



THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA

**2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023, ONSITE & VIA LIVESTREAM**

MINUTES

The Chair, Rev. D Wells, called the 2023 Annual General Meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

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, P. Doroshuk (c) and R. Davis, present to advise, and P. Israelson, present to assist the online delegates.

The Chair welcomed all credential holders, lay delegates and guests joining in person and online. Appreciation was expressed to former Executive Officers, whom we deeply honor.

Appreciation was expressed to PORTICO Community Church in the Western Ontario District. Rev. J. Small, host District Superintendent, was invited to bring greetings and to open the conference in prayer.

The Chair welcomed Rev. T. Snow, General Superintendent and Rev. F. Roberts, Secretary Treasurer of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador. Rev. Snow was invited to bring greetings.

Rev. C. Burton was invited to provide the voting instructions throughout the business session. The Chair read each of the procedural items on the first procedural ballot: Establishment of the Voting Bar, Acceptance of the Roster Report, Approval of the 55th General Conference Minutes, Acceptance of the Conference Committees, and Acceptance of the Agenda of the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

AGM 23-01 **VOTING BAR:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the voting bar be designated by those who have received the first ballot at their provided, unique email address. CARRIED

AGM 23-02 **ROSTER REPORT:** The Chair called for a reading of the Roster Report. The Chair of the Roster Committee, S. Thomson, read the Roster Report. Appreciation was expressed to S. Thomson for her service in preparation for the conference.

VOTING	
Ordained	437
Recognition of Ministry/Special Provisional	10
Licensed Minister/	8
Lay Senior Pastor Provisional	3
General Executive/Departmental Directors	45
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	503

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

AGM 23-03 **MINUTES OF THE 55th GENERAL CONFERENCE:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Minutes of the 55th General Conference which convened May 16-18, 2022 in Winnipeg, MB be approved as distributed. CARRIED

AGM 23-04 **CONFERENCE COMMITTEES:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the conference committees be approved as stated. CARRIED

AGM 23-05 **AGENDA OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED

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

AGM 23-06 **REPORT OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** D. Wells expressed appreciation for the continual honor of serving as the General Superintendent, for his wife, Susan Wells and for the support of the International Office staff.

A strong emphasis was placed on being aligned for mission in the areas of personal and vocational evangelism, multiplication networks to increase disciple-making communities, enhanced prayer movements, and unity in ministry endeavors globally, nationally, regionally and locally. The Theological Study Commission was honored for the completion of their work on the Statement of Essential Truths and the commentary. He noted the importance of equipping our leadership to deal with matters of abuse of power and authority, as well as racial unity, justice, inclusion and indigenous reconciliation. Appreciation was expressed to those who have leaned in to assist in these areas.

A. Gabbruch brought a report on the timeline for mentoring action items created by the Strategic Vision Committee, with emphasis on Next Gen mentoring.

P. Fraser reported on the work of the Multiply Network, noting 26 disciple making communities were developed in 2022.

G. Taitinger of the Vitalization Network, shared on the need to reverse the trend of decline and establish growing, vital churches in our fellowship.

B. Egert and N. Rogge brought a report from Mission Canada, noting the integration of BC Campus workers into the Mission Canada family has increased the total number of workers to over 50 across the country. The work of the Guiding Groups and the resettlement of persecuted Christians to Canada through PAOC's sponsorship agreement with the Canadian government were highlighted.

S. McKenzie brought a report on PAOC communications.

D. Wells expressed appreciation to these individuals for their service in the important ministries they represent.

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

C. Burton vacated the Chair. D. Wells resumed the Chair.

AGM 23-07 **REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY TREASURER:** C. Burton expressed appreciation to the constituency for the warm welcome extended to him as he stepped into his new role in 2022.

P. Robertson, Director of Finance & Accounting, presented the 2022 financial report, expressing appreciation to the PAOC fellowship for their faithfulness and generosity, which is reflected in the positive financial results.

T. Couch, Fellowship Services Specialist, updated the conference regarding the total number of assemblies, noting there were 26 new disciple making communities in 2022. Total new credentials granted in 2022 was 92, for a total of 3,721 credential holders overall.

L. Hummel, Executive Director of the Pension Fund and PFSG, reported that membership in the defined benefit pension plan in 2022 grew by .7% to 2,445 total members. Assets declined slightly due to fluctuation in the markets. Church mortgages represent 45% of the portfolio. PFSG had 26 mortgages in 2022 with a total value of \$29.1M, down slightly from 2021.

D. Kingston, Executive Director of Stewardship Services, presented the Stewardship report. There were 19 seminars in 2022 resulting in 552 Wills being written, 55% of which were identified for charitable purposes.

C. Burton expressed appreciation to J. Hearn for her excellent service as the past Director of Finance & Accounting for almost 20 years, as she moves toward retirement in April 2023. There was a standing ovation for her, and D. Wells led the conference in prayer.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept the December 31, 2022 Audited financial report.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

AGM 23-08

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR MISSION GLOBAL: V. Ninaber noted the purpose and passion of our global workers, national partners, and staff to reach the 3.2 billion people who are yet unreached. Stories highlighting the priorities of the work of Mission Global were shared. An unaudited financial snapshot was reviewed, noting revenue in 2022 of \$41M and expenditures of \$40.4M.

M. Cornelius reported on the strategic focus of Mission Global to reach those with little or no access to the gospel, as well as the socioeconomically vulnerable. Despite opposition in countries where it is very difficult to take the gospel, the church collaboratively can reach the world with the message of Jesus Christ. Reports of church growth in Egypt, Bangladesh and Pakistan were shared.

D. Adcock reported on the work of ERDO in Ukraine and their response to the most recent needs in Turkey and Syria. Appreciation was expressed to those who partnered with ERDO in their relief efforts.

J. Kelly and N. Gibson reported on the deployment of new global workers, with 15 being deployed to 8 countries in 2022 and 14 deployed to date in 2023. Prayer was held for a new global worker being deployed as a RAN worker in the next week.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to receive the report of the Executive Director for Mission Global.

CARRIED

The Chair read each of the procedural items on the second procedural ballot: Acceptance of the Report of the General Superintendent, Acceptance of the Report of the General Secretary Treasurer, Acceptance of the Report of the Executive Director for Mission Global, Ratification of District Superintendents and Regional Directors, Acceptance of the Audited Financial Reports, Appointment of the Auditor for 2023, and Acceptance of the Courtesy Resolution.

AGM 23-09

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

CARRIED

AGM 23-10

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

CARRIED

AGM 23-11 **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – 2023:** 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 2023 fiscal year. CARRIED

AGM 23-12 **COURTESY RESOLUTION:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 2023 Annual General Meeting of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada express gratitude and deep appreciation to the following:

1. Our General Superintendent, Rev. D. Wells, and our Executive Officers, Rev. C. Burton and Rev. M. Cornelius, for their faithful service and ministry to the Fellowship.
2. The PAOC International Office planning team, who cared for the many details related to this in-person and online gathering.
3. Those who presented and participated in the various sessions of our National Leadership Gathering today.
5. Our French translation team of F. Godbout and A. Yank.
6. PORTICO Community Church, its pastors, leaders, and their production and music teams who hosted us and cared for many details of the day.
7. The conference committees for their contribution in assisting the work of the conference.
8. And to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May our lives reflect the unity of the Spirit as we align for mission to see the Lord’s work accomplished, until he comes.

CARRIED

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 4:00 PM. D. Wells closed the meeting in prayer.



David R. Wells
General Superintendent



Craig Burton
General Secretary Treasurer