

APOSTOLIC MANIFESTO DIOCESE COMMITTEE
Recommended By-Laws Changes Relating to Councils

Rec.1. Change heading to: “Episcopal Dioceses (Councils/Districts)”

Recommended Section additions or replacements in the Minute Book under Councils”.

Section 1. The word “diocese” is taken from the Greek “dioikesi”, which denotes housekeeping or administration. Diocese, by definition, is an administrative territorial unit administered by a diocesan (bishop). The diocese is the key territorial unit of authority in the form of church governance known as Episcopal polity. Episcopal Dioceses in the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., as such, are auxiliary components of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. therefore the ownership of the dioceses shall be unequivocally vested in the parent organization, i.e., Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.

Section 2. Episcopal Dioceses shall be established and authorized by the Executive Board of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., as administrative territorial units for the purpose of carrying out the vision and mission of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. including but not limited to: establishing, organizing, structuring and managing churches within their territorial jurisdiction; leadership training and development; receiving of funds to support diocese and national programming.

Section 3. Each diocese formed and/or authorized by the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. shall subjugate its Constitution and By-Laws to the tenets and By-Laws of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. All legal documents of the diocese shall be reviewed and approved by the corporate legal department of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.

Section 4. Each diocese shall be generally structured as follows:

- a. Each diocese shall include the words “of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.” as a part of its official name in all of its official documents including the incorporation records.
- b. Membership shall consist of those churches and their individual members which are located in the diocese and whose pastor is licensed by the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.
- c. The diocesan shall be the Chief Executive Officer and ex-officio member of all auxiliaries and committees of the diocese.
- d. The diocese shall have the following general officers elected by the membership: Chairman: one or more Vice-Chairman; Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Treasurer; Assistant Treasurer.
- e. Appointed positions as determined by the membership.

- f. Auxiliaries (ministries) shall be established as the diocese determines the need including but not limited to: Christian Education; Men; Women; Young People; Singles; Minister and Deacons Wives; Health Professionals; Ushers; Security.
- g. Each diocese shall be required to meet three times each calendar year, the time and location to be determined by the membership.

Section 5. General Administrative Guidelines for Dioceses. Each diocese shall be required to follow these general guidelines:

- a. Each diocese shall be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.
- b. Each diocese shall maintain auditable financial records of all funds received by and for the diocese.
- c. Each diocese shall make available all diocese financial records to the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. Executive Board within thirty (30) days upon official request from said Executive Board.
- d. Each diocese shall be responsible for paying all diocese financial assessments established and approved by the Executive Board of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.
- e. The Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. shall govern and disburse all Episcopal expenses including all fees associated with travel when conducting business for the parent body or one of its auxiliaries. Funding of stipends for diocesans would come through the assessment of the auxiliaries. This would add no burden or expense to the individual dioceses as they are already in the habit of giving stipends to their respective diocesans. This would simply centralize the process and repose the authority to compensate where it rightfully belongs.
- f. Each diocese shall determine the financial responsibility to the diocese for the individual churches within the diocese considering the overall budget of the diocese including all assessments authorized by the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. Executive Board.
- g. Each diocese's program shall be designed to support the vision and purpose of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. Diocese shall have the liberty to be creative in their program planning as long as said program is consistent with the vision and purpose of the parent organization.
- h. Each diocese shall be responsible for supporting the parent organization's financial program for the International dioceses.
- i. Each diocese shall have a ministerial development program approved by the Executive Board of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.