

**MINUTES OF THE
BIENNIAL GENERAL CONVENTION
of the
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD
June 30-July 1, 2009
Joplin, Missouri**

After a time of worship, the 2009 Biennial General Convention was officially called to order by General Bishop Charles G. Scott, at **9:05 am, Tuesday, June 30, 2009**. Rev. Ron Minor opened the convention with a special time of prayer.

The report of the Registration Committee was given by Ronald Munson, chairman of the committee. The following report was read and accepted.

As of June 30, 2009...

Ordained:	288
Licensed:	48
Exhorter:	17
Spouses:	194
Delegates:	43
Foreign Delegates:	8
Voting Constituency:	598
Guests:	19
TOTAL:	617

The rules of order were read by committee chairman James Baker and were accepted with the following amendment: "In order to expedite business that the election of officers begin after the 10th article of the Bylaw Revisions and that business continue while ballots are being counted."

The report of the Convention agenda was given by the committee chairman Andy Hunt and was accepted with the following amendments:

1. The committee recommends that the auditor's report be moved to right after the General Administrative Financial report.
2. The report of the director of Discipleship Ministries be removed since no one is currently filling that role.
3. Unfinished business be removed in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order which states that there shall be no un-finished business.

The chair was turned to Assistant General Bishop CW Goforth.

Reports of the Corporate Officers

Bishop Charles G. Scott gave his personal report as the General Bishop, which was duly noted with appreciation.

The report of the finance committee was given by the committee chairman, Rob Culver, and an offering was taken.

General Secretary Wayman C. Ming Jr. gave his personal report, which was duly noted with appreciation.

General Administrative

Business Manager Gabriel Espinoza gave his personal report, which was duly noted with appreciation.

Business Manager Gabriel Espinoza gave the general administrative audited financial report.

General Secretary Wayman C. Ming Jr. read the general administrative auditor's letter.

MSC To accept the general administrative auditor's report

Indian Missions

Director C. Don Burke gave his personal report, which was duly noted with appreciation.

The Indian Missions audited financial report was presented and accepted.

Home Missions

Director H.O. "Pat" Wilson gave his personal report, which was duly noted with appreciation.

The Home Missions audited financial report was presented and accepted.

Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.
Reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

World Missions

Director Loyd Naten gave his personal report, which was duly noted with appreciation.

Karl Hargestam presented the vision of Missions 1/11.

The World Missions audited financial report was presented and accepted.

Youth Ministries

Director Joe Skiles gave his personal report, which was duly noted with appreciation.

The Youth Ministries audited financial report was presented and accepted.

Dr. Larry Martin made a special presentation to the archive department. He presented the last Bible that belonged to Alfred Worth, the first PYP A president, and his photo block.

Women's Ministries

Director Janice Scott gave her personal report, which was duly noted with appreciation.

The Women's Ministries audited financial report was presented and accepted.

MSC To adjourn

A division of the house was called for which showed:

For	198
Against	139
Votes Necessary to pass	169

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Reconvened on Wednesday, July 1, at 9:02 a.m.

The session started with a time of worship.

The report of the Registration Committee was given by committee chairman Ronald Munson. The following report was read and accepted.

As of 9:00 am July 1, 2009

Ordained:	297
Licensed:	51
Exhorter:	18
Spouses:	198
Delegates:	44
Foreign Delegates:	8
Voting Constituency:	616
Guests:	18
TOTAL:	634

A count was taken, and the total number of voting constituents showed 427.

Resolution One: Report of the Committee on the General Bylaws

Be it Resolved, to commit the proposals to a committee chosen by the General Bishop for further study, revision, and presentation to the 2009 General Convention.

Submitted by: Bylaws Revision Committee
General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Immediate Effect

MSC To consider the resolution seriatim

Amendment: ARTICLE EIGHT (Order of Business)

- Number 2: General Administrative Financial Report shall be placed before the Report of the Auditor.
- Number 2: STRIKE "unfinished business"

Added by Common Consent

After considering the tenth article, Resolution One was postponed to begin the election of the general bishop.

Election of the General Bishop

The Chair was turned to Assistant General Bishop Don Manning.

Chairman of the Rules of Order, Bishop James Baker, read the qualifications for general bishop. The total number of voting constituents showed 437. The first ballot for general bishop was cast.

Continued Consideration of Resolution One

The voting constituents continued with Resolution One.

Amendment: ARTICLE 21, Paragraph 6a & 6b

- Paragraph 6a - ADD: male
- Paragraph 6b - ADD: or accepts another position

Added by Common Consent

First Nominating Ballot for General Bishop

Total count 437
Total votes cast 497
An illegal vote was declared.

A recount of the voting members was taken and it showed 454. The first nominating ballot for general bishop was cast for the second time.

Continued Consideration of Resolution One

The voting constituents continued with Resolution One.

MSL To retain number 12 under ARTICLE 17

MSC To adopt the General Bylaw Revisions as amended

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE CARRIED AS AMENDED

Resolution Two: The Relocation

Be it Resolved, That the General Board be empowered to process the relocation of the International Headquarters of the Pentecostal Church of God.

Submitted by: General Council

General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Immediate Effect

MSC To postpone the discussion on Resolution Two until the election of the general bishop

Resolution Three: General Board Meetings

Be it Resolved, That Article Nine, paragraph four, page 35 be changed to read, "The General Board shall meet in the months of June and November. Written notice shall be provided to each member thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. Special sessions shall be called with notice to be provided within not less than ten (10) days of the session."

Submitted by: General Council
General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Immediate Effect

Amendment: The General Board shall meet in the months of June and November (ADD) for the purpose of transacting such business of the corporation that shall come before it. (rest is the same)

MSC Amendment did carry

RESOLUTION THREE CARRIED AS AMENDED

First Nominating Ballot for General Bishop

Total count	454
Total votes cast	504

An illegal vote was declared for a second time.

A recount of the voting members was taken and it showed 517. The first nominating ballot for general bishop was cast for the third time.

Resolution Four: General Council

Be it Resolved, That Article Ten, paragraph one, page 36 be changed to read, "There shall be a General Council consisting of the following:

- 1 General Bishop
- 1 General Secretary
- 6 Assistant General Bishops."

Submitted by: General Council
General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Immediate Effect

RESOLUTION FOUR CARRIED

Resolution Five: New Districts

Be it Resolved, That Article Eleven, paragraph 3, page 37 be changed to read, “New districts having less than ten (10) churches, shall be designated as developing districts and be under the jurisdiction of the General Council. The General Council shall have full authority to reappoint incumbent officers, or appoint new officers, at will, and to supervise the business of the district.”

Submitted by: General Council
General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Immediate Effect

Amendment: To STRIKE the word “NEW”

MSL Amendment lost

Amendment: To STRIKE the words “at will”

MSL Amendment lost

RESOLUTION FIVE LOST

First Nominating Ballot for General Bishop

Les Melton 1
Rick Farley 1
Joe Skiles Sr. 1
Josh Palmer 1
Don Dennis 1
Russell Hylton 1
Alen Greagery 1
Terry Rowland 1
Jeff Pierce 1
Charles Pancoast 1
Freddy Burcham 1
Don Manning 1
James Gee 1
Gary Johnson 1
Leon McDowell 2
Phil Redding 3
John Norvell 4
Ron Minor 5
Pat Wilson 11
Wayman Ming Jr 14
Loyd Naten 40
Charles G. Scott 417

Eligible to Vote: 517
Total Number of Votes Cast: 510
Number Needed for Election: 340

Charles G. Scott was elected as general bishop. He and his wife and children were introduced to the convention, and a time of prayer was observed.

Adjourned at 11:50 am
Reconvened at 2:00 pm

The report of the Registration Committee was given by Ronald Munson, chairman of the committee. As of 2:00 pm July 1, 2009...

Ordained:	297
Licensed:	52
Exhorter:	19
Spouses:	198
Delegates:	44
Foreign Delegates:	8
Voting Constituency:	618
Guests:	18
TOTAL:	636

MSC To close registration

A count was taken and showed 498.

The Election of the General Secretary

Chairman of the rules of order committee, James Baker, read the qualifications of the General Secretary.

The first ballot for General Secretary was cast.

The chair was turned to Assistant General Bishop C.W. Goforth. It was recommended that due to the complex nature of the next resolution, that Bishop Charles Scott be given sufficient time to explain the background.

Bishop Charles G. Scott presented the relocation proposal.

Resolution Two: Relocation

Be it Resolved, That the General Board be empowered to process the relocation of the International Headquarters of the Pentecostal Church of God.

Submitted by: General Council
General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Immediate Effect

Amendment: ADD be empowered to process the possibility...

MSL Amendment lost

Amendment: The General Board be empowered to investigate the feasibility of relocating the Headquarters and Messenger College, and if this proves feasible, to

grant the General Board the power to act and to relocate the Headquarters and Messenger College.

MSC Amendment did carry

RESOLUTION TWO CARRIED AS AMENDED

First Nominating Ballot for General Secretary

Jan Lake 1
Randy Lawrence 1
Paul Dilts 1
Curtis Jerrells 1
Ron Ryan 1
Pat Wilson 1
James Burnsworth 1
Tom Branham 1
Don Gilbert 1
Illegal Vote 1
Bob McGee 2
Ronald Grundy 2
Don Dennis 3
Joe Skiles Sr. 4
Ron Mosier 4
Freddy Burcham 5
Phil Redding 6
John Jennings 8
Loyd Naten 8
Don Manning 19
John Norvell 20
Ron Minor 22
Wayman Ming Jr 379

Eligible to Vote: 496

Total Amount of Votes Cast: 492

Number Needed for Election: 328

Wayman Ming Jr. was elected as general secretary. He and his wife and children were introduced to the convention, and a time of prayer was observed.

Resolution Six: Dependent Districts

Be it Resolved, That Article Eleven, paragraph 6, page 37 be changed to read, "In emergency situations the General Council or the General Board is authorized to place the district on dependent district status following the guidelines established by the General Board."

Submitted by: General Council

General Board Recommendation: Approval

Proviso: Immediate Effect

MSC To postpone until the guidelines from the General Board Policy Manual can be presented.

Resolution Seven: Business Manager Oversight

Be it Resolved, That Article Seventeen, paragraph 1, letter b, page 50 be changed to read, “The business manager shall have responsibility to maintain accurate accounting of all corporate funds in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.”

Submitted by: General Council
General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Immediate Effect

RESOLUTION SEVEN CARRIED

Resolution Eight: Auditor’s Report

Be it Resolved, That Article Seventeen, paragraph 1, letter c, page 51, be changed to read: “He shall keep accurate records which shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant, approved by the General Board.”

Submitted by: General Council
General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Immediate Effect

RESOLUTION EIGHT CARRIED

Resolution Nine: Terminology Deletion

Be it Resolved, That Article Seventeen, paragraph 1, letter 3, page 51 be stricken.

Submitted by: General Council
General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Immediate Effect

RESOLUTION NINE CARRIED

Resolution Ten: Fiscal Year

Be it Resolved, That Article Seventeen, paragraph 13, page 52 be changed to read, “The fiscal year of the Pentecostal Church of God shall be established as a period from January 1 to December 31 of each year for the Pentecostal Church of God Incorporated, its departments, and all its subsidiaries. The fiscal budget shall be submitted at each November General Board Meeting.”

Submitted by: General Council
General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Immediate Effect

RESOLUTION TEN CARRIED

Motion to consider Resolution Eleven and Resolution Twelve as one resolution. Passed with common consent.

Resolution Eleven: Exhorter's Study Series & Specialized Ministry Credential

Be it Resolved, That Article Fourteen, paragraph 2, letter a, page 42, be changed to read, "The Minister's Study Series shall consist of the Exhorter's Study Series, License Study Series, and Ordination Study Series and shall be the official study course for ministers of the Pentecostal Church of God. It shall be a mandatory program for credentials for all new ministers and those advancing from exhorters to license and from license to ordination. Upon the completion of the Minister's Study Series, a comprehensive test..." (Only the portion affected by the change is noted.)

Be it Resolved, That Article 14, paragraph 2, letter e, page 43 be deleted from the bylaws, and all those who currently hold a specialized license be given an option to receive a licensed credential or a local church ministry license.

Submitted by: General Council
General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Immediate Effect

RESOLUTION ELEVEN CARRIED

Resolution Twelve: Special Rules of Order

Be it Resolved, That this convention request the general bishop to appoint a committee of three people to work on revising the Recommended Special Rules of Order for General Convention; and further

Be it Resolved, That this committee utilize the services of a professional registered parliamentarian as an advisor in helping to shape necessary rules; and further

Be it Resolved, That the recommendations of this committee be presented to the General Board for its review and approval in November of 2010; and further

Be it Resolved, That these new recommended special rules be presented for final approval to the General Convention in 2011.

Submitted by: General Council
General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Immediate Effect

Adjourned at 5:03 p.m.
Reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

The report of the Registration Committee was given by Ronald Munson, chairman of the committee. As of 7:00 pm July 1, 2009...

Ordained:	297
Licensed:	52
Exhorter:	19

Spouses:	198
Delegates:	44
Foreign Delegates:	8
Voting Constituency:	618
Guests:	18
TOTAL:	636

MSC To close registration

Continued Consideration of Resolution Twelve

RESOLUTION TWELVE CARRIED

MSC To bring Resolution Six back to the floor

Continued Consideration of Resolution Six

Be it Resolved, That Article Eleven, paragraph 6, page 37 be changed to read, "In emergency situations the General Council or the General Board is authorized to place the district on dependent district status following the guidelines established by the General Board."

Amendment: ADD An emergency shall be when the non-profit 501c3 status is in jeopardy

MSL Amendment lost

RESOLUTION SIX CARRIED

MSL To set aside the rules of order to allow the author of Resolution Thirteen to introduce the resolution and extend the time with a maximum time of 15 minutes.

MSC To set aside the rules of order to allow the author of Resolution Thirteen to introduce the resolution and extend the time with a maximum time of 10 minutes.

Resolution Thirteen: Credential Fee

Be it Resolved, That the bylaws be amended to increase the credential fee \$5.00 per month to be invested in the National Youth Ministries Department with implementation January 1, 2010.

Submitted by: General Council
General Board Recommendation: Approval
Proviso: Effective January 1, 2010

Amendment: Two dollars of the five dollar increase to go back to the local district designated for the district youth department.

MSL Amendment lost

Amendment: Two dollars of the five dollar increase to go back to the National Home Mission's department.

MSL Amendment lost

MSL Secret Ballot

MSC Resolution Thirteen

A division of the house was called for which showed:

For 313

Against 81

Votes Necessary to pass 263

RESOLUTION THIRTEEN CARRIED

It was recommended that the VISION document of the National Youth director that was presented to the convention be sent to the constituency when the \$5 credential fee increases.

Resolution Fourteen: Home Mission's Restructure

Be it Resolved, That Article Twenty-Three, page 67 be revised according to the Home Missions Restructure Proposal. (See Home Missions Restructure Proposal)

Submitted by: Home Missions Board

General Board Recommendation: Approval

Proviso: Immediate Effect

MSC To consider the entire resolution as a whole

Amendment for PARAGRAPH 4 Sub-paragraph C: Add one representative for Evangelist.

MSC Amendment Carried

Amendment To amend the name to USA Missions

MSL Amendment Lost

Amendment: To amend the name to Home Missions

MSL Amendment Lost

RESOLUTION FOURTEEN CARRIED AS AMENDED

MSL To adjourn

Motion to vote on resolutions fifteen through twenty collectively. There was an objection.

Resolution Fifteen: Women's Ministries Logo

Be it Resolved, That Article Twenty-Two, paragraph 1, letter d, page 65 be removed from the bylaws and placed into the policies of the Women's Ministries Central Committee.

Submitted by: Women's Ministry Central Committee

General Board Recommendation: Approval

Proviso: Immediate Effect

RESOLUTION FIFTEEN CARRIED

Resolution Sixteen: Women's Ministries Colors

Be it Resolved, That Article Twenty-Two, paragraph 1, letter e, page 65 be removed from the bylaws and placed into the policies of the Women's Ministries Central Committee.

Submitted by: Women's Ministry Central Committee

General Board Recommendation: Approval

Proviso: Immediate Effect

RESOLUTION SIXTEEN CARRIED

The current Resolution Nineteen was withdrawn by common consent.

Motion to consider Resolution Seventeen, Resolution Eighteen, and new Resolution Nineteen as one resolution. Passed with common consent.

Resolution Seventeen: Women's Ministries Central Committee, Restricted Funds, & Bylaw Revision

Be it Resolved, That Article Twenty-Two, paragraph 4, letter a, page 66 be amended to add the six assistant general bishop's wives.

Be it Resolved, That Article Twenty-Two, paragraph 7, letter f, page 67 be removed from the bylaws and that the \$15,000 be released from the restricted funds and distributed among viable Pentecostal Church of God Ministries to children and youth as determined by the Women's Ministries Central Committee.

Be it Resolved, That Article Twenty-Two, paragraph 6, page 66, titled "Promotions" be stricken from the General Bylaws and placed in the Women's Ministries Policy Manual. (This action would change paragraph 7 to 6 and paragraph 8 to 7)

Submitted by: Women's Ministry Central Committee

General Board Recommendation: Approval

Proviso: Immediate Effect

RESOLUTION SEVENTEEN CARRIED

Resolution Eighteen: Five Supporting Signatures

Be it Resolved, That the words, “and have five supporting signatures of ministers credentialed with the PCG” be stricken from Article Thirty-Two, paragraph 1, page 81. (Only the portion affected by the change is noted)

Submitted by: Southern Missouri District Board
Proviso: Immediate Effect

Committal: To commit this to a Special Rules of Order committee for further study and to be brought back to the 2011 Convention.

MSC Motion to Commit Carried

RESOLUTION EIGHTEEN COMMITTED TO A COMMITTEE

MSC Motion to consider Resolution Nineteen and Resolution Twenty as one resolution

Resolution Nineteen: Executive Positions & District Positions

Be it Resolved, That Article Fourteen, paragraph 2, letter j, page 44 be deleted from the General Bylaws.

Be it Resolved, That the qualifications for district officers (district bishop, district secretary/treasurer, district presbyter) be changed to include women.

Submitted by: Thomas Frisby, Sharon M. Clark, Bonnie Parker, Donald F. Parker,
JoAnn Springs
Proviso: Immediate Effect

MSL Secret Ballot

RESOLUTION NINETEEN LOST

Audited Financial Report for Messenger College

Bishop Charles G. Scott presented the Audited Financial Report for Messenger College, and it was duly noted.

Divisional Elections

The Chair was turned to the General Secretary Wayman C. Ming Jr.

The requirements for the Assistant General Bishop were read.

MSC To suspend the Rules of Order for the Southeast Division

MSC To allow the majority vote to process the election of the Southeast Division

MSC To ratify the following assistant youth directors collectively

Northwest Division:	Billy Houck
Alternate:	None
Southwest Division:	Ray Rodrigues
Alternate:	Terry Skiles
North Central Division:	Dalin Antwiler
Alternate:	Brandon Kelly
South Central Division:	Joe Mullins
Alternate:	Greg Harvey
North East Division:	Bob Menzel
Alternate:	Donny Rowland
South East Division:	James Young
Alternate:	John Kincaid

MSC To ratify the following assistant generals collectively

Northwest Division:	Don Manning
Southwest Division:	Jan Lake
North Central Division:	Joe Skiles Sr.
South Central Division:	John Norvell
North East Division:	Thomas Branham
South East Division:	C. W. Goforth

General Convention 2009 adjourned Thursday, at 1:08 a.m.

Wayman C. Ming Jr.
General Secretary