

Minutes
Mississippi District Council Assemblies of God
2023 E-3 Conference
at The Assembly
Columbus, Mississippi, May 2-4

Missions Banquet
Tuesday May 2, 2023
5:00 PM, Lion Hills CC

Pastor Justin Myers welcomed all to the banquet, offered instructions regarding the meal, and led in prayer.

Following the meal, a time of worship was led by Mississippi Chi Alpha. Superintendent Bob Wilburn then recognized the following District department directors for brief comments as all in attendance joined in celebrating God's abundant blessing upon efforts in these areas of missions giving: Matt Taylor, Youth & CE Director gave a report on BGMC and Speed-the-Light; Janice Davis, Girls Ministries Director shared the outstanding accomplishment in Coins for Kids. Reference was made regarding the Mississippi District Girl's Ministries placing number one (1) in the nation for CFK giving. Next, Kristie Rodgers, Mississippi Women's Ministries Director gave greetings and spoke of the Women's Ministries missions efforts. Jim Mannon shared on behalf of Men's Ministries and Light for the Lost. It was noted that Light for the Lost had another record year in giving as one of the top ten giving Districts in the nation.

Bro. Jody Gurly then introduced the Banquet Speaker, Dr. Gary Seevers, President of Global University, who shared a challenging missions message. Following the speaker, Jody Gurley and Matt Taylor presented the *Impact India* Project for Mississippi. Commitment cards were distributed, prayer was offered as churches and individuals were encouraged to partner with LFTL and STL in providing training and resources for pastors in India.

Superintendent, Bob Wilburn then returned to address those in attendance, speaking to this project and the priority of missions for the Mississippi District. He expressed appreciation and thanked all for their commitment.

Matt Taylor returned to announce dismissal and information regarding the Missions Celebration Service.

Missions Celebration Service
Tuesday May 2, 2023, 6:30 PM
The Assembly Columbus

Pastor Jody Gurley opened the service and welcomed all in attendance.

Aaron and Margaret Penton led in worship.

Following worship, Pastor Keith Kirkwood led in prayer and introduced Ed Ivey, who shared concerning Fire Bible projects, then presented, as a gift, a Fire Bible to all Lead Pastors in Mississippi.

Pastor Jody Gurley introduced the Guest Speaker for the evening, Missionary Joil Marbut. Following Bro. Marbut's message, District US Missions Director, Bob Wilburn, and District World Missions Director, Gene Emswiler invited all Mississippi Missionaries to come forward. Reference was made to the Faith Promises in the programs which were distributed. Those in attendance were asked to respond with missions commitments. Time was given for all who wished to respond.

District Superintendent Bob Wilburn made comments thanking the ministers and churches of Mississippi for their commitment to missions. He then concluded the service with prayer.

Wednesday May 3, 2023, 8:00 AM

The day began at 8:00 am with a Pastors Breakfast at the Assembly. Rev. Vint Norris was the guest speaker. Following breakfast, the meeting transitioned to the church auditorium at 9:00 am for a time of worship, after which, workshops began.

Workshop Schedule:

9:15 -	Workshop Session 1 - Andy Estrella
10:00 -	Mississippi Missions Legacy
10:45 -	Workshop Session 2 - Murray Kelly
11:30 -	Lunch, Outdoor Tailgate Party served by MA's
12:30 -	Workshop Session 3 - Joil Marbut

Dismissal following Session 3.

Ministry Celebration Service Wednesday May 3, 2023 7:00 PM

The service began as all ordinands, their spouses, along with the Executive Presbytery and District Presbytery Board were seated.

Pastor Bryan Wilson greeted the Council, made brief announcements, and then shared the powerful, personal testimony of God's healing in his life. The District Superintendent, Bob Wilburn joined Pastor Wilson on the platform and led the Council in a season of praise, thanksgiving, and prayer.

A video was presented highlighting SAGU in Waxahachie, Texas after which University President Kermit Bridges addressed the Council.

Aaron and Margaret Penton led in worship.

Following worship, District Secretary-Treasurer, Scott Davis transitioned to the memorial portion of the service, recognizing the credentialed ministers who had gone on to be with the Lord in 2022. The District Superintendent and his wife presented a memorial flag to family members. The following were celebrated and memorialized: *Rev. Mona Balius, Rev. Joyce Cook, Rev. James Keen, Rev. Ricky Peebles, Rev. Cary Robertson, Rev. Euna Mae Sanders, Rev. Edward Stewart, and Rev. Thomas Wiginton.*

Rev. Lorri Smith then led in a prayer for the families of those memorialized.

District Secretary-Treasurer returned and offered thanks to Host Pastor, Jody & Lindsey Gurley, and The Assembly church team for their efforts to make this E3 successful. He then led in the recognition of those ministers receiving honor for 50 years of Ordained ministry in the Assemblies of God. Each minister was presented with a 50 year recognition certificate and pin from the General Council by the District Superintendent and his wife. Those honored were *Rev. Alan Medlock, Rev. Lawrence Pool, and Rev. Larry Smith.*

District Secretary-Treasurer then lead in recognizing those ministers who were newly credentialed or who received an upgrade in credential during 2022. Those recognized were *Ethan Copeland, Lisa Herndon* at Certified Level; *Haley Davis, Austin Parker* at Licensed Level; *Keith Rodgers* at Provisional Level.

Assistant District Superintendent Gene Emswiler greeted the Council and introduced the speaker for the evening service, Bob Wilburn, Mississippi District Superintendent. His text was from Matthew, Chapter 20 and the message was entitled "*Committed to the Commission*". There was another season of worship, and a time of prayer one for another. District Superintendent then proceeded with his message to the Council.

Following the District Superintendent's message. The District Secretary-Treasurer led into the Ordination Service. The names of each Ordinand were called and a brief ministry bio was offered. Each came forward to receive their ordination certificate and plaque. The Ordained Class of 2023: *Rev. Shadoria Anderson, Rev. Mack Bryant, Rev. Brody Myers, Rev. Shelby Myers, Rev. Janice Stewart, Rev. Stewart Woods.*

Each Ordinand was directed to stand in front of the platform as the Presbytery Board stood behind. District Superintendent charged each Ordinand to fulfill the call of an Ordained Minister in the Assemblies of God. Stoles were placed on each candidate and the Presbytery Board was asked to step forward to lay hands on each candidate, offering prayer for each as they are Ordained. An extended season of prayer and celebration followed, and the service concluded.

A reception honoring the newly Ordained and their families was held afterwards.

Morning Service
Thursday, May 4, 2023, 9:30 AM

The service opened with praise and worship led by Aaron and Margaret Penton followed by the District Superintendent welcoming all in attendance. He then introduced Dr. Hope Morris, and Dr. Mozart Dor, who were called upon to lead the communion service.

Assistant District Superintendent Gene Emswiler then led in a time of prayer, asking those with needs to come forward. A season of prayer and worship followed.

District Superintendent Wilburn then introduced the guest speaker for the service, Rev. Jim Raley. Following Pastor Raley's message, there was a powerful time of prayer in the altars with those in attendance.

The District Superintendent offered closing comments and prayer.

Following a brief break, the meeting transitioned into a Business Session at 11:10 AM.

Business Session
Thursday May 4, 2023, 11:10 AM

Chairman Wilburn called the meeting to order and opened the business session with prayer. A motion followed to close the Roster. MSC

Roster Report was read, and Chair referenced the 2022 Annual Report which was advanced to all ministers thirty (30) days prior to E-3, and included in the Annual Report distributed upon registration. Chair asked for motion to refrain from the reading of the entire report. MSC.

Chair then asked the District Secretary-Treasurer to present the 2022 Financial Report.

District Secretary-Treasurer expressed thanksgiving to God for His blessing upon the finances of the Mississippi District Assemblies of God and made remarks regarding the various funds of the District in his report.

Chair opened the floor for discussion regarding the 2022 Financial Report, requesting those who desire to address the Council must do so from the mic(s) located on the floor for that purpose.

Hearing no discussion, the Chair asked for motion to accept the 2022 Financial Report. MSC.

Chair asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. MSC

Business Session adjourned at 11:53 AM.

Senior Ministers Lunch 12:15 – On-Site, The Assembly Columbus

Network of Women in Ministry Luncheon 12:15 – Lion Hills CC

Business Session
Thursday, May 4, 2023, 1:30 PM

The Business Session resumed at 1:30 pm.

Chairman, Superintendent Bob Wilburn called the meeting to order and declared business session open; Chair requested a motion to close the Roster; MSC. Roster Report was read. Request for motion to accept Roster Report as read; MSC.

The Chair stated business will move to elections, the first of which is District Superintendent. Chair read from District C&BL. The list of ministers qualified was displayed and distributed.

District Superintendent relinquished the chair to Assistant District Superintendent, Gene Emswiler. Following instructions regarding the use of electronic voting equipment, prayer was offered, and ballots cast for District Superintendent.

Results of 1st Ballot - District Superintendent:

Scott Davis	1
Jody Gurley	1
Bob Wilburn	90
Darrell Worley	1

93 total votes cast; 62 needed for election – Bob Wilburn elected.

Bob Wilburn re-elected as District Superintendent. The council joined in prayer over Bob Wilburn and his wife, Sharon.

The District Superintendent resumed the chair and addressed the council. He expressed appreciation and spoke to his vision for the future of MDAG. His remarks included a challenge to the ministers and churches to commit financial support for the return of DYD to a full-time position. Partnership commitments were made by many in attendance for \$2400.00 one-time gifts and gifts of \$100.00 per month for the next 24 months. Responses were recorded; Matt Taylor and his wife, Christy, stood before the council and expressed appreciation for the support and confidence.

The Chair presented the next order of business, the Election of Executive Presbyter South. A list of ministers qualified for this position was distributed and displayed. Prayer was offered. Ballots were cast.

While awaiting the report on the 1st ballot, the Chair recognized Kenny Richardson for his years as District Royal Ranger Director, followed by the announcement of Pastor David Case as newly appointed DRRD. All in attendance joined in prayer for the ministry of Royal Rangers in the Mississippi District.

Results of 1st Ballot - Executive Presbyter South:

Joseph Banashak	1
Rodney Coleman	2
Randy Davis	3
Glenn Edwards	11
Gene Emswiler	1
Jeff Fillmore	22

Ransom Gilbert	5
Jim Mannon	16
Murphy Matheny	5
Kenneth Morris	1
Tamber Proctor	1
Terry Rodgers	1
Lisa Taylor	5
Justin Welford	1
Darrell Worley	18

93 total votes cast; 62 needed for election. No election on 1st ballot.

According to the District Bylaws, the Council will now ballot on those individuals receiving five (5) or more votes.

Results of 2nd Ballot - Executive Presbyter South:

Glenn Edwards	10
Jeff Fillmore	25
Ransom Gilbert	7
Jim Mannon	18
Darrell Worley	25

85 votes cast; 57 needed. No election on 2nd ballot.

According to the District Bylaws, the Council will now ballot on the three (3) individuals with the highest number of votes.

Results of 3rd Ballot – Executive Presbyter South:

Jeff Fillmore	31
Jim Mannon	34
Darrell Worley	24

89 votes cast; 60 needed for election. No election on 3rd ballot.

According to the District Bylaws, the Council will now ballot on the two (2) individuals with the highest number of votes.

Results of 4th Ballot – Executive Presbyter South:

Jeff Fillmore	41
Jim Mannon	47

88 Votes cast; 59 needed for election. No election on 4th ballot.

Results of 5th Ballot – Executive Presbyter South:

Jeff Fillmore	39
Jim Mannon	54

93 votes cast; 62 needed for election. No election on 5th ballot.

Results of 6th Ballot – Executive Presbyter South

Jeff Fillmore	31
Jim Mannon	64

95 votes cast; 64 needed for election. Jim Mannon elected.

Superintendent Wilburn asked Jim Mannon to address the Council. Pastor Jim Mannon thanked the Council for the vote of confidence and expressed his desire to be of service to the Mississippi District.

Chair moved to the next item of business – Election of General Council Non-Resident Executive Presbyter Nominee. The list of ministers qualified was distributed and displayed. Prayer was offered and ballots cast.

Results of 1st Ballot – Non-Resident GC Executive Presbyter Nominee:

Joseph Banskak	1
Robert Bennett	3
Gerald Branum	4
Mack Bryant	1
Courtney Clements	3
Mack Clements	1
Scott Davis	5
Mozart Dor	3
Gene Emswiler	5
Ryan Farmer	1
Jeff Fillmore	5
Robert Frith	1
Ransom Gilbert	3
James Gordon	1
Jody Gurley	3
Ruthie Hooper	2
Keith Kirkwood	2
Lori Lee	1
Otis Moore	1
Justin Myers	1
Phillip Nell	1
Bret Nettles	12
Bob Null	6

Timothy Pace	1
Michael Price	2
Edgar Reed	2
Christy Taylor	1
Matthew Taylor	1
Bob Wilburn	7
Bryan Wilson	2
Darrell Worley	4

86 votes cast; 58 needed for election. No election on 1st ballot.

According to the District Bylaws, the Council will now ballot on those individuals who received five (5) or more votes. Supt. Bob Wilburn's name removed. (The District Superintendent's name is advanced as a nominee by virtue of his office.)

Results of 2nd Ballot – Non-Resident GC Executive Presbyter Nominee:

Scott Davis	29
Gene Emswiler	7
Jeff Fillmore	14
Bret Nettles	28
Bob Null	10

88 votes cast; 59 Needed for election. No election on 2nd ballot.

According to the District Bylaws, the Council will now ballot on the three (3) individuals with the highest number of votes.

Results of 3rd Ballot – Non-Resident GC Executive Presbyter Nominee:

Scott Davis	44
Jeff Fillmore	13
Bret Nettles	34

91 votes cast; 61 needed for election. Chair declares no election on 3rd ballot.

According to the District Bylaws, the Council will now ballot on the two (2) individuals with the highest number of votes.

Results of 4th Ballot – Non-Resident GC Executive Presbyter Nominee:

Scott Davis	55
Bret Nettles	40

95 votes cast; 64 needed for election. No election on 4th ballot.

Results of 5th Ballot – Non-Resident GC Executive Presbyter Nominee:

Scott Davis	62
Bret Nettles	26

88 votes cast; 59 needed for election. Scott Davis elected. The Chair asked Scott Davis to address the Council. He made comments and expressed appreciation.

The Chair moved to the next election on the agenda – Non-Resident General Council Executive Presbyter Nominee - Female. The list of ministers qualified was distributed and displayed. Prayer was offered and ballots cast.

Results of 1st Ballot – Non-Resident GC Executive Presbyter Nominee – Ordained Female:

Abby Ades	2
Shadoria Anderson	3
Vickie Burton	2
Courtney Clements	18
Nancy Dearman	2
Ruthie Hooper	2
Lori Lee	3
Janora Reed	1
Kristie Rodgers	10
Lisa Taylor	4
Robin Van Kempen	1
Gretchen Watson	1
Sherry Watson	6

81 votes cast; 54 needed for election. No election on 1st ballot.

According to the District Bylaws, the Council will now ballot on those individuals who received five (5) or more votes.

Results of 2nd Ballot – Non-Resident GC Executive Presbyter Nominee – Ordained Female:

Courtney Clements	25
Kristie Rodgers	9
Lori Smith	36
Sherry Watson	7

77 votes cast; 52 needed for election. No election on 2nd ballot.

According to the District Bylaws, the Council will now ballot on the three (3) individuals with the highest number of votes.

Results of 3rd Ballot – Non-Resident GC Executive Presbyter Nominee – Ordained Female:

Courtney Clements	20
Kristie Rodgers	11
Lorri Smith	36

67 votes cast; 45 needed for election. No election on 3rd ballot.

According to the District Bylaws, the Council will now ballot on the two (2) individuals with the highest number of votes.

Results of 4th Ballot – Non-Resident GC Executive Presbyter Nominee – Ordained Female:

Courtney Clements	23
Lorri Smith	62

85 votes cast; 57 needed for election. Lorri Smith elected.

The Chairman invited Lorri Smith to address the council. Following her remarks, Chair stated elections were complete and the business would now move to the Resolutions.

Next, The Chair called for the Resolutions Committee Chairman, James Gordon to present the first Resolution for consideration. Resolutions Committee Chairman read proposed **Resolution B-1:**

Nominations and Elections

WHEREAS, the Assemblies of God is made up of members who are led by the Holy Spirit and desire to vote as God has directed each member; and

WHEREAS, our desire in elections is to elect the person God intends to fulfill the elected position; and

WHEREAS, our current voting process reports the number of votes received beside each nominee potentially influencing our Council to following with numbers and popularity rather than the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and

WHEREAS, qualified people may withdraw their name after the nominating ballot under the influence of public perception; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mississippi Assemblies of God Bylaw ARTICLE III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, Section 4. Nominations and Elections, which reads:

A. Procedure

1. The following procedure shall apply to all elections including Executive Officers, Executive Presbyters, and Non-Resident Executive Presbyters. If no nominee receives a two-thirds majority of all votes cast on the first ballot, all names receiving 5 votes or more shall be presented to the Council for further consideration with the number of votes they each received. If an election is not reached after the second ballot is cast, all names except the three receiving the highest number

of votes shall be dropped. If an election is not reached in the next ballot, the two receiving the highest number of votes will be balloted upon until one receives the necessary two-thirds majority of all ballots cast.

Be amended to read:

A. Procedure

1. The following procedure shall apply to all elections including Executive Officers, Executive Presbyters, and Non-Resident Executive Presbyters. If no nominee receives a two-thirds majority of all votes cast on the first ballot, all names receiving 5 votes or more shall be presented to the Council for further consideration ~~with~~ **without** the number of votes they each received. If an election is not reached after the second ballot is cast, all names except the three receiving the highest number of votes shall be dropped. **These three nominees are listed in alphabetical order without their vote totals.** If an election is not reached in the ~~next third~~ **ballot**, the two receiving the highest number of votes ~~will be balloted upon until one receives the necessary two-thirds majority of all ballots cast.~~ **are listed in alphabetical order without their vote totals and will be balloted upon a fourth time. The fifth balloting is the final ballot and the nominee receiving the highest number of votes cast will be elected and the vote totals will be listed with the results. If there is tie on the fifth balloting, there shall be additional ballots until the tie is broken following the same procedure as the fifth balloting.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Ransom Gilbert
Jeff Fillmore
Jim Mannon

Motion made to adopt and seconded; Discussion was made; 86 votes cast - 28 in favor and 58 opposed. Resolution B-1 did not pass.

Chair called for the Resolutions Committee Chairman to present the next Resolution for consideration. Resolutions Committee Chairman read proposed **Resolution B-2:**

Qualifications for District Officers

WHEREAS, the elected Officers of the Mississippi District Council are to lead by example; and

WHEREAS, every effort should be made to guard the integrity of such offices; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications currently stated in the District bylaw would benefit from updated and expanded language to ensure elected District Officers share the mission, vision and values of the Mississippi District Assemblies of God; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mississippi District Council Assemblies of God Bylaws ARTICLE III - ELECTION OF OFFICERS, Section 3. Qualifications, which reads:

Section 3. Qualifications

A. District Officers

1. The Executive Officers and Executive Presbyters of the District Council shall be men who have been ordained; who are of mature experience and ability; whose lives and ministry are above reproach.

2. The Executive Officers and Executive Presbyters of the District Council shall be required to have been members of this District for at least one full year prior to District Council. They shall be deemed fully cooperative in all matters.

3. The Executive Presbyters, other than the Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be ordained pastors in the District at the time of their election and hold no other District or Sectional office while serving.

Be amended to read:

Section 3. Qualifications

A. District Officers

1. The Executive Officers and Executive Presbyters of the District Council shall be ~~men~~ **ministers** who have been ordained; who are of mature experience and ability; whose lives and ministry are above reproach.

2. The Executive Officers and Executive Presbyters of the District Council shall be required to have been members of this District for at least ~~one~~ **two** full years prior to District Council. ~~They shall be deemed fully cooperative in all matters.~~

3. ~~The Executive Presbyters, other than the Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be ordained pastors in the District at the time of their election and hold no other District or Sectional office while serving.~~ Officers and Executive Presbyters of the District Council shall financially contribute his/her tithe to the District in accordance with Article IV Section 1 of the Bylaws.

4. The Executive Officers and Executive Presbyters of the District Council shall support Assemblies of God missions.

5. The Executive Officers and Executive Presbyters of the District Council shall be cooperative and be active in the District.

6. The Executive Officers and Executive Presbyters of the District Council shall be a Lead Pastor of an Assemblies of God church at the time of election or have at least 2 years of Lead Pastor experience in an Assemblies of God church.

Respectfully Submitted,
District Study Committee
District Executive Presbytery

Motion made to adopt and seconded; Discussion was made; 73 votes were cast – 59 in favor and 14 opposed. Resolution B-2 passed.

Chair called for Resolutions Committee Chairman to present the next Resolution for consideration. Resolutions Committee Chairman read proposed **Resolution B-3**.

Reasons for Reverting to District Affiliated

WHEREAS, the Recommended Bylaws for General Council Affiliated Assemblies require the lead pastor of such church shall be in good standing with both the General Council of the Assemblies of God and the District Council, holding a current fellowship card; and

WHEREAS, when the lead pastor of a General Council Affiliated Church fails to renew, allowing his/her credential to lapse, it places the church out of compliance with the General Council requirements for being recognized as a General Council Affiliated Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the following paragraph be inserted into Article IX LOCAL ASSEMBLIES, Section 1. District Affiliated Assemblies. subsection-D2, as **paragraph d.**, and be renumbered accordingly, which would read:

Article IX LOCAL ASSEMBLIES, Section 1. District Affiliated Assemblies. subsection-D2,

paragraph d. Should the lead pastor of a General Council Affiliated Church allow his/her credential to lapse, the church may be reclassified to District Council Affiliated Status until the pastor's credential has been reinstated.

Respectfully Submitted,
District Executive Presbytery

Motion to adopt and seconded; Discussion was made. 86 votes were cast – 75 in favor and 11 opposed. Resolution B-3 passed.

Chair called for Resolutions Committee Chairman to present the next Resolution for consideration. Resolutions Committee Chairman read proposed **Resolution B-4:**

General Council Affiliated Assemblies

WHEREAS, there is currently no requirement stated in the Mississippi District Council Bylaws that the lead pastor of a General Council Affiliated Church be credentialed and in good standing with The General Council of the Assemblies of God; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that ARTICLE IX. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES, Section 2. General Council Affiliated Assemblies, subsection A., paragraph 1., which reads:

Any Assembly, which in the opinion of the Executive Leadership Team has reached sufficient maturity to govern itself according to Biblical and denominational standards, having 20 or more adult members and qualified members to serve as an official board may apply for recognition as a General Council Affiliated church through the District Office.

Be amended to read:

ARTICLE IX. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES, Section 2. General Council Affiliated Assemblies, subsection A., paragraph 1. Any Assembly, which in the opinion of the Executive Leadership Team has reached sufficient maturity to govern itself according to Biblical and denominational standards, **having a pastor that is credentialed and in good standing with The General Council of the Assemblies of God**, having 20 or more adult members and qualified members

to serve as an official board, may apply for recognition as a General Council Affiliated church through the District Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
District Executive Presbytery

Motion to adopt and seconded; Chairman opened floor for discussion. Discussion was made.

Pastor Mozart Dor presented an amendment to the resolution; to add the wording: “or holding a Provisional Credential” to line #15. Following a second, and discussion, Chair called for a voice vote on proposed amendment to Resolution B-4. Amendment failed. 86 votes were cast on original resolution – 71 in favor and 15 opposed. Resolution B-4 passed.

Chair called for Resolutions Committee Chairman to present the next Resolution for consideration. Resolutions Committee Chairman read proposed **Resolution B-5:**

Clarification of Ministers Tithe

WHEREAS, the Mississippi District Bylaw states the District Headquarters operation shall be supported by the tithes and offerings of the ministers of the District and any other sources, and

WHEREAS, providing more concise language would serve to clarify, strengthen, and remove possible misunderstanding; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the District Bylaws ARTICLE VI. FINANCES, Section 1. Ministers Tithe and Obligation to the District Council, which reads:

Section 1. Ministers Tithe and Obligation to the District Council

A. The District Headquarters operation shall be supported by the tithes and offerings of the ministers of the District and any other sources.

B. All credentialed ministers, Ordained, Licensed and Certified are expected to pay 85% of their ministerial tithe to the District.

C. All credentialed ministers, Ordained, Licensed and Certified are expected to pay 50% of secular tithe to the District.

Be amended to read:

Section 1. Ministers Tithe and Obligation to the District Council

A. The ~~District Headquarters~~ **Mississippi District Ministry** operation shall be supported by the tithes and offerings of the ministers of the District and any other sources. **It is understood that all ministers shall tithe to the District.**

B. All credentialed ministers, Ordained, Licensed and Certified ~~are expected to~~ **shall** pay 85% of their ministerial tithe to the District.

C. All credentialed ministers, Ordained, Licensed and Certified ~~are expected to~~ **shall** pay 50% of secular tithe to the District.

Respectfully Submitted,
District Study Committee
District Executive Presbytery

Motion to adopt and seconded; Chairman opened floor for discussion. Following discussion, votes were cast – 64 in favor and 25 opposed. Resolution B-5 passed.

Chair expressed appreciation to Resolutions Committee, Parliamentary Committee and all in attendance. He then declared the Business of the 2023 E-3 conference complete. Prior to dismissal, Superintendent Wilburn recognized Rural America Missionaries, Rich and Kim Greenwald, who addressed the Council.

MSC to Adjourn at 4:15 PM.

Evening Service
Thursday May 4, 2023, 7:00 PM
The Assembly, Columbus

Secretary Treasurer, Scott Davis welcomed all in attendance, offered announcements and led in prayer.

Aaron and Margaret Penton led in Worship.

District Superintendent, Bob Wilburn spoke regarding this week's E-3 Conference and introduced Guest Speaker, Pastor Jim Raley.

A powerful, prolonged time of prayer and ministry followed Pastor Raley's message as those in attendance responded to the altar.

District Superintendent Wilburn returned, made remarks, and concluded the service.

Paul to Timothy Breakfast
Friday May 5, 2023. 9:00 AM
The Assembly Columbus

Welcome and prayer was offered by District Superintendent Bob Wilburn. Following meal and fellowship, He spoke to those in attendance regarding the value and impact of P2P Mentoring upon pastors and churches, then introduced Dr. Mike and Sharon Oney. Dr. Oney led the session regarding Paul to Timothy Mentoring, inviting a number of participating pastors to share. Discussion and Q & A followed. The session introduced the ministry and presented much valuable information.

The meeting concluded with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Davis
Mississippi District Secretary Treasurer