## **MINUTES**

## Twenty-Ninth General Conference International Pentecostal Holiness Church

## Thursday, July 28, 2022

## **Morning Business Session**

Rev. Lydia Trevino gave the scripture reading and invocation.

The Chairman convened the morning business session at 9:10 a.m.

Corporate Secretary Bishop J. Talmadge Gardner read the Wednesday, July 27, morning and afternoon business session minutes. The minutes were adopted as presented by the General Conference.

Bishop Gardner read the delegate count as of 9 a.m. Clergy: 538 Clergy Spouse: 146 Retired Clergy: 28 Retired Clergy Spouse: 15 Senior Pastor: 18 Senior Pastor Spouse: 8 Lay Members: 203 Other: 22 **Total: 978** 

The Chairman recognized the Chair of the Bylaws Committee.

The Bylaws Committee Chair invited committee member Rev. Bill Rose to provide a threeminute overview of the proposed amendments to Bylaws Article I. Organizational Structure – General Level.

Proposed amendment to page 77, lines 10-13: paragraph d. shall be changed to read as follows: "The Council of Bishops, in session, shall have the authority to establish standing committees, councils, task forces, study commissions, and other such groups to assist in the governance of the IPHC. The purpose, duration, and the duties and responsibilities of each such group shall be defined by the Council of Bishops at the time the group is established." MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 78, lines 21-22: "between one biologically birthed man as documented on his original birth certificate and one biologically birthed woman as documented on her original birth certificate."

A substitute motion was offered to page 78, lines 18-22 deferring the language to IPHC legal counsel. The opinion of IPHC legal counsel regarding this matter will be presented to the Council of Bishops during their first scheduled session following General Conference. MOTION ADOPTED

At that time, the Chairman referred to the Parliamentarian regarding the proper continuation order.

Proposed amendment to page 78, lines 18-22 to strike the language and that the matter be referred to the Council of Bishops to prepare a position paper on the IPHC's official stance in consultation with legal counsel.

A substitute motion was offered to page 78, lines 21-22, to revert to the original language between one man and one woman. MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 79, line 8-9: "The Council of Bishops, in session, shall consider for appointment the following positions as presented by the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops." MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to page 80, line 22 to strike the new language, "Upon the recommendation of the Conference Advancement Committee,". MOTION FAILED

The morning general session was recessed at 10:56 a.m.

At 11:00 a.m., the Chairman introduced Rev. Doug Small, President of Project Pray/IPHC Prayer Consultant, as the morning plenary session speaker.