



**CHURCH OF GOD
MINUTES OF THE 74TH
INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SUPPLIMENTS TO THE MINUTES**

S41. CHURCH AND PASTOR'S COUNCIL

I. SELECTION

- When a local church deems it practical to have a Church and Pastor's Council, said council shall be elected by the governing body of the church consisting of the loyal members. Members of
- the Church and Pastor's Council shall be loyal members of the church.
- This council is to be elected biennially and by ballot.
- A system of rotation may be used whereby council members will serve a designated length of time.
- In the event the office of one of the council members is vacated between elections because the incumbent dies, becomes disabled, or is in any other way disqualified, the pastor is to submit to the governing body of the local church the names of the two individuals who received the next highest number of votes in the last election, so that one may be selected to fill the vacancy. Alternates may be elected during the regular election to fill any vacancies.

II. SIZE AND CHAIRMANSHIP

The number on the Church and Pastor's Council shall be:
Membership up to 100, not less than three (3) councillors.
Membership 101-225, not less than five (5) councillors
Membership 226-350, not less than seven (7) councillors
Membership 351-500, not less than nine (9) councillors
Membership 501 and over, not less than twelve (12) councillors.

The pastor shall serve as chairman of the Church and Pastor's Council, shall call all regular monthly or quarterly meetings, and may call special meetings as needed.

No meeting shall be called without the permission of the pastor, district overseer, or state overseer.

III. QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHURCH & PASTORS COUNCIL

“Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.” (Acts 6:3)

A member who serves on the Church and Pastor’s Council must be:

- A loyal member of the church, adhering to its teachings
- Baptized in the Holy Ghost
- Faithful in tithing
- A regular church attendant
- One who works in harmony with the local, state, and general church’s program and reflects a cooperative attitude toward the progress of the church.

IV. DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Church and Pastor’s Council, under the direction of the pastor, shall promote the general and state outreach programs of the church.

The Church and Pastor’s Council shall work in harmony with the pastor and assist him/her, when called upon, in the institution and direction of the local church program in the following areas:

Spiritual

- The Church and Pastor’s Council, under the direction of the pastor, shall encourage spiritual growth of the local congregation with emphasis on personal Bible reading, prayer, family devotions, tithing and giving, Christian service and personal witnessing.

Financial

- The Church and Pastor’s Council, under the direction of the pastor, shall approve the disbursement of church funds. (This does not include Women’s Ministries monies.) All major disbursements must be approved by the church in conference. Each congregation shall determine what amount constitutes a major disbursement.

Physical

- The Church and Pastor’s Council, under the direction of the pastor, shall provide and maintain proper building facilities for the congregation and a proper residence for the pastor. The council shall see that all church properties are properly insured and tax-exempt, when the secular government provides such exemption.

MEMBERS OF THE PASTOR'S COUNCIL

The local church is part of the Body of Christ, and the Bride of Christ. It draws its life from its Head, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Jesus does not leave His church without leadership. He calls pastors to oversee and shepherd the flock, and council members to assist the pastors and serve the congregation. Together they work as a team. It is important that those in leadership:

Always speak well of the church, knowing it is the Body of Christ.

Set aside personal interests to serve the church and see it prosper in every way.

Use every resource to avoid schism and division, keeping the spirit of unity in the bond of peace.

Love the church as Christ loves the church and be willing to sacrifice, pray and serve to the best of their ability.

To be called to serve the Lord as a member of the pastor's council is a privilege and honor that requires spiritual qualification as outlined in Acts 6:3 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13:

- Humility in service
- A good reputation
- Yielded to the Holy Spirit
- Practical wisdom
- Strong in faith
- Not contentious or self-serving
- A Godly example

The elected council member must serve for two years

Blessed is the church that has this Biblical pattern of leadership.

WEST TORONTO CHURCH OF GOD

ELECTOR QUALIFICATION

All members are privileged to participate in the nomination and election process

To participate, one must regularly attend services at West Toronto for the last 6 months

One must read and understand the minutes pertaining to the selection of the Church and Pastor's Council

One must be a minimum of 18 years old

One must profess the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior

One must be financially supporting the West Toronto Church on a regular basis

One must be faithful in attendance and actively serving in ministry

PLEASE NOTE:

Council nomination – Sunday June 26

➤ *One can nominate up to 12 names*

Council election – Sunday July 17

➤ *One must elect 9 names*

**Ministers do not qualify for the church & pastors council