



THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA

**2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021
Via Livestream**

MINUTES

The Chair, Rev. D Wells, called the 2021 Annual General Meeting, held via livestream, to order at 1:08 PM.

Rev. C. Burton, District Superintendent of Eastern Ontario & Nunavut, was invited to bring greetings to the online meeting and to open in prayer.

The Chair noted that this conference is ruled by the *General Constitution and By-Laws* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and the parliamentary procedures will be ruled by *Robert's Rules of Order*. He introduced the parliamentarians, C. Burton (c), present to advise and P. Doroshuk, joining electronically.

The Chair extended a welcome to all credential holders, lay delegates and guests joining by livestream. Appreciation was expressed to former Officers and ministry partners participating by livestream.

D. Hazzard was invited to provide the conference with voting instructions throughout the business session. The Chair read each of the procedural items on the first procedural ballot: Establishment of the Voting Bar, Acceptance of the Roster Report, Acceptance of the 54th General Conference Minutes, Acceptance of the Conference Committees, and Acceptance of the Agenda of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

AGM 21-01 **VOTING BAR:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the voting bar be designated by those who received this first ballot at their provided, unique email address. CARRIED

AGM 21-02 **ROSTER REPORT:** The Chair called for a reading of the Roster Report. The Chair of the Roster Committee, S. Thomson, read the Roster Report.

VOTING	534
NON-VOTING	0
GRAND TOTAL ATTENDANCE	534

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Roster Report be accepted as read. CARRIED

AGM 21-03 **MINUTES OF THE 54th GENERAL CONFERENCE:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Minutes of the 54th General Conference be approved, noting a minor housekeeping amendment to Minute GC 20-06 that has been cared for, changing the title of the Minute from "Ratification Ballot for the General Superintendent" to "Pre-Conference Nomination Ballot Report for the General Superintendent". CARRIED

AGM 21-04 **CONFERENCE COMMITTEES:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the conference committees be approved as stated. CARRIED

AGM 21-05 **AGENDA OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED

D. Wells vacated the Chair for the report of the General Superintendent. D. Hazzard assumed the Chair.

AGM 21-06 **REPORT OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** D. Wells expressed appreciation for those who serve faithfully in a variety of ministry contexts within our Fellowship, as well as his fellow Officers and the international office staff.

As part of our vision of being a disciple-making movement that glorifies God, we have placed a strong emphasis on church vitalization and on multiplying disciple making communities. G. Taitinger, Chair of the Vitalization Network and P. Fraser, Director of the Multiply Network, shared highlights of the ongoing revitalization and multiplication work.

We continue the process of reviewing and refreshing the Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths, honoring the good work that has been done which represents the core convictions we have as a Pentecostal Fellowship. The final affirmation of this process will be conducted at the 2022 General Conference.

MISSION CANADA PRESENTATION: B. Egert, Assistant to the General Superintendent, shared highlights of the ongoing ministry throughout our nation and expressed appreciation to the Mission Canada workers for their innovation and creativity in conducting their work online throughout the pandemic.

D. Wells emphasized the Biblical Justice, Racism and Inclusion working group that is ongoing within our Fellowship. Appreciation was expressed for the engagement of key people and the resourcing that is being offered in this context.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to receive the report of the General Superintendent.

CARRIED

D. Hazzard vacated the Chair. D. Wells resumed the Chair.

AGM 21-07 **REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY TREASURER:** D. Hazzard expressed appreciation to the Fellowship and gratefulness for the prayers offered on his behalf during his health journey.

J. Hearn, Director of Finance & Accounting, presented the 2020 financial report, expressing gratefulness for the faithful support of PAOC ministries even in the midst of difficult times. There was a slight decrease in designated donations and fellowship tithes over the previous year. Receipt of \$1.9M from the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) was applied to offset the drop in revenue, while overall expenses were reduced by 14% for the year. With the wage subsidy and reduced spending much of the organization was able to end the year with surpluses which are being held in reserve for the coming year when things reopen again.

T. Couch, Fellowship Services and Credentials, updated the conference regarding new affiliated assemblies and church plants that took place in 2020. The number of satellites continues to rise significantly. Total new credentials granted was 122.

Special recognition was given to Pastor A. Muravski and his wife in celebration of their 50 years of faithful PAOC ministry.

L. Hummel presented the Pension Fund and PFSG reports. In 2020 total Pension membership grew by 1% to 2,425 members with 731 members receiving a pension. Total assets grew by 4.7% to \$149M, while total return on investment was 5.6%. There are currently 142 Pension Fund mortgages totaling \$84M or 56.3% of our investment portfolio. A Defined Contribution component was introduced to the plan in 2020. PFSG had 26 mortgages in place at December 31, 2020 totaling \$36.9M. Individuals and churches who have surplus funds available are encouraged to consider PFSG, where their funds will be well invested.

D. Kingston presented the PAOC Stewardship report. The pandemic resulted in the creation of new innovations and wider options for teaching stewardship among our churches. There were 19 seminars held virtually during 2020 resulting in 386 Wills being written, with \$6.8M identified for charitable purposes.

The PAOC Foundation provides opportunity for individuals in our congregations to make donations to the Foundation, which are then directed to missional work in alignment with EFC and other partners. Districts and churches are encouraged to share this information with their constituency and church families.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept the December 31, 2020 Audited financial report.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to receive the report of the General Secretary Treasurer.

CARRIED

AGM 21-08

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS: M. Cornelius expressed appreciation to our global workers for their creativity in continuing to fulfill God's call in the midst of the global pandemic. V. Ninaber reported that over \$1M was raised in 2020 toward new projects, which included \$190,000 towards international partners and pastors through the Ride to Thrive bike ride, and an appeal to Foundations to support church planting and other projects resulted in \$360,000. J. Kelly reported on the progress of the ongoing re-imagining process which has resulted in greater clarity regarding our focus on the least reached and most vulnerable. ERDO was active in 40 program locations with 104,157 people being assisted. D. Lepojarvi was introduced as the new Director of International Programs.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to receive the report of the Executive Director for International Missions.

CARRIED

The Chair read each of the procedural items on the second procedural ballot: Acceptance of the Report of the General Superintendent, Acceptance of the Report of the General Secretary Treasurer, Acceptance of the Report of the Executive Director for International Missions, Ratification of District Superintendents and Regional Directors, Acceptance of the Audited Financial Reports, Appointment of the Auditor for 2021, and Acceptance of the Courtesy Resolution.

AGM 21-09

RATIFICATION OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS: As per By-Law 10.2 of the General Constitution & By-Laws, it was MOVED and SECONDED to ratify the appointment of the District Superintendents to the General Executive.

CARRIED

AGM 21-10

RATIFICATION OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS: As per By-Law 10.2 of the General Constitution & By-Laws, it was MOVED and SECONDED to ratify the appointment of the Regional Directors to the General Executive.

CARRIED

AGM 21-11 **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – 2021:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to appoint *Robertson, Lott and Brohman (RLB) Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors* as The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada’s Auditors for the 2021 fiscal year. CARRIED

AGM 21-12 **COURTESY RESOLUTION:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 2021 Annual General Meeting of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada express gratitude and deep appreciation to the following:

1. Our General Superintendent, Rev. D. Wells, for his tireless and visionary leadership, and our Executive Officers, Rev. D. Hazzard and Rev. M. Cornelius, for their faithful service and ministry to the Fellowship.
2. The PAOC International Office planning team who cared for details related to this online gathering.
3. L. Redman of the Western Ontario District for managing the online voting platform.
4. Those who participated in our National Prayer Gathering in advance of the AGM.
5. Our French translation team of D. Ourlin and F. Godbout.
6. Our host church, OneChurch.to, its pastor, and their production and music teams who have served with excellence and tireless effort to make this online event possible.
7. The conference committees for their contribution in assisting the work of the conference.
8. And to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who has called us to make disciples. May He find us faithful!

CARRIED

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3:00 PM. D. Wells closed the meeting in prayer.



David R. Wells
General Superintendent



Murray Cornelius
Executive Director for International Missions