

Resolution 13

DISAFFILIATION PERCENTAGE

- 1 WHEREAS, The present General Council Bylaws do not specify a percentage of a vote when an
2 Assemblies of God church votes to leave The General Council of the Assemblies of
3 God; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws Article VI, Section 4, d. Preservation of Affiliation,
5 page 109, presently states the following in the last sentence: *Final disposition of the*
6 *matter may then proceed in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the local*
7 *church*; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Many local church constitution and bylaws make no provision for a particular
9 percentage; therefore, *Robert's Rules of Order* dictate the percentage in such cases to
10 be a "simple majority"; and
- 11 WHEREAS, A simple majority for such a serious matter as severing a relationship with the
12 Fellowship seems inappropriate for such an important decision; and
- 13 WHEREAS, In many such cases some of the faithful Assemblies of God people have already left
14 these difficult chaotic situations; and
- 15 WHEREAS, It would be less disruptive to a local church to have a two-thirds vote to make such a
16 request, therefore demonstrating a greater unity of decision; and
- 17 WHEREAS, It would be beneficial for all our churches and districts to have the same rule to guide
18 us and not permit unfair practices by having some churches' constitutions and bylaws
19 to have one percentage and possibly other churches' constitutions and bylaws
20 another; therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article VI. ASSEMBLIES, Section 4. Relationships
22 Between Churches, District Councils, and the General Council, d. Preservation of
23 affiliation, page 109, which presently reads:
- 24 **d. Preservation of affiliation.** In the event the termination of affiliation with The
25 General Council of the Assemblies of God is under consideration by an affiliated
26 assembly, the pastor or board shall invite the district officers to participate in a
27 specially called business meeting for the express purpose of giving the district
28 officers the opportunity to present the case for continued General Council
29 affiliation. Final disposition of the matter may then proceed in accordance with
30 the constitution and bylaws of the local church.

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Be amended to read:

d. Preservation of affiliation. In the event the termination of affiliation with The General Council of the Assemblies of God is under consideration by an affiliated assembly, the pastor or board shall invite the district officers to participate in a specially called business meeting for the express purpose of giving the district officers the opportunity to present the case for continued General Council affiliation. Final disposition of the matter may then proceed in accordance with a two-thirds vote of the congregation. ~~the constitution and bylaws of the local church.~~

Sponsor: Northern New England District Presbytery

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