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**PROPOSALS-INITIATIVES
WITH INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTIONS**

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Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 1 (2021)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to modify Article 7, Clauses XII & XIII and add a new Clause.

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Financial Responsibility Commission (Bishop Felipe Lugo, Bishop Marco Zacarias, Bishop Gabriel Calderon, Bishop Martín Amador, Bishop Tommy Vigil)

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/24/2021

Contains Amendments: YES NO

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Study Commission | Date: 7/25/2022 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Constitution Revisory Commission | Date: 8/10/2022 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Board of Directors | Date: 8/24/2022 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint Bishops' Meeting | Date: 9/22/2022 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2022 General Convention | Date: 11/23/2022 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Study Commission | Date: 8/6/2024 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Constitution Revisory Commission | Date: 8/7/2024 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Board of Directors | Date: 8/25/2024 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint Bishops' Meeting | Date: 9/18/2024 |

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposed Initiative #1 (2021)

Proponents: Financial Responsibility Commission

Bishop Felipe Lugo, Bishop Marco Zacarías, Bishop Gabriel Calderón, Bishop Martín Amador, Bishop Tommy Vigil

Purpose of the Commission

This commission was created by President Bishop John Fortino to study ways to lessen financial burdens on districts and local churches.

Proposal makes change to Article 7

Article 7: a phrase will be added to Clause XII; Clause XIII will become Clause XIV, and a new Clause XIII is proposed.

Purpose of the Proposal

This proposal is made in order to eliminate the request for extraordinary offerings in General Conventions by the secretariats and by the confederations and to be subject to the budgets approved by the Joint Bishop's Meeting.

Article 7, Clause XII

The Bishop President, along with the other members of the General Board of Directors, shall elaborate their annual work plan for the following year, their eight annual budgets and all major projects; and present them at the Joint Bishops Meeting for study and approval prior to the General Convention. Within 30 days of their approval, all pastors shall be informed of the same.

New Change (underlined in yellow)

The Bishop President, along with the other members of the General Board of Directors, shall elaborate their annual work plan for the following year, their eight annual budgets and all major projects; and present them at the Joint Bishops Meeting, **on the second day of the meeting with sufficient time**, for study and approval prior to the General Convention. Within 30 days of their approval, all pastors shall be informed of the same.

New Clause XIII

XIII. In addition, he will ensure that the Secretariats and Confederations do not request extraordinary offerings in General Conventions, or in Regional activities, because they affect the budgets approved by the joint meeting, the Districts, Confederations, and local churches.

The present Clause XIII will be the new Clause XIV and will read the same way without any change:

XIV. He shall transfer the position over to his successor at the end of the Convention in which his successor was elected and will turn over all the effects that are in his possession to the Bishop President-elect.

Reasons for the changes

Regarding Clause XII, the bishops need sufficient time to study and review the budgets proposed by the General Board of Directors and the Confederations because the Apostolic Assembly is an international non-profit organization that has many programs that operate with an approved budget by the Joint Bishops Meeting.

Reasons for the new Clause XIII:

1. Offerings for a secretariat should be avoided during conventions as the secretariats do their job during the year. For example, if the National Missions secretariat did not reach its goal for the year, they should not ask for an “extra” or “special” offering at the national convention. Pastors feel pressure to give more when they have already contributed locally to the district and nationally.
2. In addition, each confederation submits a budget for approval. Confederations are asked to abide by what has already been approved and not start other ministries or projects so as not to ask for extra money. They may be authorized to start other programs or ministries, but that program or ministry is within the approved budget.
3. Churches already contribute to various local, district and national projects: district dues, federation events, District Convention, Precious Seed, Reaching America, Blue Flower, Bishop's Day, Elder's Day, National Convention, etc.
4. Bishops make an effort to ensure that their districts meet the quota for the national convention. When these extraordinary offerings are requested, it also creates an imbalance in the district budget.

FULL THESIS – Proposed Initiative #1 (2021)

Study Group Meeting
Initiative Proposal #1 (2021)
July 25, 2022

The origin of this proposed initiative was to lessen the financial burdens on districts and local churches. The Financial Responsibility Commission proposed that a change be made to Article 7, Item XIII, stipulating that more time be given during the Joint Bishop’s Meeting for the analysis, evaluation, and discussion of the eight annual budgets of the members of the General Board of Directors.

To achieve this, the following statement will be added to Article 7 Subsection XIII:

“The second day of the meeting and with enough time.”

It is also proposed to add a new Paragraph XIII in which it specifies that it will be ensured that the Secretariats and Confederations do not request extraordinary offerings in General Conventions, or Regional activities because they affect the budgets approved by the Joint Bishop’s Meeting, the Districts, Confederations, and Local Churches.

The Study commission agrees with the document being approved as written.

We recommend that it follow the process for approval and observe the following key points:

- With this proposal approved, it will allow enough time to review the budgets, approve them in more detail, and allow time to ask questions and provide clarity.
- The Study Group reviewed the proposal and concluded that it is well written to define the procedure.
- The proposal ensures that there is no need to obtain additional offerings that affect all the budgets already approved by the different instrumentalities.

We recommend that this Initiative Proposal is approved.

Obispo Luciano Montes
Obispo Leobardo Maffey
Obispo Daniel Lofton

Obispo Joel Olvera
Obispo Armando Rentería

DECISION, LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION

November 24, 2021

The Pastoral Body approved that this Proposed Initiative go to a Study Commission and add the analysis of the President’s Study Commission.

THESIS, STUDY COMMISSION

July 25, 2022

The Study Commission agrees with the document being approved as written with the following recommendations:

1. With this proposal approved, it will allow enough time to review the budgets, approve them in more detail, and allow time to ask questions and provide clarity.
2. The Study Group reviewed the proposal and concluded that it is well written to define the procedure.
3. The proposal ensures that there is no need to obtain additional offerings that affect all the budgets already approved by the different instrumentalities.

RECOMMENDATION, CONSTITUTIONAL REVISORY COMMISSION

August 10, 2022

The Constitutional Revisory Commission studied the Initiative Proposal and finds that it does not violate any civil laws, the Word of God, or the Constitution. Therefore, the Constitutional Revisory Commission recommends that it continue the process, with the amendments approved by the pastors: that the CBAI financial report be presented to the pastors at the District Convention.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 24, 2022

The General Board of Directors recommends that this Proposed Initiative be approved with the recommendation of the Constitutional Revisory Commission.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS’ MEETING

September 22, 2022

The Joint Bishops’ Meeting recommends that this Proposed Initiative be approved as for it to follow the recommendations of the General Board of Directors and the Constitutional Revisory Commission.

GENERAL CONVENTION AGREEMENT

November 23, 2022

The General Convention agreed to send this proposal-initiative to a study commission so that said commission may do a financial study of this proposal’s impact on churches and districts and so that it may also study if the budgets of the confederations should be reviewed and approved by a Joint Bishops Meeting.

THESIS, STUDY COMMISSION

August 6, 2024

COMMISSION

- Bishop Ismael Martin del Campo, *Commission President*
- Bishop Misael Gurrola, *Commission Secretary*
- Bishop Jose Castro
- Bishop Jose Gutierrez
- Bishop Abner Arias

MEETINGS:

- 5:00 PM on July 11, 2024
- 3:00 PM on August 6, 2024

PROS:

1. Each Department and Confederation would adhere to its approved budget and there would be no repercussions for districts and churches.
2. The second advantage is that if realistic budgets are in place there will be no need for additional offerings.

CONS:

1. This would limit national programs in the event of contingencies that cannot be foreseen (e.g. natural disasters, economic crises, incidents at events, lawsuits, etc.).
2. It would limit the blessing of those who always give cheerfully in the face of special needs. We would eliminate the spontaneous ability for each church to give offerings.
3. This proposal, if approved, would limit the implementation of some national programs.

STUDY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This study commission analyzed the 2021-2024 budgets of the three National Confederations.

1. The Dorcas Confederation explained that they fund their projects (e.g. Heart, Soul, and Mind) through registration fees and special offerings.
2. The Messengers of Peace Confederation explained that their main regional activities (e.g. NYA) are funded through registration fees and special offerings.
3. The Men's Confederation also funds its regional activities (e.g. Men of Impact) through dues and special offerings.
4. Additionally, we requested a financial analysis from corporate controller Edward Campa and he wrote the following:

“Over the past two years, Secretariats of the General Board and National Confederations have collected extraordinary offerings. These include contributions for International Missions and subsidies for the Youth Convention budget. Given the scale of these events and programs, collecting additional offerings can be necessary to cover budget shortfalls.

Typically, the budgets for Secretariats and Confederations are based on income from national fundraising projects and event registrations. To prevent placing a financial burden on churches and pastors with extraordinary offerings, departments should aim to operate within their established budgets without relying on additional contributions. This may require some departments to scale back certain initiatives.

Departments should focus on maximizing income through national fundraising efforts and implementing budget cuts as needed, to minimize reliance on extraordinary offerings.”

Based on the above, the Study Commission has three recommendations:

1. The Study Commission recommends that the first part of this proposal, which calls for modifying Clause XII of Article 7, be approved. We unanimously believe that sufficient time should be given for the study and approval of annual budgets. We recommend that the following be added: “The annual budgets of the confederations will be reviewed and approved by the Joint Meeting.”

2. The Study Commission recommends that the second part of this proposal, which called for modifying Article 7 by adding a new clause to prohibit the request for extraordinary offerings, not be approved because it would limit national programs in the face of unforeseen contingencies that occur each year among our churches (e.g., natural disasters, economic recessions, plagues or pandemics, incidents at events or lawsuits).

3. The Study Commission recommends that a committee of three serving district bishops, preferably with accounting knowledge, and the corporate controller of the Apostolic Assembly be appointed. We propose that they receive the budgets at least one week in advance of the Joint Meeting. And we propose that they prepare a list of questions so that the Joint Meeting can study and approve budgets that realistically and responsibly meet the goals and needs of the Apostolic Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION, CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

August 7, 2024

1. The Constitution Revisory Commission studied the proposal-initiative and found that it does not violate any civil law, the Word of God, or the Constitution.
2. The commission recommends that this proposal continue to in the process with the following amendment to Clase XII of Article 7:

“The Bishop President, along with the rest of the General Board members, shall develop work plans for the following year, their eight annual budgets, **the four budgets of the confederations**, and any major project. **These shall be sent out seven days before the Joint Meeting for review and shall be presented with sufficient time during the Joint Meeting** for study and approval prior to the General Convention. Within 30 days of their approval, all pastors shall be informed of the same.”

3. In response to the general convention's recommendation on the impact on local churches and districts, the Revisory Commission recommends that Article 64, Clause II be observed responsibly.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 25, 2024

The General Board of Directors recommends that the Study Commission's recommendation be approved.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS' MEETING

September 18, 2024

The Joint Bishops' Meeting recommends that the Study Commission's recommendation be approved.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 16 (2021)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to modify Clause IV of Article 20

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Pastor David C. Martínez

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/27/2021

Contains Amendments: YES NO

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 8/30/2022
- General Board of Directors Date: 8/31/2022
- Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 9/23/2022
- Legislative Convention Date: 11/22/2023
- Study Commission Date: 8/14/2024
- Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 8/22/2024
- General Board of Directors Date: 8/25/2024
- Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 9/18/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposed Initiative #16 (2021)

Proponent Name: Pastor David C. Martínez District: Los Angeles

Version of the constitution: 2019

Article & Clause of the constitution affected: Article: 20 Clause: IV

Currently reads as:

He will be responsible to assist in the needs of ministers who have dedicated their life, or a major part of it, to the ministry, but may have insufficient means to subsist upon reaching senescence.

PROPOSED CHANGE(S)

He will be responsible to assist in the needs of the pastors ~~ministers~~ who along with his wife have dedicated their life, or a major part of it, to the ministry ~~but may have insufficient means to subsist upon reaching senescence.~~ This assistance will be given to the pastor's wife as a onetime death benefit at the death of the pastor.

This one-time death benefit will be based on the number of years of service scale:

- Years of service 21 years and more - \$30,000.00
- Years of service 11 years to 20 years - \$25,000.00
- Years of service 0 years to 10 years - \$20,000.00

The widows of all category of pastors, active and retired, will be assisted with this death benefit.

Background:

Currently, if you are a retired pastor the maximum your widow will get is \$20,000.00; if you are an active pastor your wife will receive \$30,000.00. An incident happened in Los Angeles District where a pastor and his wife served for more than 20 years as pastors. The Lord allowed them to retire leaving a church that they started and leaving a building for the Apostolic Assembly where there was not a building. A young minister was placed as pastor. The retired pastor passed away because of COVID-19 and his wife was assisted with \$20,000.00. Thank God it did not happen, but if the young pastor had passed away, once he received the pastorate, the young pastor's widow would receive \$30,000.00. This assistance although appreciated, does not seem equitable to the retired pastor.

Objective:

The primary objective is to make sure all pastor's widows are honorably assisted. In addition, this proposal is presented to clarify the wording used in Article 20 Clause IV. This proposal requests that the word "*ministers*" used in Article 20 Clause IV is changed to "*pastors*". In the Apostolic Assembly the word "*minister,*" although can refer to pastors, usually infers an ordained minister not usually a pastor. The use the word "*ministers*" in this clause

infers that the Bishop of Social Assistance “...*will be responsible to assist in the needs of ministers who have dedicated their life, or a major part of it, to the ministry...*” Is the Bishop of Social Assistance responsible to assist all ministers, not only pastors, with their “...*needs...?*”

The removal of the use of the phrase in Article 20 Clause IV “...*but may have insufficient means to subsist upon reaching senescence,*” makes this decision very subjective in how the pastor’s widow (if this proposal is accepted) is going to be assisted in a time of need. If the need is a death benefit, is the pastor’s wife going to have to present financials, to be assisted?

Again, the overall objective is to make sure that the pastor’s widow receive assistance at one of the most difficult times for her and her children, i.e., the death of her husband and father of her children.

1. By giving retired pastor’s widow the increased death benefit it would assist the family at a great time of need.
2. A retired pastor possibly could have paid more than 20 years for Pastor Credentials but currently once the pastor retires his widow and children will get a reduced amount.
3. There is an agreement that when an active pastor passes away, the congregation is responsible to fund the pastor’s funeral services, which is just. Once that same pastor retires all the active pastor’s benefits are forfeited at his retirement, including this benefit.

DECISION, LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION

November 27, 2021

The Pastoral Body approved this Proposed Initiative and for a new clause to be written as VIII, 10% of Flor Azul, Reach America, and Precious Seed be used for the benevolence fund; furthermore, for “beneficiary” be added to the clause.

RECOMMENDATION, CONSTITUTIONAL REVISORY COMMISSION

August 11, 2022

The Constitutional Revisory Commission recommends that this Proposed Initiative with amendments be sent to a study Commission of financial experts due to the potential impact on the general fund (Article 86, Clause VIII).

RECOMMENDATION, FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 19, 2022

The Finance Committee concluded that the proposed initiative does not have a negative effect the General Treasury since the funding comes from the Credential Income. The Finance Committee observed that there is an error regarding the “10%” contributions from Flor Azul, Reach America, and Precious Seed, which was actually in reference to Proposed Initiative #2 (2021).

RECOMMENDATION, CONSTITUTIONAL REVISORY COMMISSION

August 30, 2022

The Constitutional Revisory Commission studied the Proposed Initiative and finds that it does not violate any civil law, the Word of God, or the Constitution. The Constitutional Revisory Commission recommends that it pass as written.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 31, 2022

The General Board of Directors recommends that this Proposed Initiative pass as written.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS’ MEETING

September 22, 2022

The Joint Bishops’ Meeting recommends that this Proposed Initiative pass as written.

LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION AGREEMENT

November 22, 2023

The General Convention agreed to send this proposal-initiative to a study commission.

THESIS, STUDY COMMISSION

August 14, 2024

Study Commission:

Bishop Sam Rojas

Bishop Victor Prado

Bishop Matt Garcia

Bishop Moises Ruiz

Pastor Jeffrey Rodriguez

The study commission recommends that the Proposed Initiative pass with the following modifications:

PROPOSED CHANGES

He will be responsible to assist in the needs of **the pastors who have dedicated their life**, or a major part of it, to the ministry. **This assistance will be given to the active pastor's wife or designated beneficiary as a onetime death benefit at the death of the pastor. Upon the death of a retired pastor, the retired pastor's wife or designated beneficiary will receive a one-time death benefit pay-out. The pay-out for both active and retired pastors will be determined by the approved scale in function at the time of the current or retired pastor's death.**

STUDY COMMISSION THESIS:

This proposal presents several recommendations that the study commission agrees would be beneficial to the overall DSA death benefit pay-out policy. Below are several areas we recommend that allow the DSA flexibility in the event of a financial crisis or change in the overall economy of the church. We recommend that the DSA review and implement the following:

DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY

Our recommendation is to add a designated beneficiary section in the current "Retired Pastor Application Form" and the "Ministerial credential" application. These forms would be updated on a yearly basis and would ensure that the death benefit would be given to active or retired pastor's designated beneficiary. In the event the active pastor's or retired wife has pre-deceased him, then the death benefit will go to the designated beneficiaries listed on the 'Retired Pastor Application' or "ministerial license" application.

BENEFIT SCALE

We propose that the death benefit pay-out scale be updated as needed based on the current economic condition of the Apostolic Assembly and the DSA. In following the spirit of the late Pastor David C. Martinez' proposal, we recommend that the current scale be changed to the following:

This one-time death benefit scale will be based on the number of years of service:

- Years of service 20 years and more - \$30,000.00 (for both active and retired pastors)
- Years of service 11 years to 19 years - \$25,000.00 (for both active and retired pastors)
- Years of service 0 years to 10 years - \$20,000.00 (for both active and retired pastors)

This new proposed scale will honor the years of faithful service of all active and retired pastors. If an active pastor serves 18 years and retires, upon his death, the designated beneficiary receives \$25,000.00 benefit. If a pastor retires at 21 years of service, his designated beneficiary will receive a \$30,000.00 benefit upon his death. If a Pastor serves 8 years and retires, the designated beneficiary will receive \$20,000.00 upon his death. If an active pastor passes away at 12 years of service, his designated beneficiary will receive \$25,000.00.

LOCAL CHURCH DEATH BENEFIT PROPOSAL (ACTIVE PASTORS ONLY)

We recommend that a signed agreement or resolution (between the pastor and the local church leadership team) be drafted that when an active pastor passes away, the local congregation is responsible to fund the pastor's funeral services (based on their financial capability), which is just. This agreement is to be given to the district bishop for his signature and approval. The respective district bishop will be responsible for the signed agreement (resolution) to be sent to the headquarters office and be filed in said pastor's ministerial file. The local church will only be responsible to sign the agreement with the active pastor.

Once that same pastor retires his benefits are forfeited at his retirement, including this local church agreement (resolution). The only benefit that the retired pastor's beneficiary will receive at the time of his death is what is stated in the current approved DSA death benefit agreement.

RECOMMENDATION, CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

August 22, 2024

1. The Constitution Revisory Commission studied this proposal-initiative and found that it does not violate any civil law, the Word of God or the Constitution.
2. The Constitution Revisory Commission recommends that this proposal continue in the process with the following amendment to Article 20, Clause IV: "He will be responsible to assist in the needs of **the pastors who have dedicated their life**, or a major part of it, to the ministry. **This assistance will be given to the active pastor's wife or designated beneficiary as a onetime death benefit at the death of the pastor. Upon the death of a retired pastor, the retired pastor's wife or designated beneficiary will receive a one-time death benefit pay-out. The pay-out for both active and retired pastors will be determined by the approved scale in function at the time of the current or retired pastor's death.**"
3. The Constitution Revisory Commission agrees with the study commission's recommendation, however we do not recommend the one time death benefit scale of the original proposal be legislated into the Constitution.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 25, 2024

The General Board of Directors recommends that the Study Commission's recommendation be approved.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS' MEETING

September 18, 2024

The Joint Bishops' Meeting recommends that the Study Commission's recommendation be approved.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 19 (2021)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to modify Clauses III & IV of Article 47

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Bishop Steve Moran & Bishop Gabriel Calderon

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 01/31/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/18/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposal-Initiative #19 (2021)

**Legislative Convention – Anaheim, CA
November 21-25, 2023**

Proposal Initiative to change the Constitution

Proponent Name: Bishop Steve Moran **District:** Washington State District

Proponent Name: Bishop Gabriel Calderon **District:** Washington State District

Version of the constitution: 2019

Article & Clause of the constitution affected: Article(s): 47 Clause(s) III & V

Currently reads as:

III. Trials involving pastors, ministers in charge of a new work, evangelists, assistant pastors and ordained ministers, shall take place in meetings presided by the respective district bishop and at least two elders, including all necessary witnesses.

V. Accusations against pastors, ministers in charge of a new work, evangelists, co-pastors, assistant pastors, and ordained ministers shall be presented in writing and in duplicate to the corresponding District Bishop and be signed by at least two witnesses (1 Timothy 5:19).

Proposed change(s)

III. Trials involving pastors, ministers in charge of a new work, evangelists, assistant pastors, ordained ministers, **and deacons** shall take place in meetings presided by the respective district bishop and at least two elders, including all necessary witnesses.

V. Accusations against pastors, ministers in charge of a new work, evangelists, co-pastors, assistant pastors, ordained ministers, **and deacons** shall be presented in writing and in duplicate to the corresponding District Bishop and be signed by at least two witnesses (1 Timothy 5:19).

Reason/Explanation for change

To give clarity that, although initiated to the ministry, he is still part of the ministerial body of the Apostolic Assembly and it is necessary to follow the same process as the others mentioned in this clause.

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION, CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

January 31, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission finds that the title ‘deacon’ is found only once in the Constitution and that “initiate to ministry” is found multiple times. The commission recommends changing the word ‘deacon’ in the proposal to “initiate to ministry” to maintain uniformity of the term.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that the convention not approve this proposal-initiative because the initiate is under his pastor’s authority and supervision during the initiate’s trial period. The pastor has the authority to stop his initiation. The initiate is in his calling only because his pastor recommended him. And he will only be ordained if his pastor recommends him.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS’ MEETING

September 18, 2024

The Joint Bishops’ Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative not be approved.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 20 (2021)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to modify Clause I of Article 86

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Bishop Steve Moran

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 01/31/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/18/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposal-Initiative #20 (2021)
Legislative Convention – Anaheim, CA
November 21-25, 2023
Proposal Initiative to change the Constitution

Proponents Name(s): Bishop Steve Moran, Region de Africa

Version of constitution: 2019

Article & Clause of the constitution affected: Article: 86 Clause: 1

Brief instructions on changes: add clause to authorize expedition of urgent items

PROPOSAL:

Current:

1. Proposed-initiatives are the instrument to amend, create or eliminate articles of the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly and these must initially be submitted to the General Secretary who in due order shall present them before the ministerial meeting of the General Convention to study whether they should receive an initial process resolution.

Change to include clause:

....to General Secretary who in due order, with the exception of urgent matters that require immediate attention for the welfare of the Assembly, shall present them...

REASON FOR PROPOSAL:

To allow constitutionally, a clause for urgent matters that require an immediate response from the pastors attending the legislative ministerial meetings.

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION, CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

January 31, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission recommends that instead of the proposal saying, “urgent matters,” it should say “urgent proposals-initiatives.”

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that the convention not approve this proposal-initiative because the Constitution already allows for the necessary flexibility whenever it is needed.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS’ MEETING

September 18, 2024

The Joint Bishops’ Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative not be approved.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 1 (2022)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to modify Clauses I & II of Article 22, and Clause I of Article 25

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Pastor Lee Millen

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 08/06/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 08/25/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/18/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposal-Initiative #1 (2022)

**Legislative Convention – Anaheim, CA
November 21-25, 2023
Proposal Initiative to change the Constitution**

Proponent Name: Lee Millen **District:** Mission Germany

Version of the constitution: 2019

Article & Clause of the constitution affected:

Article(s): 22 Clause(s) 1, 2
Article(s): 25 Clause(s) 1

Currently reads as:

ARTICLE 22: ALTERNATE METHODS OF VOTING

- I. With regard to votes in the voting process,...(iv) via electronic mail, or (v) via fax.
- II. All notices, requests, consents, votes and other communications required or permitted under this Constitution, shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given only (i) when personally delivered; (ii) on the day specified for delivery... (iv) immediately upon transmission via electronic mail, when addressed to the last known electronic email address of the intended addressee; or (v) immediately upon transmission via fax to the last known fax number of the intended addressee. ...”

ARTICLE 25: GENERAL CONVENTIONS

- I. There will be an ordinary General Convention every two years at a date and place to be set by the General Board of Directors. Members of the General Board of Directors, bishop supervisors, ... shall attend. ...” International Missionaries that the General Board of Directors authorizes may attend as well. ...”

Proposed change(s)

ARTICLE 22: ALTERNATE METHODS OF VOTING

- I. With regard to votes in the voting process, ... (iv) via electronic mail, ~~or~~ *by remote*, or (v) via fax.

- II. All notices, requests, consents, votes and other communications required or permitted under this Constitution, shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given only (i) when personally delivered; (ii) on the day specified for delivery... (iv) immediately upon transmission via electronic mail, when addressed to the last known electronic email address of the intended addressee *or the remote electronic address*; or (v) immediately upon transmission via fax to the last known fax number of the intended addressee. ...”

ARTICLE 25: GENERAL CONVENTIONS

- I. There will be an ordinary General Convention every two years at a date and place to be set by the General Board of Directors. Members of the General Board of Directors, bishop supervisors, ... shall attend. ...” International missionaries that the General Board of Directors authorizes may attend as well; *and they may also attend by remote to exercise their right to vote if international missionaries are en masse not attending a Convention due to mitigating circumstances identified by the AAFCJ. ...”*

Reason/Explanation for change

1. In the event of a similar C-19 pandemic or other global catastrophe that necessitates the use of an alternate plan of attendance and voting, remote attendance and voting is enabled by 21st century technology. The “remote electronic address” will be the AAFCJ Link provided to international missionaries when the need arises.
2. That all International Missionaries be given the option to vote remotely on emailed AAFCJ Initiatives received, when missionaries will be absent en masse due to AAFCJ budget constraints or other mitigating circumstances that limit them from attending the Convention in a particular year (2021), and cannot attend a convention’s general, ministerial or legislative meetings and exercise their right to vote.

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION, FINANCIAL EXPERTS COMMITTEE

July 11, 2024

Committee: Bishop Andy Provencio
Bishop Misael Gurrola
Bishop Jose Guterrez
Pastor Jorge Lopez
Pastor Eddie Campa

Subject: What is the economic impact on the General Fund if an remote voting system was implemented for international missionaries.

Comments: The implementation of a remote voting system could potentially have a cost savings on the General Fund and the International Missions Budget by allowing Missionaries to vote remotely using a secured voting system. It would save on travel costs such as airfare, lodging and meals. The savings could potentially be significant if remote voting was extended even to the Pastors in the states. Legislative Sessions could be held remotely when necessary, allowing for large savings on hotel ballrooms, lodging, meals, airfare, technical production and the personnel to operate a large gathering.

The cost for a secured virtual voting system would run around \$25,000 to \$40,000 according to Cody Becker who is the IT consultant for the General Offices. Although it would require an investment to set-up the system, the overall possibilities and benefit would exceed the cost to implement.

Recommendation: Proceed.

RECOMMENDATION, CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

August 6, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission recommends that this proposal-initiative not pass for the following reasons:

1. The financial experts committee does not address the proposed constitutional change. The proponent is proposing remote voting for international missionaries only and not virtual general conventions.

2. It is the General Board that approves missionaries to attend convention (Article 25 edition 2019, Clause I).
3. The proponent is excluding pastors in the USA the right to vote remotely.
4. The commission observes that this proposal is not written correctly, since the proposal does not include the whole written text of Article 22, Clauses I and II; and Article 25, Clause I.
5. The commission observes that the proposal is attempting to change the mechanism of voting during the legislative general convention but the right to vote is left ambiguous for the election of the General Board (General Electoral Convention).
6. The proposal violates the Parliamentary Document regarding the quorum requirement of being physically present.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 25, 2024

The General Board of Directors recommends that this proposal-initiative not be approved because:

1. The lack of protocol that voting from home can entail.
2. This can affect attendance at electoral general conventions.
3. Up to this point and for ninety-nine years our practice has been that the quorum of voters are those pastors that attend.
4. Of the difficulty of verifying who is the pastor who is voting from home or his delegate.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS' MEETING

September 18, 2024

The Joint Bishops' Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative not be approved.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 2 (2022)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to modify clause IV and add new clause V to Article 6

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Bishop Daniel Lofton, Bishop Felipe Lugo, Bishop Herminio Leal, Pastor Esteban Ceseña, Pastor Domino Zúñiga, Pastor Edgar Serrano, Pastor Dolores Hernandez, y Pastor Francisco Magaña

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 01/31/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/18/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposal-Initiative #2 (2022)

Legislative Convention – Anaheim, CA November 21-25, 2023 Proposal Initiative to amend the Constitution

Proponents:

Bishop Daniel M. Lofton, Pastor New England Region, Boston, MA.
Bishop General Treasurer Felipe Lugo, San Bernardino, CA.
Bishop Herminio Leal, Mid America, Kansas City, KS.
Elder Esteban Cesena, Jackson, MS.
Elder Domingo Zuniga, Albertville, AL.
National Missionary Edgar Serrano, Baton Rouge, LA.
Treasurer Dolores Hernandez, Orlando, FL.
Pastor Francisco Magaña, Knoxville, TN.

March 16, 2022

Proposed Initiative to Amend the Constitution: The purpose of this proposed initiative is to provide a more effective and representative role in leadership for the Bishop Secretary of National Missions.

Introduction and Purpose: There is a great need to oversee and assist Elders and Pastors working within the United States of America in the various National Missions Regions. To fulfill this responsibility and for greater accountability for the work proposed and what is planned for the growth of the Church. We are presenting this proposed amendment to allow a person who has worked and labored in the field of National Missions to direct this specialized area to create a more effective connection with the field of national missions.

We have seen the effectiveness and success seen in our international mission's department with the addition of supervisors and bishops who have been products of the international mission's field, providing the ability to draw on their experience and knowledge of the needs in the international mission field.

We have identified the need to allow a team of workers who are ministering together and with similar experiences within the national mission field. This proposed initiative will allow workers in the National Missions Regions to have the opportunity to help the pastorate and provide direct experience and continuity to the expansion of the Kingdom that is taking place in the National Missions Regions.

OBJECTIVES:

Allow the position of Bishop secretary of National Missions to be filled by a person who has worked in the national mission’s field to better serve the needs of national missionaries, regional elders, pastors, national evangelists, and church planters.

To accomplish this work most effectively and efficiently, a specific skill set will be required to address these responsibilities and meet the challenges of expanding the Kingdom of God in the United States of America. We also believe that a person who has been part of the work of national missions will have a better opportunity to provide the necessary continuity to fulfill this responsibility of overseeing the various regions. Experience of having served as a National Missionary, Elder, or Pastor within the department OR national mission’s regions, is necessary to better provide oversight to each of the unique national mission’s regions.

We propose that the Bishop Secretary of National Missions have direct experience and that his committee be made up of people who have worked in the field of national mission’s regions to accelerate and assist anticipated growth.

Many of our churches reside in the Midwest and West Coast of the U.S. In the coming years, we anticipate continued expansion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the remaining regions, and the work will require specialized effort to enable stewardship and ability to reach a more significant number of our population in some of the most challenging areas, spiritually, economically, and regionally.

The proposed change will allow for more effective planning and accountability for completing the Mission of the Church, reaching the whole world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and every state in National Missions.

NOTE: All Proponents of this proposal have served or are currently serving on the General Board of Directors, National Missions Regions, Districts, and have come together on this proposal to address imminent needs to help the Lord's work continue to expand. We have not yet completed the mission of reaching and expanding the Gospel throughout the United States of America.

The current article states:

ARTICLE 6 REQUIREMENTS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Clause IV. To appear as a candidate for the other positions, it is required that the person have been a member of the General Board of Directors, Bishop, or Auxiliary Elder, and be occupied at the time of the election in at least a pastorate.

V. In addition to fulfilling all these requirements, the candidates to be elected must be approved by the Qualifying Commission, as established in Article 5 of this constitution.

Proposed article that reads as follows:

Clause IV. To appear as a candidate for the other positions, it is required that the person has been a member of the General Board of Directors, Bishop, Auxiliary elder, **or regional elder**, and be occupied at the time of the election in at least a pastorate.

New Clause V.

Clause V. To appear as a candidate for the position of Bishop Secretary of National Missions, he must have served as a regional elder in National Missions for at least four years.

Clause VI. In addition to meeting all these requirements, the candidates to be elected must be approved by the Qualifying Commission, as established in Article 5 of this constitution.

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

January 31, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission studied the initiative-proposal and found that proposed change to Clause IV does not violate any civil laws, the Constitution, or the Word of God.

The Constitution Revisory Commission found that the new proposed Clause V violates the constitutional rights of the other possible qualified pastoral candidates for Secretary of National Missions. The commission recommends that new proposed clause V be removed from the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that the Constitution Revisory Commission's recommendation be approved.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS' MEETING

September 18, 2024

The Joint Bishops' Meeting recommends that the Constitution Revisory Commission's recommendation be approved.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 4 (2022)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to modify clauses I & IV, Article 5

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Missionary Jesus Martínez & Bishop Daniel Lofton

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 01/31/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/18/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposed Initiative #4 (2022)

General Convention-Anaheim, CA

November 21-25, 2022

Proposed Initiative to change the Constitution

Proponent Names: Jesus José Martínez D. MIN CANDIDATE/RN Ecuador
Daniel M. Lofton M.Div. /Region New England

Version of the constitution: 2019

Article & Clause of the constitution affected: Article(s) 5 Clause(s) I -1&4

Clause I Currently reads as: "Prior to the General Board elections, the General Board of Directors and the District Bishops will meet to elect the Qualifying Commission, which will be composed of two members of the General Board of Directors, three district bishops in office, and two pastors will be appointed. The process was the following:

The General Board of Directors shall elect by secret ballot two members of the General Board of Directors. Members who receive a majority of votes shall participate in the Qualifying Committee. A separate election will be made for each member of the General Board of Directors. The votes are to be counted by the most senior Bishops in office. In the case of a tie, the election shall be decided by casting of lots. "¹

New Clause I Proposed Change(s). "Prior to the General Board elections, the General Board of Directors and the District Bishops will meet to elect the Qualifying Commission, which will be composed of two members of the General Board of Directors, three district bishops in office shall meet to elect the qualifying commission , which shall be comprised of two members of the general board of directors, three district bishops in office, and two pastors, **a national missionary, and a international missionary who are active** , will be appointed. The process was as follows:

The General Board of Directors shall elect by secret ballot two members of the General Board of Directors. Members who receive a majority of votes shall participate in the Qualifying Committee. A separate election will be made for each member of the General Board of Directors. The votes are to be counted by the most senior Bishops in office. In the case of a tie, the election shall be decided by casting of lots."

Clause 4 Currently reads as, "4. The General Board members and Bishops elected shall name two active pastors to participate in the Qualifying Commission. All other active or former members of the General Board and Bishops are not eligible for these duties.

¹ **CONSTITUCION 2019** Asamblea Apostólica de la Fe en Cristo Jesus

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

New Clause 4 Proposed Change(s) “ 4 Currently reads as, “4. The General Board members and Bishops elected shall name two pastors, a national missionary and a international missionary who are active to participate in the Qualifying Commission., All other active or former members of the General Board and Bishops are not eligible for these duties. ⁴

Reason/Explanation of Change: Spirit of the proposed initiative is to give a perspective to the global church to include the experience of both leadership roles a national missionary and an international missionary that are active enriching the electoral process of our international general board of directors.

This change shall give participation to all leaders in the different levels of our organization in the electoral process.

Respectfully,

Missionary Jesus Jose Martínez, D. Min Candidate, M. Div., RN Guayaquil, Ecuador

Bishop Daniel Lofton, M. Div. Boston, Massachusetts

⁴ Ibid.

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

January 31, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission found that the requirement to have “two pastors” in the Qualifying Commission does not exclude pastors from national or international missions. The Constitution Revisory Commission recommends that this proposal-initiative not pass.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that this proposal-initiative not be approved.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS’ MEETING

September 18, 2024

The Joint Bishops’ Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative not be approved.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 1 (2023)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to add new Clause X to Article 51

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Presidential Commission on Affiliation (Bishop Joseph Rodriguez, Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo, Bishop Andy Provencio, Bishop Steve Moran, Bishop Francisco Quezada, Bishop Armando Tamez, & Bishop Samuel Rojas)

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 01/31/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/18/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposal-Initiative #1 (2023)

Legislative Convention – Anaheim, CA

November 20-25, 2023

Proposal Initiative to change the Constitution

To Add New Clause X to Article 51

To the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly

Presidential Commission on Affiliation

Bishop Joseph Rodriguez – *Vice President*

Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo – *General Secretary*

Bishop Andy Provencio – *General Treasurer*

Bishop Steve Moran – *International Missions Secretary*

Bishop Francisco Quezada – *National Missions Secretary*

Bishop Armando Tamez – *Christian Education Secretary*

Bishop Samuel Rojas – *Social Assistance Secretary*

Purpose of the Presidential Commission

To study the affiliation process of congregations into the Apostolic Assembly.

Presidential Commission’s Recommendation

The commission concluded that there was a need for congregations joining the Assembly to comply with deeding their properties to the Assembly per the Constitution. The commission studied the assimilation document, and it does not contemplate changes to deeds. We propose this amendment to outline a transition process for congregations that request incorporation to the Apostolic Assembly. This new clause would address this need, and the process would be further outlined in the Episcopal Manual.

Proposed change: Article 51, Clause X

X. Any congregation that requests incorporation into the Apostolic Assembly shall deed all church properties to the “Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus”. Said congregation shall be in a processing period until all property deeds are registered in compliance with the requirements of the Real Estate Department. The processing period shall not exceed two years from the date the General Board approves the request to begin the process. The General Board of Directors has the right to stop the incorporation process of a congregation that requests this.

Bishop Joseph Rodriguez

Bishop Andy Provencio

Bishop Francisco Quezada

Bishop Samuel Rojas

Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo

Bishop Steve Moran

Bishop Armando Tamez

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

January 31, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission studied the proposal-initiative and found that it does not violate any civil laws, the Word of God or the Constitution. The commission recommends that it follow the process.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved as written.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS' MEETING

September 18, 2024

The Joint Bishops' Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved as written.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 2 (2023)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to add new Clause to Annex Document

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

Annex Document: Divorce

BY: Commission of Appeals for Situations of Divorce (Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo, Bishop Celestino Guzman, Bishop Edgar Orellana, Bishop Jesse Valdez, Bishop Abner Arias, Pastor J.C. Rodriguez, & Pastor Ben Lopez)

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 01/31/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/18/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposal-Initiative #2 (2023)

Legislative Convention – Anaheim, CA

November 20-25, 2023

Proposal Initiative to change the Constitution

CADS Commission

Proponent: Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo

District: Los Angeles, California

Proponent: Bishop Celestino Guzman

District: Midwest

Proponent: Bishop Edgar Orellana

District: North Central California

Proponent: Bishop Jesse Valdez

District: North Pacific California

Proponent: Bishop Abner Arias

District: Golden Valley California

Proponent: Pastor J.C. Rodriguez

District: Southern California

Proponent: Pastor Ben Lopez

District: East Los Angeles

PROPOSAL BY THE COMMISSION OF APPEALS FOR DIVORCE SITUATIONS

The Commission of Appeals for Divorce Situations, after reviewing the “New Divorce Document” created in February of 2018, found that, even though an Appeals Commission is called for in Point 6, the document did not provide any specific guidelines to determine these appeals.

This document does “recognize that there are extraordinary cases that warrant a deeper examination.”

Based on this conclusion from the new document, this commission proposes that the 2023 Ministerial Convention of the Apostolic Assembly choose which extraordinary situations can be examined by this commission so that we can review them on a case-by-case basis.

This commission proposes three situations for consideration, this review shall be conducted when one of the spouses remains faithful to the spiritual values found in the Word of God and is the victim to his or her spouse’s:

1. Sexual Immorality (*porneia*): Matthew 19:9
 - 1.1. Adultery, 1 Corinthians 7:2.
 - 1.2. Sex with prostitutes, 1 Corinthians 6:15-16.
 - 1.3. Homosexual or lesbian sexual practices: Leviticus 18:22.
 - 1.4. Incestuous sex: 1 Corinthians 5:1.
 - 1.5. Rape or sexual abuse of minors or adults: 2 Samuel 13:14.
 - 1.6. Sexual deviations like bestiality, necrophilia, or voyeurism: 2 Peter 2:10.
2. Domestic Violence: Ephesians 5:28-29, 2 Timothy 3:1-8, Colossians 3:19
3. Drug or Alcohol abuse that puts in danger the life of the faithful spouse and the family: Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 1 Corinthians 7:13-15

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

January 31, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission studied the proposal-initiative and found that it does not violate any civil laws, the Word of God or the Constitution. The commission recommends that it follow the process.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved, eliminating the word “voyeurism” from point 1.6.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS’ MEETING

September 18, 2024

The Joint Bishops’ Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved as written.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 3 (2023)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to add new Clause I to Article 35
Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Bishop Francisco Quezada

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 01/31/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/19/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposed Initiative #3 (2023)

General Convention-Anaheim, CA

November 21-25, 2022

Proposed Initiative to amend the Constitution

Proponent: Bishop Francisco Quezada, Secretary of National Missions

Proposed amendment for consideration: **Article 35, Clause I, Number 4 (2022)**

Currently Article 35, Clause I, Number 4 reads:

4. The National Missions Committee must interview him before receiving the final approval of the General Board of Directors.

Proposed change to Article 35, Clause I, Number 4:

4. The National Missions Committee shall interview him, and he must agree to the established regulations and requirements presented at the interview before receiving the final approval of the General Board of Directors.

Reason for the change:

The National Missions Department has elaborated a series of regulations and requirements for National Evangelists, which the Department desires to implement in the interviews conducted by the National Missions Committee.

This shall help National Evangelists have a clearer view of their responsibilities at this ministerial category. At the same time, this will provide the candidate with more details on the duties of his service as a National Evangelist.

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

January 31, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission studied the proposal-initiative and found that it does not violate any civil laws, the Word of God, or the Constitution and recommends the inclusion of Article 36 to the proposal.

“The National Missions Committee shall interview him, and he must agree to the established regulations and requirements (**Article 36**) presented at the interview before receiving the final approval of the General Board of Directors.”

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS’ MEETING

September 19, 2024

The Joint Bishops’ Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved with the recommendation of the Constitution Revisory Commission.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 4 (2023)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to modify Clause V to Article 18 (Dorcas Statutes), Clause V to Article 18 (Men Statutes), and Clauses III and V to Article 18 (Messengers of Peace Statutes)

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

Annex Documents: Dorcas Confederation Statutes, Men Confederation Statutes, & Messengers of Peace Confederation Statutes

BY: Bishop Francisco Quezada

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 02/01/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/19/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposed Initiative #4 (2023)
General Convention-Anaheim, CA
November 21-25, 2022
Proposed Initiative to amend the Constitution

Proponent: Bishop Francisco Quezada, Secretary of National Missions

Annex Document Version: 2022

Proposed Amendment to the following Articles and Clauses:

1. Dorcas Confederation Statutes: Article 18, Clause V
2. Men Confederation Statutes: Article 18, Clause V
3. Messengers of Peace Confederation Statutes: Article 18, Clauses III and V

Proposed Amendment for consideration:

1. Dorcas Confederation Statutes: Article 18, Clause V

Currently Article 18, Clause V reads:

V. In the national regions, the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder shall approve the delegates, who must have served on the district or region Board of Directors of Ladies Society and fulfilled the requirements to be officers of the Board of Directors of the Confederations.

Proposed change to Article 18, Clause V:

V. In the national missionary field, the Bishop Secretary of National Missions in agreement with the Regional Elders shall approve two delegates for each department; who must have served on the district or region Board of Directors of Ladies Society and fulfilled the requirements to be officers of the Board of Directors of the Confederations.

2. Men Confederation Statutes: Article 18, Clause V

Currently Article 18, Clause V reads:

V. In the national regions, the Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder shall approve the delegates; who must have served on the district or region Board of Directors of Apostolic Men and fulfill the requirements to be officers of the Board of Directors of the National Ministry of the Apostolic Men.

Proposed change to Article 18, Clause V:

V. In the national missionary field, the Secretary of National Missions in agreement with the Regional Elders shall approve two delegates for each department; who must have served on the district or region Board of Directors of Apostolic Men and fulfill the requirements to be officers of the Board of Directors of the National Ministry of the Apostolic Men.

3. Messengers of Peace Confederation Statutes: Article 18, Clause III & V

Currently Article 18, Clause III reads:

III. Each District Bishop and National Regional Supervisor shall send two officers or ex-officers of the Federation to participate as candidates in the elections, with prior approval of the corresponding Pastor.

III. Each District Bishop and National Regional Supervisor shall send two officers or ex-officers of the Federation to participate as candidates in the elections, with prior approval of the corresponding Pastor.

Eliminated: “National Regional Supervisor”

New Clause III reads:

III. Each District Bishop shall send two officers or ex-officers of the Federation to participate as candidates in the elections, with prior approval of the corresponding Pastor.

(NOTE: The 2022 English version already has this change of not mentioning ‘National Regional Supervisor’ while the 2022 Spanish version does include National Regional Supervisor)

Currently, Article 18, Clause V reads:

V. In the national regions, the Bishop Secretary of National Missions and the Regional Elder shall approve the delegates; who must have served on the Board of Directors of the Messengers of Peace of the district or region and fulfill the requirements to be officers of the Board of Directors of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace

Proposed change to Article 18, Clause V:

V. In the national missionary field, the Bishop Secretary of National Missions in agreement with the Regional Elders shall approve two delegates for each department; who must have served on the Board of Directors of the Messengers of Peace of the district or region and fulfill the requirements to be officers of the Board of Directors of the Confederation of Messengers of Peace.

Reason for the changes:

Currently the National Missions Department is not represented in the elections for the Confederation boards. It is best for the Department to have two delegates for each confederation election (Men, Dorcas, and Youth), in total six delegates, that can represent the national missionary field as a whole. This is preferred instead of two delegates for each region.

We are aware that there are National Missions regions that don’t have a high number of congregations (churches, missions, new works) like districts do. As such, designating delegates by region would not be comparable to the number of congregations (churches, missions, new works) in the districts

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION, CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

February 1, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission studied the proposal-initiative and found that it does not violate any civil laws, the Word of God, or the Constitution. The commission confirmed the error mentioned in the Messengers of Peace bylaws Article 18, Clause III and agrees that it should be corrected. The commission recommends that this proposal continue in the process.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved as written.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS' MEETING

September 19, 2024

The Joint Bishops' Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved as written.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 5 (2023)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to add new clause XVIII to Article 47

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo, Bishop Jesse Valdez, National Evangelist Ismael Montoya

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 02/01/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/19/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposed Initiative #5 (2023)

General Convention-Anaheim, CA

November 21-25, 2022

Proposed Initiative to amend the Constitution

Proponent: Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo, General Secretary,
Bishop Jesse Valdez, North Pacific Coast of California District Supervisor,
Attorney Jorge Montes
National Evangelist Ismael Montoya

Version of the constitution: 2022

Article & Clause of the constitution affected: Article(s) 47 Clause(s) XVIII

Purpose

Earlier this year the Bishop President appointed a commission to review the judicial procedures found in the Constitution. The members of the commission are Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo, Bishop Jesse Valdez, Attorney Jorge Montes and National Evangelist Ismael Montoya.

After reviewing the judicial procedures of our Assembly, we concluded that for the moment being we needed the following change.

We propose the following:

That District Bishops be given the opportunity to decline participation in a trial. Currently the Bishop Supervisor is responsible for presiding over a trial for any minister in his district. We propose a new Clause XVIII to Article 47 (which deals with trials) to allow a bishop the option to not preside over the trial of a minister in his district due to possible complications or potential conflicts of interest:

“The Bishops Supervisors shall have the right to request that the General Board of Directors appoint a Bishop to preside a Trial Commission of a minister in his district whenever he may consider it to be most appropriate”

The proposal maintains episcopal right and authority but it also allows for the recusal of a bishop supervisor from any case of a minister in his district.

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

February 1, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission studied the proposal-initiative and found that it does not violate any civil laws, the Word of God, or the Constitution. The commission recommends expanding the term ‘minister’ in this proposal to “pastors, ministers in charge of a new work, evangelists, assistant pastors, and ordained ministers.” The commission recommends that this proposal continue in the process.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved as written.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS’ MEETING

September 19, 2024

The Joint Bishops’ Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved as written.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 8 (2023)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to add new Clause IX to Article 27

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo, Bishop Fernando Pérez, Bishop Joe Prado, Bishop Martín Cárdenas, and Bishop Ruben Kisiel

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 02/01/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/19/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposed Initiative #8 (2023)

General Convention-Anaheim, CA

November 21-25, 2022

Proposed Initiative to amend the Constitution

Proponent: Study Commission
Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo – *General Secretary*
Bishop Fernando Perez - *Supervising Bishop Central Region*
Bishop Joe Prado - *Supervising Bishop Asia Region*
Bishop Martín Cárdenas - *President - Mexico*
Bishop Rubén Kisiel - *Supervising Bishop South America Region*

Version of the constitution: **2022**

Article & Clause of the constitution affected:

Article(s): **27** Clause(s): **IX**

Purpose of the Study Commission

Present a plan for the management of these cases in the mission field.

Definitions

CAIM - Commission of Appeals for Initiation into Ministry¹

CADS - Commission of Appeals for Divorce Situation²

Introduction

1 Corinthians 10:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Our conviction is to maintain the unity of the Church in all nations.

Study Commission Recommendation

In each of the International Mission Regions, a CAIM commission and a CADS commission will be formed.

¹ Article 69, Clause III - Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly version 2022

² Article 7, Clause XIII - Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly version 2022

Proposed Change: Article 27, Clause IX

IX. In each region of International Missions a Commission of Appeals for Initiation to Ministry and a Commission of Appeals for Situations of Divorce shall be appointed. These commissions shall serve for four years and shall be appointed after the appointment of their respective commissions in the United States. The commissions shall be comprised of the member who heads the respective commission in the United States, the respective Regional Supervisor, the President or Missionary that presents the case, and two pastors from the region. The Regional Bishop Supervisors shall propose the two pastors and the International Missions Secretary shall approve them. The commissions shall adhere to the following protocol:

1. These commissions shall have three months to present a resolution after the case has been presented (Article 30, Clauses IV & V).
2. When a commission member cannot participate due to an unforeseen circumstance, the Regional Supervisor shall propose a temporary substitute that shall be approved by the International Missions Secretary.
3. Meetings can be done virtually or in-person.
4. When there is a conflict of interest between the petitioner and a commission member, the commission member shall be replaced for this case and the substitute shall be approved by the International Missions Secretary (Article 30, Clauses IV & V).

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

February 1, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission studied the proposal-initiative and found that it does not violate any civil laws, the Word of God, or the Constitution. The commission recommends that this proposal continue in the process.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved just as it is written.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS' MEETING

September 19, 2024

The Joint Bishops' Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved with the following amendments:

1. "5. Regarding those national churches that have the appropriate organization and strength, the General Board of Directors can approve those churches to form their own Commission of Appeals for Initiation to the Ministry and Commission of Appeals for Situations of Divorce."
2. Add a Clause V to Article 48 on Appeals: "V. The commissions of Appeals for the Initiation to the Ministry and the commissions of Appeals for Situations of Divorce are resources of appeals for the Apostolic Assembly in the United States and in the regions of International Missions."



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 9 (2023)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to add new Article 33

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Bishop Steve Moran

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 02/01/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/19/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposed Initiative #9 (2023)

General Convention-Anaheim, CA

November 21-25, 2022

Proposed Initiative to amend the Constitution

Proponent: Bishop Steven Moran, Secretary of International Missions

Version of constitution: 2022

Article & Clause of the constitution affected: Chapter IV – International Missions.

Article: New Article: 33

Brief instructions on changes:

Amend Chapter IV – International Missions to include a new Article for International Evangelists.

PROPOSAL:

1. To Introduce a new level of functional office for Evangelists within the Apostolic Assembly.
2. To formalize the office of International Evangelist for the purpose of reaching and supporting the evangelistic goals in foreign countries.

Article 33

International Evangelist

DESCRIPTION OF OFFICE:

1. An International Evangelist are those evangelists who contribute to the expansion of evangelistic efforts in foreign countries in which the Apostolic Assembly is currently operating or seeking to establish churches.
2. An International Evangelist are those evangelists who have shown a specific effectiveness and anointing to reach people of foreign countries, cultures, and ethnicities through preaching, teaching and community outreach.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL EVANGELIST

- I. To be an International Evangelist a candidate must fulfill the following requirements.

1. He must have completed a minimum of 4 years in one of the qualifying offices of National Evangelist, Senior Pastor or Missionary.
2. He must be formally recommended by the Secretary of International Missions or Secretary of National Missions to the General Board of the Apostolic Assembly for consideration and approval.
3. He must receive endorsement from a minimum of 2 International Regional Supervisors or International Presidents in which he has ministered within a 4-year period.
4. He must have completed 4 years of studies receiving a Bachelor of Theology Degree through the International Apostolic Bible College or a recognized approved institution.
5. An International Evangelist shall receive endorsement of function for a term of 4 years or the conclusion of the current supervising administration. Upon completion of term, he must receive a renewal of endorsement from the new administration.
6. An International Evangelist is to be married.

DUTIES OF AN INTERNATIONAL EVANGELIST:

1. In countries where there is no missionary established, he shall directly contribute to the preaching and evangelism of souls for the sake of establishing a functional work. The specific country of function shall be assigned by the Secretary of International Missions and corresponding Regional Supervisor.
2. In countries where a missionary or churches are established, he shall operate under the assignment of the corresponding Regional Supervisor or Bishop President of the country.
3. To organize evangelistic campaigns, crusades, and other assignments for the winning of souls and the establishment of functional missionary works.
4. Upon the assignment of a missionary or pastor into the work, the international evangelist shall turn over all contacts, leads and converts into the hands of the missionary assigned.
5. He shall submit a quarterly report to the Secretary of International Missions giving account of all progress within the designated assigned country or countries of operation.

6. He shall submit a quarterly financial report of all monies received by churches, offerings & donations with explanation of objectives, campaigns or spiritual events monies is to be allocated

REASON FOR PROPOSAL:

Over the course and history of the Apostolic Assembly evangelists have played a specific role in the expansion of evangelistic efforts both domestic and foreign. In the establishment of missionary works throughout the world the initial cultivation of progress has many times been through the office and ministry of evangelists.

With the continual expansion of the Apostolic Assembly into new countries there is a definitive need to send specialized evangelists, trained and gifted for the specific purpose of reaching untouched areas.

The credentialing of International Evangelists will recognize those who currently fulfill this commission to “go unto all the world and preach the gospel.” This will also set a formal pathway for future evangelists to continue the expansion of the church into new countries and territories.

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

February 1, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission studied the proposal-initiative and found that it does not violate any civil laws, the Word of God, or the Constitution. The commission recommends that this proposal continue in the process.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved as written.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS' MEETING

September 19, 2024

The Joint Bishops' Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved as written.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 10 (2023)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to add new Clause XV to Article 10

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo & Pastor Ismael Martín del Campo III

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 02/01/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/19/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposed Initiative #10 (2023)

General Convention-Anaheim, CA

November 21-25, 2022

Proposed Initiative to amend the Constitution

Proponents: Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo District: Los Angeles
Pastor Ismael Martín del Campo III District: Los Angeles

Version of constitution: 2022

Article & Clause of the constitution affected:

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

Purpose of the Proposal-Initiative:

The Constitution requires that the General Secretary archive minutes (Article 10, Clause I-II), ministerial files (Article 10, Clause III), official documents (Article 10, Clause IV) and statistics (Article 10, Clause XI) for the Church.

In the year 2014 a Historical Archive was created, and a great part of the Historical Archive was comprised of old General Secretariat documents that were no longer relevant for current work but that had a historical value.

These old artifacts are of greatest importance because they are not only a memory of our churches, but they also witness to the move of the Holy Spirit among our people.

Given that the General Secretary already has these documents in his care, we propose an additional duty for him to serve as Director of the Historical Archive.

Proposed change:

XV. He shall serve as Director of the Historical Archive of the Apostolic Assembly. To assist him in the care and expansion of the Historical Archive he shall propose a commission to assist him, comprised of four other members of the Apostolic Assembly. He shall present these names to the General Board of Directors for their approval.

At each General Convention and Joint Bishops Meeting he shall present a report of the Historical Archive, detailing preservation efforts and the acquisition of new historical archives.

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

February 1, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission studied the proposal-initiative and found that it does not violate any civil laws, the Word of God, or the Constitution. The commission recommends that this proposal continue in the process with the following recommendation: “The General Secretary shall coordinate with the district secretaries the historical conservation of archives of each district (Article 62, Clause VII).”

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that the Constitution Revisory Commission’s recommendation be approved.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS’ MEETING

September 19, 2024

The Joint Bishops’ Meeting recommends that the Constitution Revisory Commission’s recommendation be approved.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 11 (2023)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to add new Clause IV to Article 53

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Bishop Misael Zaragoza

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 02/01/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/19/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposed Initiative #11 (2023)

General Convention-Anaheim, CA
November 21-25, 2022
Proposed Initiative to amend the Constitution

Proponent: Bishop Misael Zaragoza

District: Southern CA

Version of constitution: 2022

Article & Clause of the constitution affected:

Article(s): 53

Clause: IV

CURRENTLY READS AS:

He must either have at least two years of experience as an Auxiliary Elder or have satisfactorily served as a district board member for one term. He must be actively dedicated to the ministry and must at least hold the office of pastor at the time of his election.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

He must either have at least **four (4) years** of experience as an Auxiliary Elder or have satisfactorily served as a district board member **for one four (4) year term**. He must be actively dedicated to the ministry and must at least hold the office of pastor at the time of his election.

REASON FOR THE CHANGE:

Some official are name to the bishop's position and doesn't serve a total of four (4) years. Our constitution needs to be more exact in the requirements for our leaders and not leave it for a double interpretation.

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

February 1, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission studied the proposal-initiative and found that it does not violate any civil laws, the Word of God, or the Constitution. The commission recommends that this proposal continue in the process.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that this proposal-initiative be approved as written.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS' MEETING

September 19, 2024

The Joint Bishops' Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative not be approved.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 12 (2023)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to modify Clause I to Article 57

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

BY: Bishop Misael Zaragoza

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 02/01/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 06/20/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/19/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposed Initiative #12 (2023)

General Convention-Anaheim, CA

November 21-25, 2022

Proposed Initiative to amend the Constitution

Proponent: Bishop Misael Zaragoza

District: Southern CA

Version of constitution: 2022

Article & Clause of the constitution affected:

Article(s): 57

Clause: I

CURRENTLY READS AS:

To qualify a candidate for District Bishop or Auxiliary Elder, a Qualifying Commission shall be appointed each time there are elections and shall consist of the Bishop President or his representative and two or four more persons that he himself designates.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

To qualify a candidate for District Bishop or Auxiliary Elder, a Qualifying Commission shall be elected by secret vote one day before the district election: The commission will consist as follows:

1. District Bishop will serve in the commission
2. One Elder elected by the district pastoral body by secret vote.
3. Three Pastors elected by secret ballot. Elders and active district board members do not qualify for this position. Different election must be run for each pastor. The pastor that receive the most votes not majority will participate in the commission.

REASON FOR THE CHANGE:

Point number One: Our assembly has grown in a manner that some of the responsibilities of these critical elections must be transfer to the lowest level of leadership.

Point number two: Today our assembly has 43 mission fields and of those we have 21 bishops, total of 47 bishops

Point number three: There is no way that one or two delegates from outside the district or mission field know the qualification of ministers at this level

Point number four: This change will be similar to the way we elect the qualification commission for the General board, (*Ref. Article 5 Constitution 2022*)

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

February 1, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission studied the proposal-initiative and found that it violates and diminishes the authority of the President, which is established throughout the Constitution: “He shall represent the church in general and will **exercise his authority at any time and place**, when necessary, for the care and supervision of the entire church. His authority extends to the international mission fields dependent on the Apostolic Assembly. Therefore, he shall visit all districts as often as needed and whenever possible to be personally informed about the state of the work, and thus order what should be done in each case (Article 7, Clause I).” The commission recommends that this proposal not be approved.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2024

The General Board recommends that this proposal-initiative not be approved.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS’ MEETING

September 19, 2024

The Joint Bishops’ Meeting recommends that this proposal-initiative not be approved.



Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus

PROPOSAL INITIATIVE TO THE CONSTITUTION No. 13 (2023)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Proposal to modify Clause XI of Article 21

Proposal to modify Annex Document YES NO

NEW Annex Document: Protocol for the Appointment of bishops and pastors
emeritus, Honorary Bishops, and Pastors Honorary

BY: Bishop Felipe Lugo

INITIAL PROCESS RESOLUTION Date: 11/22/2023

Study Commission: YES NO

Financial Experts Committee: YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Study Commission Date: 07/03/2024

Constitution Revisory Commission Date: 08/06/2024

General Board of Directors Date: 08/25/2024

Joint Bishops' Meeting Date: 09/19/2024

2024 GENERAL CONVENTION DECISION:

Proposed Initiative #13 (2023)

Initiative Proposal to the Constitution of the Apostolic Assembly of faith in Christ Jesus

By Bishop Felipe Lugo
Bishop General Treasurer
Article 20, Clause XI
Dallas, Texas
Junio 3-7, 2019

My proposal is that we modify Article XX Clause XI and that the attach document be diligently analyze by this pastoral Body and that the same reaches a positive conclusion by approving it or if the needs 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 bishops and pastors Emeritus, Honorary bishops and pastors Honorary, is approved that it then it becomes an Annex Document of the Apostolic Assembly.

I propose that article 20 Clause XI be modified.

Presently it reads:

Article 20 Clause XI. The General Board of Directors has the authority to confer honorary titles to ministers it deems deserve such merit.

I am proposing to modify it to read as follows:

Article 20 Clause XI. The General Board of Directors has the authority to confer honorary titles to ministers it deems deserve such merit **following the stipulations found in the annex document titled “Protocol for the appointment of bishops and pastors Emeritus, Honorary bishops and pastors Honorary”.**

Protocol for the Appointment of bishops and pastors emeritus, Honorary Bishops, and Pastors Honorary

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

Based on said article, the Church will grant the following titles. Bishop Emeritus; Pastor Emeritus; Bishop Honorific; Bishop Honorary, Distinguished Pastor, and postmortem recognitions. Such recognitions affirm the designated pastors to receive these acknowledgments, they are and were servants of worthy recognition for the efforts and exemplary of their ministerial life. At the same time, it keeps them active when reaching the age of retirement; and become an example to those who start their Ministry. *“Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.” Phil 3:17.*

Continuing with the established, we propose the following requirements to be appointed Bishop Emeritus; Pastor Emeritus; Bishop Honorific, Bishop Honorary; Distinguished Pastors, and postmortem recognition.

For Bishop Emeritus:

- The immediate supervisor shall submit a petition to the General Board for review and if it has the required merits, be approved.
- To have retired and be in communion.
- Having retired due to illness or by his own will either from his Pastoral or Episcopal Supervision.
- Have proof of having had his ministerial credential active 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.
- Not having been found guilty of any moral accusation or of any other nature.
- Publicly commit to remain faithful to the doctrine and economic system of our church, at the time of receiving his recognition or honorific merit.

For Pastor Emeritus:

- The immediate supervisor shall submit a petition to the General Board of Directors for review and if it has the required merits, be approved.
- To have retired and be in communion.
- Having retired due to illness or by his own will either from his pastoral work.
- Having taken the decision to retired from Pastoral Ministry of our Church.
- To be in full communion with the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus.
- Have proof of having had his ministerial credential active 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.
- Not having been found guilty of any moral accusation or of any other nature.

- 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.

Bishop Honorific

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

REQUIREMENT TO QUALIFY FOR THIS RECOGNITION

- The immediate supervisor 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 having established a minimum of two congregations in addition to the one he pastors.
- Have proof of having his ministerial credential active for the past 30 years.
- Having served in the Apostolic Ministry by a period of 40 years or more.
- Not having been found guilty of any moral accusation or of any other nature.
- Publicly commit to remain faithful to the apostolic doctrine, holiness standards, and economic system of our church.

For Bishop Honorary

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

REQUIREMENT TO QUALIFY FOR THIS RECOGNITION

- The immediate supervisor 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 active in pastoral ministry.
- Have proof of having established a minimum of two congregations in addition to the one he pastors.
- Have proof of having his ministerial credential active for the past 30 years.
- Having served in the Apostolic Ministry for a period of 40 years or more.
- Be active as Pastor for a minimum of 50 years.
- Having served the Church honorably. Not having been found guilty of any moral accusation or of any other nature.
- Publicly commit to remain faithful to the Apostolic doctrine, holiness standards and economic system of our Church.
- Having carried out a ministry for the comprehensive benefit of the Apostolic community.

For Distinguished Pastor

This recognition is given to those benefactor pastors with exceptional testimony who with their actions have contributed to the advancement, growth, and development of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the country and in the mission field. Honorary recognition may consist of a written record, medal or commemorative badge, flag, or shield example or any other symbol that distinguishes those who receive this honor.

- The immediate supervisor 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 active in pastoral ministry.
- Be active as Pastor for a minimum of fifty years.
- Having served the Church honorably. Not having been found guilty of any moral accusation or any other nature.
- Publicly commit to remain faithful to the Apostolic doctrine, holiness standards and economic system of our Church.
- Having carried out a ministry for the comprehensive benefit of the Apostolic community.

For Post-Mortem Recognition

A posthumous recognition is a ceremonial and solemn distinction, which occurs when the receiving minister has been called to rest by our Lord Jesus Christ and his ministerial labor has ceased, therefore, by definition, these are a posthumous recognition. These recognitions can be granted to those ministers who, due to their passing to a better life, have not qualified to any of the recognitions in life; Bishop Emeritus; Pastor Emeritus; Bishop Honorific and Distinguished Pastor.

REQUIREMENT TO QUALIFY FOR THIS RECOGNITION

- The immediate supervisor will submit a petition to the General Board for review, and if it has the required merits, be approved.
- Receive recognition according to the status achieve in life in any ministerial category recognition.
- To have fulfilled the ministerial requirements in the area of doctrinal fidelity, economic system, and holiness standards.
- Have been in full communion at the time of their call to eternity.
- To stand out for his life and witness in his ministerial service.
- The recognitions will be given to the immediate family, whether the wife or children.

RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED TO THESE RECOGNITIONS:

1. That these recognitions be planned by a committee appointed by the national board of directors.
2. That these recognitions be granted in a special activity during the national convention every two years.
3. That the President give these recognitions, or in his absence, a General Board Member.

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

November 22, 2023

The General Convention granted an initial process resolution to this proposal-initiative and agreed to send this proposal-initiative to a Study Commission.

NOTE: This proposal-initiative was originally #18 (2019) and it received an initial process resolution by a convention on 11/24/2021. The 2022 convention did not approve this proposal and it asked the proponent to rewrite and present it anew. At the 2023 convention this proposal-initiative was presented as a new proposal.

THESIS, STUDY COMMISSION

July 3, 2024

Commission Members:

Bishop Joseph V. Rodriguez

Bishop Felipe Lugo

Bishop Daniel Jimenez

Bishop Omar Arzate

Pastor Ruben Villegas

The commission met virtually on the following dates:

May 10, 2024, at 10:00 AM (PST)

May 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM (PST)

May 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM (PST)

June 27, 2024, at 11:00 AM (PST)

July 3, 2024, at 11:00 AM (PST)

Initiative proposal, November 2023 Legislative Convention – Anaheim, CA

Case study:

Proposal Initiative changing Article XXI, Clause XI of the Constitution, and a new Annex Document.

After considering the spirit behind this proposal, the study commission agrees with the proponent's intentions. In consideration of the recommendation made during the 2022 legislative convention, it was agreed that the proposal initiative be rewritten and submitted as new. The commission confirms that the proponent will re-submit the proposal as new.

RECOMMENDATION, CONSTITUTION REVISORY COMMISSION

August 6, 2024

The Constitution Revisory Commission recommends that this proposal-initiative not be approved following the Study Commission's recommendation and the decision of the 2022 legislative convention.

RECOMMENDATION, GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 25, 2024

The General Board of Directors recommends that the Constitution Revisory Commission's recommendation be followed.

RECOMMENDATION, JOINT BISHOPS' MEETING

September 19, 2024

The Joint Bishops' Meeting recommends that the Constitution Revisory Commission's recommendation be followed.