MINUTES OF THE 100th ANNUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT, ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
CENTRAL A/G, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, APRIL 21-23, 2014

MOMENTUM CONFERENCE, MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014

The 100th District Council started with the Momentum Conference on Monday. Special guests were Herbert Cooper, Cal Lemon and Mike Clarensau.

MONDAY EVENING CELEBRATION SERVICE, APRIL 21, 2014

The Celebration Service was held on Monday evening at Central Assembly of God. Rick DuBose, Superintendent, North Texas District Council was the speaker. District Superintendent Don Miller welcomed the congregation and introduced the host pastor, Jeff Peterson. Brother Peterson welcomed everyone. Tom Matrone and the Central Assembly Worship Team led the congregation in worship. “The Spoken Word” a dramatic presentation, was given by Brooke Urich.

District Executive Secretary, Stan Welch, led in prayer for prayer requests. Brother Miller recognized and gave special honor to the Presbyters that are stepping down, presenting them with a plaque and special thanks for their service to the District. The offering was received by Reverend Lowell Perkins, District Assistant Superintendent. A presentation was given by Life360 Sign Language Team, District Fine Arts Award recipient.

Superintendent Don Miller introduced Rick DuBose as speaker for the Celebration Service. Brother DuBose’s message was taken from I & II Kings. After the preaching of the Word, Central Assembly Worship Team provided music for the altar service.

BUSINESS SESSION, TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014

Meeting was opened by Reverend Don Miller at 9:00 a.m. Brother Miller expressed appreciation to Central Assembly of God and Pastor Jeff Peterson, also the Central A/G Worship Team. Reverend Jeff Peterson, pastor of Central Assembly of God was introduced. Brother Miller expressed that it was a privilege to call this 100th District Council to order. He shared that his Superintendent’s report was presented during Sectional Councils and that he would be casting vision prior to the business meeting. Former District Superintendent Bill Baker opened with prayer.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SEATED

The Parliamentary Committee was seated. Members of the committee were
Chairman Jerry Snavely, SydneyRamphal and Greg Robertson.

**ROSTER COMMITTEE REPORT #1**

Reverend Bob Nilges, Chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the initial roster report: Ordained – 219; Licensed - 103; Certified - 29; Delegates - 50; Senior Retired – 25. Total Voting – 426. Visitors – 119. Total Registered - 545. A motion prevailed to accept the report with appreciation to the Roster Committee.

**MINUTES**

It was reported that the Minutes of the 99th Annual District Council had been mailed. A motion prevailed to accept the Minutes as mailed. Brother Miller shared that the District Annual Report was available on the District’s website. A Motion prevailed to accept the Annual Report.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/MISSIONS/CAMP REPORT**

Stan Welch, District Executive Secretary/Missions shared his report. He gave special appreciation to the Clinton Section for all churches in that Section participating in a Missions Convention. This year the District will also celebrate 100 years of Missions. He shared that we now have over 100 Southern Missouri Missionaries, and that the District is the #1 sending district in the General Council of the A/G.

During the Camp Report slides of the updates to the tabernacle were shown and other projects that need to be completed at the campgrounds were shared. The Camp Celebration offering is Sunday, September 21st. Reverend George Westlake gave a presentation regarding how every church can participate in a camp offering. A motion prevailed to accept the Secretary/Treasurer’s report as presented.

**2013 FINANCIAL REPORT/2014 PROPOSED BUDGET**

A motion prevailed to accept the 2013 Financial Report as mailed. A separate motion prevailed to accept the 2014 proposed Budget as presented and mailed.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S VISION CASTING**

Bro. Miller relinquished the Chair to the Assistant Superintendent. He then shared his vision for the District. He spoke about the God Given Great Goal (4G) and the progress that has been made in the past year. He also shared about what he thinks should be the focus of this Council.

**ELECTIONS**
Superintendent Miller read the Bylaws regarding election of Executive Presbyter. Ballots were distributed. Brother Miller expressed that business would be interspersed with the elections.

NORTHEAST AREA EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Ballots were dispersed and votes cast for the NE Area Executive Presbyter. The first electoral ballot was declared closed.

RESOLUTION #1 – SMDC Constitution: Use of the Title Holy Spirit

Resolution #1 – SMDC Constitution: Use of the Title Holy Spirit was presented by the Resolution Committee and read by Mark Wootton, Chairman of the Resolution Committee, who moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the Resolution as presented. The Resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the 51st General Council of the Assemblies of God in session in August, 2005, edited the Statement of Fundamental Truths to replace all instances of the use of the title Holy Ghost with the title Holy Spirit, and

WHEREAS, the Statement of Fundamental Truths in the Southern Missouri District Council’s governing documents were never revised to reflect the aforementioned change made by the General Council, and

WHEREAS, as members of a voluntary cooperative fellowship we desire to bring the Statement of Fundamental Truths contained in the Constitution of the Southern Missouri District into agreement with that contained in the Constitution of the General Council; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Constitution of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God be amended so that, in every instance of its use, the title Holy Ghost be changed to Holy Spirit.

RESOLUTION #2 – Bylaws for General Council Affiliated Assemblies: Use of the Title Holy Spirit

Resolution #2 – Bylaws for General Council Affiliated Assemblies: Use of the Title Holy Spirit was presented by the Resolution Committee and read by Mark Wootton, who moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the Resolution as presented. The Resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the 51st General Council of the Assemblies of God in session in August, 2005, edited the Statement of Fundamental Truths to replace all instances of the use of the title Holy Ghost with the title Holy Spirit, and
WHEREAS, the Statement of Fundamental Truths in the Southern Missouri District Council’s governing documents were never revised to reflect the aforementioned change made by the General Council, and

WHEREAS, as members of a voluntary cooperative fellowship we desire to bring the Statement of Fundamental Truths contained in the Southern Missouri District Council’s recommended Bylaws for General Council Affiliated Assemblies into agreement with that contained in the Constitution of the General Council; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the recommended Bylaws for General Council Affiliated Assemblies be amended so that, in every instance of its use, the title *Holy Ghost* be changed to *Holy Spirit*.

**RESOLUTION #3 – Constitution: Elimination of the Specialized Ministers Classification**

Resolution #3 – Constitution: Elimination of the Specialized Ministers Classification was presented by the Resolution Committee and read by Loyd Middleton, who moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the Resolution as presented. The Resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the 53rd General Council of the Assemblies of God in session in August, 2009, eliminated the category of Specialized License from its list of ministerial credentials; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Constitution of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP, Section 3. Voting Constituency, which presently reads:

The voting constituency at a District Council shall be composed of (1) all ordained, licensed, certified and specialized ministers holding a current fellowship certificate with the General Council and approved by the District Council Credentials Committee who are present and registered, and (2) such lay delegates present and registered as may be chosen by General Council and District Council affiliated assemblies located within the District, each Assembly being entitled to one such lay delegate.

Be amended to read:
The voting constituency at a District Council shall be composed of (1) all ordained, licensed and certified ministers holding a current fellowship certificate with the General Council and approved by the District Credentials Committee who are present and registered, and (2) such lay delegates present and registered as may be chosen by General Council and District Council affiliated assemblies located within the District, each Assembly being entitled to one such lay delegate.

**VIDEO PRESENTATION – CHAD FISHER, CARUTHERSVILLE**

**NORTHEAST EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER**

**FIRST ELECTIVE BALLOT**

Total votes cast - 345, necessary to elect – 232. Jack Hembree – 182, Dan Ross – 92, Jerry Beers -71. Since there was no election a second elective ballot was cast. Votes were received and voting was declared closed.

**MISSIONS BANQUET**

Brother Miller shared information regarding the Missions Banquet to be held on Tuesday evening.

**RESOLUTION #4 – SMDC Bylaws: MBF Correction**

Resolution #4 – SMDC Bylaws: MBF Correction was presented by the Resolution Committee and read by Linda Mayne, who moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the Resolution as presented. The Resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Ministers Benevolent Fund of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God contains a Class-B Membership which allows ministers who have reached the age of 56 years at the time of the granting of credentials or transferring into the Southern Missouri District to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, the amount of death benefit for a Class-A Member has been set by the District Council at $5,000; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws specify a formula for determining the amount of benefit to be received by the beneficiary of a Class-B member at the time of that member’s death; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned formula could potentially allow for the beneficiary of a Class-B Member to receive an amount in excess of the $5,000 received by the beneficiaries of Class-A Members; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, ARTICLE XIII. MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND (MBF), Section 4. Benefits, Subsection b. Class-B Membership, which presently reads:

b. Class-B Membership. These members shall receive 6% interest added to their contributions on an annual basis. The principal and interest accrued at the time of death will be paid to the beneficiary.

Be amended to read

b. Class-B Membership. These members shall receive 6% interest added to their contributions on an annual basis. The principal and interest accrued at the time of death will be paid to the beneficiary, the amount not to exceed $5,000.

VIDEO PRESENTED REGARDING HARTVILLE A/G

NORTHEAST EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER SECOND ELECTIVE BALLOT


NORTHWEST AREA EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Ballots were dispersed and votes cast for the NW Area Executive Presbyter. The first electoral ballot was declared closed.

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH, RECONVENE AT 2:00 P.M.

BUSINESS MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M.

Reverend L. Jack Moore, Former District Superintendent, opened the meeting with Prayer.

NORTHWEST EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER FIRST ELECTIVE BALLOT


No election, ballots were passed out for Second Elective Ballot and voting was
declared closed.

**ROSTER COMMITTEE REPORT #2**

Bob Nilges, Chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the report as follows:
Ordained – 249; Licensed – 123; Certified – 30; Delegates – 52; Senior Retired - 28 for a total voting of 482. Visitors – 137. Total Registered – 619. Motion prevailed to accept the report as presented and to close registration at this time with appreciation to the Roster Committee.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL CHURCH INSURANCE**

Brother Miller presented information on insurance for District Council churches. He shared that the District is going to bring all district affiliated churches under one insurance group, Brotherhood. Gene and Aaron Loomis gave a presentation regarding the insurance.

**NORTHWEST EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER\nSECOND ELECTIVE BALLOT**

Total votes cast – 229, necessary to elect – 154. George Westlake – 203, Gene Ekstrand – 10, Trevor Hayes – 16. George Westlake was declared as elected on this ballot and expressed his appreciation.

**SOUTHEAST EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER\nFIRST ELECTIVE BALLOT**

Ballots were passed out, votes cast and the voting declared closed.

**BGMC AWARDS**

Jim Calvin, CE Director presented the Gideon Church Award for BGMC to Kevin Davis, Farmington 1st A/G.

**SOUTHEAST EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER\nFIRST ELECTIVE BALLOT**

Total votes cast – 278, necessary to elect – 186. John Chamness – 135, Brenda Henson – 85, Eugene Poole – 58. There was not an election and ballots were passed out for the Second Elective Ballot.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S AWARD OF HONOR**

This Award is to show appreciation to a minister who has gone above and beyond the call of duty. The Award this year was presented to Darrel Loughridge. Brother and Sister Loughridge were acknowledged and expressed their appreciation.
**SOUTHEAST EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER**

SECOND ELECTIVE BALLOT

Total votes cast – 288, necessary to elect – 192. John Chamness – 203, Eugene Poole – 11, Brenda Henson – 74. John Chamness was declared as elected on this ballot and expressed his appreciation.

**SOUTHWEST EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER**

FIRST ELECTIVE BALLOT

Total votes cast – 287, necessary to elect – 193. Gary Ankrom – 119, Ted Cederblom -98, Ken Robinson – 41, Tom Fortner – 29. There was not an election, ballots were cast for Second Elective Ballot and voting declared closed.

**SOUTHWEST EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER**

SECOND ELECTIVE BALLOT

Total votes cast – 285, necessary to elect – 191. Gary Ankrom – 179, Ted Cederblom – 93, Tom Fortner – 9, Ken Robinson – 4. There was not an election, ballots were cast for Third Elective Ballot and voting declared closed.

**CAPE GIRARDEAU SECTION CAUCUS**

Brother Miller shared that John Chamness was on the ballot for Cape Girardeau Sectional Presbyter, but was elected as Executive Presbyter, so a caucus would need to be formed to select a nominee for Sectional Presbyter. Phil Roop was the nominee.

**RESOLUTION #5 – COURTESY RESOLUTION**

Resolution #5 – *Courtesy Resolution for the Host Church* was presented by the Resolution Committee and read by Mark Wootton, who moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the Resolution as presented. The Resolution reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the ministers and delegates of this 100th District Council of Southern Missouri have enjoyed the gracious hospitality and beautiful facilities of Central Assembly, and

**WHEREAS**, the pastors and staff of the church have been responsive to our needs with a servant’s heart and willing spirit, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the District Superintendent convey our unanimous
appreciation to Pastor Jeff Peterson and the Central Assembly family for their generous and gracious hosting of this District Council.

**PRAYER**

At this time several needs were expressed and there was special prayer.

**SOUTHWEST EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER**
**THIRD ELECTIVE BALLOT**

Total votes cast – 253, necessary to elect – 143. Gary Ankrom – 214, Ted Cederblom – 39. Gary Ankrom was declared as elected on this ballot and expressed his appreciation.

**ELECTION OF SECTIONAL PRESBYTERS & ETHNIC PRESBYTER**

On March 15, 2014 a caucus was held for a nominee for the Ethnic Presbyter. Aubrey Kishna was the delegate for a 2 year term. Ballots were passed out for voting on the Sectional and Ethnic Presbyter. Brother Miller expressed that to save time John Chamness, nominee for Cape Girardeau Section could be marked through and the name of Phil Roop written in. This vote is for ratification of these Presbyters. The voting was declared as closed.

**CAMP INTERCESSION**

Curtis Washam, Cross Pointe Camp Director, shared information regarding the Camp Intercession.

**RESOLUTION #6 – COURTESY RESOLUTION**

Resolution #6 – **Courtesy Resolution for the District Leadership** was presented by the Resolution Committee and read by Linda Mayne, who moved its adoption. A motion prevailed to adopt the Resolution as presented. The Resolution reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the ministers and delegates of this 100th District Council of Southern Missouri have enjoyed wonderful times of fellowship, inspiration, and a deep sense of the presence of the Lord, and

**WHEREAS**, we have benefited from visionary leadership and times of ministry development, and
WHEREAS, we understand these moments have been the result of prayerful, diligent and detailed planning, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we convey a heart-felt “thank you” for a superb District Council to the District Superintendent – Don Miller, Assistant Superintendent – Lowell Perkins, Executive Secretary – Stan Welch, the Departmental Directors, all the District support staff, and the various District Council committees.

RECOGNITION OF MISSIONARIES & EVANGELISTS

All attending Missionaries & Evangelists were asked to stand and introduce themselves to the Council. The Council expressed their appreciation.

ELECTION OF SECTIONAL PRESBYTERS & ETHNIC PRESBYTER

All Sectional Presbyters and Ethnic Presbyter on the ballot received the necessary number of votes to be elected on the first ballot. They are as follows:

Phil Roop, Cape Girardeau Section
Charles Clark, Kennett Section
Dan Ross, Park Hills Section
Joel Zarro, St. Louis Section
Danny Kemp, Sullivan Section
Zachary Hindman, Van Buren Section
Aubrey Krishna – Ethnic Presbyter

Each Presbyter elected expressed their appreciation.

USHER & TELLER COMMITTIES

A very special thank you was expressed to the Usher and Teller Committees.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion prevailed to adjourn the business meeting at 3:55 p.m.

MISSIONS BANQUET, TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 22, 2014

The Centennial Celebration of Missions Banquet was held on Tuesday evening at Central Assembly. Executive Secretary/Missions Director Stan Welch welcomed the congregation and District Superintendent Don Miller opened in
prayer. General Council Superintendent George Wood greeted the congregation and a presentation was given by Convoy of Hope, Brenton Osgood. Also a presentation by Paul Ebisch, AGCU. Special music was provided by Reverend Marigold Cheshier. Missionary Carrol Deal presented the DRC Project. Guest Speaker was Rick DuBose, Superintendent, North Texas District, he was introduced by Reverend Stan Welch. An offering was received and pledges taken, totaling $160,000.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014**

9:30 a.m.  Prayer/Praise/Communion Service at Central Assembly.
11:30 a.m.  Women’s Luncheon/Men’s Luncheon

**ORDINATION BANQUET**

An Ordination Banquet was held on Wednesday evening preceding the Ordination Service for all Ordination candidates.

**ORDINATION SERVICE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 23, 2014**

Reverend Jack Hembree, Executive Presbyter NE Region, opened the service with Welcome & Prayer. The Licensed and Certified Candidates were honored. Ordination Candidates entered the sanctuary. Special music was provided by Heartsong.

**RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR ORDAINED MINISTERS.**

Special Recognition and certificates were given to those ministers Ordained with the Assemblies of God for 50 years: George W. Clay, James E. Erdmann, Obie L. Harrup, Jr., Charles J. Lance, Beulah N. Park, Russell R. Wisehart and Harold Wright.

A time of Praise and Worship was led by Heartsong. Reverend George Westlake, III, Executive Presbyter NW Region led in prayer for prayer requests. The offering was received by Rev. Ken Robinson, Presbyter Joplin Section with special music for the offertory provided by the District Fine Arts Award of Merit.

Reverend Lowell Perkins, Assistant Superintendent, introduced the speaker, Reverend Don Miller, District Superintendent. His message was on “The Mantle
of Anointing”.

Following the preaching of the Word, the Ordination Candidates were presented for Ordination. A mantle was placed on the shoulders of each Candidate. Members of the District Presbytery, and those ministers designated, laid hands on the Candidates and prayed for them. Certificates of Ordination were presented and family and friends were invited to extend congratulations.

Those receiving Certificates of Ordination were:

- Jeremy Black
- Christopher Buford
- Danny Call
- Stormy Davis
- Jack Fambrough
- Stephen Feith
- Chad Fisher
- Robert Hampton
- Regina Hix
- Terry Hogan
- Jayne Hollis
- Lisa Howard
- John Jahnke
- Brenda Johnson
- Joshua Longanecker
- Joshua Lovelace
- Stephen Maddox
- John Matei
- Tom Mathew
- Gerald Miller
- Andrew Muilenburg
- Rodney Presley
Jill Priddy
Jesse Reed
John Robertson
Tami Rosselini
Blue Seely
Joshua Spurlock
Ryan Tatham
DeShae Thrasher
Mark Thrasher
John Tilden
Melanie Walker
Mark Verslues (previously Ordained in Africa)

Respectfully submitted,

Stan L. Welch
District Executive Secretary