

**Resolution 1. District Office City Name Change in Bylaws**  
(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God, Michigan District Office moved from Farmington Hills to  
2 Brighton in 2018, and

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4 WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God, Michigan District Bylaws were never edited to replace the  
5 city location from Farmington Hills to Brighton,

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7 Therefore, be it

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9 RESOLVED, That the city name, Farmington Hills, be replaced with the city name, Brighton, in  
10 each place found in The Assemblies of God, Michigan District Bylaws.

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*Submitted by the Presbyter Board*

**Resolution 2. Care of Closed Churches to Maintain Asset Value**  
(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS, The Michigan District occasionally has churches that close, and  
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3 WHEREAS, Those properties will be sold so that monies will be available for new church  
4 plants, and  
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6 WHEREAS, Many times those properties are being devalued because of their condition, and  
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8 WHEREAS, Other District churches have needs to maintain the asset value of their buildings,  
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11 WHEREAS, The Presbyter Board made a motion on January 26, 2021 stating, *“A motion*  
12 *prevailed to do an examination of the Bylaws related to the sale of closed*  
13 *properties and then possibly offer a resolution to the District Council to allow the*  
14 *Presbyter Board to broaden the use of those funds to maintain the asset value of*  
15 *churches in the Michigan District.”*  
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17 WHEREAS, The District Council passed a resolution in 2012 that began a policy of publishing  
18 the planned closure of a church for a period of three months before its official  
19 closure and the additional language was not added to the Bylaws,  
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21 Therefore, be it  
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23 RESOLVED, That the Bylaws, Assemblies of God, Michigan District ARTICLE IX. LOCAL  
24 CHURCHES, Section 9. Church Property, Subsection e. Termination (page 66-67)  
25 which currently reads:  
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27 **Section 9. e. Termination.** Should the church cease to function as an Assemblies of God  
28 church for a period of six (6) consecutive months or more, title to all real, personal,  
29 intellectual, tangible and intangible, or other property of whatever kind of the  
30 church shall revert to the Assemblies of God, Michigan District, an ecclesiastical  
31 corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan with headquarters  
32 in Farmington Hills. It is the parent body for churches in Michigan and is an  
33 integral part of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, whose national  
34 headquarters is in Springfield, Missouri, organized exclusively to operate for  
35 religious purposes with tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
36 Revenue Code.  
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38 The Assemblies of God, Michigan District shall forthwith have full authority to use  
39 or dispose of the property. Net proceeds from the sale or rental of any property  
40 under this provision shall be used to help with the initial purchase of land and/or  
41 buildings for churches. The Church Planting and Development Board will make  
42 these grants under policies approved by the Presbyter Board.

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(Bylaws)

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Be amended to read:

**Section 9. e. Termination.** Should the church cease to function as an Assemblies of God church for a period of ninety (90) days ~~six (6) consecutive months or more~~, title to all real, personal, intellectual, tangible and intangible, or other property of whatever kind of the church shall revert to the Assemblies of God, Michigan District, an ecclesiastical corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan with headquarters in Brighton Farmington Hills. It is the parent body for churches in Michigan and is an integral part of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, whose national headquarters is in Springfield, Missouri, organized exclusively to operate for religious purposes with tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Assemblies of God, Michigan District, shall forthwith have full authority to use or dispose of the property. Net proceeds from the sale or rental of any property under this provision shall be used to help with the initial purchase of land and/or buildings for new church plants churches and to also maintain the asset values of Michigan District churches. The Church Planting and Development Board will make ~~these~~ grants for new church plants under the policies approved by the Presbyter Board. The Presbyter Board will receive and review requests from any Michigan District church to determine the validity of an asset project and if approved will make a grant to help preserve the church's asset.

*Submitted by the Presbyter Board*

**Resolution 3. Addition of At-Large Presbyters**  
(Constitution)

1 WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God is a voluntary, cooperative fellowship that values the  
2 strengths of every credential holder, and  
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4 WHEREAS, We want to be intentional in representing the growing diversity in our District,  
5 making certain this diversity is represented at the leadership level, and  
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7 WHEREAS, The General Council and several Districts/Networks of the Assemblies of God have  
8 established At-Large leadership positions to give voice to underrepresented  
9 communities and found them to be of great value,  
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11 Therefore, be it  
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13 RESOLVED, That the Constitution, Assemblies of God, Michigan District, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS,  
14 Section 6. Presbyter Board (page 43) which currently reads:  
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16 **Section 6. Presbyter Board**

17 The Presbyter Board shall consist of the Executive Board and the Sectional  
18 Presbyters.  
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20 Be amended to read:  
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22 **Section 6. Presbyter Board**

23 The Presbyter Board shall consist of the Executive Board, ~~and~~ the Sectional  
24 Presbyters and At-Large Presbyters.  
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**Resolution 4. Addition of At-Large Presbyters**  
(Ethnic Minorities, Women in Ministry and Under 40 Ministers)  
(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God is a voluntary, cooperative fellowship that values the  
2 strengths of every credential holder, and  
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4 WHEREAS, We want to be intentional in representing the growing diversity in our District,  
5 making certain this diversity is represented at the leadership level, and  
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7 WHEREAS, The General Council and several Districts/Networks of the Assemblies of God have  
8 established At-Large leadership positions to give voice to underrepresented  
9 communities and found them to be of great value,  
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11 Therefore, be it  
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13 RESOLVED, That three (3) At-Large Presbyters be added to the Presbytery, one each  
14 representing Ethnic Minorities, Women in Ministry and Under 40 Ministers.  
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16 And be it further  
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18 RESOLVED, That the Bylaws, Assemblies of God, Michigan District, ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS AND  
19 APPOINTMENTS be amended to add a new section and other sections re-  
20 numbered appropriately (pages 46-52) to read:  
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22 **Section 4. At-Large Ethnic Minority, Woman in Ministry, and Under 40 Presbyters**  
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24 At-Large Presbyters shall be elected, one each from the following groups: Ethnic  
25 Minorities, Women in Ministry and Ministers Under 40 years old.  
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27 **a. Qualifications:** At-Large Presbyters shall be ordained ministers of mature  
28 experience and ability who have been members of the Michigan District and  
29 have resided in the District for at least one (1) year, and who, by virtue of  
30 ethnicity indicated on their credential renewal, gender, or age, qualify for one  
31 or more of these three categories.  
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33 **b. Nominations and Elections:**  
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35 1.) At-Large Presbyters of the Michigan District shall be elected at regular or  
36 special sessions of the District Council.  
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38 2.) They shall be nominated in the following manner:  
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40 a) Each Sectional Council at its annual meeting prior to the next  
41 regular District Council in session, when an election is scheduled,

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(Ethnic Minorities, Women in Ministry and Under 40 Ministers)  
(Bylaws)

42 shall receive a nominating ballot by secret ballot for the office of  
43 At-Large Presbyter, for each category. The nominees may be  
44 residents of any Section within the District. All of those nominated  
45 will be contacted by the District Office, and only those willing to  
46 accept the nomination will be presented to the District Council as  
47 nominees. Nominees shall supply the requested bio information.

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49 b) A two-thirds majority of all votes cast shall be required to elect. If  
50 such a majority shall not have been reached by the first three (3)  
51 electoral ballots, all candidates except the two (2) receiving the  
52 highest number of votes on the third ballot shall be eliminated  
53 from further balloting, and the requirement for election shall be  
54 reduced to a simple majority on the fourth electoral ballot. The  
55 results of each electoral ballot shall be posted until an election is  
56 achieved.

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58 At a special session of District Council, if a nominee receives  
59 sufficient votes to elect on the nominating ballot, the individual  
60 shall be declared elected.

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62 c) Since At-Large Presbyter nominees may be nominated in more than  
63 one category, they may allow their name to stand for each  
64 category. Once elected, they will automatically be removed from  
65 subsequent At-Large Presbyter elections in those other categories  
66 for which they were nominated.

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68 d) Should a Sectional Presbyter be elected as At-Large Presbyter, the  
69 individual shall have the right to choose which office the individual  
70 will accept.

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72 c. **Term of Office:** The term of office shall be for two (2) years from the  
73 adjournment of the District Council following election and shall conclude at  
74 the adjournment of the regularly scheduled District Council after two (2) years.  
75 At-Large Presbyters are eligible to serve two (2) consecutive, two-year (2)  
76 terms with a one-year (1) interim before becoming eligible again for election  
77 to this office.

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79 And be it further

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81 RESOLVED, That the Bylaws, Assemblies of God Michigan District, ARTICLE VII, DUTIES OF  
82 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS be amended to add a new section and other sections

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(Ethnic Minorities, Women in Ministry and Under 40 Ministers)  
(Bylaws)

83 re-numbered appropriately (page 59) to read:

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85 **Section 9. At-Large Presbyters.**

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87 *At-Large Presbyters shall:*

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89 1) Cooperate with, assist, and act under the authority of the Superintendent  
90 to promote participation in District activities.

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92 2) Identify and develop emerging leaders in their groups.

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94 3) Encourage and educate their groups to obtain credentials or advance their  
95 credential level.

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97 4) Encourage and educate District churches to be more effective in reaching  
98 diverse populations and developing leaders.

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**Resolution 5. Addition of At-Large Presbyter**  
(Missionary)  
(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God holds missions as one of its highest values, and  
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3 WHEREAS, Both the General Council’s Executive Board and General Presbytery include  
4 missionaries as part of these decision-making bodies, and  
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6 WHEREAS Itinerating missionaries have a unique opportunity to see a broad sample of  
7 District churches, giving them a unique perspective,  
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9 Therefore, be it

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11 RESOLVED, That one (1) At-Large Missionary Presbyter be added to the Presbytery, and be it  
12 further,  
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14 RESOLVED, That the Bylaws, Assemblies of God, Michigan District, ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS AND  
15 APPOINTMENTS be amended to add a new section and other sections re-  
16 numbered appropriately (pages 46-52) to read:  
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18 **Section 5. At-Large Missionary Presbyter**

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20 a. *Qualifications:* The At-Large Missionary Presbyter shall be an ordained  
21 minister of mature experience and ability who has been a member of the  
22 Michigan District for at least one (1) year, and who is a fully appointed career  
23 Assemblies of God World or U.S. Missionary, and who is currently itinerating  
24 (or in the case of a U.S. Missionary, who is actively visiting numerous churches  
25 in the District), and who has completed at least one full term of missionary  
26 service.  
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28 b. *Appointment:* The District Superintendent, in consultation with the Presbyter  
29 Board, shall appoint the At-Large Missionary Presbyter for a one-year term  
30 coinciding with itineration/active Michigan church ministry.  
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32 c. *Term of Office:* The At-Large Missionary Presbyter is eligible to serve one (1)  
33 one-year term with a one-year interim before becoming eligible again for  
34 appointment to this office.  
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**Resolution 5. Addition of At-Large Presbyter**  
(Missionary)  
(Bylaws)

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**Resolution 6. Reclassifying Sectional Secretary-Treasurers as Assistant Presbyters**  
(Constitution)

1 WHEREAS, The results of the Michigan Ministers survey (conducted by The Michigan Initiative  
2 in January 2021) show that ministerial health and leadership development are  
3 critical needs within our fellowship, and  
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5 WHEREAS, It is the desire of the District to strengthen and faithfully support the overall  
6 emotional, spiritual, relational and mental health of our credential holders, and  
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8 WHEREAS, We already have a structure to support two elected officials per section, and  
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10 WHEREAS, Sectional Presbyters have both District and Sectional responsibilities, while  
11 Sectional Secretary-Treasurers primarily oversee occasional Sectional  
12 administrative tasks, and  
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14 WHEREAS, More pastoral care, mentoring, leadership development, encouragement and  
15 ministry support could be provided by both elected officers sharing these  
16 responsibilities, and  
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18 WHEREAS, The present title "Secretary-Treasurer" does not adequately communicate the  
19 expectations and ministry opportunities available to the office holder.  
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21 Therefore, be it  
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23 RESOLVED, That the Constitution, Assemblies of God, Michigan District, be amended to read  
24 "Assistant Sectional Presbyter" wherever the term "Sectional Secretary-  
25 Treasurer" is used.  
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**Resolution 7. Reclassifying Sectional Secretary-Treasurers as Assistant Presbyters**  
(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS, The results of the Michigan Ministers survey (conducted by The Michigan Initiative  
2 in January 2021) show that ministerial health and leadership development are  
3 critical needs within our fellowship, and  
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5 WHEREAS, It is the desire of the District to strengthen and faithfully support the overall  
6 emotional, spiritual, relational and mental health of our credential holders, and  
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8 WHEREAS, We already have a structure to support two elected officials per section, and  
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10 WHEREAS, Sectional Presbyters have both District and Sectional responsibilities, while  
11 Sectional Secretary-Treasurers primarily oversee occasional Sectional  
12 administrative tasks, and  
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14 WHEREAS, More pastoral care, mentoring, leadership development, encouragement and  
15 ministry support could be provided by both elected officers sharing these  
16 responsibilities, and  
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18 WHEREAS, The present title “Secretary-Treasurer” does not adequately communicate the  
19 expectations and ministry opportunities available to the office holder.  
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21 Therefore, be it  
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24 RESOLVED, That the Bylaws, Assemblies of God, Michigan District ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF  
25 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS Section 8. Sectional Officers, subsection b. Sectional  
26 Secretary-Treasurers (page 59) be amended to add a new responsibility and other  
27 responsibilities re-numbered appropriately:  
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29 **b. Sectional Secretary-Treasurers**  
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31 *Sectional Secretary-Treasurers shall:*  
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- 33 1) Be available to serve in a pastoral care and leadership development role for  
34 ministers in the Section.  
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36 And be it further  
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38 RESOLVED, That the Bylaws, Assemblies of God, Michigan District, be amended to read  
39 “Assistant Sectional Presbyter” wherever the term “Sectional Secretary-  
40 Treasurer” is used.  
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42 *Submitted by the Presbyter Board*  
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(Bylaws)

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**Resolution 8. Nomination Minimum**  
(Bylaws)

1 WHEREAS, There is limited time to conduct business at a District Council, and  
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3 WHEREAS, Elections should be carried out with efficiency, so as to allow sufficient time for  
4 Council business, and  
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6 WHEREAS, It stands to reason that if a person does not get five votes on a nominating ballot,  
7 they are less likely to be elected,  
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9 Therefore, be it

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11 RESOLVED, That all elections requiring nomination at District Council be subject to a five-vote  
12 minimum on the nominating ballot in order to be considered for that position, and  
13 furthermore, be it  
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15 RESOLVED, That the Bylaws, Assemblies of God, Michigan District, ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS AND  
16 APPOINTMENTS, Section 1. Executive Officers, subsection b. Nominations and  
17 Elections. 2) (Page 47) which currently reads:  
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19 **Section 1. Executive Officers**

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21 **b. Nominations and Elections**

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23 1) The Executive Officers of the Michigan District shall be elected at regular or  
24 special sessions of the District Council.  
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26 2) They shall be nominated by secret ballot.  
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28 Be amended to read:

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30 **Section 1. Executive Officers**

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32 **b. Nominations and Elections**

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34 1) The Executive Officers of the Michigan District shall be elected at regular or  
35 special sessions of the District Council.  
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37 2) They shall be nominated by secret ballot. All nominees receiving 5 or more  
38 votes on the nominating ballot shall be presented to the Council for election.  
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**Resolution 8. Nomination Minimum**  
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## Resolution 9. Hospitality

1 BE IT RESOLVED, That this 77<sup>th</sup> Assemblies of God, Michigan District Council express its  
2 appreciation to Pastor Jamie Kjos, the Official Board, Staff, and Congregation  
3 of Brightmoor Christian Church for the gracious hospitality and  
4 consideration, which has made our stay pleasant and comfortable; and, be  
5 it further

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7 RESOLVED, That this District Council in session express its thanks to our District  
8 Superintendent, Jeff Hlavin, for his leadership and anointed ministry, and to  
9 our Executive Officers, Committees, and District Office Staff for their fine  
10 labors during the Council.

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