

**MINUTES OF THE 30TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH, INC.**

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**THURSDAY
July 16, 2026**

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Morning Session

The morning session convened at 9:04 a.m. CST with Bishop Beacham presiding. He welcomed the delegates and invited Rev. Ben Crisp to open the service with Scripture and prayer. Rev. Crisp read Psalm 2:1–2 and led the conference in prayer.

The Chair reminded the body that there was to be no applause while anyone was speaking or in response to voting.

Voting devices were distributed to the delegates.

Gary Burd recognized the 250th anniversary of the United States and encouraged the conference to honor all veterans and first responders for their faithful service to the nation.

The Chair recognized Bishop McGhee, who read the minutes of the Wednesday afternoon session, July 15, 2026.

The Chair called for the adoption of the minutes from the afternoon session of July 15, 2026.

MOTION ADOPTED

A point of clarification was requested regarding the vote on the General Structure from the afternoon session of July 15, 2026. The Chair stated that there was clarification from the body and section D was adopted in its entirety.

The Chair announced that the conference now had 1,251 registered voting delegates.

Rev. Hearn moved the adoption of Section G.

Attention was drawn to the use of the acronym GMC (General Ministries Cabinet) in Article III, Part G, Section 1, Paragraph b), 8]. Concern was expressed that the acronym could be confused with the Global Ministry Center. The Chair responded that the incoming General Superintendent and Assistant General Superintendent would consider the matter.

A point of clarification was raised regarding the length of service for the Corporate Secretary following the General Conference. The Chair responded that the current Corporate Secretary would continue serving through the conclusion of the General Conference until a successor was appointed.

A point of clarification was requested concerning whether the Executive Director of World Missions would be accountable to two leaders. The Chair clarified that all executive directors are amenable to the Council of Bishops.

A point of clarification was raised regarding a potential three-month vacancy in the office of Corporate Secretary. Rev. Hearn clarified that the current Corporate Secretary would continue serving until a successor was appointed.

A point of clarification was requested regarding who would serve as Director of World Missions until a successor was appointed. Rev. Hearn responded that the two officers in place would address that matter.

A point of clarification was requested concerning the financial responsibilities of the Executive Director of Church Ministries. It was clarified that financial matters would continue to be the responsibility of the Chief Financial Officer.

An amendment was proposed to Article III, Part G, Section 4, Paragraph a), 1] to read:

“The Executive Director of Church Ministries is the primary overseer for fulfilling the mandate of Matthew 28 "to make disciples" through training, resourcing, and supporting local churches to reach the lost and advance the Kingdom of God through the International Pentecostal Holiness Church within the United States, as conveyed in the vision and mission of the IPHC.” AMENDMENT ACCEPTED

A motion was made that all reports from Executive Committee and Council of Bishops meetings be made public and posted on the IPHC website. MOTION FAILED

An amendment was proposed to include Church Planting within the responsibilities of the new Church Ministries position by adding the words “church planting” after the phrase “to reach the lost” on Article III, Part G, Section 4, paragraph a), 1]. AMENDMENT FAILED

A point of clarification was requested concerning the leadership of U.S. missionaries within Church Ministries. Rev. Hearn explained that Evangelism USA and Discipleship Ministries would merge under Church Ministries, and U.S. missionaries would fall under that division.

A motion was made to strike the words "shall bear the honorary title of bishop while in office" from Article III, Part G, Section 3, Paragraph a), 3] and Section 4, Paragraph a), 5]. MOTION FAILED

An amendment was proposed to Article III, Part G, Section 4, Paragraph b), 4] to add the following language, “The Executive Director of Church Ministries shall have at least two separate departments: one for Evangelism USA with its own leader, and one for Discipleship Ministries with its own leader.”
AMENDMENT FAILED

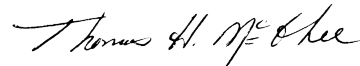
An amendment was proposed to remove Article III, Part G, Section 4, Paragraph b), 4] on the basis that its wording was repetitive of Subparagraph 3. AMENDMENT FAILED

The Chair called for the adoption of Section G in its entirety. MOTION ADOPTED

A point of clarification was requested concerning leadership during the transition period. The Chair clarified that the current Executive Directors of World Missions and Church Ministries would remain in their respective positions until successors were appointed.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the morning session adjourned at 10:47 a.m. CST.

APPROVED BY:



Thomas H. McGhee
Corporate Secretary