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Within the pages of this registration issue of *General Assembly TODAY*, you will find the following items, which will be valuable all week:

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Indianapolis: A Familiar General Assembly Site

By Cameron Fisher



*A portion of the delegates at the 1952 Church of God General Assembly at the Indianapolis Fairgrounds.
For the full photo see page 19.*

As delegates gather this week in Indianapolis, or “Indy” as it is affectionately known, they will find a city with a vibrant and hospitable culture and a location that has hosted the Church of God’s convention several times in the past.

We've Been Here Before

This is the fifth time Indy will welcome Church of God delegates from around the globe. The first gathering was in 1952 when

thousands of delegates packed the Indianapolis Fairgrounds for the 44th General Assembly. That year General Overseer H.L. Chesser completed his four-year term and was succeeded by Zeno C. Tharp. The Assembly returned to the city 44 years later in 1996. By that time the city had modernized, and the venue was the Hoosier Dome, which had been renamed the RCA Dome two years earlier. Paul L. Walker was elected general overseer that

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Harvest NOW: Pertinent to Our Day

By Timothy M. Hill, General Overseer



Approaching the 79th International General Assembly, we can all agree we live in an unprecedented time. In the eight years since 2016, when I was honored to be elected general overseer, we have seen the world experience political upheaval in the U.S.

and abroad, catastrophic occurrences, such as an increase in natural disasters, a worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, significant shifts in acceptance of deviant cultural values, exponential technological developments (i.e. the meteoric rise of AI and ChatGPT), massive migration—legal and illegal—over the Southern border, and volatile economic swings that have played havoc with world markets.

However, throughout all these global societal contractions, the Church of God has maintained its missional focus on fulfilling the Great Commission. Together, the Church of God continually affirmed

Heritage Magazine Celebrates Church Pioneers

Registered delegates to the 79th International General Assembly will find a free copy of *Pillars of Pentecost: Church of God History—Our First Fifty Years* in their registration packets. This 40-page magazine includes stories and photographs telling the inspirational history of many Church of God pioneers. *Pillars of Pentecost* explores the vision and passion of men and women God used to build the Church from a single congregation on the banks of Barney Creek in eastern Tennessee to the global movement we are today.

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Celebrating the FINISH Commitment Vision

By Cameron Fisher



This week delegates receive in their registration packets a special edition of the Church of God Evangel that chronicles the 2016-2024 leadership of outgoing General Overseer Tim Hill.

On Friday, July 22, 2016, Hill delivered his opening address at the closing service of the 76th General Assembly in Nashville. He outlined his vision for the FINISH Commitment, the now well-known six-point acronym of Find, Intercede, Network, Invest, Send, and Harvest. Over the last eight years, FINISH has been the evangelistic thrust from which succeeding initiatives and programs have been initiated.

The document, titled, "Great Commission Accountability Report," charts the journey through the last eight years for the Church of God, a timeline that has been significantly historic. The publication details the many facets of ministry, such as divisional reports; global statistics that show significant advances, including surpassing 8 million members; financial accountability and the retirement of long-term debt; and a detailed recollection of the challenges and triumphs of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Perhaps most importantly the publication testifies of the grace of God throughout Tim Hill's leadership as the general overseer with the longest unbroken tenure since J.H. Walker who served from 1935-1944. Hill's dedication and commitment to the "Jeremiah Generation," multicultural diversity, ministry training, and technological advancements have charted a course that serves as a platform for future growth and keeping the Church of God on the path to FINISH the Great Commission. ♦

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General Information About GA²⁰²⁴

Assembly Delegates—According to the International General Assembly Minutes, “Members and ministers of the Church of God (16 years of age and above) present and registered at the International General Assembly shall comprise the voting constituency.” Registered delegates receive a manual and a badge that must be displayed in order to vote in International General Assembly business sessions. Entrances to the business sessions and worship will be at Halls H and I of the Indiana Convention Center (ICC).

Business Office—The business office is located in Room 131 of the ICC.

Business Office Hours of Operation:

Monday, July 8	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Thursday,	
July 9–11	8:00 a.m. – Noon 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, July 12	8:00 a.m. – Noon

Children's/Kid's Church—Children ages 3 (if toilet trained) through 6 are invited to attend Children's Church, located in Room 142 of the ICC, while ages 7-12 may participate in Kid's Church located in Room 143–145. Sessions will include Bible stories, puppets, music, and involvement activities. The schedule will be nightly Tuesday–Friday from 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Children's/Kid's Church is provided at no cost; however, registration is required.

Credentials—All ordained bishops are required to register to be eligible to vote in International General Council sessions. Questions regarding ministerial status or licensure should be directed to the Registration/Credential Committee in the registration area located at the main entrance of the ICC.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing—Reserved seating for the hearing impaired will be available on the main floor, section B. Signing will be provided

Dining—The ICC offers several dining options (please see page 16 for locations). The Exhibit Hall will include dining areas as well.

Exhibit Hall—Exhibits and displays are located in Halls D and E of the ICC. There will be a wide variety of resources, ministries, and materials to assist churches and individuals.

Exhibit Hall Hours of Operation:

Monday–Friday, July 8–12: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(Please see page 17 for complete details.)

First Aid/Health Care—On-site medical services are located near the registration area.

General Assembly TODAY/News Media—Complimentary copies of the *General Assembly TODAY* will

be available Tuesday through Friday at tables near the entrance of the convention and exhibit halls. Digital copies are available at churchofgod.org/gatoday or by scanning the QR code. Media personnel who need assistance may visit the News and Publications area, located in Room 141 of the ICC.

Nursing Mothers Stations—A designated area to provide privacy for nursing mothers will be located near the registration area.

Physically-Challenged Seating—Seating for the physically challenged is available on the main floor of the general session area. The ICC is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and is designed with wheelchair ramps, automatic doors, passenger elevators, and handicap-accessible restroom facilities.

Prayer Ministries—Monday through Friday, opportunities for intercessory prayer will be held in Room 138–139 in the ICC. There will also be *Priority Prayer* with the General Council from 8:00–8:30 a.m., Tuesday through Friday in the Business/Worship Hall.

Registration—The registration area is located in the main lobby of the ICC near the entrances to the business and worship venue (Halls H and I). A registration badge is required for admission to the International General Council and International General Assembly business sessions. All delegate credentials must be secured from the registration area.

Registration Hours of Operation

Sunday, July 7:	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, July 8:	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 9:	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 10:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 11:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, July 12:	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Translation of Sessions—Translation services will be provided through a UHF translation device. Languages expected to be available include Spanish, French, Portuguese, and German. Delegates needing translation assistance may visit the General Assembly Translation Help Desk, located in the registration area.

Voting Results—Results of the electronic voting of the International General Council will be posted toward the back of the main hall, Hall H.

Wall of Remembrance—The memorial is dedicated to the ministers who have passed away between June 1, 2022, and June 1, 2024. The Wall of Remembrance is located in the Exhibit Hall and open during exhibit hours. ♦



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Instructions to Delegates

1. Parliamentary Authority

- a. The International General Assembly has adopted *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, as its parliamentary authority. The latest version is the 12th edition, published in 2020. This is the edition that will be used in the International General Council and International General Assembly business sessions.
- b. The International General Assembly has also adopted some self-imposed rules for the manner in which business can be conducted in the International General Council and International General Assembly business sessions. We cannot violate our own Bylaws. Any motion to suspend the rules and introduce business prior to the completion of the work of the agenda is not allowable because it would impinge upon the Bylaws and would amount to an attempt to suspend the Bylaws, which is never allowable. (Bylaws may be amended, but only under circumstances of previous notice.)
- c. All business will be conducted in an orderly fashion.

2. Seating of Delegates

- a. Only registered ordained bishops are to be seated in the sections identified for ordained bishops. Credentials must be openly displayed at all times.
- b. Ordained ministers, exhorters, and laypersons can be seated in any area beyond those designated for the International General Council.
- c. These business sessions are being video streamed live, with delay, on the Internet. All cell phones, tablets, and any other electronic communication devices should be silenced during the business sessions. **Audio or video recording of the business sessions is not allowed.**
- d. All delegates must be registered and displaying credentials to attend business sessions. This includes ordained ministers, exhorters, and laypersons. The registration area is located in the main lobby of the Indiana Convention Center.
- e. No ordained bishop will be allowed to vote unless his credentials are displayed and he is seated in the designated seating area. If credentials are lost, new ones can be secured from the Registration and Credentials Committee in the registration area.

f. Each member of the International General Council should have received the *International General Council Manual* at registration. This manual contains pertinent materials for International General Council meetings and should be brought to all business sessions. The agenda is also available electronically at www.ga24.org.

g. According to the current International General Assembly Bylaws, page 59 S2: Bylaws of the Church of God Article VI. Governing Bodies I. General Assembly Members: "*The International General Assembly is composed of all members and ministers of the Church of God 16 years of age and above. Members and ministers of the Church of God present and registered at the International General Assembly shall comprise its voting constituency.*"

3. Instructions concerning deportment during business meeting

- a. Regular attendance at all International General Council sessions and the International General Assembly business session is strongly encouraged. The schedule is printed in the manual, in this edition of *GA Today*, on the backside of the ordained bishop's badge, as well as at www.ga24.org.
- b. There is to be no entering or exiting during voting. The Sergeants-at-Arms have been directed to control the entrances, so no one will be permitted to enter or exit during a vote.
- c. The moderator will not entertain any questions from the floor when a vote is being taken. If there is a problem that needs to be addressed, please inform a member of the Sergeants-at-Arms Committee.

4. Use of the Motion Submission Form

(Applicable to registered members of the General Council only)

The Motion /Amendment Submission Form is provided in the back of the International General Council manuals and should be used to document in writing extended motions or amendments pertaining to the printed agenda. Please have the form completed prior to making your motion/amendment, so as to not delay business if called for by the moderator. Motions /amendments of extensive length or complexity may be emailed to gamotions@churchofgod.org. (Only motions / amendments pertaining to the printed agenda are to be submitted to this email. Non-agenda item motions should be submitted in writing at the Motions Committee kiosk.)

5. Limitation of Speeches

- a. A recording secretary will tabulate the number of speeches made by individuals.
- b. A member can speak no longer than ten minutes unless he obtains consent of the Assembly. (*Robert's Rules*, pg. 39). Such permission can be given by unanimous consent, or by means of a motion to Extend the Limits of Debate, which requires a two-thirds vote without debate (*Robert's Rules*, pgs. 179–187). Denise Watkins will serve as the official timekeeper and the Secretary General will state "Time" when the time limit has expired.
- c. A member is not to speak the second time on the same question in the same day as long as someone else desires the floor. Because the moderator cannot always know just how many times one speaks, he will depend upon the recording secretary to keep him informed.

6. Agenda

- a. The printed *agenda* that was made available at least thirty days prior to the opening of the International General Council is the "official agenda which is to claim the attention of the International General Council." (*Minutes* page 67, S4. III International General Council Agenda). There is no need for a motion to adopt/receive the agenda, since it is by our rules of procedure already adopted. The agenda is also available electronically at GA24.org.
- b. The *Bylaws* require that "Any new business shall be presented to the chairman of the Motions Committee, which committee shall receive, classify, clarify, eliminate duplication, and dispatch for placement on the agenda following the completion of the printed agenda." (*Minutes* Page 62, S2. Bylaws, Article VI, 2. International General Council, Paragraph 4).

Note: Any new business for the 2024 International General Council shall be presented in a legible format (print or digital) not later than 2:00 p.m. on the second day of the International General Council (78th A., 2022).

- c. Please note in your *agenda* that material from the current *Minutes* is on the left side (even-numbered) pages and new motions are on the right side (odd-numbered) pages.

7. Role of the Parliamentarians

The role of the parliamentarians is to advise the chair or individual members of the body. The parliamentarian does not rule on any issue. Only the chair is authorized to rule.

8. Appointment of Committees

a. Motions Committee

Michael Lyndon Baker, *Chairman*
James Scott McIntyre, Sr., *Co-chairman*

b. Parliamentarian Committee

Kenneth Ray Bell, *Chairman*
Larry Dale Flippo, *Co-chairman*
R.C. Hugh Nelson, *Co-chairman*

c. Resolutions Committee

Toby Stephen Morgan, *Chairman*
Hugh Bair, *Co-chairman*

d. Sergeants-at-Arms Committee

Otoniel Collins, *Chairman*
Jeffery McGirt, *Co-chairman*
Shea Hughes, *Co-chairman*
Donald (Mike) White, *Co-chairman*

e. Teller Committee

Philip M. Bonaparte, *Chairman*
Carlos Salvador Morán, *Co-chairman*

f. Usher Committee (General Council)

Thomas L. Powell, Jr., *Chairman*
Tim Cushman, *Co-chairman*
A. Steve P. Smith, *Co-chairman*
Derwood L. Perkins, *Co-chairman*

9. Electronic Voting Instructions

(General Council only)

a. Voting for all positions will be by a wireless keypad. Members will not be sharing a keypad. Keypads will be available following the call-to-order by the moderator. All keypads will be sanitized once they are returned.

1. Prior to each session all ministers must validate themselves. At the instruction of the moderator, key in your five-digit personal ministerial file number, verify its accuracy. If inaccurate, press the delete key and reenter. If accurate, press the SEND key. Keypad will display "sending" and "received." If you wish to abstain, simply do not vote. There will be no need to revalidate your number in the same session.

2. If your keypad is not working properly, return it to the kiosk for replacement or raise your hand and a member of the Teller Committee will assist you.

3. Keypads are not to be taken from voting floor, even if just for a brief time.

b. Ordained bishops should prepare the voting worksheet for the Council of Eighteen in advance to help expedite the voting process.

c. The following situations will be counted as invalid votes:

1. If a minister votes for an ineligible member.

2. If a minister enters an invalid ministerial file number.

3. When voting, a vote for self or any member more than once on the same ballot will be invalid. Only the first vote will be valid. A member can choose to vote for a partial number of 18 (e.g., 6 of 18) the remaining non-votes are ignored and not counted as invalid.

4. In order for any minister to be considered eligible for election or appointment by the International Executive Committee, International General Council, or International General Assembly, the minister must be current on both personal ministerial reports and the local church reports with required finances from the church he/she pastors (if applicable). (*GA2018 Minutes*; Page 110, S29, Instructions for Ministers, I. General Instructions for Ministers.) ♦



General Council members will be assigned a voting device similar to this one.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SPEAKER RECOGNITION SYSTEM



Template 1

1. Each speaker stand is equipped with an electronic touch screen. This screen gives an individual four options:

- Speak **FOR** a motion
- Speak **AGAINST** a motion
- Ask a **QUESTION**
- **OTHER**

2. When one of these options is pressed, the light turns on, a signal is sent to the podium indicating you wish to speak and your place in the speaking order is set automatically.

3. Depending upon the option selected, you will see one of the following screens:



Template 2



Template 3



Template 4



Template 5

4. If you no longer wish to speak, you can simply touch the **CLEAR** option and the light will be turned off and your position in the speaking order will be canceled.

5. After speaking, the light will automatically be turned off, and the screen will reset for the next speaker.

STEP 1: INDICATE YOUR OPTION

(See Template 1)

- If you desire to speak, approach a speaker stand where the light is off.
- Touch the desired option on the screen.
- The light will come on and the screen will indicate you are waiting to be recognized according to your choice.
- Wait to be recognized by the moderator before speaking.

(See Templates 2-5)

STEP 2: SPEAK WHEN RECOGNIZED

Once you have finished speaking, you can return to your seat. The light and screen will be automatically reset.

Delegate Guide to Parliamentary Practices

Introduction

Parliamentary law is not intended to repress the work of an Assembly. It is meant to provide orderly principles by which business may be expedited. Where there are no principles of law and where every individual is allowed to act in his own way, confusion prevails.

Perhaps the most important principle of parliamentary law is that of rights: the right of the majority to ultimately rule, the right of the minority to be heard, and the right of the individual to participate in the decision-making process.

It is hoped that the information included here will be helpful in expediting the business of the International General Council and the International General Assembly. The material has been adapted from several sources and is in agreement with *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th Edition*, published by Da Capo Press, a member of the Perseus Books Group.

The information is certainly not exhaustive. Delegates are encouraged to study *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th Edition*. A more thorough knowledge of the rules by which our business is conducted will surely make for smoother and more productive business meetings.

Definitions

CHAIR—*The presiding officer or the position from which that person presides. The general overseer serves as the presiding officer and should be addressed as MR. CHAIRMAN or MR. MODERATOR.*

PARLIAMENTARIAN—*The person designated to advise the chair on points of parliamentary law and also to give similar advice to the Assembly when requested. The parliamentarian gives an opinion; the chair makes a ruling.*

FLOOR—*The position of persons other than the chairman and his associates. When a member “has the floor,” he has the opportunity to exercise his speaking rights and should be given appropriate attention.*

MEETING—*A single official gathering of the body to conduct business.*

SESSION—*A series of connected meetings devoted to a single agenda.*

MEMBER—*A person with the right to full participation.*

MOTION—*A formal proposal by a member in a meeting for which the Assembly will take certain action. Question is synonym for motion.*

PENDING—*Being processed by chair.*

PROCEDURE—*Priority or rank, applied to motions.*

TABLE—*To “lay on the table” means entrusting the case to the secretary. To lay on the table permits the Assembly to set an issue aside in order to consider a more urgent issue.*

Obtaining the Floor

Before a member attempts to make a motion or to address a meeting, he should be recognized by the chair. With our present system of speaker recognition, a member is required to go to a numbered light and touch the desired option on the screen.

The members are recognized by the chair in the order in which they activate the light. A member does not have the floor until recognized by the chair. Thus, if the subject on the floor changes, a new order will be established to recognize those members wishing to speak to the current subject. A member wishing to get the chair's attention for the following reasons need not go to a speaker's light but may obtain recognition by audibly calling for the attention of the chair with:

- Question of privilege
- Point of order
- Parliamentary inquiry
- Appeal from the decision of the chair
- Division of the house.

Each member has the right to speak on every question. However, he cannot make a second speech on the same question as long as any member who has not spoken on the question desires the floor. It is the prerogative of the moderator to recognize each speaker and to determine a balance of negative and affirmative speeches. (*General Assembly Minutes*, 2010, p. 63, Parliamentary Procedure and Authority, item 2).

Assigning the Floor

A member does not obtain the floor by rising and addressing the chair, nor by proceeding to a speaker's microphone and turning on a light. The floor must be assigned to him by the chair before he is privileged to speak.

Interrupting a Speaker

A member who has been assigned the floor should not be interrupted after he has begun to speak, unless the immediate need is of such urgency to justify the interruption.

A member who has been assigned the floor should be interrupted only by one who wishes:

- To make a motion to reconsider (and this only if the time limit on the motion is about to run out. The motion must be made and accepted within 24 hours. It may not be considered after 24 hours.)
- To rise to a point of order
- To voice an objection to the consideration of a question (this must occur before there has been any debate or before any subsidiary motion has been stated by the chair.)
- To call for the orders of the day in case they are not being followed
- To raise a question of privilege
- To request a division of the question when the question consists of more than one independent resolution
- To make a parliamentary inquiry
- To request information that requires an immediate answer.

Making a Motion

In making a motion (this includes any substitute motion), a member first obtains the floor and prefacing the statement of the proposed action by the words “I move that . . .” The motion should be written on the Motion Submission Form (included in manuals of ordained bishops and at the Motions Table for delegates) and given to the floor monitor who is located on the main floor just beneath the secretary general. The floor monitor will have additional copies of the *Motion Submission Form*, if they are needed.

Seconding a Motion

In general, every motion must be seconded before it is discussed or voted upon. A member wishing

to second a motion simply says, “I second the motion.” Recognition by the chair is not necessary in order to second a motion, and a second may be made without the member rising. Motions that come from a committee are considered already offered and seconded.

Debate or Discussion of the Question

In all debate and discussion, the following principles should prevail:

1. Speakers should avoid all references to specific personalities.
2. The motives of those whose views are opposed should not be questioned.
3. Discussion should be aimed at clarifying the facts rather than at challenging the views of those on the opposite side of the question.

Voting on the Question

In calling for the vote, the affirmative vote is called for first. If the chair is in doubt after calling for a vote by voice, he will ask for a show of hands or a standing vote. If a member questions the vote, he has a right to call for “a division of the house.” Division of the house does not demand a counting of the votes. If a member wishes to have the votes counted, he must make a motion (which must be seconded) to that effect.

Kinds of Motions

Main Motions

Main motions are those which bring some main question before the group. A main motion yields to all subsidiary, privileged, and incidental motions.

Subsidiary Motions

A subsidiary motion is applied to a pending motion as a means of disposing of the pending one. All subsidiary motions take precedence over the main motion. By means of subsidiary motions, the main motion may be amended, or referred to a committee, or action postponed or hastened.

The subsidiary motions in order of precedence are:

1. To lay on the table
2. To call for the previous question
3. To limit or extend the time of debate
4. To postpone to a certain time
5. To commit or refer
6. To amend (can be applied to 3, 4, and 5)
7. To postpone indefinitely (cannot be amended).

To Lay on the Table

The effect of this motion is to postpone action on the question to which it applies. This motion should be used primarily to enable the group to consider more urgent business, and should not be used as a means of suppressing a question without debate. Parliamentary law allows that only a two-thirds vote can rightfully suppress a main motion without allowing free debate.

To Call for the Previous Question

The object of this motion is to bring to an end the debate on the question or questions included in the call, and to secure a vote on the question(s). The previous question requires a two-thirds vote. If the motion does not specify otherwise, it applies only to the immediately pending question. The call for previous question should come from a member who has turned on a light and been recognized by the chair.

To Limit or Extend Time of Debate

Since certain rights are being taken away from the members, adoption of these motions requires a two-thirds vote. Motions to limit or extend time of debate are not debatable but may be amended (see note above).

To Postpone to a Certain Time

The motion is similar to "Lay on the Table." It differs in that it postpones action to an established time and is debatable.

To Commit or Refer

A motion to commit or refer is debatable, can be amended, and requires a majority vote.

To Amend

The motion to amend—that is, to change the words of a pending motion—requires a second and is debatable if the motion to be amended is debatable. Amendments of the first degree and the second degree are permitted. Amendments of the third degree are not. An amendment must be germane (that is, closely related) to the motion to be amended. If not, it will be ruled out of order by the chair. A substitute motion is an amendment of the first degree.

To Postpone Indefinitely

The real object of this motion is to reject the motion to which it is applied. It is debatable and opens the main question to debate. It requires a majority vote for adoption.

Incidental Motions

Incidental motions arise out of the process of business (a pending question), and as a result they must be decided before a decision can be made on the question to which they are incidental.

Incidental questions that will be briefly discussed are:

1. To rise to a point of order
2. To appeal from the decision of the chair

3. To suspend the rules
4. To object to the consideration of a question
5. To divide a question
6. To call for a division of the Assembly
7. To make a request growing out of pending business
 - a. To make a parliamentary inquiry
 - b. To request information
 - c. To ask permission to withdraw a motion.

To Rise to a Point of Order

While it is the duty of the chair to enforce the rules of the Assembly, any member has the right to call to the attention of the chair any violation which occurs.

To Appeal From the Decision of the Chair

An appeal may be made from the decision of the chair only at the time the ruling is made. A majority vote is necessary before a decision of the chair can be reversed.

To Suspend the Rules

The rule or rules which interfere with the action which the Assembly wishes to take may be suspended, provided they do not conflict with basic parliamentary law or with International General Assembly Bylaws. Constitution and bylaws cannot be suspended.

To Object to the Consideration of a Question

The purpose of this motion is to present consideration of certain questions which the Assembly may feel are not worthy of consideration. It requires no second, cannot be debated, cannot be amended, and requires a two-thirds vote. It must be proposed before debate and/or before the chair has stated any subsidiary motion.

To Divide a Question

This motion can be applied only to main motions and amendments. Parts of a question that are intimately related should not be divided.

To Call for a Division of the Assembly

The purpose for calling for the division of the Assembly is to secure an accurate count of the vote, especially when the vote has been taken *viva voce*. This motion does not provide for a count. It provides for a standing vote. A counting of the vote must be called for by a motion to that effect.

To Make a Request Growing Out of the Business of the Assembly

This can occur during a business session when a member rises to the floor in order to . . .

- a. *Make a Parliamentary Inquiry*. This privilege should not be abused and will be prevented by the chair when such requests are made for any reason other than an honest attempt to secure information that is immediately needed.
- b. *Request Information*. This request has the same privileges as a request for parliamentary inquiry. The primary difference is that the member may be seeking information from another member of the Assembly rather than from the chair.
- c. *Ask Permission to Withdraw a Motion*. After a question has been stated by the chair, it is in the possession of the group and cannot be withdrawn or modified without the approval of the Assembly. However, until a motion has been stated by the chair, the proposer of the motion can withdraw or modify it in any way he desires. ♦

Summary of Facts Relating to Motions

Kind of Motion	Object	Effect
To lay on the table	Clear the floor for more urgent business	Delays action
To call for the previous question	Secure immediate vote on pending question	Ends debate
To limit or extend time of debate	Provides more or less time for discussion	Shortens or lengthens discussion period
To postpone definitely to a certain time	Often gives more time for informal discussion and for securing supporters	Delays action
To commit or refer	To enable more careful consideration to be given	Delays action
To amend	To improve the motion	Changes the original motion
To postpone indefinitely	To prevent a vote on the question	Suppresses the question
To raise a point of order	To call attention to violation of rules	Keeps the Assembly functioning according to established rules
To appeal from the decision of the chair	To determine the attitude of the Assembly on the ruling made by the chair	Secures ruling of the Assembly rather than by the chair
To suspend the rules	To permit action not possible under the rules	Secures action which otherwise could not be presented by the rules
To object to the consideration of a question	Prevent wasting time on unimportant business	Suppresses the motion
To divide the question	Secure more careful consideration of parts	Secures action by parts
To call for a division of the Assembly	(a) To determine the accuracy of a <i>viva voce</i> vote (b) To secure expression of individual member's vote	Secures an accurate check on vote
To raise a question of privilege	To correct undesirable conditions	Corrects undesirable condition
To take from the table	Continue the consideration of the question	Continues consideration of the question
To reconsider	To reconsider the question	Secures further consideration and another vote on the question
To rescind	Repeal action previously taken	Same

DELEGATE REGISTRATION HOURS

Sunday, July 7	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Monday, July 8	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, July 9	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, July 10	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday, July 11	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, July 12	10:00 am – 2:00 pm

EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 12
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

GENERAL COUNCIL**Tuesday, July 9**

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Priority Prayer
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. General Overseer's Official Opening
9:00 a.m.– 11:30 am General Council
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Break
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. General Council

Wednesday, July 10

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Priority Prayer
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. General Council
Special Order of the Day: Dr. Tim Coalter
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Break
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. General Council

Thursday, July 11

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Priority Prayer
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. General Council
Special Order of the Day: Bishop J. Drew Sheard
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Break
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. General Council

Friday, July 12

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Priority Prayer
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. General Council
Special Order of the Day: Dr. Alton Garrison
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Break
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. General Assembly

WORSHIP SERVICES**Tuesday, July 9 – 7:00 pm**

Speaker: General Overseer Timothy M. Hill

Wednesday, July 10 – 7:00 pm

Speaker: Third Assistant General Overseer David Ramirez

Thursday, July 11 – 7:00 pm

Speaker: Maurice "Mo" Huggins

Friday, July 12 – 7:00 pm

Speaker: Newly elected General Overseer

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND MEALS**SUNDAY, JULY 7****Pre-Assembly Prayer Service**

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: JW Marriott – White River Ballroom

World Missions Team Meet

Time: 5:00 pm
Location: ICC - Room 134-136

MONDAY, JULY 8**Smoky Mountain Children's Home**

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location: JW Marriott – White River Ballroom

General Assembly Committee Chair and Co-Chair

Time: 9:15 a.m.
Location: ICC – Room 134-136

World Missions Missionary Celebration Event

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Wabash Ballroom

General Council Sergeants-at-Arms Committee

Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: ICC – Room 134-136

General Council Ushers Committee

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: ICC – Room 134-136

International Junior Talent – Art/Creative Writing Check-in and Gallery

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – 500 Reception Room

Teller Committee

Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: ICC – Room 134-136

DOE – USA HEM/USA Hispanic Educational Ministries

Time: 12:00 NOON
Location: Fogo de Chao Restaurant (*Invitation Only*)

LEAD Conference

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Main Hall (H-I)

International Junior Talent – Bible Quizzing

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Rooms 105-106

International Junior Talent – Music

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – 500 Ballroom

Translation Committee

Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 134-136

365 Kids Club – Passport to Adventure

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 116-117

Motions and Resolutions Committee

Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 134-136

Ushers: Worship Committee

Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 134-136

World Missions Partners Gala

Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Sagamore Ballroom (*Invitation Only*)

TUESDAY, JULY 9**International Junior Talent—Bible Teaching, Preaching, and Testimony**

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 101

International Junior Talent – Bible Quizzing

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Rooms 105–106

International Junior Talent—Music

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – 500 Ballroom

365 Kids Club—Passport to Adventure

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: ICC – Room 116-117

International Junior Talent – Art/Creative Writing

Check-in and Gallery
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – 500 Reception Room

Delmarva-D.C. State Council Luncheon

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 133

365 Kids Club—Passport to Adventure

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 116-117

Next Gen Gathering (*For ages 18-39-year-old leaders*)

Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 107-108

Children's Church (*Ages 3-6 Potty Trained*)

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 142

Kid's Church (*Ages 7-12*)

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Rooms 143-145

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10**African Field Area Breakfast**

Time: 7:00 a.m.
Location: ICC- Room 201-203

International Junior Talent—Bible Teaching, Preaching, and Testimony

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 101

International Junior Talent—Bible Quizzing

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 105-106

International Junior Talent—Music

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – 500 Ballroom

International Women's Ministries Service

Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Sagamore Ballroom

DOE—Distinguished International Educator's Luncheon

Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Wabash Ballroom

Buy a Tree; Change a Life. Luncheon

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 109-110

World Missions Board of Directors Meeting

Time: 12:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 201-203

International Junior Talent—Drama

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – 500 Ballroom

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365 Kids Club—Passport to Adventure

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 116–117

PK Gathering (Teens)*

Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 107–108
*Reserved seating for PKs in service.

Children's Church (Ages 3–6 Potty Trained)

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 142

Kid's Church (Ages 7–12)

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 143–145

Pentecostal Theological Seminary Reception

Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location: Sagamore Ballroom

Bible Colleges Reception

Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location: Wabash Ballroom

Canadian National Office Reception

Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 134–136

Spirit Sound Music Group

Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location: JW Marriott – White River Ballroom

THURSDAY, JULY 11

World Missions Parade of Nations Breakfast

Time: 7:30 a.m.
Location: ICC – Room 201–203

International Junior Talent – Art/Creative Writing Check-in and Gallery

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – 500 Reception Room

International Junior Talent—Bible Quizzing

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 105–106

International Junior Talent—Drama

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – 500 Ballroom

365 Kids Club—Passport to Adventure

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: ICC – Room 116–117

Latin America Fest/Hispanic Ministries Luncheon

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Sagamore Ballroom

Jamaica—New Testament COG Meet and Greet

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 134–136

World Missions Europe, CIS—Russia, and Middle East Field Area Luncheon

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 201–203

Kentucky State Council Luncheon

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 133

365 Kids Club—Passport to Adventure

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 116–117

Children's Church (Ages 3–6 Potty Trained)

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 142

Kid's Church (Ages 7–12)

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 143–145

World Missions Director's Reception

Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location: Wabash Ballroom

Lee University Alumni Reception

Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location: Sagamore Ballroom

Youth Director's Banquet (For all State/Regional YD Directors)

Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location: ICC – Rooms 107–108

Ministry to the Military Reception

Time: 9:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Rooms 134–136

FRIDAY, JULY 12

French Speaking Educators Breakfast

Time: 7:30 a.m.
Location: ICC – Room 133

Int. Junior Talent—Bible Quizzing Finals (*if needed)

Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: ICC – Room 105–106

International Junior Talent—Music Overflow

Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: ICC – 500 Ballroom

365 Kids Club—Passport to Adventure

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: ICC – Room 116–117

International Junior Talent Awards Ceremony

Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Sagamore Ballroom

Children's Church (Ages 3–6 Potty Trained)

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Room 142

Kid's Church (Ages 7–12)

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location: ICC – Rooms 143–145

Mass Choir Rehearsal

Time: TBA
Location: TBA

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Post GA Leadership Meeting (Invitation only)

Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: JW Marriott – White River Ballroom

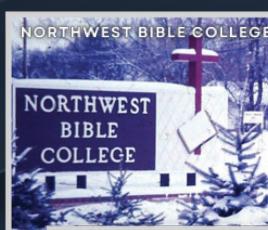
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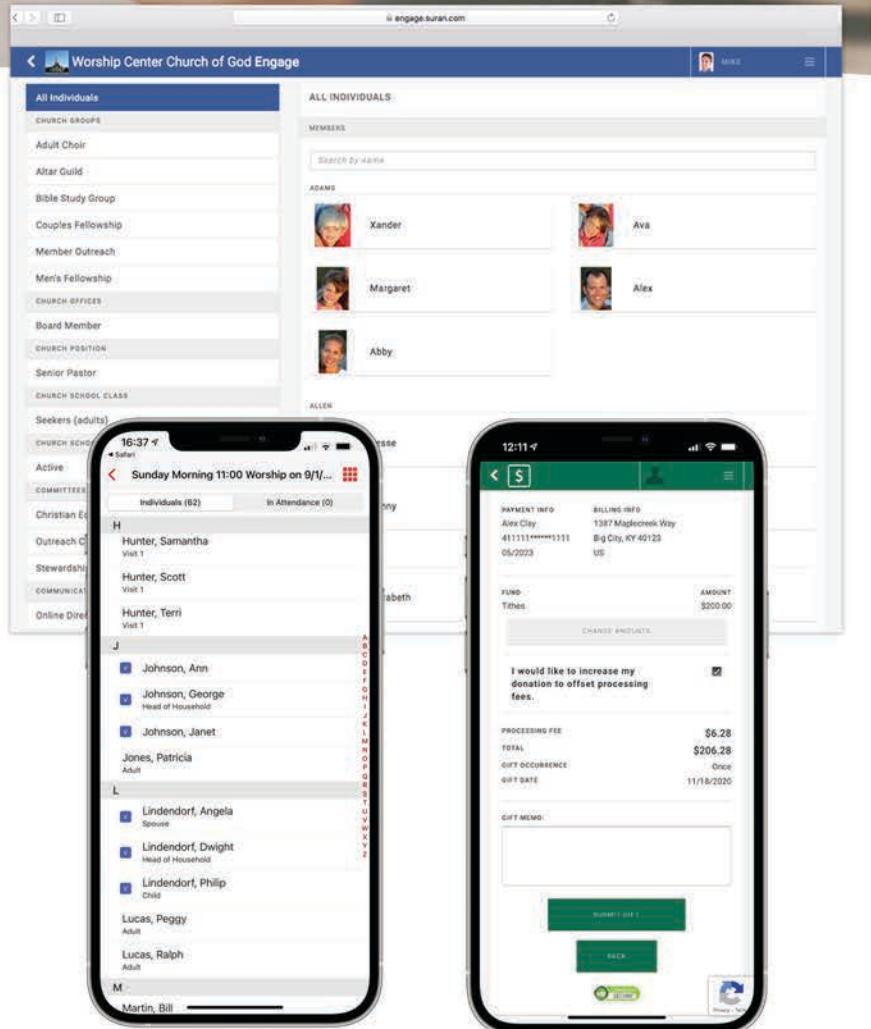
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WHY THE 365 CHALLENGE

GET COOL MERCH & SUPPORT MISSIONS.
STOP BY THE BOOTH WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

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Tuesday

THE 3 KEY ELEMENTS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE GLOBALLY.
STOP BY AND TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

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WATER

DID YOU KNOW THAT 2.2 BILLION PEOPLE
DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER?

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WORLD MISSIONS PARTNERS

CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE GLOBALLY?
YES! STOP BY THE BOOTH TO LEARN MORE.

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Friday

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

DON'T LEAVE GA24 WITHOUT A PIECE
OF MISSIONS IN YOUR HEART.



SCHEDULE



MONDAY
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9-11 AM
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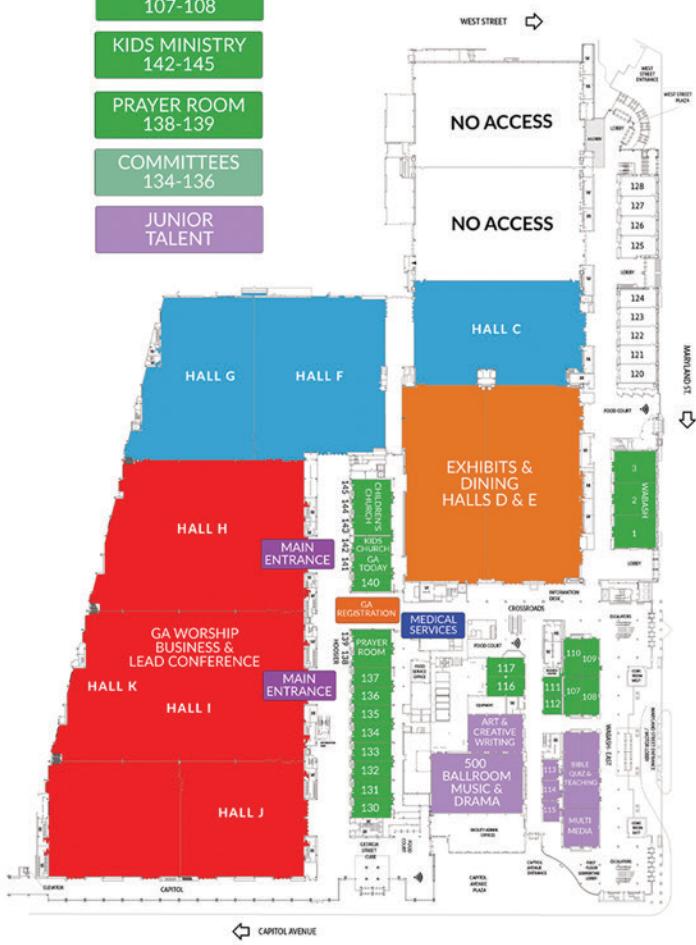
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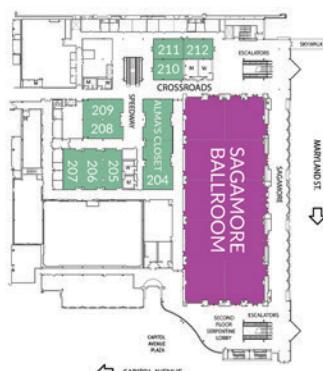
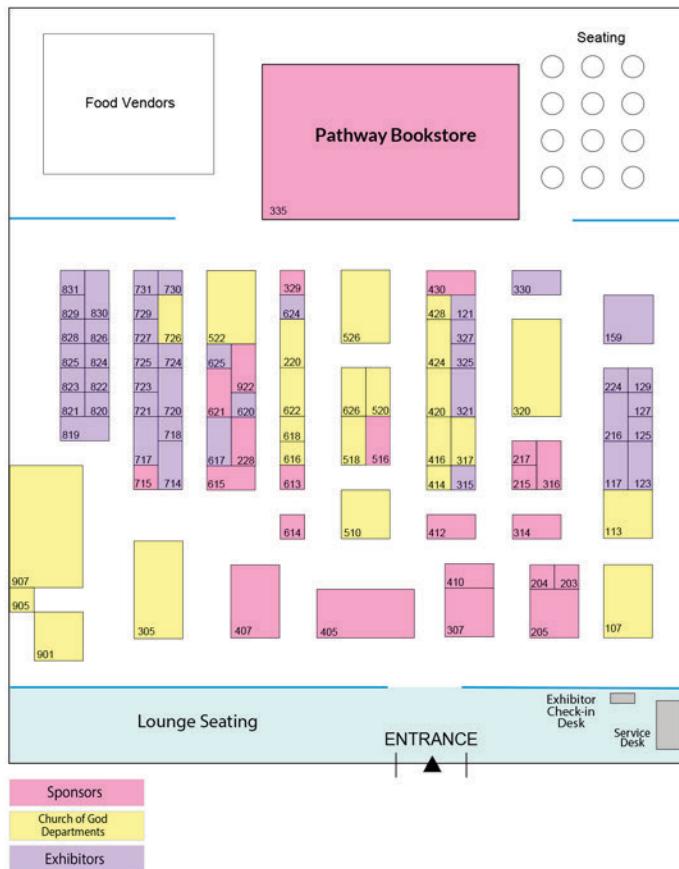


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- **Grab 'n Go North** – 7 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- **Coffee Cart** – 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Indianapolis: A Familiar General Assembly Site

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year. In 2002, General Overseer R. Lamar Vest would be the moderator and in 2006, G. Dennis McGuire wielded the gavel for the General Council.

Now, 18 years later, the RCA Dome has long been demolished and the space filled by the Indiana Convention Center (ICC). The venue offers convenient and efficient convention space and is connected by skywalks to a dozen major hotels and offers a plethora of dining options downtown and in the Circle Centre Mall, also connected via skywalk to the ICC.

The return to Indianapolis for the Church of God comes four years later than anticipated as the city was slated to be the location of the 78th Assembly in 2020. By March of that year, plans were progressing, registrations were coming in and hotels were filling up when the world was virtually shut down by the Covid-19 pandemic. Like most every major gathering event that summer, the General Assembly came to a screeching halt. It was the first time the Assembly did not take place as scheduled since 1918. The City of Indianapolis agreed to postpone the Church of God contract with no penalties until this year.

A Brief History of Indy

Indianapolis is the capital city of Indiana and located in the heart of the state. Its history dates to 1821 when it was founded as the new state capital. The city's name, "Indianapolis," is a combination of "Indiana," meaning "Land of the Indians," and "polis," the Greek word for "city."

In the 20th century, the city flourished earning another nickname "The Crossroads of America" due to its extensive network of highways. It is perhaps most famously known for the iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Indianapolis 500 race. It is also home to professional sports franchises, including the Indianapolis Colts football team and the NBA's Indiana Pacers. The residence of 23rd President Benjamin Harrison is located on Delaware St.

Jackie Bridges: Here Then, Here Now, and All In Between

Very few who were present at the 1952 Assembly are still with us, but one 95-year-old delegate can boast that he has returned to the city where he attended his first General Assembly...and every Assembly in between.

In 1952, Jackie Bridges drove from San Antonio, Texas, with his brother, Clifford Bridges, to his first General Assembly here in Indianapolis Indiana. Since then, he has not missed one; a total of 35 Church of God General Assemblies over a span of 72 years.

Bridges still remembers the car ride well, stating he was "ready to go and excited while having an anxious spirit." A fresh graduate of the Class of 1952 from Lee College, Jackie stated, "I had no idea about business meetings, theological teaching, and sermons, but after that first day at the General Assembly, I knew the music was the best part." Jackie left his first Assembly and was appointed secretary treasurer of the Florida Church of God state office while pastoring in Knoxville, Tennessee.



Jackie Bridges 1952



Jackie Bridges today

Through the years, Jackie Bridges was used by God to expand the Kingdom. Raising a family along with his wife Claudine, he went on to pastor in Lawton, Oklahoma, Mishawaka, Indiana, and Akron, Ohio. Eventually, earning a doctoral degree in theology and Christian counseling from Asbury, Dr. Bridges served as the Tennessee Church of God secretary treasurer, as well as running Pathway Bookstore from 1969 until 1985. He directed the SpiritCare program for Ohio from 1998 until retiring just two years ago at the General Assembly in San Antonio. Now in his 72nd year of ministry, Dr. Bridges lives in Boardman, Ohio, where he continues to be active at his home church, Faith Fellowship.

Even though he knew God had called him to the next part of ministry, Jackie said the music and worship from his first Assembly at the Indianapolis Fairgrounds stayed in the back of his mind. The desire never left him after that impactful 1952 Assembly. Dr. Bridges published four hymns in his ministry: "Calvary's Calling," "The Bible Speaks," "God Is Sufficient," and "Christ Is the Answer."

Preparing to attend the Assembly this year, Dr. Bridges said he is "flooded once again with emotions that remind me of my first General Assembly in the same exact spot 72 two years earlier." He feels honored to be a part of the Church of God movement and has mixed emotions in this season of life.

"This may be my last Assembly due to age, but how sweet it is that God has allowed me to be back where it all started." ♦

Special thanks to Melissa Turner, who contributed to this story.



A young Jackie Bridges is among the thousands of delegates who attended the 44th Church of God General Assembly in 1952, the first time one was held in Indianapolis.



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Harvest NOW: Pertinent to Our Day

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its doctrinal beliefs, actualized its overarching vision as a movement, assimilated and mobilized an army of ministers and leaders to march into the harvest, and aggressively accelerated our efforts to finish the Great Commission. The Church of God heartily embraced the challenge of the FINISH Commitment, which includes the acronym that has held strong throughout the eight years since it was introduced on July 22, 2016: *Find, Intercede, Network, Invest, Send, and Harvest!*

Since that day, the Church of God has carried this missional message to a lost and dying world. The six tenets of FINISH have been accomplished at various levels and campaigns, including perhaps the most critical—Harvest. It started at Leadership 2022 with the introduction of *Harvest 2024*, and with this Assembly, we place an indelible stamp of commitment with *Harvest NOW!*

This week we will address an agenda appropriately named, the *Harvest Now Agenda*. The International General Assembly

is the organized body of the Church of God with full power and authority to designate the teachings, government, principles, and practices of all local churches. It starts with debate and discussion by the General Council of Ordained Bishops and ends on Friday with all ministers and members of the Church of God, sixteen years of age and over, who are present and registered. During the Assembly, there are business sessions, elections, agenda items, exhibits, special activities, worship, and fellowship.

We gather here in Indianapolis for the 79th International General Assembly focused upon Harvest Now! As we fix our attention with intensity, let us continue to commission a global missional force as a synergistic, compelling, visionary, and united cohesive body of Pentecostal believers. We acknowledge the challenge, accept the commitment, and anticipate the completion of the Great Commission Harvest—NOW! ♦

Heritage Magazine Celebrates Church Pioneers

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“The pages of Scripture reveal much about the lives of God’s people,” observes Church of God Historian David G. Roebuck. “From the Garden of Eden to John on the Isle of Patmos, we continue to learn from their experiences—we are inspired by faithfulness, and we learn from failures. The same is true of our Church of God pioneers.” Roebuck went on to explain in *Pillars of Pentecost* how R.G. Spurling desired to faithfully build a church founded on loving God and loving our neighbor. W.F. Bryant and fellow pilgrims in the Camp Creek community of western North Carolina sought to be sanctified and receive the blessing of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A.J. Tomlinson left the comforts of home in Indiana to minister to the children of Appalachia. His leadership expanded the Church of God’s vision from the mountains into a global harvest. It also led to a painful season of discerning better policies and practices for the Church of God.

Beginning with the Christian Union in 1886, *Pillars of Pentecost* highlights the Church of God’s focus on reaching the harvest at home and abroad. Central to our expansion was the passion and vision of A.J. Tomlinson. Already understanding himself as a missionary, his Pentecostal experience transformed his ministry and that of the Church. From his ministry in Florida, the Church of God reached outside of the United States of America. Then fifty years from Barney Creek, J.H. Ingram circumnavigated the globe to reach the world with the gospel.

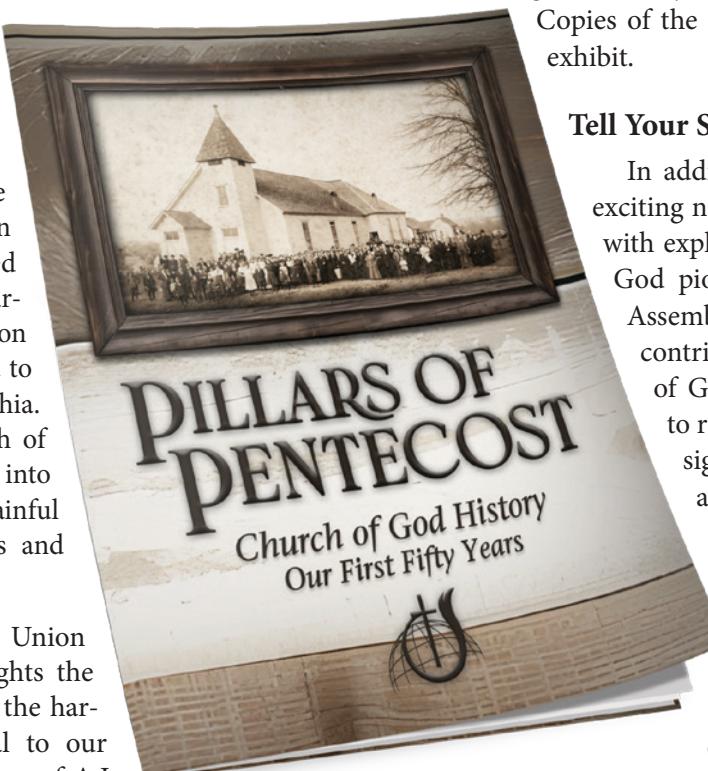
Under the leadership of Chairman James E. Cossey, the Church of God Historical Commission and the Dixon Pentecostal Research Center produced *Pillars of Pentecost* especially for the 79th International General Assembly. It accompanies the Church of God Heritage Exhibit by the same name in the Exhibit Hall.

Copies of the magazine are also available at the exhibit.

Tell Your Story at the Heritage Exhibit

In addition, the Heritage Exhibit has an exciting new feature at this Assembly. Along with exploring the story of early Church of God pioneers, the exhibit offers General Assembly attendees the opportunity to contribute to the preservation of Church of God history. Attendees are invited to record their personal memories of a significant spiritual experience, miracle, pastor, evangelist, or Christian mentor. Attendees can also choose to reflect on some aspect of the “good old days.” These audio recordings will be preserved and made available at the Dixon Pentecostal Research Center in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Come add your story or the story of significant people in your life to the record of Church of God history at the Heritage Exhibit in the Exhibit Hall. ♦



**PILLARS OF
PENTECOST**
Church of God History
Our First Fifty Years



Guía de Procedimiento Parlamentario

El reglamento de la Asamblea General Internacional y del Concilio General sobre el procedimiento parlamentario establece como guía la edición en inglés de *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th Edition* (Reglas Parlamentarias de Robert, 12.^a Edición Revisada Recientemente) será la guía oficial de las sesiones de trabajo de la asamblea en todos los asuntos en que aplica y en los cuales no haya conflicto con el reglamento de la Asamblea General Internacional.

Ese manual fue escrito en el 1876 por el General Henry M. Robert, un ingeniero militar, con el fin de "facilitar la labor de la asamblea en la mejor manera posible". Su libro fue un gran éxito y desde entonces ha sido revisado un sinnúmero de veces.

El reglamento parlamentario descansa sobre dos principios, de los cuales el más importante es el derecho: de la mayoría a gobernar, de la minoría a ser escuchada y de los individuos a participar en la toma de decisiones. En resumen, es un manual de modales: debata las medidas no contra los miembros. Cada uno debe respetar a su compañero y trabajar en pro del bien común.

Dado que los seres humanos tienden a diferir hasta en cuestiones de derechos, cada organización debe tener un reglamento escrito. La Iglesia de Dios utiliza el manual de Robert para dirigir sus negocios.

Definiciones¹: El procedimiento parlamentario tiene su propio lenguaje. A continuación, aparece una lista de los términos básicos:

- 1. Abstención:** Manifestación de voluntad expresada en una votación, a través de la cual un parlamentario, sin desentenderse del asunto, decide no votar ni a favor ni en contra.
- 2. Adoptar/ aprobar:** Tomar resoluciones o acuerdos con previo examen o deliberación. Pasar una medida con los votos requeridos.
- 3. Afirmativo:** Miembros que votan a favor de una moción.
- 4. Agenda:** Relación de los temas que han de tratarse en una junta o de las actividades sucesivas que han de ejecutarse.
- 5. Clausurar:** Dar por terminados los trabajos.
- 6. Debate:** Discusión formal de una medida en el pleno de la Asamblea.
- 7. Delegado:** Miembro con derecho al voto.
- 8. Disponer:** Deliberar, determinar, mandar lo que ha de hacerse.
- 9. División de la Asamblea:** Esta moción pretende asegurar el conteo correcto del voto, especialmente cuando ha sido tomado a viva voz. Cualquier miembro puede solicitarla y no requiere que sea llevada a votación.
- 10. Enmendar:** Propuesta de modificación formulada por los miembros o comités en virtud de la cual se pretende suprimir, añadir, o alterar algún artículo o fragmento del texto de una iniciativa de la Asamblea u otra moción.

¹Obras consultadas: www.rae.es; www.senado.es/web/conocersenado/diccionarioterminosparlamentarios/; http://www.diputados.gob.mx/cedia/biblio/virtual/dip/dicc_tparpa/Dicc_Term_Parla.pdf; <http://www.oslpr.org/PDFs/ManualdeProcedimientoParlamentario.pdf>; http://ponce.inter.edu/acad/taller_proce.pdf.

11. En orden: Regla o modo que se observa para hacer las cosas.

12. Informe/reporte de la minoría: Es presentado por los miembros que desean expresar formalmente su desacuerdo con el informe de un comité.

13. Llamada al orden: Facultad del presidente de mantener el orden en las discusiones y dirigir los debates cuando un miembro profiera palabras ofensivas al decoro de la Asamblea o de sus miembros, o cuando con interrupciones o de cualquier otra forma altere el curso del debate.

14. Mesa: Conjunto de personas, como el presidente, que dirigen los trabajos.

15. Moción: Proposición que se hace o sugiere en una junta que delibera.

16. Pleno: Suma total de los miembros.

17. Presidencia/moderador: Oficial que preside o el lugar desde el que esa persona preside. El pastor funge como el oficial que preside y se debe dirigir a él como Sr. Presidente o Sr. Moderador.

18. Parlamentario: La persona designada para informar al presidente sobre los puntos de ley parlamentaria y también para dar consejo similar a la asamblea cuando se le pida. El parlamentario da una opinión; el presidente da una resolución.

19. Reunión: Una sola reunión oficial del gremio para conducir negocios.

20. Sesión: Una serie de reuniones conectadas dedicadas a una sola agenda.

21. Miembro: Una persona con el derecho de total participación.

22. Unánime: Todos los miembros están de acuerdo con un dictamen.

23. Uso de la palabra: La posición de las personas aparte del presidente y sus asociados. Cuando uno de los miembros "tiene la palabra", él/ella tiene la oportunidad de hacer uso de sus derechos de hablar y debe prestársele la debida atención

24. Moción: Una propuesta formal por uno de los miembros en una reunión de que la asamblea tome cierta acción. Proposición es un sinónimo de moción.

25. Pendiente: Que está siendo procesado por el presidente.

26. Presentar una moción: Pedir la palabra y presentar la moción.

27. Procedimiento: Prioridad o rango, aplicado a las mociones.

28. Postergar: Postergar quiere decir confiar el caso al secretario. Postergar permite que la asamblea haga a un lado un asunto para poder considerar otro asunto más urgente.

29. Reglamento: Reglas para el funcionamiento de la Asamblea.

30. Pedir la palabra: Antes que uno de los miembros trate de presentar una moción o dirigirse a una reunión, debe ser reconocido por el presidente. Los miembros son reconocidos por el presidente en el orden en que indiquen que desean dirigirse al presidente.

31. Voto mayoritario: Requiere más de la mitad de los votos legales.

Cada miembro tiene el derecho a expresarse sobre todo asunto. Sin embargo, no puede pronunciar un segundo discurso sobre el mismo asunto mientras cualquier otro miembro que no haya hablado sobre el asunto quiera pedir la palabra. Es la prerrogativa

del moderador reconocer a cada orador y determinar un balance de discursos negativos y afirmativos.

Dar la palabra: La persona no tiene la palabra con sólo ponerse de pie y dirigirse al presidente. No puede tener el privilegio para hablar sin que el presidente le dé la palabra.

Interrumpir a un orador: La persona que tiene la palabra no debe ser interrumpida después de haber comenzado a hablar, a menos que la necesidad inmediata sea de tal urgencia como para justificar la interrupción.

La persona que tiene la palabra sólo puede ser interrumpida por alguien que deseé:

- Presentar una moción para reconsiderar
- Señalar un punto de orden
- Expressar una objeción a la consideración de un asunto (esto debe ocurrir antes de cualquier debate o antes de que el presidente haya expresado cualquier moción subsidiaria)
- Pedir el orden del día en caso de que no esté siendo observado
- Señalar un asunto de privilegio
- Pedir una división del asunto cuando consista de más de una resolución independiente
- Hacer una indagación parlamentaria
- Pedir información que exige una respuesta inmediata

Presentar una moción: Al presentar una moción (esto incluye cualquier moción suplementar) la persona primero obtiene la palabra y prologa la propuesta acción con las palabras "Hago moción que...". La moción debe ser escrita y se dan copias al presidente y al secretario.

Secundar una moción: En general, toda moción debe ser secundada antes de discutirse o de votar. La persona que desea secundar una moción simplemente dice: "Yo secundo la moción." No es necesario ser reconocido por el presidente para secundar una moción, y se puede secundar sin ponerse de pie. Las mociones que provienen de un comité ya se consideran como presentadas y secundadas.

Debate o discusión del asunto: En todo debate y discusión deben prevalecer los siguientes principios:

1. Los oradores deben evitar toda referencia a personalidades específicas.
2. Los motivos de aquellos cuyos puntos de vista son opuestos no deben ser cuestionados.
3. La discusión se debe dirigir a la clarificación de los hechos y no a desafiar los puntos de vista de los que están al lado opuesto de la cuestión.

Votar sobre la cuestión: Al pedir el voto, el voto afirmativo se pide primero. Si el presidente está en duda después de haber pedido el voto expresado, pedirá un voto de manos, o de ponerse de pie. Si alguien pone en duda el voto, tiene el derecho de pedir "una división de la casa". La división de la casa no exige que se cuenten los votos. Si alguien desea que se cuenten los votos, él/ella debe presentar una moción (que debe ser secundada) para ello.

Tipos de Mociones

1. Mociones principales: Las mociones principales son aquellas que presentan al grupo cualquier asunto principal. Una moción principal concede a todas las mociones subsidiarias, privilegiadas, e incidentales.

2. Mociones subsidiarias: Una moción subsidiaria se aplica a una moción pendiente como un medio de despachar la que está pendiente. Todas las mociones subsidiarias tienen precedencia en la moción principal. Por medio de mociones subsidiarias, la moción principal puede ser enmendada, o referida a un comité, o hacer que se postergue o que se aplique la acción.

Las mociones subsidiarias en orden de precedencia son:

- a. Postergar
- b. Hacer un llamado para la cuestión anterior
- c. Limitar o extender el tiempo de debate

- d. Postergar hasta cierto tiempo
- e. Cometer o referir
- f. Enmendar (puede aplicarse a 5, 4, y 3)
- g. Postergar indefinidamente (no puede ser enmendada)

3. Postergar: El efecto de esta moción es postergar la acción sobre la cuestión a la que se aplica. Esta moción debe usarse principalmente para permitir que el grupo considere las cuestiones más urgentes, y no debe usarse como un medio para suprimir una cuestión sin debate. La ley parlamentaria permite que sólo un voto de dos tercios pueda por derecho suprimir una moción principal sin permitir debate libre.

4. Hacer un llamado a la cuestión anterior: El objeto de esta moción es traer a su fin el debate sobre la cuestión o cuestiones incluidas en el llamado, y asegurar un voto sobre la cuestión(es). La cuestión anterior exige un voto de dos tercios. Si la moción no lo especifica de otra manera, se aplica sólo a la cuestión inmediatamente pendiente. El llamado para la cuestión anterior debe ser hecho por una persona que ha encendido una luz y ha sido reconocida por el presidente.

5. Limitar o extender el tiempo de debate: Puesto que priva a los miembros de ciertos derechos, la adopción de estas mociones exige un voto de dos tercios. Las mociones para limitar o extender el tiempo del debate no son debatibles pero pueden ser enmendadas (vea la nota arriba).

6. Postergar hasta cierto tiempo: La moción es parecida a "Presentar una moción". Se distingue en que posterga la acción hasta un momento establecido y es debatible.

Cometer o referir Una moción para cometer o referir es debatible, puede ser enmendada, y exige un voto de mayoría.

7. Enmendar: La moción para enmendar —o sea, para cambiar las palabras de una moción pendiente— exige que sea secundada y es debatible, si es que la moción a ser enmendada es debatible. Se permiten las enmiendas de la primera categoría y de la segunda categoría. No se permiten las enmiendas de la tercera categoría. Una enmienda debe ser pertinente a (o sea, relacionada íntimamente con) la moción a ser enmendada. Si no lo es, será declarada

fuera de orden por el presidente. Una moción suplementar es una enmienda de la primera categoría.

8. Postergar indefinidamente: El verdadero propósito de esta moción es rechazar la moción a la que se aplica. Es debatible y abre la cuestión principal al debate. Exige un voto de mayoría para ser adoptada.

9. Mociones incidentales: Las mociones incidentales surgen del proceso de negocios (una cuestión pendiente), y como resultado deben ser decididas antes de poder tomar una decisión sobre la cuestión a la que son incidentales.

Las mociones incidentales de las que hablaremos brevemente son:

- Señalar un punto de orden
- Apelar la decisión del presidente
- Suspender las reglas
- Objeto a la consideración de una cuestión
- Dividir una cuestión
- Pedir una división de la asamblea
- Hacer una petición que resulte de asuntos pendientes
- Hacer una indagación parlamentaria
- Pedir información
- Pedir permiso para retirar una moción

a. Señalar un punto de orden: Aunque es deber del presidente poner en vigencia las reglas de la asamblea, cualquiera de los miembros tiene el derecho de llevar a la atención del presidente cualquier violación que ocurra.

b. Apelar la decisión del presidente: Se puede hacer una apelación de la decisión del presidente sólo en el momento en que hace la resolución. Es necesario un voto de mayoría antes de poder revocar la decisión del presidente.

c. Suspender las reglas: La regla o las reglas que interfieren con la acción que la asamblea desea tomar pueden ser suspendidas, con tal que no tengan conflicto con la básica ley parlamentaria o con los reglamentos de la iglesia. La constitución y los reglamentos no pueden ser suspendidos.

d. Objeto a la consideración de una cuestión:

El propósito de esta moción es presentar la consideración de ciertas cuestiones que en la opinión

de la asamblea no son dignas de consideración. No exige que se secunde, no puede ser debatida, no puede ser enmendada, y exige un voto de dos tercios. Debe ser propuesta antes del debate o antes que el presidente haya declarado cualquier moción subsidiaria.

e. Dividir una cuestión: Esta moción se puede aplicar sólo a las mociones y enmiendas principales. Las partes de una cuestión que están íntimamente relacionadas no deben ser divididas.

f. Pedir la división de la asamblea: El propósito de pedir la división de la asamblea es asegurar una cuenta correcta del voto, especialmente cuando el voto ha sido tomado en viva voz. Esta moción no hace provisión para una cuenta. Hace provisión para un voto de pie. Una cuenta del voto debe ser pedida por una moción para ese propósito.

g. Hacer una petición que se origina en las cuestiones de la asamblea: Esto puede ocurrir durante una sesión de negocios cuando uno de los miembros toma la palabra para:

- Hacer una indagación parlamentaria. Este privilegio no debe ser abusado y será prevenido por el presidente cuando dichas peticiones sean hechas por cualquier razón que no sea un sincero intento de obtener información que se necesite inmediatamente.
- Pedir información. Esta petición tiene los mismos privilegios que tiene la petición para indagación parlamentaria. La principal diferencia es que cualquiera de los miembros puede estar buscando información de otro de los miembros de la asamblea y no del presidente.
- Pedir permiso para retirar una moción. Luego que la cuestión haya sido declarada por el presidente, la posee el grupo y no puede ser retirada ni modificada sin la aprobación de la asamblea. Sin embargo, antes que la moción haya sido declarada por el presidente, el que la propone puede retirarla o modificarla de cualquier manera que desee. ♦

Procedimiento Parlamentario: Resumen de los tipos de mociones

Moción	Propósito	Efecto
Dejar un asunto sobre el tapete o sobre la mesa	Dar paso a asuntos de mayor urgencia.	Retrasa la acción.
Cuestión previa	Detiene inmediatamente el debate y hace que se lleve a debate la moción original.	Concluye el debate.
Limitar o extender el tiempo para el debate	Extiende o limita el tiempo de la discusión.	Extiende o limita la discusión.
Posponer indefinidamente	Evita que el asunto sea llevado a votación.	Elimina el asunto.
Referir o encomendar a un asunto a un comité	Un asunto pasa un comité para su estudio.	Retrasa la acción.
Enmendar	Altera la moción principal.	Cambia la moción principal.
Posponer por tiempo definido	Propone que el asunto sea pospuesto para otra ocasión.	Retrasa la acción.
Cuestión de orden	Llamar la atención a la violación de las reglas.	Mantiene el orden.
Apelar	Algún miembro entiende que la decisión de la presidencia es injusta y recurre al mecanismo de apelación a la asamblea.	Asegura que la asamblea tenga la última palabra.
Suspender las reglas o el reglamento	Permite la toma de una acción fuera del reglamento.	Asegura que se tome una acción prevenida por el reglamento.
Objeción	Evita que se pierda el tiempo en una discusión frívola.	Suprime la moción.
Dividir un asunto	Asegurar que la moción sea discutida por partes.	Asegura la toma de acción en cada parte.
Dividir la asamblea.	Establecer la exactitud del voto a viva voz Asegurar la expresión del voto de cada miembro.	Garantizar un voto exacto.
Cuestión de privilegio	Corrige condiciones indeseables	Protege la dignidad del proceso.
Levantar los trabajos	Retomar la discusión del asunto	Retomar la discusión.
Reconsiderar	Reconsiderar el asunto.	Asegura una nueva discusión y un nuevo voto.
Rescindir	Revoca la acción tomada.	Asegura una nueva discusión y un nuevo voto.

Instrucciones Para los Delegados

1. Autoridad parlamentaria

- a. La Asamblea General Internacional se apega al manual de procedimiento parlamentario *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* (Las reglas del orden de Robert). La versión más reciente en inglés fue publicada en el 2020 y será utilizada en las sesiones de negocios del Concilio General Internacional y la Asamblea General Internacional.
- b. La Asamblea General Internacional también ha adoptado algunas normas que ella se ha impuesto sobre la manera en que se pueden llevar a cabo las sesiones de trabajo del Concilio General Internacional y de la Asamblea General Internacional. Por lo tanto, no podemos infringir sus propios estatutos. Cualquier moción para la suspensión de las reglas o para la inclusión de asuntos que no estén en la agenda antes de la finalización del trabajo del orden del día no será permisible, porque afectaría los estatutos y equivaldría a un intento de suspender los reglamentos, lo cual nunca es permisible. (Los estatutos solamente pueden ser enmendados bajo las circunstancias de notificación previa).
- c. Todas las sesiones de negocios se llevarán a cabo de manera ordenada.

2. Ubicación de los delegados

- a. Solo los obispos ordenados que estén debidamente inscritos podrán sentarse en las secciones identificadas para ellos. Deben portar sus credenciales y mostrarse visiblemente en todo momento.
- b. Los ministros ordenados, exhortadores y laicos podrán sentarse en cualquier área más allá de las designadas para los obispos ordenados del Concilio General Internacional.
- c. Las sesiones serán emitidas con retraso a través del internet. Todos los aparatos electrónicos deben permanecer en silencio durante los trabajos. **Prohibida la grabación de audio o video de las sesiones de negocios.**
- d. Todos los delegados deben estar debidamente inscritos y portar sus gafetes mostrando sus credenciales para asistir a las sesiones de negocio. Esto incluye ministros ordenados, exhortadores y laicos. El área de registro se encuentra en el lobby principal del Centro de Convenciones de Indiana.

e. Ningún obispo ordenado se le permitirá votar a menos que sus credenciales sean visibles y se siente en el área de asientos designados. De haber perdido las credenciales, se pueden obtener nuevas en el Comité de Registro y Credenciales en el área de inscripción.

f. Cada miembro del Concilio General Internacional debe haber recibido el *Manual del Concilio General Internacional* en el momento de la inscripción. Este manual contiene materiales pertinentes para las reuniones del Concilio General Internacional y debe llevarse a todas las sesiones de negocios. La *Agenda* también está disponible electrónicamente en www.ga24.org.

g. De acuerdo con el Reglamento actual de la Asamblea General Internacional, «La Asamblea General Internacional está compuesta por todos los miembros y ministros de la Iglesia de Dios. Todos los miembros de 16 años en adelante y ministros de la Iglesia de Dios, presentes y registrados en la Asamblea General Internacional, constituirán su cuerpo con derecho al voto» (*Minutas*, S2. Reglamento de la Iglesia de Dios, Artículo VI, 1. Miembros, pág. 61).

3. Instrucciones con relación al protocolo durante las sesiones de negocios

- a. Se recomienda la asistencia regular a todas las sesiones del Concilio General Internacional y a la sesión de negocio de la Asamblea General Internacional. El programa está impreso en el manual, en esta edición de *GA Today*, y en la parte posterior de la insignia o gafete del obispo ordenado, así como en www.ga24.org.
- b. Durante las votaciones no se permitirá la salida ni la entrada a la sala. Los sargentos de armas tienen instrucciones para negar la entrada o salida durante la votación.
- c. El moderador no responderá ninguna pregunta de los presentes cuando se esté llevando a cabo una votación. Cualquier problema indíquese a un miembro del Comité de sargento de armas.

4. Uso del formulario para presentar mociones

(Aplicable solo a los miembros inscritos del Concilio General)

Este formulario aparece en la parte posterior de los manuales y debe utilizarse para documentar por escrito las mociones o las enmiendas sometidas durante las sesiones de negocios del Concilio General Internacional o de la Asamblea General Internacional. Por favor, tenga el formulario completo y listo antes de presentar su moción/enmienda para no retrasar la sesión si el moderador lo

solicita. Las mociones/enmiendas extensas o complejas pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a gamotions@churchofgod.org. (Solo las mociones/enmiendas relacionadas con el orden del día en la agenda deben enviarse a este correo electrónico. Las mociones que no sean temas relacionados con la agenda deben presentarse por escrito en el mostrador del Comité de Mociones).

5. Límite del derecho a la palabra

- a. El secretario de registro contará el número de veces que cada persona tome la palabra.
- b. Un miembro no puede hablar más de diez minutos a menos que obtenga el consentimiento de la asamblea (Robert, pág. 39, 2020). Este permiso puede ser otorgado por decisión unánime, o por medio de una moción para extender los límites del debate, que requiere un voto de dos tercios (2/3) sin debate (Robert, págs. 179-187). Denise Watkins tomará el tiempo y el secretario general indicará "Tiempo" cuando el plazo haya expirado.
- c. Ningún miembro podrá retomar la palabra sobre el mismo asunto por segunda vez en el mismo día, mientras que otra persona esté esperando por su turno para hacer uso de la palabra. Debido a que el moderador no siempre puede saber cuántas veces se habla, dependerá de que el secretario lo mantenga informado.

6. La Agenda

- a. La *agenda* enviada por correo electrónico se puso a disposición al menos treinta días antes de la apertura del Concilio General Internacional es la «agenda oficial, que ha de considerarse en las sesiones de negocios del Concilio General Internacional» (*Minutas*, pág. 68, S4. Concilio General Internacional, III. Agenda del Concilio General Internacional). No es necesaria una moción para aprobar/recibir la agenda, ya que, según nuestro reglamento, ya está aprobado. La agenda también está disponible electrónicamente en www.ga24.info.
- b. El *Reglamento* exige que «cualquier asunto nuevo será presentado al presidente del comité de mociones. Este comité lo recibirá, clasificará, aclarará, eliminará cualquier duplicación e incluirá al final de la agenda impresa» (*Minutas*, pág. 63, S2. Reglamento, Artículo 6, 2. Concilio General Internacional, Agenda, párrafo 4).

Nota: Cualquier asunto nuevo para la consideración del Concilio General Internacional de 2024 debe ser presentado en un formato legible (impreso o digital) a más tardar a las 2:00 p. m. del segundo día del Concilio General Internacional (A78, 2022).

- c. Tenga en cuenta que el material actual de las *Minutas* se encuentra en las páginas del lado izquierdo (páginas pares) y las nuevas mociones están en las páginas del lado derecho (páginas impares).

7. Función de los parlamentarios

La función de los parlamentarios es asesorar al presidente o a cada uno de los miembros del cuerpo. El parlamentario no puede pronunciarse sobre ningún tema o asunto. Solo el presidente está autorizado a gobernar.

8. Comités nombrados

a. Comité de Mociones

Michael Lyndon Baker, *presidente*
James Scott McIntyre, Sr., *vicepresidente*

b. Comité parlamentario

Kenneth Ray Bell, *presidente*
Larry Dale Flippo, *vicepresidente*
R. Hugh Nelson, *vicepresidente*

c. Comité de resoluciones

Toby Stephen Morgan, *presidente*
Hugh Bair, *vicepresidente*

d. Comité Sargento de Armas

Otoniel Collins, *presidente*
Jeffery McGirt, *vicepresidente*
Shea Hughes, *vicepresidente*
Donald (Mike) White, *vicepresidente*

e. Comité de escrutinio

Philip M. Bonaparte, *presidente*
Carlos Salvador Moran, *vicepresidente*

f. Comité de Ujieres (Concilio General)

Thomas L. Powell, Jr., *presidente*
Tim Cushman, *vicepresidente*
Steve P. Smith, *vicepresidente*
Derwood L. Perkins, *vicepresidente*

9. Instrucciones de votación electrónica (solo para el Concilio General)

a. Las votaciones para todos los cargos se realizarán mediante un sistema de teclado inalámbrico. Los miembros no compartirán dispositivos. Los aparatos estarán disponibles después de la llamada al orden del día por parte del moderador. Todos los teclados serán desinfectados una vez que se devuelvan.

1. Antes de cada sesión, todos los ministros deben validar por si solos su información. Siguiendo las instrucciones del moderador, ingrese los cinco dígitos de su credencial ministerial personal y verifique que esté correcto. Si no está correcto, presione la tecla "delete" y vuelva a ingresarla. Si está correcto, presione la tecla "SEND". El teclado mostrará "sending" y "received." Si desea abstenerse, simplemente no vote. No será necesario reingresar su número otra vez en la misma sesión.

2. Si su teclado no funciona correctamente, devuélvalo al mostrador para que lo reemplacen, o levante la mano y un miembro del Comité de escrutinio le ayudará.

3. Los aparatos no deben salir de la sala de votación, aunque sea por un breve tiempo.

- b. Los obispos ordenados deben preparar de antemano su boleta para el Concilio de los Dieciocho para ayudar a acelerar el proceso de votación.

- c. Las siguientes situaciones se contarán como votos nulos:

1. Si un ministro vota por un miembro no elegible.

2. Si un ministro ingresa un número de credencial ministerial inválido

3. Durante la votación, votar por uno mismo o por cualquier otro miembro más de una vez en la misma boleta será inválido. Solo será válido el primer voto. Un miembro puede optar por votar por un número parcial de 18 (ej., 6 de 18), los votos restantes serán ignorados y no serán contados como válidos.

4. Para que cualquier ministro sea considerado elegible para ser elegido/nombrado por el Comité Ejecutivo Internacional, el Concilio General o la Asamblea General, el ministro debe estar al día con sus informes ministeriales personales como en los informes de la iglesia local con las finanzas requeridas de la iglesia que pastorea (si corresponde). (*Minutas AG2018, S29. Instrucciones generales para ministros, I. Instrucciones generales, inciso 9.*) ♦



A los miembros del Concilio General se les asignará un dispositivo de votación similar a éste

INSTRUCCIONES PARA TOMAR LA PALABRA



Modelo 1

1. Las estaciones están equipadas con una pantalla electrónica que ofrecerá las siguientes cuatro opciones:

- **Expresarse A FAVOR de una moción**
- **Expresarse En Contra de una moción**
- **Hacer una PREGUNTA**
- **OTRO**

2. Cuando presione cualquiera de las opciones anteriores, la luz se encenderá para indicarle al podio que usted desea la palabra y automáticamente determinará el orden de los hablantes.

3. Su opción iluminará una de las siguientes alternativas:

Espere que se le otorgue la palabra:
A FAVOR
CLEAR

Modelo 2

Espere que se le otorgue la palabra En:
CONTRA
CLEAR

Modelo 3

Espere que se le otorgue la palabra Hacer:
PREGUNTA
CLEAR

Modelo 4

Espero que se le otorgue la palabra para:
OTRO
CLEAR

Modelo 5

4. Si cambia de parecer, simplemente presione **CLEAR** y la luz se apagará, cancelando su turno.

5. Cuando termine de hablar, la luz se apagará automáticamente, dejando la pantalla libre para la siguiente persona.

PASO 1: INDIQUE SU DECISIÓN

(Ver Plantilla 1)

- Si desea la palabra, acérquese al estante cuando la luz esté apagada.
- Toque la alternativa deseada en la pantalla.
- La luz se encenderá indicando que usted desea la palabra.
- Espera que el moderador le otorgue la palabra.

(Ver Plantillas 2-5)

PASO 2: HABLE CUANDO SE LO INDIQUE

Cuando termine, regrese a su asiento. La luz se apagará automáticamente.



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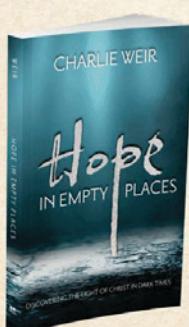
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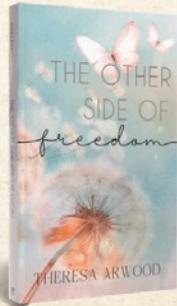
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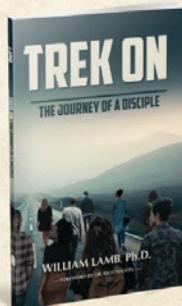


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