



THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA

**54th GENERAL CONFERENCE
May 5, 2020
Via Livestream
MINUTES**

**BUSINESS SESSION
TUESDAY MAY 5, 2020**

The Chair, Rev. D. Wells, welcomed participants to the online 54th Biennial General Conference. The livestream business session was called to order at 11:15 AM. Appreciation was expressed to OneChurch.to in Agincourt, Ontario for their assistance in producing the online conference.

Rev. K. Johnson, District Superintendent, was invited to bring greetings to the online conference from the Maritime District and to open in prayer.

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.

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, R. Davis and D. Demchuk joining electronically.

D. Hazzard was invited to provide the conference with voting instructions throughout the business session. The Chair read each of the five procedural items on the first procedural ballot.

- GC 20-01 **VOTING BAR:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the voting bar be designated by those who have received the unique Voter ID and Voting KEY for voting online. CARRIED

- GC 20-02 **MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Minutes of the March 26, 2019 Annual General Meeting be approved as printed and distributed online. CARRIED

- GC 20-03 **CONFERENCE COMMITTEES:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the conference committees be approved as printed and distributed online and in the conference e-manual. CARRIED

- GC 20-04 **AGENDA OF THE 54th CONFERENCE:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Agenda be approved as presented to the conference. CARRIED

- GC 20-05 **ROSTER REPORT:** The Roster Report was posted online.

VOTING	
Ordained	680
Ministerial License for Women	0
Lay Delegate	30
Licensed Minister	14
Recognition of Ministry	33
General Executive, National or District Department Director	6
GRAND TOTAL	763

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

D. Wells vacated the chair for the election of the General Superintendent and the General Superintendent's report. D. Hazzard assumed the chair.

GC 20-06 **PRE-CONFERENCE NOMINATION BALLOT REPORT FOR THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:**
The following pre-nomination ballots resulted in a ratification ballot for David Wells for the position of General Superintendent:

Ballots Cast	554
Ballots Required to Elect	369
Votes Received	462 (83.3%)

The Chair provided voting instructions and led the conference in prayer. The ballots were cast. The ballot was declared closed according to the time clock on the livestream feed.

GC 20-07 **RESULTS OF THE RATIFICATION BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:**

Ballots Cast	660
Ballots Required to Elect	440
Votes Received	619 (93.8%)

D. Wells was re-elected as the General Superintendent. M. Cornelius led the Conference in prayer for Rev. & Mrs. Wells.

GC 20-08 **REPORT OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** D. Wells expressed appreciation to the conference for their ongoing confidence and prayerful support. "It's Time", the theme carefully chosen for General Conference 2020, appropriately reflects our openness as a Fellowship to the bold new adventures the Lord would call us to.

P. Fraser, Director of the Multiply Network and G. Taitinger, Co-Chair of the Vitalization Network, shared highlights of the revitalization and multiplication work as they have sought to encourage vital churches and ministries to multiply in diverse ways. D. Wells expressed appreciation to P. Fraser and G. Taitinger as well as those who have engaged in revitalization and multiplication processes in their churches.

B. Egert, Director of Mission Canada, shared highlights of the ongoing work being conducted throughout our nation. D. Wells expressed appreciation to B. Egert and the Mission Canada team for their passion and diligence.

The Strategic Vision Committee of the General Executive has been reconstituted and recommissioned to engage our shared challenge and commitment to making disciples and developing the leadership presence of children, youth and young adults. J. Smith and E. Brouwer, members of the Strategic Vision Committee, shared information from the recently conducted , intergenerational survey of our credential workers. A. Gabruch, Co-Chair of the Strategic Vision Committee, reviewed steps forward and the resources now available and those being developed.

V. Johnson, Co-Chair of the Theological Study Commission, provided a report on the ongoing work of the Theological Study Commission and the refresh process of the Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths (SOFET). A decision on the final statement of the SOFET has been postponed until we are able to facilitate a more interactive General Conference or Annual General Meeting.

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

D. Hazzard vacated the chair. D. Wells resumed the chair.

GC 20-09

FIRST ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The Chair presented the names as nominated by the respective district conferences.

Nominees:

Rev. D. Hamre	British Columbia & Yukon
Rev. M. Coughlan	Alberta & Northwest Territories
Rev. J. Drisner	Saskatchewan
Rev. J. Josue	Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario
Rev. K. Shepherd	Western Ontario
Rev. E. Butler	Eastern Ontario & Nunavut
Rev. G. Gaucher	Quebec
Rev. J. Molloy	Maritime

The Chair read the procedure for the election ballot for the election of the credential members. The Chair declared the Conference ballot open. The ballots were cast. The ballot was declared closed according to the time clock on the livestream feed.

GC 20-10

FIRST ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The results of the first election ballot for the Credentialed Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	654
Ballots necessary for election	327
Rev. D. Hamre	254 (38.8%)
Rev. M. Coughlan	190 (29.0%)
Rev. J. Drisner	166 (25.4%)
Rev. J. Josue	152 (23.2%)
Rev. K. Shepherd	404 (61.8%) ELECTED
Rev. E. Butler	195 (29.8%)
Rev. G. Gaucher	172 (26.3%)
Rev. J. Molloy	244 (37.3%)

Rev. K. Shepherd was declared elected.

GC 20-11

SECOND ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the second ballot.

Nominees:

Rev. D. Hamre	British Columbia & Yukon
Rev. M. Coughlan	Alberta & Northwest Territories
Rev. J. Drisner	Saskatchewan
Rev. E. Butler	Eastern Ontario & Nunavut
Rev. G. Gaucher	Quebec
Rev. J. Molloy	Maritime

The Chair declared the Conference ballot open. The ballots were cast. The ballot was declared closed according to the time clock on the livestream feed.

GC 20-12

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY TREASURER: D. Hazzard presented an overview of the financial report, noting an increase in tithes over the last year as well as a 2% increase in tithes in the biennial total. Various aspects of Fellowship Services were highlighted including Wordcom Christian Resources and the online church toolbox which includes links, resources and information to assist churches in their ministry.

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 were encouraged to share this information with their constituency and church families.

L. Hummel, Executive Director of PFSG and the Pension Fund, shared a report of the work of PFSG and the Pension Fund. D. Hazzard encouraged individuals and churches who have surplus funds available to consider PFSG, where their funds will be well invested. He also highlighted the online Defined Benefit Pension Fund Members meeting as well as the introduction of a Defined Contribution component to the plan.

D. Kingston, Executive Director of Stewardship, shared highlights of the Stewardship ministry in the last biennium.

M. MacKnight, Co-Chair of the committee tasked with developing a Statement of Affirmation of Biblical Sexuality & Marriage, brought a report on the work that has been accomplished to date. Conference delegates are welcome to respond to the paper and offer suggestions of how it can be improved and strengthened. D. Hazzard expressed appreciation to M. MacKnight and L. Gibson, along with other team members for their development of this paper.

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

GC 20-13

SECOND ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The results of the second election ballot for the Credentialed Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	628
Ballots necessary for election	314
Rev. D. Hamre	286 (45.5%)
Rev. M. Coughlan	160 (25.5%)
Rev. J. Drisner	109 (17.4%)
Rev. E. Butler	163 (26.0%)
Rev. G. Gaucher	183 (29.1%)
Rev. J. Molloy	266 (42.4%)

No election was declared.

GC 20-14

THIRD ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the third ballot.

Nominees:

Rev. D. Hamre	British Columbia & Yukon
Rev. M. Coughlan	Alberta & Northwest Territories
Rev. E. Butler	Eastern Ontario & Nunavut
Rev. G. Gaucher	Quebec
Rev. J. Molloy	Maritime

The Chair declared the Conference ballot open. The ballots were cast. The ballot was declared closed according to the time clock on the livestream feed.

GC 20-15

THIRD ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The results of the third election ballot for the Credentialed Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	643
Ballots necessary for election	321
Rev. D. Hamre	357 (55.5%) ELECTED
Rev. M. Coughlan	150 (23.3%)
Rev. E. Butler	161 (25.0%)
Rev. G. Gaucher	197 (30.6%)
Rev. J. Molloy	341 (53.0%) ELECTED

Rev. D. Hamre and Rev. J. Molloy were declared elected.

GC 20-16 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names as nominated by the respective district conferences.

Nominees:

C. Hornby Allen	British Columbia & Yukon
G. Dewling	Alberta & Northwest Territories
B. Bowman	Saskatchewan
S. Bambridge	Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario
A. Root	Western Ontario
S. Shew	Eastern Ontario & Nunavut
M. Doucet	Quebec
J. Light	Maritime

The Chair declared the Conference ballot open. The ballots were cast. The ballot was declared closed according to the time clock on the livestream feed.

GC 20-17 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the first election ballot for the Lay Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	631	
Ballots necessary for election	315	
C. Hornby Allen	351	(55.6%) ELECTED
G. Dewling	170	(26.9%)
B. Bowman	182	(28.8%)
S. Bambridge	192	(30.4%)
A. Root	167	(26.5%)
S. Shew	303	(48.0%)
M. Doucet	192	(30.4%)
J. Light	193	(30.6%)

C. Hornby Allen was declared elected.

GC 20-18 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the second ballot.

Nominees:

G. Dewling	Alberta & Northwest Territories
B. Bowman	Saskatchewan
S. Bambridge	Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario
S. Shew	Eastern Ontario & Nunavut
M. Doucet	Quebec
J. Light	Maritime

The Chair declared the Conference ballot open. The ballots were cast. The ballot was declared closed according to the time clock on the livestream feed.

GC 20-19 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the second election ballot for the Lay Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	588	
Ballots necessary for election	294	
G. Dewling	114	(19.4%)
B. Bowman	120	(20.4%)

S. Bambridge	168	(28.6%)	
S. Shew	321	(54.6%)	ELECTED
M. Doucet	162	(27.5%)	
J. Light	221	(37.6%)	

S. Shew was declared elected.

GC 20-20 **THIRD ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the third ballot.

Nominees:

B. Bowman	Saskatchewan
S. Bambridge	Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario
SM. Doucet	Quebec
J. Light	Maritime

The Chair declared the Conference ballot open. The ballots were cast. The ballot was declared closed according to the time clock on the livestream feed.

GC 20-21 **THIRD ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the third election ballot for the Lay Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	575
Ballots necessary for election	287
B. Bowman	55 (9.6%)
S. Bambridge	120 (20.9%)
M. Doucet	143 (24.9%)
J. Light	257 (44.7%)

No election was declared.

GC 20-22 **FOURTH ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the third ballot.

Nominees:

S. Bambridge	Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario
SM. Doucet	Quebec
J. Light	Maritime

The Chair declared the Conference ballot open. The ballots were cast. The ballot was declared closed according to the time clock on the livestream feed.

GC 20-23 **FOURTH ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the fourth election ballot for the Lay Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	574
Ballots necessary for election	287
S. Bambridge	94 (16.4%)
M. Doucet	154 (26.8%)
J. Light	326 (56.8%)

J. Light was declared elected.

GC 20-24

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS: M. Cornelius thanked the conference for their prayers for our global workers during the COVID-19 pandemic and expressed appreciation to the global workers for their passion and dedication for their work. Appreciation was expressed to the conference for their partnership with International Missions and our family of charities. By 2022 they envision making some adjustments to have the impact they want to see as they look toward 2030, including expanding the geographical regions served by RAN and increasing their integration with our partners around the world.

Donations to International Missions increased by 8% over the last biennium. At the end of 2019 only three global worker accounts ended in deficit. ERDO reported almost 8,300 child sponsorships as of 2019. A total of \$3.9 million was provided in aid.

The ministry in southeast Asia being carried out by C. and S. Emmanuel, as well the ministry of C. Mizen in Honduras, was highlighted by video presentation.

M. Cornelius expressed appreciation on behalf of all of our global workers for the support and encouragement received by individuals and churches.

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

GC 20-25

RATIFICATION OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS AND 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 District Superintendents and the Regional Directors to the General Executive. CARRIED

The Chair read each of the six 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, Acceptance of the 2019 Audited Financial Statements, Appointment of the Auditor for 2020, and the Courtesy Resolution.

GC 20-26

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – 2020: D. Hazzard presented the General Executive's recommendation for the Auditor for the 2020 fiscal period.

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 2020 fiscal year. CARRIED

GC 20-27

COURTESY RESOLUTION: It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 2020 General Conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada express gratitude and appreciation to the following:

1. The Maritime District and its leadership team for all the preparations that were being put in place to host this conference, prior to the need to move to a one-day online format due to a global pandemic which prohibited us from gathering in Halifax, Nova Scotia May 4-7, 2020.
2. Our General Superintendent, Rev. David Wells, for his visionary leadership, and our Executive Officers, Rev. David Hazzard and Rev. Murray Cornelius, for their faithful service and ministry to the Fellowship.
3. The PAOC International Office planning team who cared for all details around the initial work of a Maritime-based gathering, and then the transition to our one-day online General Conference on May 5, 2020.
4. Laura Redman of the Western Ontario District for her excellent work in managing the online voting platform.
5. Our presenters, speakers and those who participated via pre-recorded video.
6. Our French translation team of Dominique Ourlin, François Godbout and Gérald Emery.
7. Our Platinum, Gold and Silver level sponsors for their continued support even as we moved to an online gathering.
8. 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, and available in two languages.

9. All the conference committees for their contribution in assisting the work of the conference.
10. And to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, whom we serve and place our trust in. He is faithful!
CARRIED

The conference transitioned to a time of devotion, memorial and communion.

GC 20-28 **ADJOURNMENT:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 2020 General Conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada be adjourned at 3:42 PM. CARRIED



David R. Wells
General Superintendent



David E. Hazzard
General Secretary Treasurer