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# **SECTION 2 – CONSTITUTION**

# **ARTICLE ONE - NAME**

The name shall be:

# Southwest Texas District of the Pentecostal Church of God, Inc.

# **ARTICLE TWO - PURPOSE**

- The object shall be to further within our boundaries the general purpose of the Pentecostal Church of God.
- 2. To preach the Gospel and further the cause of the kingdom of God in the Southwest Texas District.
- To promote and maintain churches and missions in the state of Texas, and to provide fellowship and means of cooperation between churches of similar faiths and doctrines.
- **4.** To ordain, license, and otherwise qualify ministers to preach the Gospel and provide credentials for the same.
- 5. To rent, to buy, to acquire by gifts, as well as to

- own, operate and use, sell, lease, sub-rent or otherwise convey or dispose of either real, personal, or mixed property as shall be necessary for the operation or carrying on of its business.
- 6. To have the right and authority to sign mortgages or deeds of trust to secure payment of the purchase price or of borrowed monies, for the purpose of building or establishing and maintaining buildings of the corporation's use, and to do this either directly or through trustees.
- **7.** To maintain such relationships with the local, state, and federal governments as may be necessary for the successful accomplishments of the purpose of this corporation.
- 8. To make bylaws for its government, not inconsistent with the constitutions of the state of Texas and the United States, and the constitution and general bylaws of the Pentecostal Church of God, and to alter and amend the same at its pleasure and employ all necessary help to carry on the work and purpose of said corporation, as herein set forth.

# ARTICLE THREE - DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

#### **Doctrinal Statement**

As a Christian constituency of New Testament believers, we, the Pentecostal Church of God, subscribe to the following declaration of the things which are more surely believed among us (Luke 1:1), praying that there be no harmful nor divisive difference of belief to the injury of any, nor the disturbance of the peace and harmony of the church, and that we may be all of the same mind and same judgment, speaking the same things in love (1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42) and with one voice glorifying God, to the edification of His people, and to give Christian witness to the world.

# 1. The Scriptures

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16) presenting to us the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and constituting the Divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice (2 Peter 1:21).

#### 2. The Godhead

We believe there is but one true and living God, who is everlasting, infinite in power, wisdom, and goodness; that He is the Creator of all things, visible and invisible, and Preserver of all things (Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:16). In the unity of this Godhead, there are three persons of one individual essence, who are co-equal, co-existent and co-eternal; namely, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost (Matthew 3:16, 17; 28:18, 19; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:14; John 1:12, 18; Philippians 2:6; Hebrews 9:14; John 14:26; 15:26; John 10:33).

The Son is the eternally begotten of the Father and accepted earthly limitations for the purpose of incarnation, being true God and true man; conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. He died upon the cross, the just for the unjust as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on High as our great High Priest, and He will return again to establish His Kingdom of righteousness and justice.

The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person, Executive of the Godhead on earth, the Comforter sent by the Lord Jesus Christ to indwell, to guide and to teach the believer, and to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment.

## 3. Man, His Fall and Redemption

Man is a created being, made in the likeness and the image of God, but through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world (Romans 5:12). "All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God." (Romans 3:23). "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10). Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifested to undo the work of the devil, and gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore man back to God (1 John 3:8).

#### 4. Salvation

Salvation is made possible through the meritorious work of Jesus Christ on the cross and through Holy Spirit conviction. Godly sorrow works repentance and makes possible the experience of the new birth, and Christ formed within us is the gift of eternal life (Titus 2:11; Romans 10:13-15; Luke 24:47; Titus 3:5-7).

Salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the Law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God (Ephesians 2:8).

Man is a free moral agent and can at any time after the new birth experience, turn away from God and die in a state of sin, with the consequences of hell.

#### 5. The Church

The true Church built upon the Foundation of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:20), is the Body of our Lord (Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:27), Christ being the Head (Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18). Its earthly constituents are all true believers, born again of the Spirit (John 3:6) and of the Word (1 Peter1:23), who are living an overcoming Christian life (Ephesians 5:27; Revelation 21:27).

To the Church, through its members, is delegated the various gifts and offices of the Holy Ghost (1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 27-28) which are necessary for the successful evangelization of the world and the perfecting of the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:11, 12).

This universal, invisible sanctified Church is the chaste virgin Bride of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:26,27; Revelation 21:9b, 27) and it is for this Bride for whom Jesus Christ returns, just prior to the Great Tribulation, to catch her away and take her to heaven (John 14:23; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

# 6. The Ministry

God, through the Holy Spirit, definitely calls such as He desires to serve as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, and specifically endues the one called with the talents and gifts peculiar to that office or offices (Ephesians 4:11-13). Under no circumstances should anyone be ordained or set apart to any such office unless the calling is distinct and evident.

#### 7. Water Baptism

Baptism in water is by immersion and is a direct commandment of our Lord (Matthew 28:19) and is for believers only. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:36-39).

The following recommendation regarding the water baptism formula is adopted, to wit: "On the confession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God, and by His authority, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

# 8. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire (Matthew 3:11), is a Gift from God, as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers in this dispensation and is received subsequent to the new birth (John 14:16, 17; Acts 1:8; 2:4, 38, 39; 10:44-48). The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is accompanied by the speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit Himself gives utterance as the initial physical sign and evidence (Acts 2:4).

#### 9. Sanctification

The Bible teaches that without holiness no man can see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14). We believe in the doctrine of sanctification as a definite, yet progressive, work of grace, commencing at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of salvation (Hebrews 13:12; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2; Ephesians 5:26; 1 Corinthians 6:11; John 17:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:23).

# 10. The Lord's Supper

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper is a commandment of our Savior; and being a memorial to His death and resurrection, is strictly limited to Christian believers (1 Corinthians 11:27). The time and frequency of its observance is left to the discretion of each congregation (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Only unfermented grape juice, the fruit of the vine, as recommended by our Lord (Matthew 26:29; Mark 14:25; Luke 22:18) shall be used in connection therewith.

# 11. Foot Washing

Foot washing is recognized among many believers as a Christian practice, and the time, manner and frequency of its observance is left to the discretion of each local congregation (John 13).

# 12. Divine Healing

Healing is for the physical ills of the human body is wrought by the power of God, through the prayer of faith, and by the laying on of hands (Mark 16:18; James 5:14, 15); it is provided for in the atonement of Christ and is available to all who truly believe.

#### 13. The Resurrection of the Just

The Bible promises, "This same Jesus shall so come in like manner" (Acts 1:11). His coming is imminent; when He comes, "The dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17). Following the tribulation, He shall return to earth, as King of kings, and Lord of lords, and together with His saints, who shall be kings and priests He shall reign a thousand years (Revelation 20:6).

# 14. Setting a Time for the Lord's Return

It is unwise to teach that the Lord will come at some specified time, thereby setting a date for His appearing, and it is also unwise to teach, preach or publish visions of numbers and dates which would tend to fix the time of the second coming of the Lord (Mark 13:32, 33).

## 15. The Coming of the Lord

We believe the Bible presents the coming of Christ as personal imminent pre-tribulation and pre-millennial. We further contend that this position alone admonishes watchfulness, incites holy living, prevents spiritual declension, and provides maximum incentive and motive for urgency and zeal in evangelizing the unsaved. As demonic deception and satanic darkness deepens, we urge our ministers to maintain and proclaim this doctrinal viewpoint as the "blessed hope" of the Church.

Furthermore, we recommend that should any of our preachers hold to the mid- or post-tribulation doctrine, they refrain from preaching and teaching it. Should they persist in emphasizing this doctrine to the point of making it an issue, their standing in the fellowship will be seriously affected.

#### 16. Hell and Eternal Retribution

The one who physically dies in their sins without Christ is hopelessly and eternally lost in the lake of fire, and therefore has no further opportunity of hearing the gospel or for repentance (Hebrews 9:27). The lake of fire is literal (Revelation 19:20). The terms "eternal" and "everlasting" used in describing the duration of the punishment of the damned (Matthew 25:41-46) in the lake of fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence, as used in

denoting the duration of joy and ecstasy of saints in the presence of God.

#### 17. Tithes

We recognize the Scriptural duty of all our people, as well as ministers, to pay tithes as unto the Lord (Hebrews 7:8).

Tithes should be used for the support of the active ministry and for the propagation of the gospel and work of the Lord in general and not given to charity or used for other purposes (Malachi 3:7-11; Hebrews 7:2; 1 Corinthians 9:7-11; 16:2).

# ARTICLE FOUR - FORM OF GOVERNMENT

#### Form of Government

The Southwest Texas District of the Pentecostal Church of God, Inc. now has, and shall always maintain, a representative and congregational form of government.

# **SECTION 3 – BYLAWS**

#### ARTICLE FIVE - OFFICERS

#### Part One—Officers

- 1. The officers of the corporation and Board of Directors shall consist of: District Bishop, District Secretary, District Presbyter and Sectional Presbyters. The Executive Officers (paragraphs a, b and c below) shall also act as the only trustees of the district and the bylaws shall be amended to correspond.
  - a. The office of the president of the corporation shall at all times, be filled by the District Bishop, and the term or election shall coincide therewith.
  - The office of Secretary shall at all times, be filled by the District Secretary, and the term, election or appointment shall coincide therewith.
  - c. The office of trustee shall at all times, be filled by the District Presbyter, and the term, election or appointment shall coincide therewith.
- **2.** The District Board shall consist of the District Bishop, the District Secretary, the District Presbyter, and the Sectional Presbyters.

- a. The Executive Committee of the board shall be composed of the District Bishop, District Secretary, and District Presbyter.
- b. The Executive Committee and the Sectional Presbyter of the section affected has the power to acquire personal property and real estate in the name of the Southwest Texas. District of the Pentecostal Church of God, Inc. by gift, purchase for cash or credit, or partly both, trade or otherwise, as may be necessary or beneficial in carrying out its purpose, and the said Executive District Board or Executive Committee shall have the power, with reference to any and all property of the Southwest Texas District of the Pentecostal Church of God, Inc., whether owned at this time or acquired in the future, to sell, encumber, to lease, to lease for oil and gas, to rent, to trade and otherwise deal with such property, to contract to do any of said things, to borrow money for and on behalf of the corporation, and all of such terms as to the Executive District Board or Executive Committee may be deemed best; and all deeds, mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts or other papers necessary or convenient to carry said powers into effect

shall be executed and signed in the name of the Southwest Texas District of the Pentecostal Church of God, Inc. by the District Bishop on behalf of the corporation. Said Executive District Board or Executive Committee shall have the power to demand and collect any monies that may be due the corporation, and to assert and sue for any and all claims and/or causes of actions of whatsoever character, on properties now held by, or in the future acquired by the corporation.

- **3.** The District Bishop and a majority of the District Board shall constitute a quorum.
- **4.** A District Board Meeting may be held any time a quorum is present provided all members of the board have been notified, except meetings regularly held in connection with district conferences and scheduled meetings.
- **5.** The District Board has the authority to change the By-laws as needed to bring By-Laws into compliance with all State and Federal regulations.
- 6. The date of termination for the District Officials' term of office, under normal conditions, is 30 days following the first full month after District Convention.

#### Part Two—Duties and Qualifications of Officers

1. <u>The District Bishop</u> shall be an ordained minister, not less than thirty (30) years of age, who has the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with at least 10 years' experience in the ministry, and one (1) year residence in the district.

The District Bishop shall be elected by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ballots of the voting constituency at the District Convention, for a first term of two (2) years, and subsequently to terms of four (4) years.

The District Bishop is head of the district office. The District Bishop is chairman of the District Executive Board and shall serve as chairman of the biennial District Convention. They shall be a member of the General Executive Board and shall represent the district at General Assembly's.

a. The District Bishop shall devote their time to the office and district fieldwork. The District Bishop shall be ex-officio member of all standing district committees. The District Bishop shall give a written report of the activities of the office at the biennial District Convention. Should the office become vacant for any reason, the General Bishop, sitting as chairman, and the District Board

- shall appoint a suitable minister of the district who can qualify according to the bylaws, to fulfill the unexpired term. The District Bishop shall publish and mail a newsletter to all ministers and interested laity of the district.
- b. The District Bishop shall be president of the corporation and head of the district office and shall supervise the work of that office during the interim between sessions of the district.
- c. The District Bishop shall be general overseer of all work in the district and shall administer discipline in all cases when requested to do so by the Executive District Board.
- d. The District Bishop shall perform any other duty usual and customary for the presiding officer, or such as may be directed by the Executive Board.
- e. The District Bishop shall sign all official and legal documents.
- 2. The District Secretary shall be an ordained minister, not less than thirty (30) years of age, with the baptism of the Holy Spirit and with at least seven (7) years' experience in the ministry, and one (1) year residence in the district, fully qualified for the office and elected by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ballots

of the voting constituency at the biennial District Convention and shall serve a term of two (2) years, and subsequently to terms of four (4) years. Should the office become vacant, the District Board is empowered to appoint anyone in the district who can qualify according to the bylaws, to fulfill the unexpired term. The District Secretary shall, together with the District Bishop, represent the district at all General Board meetings and General Assembly's, as funds allow. The District Secretary shall give a written report of the activities of their office at the biennial District Convention.

- a. The District Secretary shall make and keep true records of the proceedings of the district and shall publish same as approved and directed by the district.
- The District Secretary shall keep a record of all ministers, licentiates, and churches in the district fellowship.
- c. The District Secretary shall act as secretary of the meetings of the district and of the Executive Board.
- d. The District Secretary shall be authorized to attest by their signature on all official and legal documents, and to perform such other duties as are necessary or as may be directed by the District Board.

- e. The District Secretary shall be custodian of the district funds and shall receive and forward to the International Mission Center hereafter referred to as the IMC and the missionary department of the Pentecostal Church of God at Bedford, Texas, such funds as are customary to be sent to said office.
- f. The District Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the receipts and disbursements of all monies and conduct the work of their office according to accepted methods of business.
- g. The District Secretary shall make a report each month to the District Bishop, and their books shall be audited once a year.
- h. The District Secretary shall carry a Fidelity Bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the cost of such bond to be paid out of the district fund.
- The District Secretary shall have custody of the seal of this religious corporation.
- j. It shall be the duty of the District Secretary to keep the master bylaw book up-to-date, subject to the Executive District Board.
- k. The District Secretary shall be required to have the District Bylaws, a listing of all ministers and churches of the Southwest

Texas District, accompanied by the minutes of the District Convention compiled, prepared, and distributed to each minister in the district by December 31<sup>st</sup> of a district convention year.

 The District Presbyter shall be an ordained minister, not less than seven (7) years in the ministry, thirty (30) years of age and one (1) year membership in the district.

The District Presbyter shall be elected by a twothirds (2/3) vote of the ballots of the voting constituency of the District Convention to serve a term of two (2) years, and subsequently to terms of four (4) years. Should the office become vacant, the District Board is empowered to appoint anyone in the district, qualified according to the bylaws, to fulfill the unexpired term.

The District Presbyter's duties shall be to cooperate with and assist the District Bishop; to open new fields; to assist pastors and evangelists. The District Presbyter shall, together with the District Bishop, represent the district at all General Board Meetings and General Assembly's, as funds allow. The District Presbyter shall give a written report of the activities of their office at the biennial District Convention.

Should the Bishop be away from active duties for an extended period of time the District Presbyter shall act as an assistant Bishop in the event an emergency should arise.

4. The Sectional Presbyter shall be an ordained minister, baptized with the Holy Spirit, at least thirty (30) years of age, with not less than five (5) years' experience in the ministry, and one (1) year residence in the section they are to serve, and actively supporting sectional and district programs.

The Sectional Presbyter shall be elected by a twothirds (2/3) vote of the ballots of the voting constituency of the section they are to serve and represent for a term of two years and shall assume office immediately.

The Sectional Presbyter shall be the presiding officer of the section they represent. The Sectional Presbyter shall have the oversight of all other usual and customary duties of such office, or as may be directed by the District Bishop. The Sectional Presbyter shall be responsible for the progress and development of the section they represent. The Sectional Presbyter shall cooperate with and assist the District Bishop in the section he represents.

The Sectional Presbyter shall conduct all pastoral elections in their section when electing a new pastor. However, any local church has the option of requesting a member of the District Executive Committee to conduct such election with the notification made to the Sectional Presbyter, and request made through the office of the District Bishop.

The Sectional Presbyter will endeavor to see that each local church has a supply pastor when said church is without a regular pastor and shall make appointments for preachers who wish to try out for a church. It will be considered a part of their duties to set in order any new church or unorganized group with the Pentecostal Church of God.

The Sectional Presbyter shall be in charge of all sectional fellowship meetings.

The Sectional Presbyter is at liberty to use the pastors or a committee from them to help promote better fellowship meetings in the section. Nothing more than has been set forth shall be introduced in these meetings unless the presbyter has been informed and their permission obtained.

The Sectional Presbyter shall periodically communicate either by telephone, text, or email with each pastor and minister in their section.

Should the presbyter be unwilling to perform their duties as described, they will be relieved of their duties and replaced by another qualified person. If there is no other qualified person in the section, the District Presbyter will assume their duties.

No special services shall be conducted in said section (Special Sectional Services) without consent of the Presbyter of said section.

Each Sectional Presbyter shall be required to attend all District Board Meetings.

When a church is open the Presbyter shall notify the District Bishop.

Should the office become vacant, or a section fail to elect a Presbyter, the District Bishop is empowered to appoint anyone in the section qualified according to the bylaws, to serve until one can be properly elected.

When a Presbyter leaves the section they represent and moves to another section to labor, he/she

- ceases to have a seat on the District Board, unless they become a Presbyter of the section to which they move.
- **5.** No one is qualified for any district office, unless active in the ministry.
- **6.** No person shall be elected to two (2) offices. If already in office, they must resign to serve in any other elected office.

#### **ARTICLE SIX - FINANCE**

#### Finance

1. It is required that all ordained and licensed ministers of the Southwest Texas District of the Pentecostal Church of God, Inc. pay their tithes from any and all sources into the general fund. Ministers pastoring and working on regular jobs shall send all their tithes to the district office to be placed in the general fund. All ordained and licensed ministers not pastoring or evangelizing full time or pastoring a church with an average attendance of less than thirty-five (35) may pay half their tithes to the church they regularly attend and send half to the district fund. If not attending a PCG church, then all tithes will be sent to the district fund. Each exhorter shall send a twenty-dollar (\$20.00) monthly fee to the district office.

If after two (2) months any ordained, licensed or exhorter minister who has not complied with these stipulations set forth in the bylaws regarding finances will receive a certified, return receipt requested letter signed by the District Secretary. It shall be mailed to the minister stating the date of the next District Board meeting at which time the individual will appear.

All exhorters shall pay tithe to the local church. Any finances received from preaching revivals, etc., this tithe shall be paid to the district fund.

- **2.** All salaries and benefits of the district officers and directors shall be determined by the District Board.
- 3. We shall create a convention expense fund to pay the biennial budget for said biennial meetings in the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per church. Said amount shall be sent to the district office not later than the third week of July of the convention year. Any church failing to comply will not be allowed a delegate in the convention.
- **4.** Because there has been no provision made for minister's moving expense outside of the district or retirement, we shall establish a Minister's Benefit Fund. The district shall set aside an amount equal to five percent (5%) of minister's tithe paid into the district. Funds are to be placed in an interest-bearing

account, and/or secured loan, and administered by a committee of four (4), consisting of the District Presbyter, District Secretary, and two other members appointed by the District Board. The time of beginning was October 1983. Time spent in the district prior to this date counts. Each minister benefits from the interest.

A minister becomes vested at the rate of 10% per year in the district. At ten years the minister is fully vested. A minister not fully vested may only draw his/her percentage upon leaving the district. A minister current in the district may only draw their benefit when fully vested and 62 years of age. A minister transferring must request funds within ninety (90) days.

The benefit is forfeited for a minister who withdraws or is dropped. The surviving spouse of a deceased minister must request funds within ninety (90) days.

At least 20% of the fund will remain in interest bearing accounts. The district office shall provide monthly updates of MBF activity to MBF committee members.

**5.** Since the tithe is God's plan for financing His church, each church affiliated, and associated with the Pentecostal Church of God is encouraged to send a

tithe of all undesignated income to the district office. The district will in-turn send a tithe of the tithe to the IMC.

# **ARTICLE SEVEN – LOCAL CHURCHES**

#### **Local Churches**

- 1. Each church shall elect its own pastor and officers.
- 2. Each church shall elect its own constitution and bylaws, and these shall in no way conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the district or general organization.
- 3. Each church affiliated and associated that has paid their convention expense, may elect, or duly appoint from its membership two (2) delegates per fifty (50) or a fraction thereof in an average Sunday morning attendance as reported on the last Annual Local Church Report to represent their respective church in the annual District Convention. Delegates must be members of the local church and at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 4. The district officials are not privileged to interfere in the business of the local church, except when invited to do so by the church, by the official board or by the pastor.
- 5. When a pastor resigns a local church, they shall give the church a thirty (30) day notice or if a pastor is asked to leave a local church, they shall be given a thirty (30) day notice by the church.
- 6. Organized groups and ministries within the local church (youth, women's, men's ministries) and their

- officers are subject to the pastor and bylaws of the local church.
- 7. Each church must keep a roster of those who are definitely affiliated with said church and that active participation in all business meetings be limited to those who are eighteen (18) years of age or more and whose names have appeared on the roster thirty (30) days or more previous to said business meeting.
- 8. Whereas, a pastor may resign, or the church pastorate otherwise become vacant, we empower the presbyter of said section to act as a temporary pastor, or the District Bishop may serve where there is no presbyter, until a pastor can be duly elected. If a church has less than twenty-five (25) voting members, the Sectional Presbyter, in consultation with the District Bishop, may appoint a pastor.
- 9. When an extreme emergency arises, such as when the pastor, or an official, or a member or members, or any other person shall be found conspiring, or plotting, or planning against the welfare of the Pentecostal Church of God, or some other dangerous situation, any general, district or local officers, or representatives of the Pentecostal Church of God, are authorized to take possession of said property or properties and hold same in the name of the Pentecostal Church of God until such

- time as said emergency has passed.
- 10. In opening new fields, the minister or evangelist in charge of the work shall notify the District Bishop. The focus of the ministry is to establish a permanent work.
- 11. In light of the tendency on the part of some church boards to assume the power of a dictatorial body, rather than an advisory or cooperative body, pastors and churches are expected to refrain from appointing or retaining on their boards persons who do not meet the qualifications as deacons, or cooperative members, and that the local church board be advised that they are to be in subjection as servants and be cooperative as such, not assuming authority over the pastor of the church.
- 12. All local churches will follow the New Testament pattern of electing or appointing to office only those men and women who are of good report of them without and who have been baptized with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.
- 13. All candidates desiring pastorates in this district must send to the District Bishop a personal résumé and, if attending a local church, also a letter from the pastor of the candidate.
- 14. In order to protect the property of the local church and to keep it from falling into other hands, each church shall incorporate the following clause in their

property deeds.

Having granted, sold or conveyed, and by these presents do grant, sell and convey unto the said (name of grantee) upon the following conditions, towit: That should the premises and property, hereinafter described, for any reason cease to be used as a Pentecostal Church of God church, all said property shall immediately vest in fee simple in the Southwest Texas District of the Pentecostal Church of God, Inc. with headquarters at San Marcos, Texas. This limitation on the use of said property is a part of the consideration for the conveyance, and is made herein for the express purpose of protecting said property from being diverted from its originally intended use, which is for the benefit and welfare of the Pentecostal Church of God only, all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the of citv County State of and follows, to-wit: (Description of described property).

15. The District Board shall be granted the authority to sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of property that reverts to the district, such property that is considered unusable, unsuitable, or abandoned by former congregation or for any other cause or reason.

- 16. The proceeds from the sale of such property that so reverts to the district shall go to the Home Missions Fund.
- 17. In the creation of new sections, the sections so created must consist of three (3) or more churches in order for it to become a section. No section shall have a presbyter except said section contain three (3) or more churches. In a section of only three (3) churches, the presbyter will be appointed by the District Board.
- 18. All churches on our IRS listing must be pastored by a Pentecostal Church of God minister.
- **19.** Any existing churches with less than 25 voting members with a new pastor and any new church opening shall be accountable to the district for a period of one year.

# **ARTICLE EIGHT - MINISTERIAL RELATIONS**

## Part One—Ministerial Relations

- 1. Our Ministers are privileged to use the services of the Ministers of other churches of like faith as evangelists only. Any minister of the Pentecostal Church of God is privileged to labor in other churches where they deem it wise to do so for the building up of the cause in his or her district, providing he or she does not lend their efforts to a neighboring antagonistic assembly or church, thereby injuring the Pentecostal Church of God congregation in the community.
- 2. Our Ministers shall cultivate mutual fellowship and work in harmony. They shall not lend themselves to any disgruntled element in any local church for the reason of deposing the present pastor or causing dissension or strife. Those doing so are subject to discipline.
- 3. Ministers and workers are advised not to interfere with others who may have charge of a mission or church, whether by going in without consent of the one in charge, or by correspondence with the members of the church. All inquiries or correspondence which concerns the church, such as visiting the field, conducting meetings, etc., should be addressed to the pastor, or where there is no pastor,

- such correspondence should be addressed to the District Bishop or presbyter of said section.
- 4. When differences arise, they shall be settled privately, if possible, but if after honest effort, this cannot be done, then those differing have a right to lay the matter before the District Board. If the situation involves charges of ministerial misconduct or moral turpitude, the procedure shall follow Article Nine. Under no circumstances shall personal accusations be allowed from the floor of the District Convention.
- **5.** Any minister moving from another district into the Southwest Texas District shall bring a recommendation from the district they are leaving.
- **6.** Any pastor resigning their church shall notify the presbyter of the section and the District Bishop.
- **7.** Any minister transferring from another district into Southwest Texas District shall meet the District Board at the next regular District Board meeting.
- 8. Any minister desiring a pastoral position in the Southwest Texas District, whether transferring from another denomination or a new applicant submitting their name as an applicant for pastor, shall submit their name only after they have been a member of the Pentecostal Church of God for a period of ninety (90) days. For eligibility for pastorate the minister must be in full fellowship

- with the Pentecostal Church of God. No minister who is behind with his or her tithe will be eligible to place their name before a church to be voted on for pastor unless proper cause can be shown for the delinquency.
- 9. Whereas the Bible teaches that we should not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, and whereas a Christian's effectiveness in witnessing would be drastically impaired, if not entirely destroyed, by maintaining membership in a lodge, secret order, or secret society; no minister, on any level of the Pentecostal Church of God, shall be permitted to carry credentials with this organization and belong at the same time to a lodge, secret order, or society.
- 10. All ministers are amenable to the District Board, therefore any minister who is not working in harmony with the program of the Pentecostal Church of God in the district, section or in the local church, or in the organization as a whole, which includes attendance to the District Conventions and conferences, shall be called before the District Board and must make amends agreeable to the board. Failure to do so may result in the removal of the minister's name from the ministerial list if the board so desires.
- 11. The pastor will be responsible for seeing that the

- records of church business and membership roster are kept in proper order and upon their resignation or dismissal, it will be their responsibility to show proof that these records are in proper order.
- **12.** Any pastor who resigns his/her pastorate from the pulpit and later changes his/her mind shall be required to submit a résumé and make an appointment through the Sectional Presbyter for a tryout date for his/her former pastorate.

#### Part Two-License and Ordination

- 1. All applicants for credentials, exhorters, licensed or ordination, shall have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and shall have read the entire Bible. Exhorters are not required to have read the entire Bible at time of application.
- **2.** All applications shall be in the hands of the District COO 30 days prior to a scheduled district board meeting.
- **3.** We shall not license or ordain anyone to the ministry who uses or endorses the use of tobacco, alcohol, or narcotics in any form.
- **4.** All novices must be a member of the local church for one (1) year, before being issued an exhorter credential.
- **5.** All applicants for exhorter or regular license shall meet the same personal qualifications as those

- applying for ordination.
- **6.** All applicants, other than an exhorter applying for license, must have a proven ministry for two (2) years.
- 7. Candidates for ordination shall have at least two (2) years proven ministry as a licentiate. In recognition of the fact that ordination is the highest goal to which a minister may attain, and therefore, is reserved for those who have spent sufficient time in active ministry, holding license with the Pentecostal Church of God or any denomination of the Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America, so as to prove his or her qualifications for this high office, no person shall be ordained to the ministry who is not active in the ministry at the time application is made for ordination and/or who does not give clear evidence of his or her intention to remain in the active ministry. The word ACTIVE means you are carrying a full schedule of duties as Senior Pastor, qualified, church-elected, pastorappointed Associate/Youth Pastor, Evangelist, or Teacher in college-level ministries or seminaries. In order to be considered for ordination, the applicant must have fulfilled at least one (1) full year as a fulltime minister, if working on a secular job, must have at least two (2) years' experience in an acceptable ministry.

- **8.** Ordained and licensed ministers shall devote their time to the call God has given them, unless sickness, retirement or other extenuating circumstances prevent. When they live in the vicinity of a Pentecostal Church of God church, ministers shall give the local church whole-hearted cooperation.
- 9. Whereas the Bible teaches tithing, we urge all our ministers to make this covenant with God and keep it as they promised when making application for fellowship.
- 10. When a licensed or ordained minister of this organization, who has been dropped from the fellowship in another district, moves into this district, and here proves himself, after said minister clears himself in the other district, this district is empowered to grant him/her license under probation, and later under full restoration, if such is desirable.
- **11.** Each minister, pastor and evangelist shall make an effort in their respective field of labor to increase the support of the missionaries.
- **12.** The ministers of this district do pledge our hearty support for *The Pentecostal Messenger and* will do all we can to get our members to subscribe for same.
- **13.** The credentialing committee shall consist of the District Executive committee, Sectional Presbyter

and Pastor of applicant's church and section. The Credentialing committee shall be authorized to examine all new applicants for exhorter, license and/or ordination. All applicants must obtain a recommendation from the Credentialing committee before they will be interviewed by the District Board. An applicant not receiving a favorable recommendation from the Credentialing committee may request a District Board interview. Official minutes shall be kept of each meeting.

- All decisions of the Credentialing Committee may be accepted or rejected by the District Board.
- b. No one applying for fellowship will be required to wait longer than sixty (60) days to meet the committee in any section.
- c. The Credentialing committee shall meet to consider applicants at a time and place designated by the executive committee. No meeting of the Credentialing committee shall be conducted without having been duly announced to the committee members.
- **14.** Any minister holding credentials with the Pentecostal Church of God cannot hold credentials in any other church organization or religious fellowship that issues credentials to preach the Gospel.

**15.** Any person that fraudulently obtains credentials will automatically be dropped when verified.

## Part Three - Uniform Ministerial Credential

# 1. Minister's Study Series.

a. The Minister's Study Series shall consist of the Exhorter's Study Series, License Study Series, and Ordination Study Series and shall be the official study course for ministers of the Pentecostal Church of God. This shall be the process for credentialing of all new ministers and those advancing from exhorters to license, or from license to ordination. Upon the completion of the Minister's Study Series, a comprehensive test, provided by the IMC, will be given to the minister by the respective district. Unless the minister has completed their studies in the online portal. Said minister must receive a seventy percent (70%) score on the test, at minimum, in order to receive a certificate of completion. Should said minister fail to achieve a score of at least seventy percent (70%), he/she must repeat the test until the satisfactory score is achieved. No series will be deemed completed until a satisfactory score is achieved. A certificate of completion shall precede acceptance for ordination.

- Although this is a national program, it shall be processed through the district office.
- b. Those ministers who believe they have completed equivalent studies shall be required to pass the final examination for the appropriate credential, in which case the requirement for completing the *Study Series* for that credential shall be waived. If equivalency is sought, the exam and either the transcript of classes taken, or the *Minister Study Series* Equivalency Form shall be submitted with the minister's application to the office of the General Secretary.
- c. For ministers transferring to PCG from another organization, the corresponding exam to their current credential level, whether licensed or ordained, will be administered if the former organization is not a member of PCCNA. If passed and everything else is cleared, the minister shall be granted the desired credential. If the minister does not pass, they shall be asked to take the course from whatever level was failed.
- **2. Exhorters.** Exhorter status is considered the first step toward the goal of ordination.
  - a. Upon acceptance as an exhorter, by completing

- the *Exhorter's Study Series*, the minister shall hold this first step credential for a minimum of one (1) year. During this time, the minister may exercise spiritual ministries as their gifts may be.
- b. During this one-year period the minister may complete the *License Study Series* and complete the reading of the whole Bible, but this must be completed within two (2) years.
- c. Within a two-year period, the exhorter shall submit to their district board an application for advancement to licensed status. The district board shall then determine if the exhorter is granted licensed status. If the district board does not grant licensed status at this time, the exhorter may apply again within another two-year period. If after that time the district board does not grant licensed status, the exhorter shall no longer hold ministerial credentials.
- **3. Licensed Minister.** The license credential is considered a second step toward the goal of becoming an ordained minister.
  - Within a two-year period, the licensed minister shall submit to their district board an application for ordination. The district board shall then determine if the

licensed minister is approved for ordination. If the district board does not approve ordination at this time, the licensed minister may apply again within another two-year period. If after that time the district board does not approve ordination, the licensed minister shall no longer hold ministerial credentials.

- b. Upon completion of the *Ordination Study Series*, a licensed minister may apply to the district board to be approved for ordination.
- c. In the district board's consideration, the following questions should be noted:
  - Has the licensed minister read the whole Bible?
  - Has the licensed minister given evidence of definite plans to be active in the ministry?
- d. Licensed ministers are at liberty to exercise their gifts as the Spirit leads and the doors open.
- **4. Ordination.** Ordination is considered an eventual goal for Pentecostal Church of God ministers.
  - a. The potential ordination candidate shall give clear evidence of the intention to remain in active ministry.

- b. Any licensed minister desiring ordination in any district other than the district in which licensed status was granted, shall present a recommendation from the district bishop of the district that issued the license.
- c. Applicants for credentials or promotions may be denied, even though all the required criteria are met, if it is deemed that the acceptance of the applicant for other reasons would be detrimental to the well-being of the church as a whole.
- d. Any minister holding credentials with the Pentecostal Church of God cannot hold credentials in any other church organization or religious fellowship that issues credentials to preach the gospel.
- e. No credentials shall be approved for any candidate, nor any minister be given annual renewal of ministerial status who attended Messenger College and still has outstanding amounts payable to the college unless a letter is presented from the college indicating that proper arrangements have been made for payment. Each district office shall be notified by the college not later than December first of each calendar year of any delinquency of payments by the respective student.

### Part Four - Fees

1. Each minister, ordained and licensed, and each person licensed to exhort, shall participate financially for the maintenance of the IMC and district office according to the following:

Each minister shall participate financially for the maintenance of the General offices by paying the sum of \$30.00 each month, two dollars of which shall go to support Messenger College, six dollars for the support of the department of Youth Ministries.

- 2. Where both husband and wife are ministers, either ordained or licensed, or licensed to exhorter, the following option is available: one minister will pay \$30.00 monthly, and the other may pay \$15.00 monthly.
- 3. If credential fees are not paid for a period of thirty (30) days, the IMC will send a letter of delinquency with a copy to the District Office. If the minister is still delinquent after sixty (60) days; their credentials will be dropped by the IMC; and the District Office notified. Reinstatement will require that the minister make application for reinstatement through the District Office and meet the District Board.
- **4.** When a minister reaches the age of seventy (70) and has carried ordination with the Pentecostal Church of God for twenty (20) years, or more, their credential

fees and *The Pentecostal Messenger* subscription will be granted, courtesy of the general office, for life, as long as said minister remains in good standing with their district. In order for a minister to go on gratis, the minister must be paid current on his/her credentials.

5. To assist the IMC and the district office in the bookkeeping procedures necessitated by such an extensive program, each minister is encouraged, when possible, to pay their respective fees in one annual sum, or in semi-annual or quarterly payments.

## Part Five - Qualifications of Voters

- The voting constituency shall consist of those as stated in the rules of order contained in these bylaws.
- No minister shall be allowed to vote in the District Convention or sectional meetings unless they have their credential fees paid in full to the date of said meeting.
- **3.** The voting constituency in sectional meetings shall consist of credentialed ministers within the respective section and their saved spouses.

## **ARTICLE NINE - DISCIPLINE**

## Discipline

- 1. All charges against a member shall be in writing over the signature of at least two (2) accusers in triplicate. One copy is to be filed with the District Bishop, one with the accuser and one to be sent by the District Bishop to the defendant. The District Bishop shall appoint a suitable place and convenient time, not less than ten (10) days in advance for the hearing of the charge.
- 2. No questions may be asked, nor any evidence be submitted, unless the question and evidence have a direct bearing on the charges already filed. It is the duty of the chairman to enforce this procedure.
- 3. The Court of Inquiry shall consist of the District Bishop and the local Sectional Presbyter, together with any district or general official present. Should either party be dissatisfied with the decision rendered they may appeal to the next District Board, and there take the matter before the entire District Board present, whose decision is final; except ordained ministers, who may appeal to the General Board, whose decision is final. The defendant shall be considered innocent until proven guilty.
- **4.** If the defendant confesses and truly repents and shows a contrite heart, recommendation is made

- for leniency, and if possible, full restoration after a suitable time of probation.
- **5.** If the charges are against the District Bishop, the procedure shall be the same, except the assistant general bishop or an individual appointed by the General Bishop shall act as chairman.
- **6.** If the charges are proven true, and of a sufficient serious nature, the defendant's name may be ordered removed from the ministerial list. The defendant shall have the right of appeal to the General Board, whose decision is final.
- 7. If the charges against any minister fail to be sustained, then the motives of the accusers may be examined, and if the accusers or witnesses are found to be untrue or malicious, then they shall be deemed guilty of malicious slander, troublemaking and causing division, and may be disciplined, even to the extent of the removal of their names from the ministerial list, if considered of sufficient import.
- **8.** A person who has once been tried and proven innocent, or who has repented and made restitution, shall not be tried the second time on the same charges. Any person or persons causing dissension or division by referring to the former charges, either by mouth or by writing, shall be liable to discipline. "Where there is no talebearer, strife ceases" (Proverbs 26:20).

**9.** When formal or felony criminal charges are brought against a minister, or when a victim comes forward with credible allegations against a minister, the district may suspend the minister until the matter is fully investigated and settled.

#### RESTORATION POLICY

### 10. Dismissals and Restoration:

- a. Dismissal. It shall be left to the discretion of the Court of Inquiry as to whether the circumstances of the case call for a minister's suspension with restoration, or if they shall be dismissed without restoration. In the event restoration is not feasible or fails, the minister shall be listed as having been dropped.
- b. Restoration. When it has been determined, either by a confession of the minister involved or by deliberation of the District Board or Court of Inquiry, that there is cause for disciplinary action as a result of a violation of the Pentecostal Church of God principles as set forth in district and general bylaws; it shall then be the responsibility of the District Board to determine a program of restoration, if deemed feasible. Recognizing that the underlying principle involved in discipline is redemptive the following

provision for restoration shall apply:

- 1) Period of Time. The period of restoration shall not be less than one (1) year.
- 2) Procedure and Requirements. The following procedure shall be used by the District Board in determining the specific requirements of restoration for the individual minister.
- 3) Suspension. The minister shall be considered to be under suspension during the entire period of restoration and their fellowship card shall be held in the district office. The extent to which they may be permitted to minister, if any, shall first be determined by the Court of Inquiry, but may, after a period of restoration, be amended by the District Board. Certain offenses may not require complete cessation of ministerial activities, although some restrictions or limitations may be imposed.
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determined by the Court of Inquiry, but may, after a period of restoration, be amended by the District Board. Certain offenses may not require complete cessation of ministerial activities, although some restrictions or limitations may be imposed.

- Conditions. The minister must remain a b) member of the district during the restoration period unless other arrangements are approved by the District Board. While their credentials are in a state of suspension, their name shall not be removed from the ministerial roster. In the event their ministerial activity has been suspended, the minister must become established in a local church working under the supervision of a pastor designated by the District Bishop.
- c) Reports. The minister and their supervising pastor must submit individual quarterly reports to the District Bishop.
- d) Completion of Restoration. When the restoration period is satisfactorily completed, the minister shall be considered in good standing and their status restored.

e) Transfer. The restoration record shall accompany the Certificate of Transfer to another district for administrative, informational purposes only.

# (C) Eligibility:

Previous Dismissal. A minister who has been dismissed or has surrendered their credentials, who shows repentance and indicates their desire for reinstatement, shall, upon obtaining the approval of the District Board enter the appropriate restoration program as prescribed herein; with the provision that they shall not be eligible for reinstatement until the requirements of the program have been satisfactorily completed.

In the event a minister has a record of a prior violation(s) necessitating disciplinary action, permission for restoration shall be granted only by the District Board.

2) Right of Appeal. If a disciplined minister desires to appeal the decision rendered by the District Board, their request must be filed with the District Bishop and with the General Bishop within thirty (30) days. Said

appeal shall be considered first by the National Board of Appeals, comprised of the General Bishop, General Secretary, and the Assistant General Bishops. The recommendation of the National Board of Appeals shall be submitted to the General Board, which shall have the right to accept the report or grant further review. The decision of the General Board shall be final.

#### SEXUAL ABUSE GUIDELINES

- I. Recognition of Areas of Authority. As with most complex and emotional issues, there are three areas that must be considered.
  - A. The first is that of the spiritual wellbeing of the individuals involved.
  - B. The second is that of the ecclesiastical aspect for the proper church administration.
  - C. The third is that of the interest and regulations of the state authorities.

# I. Spiritual

A. At all times the victims, the accused, and the accusers shall be treated with dignity, respect and shall be engaged by pastoral staff with spiritual care.

- B. Furthermore, as abuse accusations can precipitate such severe consequences, the family members of the victims, the accused, and the accusers shall be provided with spiritual care.
- C. No person shall make any presumptions of innocence, guilt, truthfulness, or falsehood of any party until definite proof of guilt is established.

#### II. Ecclesiastical

- A. Upon an accusation being made against a church employee, volunteer, or that an incident occurred on church grounds or in a church activity, the senior pastor shall be notified immediately, or in the alternative, the district bishop.
  - 1. The senior pastor or the district bishop shall be the designated representative of the church and shall consult with the executive committee of the district, the church attorney, and the liability insurance representative for the church.
  - 2. The designated representative of the church shall follow the recommendations from these sources.
- B. If the accused party is a church employee or volunteer, then the accused party shall be

placed on leave.

- This leave may be paid or non-paid throughout the investigative process, where there are no witnesses other than the accused and the accuser.
- However, if two adults are present at the time of the alleged incident and one of whom has not been accused and the other adult states in an affidavit that he or she observed no incident, then the accused shall be on paid leave or remain throughout the investigative process.
- C. Regardless of any other investigation, the church itself shall implement an investigation of the incident.
  - 1. The investigation may include psychological testing for those involved.
  - In the event the accused shall refuse to cooperate with the church investigation, then the accused shall immediately be placed on non-paid leave.
  - 3. The church, through its designated representative, shall on a regular basis (every 30 days) keep all interested parties notified of the progress of the investigation, subject to counsel from

the church's lawyer and / or insurance company.

D. If the church's own investigation clearly shows that the accused is in fact guilty, then the church shall immediately terminate its employment or volunteer relationship with the accused.

#### III. State

- A. Although a unique relationship exists between a parent and child, there exist a limited interest of the state in the children as was long ago established by King Solomon and set forth at 1 Kings 3:22-28.
- B. Therefore, if any person has a reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or may be subjected to sexual abuse or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would result in sexual abuse, then that person shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the state authorities,
- **C.** The report need not be written but may be made by a toll-free telephone call to 1-800-252-5400.

#### **HUMAN SEXUALITY**

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. Any minister of the district participating in any of the above sexual acts shall be terminated from employment or position in the district.

We believe that marriage is only the joining of one biologically born man and one biologically born woman through Holy Matrimony and not through common law.

We believe that God made man in His image and God made females. No man or woman is qualified to take the act of God to change themselves as in transforming their original bodies to a different sex. Therefore, any minister, employee or volunteer of this District that has performed such an act shall be removed from their position immediately.

# ARTICLE TEN - DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

# **Divorce and Remarriage**

- 1. No divorced and remarried Christian shall be granted Credentials with the Pentecostal Church of God except in the following cases:
  - a. The divorce occurred prior to the applicant's initial understanding and acceptance of salvation evidenced by faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and further the applicant did not demonstrate a lifestyle consistent with devotion to Biblical principles. We recognize annulment as a marriage that never legally occurred (2 Corinthians 5:17).
  - **b.** The divorce was for the cause of fornication or sexual immorality on the part of the applicant's former spouse (Matthew 5:32; 19:9), where the applicant was faithful to the marriage vows during the marriage.
  - c. The divorce occurred when an unbeliever departs from a believer (1 Corinthians 7:15). It must be determined that every effort was made personally and legally to save the marriage, and said divorce occurred against the will of the applicant.
  - **d.** The divorce occurred because of spousal abuse (Eh 5:25, 28-29).
- **2.** The following documents shall/may validate the minister's application: marriage questionnaire,

- substantiation letters and other definitive, credible supporting documents.
- **3.** Many families have been disrupted and children have been denied the comforts of their parents and their God-given privilege of a home and as we deem it contrary to decency and the compassion of God, we therefore do not approve the separation of families over the divorce question.
- **4.** All ministers of the Southwest Texas District shall refrain from uniting in marriage any two persons either of which have had a previous marriage and former companion is still living, unless said person or persons can show Bible grounds for remarriage. The decision shall be left to the minister.
- **5.** Any minister/pastor who permanently separates and /or divorces their spouse without biblical cause will jeopardize their credential status.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN - DISTRICT MEETINGS**

# **District Meetings**

- 1. The biennial District Convention shall be held in an accessible place the last Tuesday of July of each convention year unless the District Board deems it necessary to change the date for a specific year. The appointment of time and place shall be left to the decision of the District Board and announced not less than thirty (30) days in advance. No resolutions will be received by the Resolutions Committee less than 30 days prior to the start of the Convention. No resolution shall be considered by the Resolutions Committee unless signed by the author, which will be a properly registered delegate. All reports of officers and departments are to be printed and enclosed in a registration package so that the reports may be examined by the convention delegates.
- 2. The fiscal convention year in the Southwest Texas District shall be from July 1 to June 30 for the financial reports of the District Secretary, District Women's Secretary-Treasurer, and District Youth Ministries Secretary-Treasurer.
- **3.** The Department of Women's Ministries shall be given a service during the convention. The District Board shall establish the schedule of the District

Convention.

- 4. The Youth Ministries Department shall have the opportunity to have a service in convention for a rally. The Youth Ministries shall receive the rally offering to be designated as the Youth Ministries Director's support for the month. All yearly trophies and awards shall be awarded at said rally. Functions of rally shall be approved by the District Board.
- 5. All committees for District Convention shall be appointed by the District Bishop. Any minister of the Southwest Texas District who is not involved in sectional activities and who does not report to the district office on a regular basis as our bylaws require will not be eligible to serve on any convention committee or to be used in the capacity of leading services, song leaders, etc., in any district meeting.
- 6. Announcements shall be provided to each minister for all Bible conferences and District Conventions and other district activities thirty (30) days in advance.
- **7.** No love offering shall be taken out of the general fund, but if taken, shall be given by those present at the district meeting.
- **8.** Time in the District Convention shall be designated for Mission's emphasis.
- 9. All ministers are required to attend at least one

annual District meeting (i.e. Convention, Bible Conference or Camp Meeting) per year or the minister will be called before the District Board.

## ARTICLE TWELVE – ORDER OF BUSINESS

## **Order of Business**

Devotional

Call to Order

Report of Registration Committee

Reading of Rules of Order

Report of District Bishop

Report of District Presbyter

Report of District Secretary

Report of Auditing Committee

Report of District Treasurer

Report of District Women's Director (Personal & Financial)

Report of District Youth Ministries Director (Personal &

Financial)

**Unfinished Business** 

Report of Resolutions Committee

**Election of Officers** 

**New Business** 

Adjournment

# **ARTICLE THIRTEEN - BYLAWS**

## **Bylaws**

- **1.** By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the convention these bylaws may be added to, amended, or repealed.
- 2. A motion to suspend the rules may be made at any time when no question is pending, or while a question is pending, provided it is for a purpose connected with that question. The reason for the suspension must be stated. Any suspension of the rules shall require, as a minimum, a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

## **Rules of Order**

- All business sessions to be conducted according to accepted Rules of Parliamentary Procedure using Robert's Rules of Order as a guide.
- 2. The voting constituency shall be properly registered ministers, their companions when saved, and church delegates designated by Registration Committee, and shall occupy areas designated by the chair.
- **3.** Saved companions of deceased ministers shall be permitted to take part in business sessions when accepted by the convention and properly seated.

- 4. Persons desiring to speak shall first rise, address the chair, and be recognized. Speaking shall be limited to three (3) times on any one subject: three (3) minutes the first time, two (2) minutes the second time and one (1) minute the third time. A timekeeper shall be appointed by the chair.
- 5. No personalities shall be indulged in from the floor.
- **6.** All expressions, either in approval or disapproval, shall be refrained from during the business session while another is speaking.
- **7.** All offices shall be decided by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the votes cast. No motion to vote by acclamation shall be accepted by the chair.
- **8.** Each officer shall be elected by secret ballot.
- **9.** After the first nominating ballot, any candidate who desires, should be recognized by the chair and privileged to withdraw their name if they wish.

# **ARTICLE FOURTEEN – WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

# **Department of Women's Ministries**

#### Name

The name of this organization shall be "Department of Women's Ministries."

## **Purpose**

The Women's Ministries exist to represent Jesus Christ throughout the earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Our mission is to evangelize, disciple and encourage.

# Officers, Duties and Qualifications

The District Director of Women's Ministries shall be a member of the Pentecostal Church of God not less than twenty-five (25) years of age, baptized with the Holy Spirit and shall be appointed by the district board for a term of two (2) years.

## ARTICLE FIFTEEN - M3 MEN'S MINISTRY

# M3 Men's Ministry

#### Name

The men's fellowship of the Southwest Texas District shall be M3 Men's Ministry. M3 - Mentoring Men for the Mission.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the M3 Men's Ministry shall be to create a strong bond of fellowship among men; encourage men to assume their God given role of leadership in the home, church, and community; to teach, train, and to equip men to be spiritual leaders; to promote a strong arm of evangelism in the churches of the Southwest Texas District.

# Officers, Duties and Qualifications

DISTRICT M3 DIRECTOR. The District Director can be, as provided by the General Bylaws, the District Presbyter. However, the District Director may be anyone whom the District Board may choose that is qualified to serve. His term shall be for two years. He shall be selected by the District Board at the Fall board meeting following convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. He shall be a male no less than 25 years of age, a member of and in good standing with a Pentecostal Church of God and have the

baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

He has the express responsibility to encourage all the churches of the district to participate in the M3 program, to carry out the promotions of the M3 and to keep each group's registration current. He shall coordinate all these efforts with the Sectional M3 coordinators. He has the responsibility to plan District Retreats, set new groups in order, coordinate Minute Man projects, and attend, whenever possible, training seminars, retreats, etc. to better himself for this outreach.

The M3 Director shall be accountable to the District Bishop and the District Board. He shall submit all programs and planned activities to those he is amenable to, in advance. He shall report his activities for the preceding year to the District Board.

# **ARTICLE SIXTEEN – YOUTH MINISTRIES**

# **Department of Youth Ministries**

#### Name

The name of this organization shall be "Impact Southwest Texas Student Ministries".

# **Standing**

The Youth Ministries of Southwest Texas shall be a part of the Pentecostal Church of God of the Southwest Texas District and shall work in cooperation with the district officials and with their local pastors. It shall support the activities and the official publications of the Pentecostal Church of God.

# Officers, Duties and Qualifications

1. The District Director of Youth Ministries shall be an ordained or licensed minister, male, or female, not less than twenty-one (21) years of age, who has the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with an evangelistic message and a proven ability for leadership of young people and with not less than three (3) years ministry working with young people. He or she must be a member and resident of the district for at least one (1) year. He or she shall be appointed by the district board for a term of two (2) years. The District

Director of Youth Ministries shall devote their time and energies to their office and fieldwork. They shall have the responsibility for all Youth Rallies in the district. The Southwest Texas District Youth Director shall be responsible to plan and supervise youth camp each year for the Southwest Texas District. The camp shall be conducted at a time and place mutually agreed upon by the District Youth Department and the District Board. The rules, regulations, speakers, planned expenses and all other plans of the Youth Director or department shall be subject to and approved by the Southwest Texas District Board before becoming final.

- 2. The District Youth Ministries Secretary-Treasurer shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, having the baptism of the Holy Spirit, fully qualified for the office. He or she shall be in good standing and a member of the Pentecostal Church of God. The District Youth Ministries Secretary-Treasurer shall have a voice in all Youth business at conventions.
- 3. The Sectional Youth Director shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age and capable of conducting preliminaries and to assist the District Youth Director in all Youth business of the section. The Sectional Director shall assume office immediately upon appointment. They shall be required to attend and promote district and

- sectional functions including but not limited to camp, teen talent, leadership training and rallies.
- **4.** District Youth Leadership Team and local leaders shall have a voice in all Youth business at conventions provided they are registered delegates.
- **5.** The District Youth Ministries Treasurer's books shall be audited by the appointed Auditing Committee for the District Convention.
- **6.** The District Director of Youth Ministries shall give an annual financial report to the District Convention.

#### Finance

- **1.** Any church not paying their national Youth Ministries assessment will not be eligible to receive any awards given at convention.
- 2. The District Director of Youth Ministries shall receive the current mileage reimbursement allowed by IRS for ministry travel to District Board Meetings or other youth meetings, to be paid from the Youth Ministries general fund, if funds are available.
- **3.** The District Director of Youth Ministries' income shall be supplemented over the course of the year using fifty percent of the net proceeds from youth camp.

# **Youth Camp Committee**

A Youth Camp Committee shall be selected by the

District Board at the board meeting preceding Youth Camp for the purpose of assisting with any disciplinary problems and enforcing the rules of the camp. The committee shall be composed of one (1) District Board member; one (1) sectional leader and one (1) ordained or licensed minister. The district shall cover the camp fee for each member of the Youth Camp Committee.

# **ARTICLE SEVENTEEN - DISSOLUTION**

## Dissolution

The assets of the Southwest Texas District of the Pentecostal Church of God, Inc., a Texas corporation, are irrevocably dedicated exclusively for religious, charitable and/or education purposes. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, the District Board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation, so as to ensure that the remaining assets will not inure to the benefit of any private person or persons, but that all remaining assets will be transferred to the general corporation, namely the Pentecostal Church of God, Inc., a Texas corporation. Should the general corporation no longer exist, all remaining assets will be distributed to a non-profit organization or organizations, which are exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of

1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the District Board shall determine.

# **ARTICLE EIGHTEEN - TERRITORY**

# **Territory**

# **Territory Included in the Southwest Texas District**

The territory of the Southwest Texas District of the Pentecostal Church of God, Inc. shall include all that portion of the state of Texas lying south of U.S. Highway 80 (and excluding the cities through which said highway passes); and west of U. S. Highway 81, Fort Worth to Hillsboro, and U.S. Highway 77, Hillsboro to the northern boundary line of Victoria County; and west of the northern and eastern boundary lines of said Victoria County (and including the cities through which said lines pass).

# SECTION 4 – REPORT OF THE 2024 DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 66<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Southwest Texas District of the Pentecostal Church of God, Inc. was held on July 31, 2024, at the district headquarters, 3107 Ranch Road 12, San Marcos, TX 78666. Bishop Phil Redding chaired the meeting.

Call to Order - 10:00am

Reading of Rules of Order – Andrew Jacobson

Report of District Bishop

Report of Registration Committee

Registration Closed - MSC

Report of Auditing Committee – presented by Jim Maxwell - MSC

Report of District Secretary

Report of Financials – Presented by James Hooper – MSC

Report of District Women's Director

Report of District Women's Director Financial Report – Presented by Eileen Jayne - MSC

Report of the Resolution Committee - Ray Keasler

# **Election of Officers**

Motion to move to Election of District Bishop

# 1<sup>st</sup> Nominating Ballot

Bob Jayne - 59

James Hooper - 2

61 ballots cast - 2/3 = 41

Bob Jayne was elected

# **Election of District Presbyter**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Nominating Ballot

Jeanine Coppedge – 1

Rich Hooper - 14

Jimmy Boatright - 1

Brent Sanders – 13

Brandon Sanders - 33

62 Ballots cast - 2/3 = 41

No election

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Nominating Ballot

Rich Hooper - 14

Brandon Sanders - 44

58 Ballots cast -2/3 = 39

# Brandon Sanders was elected

Adjournment: 12:01pm

## Resolutions for 2024 District Convention

- 1. Article Thirteen-Bylaws, Rules of Order, paragraph Nine. (pg. 66)
  - a. Currently reads: After the third nominating ballot, any candidate who desires, should be recognized by the chair, and privileged to withdraw their name if they wish.
  - b. Suggested change: After the <u>first</u> nominating ballot, any candidate who desires should be recognized by the chair and privileged to withdraw their name if they wish.
  - Rationale: to make the election process less laborious when nominees have no intention of accepting nomination.

- 2. Article Five Officers, Part 1 Officers, Paragraph One. (and every other place the name appears.) (pgs. 1, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 37, 62, 64)
  - a. Currently reads: The officers of the corporation and Board of Directors shall consist of: District Bishop, District Chief

- Operations Officer, District Presbyter and Sectional Presbyters. The Executive Officers (paragraphs a, b and c below) shall also act as the only trustees of the district and the bylaws shall be amended to correspond.
- b. Suggested change: The officers of the corporation and Board of Directors shall consist of: District Bishop, District Secretary, District Presbyter and Sectional Presbyters. The Executive Officers (paragraphs a, b and c below) shall also act as the only trustees of the district and the bylaws shall be amended to correspond.
- c. Rationale: To align with the practices of the denomination.

# 3. Article Five – Officers, Part 2 Duties and Qualifications of Officers, Paragraph One. (pg. 18)

- a. Currently reads: The District Bishop shall be an ordained minister, not less than thirtyfive (35) years of age, who has the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with at least 10 years' experience in the ministry, and one (1) year residence in the district.
- b. Suggested change: The District Bishop shall be an ordained minister, not less than thirty (30) years of age, who has the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with at least 10 years'

- experience in the ministry, and one (1) year residence in the district.
- c. Rationale: To align with the General Bylaws.

- 4. Article Five Officers, Part 2 Duties and Qualifications of Officers, Paragraph Three. (pg. 22)
  - a. Currently reads: The District Presbyter shall be an ordained minister, not less than seven (7) years in the ministry, thirty-five (35) years of age and one (1) year membership in the district.
  - Suggested change: The District Presbyter shall be an ordained minister, not less than seven (7) years in the ministry, <u>thirty</u> (30) years of age and one (1) year membership in the district.
  - c. Rationale: To align with the General Bylaws.

- Article Five Officers, Part 2 Duties and Qualifications of Officers, Paragraph Four. (pg. 23)
  - Add: The Sectional Presbyter shall periodically communicate either by telephone, text, or email with each pastor and minister in their section.

Should the presbyter be unwilling to perform their duties as described, they will be relieved of their duties and replaced by another qualified person. If there is no other qualified person in the section, the District Presbyter will assume their duties.

 Rationale: To assure that an open line of communication is maintained between the pastors and ministers of each section.

- 6. Article Eight Ministerial Relations, Part 2 License and Ordination, Paragraph One. (pg. 37)
  - a. Currently reads: All applicants for credentials, exhorters, licensed or ordination, shall have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and shall have read the entire Bible, particularly the King James Version. Exhorters not required to have read the entire Bible at time of application.
  - b. Suggested change: All applicants for credentials, exhorters, licensed or ordination, shall have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and shall have <u>read the entire Bible</u>. Exhorters not required to have read the entire Bible at time of application.

 Rationale: To remove the stipulation for a specific translation of the bible.

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- Article Eight Ministerial Relations, Part 2 License and Ordinations, Paragraph fourteen and fifteen. (pgs. 40-41)
  - a. Currently reads: All ministers' credentials shall be renewed annually following a favorable review of information obtained from the Credentials Renewal Questionnaire. Said questionnaire shall be turned in to the Sectional Presbyter by the fall sectional fellowship meeting.
  - The annual credential renewal questionnaire shall include a question directed to pastors regarding church insurance, expiration date of policy and insurance carrier.
  - c. The exhorter minister must route his/her questionnaire through the local pastor to whom assigned for approval and signature prior to giving to the presbyter.
  - d. Suggested change: Eliminate entirely.
  - e. Rationale: Credential Renewal Application is not required by IMC.

# 8. Article Eight – Ministerial Relations, Part 3 Uniform Ministerial Credential, Paragraph One. (pg. 42)

- a. Currently reads (in part): Upon the completion of the *Minister's Study Series*, a comprehensive test, provided by the IMC, will be given to the minister by the respective district.
- Suggested change: Upon the completion of the Minister's Study Series, a comprehensive test, provided by the IMC, will be given to the minister by the respective district. <u>Unless the minister has</u> <u>completed their studies in the online portal.</u>
- c. Rationale: There are tests given at the end of each section; the cumulative grade is assessed once the level is complete. Adding a comprehensive test would be burdensome.

- Article Eight Ministerial Relations, Part 3-Uniform Ministerial Credential, Paragraph Four-Ordination, Sub-Paragraph D. (pg. 46)
  - f. Currently Reads: Annual credential renewal shall be attested by the district office and issued by the IMC.
  - g. Suggested change: Eliminate entirely.
  - h. Rational: Not required by IMC and not in current practice.

# 10. Article Eight – Ministerial Relations, Part 4 Fees, Paragraph One. (pg. 47)

- a. Currently reads: "All ordained, licensed and exhorter ministers shall pay the sum of \$30.00 each month, by contractual agreement, two dollars of which shall go to support Messenger College, six dollars for the support of the Department of Youth Ministries, one dollar to the National Missions General Fund, and five dollars shall go to a benevolence death fund.
- b. Suggested change: "Each minister shall participate financially for the maintenance of the General offices by paying the sum of \$30.00 each month, two dollars of which shall go to support Messenger College, six dollars for the support of the department of Youth Ministries."
- c. Rationale: to mirror General Bylaws

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# 11. Article Eight – Ministerial Relations, Part 4 Fees, Paragraph Two. (pg. 47)

 a. Currently reads: Where both husband and wife are ministers, either ordained or licensed, or licensed to exhorter, the

- following option is available: one minister may pay \$30.00 monthly, which is the usual application and renewal fee for ministers, and the other may pay \$15.00 monthly.
- b. Suggested change: Where both husband and wife are ministers, either ordained or licensed, or licensed to exhorter, the following option is available: one minister will pay \$30.00 monthly, and the other may pay \$15.00 monthly.
- c. Rationale: To bring clarity since there is no application or renewal fee.

# Article Eight – Ministerial Relations, Part 5 Qualification of Voters, Paragraph Two. (pg. 48)

- a. Currently reads: No minister shall be allowed to vote in the District Convention or sectional meetings unless they have renewals paid in full to the date of said meeting.
- Suggested change: No minister shall be allowed to vote in the District Convention or sectional meetings unless they have <u>credential fees</u> paid in full to the date of said meeting.
- c. Rationale: There are no renewal fees.

# Article Ten-Divorce and Remarriage, Paragraph One. (pg. 61)

- a. Currently reads: No divorced and remarried Christian shall be granted credentials with the Pentecostal Church of God except in the following cases:
  - The divorce occurred prior to the first confirmed experience of salvation.
  - ii. The divorce was for the cause of fornication on the part of the applicant's former spouse (Matthew 5:32; 19:9).
  - iii. The applicant can provide to the District Board certified court manuscripts, or other definitive and credible supporting documents, whereby it can be determined that every effort was made personally and legally to save the applicant (1Corinthians 7:15)
- Suggested change: No divorced and remarried Christian shall be granted Credentials with the Pentecostal Church of God except in the following cases:
  - The divorce occurred prior to the applicant's initial understanding

- and acceptance of salvation evidenced by faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and further the applicant did not demonstrate a lifestyle consistent with devotion to Biblical principles. We recognize annulment as a marriage that never legally occurred (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- ii. The divorce was for the cause of fornication or sexual immorality on the part of the applicant's former spouse (Matthew 5:32; 19:9), where the applicant was faithful to the marriage vows during the marriage.
- iii. The divorce occurred when an unbeliever departs from a believer (1 Corinthians 7:15). It must be determined that every effort was made personally and legally to save the marriage, and said divorce occurred against the will of the applicant.
- iv. The divorce occurred because of spousal abuse (Eh 5:25, 28-29).
- v. Rationale: to mirror General Bylaws

# SECTION 5 – MINISTERS AND CHURCHES DIRECTORY

# **ORDAINED MINISTERS**

Don Allen Graham Allen Mylon Avery Salomon Avila Christopher Ayon Marshall Bishop James Boatright **Daniel Chapman** Jeanine Coppedge Les Crawford **Kelly Crenshaw** Genevive Holderby James Hooper Rich Hooper Phillip Hurst Floyd (Buddy) Hyden Joann Jackson Andrew Jacobson Aaron Jayne **Bob Jayne Curtis Jones** 

Raymond Keasler

Michael Lytle Jim Maxwell Steven Mbua James Miller Jr Ted Miller Jimmy Morris Ed Newman Flora Nutt Walter Nutt David Parkman **Brandon Sanders Brent Sanders** Rick Schmidt Jimmie Thornberg Jerry Ward Aletha Webb **Zachry Williams** Tom Wilson **Eddie Yarbrough** Ethan Yarbrough

**Doug Young** 

# LICENSED MINISTERS

Gene Burroughs Renee Hillis

Benjamin Carter Noahreko "Reko" Holland

Michael Cass Brooke Hooper
Derek Cowan Rebecca Jernigan

Jackie Cox Collins Prem
Barbara Crosby Eric Scott

Wayne Curry Robert Thomet
Joshua Gentry Jennifer Villarreal
Zhe'Anna Gutierrez Danny Vitola

Anita Helms Jesse Webb

# **EXHORTER MINISTERS**

Terry Curry Raymond Roberts
Helen Foreman Kyle Sattler
Joe Herrera Jonathan Sorey
Calvin hillis Aimee Williams
Michael Montoya

# **CHURCHES**

# **CAPITOL SECTION**

## **ABUNDANT HEART MINISTRIES**

7222W. FM 1431, Granite Shoals, TX 78654

Mailing Address: 135 W. Hickory Dr.,

Granite Shoals, TX 78654

(830) 613-7200

Pastor: Rev. Raymond L. Keasler

## **AUSTIN ALIVE CHURCH**

304 W. Whitestone Blvd. Cedar Park, TX 78610

Mailing Address: PO Box 203336, Austin, TX 78718

(512) 832-9794

Pastor: Rev. Mylon T. Avery

#### **FAITH CHAPEL**

1111 S. Colorado Street, Lockhart, TX 78644

(512) 376-4001

Pastor: Rev. Buddy Hyden

# FREEDOM TREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

5201 Martin Street, Austin, TX 78751

(512) 453-7881

Pastor: Rev. Michael Lytle

# **GATEWAY SECTION**

## **NEW BEGINNINGS PCG**

1001 Belle Plain, Brownwood, TX 76801

Mailing Address: PO Box 1047, Brownwood, TX 76804

(325) 643-6089

Pastor: Rev. Kelly D. Crenshaw

#### FREEDOM FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

1040 Early Boulevard, Early, TX 76802

Mailing Address: PO Box 3246, Early, TX 76803

(325) 646-8349

Pastor: TBD

#### VICTORY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

724 West Coke, Hamilton, TX 76531

Mailing Address: PO Box 671, Hamilton, TX 76531

(972) 567-3476

Pastor: Rev. James Hooper

# **WEST TEXAS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

802 East 20th Street, San Angelo, TX 76903

Mailing Address: PO Box 3036, San Angelo, TX 76902

(325) 763-5512

Pastor: Rev. Jesse Webb

# THE CONNECTION CHURCH of COLEMAN

114 Roselawn Ave., Coleman, TX 76834

Mailing Address: PO Box 887, Coleman, TX 76834

(361) 332-9361

Pastor: Rev. Bob Jayne

# **GULFCOAST SECTION**

#### **BOUNDLESS LOVE FELLOWSHIP**

4925 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, TX 78466

Mailing Address: PO Box61122,

Corpus Christi, TX 78466

(361) 563-3053

Pastor: Rev. Aletha Webb

# LIVING PROOF FELLOWSHIP

1341 South Alameda Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78404

(361) 883-5554

Pastor: Rev. James (Jimmy) M. Morris

# COASTAL BEND FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

700 W. Greenwood Avenue,

Aransas Pass, TX 78336

(361) 758-8221

Pastor: Rev. Aaron D. Jayne

## LORD'S HOUSE OF PRAYER & PRAISE

921 South 4th Street, Edinburg, TX 78539

(956) 783-6554

Pastor: Rev. Salomon Avila

# **NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRIES**

123 South Doughy Street, Rockport, TX 78382

Mailing Address: 1200 W Moore Ave

Aransas Pass, TX 78336-0002

(361) 729-5887

Pastor: Rev. Renee Hillis

# **HEART OF TEXAS SECTION**

# **CHRIST IMAGE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH**

3940 FM 1105, Georgetown, TX 78626

Phone: 888-410-8850

Pastor: Rev. Steve Mbua

# **FAITH TEMPLE LIGHTHOUSE**

820 South 21st Street, Temple, TX 76504

(254) 778-7632

Pastor: Rev. Jackie Cox

## **FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY**

2825 Flint Avenue, Waco, TX 76711

(254) 752-3115

Pastor: Rev. Ed H. Newman

## **GLAD TIDINGS**

1704 North 38th Street, Killeen, TX 76543

(254) 690-1011

Pastor: Rev. Marshall Bishop

## **GRACE FAMILY CHURCH**

1208 N. Robinson Dr., Robinson, TX 76706

(254) 855-9602

Pastor: Rev. Derek Cowan

#### NORTH POINTE CHURCH

1115 North Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522

(254) 547-7470

Pastor: Rev. Brent Sanders

#### FORWARD LIFE CHURCH

8209 Longfellow Ln., Fort Worth, TX 76120

(817) 205-9217

Pastor: Rev. Noahreko "Reko" Holland

## **CALVARY FAMILY CHURCH**

3306 Oak Trail Dr., Granbury, TX 76048

(314) 606-1211

Pastor: Rev. Joshua Gentry

# **PROSPERITY SECTION**

## **FULFILLED LIFE CHURCH**

201 N Monroe St, Beeville, TX 78102

Mailing Address: PO Box 4175, Beeville, TX 78104

(361) 392-4646

Pastor: Rev. Wayne Curry

#### FREEDOM LIFE CHURCH

2009 North Clinton Street, Cuero, TX 77954 Mailing Address: PO Box 49, Cuero, TX 77954

(361) 275-6917

Pastor: Rev. Jeanine Coppedge

## KINGDOM FAMILY SAN MARCOS

3107 Ranch Road 12, San Marcos, TX 78666

Mailing Address: 607 Pioneer Trail,

San Marcos, TX 78666-2452

(512) 256-4652

Pastor: Rev. Zachry Williams

#### REDEEMED OUTREACH CHURCH

102 East Crockett Street, Luling, TX 78648

Mailing Address: PO Box 868, Luling, TX 78648

(512) 921-9840

Pastor: Rev. Benjamin Carter

## SOLID ROCK CHURCH PCG

102 East Crockett Street, Luling, TX 78648

Mailing Address: 11961 FM 466

Gonzales, TX 78629-6170

(830) 245-5412

Pastor: Rev. Doug Young

# TRINITY CHAPEL - BEEVILLE

308 S Kathleen St., Beeville, TX 78102-5212

Mailing Address: PO Box 1818,

Beeville, TX 78104

(254) 702-3021

Pastor: Rev. Brandon Sanders

# **FELLOWSHIPPING CHURCHES**

#### LIBERTY LIGHTHOUSE FELLOWSHIP

321 Old River Crossing, Johnson City, TX 78636

Mailing Address: PO Box 345, Johnson City, TX 78636

(830) 868-7400

Pastor: Rev. James A. Boatright

# **FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY**

3206 North Street, San Angelo, TX 76901

Mailing Address: PO Box 3865, San Angelo, TX 76902

(325) 944-2288

Pastor: Rev. Shirley T. Cheesman