



APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY  
OF THE FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS

GENERAL CONVENTION

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**NEW PROPOSED INITIATIVES 2024**

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Initiative Proposal to the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly of Faith in Christ Jesus  
By Bishop Felipe Lugo  
Article 21 Clause 11 (Version 2024)

My proposal is that we modify Article 21 Clause 11, and that the attached document be diligently analyzed by this Pastoral Body, and that the same reaches a positive conclusion by approving it or, if the need arises, that they modify it in order to recognize the hard labor that all of our Pastors contribute to the enhancing of the Kingdom of God through their ministry.

Once this document, Protocol for the appointment of Emeritus Bishops and Emeritus Pastors, Honorary Bishops and Honorary Pastors is approved, that it then become an Annex Document of the Apostolic Assembly.

Constitution Version 2024

I propose that Article 21 Clause 11 be modified.

**Presently reads:**

The General Board of Directors has the faculty to confer honorary titles to ministers it deems worthy of such merit.

**I am proposing to modify it to read as follows:**

The General Board of Directors has the faculty to confer honorary titles to ministers it deems worthy of such merit **following the stipulations found in the annex document titled “Protocol for the appointment of Honorary Titles.”**

**Document:**

**Protocol for the Appointment of Honorary Titles**

Upon the approval of the General Board of Directors, the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus will recognize the merits and distinctions through a solemn ceremony to those Bishops and Pastors who have been considered for such recognition as established in the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly, Article XXI section XI, to grant honorary titles to those who have with dignity dedicated their life to the service of the Church and to the advancement of the blessed work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Based on the said article, the General Board will grant the following titles: Emeritus Bishop, Emeritus Pastor, Honorable Bishop, Honorary Bishop, Distinguished Pastor, and Post-mortem Recognitions. Such recognitions affirm the designated Pastors to receive these acknowledgments. They are and were servants of worthy recognition for their efforts and exemplary ministerial lives. “Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.” Philippians 3:17.

**Requirements for Honorary Titles**

**For Emeritus Bishop:**

- The supervising Bishop shall submit a petition to the General Board for review and, if it has the required merits, be approved.
- Having retired from Pastoral ministry and Episcopal supervision by his own will or due to illness.
- To be in full communion with the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus.
- Have proof of maintaining an active ministerial credential for the past 20 years.
- Having served in the Apostolic Ministry for a period of not less than 30 years.
- Having served as Bishop for a minimum of 16 years, either as district supervisor, Bishop in the missionary field or as a member of the General Board of Directors.
- Have no record of being found guilty of any immoral or such types of accusations.
- Publicly commit to remain faithful to the Apostolic doctrine, standards of holiness, and economic system of our Church at the time of receiving his recognition or honorific merit.

**For Emeritus Pastor:**

- The supervising Bishop shall submit a petition to the General Board of Directors for review and, if it has the required merits, be approved.
- Having retired from Pastoral ministry by his own will or due to illness.
- To be in full communion with the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus.
- Have proof of maintaining an active ministerial credential for the past 20 years.
- Having served in the Apostolic Ministry for a period of 30 years or more.
- Having served as Pastor for a minimum of 25 years.
- Have no record of being found guilty of any immoral or such types of accusations.
- Publicly commit to remain faithful to the Apostolic doctrine, standards of holiness, and economic system of our Church at the time of receiving his recognition or honorific merit.

**For Honorable Bishop:**

This recognition is given to those Pastors who served as supervising Bishops for a minimum of eight years. They contributed to the advancement, growth, and development of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Although it was not God's will that they serve for more than two terms in District supervision, their ministry was distinguished by their excellent administration and testimony during their service.

**Requirements**

- The supervising Bishop will submit a petition to the General Board for review and, if it has the required merits, be approved.
- Be in full communion with the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus and retired from Pastoral ministry.
- Have proof of maintaining an active ministerial credential for the past 20 years.
- Have served in the Apostolic Ministry for a period of 30 years or more.
- Have no record of being found guilty of any immoral or such types of accusations.
- Publicly commit to remain faithful to the Apostolic doctrine, standards of holiness, and economic system of our Church at the time of receiving his recognition or honorific merit.



**For Honorary Bishop:**

This recognition is given to those Pastors who have contributed to the advancement, growth, and development of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Although it was not God's will that they ascend to the supervision of a District bishop, their ministry was distinguished by planting churches and new works.

**Requirements**

- The supervising Bishop will submit a petition to the General Board for review and, if it has the required merits, be approved.
- Be in full communion with the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus and retired from Pastoral ministry.
- Have planted (or mothered) a minimum of five churches.
- Have no record of being found guilty of any immoral or such types of accusations.
- Publicly commit to remain faithful to the Apostolic doctrine, standards of holiness, and economic system of our Church at the time of receiving his recognition or honorific merit.

**For Distinguished Pastor:**

This recognition is given to those benefactor Pastors with exceptional testimonies whose actions have contributed to the advancement, growth, and development of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Requirements**

- The supervising Bishop will submit a petition to the General Board for review and, if it has the required merits, be approved.
- Be in full communion with the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus and retired from Pastoral ministry.
- Have Pastored for a minimum of 50 years.
- Have no record of being found guilty of any immoral or such types of accusations.
- Publicly commit to remain faithful to the Apostolic doctrine, standards of holiness, and economic system of our Church at the time of receiving his recognition or honorific merit.

**For Post-Mortem Recognition:**

A posthumous recognition is a ceremonial and solemn distinction that occurs when the receiving Pastor has been called to rest by our Lord Jesus Christ, and his ministerial labor has ceased; therefore, by definition, this is a posthumous recognition. These recognitions can be granted to those Pastors who, due to their passing to a better life, have not qualified for any of the recognitions in life with an honorable title. These recognitions will be given to the immediate family, whether the widow or children.

**Requirements**

- The supervising Bishop will submit a petition to the General Board for review and, if it has the required merits, be approved.

- Having qualified for any of the above-mentioned honorary titles that were not awarded due to his passing before retirement.

**Process for recognition:**

Recognitions can be celebrated at a district or national convention, which will be determined by the General Board.

**Note:**

The General Board reserves the right to rescind an honorary title if a recipient violates any of the aforementioned qualifications.

# **PROPOSAL-INITIATIVES 2024**

## **PROPOSAL-INITIATIVE # 1, 2024**

To add a new clause XII to Article 41  
to the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly

By Bishop Ismael Martin del Campo  
General Secretary,

Reason for the change:

More than half of our congregations rent a building.

To rent, a pastor must meet the four requirements for buying, selling, mortgaging or lending property.

But renting is a smaller financial commitment and of shorter duration.

Therefore, we propose that, in order to rent property for up to three years, the requirement to obtain 51% of the signatures of the members of the local church be eliminated.

This new clause XII will help pastors to rent facilities more easily and quickly.

Proposed Change:

**XII. For a church to rent a new temple, for a period no longer than three years, an exception is allowed to Clause XI of Article 41, and only the following three requirements are required:**

- 1. The Pastor shall present his proposal to the local church government, and it must be approved with a signed resolution by the Pastor and the local church government.**
- 2. The corresponding District Board of Directors shall approve the request with a resolution.**
- 3. The General Board of Directors shall approve the request, with a corporate resolution.**

## **PROPOSAL-INITIATIVE # 2, 2024**

GENERAL CONVENTION – Anaheim, CA

November 26-30, 2024

### **Proposed Initiative to change the Constitution/Annexed Document**

Proponent Name: **Steven G. Rodriguez**

District: **Northern Pacific Coast District**

Version of the constitution: 2024

Article & Clause of the constitution affected:

Article(s): **59** Clause(s): **10**

#### **Currently reads as:**

The General Board of Directors will help accommodate an outgoing Bishop Supervisor who was not reelected, to occupy the most convenient position. Moreover, it will give him the moral and spiritual support during the transition period and will make sure that he receives financial assistance for a minimum of three months.

#### **Proposed change(s):**

Depending on the district's financial capability, the outgoing supervising bishop will be awarded an honorarium equivalent to one, two, or three months of salary in recognition of their years of service. The compensation package will be determined by a secret ballot vote among the district pastors, which must take place within two weeks following the transition.

#### **Reason/Explanation for change:**

This article was originally intended with the assumption that the Supervising Bishop would be fully dedicated to his office and therefore might need additional financial support during the transition to his next assignment. However, the current provision allows any outgoing Supervising Bishop to invoke this article and receive an additional three months of salary, regardless of his circumstances or the financial condition of the district. Implementing this article as it stands could impose an unnecessary and excessive financial burden on smaller districts or those that lack the financial resources to sustain such payments. In certain situations, a newly elected district board may begin their administration facing a financial deficit. The purpose of rewriting this article is to ensure that the outgoing Supervising Bishop is honored while preserving the district's fiscal stability.

## PROPOSAL-INITIATIVE # 3

### PROPOSAL-INITIATIVE TO MODIFY ARTICLE 47, CLAUSE XI & ELIMINATE CLAUSE XII

A proposal for “no show” trials  
By Pastor Ismael Martín del Campo III  
Los Ángeles, CA

#### **2022: Constitution:**

XI. No person shall be tried while absent, not shall a trial be held if the accuser is not present.

XII. If neither the accused party nor the accuser is present, the one presiding over the trial shall decide whether to convene a new trial or to pursue another course of action.

#### **Proposed Amendment:**

XI. If the accused or accusing party do not attend trial then the person who presides over the trial shall convoke the accused party, the accusing party, and the witnesses to a new trial in no less than fourteen days. If the accused or accusing party does not attend this new trial, then the commission shall proceed to give a sentence in absence of said persons.

~~XII. If neither the accused party nor the accuser is present, the one presiding over the trial shall decide whether to convene a new trial or to pursue another course of action.~~

#### **Reason for the change:**

Article 47, Clause XI has an undefined process whereby an accused or accusing party can keep a trial indefinitely suspended by simply not attending trial. The new clause’s purpose is to respect the right of the accused or accusing party to a trial if by some circumstance they do not attend. As a church, it is always good to observe a grace period. At the same time, we need a clear limit of how many times a trial can be called, this proposal establishes two. The Constitution says that there should be “enough time” (Article 47, Clause IX) to call a trial. No less than fourteen days satisfies this requirement. Additionally, the Apostolic Assembly, by approving this proposal-initiative, shall align with standard judicial practice. Secular judges can try “in absentia” or conduct “no show” trials. The proposed clause makes clause XII unnecessary by establishing a procedure, so we propose that it be removed.

**Date submitted:** 4/22/2024



## **PROPOSAL-INITIATIVE # 4**

### **Proposal-Initiative To Add a New Clause XIII to Article 21 To the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly**

A Proposal for  
Evaluations of the District Boards

By Pastor Ismael Martín del Campo III  
Los Angeles, CA

#### **Proposed Change:**

Article 21, New Clause XIII. The General Board of Directors shall evaluate annually all district board members. The General Board shall appoint three of its members to each district board to perform this evaluation. If necessary, they may appoint former General Board members. The President shall prepare the form to evaluate compliance of constitutional duties and to the General Board's Work Plan (Article 7, Clause XI).

#### **Reason for Change:**

The Constitution already has annual evaluations for the General Board members and for pastors. Article 58, Clause XV mentions an annual evaluation for the District Bishop by the President but its only as a passing reference to the District Bishop's retirement. Just as pastors are evaluated by the district board, we propose that the general board do this review of the district boards. In cases where the General Board may need assistance, we propose a former Board Member replace a current member since they will have the executive experience to do this and typically will also have enough district experience. Everything that is evaluated prospers, and what isn't evaluated stagnates.

**Date submitted:** 4/23/2024

## PROPOSAL-INITIATIVE # 5

**Legislative Convention – Anaheim, CA  
November 26-27, 2024  
Proposal Initiative to change the Constitution**

Proponents Name(s): Secretary of International Missions, Bishop Steve Moran

Version of constitution: 2024

Article & Clause of the constitution affected: Article: 3 Clause: I

Brief instructions on changes:

**Original text:**

To govern and direct this religious corporation, a General Board of Directors shall be elected at a General Electoral Convention, and be comprised of the following officers: A Bishop President, a Bishop Vice President, a Bishop General Secretary, a Bishop General Treasurer, a Bishop Secretary of Foreign Missions, a Bishop Secretary of National Missions, a Bishop Secretary of Christian Education, and a Bishop Secretary of Social Assistance.

**PROPOSAL:**

To govern and direct this religious corporation, a General Board of Directors shall be elected at a General Electoral Convention, and be comprised of the following officers: A Bishop President (**General Pastor**), a Bishop Vice President, a Bishop General Secretary, a Bishop General Treasurer, a Bishop Secretary of Foreign Missions, a Bishop Secretary of National Missions, a Bishop Secretary of Christian Education, and a Bishop Secretary of Social Assistance.

**REASON FOR PROPOSAL:**

To reemphasize what was the spirit of the pioneers of the Apostolic Assembly in originally considering the Bishop President as the General Pastor that is the spiritual component of the office.