

MINUTES

Twenty-Ninth General Conference International Pentecostal Holiness Church

Friday, July 29, 2022

Afternoon Business Session

At the request of the Chairman, Bishop Scott Hampton provided an overview of a new general emphasis, Fresh Expressions (pastors intentionally discipling a group of leaders to start evangelistic small groups in their communities).

The Chairman noted that Daniel Thomas Byus had been inadvertently left off of the Memoirs report on Thursday afternoon when former members of the General Executive Board and General Board of Administration were honored.

Bishop Timothy Yoo, Korean American Conference Superintendent, gave the scripture reading from Matthew 9:35-38 with brief remarks followed by an invocation.

The World Missions Ministries' Memoirs Report was presented by video honoring former IPHC Missionaries who went home to be with the Lord from May 2017 to April 2022:

Delbert Gene Belcher
Sallie Jane Belcher
Rachel Edwards Berg
Robert Parham Brown
John Burnette
Elvio Canavesio
James Dickinson
Marlene Durr
Ronald Lee Fritch
James Harvey Gamble
Esther Rose Gamble Gardner
Gladys Mosley Hannweber
Robert Hoyle Hough
Mark Kamleiter
Philip Thomas List, Jr.
Mary Ann Smith Morris
Dr. Kundael Moses Mrema
Kaye Martin Munoz
Elston Caruth Page
Virginia Louise Wall Parisi
Edna Grace Harrell Parker
Juan Victor Passuelo
Mary Alice Jenkins Pate
Mauricio Alejandro Salazar Patino

Lawrence Pfaff
Elizabeth Gayle Shaw Rogers
Eleanor Dean Cates Rousseau
Dora Dane McNeill Sandhu
Marion Smith
Ida “Dorothy” Sowell
Woodrow Wilson “Woody” Stevens
Ethel Maureen Swart
Geraleen “Gerry” Wood Freeman Talmage
Willard Keith Wagner
James Paul Ward, Sr.
Charlene Helen West
Mabel Mangrum Wood

The Chairman called the session to order at 2:38 p.m.

Proposed amendment to page 130, lines 1-2 to reinsert language, strike lines 9-12, maintain proposed language in lines 13-15, strike lines 19 and 20.

An amendment to the motion (page 130, lines 6-8) was offered to retain the previous language: “A separate motion requiring a two-thirds majority ballot vote to pass may be offered to allow each such member to be nominated along with others for that same office. The election will be by majority vote.”
AMENDMENT FAILED

Further discussion ensued as to the original motion. ORIGINAL MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to page 137, lines 17-21 through page 138, lines 1-6 to retain the original language.
MOTION FAILED

Questions arose regarding a church member’s age to vote in church business meetings referring to page 138, line 15.

Motion was offered that the age requirement be added to the general and conference levels. It was suggested that the motion be presented as a resolution.

Proposed amendment to page 138, line 15, and page 139, line 4 to revert to the original language.
MOTION ADOPTED

An editorial change was requested to page 141, line 8 to include “her” along with “his” to stay consistent with the adopted language in line 6.

The General Conference adopted Article II. Organizational Structure – Conferences

The General Conference recessed for a break at 3:40 p.m.
The General Conference reconvened at 3:42 p.m.

Proposed amendment to page 145, line 10 add the verbiage, “equip the saints for ministry” following the words “proclaim the Word,”. The Bylaws Committee accepted this recommendation.

Bylaws Committee member, Rev. Hans Hess, noted on page 145, line 11 that the final sentence had been edited by the Bylaws Committee to read as follows: “The church exists to live in loving communion with God, to represent His righteous reign on earth, and to fulfill His saving mission to the world.” The new wording was accepted as presented.

Proposed amendment to page 153, line 9 add the verbiage, “and equipping the saints for ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12).”. MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 154, line 1 add the verbiage, “current edition of the” prior to the wording, “*International Pentecostal Holiness Church Manual*,”. The Bylaws Committee accepted this recommendation.

Proposed amendment to page 161, lines 13-16, to strike the verbiage, “Any local church, Conference, or church institution seeking to recruit/hire an associate minister from a local church shall first confer with the Senior Pastor of the local church where the Associate has been serving.” MOTION ADOPTED

A motion was made to reconsider the motion that was adopted on page 161, lines 13-16. The motion to reconsider requires a majority vote. MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to page 162, lines 9-12, to strike the proposed new language. MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to Page 161, lines 9-10, to add the sentence, “Any person who holds the position of Associate Pastor in an IPHC church should hold at minimum a local church minister’s license under the IPHC guidelines or meet the transfer requirements from another organization to the IPHC.” This sentence would be inserted following the sentence on lines 9-10 of “The Senior Pastor may select Associate Pastors to assist in the local church ministry.” MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to page 173, lines 5-6, to strike the proposed new language. MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to page 173, line 6 to add “Local Church Administrative Council” after the words “duly convened” and to line 7, replace the words, “the church” with “they”. The Bylaws Committee accepted this recommendation.

The General Conference adopted Article III. Organizational Structure – Local Churches

Dr. Adrian Hinkle addressed the assembly and provided a brief overview and PowerPoint presentation of the Unified Ministerial Credentials Program.

Proposed amendment to page 180, line 2 to change the language “all income” to “ministerial income”; line 8 change the word “all” to “ministerial” before the word “income”; and line 9 strike the words, “from both ministerial and secular sources”. MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to page 176, line 1 to strike the verbiage, “participate in but not” and line 2 to add the verbiage “according to the laws of your state.” following the word, “ceremonies”. MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to page 193, line 13 to add “for seven years” at the end of the sentence. The Chairman ruled that the stipulations laid out in the IPHC Constitution Article VIII. Divorce and Remarriage prohibit the assembly from moving forward with the motion. The General Conference adopted Article IV. Clergy.

The Bylaws Committee noted an editorial change on page 206, line 8 to change the proposed wording “internationally based” to “field”.

Proposed amendment to page 197, line 16 add the wording, “Members of the Council of Bishops shall have access to detailed Global Ministries Center financial reports upon written request to the Chief Financial Officer.” MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 198, line 6 to strike the proposed language “both resident and remote” and proposed a new item number 5) that would read, “The Finance Committee may recommend to the Council of Bishops the residence requirements for full-time employees of the Global Ministries Center for the Council of Bishops’ approval.” MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 200, line 10 to change the language to, “Fifty percent (50%) of the Church Tithes for 2023; 45% of the Church Tithes for 2024; and 40% of the Church Tithes for 2025.” The Chair ruled that this motion was out of order without a study on the financial impact that this motion would have on the financial structure of the denomination.

Proposed amendment to page 202, insert a new subpoint d. “A budget of the current fiscal year that distinguishes administrative, personnel, clergy and church training and support, and church revitalization and planting investments shall be sent to the office of the IPHC Chief Financial Officer annually. This budget shall receive recommendations from the General Superintendent’s Office to help align it with the vision of the IPHC.” MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to page 203, lines 5-12, to reinstate the stricken language. MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to page 205, line 17, to strike the word “net”. MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 209, line 11, to strike the word “salary” and replace with “compensation package”. MOTION ADOPTED

The General Conference adopted Article V. Financial Guidelines.

The General Conference adopted Article VI. Dispute Resolution and Disciplinary Procedures

Resolution:

“For the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops to establish a study commission on the role of lay leadership in the Local Church and to report at the next General Conference.”
ADOPTED

Resolution:

“Members age 16 and above, who have attended church and given tithe into the local church treasury regularly during the previous six months may vote and serve as a delegate (if approved by

the local council) if elected or appointed.” (This paragraph is to be inserted in each section of the *IPHC Manual: General, Conference, and Local*) ADOPTED

Resolution:

“At the previous General Conference, a Resolution was made to study the structure (and finances) of the IPHC. That study determined that more focus of the denomination should be put on the local church. The study concluded that “since we draw all leadership, structure, and finances from these churches, they must be our focus,” and “our attention and resources should go toward the growth and health of the local church.”

In light of these statements, we call for a study commission, chaired by a Senior Pastor, to study the finance and structure of our denomination from the local church to the general level. The study commission would look at how the structuring of the Global Ministries Center and our Conferences work with the local church. Also, how the structure of the finances impacts the local church.

The delegation on this committee would be made up of (5) Pastors, (3) Lay Leaders, and (3) Conference Bishops, and would consult with the General level. The members of this committee would be selected by the Nominating Committee. It would begin no later than a year after the 2022 General Conference and would conclude in time for the 2022-2026 Bylaws Committee to be presented ideas for restructuring. This study would also be made available to the 2026 General Conference. The General Conference delegates would receive the report at the same time other reports are given out. Recommendations can also be made by the COB in session by a two-thirds majority vote.” ADOPTED

The Chairman expressed appreciation to the following individuals who worked tirelessly in planning and administrating the details of the 29th General Conference: Rev. W. Terry Fowler, General Conference Coordinator; Mrs. Brenda Phillips, Chief Financial Officer; Rev. Jamie Cain, Director of Communications; Garryt Bryant; Allison Jones; Wesley Samuel; and LaDonna Scott.

Having concluded the business of this 29th General Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, and with there being no further discussion or objection, the Chairman ADJOURNED the session at 6:25 p.m.