

Changes made to District Constitution and By-Laws for The Eastern Ontario District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

Constitution:

1. Article 5 - Tenets of Faith

- minor change to reflect current name of Statement of Fundamental Truths and the Positions and Practices of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada....

2. Article 7 - District Conference

- change to reflect either online or in-person meetings

- update General Constitution reference

3. Article 8 - Meetings

8.1 - change to annual meetings for the District Conference

8.2 - special conferences can be called by majority of District Executive or 10% of the voting constituency as defined in Article 7.2. (reflects new Act)

8.3 - notice can be e-mailed, biennial to annual

8.5 - new clause - regarding electronic meetings

8.6 - quorum - either in person or electronically

4. Article 9 - Officers and Board of Directors

9.1 - amended to refer to new Act

9.2 – added “The Sectional Presbyters, Members at Large, and the General Superintendent of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada shall not be employees of the District.” (reflects new Act)

5. Article 12 - Dissolution

New clause regarding wind-up of Corporation, in accordance with subsection 149.1(1) of the Income Tax Act. (This is the provision of the Income Tax Act setting out qualified donees, and is proper section to refer to).

6. Article 13 - Amendments

Need 2/3 vote of members registered and voting at said meeting (either regular or special)

By-Laws:

1. 3.2.2.5 - deleted (was previously a provision if there were not 3 nominees standing after a second nomination ballot)
2. 3.2.5.1 – change biennial to annual
3. 3.3 - Elections - new wording to state "qualifying" voting delegates - also requirement for delegates to be present is deleted
4. 3.4 - Terms of Office and Vacancies
5. Changes here are to refer to vacancy can occur by removal by vote of constituency (in 2.3.2) and a new provision set out as 2.3.6 wherein a member of the District Executive, other than the District Superintendent may be removed before the expiration of their term of office by a majority vote of members)
6. 4.1.4, 4.3.3 – annual report rather than biennial
7. 4.2 - Assistant to the Superintendent - one grammatical update in 4.2.4 to state "ensure" rather than "insure"
8. 4.4.4 - one grammatical update to add word "to" into "the right to consult with and/or report to the members of the District Executive"
9. 4.5.4 - One grammatical update to move the word "satisfactorily"
10. 4.7.4 - new provision that The District Executive shall approve the annual audited Financial Statements
11. 4.7.10 - Meetings of the District Executive may be by telephonic or electronic means in new wording
12. 8.3 – Biennial to annual
13. 10.1 Affiliated Assembly
"World Missions" replaced with the new wording, "Mission Global"
14. 10.2.1 - This has been updated to reflect the Statement of Essential Truths and the Positions and Practices of the Pentecostal Assemblies

15. 10.3 - This has also been updated to reflect the Statement of Essential Truths
16. 10.4.2.11.2 - Conference Representation
This has been updated to state a letter shall be forwarded (instead of presented) to the Roster Committee with at least 7 days notice
17. 10.4.4.1 - One grammatical update has been made to move the word temporarily
18. 11.1 - Missions - This has been updated to replace "Global Missions" with "Mission Global"

Other housekeeping grammar and punctuation adjustments have been made that are indicated in Draft Constitution & By-Laws document but not noted in the above list.