition to the 7% that
14 the National office retains for administration, and

15
16 WHEREAS missionaries would have the 5% added back into their budget to support their
17 ministry activities,

18
19 therefore, be it

20
21 RESOLVED that the Bylaws, Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE XII. WORLD
22 EVANGELISM, Section 3, subsection c., which reads,

23
24 **Section 3. c. Missionaries.** Missionaries who itinerate in the Network with unrestricted
25 itineration privileges shall send 5% of their offerings received in the Michigan Ministry
26 Network to the Network Office to help support world missionary endeavors.

27
28 Be removed from the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network Bylaws.

29
30
31
32 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*
33 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*
34 *and the MMN Missions Leadership Team*

Resolution 5: Reorganize Sectional Officers' Responsibilities (Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS the Bylaws have had the Presbyter and Assistant Presbyter responsibilities
2 separated, and

3
4 WHEREAS the title "Secretary-Treasurer" was changed to "Assistant Presbyter", and

5
6 WHEREAS giftings and abilities vary depending on who is elected to the roles of Presbyter and
7 Assistant Presbyter, and

8
9 WHEREAS it would be beneficial to share the responsibilities currently defined in ARTICLE VII.,
10 Section 8. of the Presbyter and Assistant Presbyter according to each individual's
11 aptitude and propensity, and

12
13 WHEREAS the Sectional Presbyter's role is to lead the Section with the assistance of the
14 Assistant Presbyter, and

15
16 WHEREAS the language and reorganization of items listed in the Bylaws, Article VII. Section 8.
17 Sectional Officers should be changed to better reflect this idea of having shared
18 roles,

19
20 therefore, be it

21
22 RESOLVED that the Bylaws, Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network, ARTICLE VII.,
23 Section 8. Subsections a. and b. which currently read,

24 25 **Section 8. Sectional Officers**

26 27 **a. Sectional Presbyters**

28
29 *Sectional Presbyters shall:*

30
31 1) Serve as representatives of the Michigan Ministry Network in their respective
32 Sections.

33
34 2) Cooperate with, assist, and act under the authority of the Superintendent in
35 supervising Network activities, encouraging Michigan Missions and Church
36 Planting enterprises, and bringing assistance and counsel to local churches
37 at the direction of the Superintendent within their respective Sections.

38
39 3) Serve as chairpersons for their respective fellowship activities.

40
41 4) Focus on ministering to ministers by providing encouragement, fellowship,
42 prayer, leadership development and the building of relationships with the
43 ministers in their Sections.
44

Resolution 5: Reorganize Sectional Officers' Responsibilities (Bylaws)

- 5) Promote fellowship meetings and other inter-church activities in which both credentialed ministers and local churches shall be encouraged to participate.
- 6) Serve in cooperation with Network Directors.
- 7) Serve as members of the Credentials Board.
- 8) Make official recommendations in regard to Pastoral candidates after receiving approval from the Superintendent.
- 9) Submit an annual written report at their respective Sectional Councils.

b. Assistant Sectional Presbyters

Assistant Sectional Presbyters shall:

- 1) Be available to serve in a pastoral care and leadership development role for ministers in the Section.
- 2) Keep an up-to-date list of names and addresses of ministers and churches in their respective Sections.
- 3) Keep a record of funds received and disbursed in the interest of their Sections and submit an annual written report at their respective Sectional Councils.
- 4) Be custodians of the funds of their Sections and deposit same in the name of their respective Sections in accordance with the financial policies determined by the Presbyterian Board.
- 5) Notify the credentialed ministers of their Sections about fellowship meetings and events in their Sections.
- 6) Assist the Sectional Presbyters in the promotion of Sectional projects.

be replaced with the following:

Section 8. Sectional Officers (Sectional Presbyters and Assistant Presbyters) and Sectional Responsibilities

- a. Sectional Presbyters shall serve their respective section on behalf of the Superintendent and fulfill the needed Sectional responsibilities.
 - 1) Serve as chairpersons for their respective sectional meetings.
 - 2) Serve as members of the Credentials Board.

Resolution 5: Reorganize Sectional Officers' Responsibilities

(Bylaws)

- 91
- 92 3) Make official recommendations in regard to pastoral candidates after
- 93 receiving approval from the Superintendent.
- 94
- 95 4) Submit an annual written report at their respective Sectional Councils.
- 96
- 97 b. Sectional Assistant Presbyters shall support the Sectional Presbyter to fulfill the
- 98 responsibilities of their respective section.
- 99
- 100 c. Sectional officers shall also fulfill the following responsibilities.
- 101
- 102 1) Cooperate with, assist, and act under the authority of the Superintendent in
- 103 supervising Network activities, encouraging Michigan Missions and Church
- 104 Planting enterprises and bringing assistance and counsel to local churches
- 105 at the direction of the Superintendent within their respective Section.
- 106
- 107 2) Focus on ministering to ministers by providing encouragement, fellowship,
- 108 prayer, leadership development and the building of relationships with the
- 109 ministers in their Section.
- 110
- 111 3) Promote fellowship meetings and other inter-church activities in which both
- 112 credentialed ministers and local churches shall be encouraged to
- 113 participate.
- 114
- 115 4) Serve in cooperation with Network Directors.
- 116
- 117 5) Be available to serve in a pastoral care and leadership development role for
- 118 ministers in the Section.
- 119
- 120 6) Keep a record of funds received and disbursed in the interest of their Section
- 121 and submit an annual written report at their respective Sectional Council.
- 122
- 123 7) Be custodians of the funds of their Sections and deposit same in the name of
- 124 their respective Sections in accordance with the financial policies
- 125 determined by the Presbyter Board.
- 126
- 127 8) Notify credentialed ministers of their Sections about fellowship meetings and
- 128 events in their Sections.
- 129
- 130
- 131

132 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyter Board*

133 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*

Resolution 6: Hospitality

1 WHEREAS Journey Church, Battle Creek, Michigan, has worked diligently in preparation and in
2 hosting this annual 81st Network Council of the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry
3 Network, and we have been blessed with a time of fellowship, encouragement,
4 worship, and inspiration, and

5
6 WHEREAS many individuals have utilized their giftings and abilities to help make this Council a
7 wonderful success,

8
9 therefore, be it

10
11 RESOLVED that the Assemblies of God, Michigan Ministry Network Council conveys its
12 appreciation to Pastor Steve Amaro, the Official Board, Church Staff, Ministry
13 Volunteers, and Congregation of Journey Church for the gracious hospitality,
14 consideration and the use of their facilities, which has made our stay enjoyable and
15 comfortable,

16
17 and be it further

18
19 RESOLVED that the Network Council express its sincere gratitude to all those, who through their
20 efforts this year, have honored the Lord Jesus Christ; and to our Network
21 Superintendent, Aaron Hlavin, for his leadership; and to the Executive Officers,
22 Presbyters, Committees, and Network Office Staff for their unwavering dedication,
23 excellent support and service throughout the Council.

24
25
26
27 *Submitted by the Michigan Ministry Network Presbyterian Board*
28 *Supported by the Network Resolutions Committee*