



THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA
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48th GENERAL CONFERENCE
May 5 - 8, 2008

MINUTES

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008

The Chair, Rev. W. Morrow, called the first business session to order at 6:09 p.m. Appreciation was expressed to the people of Toronto, Western Ontario District, Eastern Ontario District and conference coordinator, G. Werner and the International Office staff.

GUESTS

Rev. D. Hazzard recognized and honoured the former executive officers and invited those in attendance to stand: Rev. D. Ball, Rev. K. Birch, Rev. W. Griffin, Rev. S. Hunter, Rev. L. Markham, Rev. K. Parks, Rev. R. Taitinger, Rev. G. Upton and Rev. C. Yates. Special mention was offered for those former officers who are unable to attend, Rev. R. Argue and Rev. R. Schmunk. The delegates welcomed the former executive officers.

Rev. M. Cornelius recognized our international guests, along with their wives. Rev. A. Purshaga, General Superintendent of Assemblies of God of Russia and Rev. H. Hunter, Superintendent General Iglesias Evangelica Pentecostal de Cuba, brought greetings. Rev. M. Cornelius led in prayer for the church international.

Rev. D. Shepherd, District Superintendent of the Western Ontario District, brought greetings to the conference.

Rev. P. Fraser opened the conference in prayer.

The chairman 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*.

GC 08-01 **VOTING BAR:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the delegates wearing black badges denote voting privileges establishing the voting bar. CARRIED

The chairman welcomed the director, Mr. B. Clemenger of Evangelical Fellowship of Canada who brought a report and update of the partnership with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

GC 08-02 **MINUTES OF 47th CONFERENCE:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the 47th General Conference be approved as printed and distributed. CARRIED

GC 08-03 **CONFERENCE COMMITTEES:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the conference committees be approved as printed and distributed in the conference manual. CARRIED

GC 08-04 **AGENDA OF THE 48TH CONFERENCE:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the agenda be approved as presented to the conference. CARRIED

The General Superintendent vacated the chair to present his report. Rev. D. Shepherd assumed the chair.

GC 08-05 **REPORT OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** Rev. W. Morrow presented his report and expressed appreciation to the conference.

G. Werner presented a video and report for Mission Canada.

Rev. W. Morrow expressed his appreciation to Rev. D. Hazzard, Rev. M. Cornelius Rev. G. Werner, missionaries, pastors, and credential holders. He also expressed his appreciation to Mrs. C. Stuckless, executive assistant.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the report be received.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the General Conference express appreciation to our General Superintendent, Rev. W. Morrow for his excellent leadership over the past twelve years.

CARRIED

Rev. D. Shepherd vacated the chair. Rev. W. Morrow resumed the chair.

Rev. D. Prasad offered prayer for India and Hyderabad.

GC 08-06 **RESOLUTION #1:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that *Article 5.9.1 paragraph one, Article 5.9.3 and Article 5.2.4* be amended as follows:

5.9.1 MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

Marriage is a provision of God wherein one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others enter into a lifelong relationship through a marriage ceremony that is recognized by the church and legally sanctioned by the state.

5.9.3 REMARRIAGE

Remarriage is the union, legally sanctioned by the State, of one man and one woman, one or both of whom have been previously married. It is regarded as acceptable in Scripture in the event of the death of a former spouse. It is also regarded as acceptable if there has been sexual immorality on the part of the former partner or if the former partner has remarried.

5.2.4 Christian marriage (as defined by the *Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada)

CARRIED

GC 08-07 **RESOLUTION #2:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 3.1.1.3* be accepted as follows:

3.1.1.3 Ordained missionaries under appointment, and missionaries holding a valid Licensed Minister or Recognition of Ministry credential, who have been under missionary appointment for two (2) full and consecutive years.

CARRIED

GC 08-08 **RESOLUTION #3:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 12.9.2.3* be amended as follows:

12.9.2.3 GENERAL EXECUTIVE NOMINEE

Prior to the convening of the biennial General Conference, the district conference shall choose a credential holder to serve as a nominee to the General Conference for election to the General Executive. The process for choosing the nominee shall be as follows: on a nomination ballot the district executive shall present three names. Additional credential holders receiving over 5% on the nominating ballot shall be eligible to appear on the election ballot. A two-thirds majority on the district conference election ballot shall be required to select the district nominee to be presented to the General Conference. If the nomination is not confirmed on the first election ballot, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be further voted upon. All others shall be eliminated. If no election is confirmed as a result of the second election ballot, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and, on the succeeding ballot for the two remaining candidates, a majority vote shall confirm the election of the district nominee for the General Conference nomination slate for General Executive members-at-large.

CARRIED

GC 08-09 **RESOLUTION #4:** It was MOVED AND SECONDED that *By-Law 3.2.2.2 and By-Law 3.3.2.2* be amended by addition as follows:

3.2.2.2 The three lay members shall be persons of mature experience and ability who have current district endorsement and membership in a local church of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and who have had membership in one or more churches of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada over a period of 10 consecutive years, whose life and ministry are above question, and who have given evidence of Christian leadership. Lay members, receiving district endorsement, shall agree with the *Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and shall have experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit accompanied by speaking in tongues.

3.3.2.2 Each district executive shall present the name of a lay person who is in agreement with the *Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths* and has experienced the Baptism of the Holy Spirit accompanied by speaking in other tongues in nomination to the General Conference. Of the names submitted by all the district executives, three shall be elected to serve as members of the General Executive.

CARRIED

GC 08-10 **RESOLUTION #5:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 6.3.1.2* be amended to include one district superintendent, one pastor and one lay person as follows:

6.3.1.2 ORGANIZATION

6.3.1.2.1 The International Missions Committee shall include:

- The Executive Officers Committee
- The Regional Directors of the International Missions Department
- One district superintendent (as appointed by the General Executive)
- International Missions Lead Team
- Director of ERDO
- The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador – The General Superintendent and designate;
- The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Missions Link – Chair
- One pastor (as appointed by the General Executive)
- One lay person (as appointed by the General Executive)

CARRIED

GC 08-11 **RESOLUTION #6:** It was MOVED AND SECONDED that *By-Law 8.4.5.1* be amended by addition as follows:

8.4.5.1 PURPOSE

This committee shall be responsible to maintain minimum standards for admissions, administration, all education programs, graduation, and personal life standards in harmony with the theological and spiritual values of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as related to the requirements for credentials as approved by the Credential Standards Committee. This committee shall recommend to the Superintendents Committee standards for the coordination of nationally offered programs.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution #6 be amended by deletion of By-Law 9.4.

The motion was laid on the table until the next session.

Rev. L. Paulsen closed the first business session in prayer.

The General Conference was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

**SECOND BUSINESS SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008**

The Chair, Rev. W. Morrow, called the second business session to order at 9:05 a.m.

Rev. M. Running opened the second business session in prayer.

GC 08-11 **RESOLUTION #6 (Continued):** It was MOVED AND SECONDED that Resolution #6 be amended as follows:

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Education Standards Committee have equal representation from all training institutions in The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, along with one full time Pastor, one Aboriginal representative, one District Superintendent, one Intercultural representative, one Missionary representative appointed by the Missions Department and all other resolutions / by-laws pertaining to the composition of the Educations Standards Committee will fall in line with Resolution #6, By-Law 8.4.5.1.

RULED OUT OF ORDER

It was Moved and Seconded that the decision of the Chair be challenged. DEFEATED

It was Moved and Seconded to remove the deletion of By-Law 9.4 except the line "Courses offered by the Canadian Pentecostal Correspondence College may be accepted by individual colleges for the transfer of credits to theological educational programs" and to change the name of the International Correspondence Institute University to Global University Canada.

GC 08-12 **ROSTER REPORT#1:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to call for a roster report. CARRIED

Mr. R. Edwards, Chair of the Roster and Registration Committee, presented the Roster Report #1.

	9:30 AM
VOTING	673
NON-VOTING	236
GRAND TOTAL	909

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Roster Report #1 be accepted as read. CARRIED

Rev. D. Tapley offered prayer.

GC 08-13 **PRE-CONFERENCE FIRST NOMINATION BALLOT FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** The results from the pre-conference ballot were shared as follows:

BALLOTS CAST	712	
BALLOTS NEEDED	477	67.7%
Rev. D. Wells	242	33.9%
Rev. D. Hazzard	191	26.8%

GC 08-14 **SECOND NOMINATION BALLOT FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** The Chair called for the second nomination ballot for General Superintendent. The Chair declared the second nomination Ballot closed.

Rev. W. Morrow welcomed Rev. J. Palmer of the Assemblies of God USA. Rev. J. Palmer addressed the General Conference.

Rev. W. Morrow welcomed with appreciation Mr. M. Sommerall of TD Canada Trust, one of our corporate sponsors.

GC 08-11 **RESOLUTION #6 (Continued):** The amendment to Resolution #6 was DEFEATED

It was Moved and Seconded to table Resolution #6 and refer it to the General Executive for further work, to be brought back to the 2010 General Conference. CARRIED

GC 08-15 **RESOLUTION #7:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.2.3.1.2 for Licensed Ministers credentials, By-Law 10.2.5.1 for Recognition of Ministry credentials and By-Law 10.2.6.1.2 for Church Related credentials be amended by the deletion of "full-time". CARRIED

GC 08-16 **RESOLUTION #8:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.5.10.3* be amended as follows:

10.5.10.3 Credential holders who are engaged in national, district or local church administrative work, or are members of a Bible college staff, or duly-appointed chaplains, or are registered as full-time students in furtherance of their education (maximum three (3) years), or are engaged in specialized ministries, which include music, counseling, and ministries that focus on particular age, gender, interest, or cultural groups must fulfill their duties with the terms of their appointment.

CARRIED

GC08-17 **RESOLUTION #9:** It was MOVED AND SECONDED that *By-Law 10.5.10.16* be added as follows:

10.5.10.16 Credential holders on maternity/paternity leave may retain active credentials with regular conference privileges provided the credentials are renewed. However, time spent on maternity/paternity leave will not be included in the time requirement for ordination.

CARRIED

GC 08-18 **REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:** A video was shared prior to Rev. M. Cornelius presenting the International Missions report.

GC 08-19 **SECOND NOMINATION BALLOT FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** The results from the second nomination ballot were shared as follows:

BALLOTS CAST	552	
BALLOTS SPOILED	3	
BALLOTS NEEDED	368	67.7%
Rev. D. Wells	268	48.6%
Rev. D. Hazzard	134	24.3%
Rev. D. Shepherd	24	4.3%

GC 08-20 **ROSTER REPORT #2:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to call for a roster report. CARRIED

Mr. R. Edwards, Chair of the Roster and Registration Committee, presented the Roster Report #2.

	10:00 AM
VOTING	688
NON-VOTING	286
GRAND TOTAL	974

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Roster Report #2 be accepted as read. CARRIED

GC 08-21 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** The Chair called for the first election ballot for General Superintendent. The Chair declared the first election ballot closed.

GC 08-18 **REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS (Continued):** Rev. M. Cornelius continued with the presentation of the International Missions report.

Rev. G. Dyck presented the report for Muslim outreach through the partnership of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and Centre for Muslim Outreach.

Rev. G. Abraham presented the report for Random Access Network.

Appreciation was expressed to Rev. K. Birch and Rev. G. Peters for their faithful service as Regional Directors. Rev. S. Chaloner and Rev. J. Guskjolen were presented as the newest Regional Directors since the last General Conference.

GC 08-22 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** The results from the first election ballot were shared as follows:

BALLOTS CAST	613	
BALLOTS SPOILED	13	
BALLOTS NEEDED	409	66.7%
Rev. D. Wells	410	66.9%
Rev. D. Hazzard	142	23.2%
Rev. D. Shepherd	48	7.8%

Rev. D. Wells was welcomed to the platform as the new General Superintendent of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

GC 08-23 **MISSION CANADA - YOUTH PRESENTATION:** Rev. J. Hillier and Rev. M. Colwell presented the lay leader certification program for information.

GC 08-24 **MISSION CANADA - WORDCOM:** Rev. G. Werner presented the new and improved Wordcom Christian Resources. Rev. G. Werner introduced Ms. R. Clarke, new manager director.

GC 08-18 **REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS (Continued):** Rev. M. Cornelius continued with the presentation of the International Missions report.

Rev. K. Honsinger presented the ERDO report.

Appreciation was expressed to the entire International Missions, Fellowship Services staff and the General Superintendent.

The conference was adjourned for the lunch hour.

Rev. G. Werner offered prayer.

**THIRD BUSINESS SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008**

The Chair, Rev. W. Morrow, called the third business session to order at 1:15 p.m.

Rev. B. Liira opened the third business session in prayer.

GC 08-18 **REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:** Rev. M. Cornelius continued with the presentation of the International Missions report.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the International Missions report be received. CARRIED

The Chair welcomed with appreciation Mr. S. LaPalme of Deeks Insurance, one of the corporate sponsors.

GC 08-25 **ROSTER REPORT #3:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to call for a roster report. CARRIED

Mr. R. Edwards, Chair of the Roster and Registration Committee, presented the Roster Report #3.

	1:30 P.M.
VOTING	692
NON-VOTING	317
GRAND TOTAL	1,009

It was MOVED AND SECONDED that the Roster Report #3 be accepted as read.

CARRIED

GC 08-26

FIRST ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE: Rev. M. Collins presented the names as nominated by the respective district conferences.

Nominees:

Rev. F. Fulford	British Columbia and Yukon
Rev. S. Osmond	Alberta and Northwest Territories
Rev. M. Wojda	Saskatchewan
Rev. B. Martin	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
Rev. L. Gibbons	Western Ontario
Rev. H. Reid	Eastern Ontario
Rev. D. Mann	Quebec
Rev. K. Johnson	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-27

RESOLUTION #16: It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.5.5 be amended by deletion and that By-Law 10.2 be amended after the first paragraph with the following addition: [*numbers appear only for clarity purposes and assume that the first paragraph could be assigned number By-Law 10.2.1*]

10.2.1 An applicant who has been divorced and remarried with a former spouse still living, or who is currently married to a spouse who has a former spouse still living, may qualify for credentials when the following conditions exist:

10.2.1.1 The former spouse, of either the credential applicant or of the applicant's current spouse, has committed *porneia* as defined in the *General Constitution and By-Laws* Article 5.9.1 and determined by one or more of the following means:

10.2.1.1.1 A district hearing committee has found the former credentialed spouse guilty in the process of dealing with charges related to *porneia*.

10.2.1.1.2 A secular court has found the former spouse guilty of a legal offense related to sexual misconduct which may be interpreted by a credential committee of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as *porneia*.

10.2.1.1.3 A certificate of marriage, or other legal marital status documents, provides evidence that the former spouse has remarried subsequent to the divorce from the credential applicant or the applicant's current spouse.

10.2.1.1.4 Evidence demonstrates that the former spouse has been a partner in a common law marriage, as defined by provincial or federal legislation, subsequent to the divorce from the credential applicant or the applicant's current spouse.

10.2.1.2 A minimum period of five (5) years has elapsed since the later date of the following events:

10.2.1.2.1 The date the current marriage took place.

10.2.1.2.2 The date the former spouse committed *porneia* as determined by one (1) or more of the means listed above in By-Law 10.2.1.1.

10.2.1.2.3 The individual has provided acceptable evidence in an application form, personal interview, and through the testimony of references to the National Credentials Review Committee that he/she is currently a partner in a marriage relationship where faithfulness has been clearly demonstrated for a minimum period of five (5) years.

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 10.5 be amended by the addition of By-Law 10.5.5 as follows:

10.5.5 A credential holder who is divorced with a former spouse still living and who wishes to retain credentials may be declared eligible to remarry when the following conditions exist:

10.5.5.1 The credential holder did not contribute to a divorce by having committed *porneia*.

10.5.5.2 The former spouse has committed *porneia* as defined in The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada *General Constitution and By-Laws* Article 5.8.1 and determined by one (1) or more of the following means:

10.5.5.2.1 A district hearing committee of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada has found the former spouse guilty in the process of dealing with charges related to *porneia*.

10.5.5.2.2 A secular court has found the former spouse guilty of a legal offense related to sexual misconduct which may be interpreted by a credential committee of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as *porneia*.

10.5.5.2.3 A certificate of marriage, or other legal marital status documents, provides evidence that the former spouse has remarried subsequent to the divorce from the credential holder.

10.5.5.2.4 Evidence demonstrates that the former spouse has been a partner in a common law marriage, as defined by provincial or federal legislation, subsequent to the divorce from the credential holder.

10.5.5.3 A minimum period of five (5) years has elapsed since the later date of the following events:

10.5.5.3.1 The date of the credential holder's divorce.

10.5.5.3.2 The date the former spouse committed *porneia* as determined by one or more of the means listed above in By-Law 10.5.5.2.

10.5.5.4 The credential holder has provided acceptable evidence in an application form, personal interview, and through the testimony of references to the National Credentials Review Committee that he/she has clearly demonstrated exemplary Christian character and morality for the prior five (5) year period.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend by deletion of By-Law 10.5.5.1 as presented in Resolution #16. DEFEATED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend by deletion of By-Law 10.2.1.4, By-Law 10.2.1.5, By-Law 10.5.5.2.3 and By-Law 10.5.5.2.4 as presented in Resolution #16.

GC 08-28

FIRST ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The results of the first election ballot for the Members at Large to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	522		
Ballots Spoiled	11		
Ballots necessary for election	262	(50.1%)	
Rev. F. Fulford	278	(53.4%)	ELECTION
Rev. D. Mann	230	(44.1%)	
Rev. L. Gibbons	224	(42.9%)	
Rev. S. Osmond	197	(37.7%)	

Rev. H. Reid	175	(33.5%)
Rev. B. Martin	139	(26.6%)
Rev. K. Johnson	124	(23.8%)
Rev. M. Wojda	81	(15.5%)

GC 08-29 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names for election on the second ballot:

Nominees:

Rev. S. Osmond	Alberta and Northwest Territories
Rev. M. Wojda	Saskatchewan
Rev. B. Martin	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
Rev. L. Gibbons	Western Ontario
Rev. H. Reid	Eastern Ontario
Rev. D. Mann	Quebec
Rev. K. Johnson	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-30 **LIFE: JUST ADD WATER PRESENTATION:** Rev. J. Molloy and Rev. D. McAlister presented a video and a verbal report for the partnership for youth ministries and international missions.

GC 08-27 **RESOLUTION #16 (Continued):** Discussions related to the amendment continued. **DEFEATED**

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend the resolution by addition of the words “An applicant by reason of *porneia*” in By-Law 10.2.1 and “A credential holder by reason of *porneia*” in By-Law 10.5.5. **DEFEATED**

GC 08-31 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the second election ballot for the Members at Large to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	583		
Ballots Spoiled	14		
Ballots necessary for election	292	(50.1%)	
Rev. D. Mann	309	(53.0%)	ELECTED
Rev. L. Gibbons	270	(46.3%)	
Rev. S. Osmond	197	(33.8%)	
Rev. H. Reid	120	(20.6%)	
Rev. B. Martin	83	(14.2%)	
Rev. K. Johnson	57	(9.8%)	
Rev. M. Wojda	41	(7.0%)	

GC 08-32 **THIRD ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names for election on the third ballot:

Nominees:

Rev. S. Osmond	Alberta and Northwest Territories
Rev. B. Martin	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
Rev. L. Gibbons	Western Ontario
Rev. H. Reid	Eastern Ontario
Rev. K. Johnson	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-27 **RESOLUTION #16 (Continued):** It was MOVED and SECONDED to call for the question. **CARRIED**

Ballots were distributed for Resolution #16 and voting was conducted by secret ballot. The Chair declared this ballot closed.

- GC 08-33 **MISSION CANADA CHILDRENS MINISTRIES:** Mrs. N. Rogge presented the Children's Ministries Toolbox.
- GC 08-34 **PENTECOSTAL FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP:** Rev. J. Richards presented the Pentecostal Financial Services Group as a department and program which seeks creative fundraising opportunities for The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

GC 08-27 **RESOLUTION #16 (Continued):** The results of the secret ballot were presented as followed:

Ballots Cast	533		
Ballots Spoiled	11		
All in favour	398	(74.7%)	
All opposed	124	(23.3%)	

CARRIED

Rev. K. Shepherd closed the third business session in prayer.

The third business session of the General Conference adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008**

The Chair, Rev. W. Morrow, called the fourth business session to order at 1:06 p.m.

GC 08-35 **Priority One India:** The International Missions *Priority One India* video was shared for information purposes.

GC 08-36 **THIRD ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the third election ballot for Members at Large to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	459		
Ballots Spoiled	13		
Ballots necessary for election	230	(50.1%)	
Rev. L. Gibbons	212	(46.2%)	
Rev. S. Osmond	131	(28.5%)	
Rev. H. Reid	51	(11.1%)	
Rev. B. Martin	24	(5.2%)	
Rev. K. Johnson	19	(4.1%)	

Rev. M. Collins expressed appreciation to the balloting and scrutineer team for all their excellent work, especially Rev. D. Kingston and Rev. S. Sibley who have led the team.

GC 08-37 **FOURTH ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names for election on the fourth ballot:

Nominees:

Rev. S. Osmond	Alberta and Northwest Territories
Rev. B. Martin	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
Rev. L. Gibbons	Western Ontario
Rev. H. Reid	Eastern Ontario

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-38 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names as nominated by the respective district conferences.

Nominees:

C. Hornby Allen	British Columbia and Yukon
L. Douglass	Alberta and Northwest Territories
D. Stiller	Saskatchewan
R. McKelvey	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
S. Novoselac	Western Ontario
T. Goss	Eastern Ontario
J. Veilleux	Quebec
G. Peters	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-39

RESOLUTION #10: It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.5.13 and the final paragraph in By-Law 10.6.16.2 be amended by addition of the word "sexual" as follows:*

10.5.13 All initial applicants for credentials shall present a completed criminal record check from the appropriate legal authorities. Successful applicants for credentials shall not have a criminal record of sexual child abuse.

10.6.16.2 BASIS AND PERIOD OF TIME

There shall be no reinstatement of credentials for those who are found guilty of sexual child abuse.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend Resolution #10 to remove the word "sexual" and include the phrase "Should we deem that a person is simply disciplining in an appropriate manner it would be addressed as a separate issue."
DEFEATED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend Resolution #10 to add a statement that the credential holder be willing to submit or release the documentation of a charge that may be found on a completed record check.
OUT OF ORDER

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend Resolution #10 by the addition of the statement "Successful applicants shall be required to sign an annual offence declaration as part of the annual credential renewal."
OUT OF ORDER

CARRIED

GC 08-40

RESOLUTION #11: It was MOVED and SECONDED that paragraph one of *By-Law 10.6.1 be amended as follows:*

10.6.1 THE NATURE AND PURPOSES OF DISCIPLINE

Discipline is an application of scriptural principles that guide conduct and lifestyle. The aims of discipline are that God may be honored, that the purity and welfare of the ministry may be maintained, and that those under discipline may be brought to repentance and restoration.

CARRIED

GC 08-41

RESOLUTION #12: IT WAS MOVED and SECONDED THAT *By-Law 10.6.7.1 be amended by addition as follows:*

10.6.7.1.4 In the event ministry is restricted, the credential holder charged under the Criminal Code shall continue to receive remuneration for a maximum of three (3) months.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend Resolution #12 by changing the words from "credential holder" to "Pastor".
WITHDRAWN

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend Resolution #12 by increasing the maximum time of remuneration from "three (3) months" to "six (6) months".
DEFEATED

GC 08-42 **FOURTH ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the fourth election ballot for the Members at Large to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	357		
Ballots Spoiled	3		
Ballots necessary for election	179	(50.1%)	
Rev. L. Gibbons	205	(57.4%)	ELECTED
Rev. S. Osmond	97	(27.2%)	
Rev. H. Reid	39	(10.9%)	
Rev. B. Martin	13	(3.6%)	

Rev. F. Fulford, Rev. D. Mann, and Rev. L. Gibbons thanked the conference for the vote of confidence. A special appreciation was mentioned for Rev. K. Johnson, Rev. H. Reid, Rev. M. Turgeon and Rev. M. Wojda for faithfully serving over the past two years.

GC 08-43 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the first election ballot for Lay Member to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	381		
Ballots Spoiled	2		
Ballots necessary for election	179	(50.1%)	
L. Douglass	197	(51.7%)	ELECTION
C. Hornby Allen	176	(46.2%)	
T. Goss	129	(33.9%)	
J. Veilleux	129	(33.9%)	
D. Stiller	127	(33.3%)	
S. Novoselac	97	(25.5%)	
G. Peters	81	(21.3%)	
R. McKelvey	34	(8.9%)	

GC 08-44 **MISSION CANADA MENS MINISTRIES:** The results and winner of the Men's Ministries video contest were shared and presented to Church on the Hill, Cobourg, Ontario pastored by Rev. L. Stratton whose church received the prize of \$2,000 to assist with any audio visual need the church wishes.

GC 08-45 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names for election.

Nominees:

C. Hornby Allen	British Columbia and Yukon
D. Stiller	Saskatchewan
R. McKelvey	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
S. Novoselac	Western Ontario
T. Goss	Eastern Ontario
J. Veilleux	Quebec
G. Peters	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-46 **RESOLUTION #13:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.6.6 be amended by addition as follows:

10.6.6.5 Should a credential holder, against whom allegations have been filed, refuse to be interviewed by the investigators, a copy of the written allegations must be sent to the credential holder by registered mail or hand delivered to the individual.

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 10.6.6 numbering hereafter be adjusted for the inclusion. CARRIED

GC 08-47 **RESOLUTION #14:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.6.12.3 be amended as follows:

10.6.12.3 If a credential holder has confessed to or has been found guilty by a hearing committee of an infraction not meriting suspension, the district executive may deal with the infraction by reprimand and/or counseling and/or restriction of ministry for a probationary period.

CARRIED

GC 08-48 **RESOLUTION #15:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.13.1.4 be amended as follows:

10.13.1.4 The credential holder must be in full compliance with the respective regional and national requirements relative to constitution, finances, policy and active cooperation in regional programs.

CARRIED

GC 08-49 **ERDO REPORT OF CHILD CARE PLUS:** Ms. L. Lowe shared a video and presented the ministry of the ChildCare Plus.

GC 08-50 **REPORT OF THE FELLOWSHIP SERVICES:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept the report of the Assistant Superintendent of Fellowship Services, Rev. D. Hazzard, as presented, printed and distributed.

Rev. D. Hazzard introduced Rev. J. Murdock, lead pastor of The Summit, Sault St. Marie, Ontario who shared about the church he has planted since the 2006 General Conference.

GC 08-51 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the second election ballot for Lay Member to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	451		
Ballots Spoiled	2		
Ballots necessary for election	226	(50.1%)	
C. Hornby Allen	301	(66.7%)	ELECTION
T. Goss	166	(36.8%)	
J. Veilleux	143	(31.7%)	
D. Stiller	125	(27.7%)	
S. Novoselac	47	(10.4%)	
G. Peters	41	(9.1%)	
R. McKelvey	15	(3.3%)	

GC 08-52 **THIRD ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names for election.

Nominees:

D. Stiller	Saskatchewan
S. Novoselac	Western Ontario
T. Goss	Eastern Ontario
J. Veilleux	Quebec
G. Peters	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

REPORT OF THE FELLOWSHIP SERVICES (Continued): Rev. D. Hazzard presented the 2007 Audited Financial Report.

Words of appreciation were expressed for the team that supports the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services at the International Office namely: Mrs. J. Hearn, Mr. C. Howson, Mrs. L. Redman, Mrs. J. Dragos and Mrs. G. Aide. Appreciation was extended to the General Executive and the team of Masters College and Seminary over the past 18 months as Rev. D. Hazzard served as interim president. Further, Rev. D. Hazzard expressed appreciation for Mrs. S. Hazzard who joyfully partners together with him in marriage.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #17: It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following committee be added to the *General Constitution and By-Laws*, By-Law 8.1 and renumbered appropriately:

8.1.2 NATIONAL CREDENTIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE

8.1.2.1 PURPOSE

8.1.2.1.1 This committee will be limited to serve a district credential committee only in regard to divorce and remarriage.

8.1.2.1.2 This committee shall receive credential applications from applicants after preliminary approval has been given by a district credential committee.

8.1.2.1.3 This committee shall receive credential applications from applicants who are divorced and remarried with a former spouse still living and who wish to transfer ministerial credentials held with another religious organization into The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

8.1.2.1.4 This committee shall receive applications from credential holders of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada who are divorced with a former spouse still living and who wish to retain credentials and be declared eligible to remarry.

8.1.2.1.5 This committee shall conduct personal interview(s) with each applicant, except in situations where the written application reveals that the individual is clearly ineligible or in unique circumstances where the committee determines that an interview is not possible or is unwarranted.

8.1.2.1.6 When applicants have been approved, this committee shall make recommendations to the General Executive to authorize the National Credentials Committee to issue the appropriate credentials, subject to additional requirements for transfers administered by the district executive, and ratification of all approved applicants by the appropriate district conference. If the applicant is a current credential holder, divorced, seeking permission to remarry, the National Credentials Committee shall make appropriate recommendations to the General Executive for ratification.

8.1.2.2 ORGANIZATION

8.1.2.2.1 The National Credentials Review Committee shall consist of the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services, and other members appointed by the General Executive.

8.1.2.2.2 The Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services shall be the Chair.

8.1.2.2.3 This committee shall be responsible to the General Executive.

8.1.2.2.4 This committee shall meet at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

GC 08-54

RESOLUTION #18: It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.3 be amended as follows:

10.3.2 All initial applications for credentials, except those which relate to divorce and remarriage issues, must be made on a completed application form to be submitted to the district conference credentials committee for district conference approval.

10.3.3 Initial applications for credentials by individuals who have been divorced and remarried, or by credential holders of other organizations who have been divorced and remarried and wish to transfer their credentials, shall complete the special application form to be submitted to the National Credentials Review Committee.

10.3.4 The National Credentials Committee shall issue credentials to only those recommended and approved by the district executive and district conference, or by the National Credentials Review Committee and ratified by the appropriate district conference, and who have complied with General Conference requirements.

CARRIED

GC 08-55

RESOLUTION #19: It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.4.2 be amended as follows:

10.4.2.4 Ministers from other church organizations who have been divorced and remarried and who wish to transfer to The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada shall complete the special application form to be submitted to the National Credentials Review Committee. Approved applicants for transfer shall be referred to the district executive for further processing.

All ministers transferring shall complete the required courses of study and The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada *Application for Initial Ministerial Credentials* for our records, including the credential exam and academic transcripts, and a letter of reference from their current church organization. Before receiving credentials they shall allow a copy of their former credentials and, if applicable, their ordination certificate, to be made available for the files of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Credential holders accepted for transfer from other church organizations shall have a provisional credential status for one year before credential transfer is confirmed.

CARRIED

GC 08-56

RESOLUTION #20: It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.5.8 be amended as follows:

10.5.8 It is recommended that credential holders do not invite into the church or community for official public preaching, teaching, or evangelistic ministries any person or persons who are divorced and remarried and have a living former spouse or who are married to such a person, unless such person holds ministerial credentials with a religious organization recognized by The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

CARRIED

GC 08-57

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 as follows:

Ballots Cast	398	
Ballots Spoiled	4	
Ballots necessary for election	200	(50.1%)
T. Goss	184	(46.2%)
J. Veilleux	104	(26.1%)
D. Stiller	75	(18.8%)
S. Novoselac	19	(4.8%)
G. Peters	12	(3.0%)

GC 08-58 **FOURTH ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names for election.

Nominees:

D. Stiller	Saskatchewan
S. Novoselac	Western Ontario
T. Goss	Eastern Ontario
J. Veilleux	Quebec

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-56 **RESOLUTION #20 (Continued):** It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend Resolution #20 by addition of the wording at the end of the text “or the former spouse of the proposed speaker has committed *porneia*.” DEFEATED

CARRIED

GC 08-59 **EXTENSION OF TIME:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the adjournment time be extended to complete the business of the 2008 General Conference. CARRIED

GC 08-60 **RESOLUTION #21:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the proposed 2008 version of the *Local Church Constitution and By-Laws* be adopted in its entirety as distributed and printed to replace the 2006 version of the *Local Church Constitution and By-Laws for Self-Governing Assemblies* and, also the *Local Church Constitution and By-Laws with Pastor’s Council*. CARRIED

GC 08-61 **RESOLUTION #22:** It is MOVED and SECONDED that such editorial amendments as are included in the amendments to the *General Constitution and By-Laws* distributed to the members of this General Conference, and all necessary renumbering of the by-laws with updated cross references, be hereby approved for publication with the *General Constitution and By-Laws* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada or in the *Local Church Constitution and By-Laws* as the case may be. CARRIED

GC 08-62 **RESOLUTION #23:** It is MOVED and SECONDED that a special vote of gratitude and appreciation be extended to the following:

1. The Western Ontario District Superintendent, David Shepherd and his district executive, and the pastors and congregations of the Western Ontario District and area churches for their warm hospitality, kindness and assistance with the many, varied details of the conference, the City of Toronto represented by Mayor Miller, and the City of Mississauga represented by Mayor McCallion.
2. Our General Superintendent, Rev. W. Morrow, for his ministry and his excellent leadership.
3. Our Executive Officers for their faithful service and ministry to the fellowship.
4. The General Executive for their work in preparation for the conference.
5. Our Corporate Sponsors, Deeks Insurance and TD Canada Trust.
6. Our coaches, workshop and network presenters and those who assisted each presenter.
7. Our worship leader: Rev. M. Tapley.
8. Special musical guests.
9. All the conference committees for their contribution in assisting the work of the conference.
10. Mr. R. Edwards (Conference Coordinator), Rev. G. Werner (Planning Coordinator), Mrs. L. Redman (Business Coordinator and Recording Secretary), Rev. W. Markham (Communications Coordinator), Rev. J. Ghag (Networking Coordinator), Rev. D. McAlister and Rev. L. McAlister (Workshop Coordinators), Mr. N. Bishop (Sponsorship Coordinator), Rev. J. Caplin (Coaching Coordinator), Mrs. D. Puglese (Administrator and Registrar) and other staff personnel of the International Office who have served in official functions to efficiently facilitate this General Conference. The staff of the Western Ontario District, and the host of volunteers who have served our conference so well.
11. All who assisted in administration, clerical registration and other support ministries.
12. The Doubletree by Hilton – Toronto Airport (International Plaza Hotel), and all of their staff who have served us so capably in every way.
13. Toronto airport area restaurants for opening their doors and offering special rates to us.
14. And most of all, to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for His blessing and presence in every session and service.

GC 08-63

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 as follows:

Ballots Cast	379		
Ballots Spoiled	5		
Ballots necessary for election	190	(50.1%)	
T. Goss	229	(60.4%)	ELECTED
J. Veilleux	89	(23.5%)	
D. Stiller	46	(11.9%)	
S. Novoselac	10	(2.6%)	

Ms. L. Douglass and Mrs. C. Hornby-Allen thanked the conference for the vote of confidence. Mr. T. Goss was unable to attend. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. D. Stiller for serving faithfully over the past two years.

GC 08-64 **MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to adjourn the 48th General Conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. CARRIED

Rev. J. Osmond was invited to lead the conference in a prayer of dismissal.

The final session of the 48th General Conference was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

William D. Morrow
General Superintendent

David E. Hazzard
Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services



THE PENSION FUND (1969) OF THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA
Doubletree by Hilton International Plaza Hotel, Toronto, Ontario

General Membership Meeting
May 5 - 9, 2008

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008

The Chair, Rev. D. Hazzard, called for the General Meeting of The Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada to order at 11:05 a.m.

Rev. S. Mulligan opened the session with prayer.

The Chair introduced and welcomed to the meeting the Executive Director of The Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Mr. R. Schellenberg.

GCPF 08-01 **PENSION FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Mr. R. Schellenberg presented the Pension Fund Financial Statements as of December 31, 2007.

GCPF 08-02 **REPORT TO THE 2008 PENSION FUND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Mr. R. Schellenberg presented the report of the Pension Plan to the 2008 General Conference. Grateful appreciation was extended to the team which provides support: Rev. C. Howson, Mrs. K. Maier, and Mrs. J. Dragos.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the report be accepted as written and presented by the Director, Mr. R. Schellenberg CARRIED

GCPF 08-01 **PENSION FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued):** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Pension Fund Financial Statements be accepted. CARRIED

The Chair extended grateful appreciation to Mr. R. Schellenberg and the Board of Trustees of The Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada for their work on behalf of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

GCPF 08-03 **MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT:** The General Meeting of The Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada of the 48th General Conference was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Mr. R. Schellenberg
Executive Director

David E. Hazzard
Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services



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48th GENERAL CONFERENCE
May 5 - 8, 2008

MINUTES

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008

The Chair, Rev. W. Morrow, called the first business session to order at 6:09 p.m. Appreciation was expressed to the people of Toronto, Western Ontario District, Eastern Ontario District and conference coordinator, G. Werner and the International Office staff.

GUESTS

Rev. D. Hazzard recognized and honoured the former executive officers and invited those in attendance to stand: Rev. D. Ball, Rev. K. Birch, Rev. W. Griffin, Rev. S. Hunter, Rev. L. Markham, Rev. K. Parks, Rev. R. Taitinger, Rev. G. Upton and Rev. C. Yates. Special mention was offered for those former officers who are unable to attend, Rev. R. Argue and Rev. R. Schmunk. The delegates welcomed the former executive officers.

Rev. M. Cornelius recognized our international guests, along with their wives. Rev. A. Purshaga, General Superintendent of Assemblies of God of Russia and Rev. H. Hunter, Superintendent General Iglesias Evangelica Pentecostal de Cuba, brought greetings. Rev. M. Cornelius led in prayer for the church international.

Rev. D. Shepherd, District Superintendent of the Western Ontario District, brought greetings to the conference.

Rev. P. Fraser opened the conference in prayer.

The chairman 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*.

GC 08-01 **VOTING BAR:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the delegates wearing black badges denote voting privileges establishing the voting bar. CARRIED

The chairman welcomed the director, Mr. B. Clemenger of Evangelical Fellowship of Canada who brought a report and update of the partnership with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

GC 08-02 **MINUTES OF 47th CONFERENCE:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the 47th General Conference be approved as printed and distributed. CARRIED

GC 08-03 **CONFERENCE COMMITTEES:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the conference committees be approved as printed and distributed in the conference manual. CARRIED

GC 08-04 **AGENDA OF THE 48TH CONFERENCE:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the agenda be approved as presented to the conference. CARRIED

The General Superintendent vacated the chair to present his report. Rev. D. Shepherd assumed the chair.

GC 08-05 **REPORT OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** Rev. W. Morrow presented his report and expressed appreciation to the conference.

G. Werner presented a video and report for Mission Canada.

Rev. W. Morrow expressed his appreciation to Rev. D. Hazzard, Rev. M. Cornelius Rev. G. Werner, missionaries, pastors, and credential holders. He also expressed his appreciation to Mrs. C. Stuckless, executive assistant.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the report be received.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the General Conference express appreciation to our General Superintendent, Rev. W. Morrow for his excellent leadership over the past twelve years.

CARRIED

Rev. D. Shepherd vacated the chair. Rev. W. Morrow resumed the chair.

Rev. D. Prasad offered prayer for India and Hyderabad.

GC 08-06 **RESOLUTION #1:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that *Article 5.9.1 paragraph one, Article 5.9.3 and Article 5.2.4* be amended as follows:

5.9.1 MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

Marriage is a provision of God wherein one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others enter into a lifelong relationship through a marriage ceremony that is recognized by the church and legally sanctioned by the state.

5.9.3 REMARRIAGE

Remarriage is the union, legally sanctioned by the State, of one man and one woman, one or both of whom have been previously married. It is regarded as acceptable in Scripture in the event of the death of a former spouse. It is also regarded as acceptable if there has been sexual immorality on the part of the former partner or if the former partner has remarried.

5.2.4 Christian marriage (as defined by the *Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada)

CARRIED

GC 08-07 **RESOLUTION #2:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 3.1.1.3* be accepted as follows:

3.1.1.3 Ordained missionaries under appointment, and missionaries holding a valid Licensed Minister or Recognition of Ministry credential, who have been under missionary appointment for two (2) full and consecutive years.

CARRIED

GC 08-08 **RESOLUTION #3:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 12.9.2.3* be amended as follows:

12.9.2.3 GENERAL EXECUTIVE NOMINEE

Prior to the convening of the biennial General Conference, the district conference shall choose a credential holder to serve as a nominee to the General Conference for election to the General Executive. The process for choosing the nominee shall be as follows: on a nomination ballot the district executive shall present three names. Additional credential holders receiving over 5% on the nominating ballot shall be eligible to appear on the election ballot. A two-thirds majority on the district conference election ballot shall be required to select the district nominee to be presented to the General Conference. If the nomination is not confirmed on the first election ballot, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be further voted upon. All others shall be eliminated. If no election is confirmed as a result of the second election ballot, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and, on the succeeding ballot for the two remaining candidates, a majority vote shall confirm the election of the district nominee for the General Conference nomination slate for General Executive members-at-large.

CARRIED

GC 08-09 **RESOLUTION #4:** It was MOVED AND SECONDED that *By-Law 3.2.2.2 and By-Law 3.3.2.2* be amended by addition as follows:

3.2.2.2 The three lay members shall be persons of mature experience and ability who have current district endorsement and membership in a local church of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and who have had membership in one or more churches of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada over a period of 10 consecutive years, whose life and ministry are above question, and who have given evidence of Christian leadership. Lay members, receiving district endorsement, shall agree with the *Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and shall have experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit accompanied by speaking in tongues.

3.3.2.2 Each district executive shall present the name of a lay person who is in agreement with the *Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths* and has experienced the Baptism of the Holy Spirit accompanied by speaking in other tongues in nomination to the General Conference. Of the names submitted by all the district executives, three shall be elected to serve as members of the General Executive.

CARRIED

GC 08-10 **RESOLUTION #5:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 6.3.1.2* be amended to include one district superintendent, one pastor and one lay person as follows:

6.3.1.2 ORGANIZATION

6.3.1.2.1 The International Missions Committee shall include:

- The Executive Officers Committee
- The Regional Directors of the International Missions Department
- One district superintendent (as appointed by the General Executive)
- International Missions Lead Team
- Director of ERDO
- The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador – The General Superintendent and designate;
- The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Missions Link – Chair
- One pastor (as appointed by the General Executive)
- One lay person (as appointed by the General Executive)

CARRIED

GC 08-11 **RESOLUTION #6:** It was MOVED AND SECONDED that *By-Law 8.4.5.1* be amended by addition as follows:

8.4.5.1 PURPOSE

This committee shall be responsible to maintain minimum standards for admissions, administration, all education programs, graduation, and personal life standards in harmony with the theological and spiritual values of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as related to the requirements for credentials as approved by the Credential Standards Committee. This committee shall recommend to the Superintendents Committee standards for the coordination of nationally offered programs.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution #6 be amended by deletion of By-Law 9.4.

The motion was laid on the table until the next session.

Rev. L. Paulsen closed the first business session in prayer.

The General Conference was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

**SECOND BUSINESS SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008**

The Chair, Rev. W. Morrow, called the second business session to order at 9:05 a.m.

Rev. M. Running opened the second business session in prayer.

GC 08-11 **RESOLUTION #6 (Continued):** It was MOVED AND SECONDED that Resolution #6 be amended as follows:

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Education Standards Committee have equal representation from all training institutions in The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, along with one full time Pastor, one Aboriginal representative, one District Superintendent, one Intercultural representative, one Missionary representative appointed by the Missions Department and all other resolutions / by-laws pertaining to the composition of the Educations Standards Committee will fall in line with Resolution #6, By-Law 8.4.5.1.

RULED OUT OF ORDER

It was Moved and Seconded that the decision of the Chair be challenged. DEFEATED

It was Moved and Seconded to remove the deletion of By-Law 9.4 except the line "Courses offered by the Canadian Pentecostal Correspondence College may be accepted by individual colleges for the transfer of credits to theological educational programs" and to change the name of the International Correspondence Institute University to Global University Canada.

GC 08-12 **ROSTER REPORT#1:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to call for a roster report. CARRIED

Mr. R. Edwards, Chair of the Roster and Registration Committee, presented the Roster Report #1.

	9:30 AM
VOTING	673
NON-VOTING	236
GRAND TOTAL	909

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Roster Report #1 be accepted as read. CARRIED

Rev. D. Tapley offered prayer.

GC 08-13 **PRE-CONFERENCE FIRST NOMINATION BALLOT FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** The results from the pre-conference ballot were shared as follows:

BALLOTS CAST	712	
BALLOTS NEEDED	477	67.7%
Rev. D. Wells	242	33.9%
Rev. D. Hazzard	191	26.8%

GC 08-14 **SECOND NOMINATION BALLOT FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** The Chair called for the second nomination ballot for General Superintendent. The Chair declared the second nomination Ballot closed.

Rev. W. Morrow welcomed Rev. J. Palmer of the Assemblies of God USA. Rev. J. Palmer addressed the General Conference.

Rev. W. Morrow welcomed with appreciation Mr. M. Sommerall of TD Canada Trust, one of our corporate sponsors.

GC 08-11 **RESOLUTION #6 (Continued):** The amendment to Resolution #6 was DEFEATED

It was Moved and Seconded to table Resolution #6 and refer it to the General Executive for further work, to be brought back to the 2010 General Conference. CARRIED

GC 08-15 **RESOLUTION #7:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.2.3.1.2 for Licensed Ministers credentials, By-Law 10.2.5.1 for Recognition of Ministry credentials and By-Law 10.2.6.1.2 for Church Related credentials be amended by the deletion of "full-time". CARRIED

GC 08-16 **RESOLUTION #8:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.5.10.3* be amended as follows:

10.5.10.3 Credential holders who are engaged in national, district or local church administrative work, or are members of a Bible college staff, or duly-appointed chaplains, or are registered as full-time students in furtherance of their education (maximum three (3) years), or are engaged in specialized ministries, which include music, counseling, and ministries that focus on particular age, gender, interest, or cultural groups must fulfill their duties with the terms of their appointment. CARRIED

GC08-17 **RESOLUTION #9:** It was MOVED AND SECONDED that *By-Law 10.5.10.16* be added as follows:

10.5.10.16 Credential holders on maternity/paternity leave may retain active credentials with regular conference privileges provided the credentials are renewed. However, time spent on maternity/paternity leave will not be included in the time requirement for ordination. CARRIED

GC 08-18 **REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:** A video was shared prior to Rev. M. Cornelius presenting the International Missions report.

GC 08-19 **SECOND NOMINATION BALLOT FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** The results from the second nomination ballot were shared as follows:

BALLOTS CAST	552	
BALLOTS SPOILED	3	
BALLOTS NEEDED	368	67.7%
Rev. D. Wells	268	48.6%
Rev. D. Hazzard	134	24.3%
Rev. D. Shepherd	24	4.3%

GC 08-20 **ROSTER REPORT #2:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to call for a roster report. CARRIED

Mr. R. Edwards, Chair of the Roster and Registration Committee, presented the Roster Report #2.

	10:00 AM
VOTING	688
NON-VOTING	286
GRAND TOTAL	974

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Roster Report #2 be accepted as read. CARRIED

GC 08-21 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** The Chair called for the first election ballot for General Superintendent. The Chair declared the first election ballot closed.

GC 08-18 **REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS (Continued):** Rev. M. Cornelius continued with the presentation of the International Missions report.

Rev. G. Dyck presented the report for Muslim outreach through the partnership of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and Centre for Muslim Outreach.

Rev. G. Abraham presented the report for Random Access Network.

Appreciation was expressed to Rev. K. Birch and Rev. G. Peters for their faithful service as Regional Directors. Rev. S. Chaloner and Rev. J. Guskjolen were presented as the newest Regional Directors since the last General Conference.

GC 08-22 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** The results from the first election ballot were shared as follows:

BALLOTS CAST	613	
BALLOTS SPOILED	13	
BALLOTS NEEDED	409	66.7%
Rev. D. Wells	410	66.9%
Rev. D. Hazzard	142	23.2%
Rev. D. Shepherd	48	7.8%

Rev. D. Wells was welcomed to the platform as the new General Superintendent of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

GC 08-23 **MISSION CANADA - YOUTH PRESENTATION:** Rev. J. Hillier and Rev. M. Colwell presented the lay leader certification program for information.

GC 08-24 **MISSION CANADA - WORDCOM:** Rev. G. Werner presented the new and improved Wordcom Christian Resources. Rev. G. Werner introduced Ms. R. Clarke, new manager director.

GC 08-18 **REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS (Continued):** Rev. M. Cornelius continued with the presentation of the International Missions report.

Rev. K. Honsinger presented the ERDO report.

Appreciation was expressed to the entire International Missions, Fellowship Services staff and the General Superintendent.

The conference was adjourned for the lunch hour.

Rev. G. Werner offered prayer.

**THIRD BUSINESS SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008**

The Chair, Rev. W. Morrow, called the third business session to order at 1:15 p.m.

Rev. B. Liira opened the third business session in prayer.

GC 08-18 **REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:** Rev. M. Cornelius continued with the presentation of the International Missions report.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the International Missions report be received. CARRIED

The Chair welcomed with appreciation Mr. S. LaPalme of Deeks Insurance, one of the corporate sponsors.

GC 08-25 **ROSTER REPORT #3:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to call for a roster report. CARRIED

Mr. R. Edwards, Chair of the Roster and Registration Committee, presented the Roster Report #3.

	1:30 P.M.
VOTING	692
NON-VOTING	317
GRAND TOTAL	1,009

It was MOVED AND SECONDED that the Roster Report #3 be accepted as read.

CARRIED

GC 08-26

FIRST ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE: Rev. M. Collins presented the names as nominated by the respective district conferences.

Nominees:

Rev. F. Fulford	British Columbia and Yukon
Rev. S. Osmond	Alberta and Northwest Territories
Rev. M. Wojda	Saskatchewan
Rev. B. Martin	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
Rev. L. Gibbons	Western Ontario
Rev. H. Reid	Eastern Ontario
Rev. D. Mann	Quebec
Rev. K. Johnson	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-27

RESOLUTION #16: It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.5.5 be amended by deletion and that By-Law 10.2 be amended after the first paragraph with the following addition: [*numbers appear only for clarity purposes and assume that the first paragraph could be assigned number By-Law 10.2.1*]

10.2.1 An applicant who has been divorced and remarried with a former spouse still living, or who is currently married to a spouse who has a former spouse still living, may qualify for credentials when the following conditions exist:

10.2.1.1 The former spouse, of either the credential applicant or of the applicant's current spouse, has committed *porneia* as defined in the *General Constitution and By-Laws* Article 5.9.1 and determined by one or more of the following means:

10.2.1.1.1 A district hearing committee has found the former credentialed spouse guilty in the process of dealing with charges related to *porneia*.

10.2.1.1.2 A secular court has found the former spouse guilty of a legal offense related to sexual misconduct which may be interpreted by a credential committee of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as *porneia*.

10.2.1.1.3 A certificate of marriage, or other legal marital status documents, provides evidence that the former spouse has remarried subsequent to the divorce from the credential applicant or the applicant's current spouse.

10.2.1.1.4 Evidence demonstrates that the former spouse has been a partner in a common law marriage, as defined by provincial or federal legislation, subsequent to the divorce from the credential applicant or the applicant's current spouse.

10.2.1.2 A minimum period of five (5) years has elapsed since the later date of the following events:

10.2.1.2.1 The date the current marriage took place.

10.2.1.2.2 The date the former spouse committed *porneia* as determined by one (1) or more of the means listed above in By-Law 10.2.1.1.

10.2.1.2.3 The individual has provided acceptable evidence in an application form, personal interview, and through the testimony of references to the National Credentials Review Committee that he/she is currently a partner in a marriage relationship where faithfulness has been clearly demonstrated for a minimum period of five (5) years.

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 10.5 be amended by the addition of By-Law 10.5.5 as follows:

10.5.5 A credential holder who is divorced with a former spouse still living and who wishes to retain credentials may be declared eligible to remarry when the following conditions exist:

10.5.5.1 The credential holder did not contribute to a divorce by having committed *porneia*.

10.5.5.2 The former spouse has committed *porneia* as defined in The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada *General Constitution and By-Laws* Article 5.8.1 and determined by one (1) or more of the following means:

10.5.5.2.1 A district hearing committee of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada has found the former spouse guilty in the process of dealing with charges related to *porneia*.

10.5.5.2.2 A secular court has found the former spouse guilty of a legal offense related to sexual misconduct which may be interpreted by a credential committee of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as *porneia*.

10.5.5.2.3 A certificate of marriage, or other legal marital status documents, provides evidence that the former spouse has remarried subsequent to the divorce from the credential holder.

10.5.5.2.4 Evidence demonstrates that the former spouse has been a partner in a common law marriage, as defined by provincial or federal legislation, subsequent to the divorce from the credential holder.

10.5.5.3 A minimum period of five (5) years has elapsed since the later date of the following events:

10.5.5.3.1 The date of the credential holder's divorce.

10.5.5.3.2 The date the former spouse committed *porneia* as determined by one or more of the means listed above in By-Law 10.5.5.2.

10.5.5.4 The credential holder has provided acceptable evidence in an application form, personal interview, and through the testimony of references to the National Credentials Review Committee that he/she has clearly demonstrated exemplary Christian character and morality for the prior five (5) year period.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend by deletion of By-Law 10.5.5.1 as presented in Resolution #16. DEFEATED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend by deletion of By-Law 10.2.1.4, By-Law 10.2.1.5, By-Law 10.5.5.2.3 and By-Law 10.5.5.2.4 as presented in Resolution #16.

GC 08-28

FIRST ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The results of the first election ballot for the Members at Large to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	522		
Ballots Spoiled	11		
Ballots necessary for election	262	(50.1%)	
Rev. F. Fulford	278	(53.4%)	ELECTION
Rev. D. Mann	230	(44.1%)	
Rev. L. Gibbons	224	(42.9%)	
Rev. S. Osmond	197	(37.7%)	

Rev. H. Reid	175	(33.5%)
Rev. B. Martin	139	(26.6%)
Rev. K. Johnson	124	(23.8%)
Rev. M. Wojda	81	(15.5%)

GC 08-29 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names for election on the second ballot:

Nominees:

Rev. S. Osmond	Alberta and Northwest Territories
Rev. M. Wojda	Saskatchewan
Rev. B. Martin	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
Rev. L. Gibbons	Western Ontario
Rev. H. Reid	Eastern Ontario
Rev. D. Mann	Quebec
Rev. K. Johnson	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-30 **LIFE: JUST ADD WATER PRESENTATION:** Rev. J. Molloy and Rev. D. McAlister presented a video and a verbal report for the partnership for youth ministries and international missions.

GC 08-27 **RESOLUTION #16 (Continued):** Discussions related to the amendment continued. **DEFEATED**

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend the resolution by addition of the words “An applicant by reason of *porneia*” in By-Law 10.2.1 and “A credential holder by reason of *porneia*” in By-Law 10.5.5. **DEFEATED**

GC 08-31 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the second election ballot for the Members at Large to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	583		
Ballots Spoiled	14		
Ballots necessary for election	292	(50.1%)	
Rev. D. Mann	309	(53.0%)	ELECTED
Rev. L. Gibbons	270	(46.3%)	
Rev. S. Osmond	197	(33.8%)	
Rev. H. Reid	120	(20.6%)	
Rev. B. Martin	83	(14.2%)	
Rev. K. Johnson	57	(9.8%)	
Rev. M. Wojda	41	(7.0%)	

GC 08-32 **THIRD ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names for election on the third ballot:

Nominees:

Rev. S. Osmond	Alberta and Northwest Territories
Rev. B. Martin	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
Rev. L. Gibbons	Western Ontario
Rev. H. Reid	Eastern Ontario
Rev. K. Johnson	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-27 **RESOLUTION #16 (Continued):** It was MOVED and SECONDED to call for the question. **CARRIED**

Ballots were distributed for Resolution #16 and voting was conducted by secret ballot. The Chair declared this ballot closed.

- GC 08-33 **MISSION CANADA CHILDRENS MINISTRIES:** Mrs. N. Rogge presented the Children's Ministries Toolbox.
- GC 08-34 **PENTECOSTAL FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP:** Rev. J. Richards presented the Pentecostal Financial Services Group as a department and program which seeks creative fundraising opportunities for The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

GC 08-27 **RESOLUTION #16 (Continued):** The results of the secret ballot were presented as followed:

Ballots Cast	533		
Ballots Spoiled	11		
All in favour	398	(74.7%)	
All opposed	124	(23.3%)	

CARRIED

Rev. K. Shepherd closed the third business session in prayer.

The third business session of the General Conference adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008**

The Chair, Rev. W. Morrow, called the fourth business session to order at 1:06 p.m.

GC 08-35 **Priority One India:** The International Missions *Priority One India* video was shared for information purposes.

GC 08-36 **THIRD ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the third election ballot for Members at Large to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	459		
Ballots Spoiled	13		
Ballots necessary for election	230	(50.1%)	
Rev. L. Gibbons	212	(46.2%)	
Rev. S. Osmond	131	(28.5%)	
Rev. H. Reid	51	(11.1%)	
Rev. B. Martin	24	(5.2%)	
Rev. K. Johnson	19	(4.1%)	

Rev. M. Collins expressed appreciation to the balloting and scrutineer team for all their excellent work, especially Rev. D. Kingston and Rev. S. Sibley who have led the team.

GC 08-37 **FOURTH ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names for election on the fourth ballot:

Nominees:

Rev. S. Osmond	Alberta and Northwest Territories
Rev. B. Martin	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
Rev. L. Gibbons	Western Ontario
Rev. H. Reid	Eastern Ontario

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-38 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names as nominated by the respective district conferences.

Nominees:

C. Hornby Allen	British Columbia and Yukon
L. Douglass	Alberta and Northwest Territories
D. Stiller	Saskatchewan
R. McKelvey	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
S. Novoselac	Western Ontario
T. Goss	Eastern Ontario
J. Veilleux	Quebec
G. Peters	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-39

RESOLUTION #10: It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.5.13 and the final paragraph in By-Law 10.6.16.2 be amended by addition of the word "sexual" as follows:*

10.5.13 All initial applicants for credentials shall present a completed criminal record check from the appropriate legal authorities. Successful applicants for credentials shall not have a criminal record of sexual child abuse.

10.6.16.2 BASIS AND PERIOD OF TIME

There shall be no reinstatement of credentials for those who are found guilty of sexual child abuse.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend Resolution #10 to remove the word "sexual" and include the phrase "Should we deem that a person is simply disciplining in an appropriate manner it would be addressed as a separate issue."
DEFEATED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend Resolution #10 to add a statement that the credential holder be willing to submit or release the documentation of a charge that may be found on a completed record check.
OUT OF ORDER

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend Resolution #10 by the addition of the statement "Successful applicants shall be required to sign an annual offence declaration as part of the annual credential renewal."
OUT OF ORDER

CARRIED

GC 08-40

RESOLUTION #11: It was MOVED and SECONDED that paragraph one of *By-Law 10.6.1 be amended as follows:*

10.6.1 THE NATURE AND PURPOSES OF DISCIPLINE

Discipline is an application of scriptural principles that guide conduct and lifestyle. The aims of discipline are that God may be honored, that the purity and welfare of the ministry may be maintained, and that those under discipline may be brought to repentance and restoration.

CARRIED

GC 08-41

RESOLUTION #12: IT WAS MOVED and SECONDED THAT *By-Law 10.6.7.1 be amended by addition as follows:*

10.6.7.1.4 In the event ministry is restricted, the credential holder charged under the Criminal Code shall continue to receive remuneration for a maximum of three (3) months.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend Resolution #12 by changing the words from "credential holder" to "Pastor".
WITHDRAWN

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend Resolution #12 by increasing the maximum time of remuneration from "three (3) months" to "six (6) months".
DEFEATED

GC 08-42 **FOURTH ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the fourth election ballot for the Members at Large to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	357		
Ballots Spoiled	3		
Ballots necessary for election	179	(50.1%)	
Rev. L. Gibbons	205	(57.4%)	ELECTED
Rev. S. Osmond	97	(27.2%)	
Rev. H. Reid	39	(10.9%)	
Rev. B. Martin	13	(3.6%)	

Rev. F. Fulford, Rev. D. Mann, and Rev. L. Gibbons thanked the conference for the vote of confidence. A special appreciation was mentioned for Rev. K. Johnson, Rev. H. Reid, Rev. M. Turgeon and Rev. M. Wojda for faithfully serving over the past two years.

GC 08-43 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the first election ballot for Lay Member to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	381		
Ballots Spoiled	2		
Ballots necessary for election	179	(50.1%)	
L. Douglass	197	(51.7%)	ELECTION
C. Hornby Allen	176	(46.2%)	
T. Goss	129	(33.9%)	
J. Veilleux	129	(33.9%)	
D. Stiller	127	(33.3%)	
S. Novoselac	97	(25.5%)	
G. Peters	81	(21.3%)	
R. McKelvey	34	(8.9%)	

GC 08-44 **MISSION CANADA MENS MINISTRIES:** The results and winner of the Men's Ministries video contest were shared and presented to Church on the Hill, Cobourg, Ontario pastored by Rev. L. Stratton whose church received the prize of \$2,000 to assist with any audio visual need the church wishes.

GC 08-45 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names for election.

Nominees:

C. Hornby Allen	British Columbia and Yukon
D. Stiller	Saskatchewan
R. McKelvey	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
S. Novoselac	Western Ontario
T. Goss	Eastern Ontario
J. Veilleux	Quebec
G. Peters	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-46 **RESOLUTION #13:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.6.6 be amended by addition as follows:

10.6.6.5 Should a credential holder, against whom allegations have been filed, refuse to be interviewed by the investigators, a copy of the written allegations must be sent to the credential holder by registered mail or hand delivered to the individual.

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 10.6.6 numbering hereafter be adjusted for the inclusion. CARRIED

GC 08-47 **RESOLUTION #14:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.6.12.3 be amended as follows:

10.6.12.3 If a credential holder has confessed to or has been found guilty by a hearing committee of an infraction not meriting suspension, the district executive may deal with the infraction by reprimand and/or counseling and/or restriction of ministry for a probationary period.

CARRIED

GC 08-48 **RESOLUTION #15:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.13.1.4 be amended as follows:

10.13.1.4 The credential holder must be in full compliance with the respective regional and national requirements relative to constitution, finances, policy and active cooperation in regional programs.

CARRIED

GC 08-49 **ERDO REPORT OF CHILD CARE PLUS:** Ms. L. Lowe shared a video and presented the ministry of the ChildCare Plus.

GC 08-50 **REPORT OF THE FELLOWSHIP SERVICES:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept the report of the Assistant Superintendent of Fellowship Services, Rev. D. Hazzard, as presented, printed and distributed.

Rev. D. Hazzard introduced Rev. J. Murdock, lead pastor of The Summit, Sault St. Marie, Ontario who shared about the church he has planted since the 2006 General Conference.

GC 08-51 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the second election ballot for Lay Member to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	451		
Ballots Spoiled	2		
Ballots necessary for election	226	(50.1%)	
C. Hornby Allen	301	(66.7%)	ELECTION
T. Goss	166	(36.8%)	
J. Veilleux	143	(31.7%)	
D. Stiller	125	(27.7%)	
S. Novoselac	47	(10.4%)	
G. Peters	41	(9.1%)	
R. McKelvey	15	(3.3%)	

GC 08-52 **THIRD ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names for election.

Nominees:

D. Stiller	Saskatchewan
S. Novoselac	Western Ontario
T. Goss	Eastern Ontario
J. Veilleux	Quebec
G. Peters	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

REPORT OF THE FELLOWSHIP SERVICES (Continued): Rev. D. Hazzard presented the 2007 Audited Financial Report.

Words of appreciation were expressed for the team that supports the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services at the International Office namely: Mrs. J. Hearn, Mr. C. Howson, Mrs. L. Redman, Mrs. J. Dragos and Mrs. G. Aide. Appreciation was extended to the General Executive and the team of Masters College and Seminary over the past 18 months as Rev. D. Hazzard served as interim president. Further, Rev. D. Hazzard expressed appreciation for Mrs. S. Hazzard who joyfully partners together with him in marriage.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #17: It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following committee be added to the *General Constitution and By-Laws*, By-Law 8.1 and renumbered appropriately:

8.1.2 NATIONAL CREDENTIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE

8.1.2.1 PURPOSE

8.1.2.1.1 This committee will be limited to serve a district credential committee only in regard to divorce and remarriage.

8.1.2.1.2 This committee shall receive credential applications from applicants after preliminary approval has been given by a district credential committee.

8.1.2.1.3 This committee shall receive credential applications from applicants who are divorced and remarried with a former spouse still living and who wish to transfer ministerial credentials held with another religious organization into The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

8.1.2.1.4 This committee shall receive applications from credential holders of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada who are divorced with a former spouse still living and who wish to retain credentials and be declared eligible to remarry.

8.1.2.1.5 This committee shall conduct personal interview(s) with each applicant, except in situations where the written application reveals that the individual is clearly ineligible or in unique circumstances where the committee determines that an interview is not possible or is unwarranted.

8.1.2.1.6 When applicants have been approved, this committee shall make recommendations to the General Executive to authorize the National Credentials Committee to issue the appropriate credentials, subject to additional requirements for transfers administered by the district executive, and ratification of all approved applicants by the appropriate district conference. If the applicant is a current credential holder, divorced, seeking permission to remarry, the National Credentials Committee shall make appropriate recommendations to the General Executive for ratification.

8.1.2.2 ORGANIZATION

8.1.2.2.1 The National Credentials Review Committee shall consist of the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services, and other members appointed by the General Executive.

8.1.2.2.2 The Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services shall be the Chair.

8.1.2.2.3 This committee shall be responsible to the General Executive.

8.1.2.2.4 This committee shall meet at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

GC 08-54

RESOLUTION #18: It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.3 be amended as follows:

10.3.2 All initial applications for credentials, except those which relate to divorce and remarriage issues, must be made on a completed application form to be submitted to the district conference credentials committee for district conference approval.

10.3.3 Initial applications for credentials by individuals who have been divorced and remarried, or by credential holders of other organizations who have been divorced and remarried and wish to transfer their credentials, shall complete the special application form to be submitted to the National Credentials Review Committee.

10.3.4 The National Credentials Committee shall issue credentials to only those recommended and approved by the district executive and district conference, or by the National Credentials Review Committee and ratified by the appropriate district conference, and who have complied with General Conference requirements.

CARRIED

GC 08-55

RESOLUTION #19: It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.4.2 be amended as follows:

10.4.2.4 Ministers from other church organizations who have been divorced and remarried and who wish to transfer to The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada shall complete the special application form to be submitted to the National Credentials Review Committee. Approved applicants for transfer shall be referred to the district executive for further processing.

All ministers transferring shall complete the required courses of study and The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada *Application for Initial Ministerial Credentials* for our records, including the credential exam and academic transcripts, and a letter of reference from their current church organization. Before receiving credentials they shall allow a copy of their former credentials and, if applicable, their ordination certificate, to be made available for the files of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Credential holders accepted for transfer from other church organizations shall have a provisional credential status for one year before credential transfer is confirmed.

CARRIED

GC 08-56

RESOLUTION #20: It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.5.8 be amended as follows:

10.5.8 It is recommended that credential holders do not invite into the church or community for official public preaching, teaching, or evangelistic ministries any person or persons who are divorced and remarried and have a living former spouse or who are married to such a person, unless such person holds ministerial credentials with a religious organization recognized by The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

CARRIED

GC 08-57

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 as follows:

Ballots Cast	398	
Ballots Spoiled	4	
Ballots necessary for election	200	(50.1%)
T. Goss	184	(46.2%)
J. Veilleux	104	(26.1%)
D. Stiller	75	(18.8%)
S. Novoselac	19	(4.8%)
G. Peters	12	(3.0%)

GC 08-58 **FOURTH ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** Rev. M. Collins presented the names for election.

Nominees:

D. Stiller	Saskatchewan
S. Novoselac	Western Ontario
T. Goss	Eastern Ontario
J. Veilleux	Quebec

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 08-56 **RESOLUTION #20 (Continued):** It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend Resolution #20 by addition of the wording at the end of the text “or the former spouse of the proposed speaker has committed *porneia*.” DEFEATED

CARRIED

GC 08-59 **EXTENSION OF TIME:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the adjournment time be extended to complete the business of the 2008 General Conference. CARRIED

GC 08-60 **RESOLUTION #21:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the proposed 2008 version of the *Local Church Constitution and By-Laws* be adopted in its entirety as distributed and printed to replace the 2006 version of the *Local Church Constitution and By-Laws for Self-Governing Assemblies* and, also the *Local Church Constitution and By-Laws with Pastor’s Council*. CARRIED

GC 08-61 **RESOLUTION #22:** It is MOVED and SECONDED that such editorial amendments as are included in the amendments to the *General Constitution and By-Laws* distributed to the members of this General Conference, and all necessary renumbering of the by-laws with updated cross references, be hereby approved for publication with the *General Constitution and By-Laws* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada or in the *Local Church Constitution and By-Laws* as the case may be. CARRIED

GC 08-62 **RESOLUTION #23:** It is MOVED and SECONDED that a special vote of gratitude and appreciation be extended to the following:

1. The Western Ontario District Superintendent, David Shepherd and his district executive, and the pastors and congregations of the Western Ontario District and area churches for their warm hospitality, kindness and assistance with the many, varied details of the conference, the City of Toronto represented by Mayor Miller, and the City of Mississauga represented by Mayor McCallion.
2. Our General Superintendent, Rev. W. Morrow, for his ministry and his excellent leadership.
3. Our Executive Officers for their faithful service and ministry to the fellowship.
4. The General Executive for their work in preparation for the conference.
5. Our Corporate Sponsors, Deeks Insurance and TD Canada Trust.
6. Our coaches, workshop and network presenters and those who assisted each presenter.
7. Our worship leader: Rev. M. Tapley.
8. Special musical guests.
9. All the conference committees for their contribution in assisting the work of the conference.
10. Mr. R. Edwards (Conference Coordinator), Rev. G. Werner (Planning Coordinator), Mrs. L. Redman (Business Coordinator and Recording Secretary), Rev. W. Markham (Communications Coordinator), Rev. J. Ghag (Networking Coordinator), Rev. D. McAlister and Rev. L. McAlister (Workshop Coordinators), Mr. N. Bishop (Sponsorship Coordinator), Rev. J. Caplin (Coaching Coordinator), Mrs. D. Puglese (Administrator and Registrar) and other staff personnel of the International Office who have served in official functions to efficiently facilitate this General Conference. The staff of the Western Ontario District, and the host of volunteers who have served our conference so well.
11. All who assisted in administration, clerical registration and other support ministries.
12. The Doubletree by Hilton – Toronto Airport (International Plaza Hotel), and all of their staff who have served us so capably in every way.
13. Toronto airport area restaurants for opening their doors and offering special rates to us.
14. And most of all, to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for His blessing and presence in every session and service.

GC 08-63

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 as follows:

Ballots Cast	379		
Ballots Spoiled	5		
Ballots necessary for election	190	(50.1%)	
T. Goss	229	(60.4%)	ELECTED
J. Veilleux	89	(23.5%)	
D. Stiller	46	(11.9%)	
S. Novoselac	10	(2.6%)	

Ms. L. Douglass and Mrs. C. Hornby-Allen thanked the conference for the vote of confidence. Mr. T. Goss was unable to attend. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. D. Stiller for serving faithfully over the past two years.

GC 08-64 **MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to adjourn the 48th General Conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. CARRIED

Rev. J. Osmond was invited to lead the conference in a prayer of dismissal.

The final session of the 48th General Conference was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

William D. Morrow
General Superintendent

David E. Hazzard
Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services



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The Chair, Rev. D. Hazzard, called for the General Meeting of The Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada to order at 11:05 a.m.

Rev. S. Mulligan opened the session with prayer.

The Chair introduced and welcomed to the meeting the Executive Director of The Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Mr. R. Schellenberg.

GCPF 08-01 **PENSION FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Mr. R. Schellenberg presented the Pension Fund Financial Statements as of December 31, 2007.

GCPF 08-02 **REPORT TO THE 2008 PENSION FUND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Mr. R. Schellenberg presented the report of the Pension Plan to the 2008 General Conference. Grateful appreciation was extended to the team which provides support: Rev. C. Howson, Mrs. K. Maier, and Mrs. J. Dragos.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the report be accepted as written and presented by the Director, Mr. R. Schellenberg CARRIED

GCPF 08-01 **PENSION FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued):** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Pension Fund Financial Statements be accepted. CARRIED

The Chair extended grateful appreciation to Mr. R. Schellenberg and the Board of Trustees of The Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada for their work on behalf of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

GCPF 08-03 **MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT:** The General Meeting of The Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada of the 48th General Conference was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Mr. R. Schellenberg
Executive Director

David E. Hazzard
Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services