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I. ORGANIZATION

- A. That the minutes of the previous State Ministers' Meeting be the agenda for each current year, and that said minutes be amended as necessary for the new term. Further, that the Administrative Bishop and State Council are authorized to delete all outdated measures and that the State Office be authorized to make editorial corrections as needed and that all references to "General Headquarters" or "offices" be changed to "International Headquarters" or "International Offices", as is applicable.
- B. That the State Ministers' Meeting convenes biennial on the General Assembly year and that all officers are elected on the assembly year.
- C. That the State Council and Youth and Discipleship Board be elected biennially by the ministers for a two year term. (One year and one day to two years). A member shall be eligible to succeed himself one term.
- D. That when the election process of a board has been completed, the four ministers receiving the next highest votes on the last ballot cast, shall serve as alternates to that elected board.
- E. That no minister would be eligible to serve on two elected boards.
- F. That no minister would be eligible to serve on any elected board if their minister's report is delinquent 2 or more months. Further, no pastor would be eligible to serve on any elected board if their church treasurer's report is 2 or more month's delinquent.
- G. When an Ordained Bishop has been elected as an alternate to the State Council, and later elected to the Youth and Discipleship Board, this man shall continue to hold his position as a State Council alternate.
- H. In the election process, those who have five votes and above are to be displayed.
- I. That the State Council serves as a motion's committee at the State Ministers Meeting and that any motions be presented by the close of the first business session.
- J. That the Administrative Bishop appoints all boards and committees.
- K. That the State Ministers' Meeting agenda be sent to all credentialed ministers in Michigan at least seven (7) days prior to the annual Ministers' Meeting.

- L. That all ministers support and promote in the local churches, all state sponsored functions, providing opportunities for spiritual growth and training to ministers as well as church laity. These events include activities such as:

1. Camp Meeting
2. Prayer Conference
3. Youth Camps
4. World Missions Rallies
5. Home Missions Program
6. Women's Discipleship Conference
7. WWAM
8. Teen/Junior Talent
9. YWEA
10. Girls Ministries
11. School of Ministry
12. State Christmas Celebration

II. DISTRICT

- A. District Overseer's Duties – See *General Assembly Minutes*.
- B. That the District Overseer keeps on file a copy of the Minutes of all conferences conducted on his district.
- C. That each local pastor be responsible to see that their church pays the travel expense of the District Overseer for each official visit to their church.

III. EVANGELISM

- A. That the following mission statement be adopted as the mission statement for the USA Missions Department and that our USA Missions Ministers' Meeting Minutes be coordinated under the three points of (1) Soul winning, (2) Church Planting and (3) Church Growth with emphasis as listed below. *“To focus the resources of the Church of God in Michigan on winning and discipling every person to Jesus Christ through soul winning, church planting and church growth.”*

SOUL WINNING EMPHASIS

1. RESOLUTION ON URBAN EVANGELISM /
CHURCH PLANTING / REVIVAL

That state leadership, district overseers and all local pastors and churches in Michigan renew efforts to win the lost through urban evangelism, church planting, and revival;

- a. That each church prays for revival and every effort be made to bring the church to a point of revival.
- b. That each church endeavor to have at least four revivals or special evangelistic weekend efforts per year.
- c. That each pastor, in planning for a revival, make a special effort to see that the evangelist's offerings are at least equal to one and one half times the pastor's weekly salary, expense allotment. Also, that every effort be made to keep our available evangelists booked.
- d. That revivals shall not be canceled by pastors or evangelists without giving at least a 30-day notice, except in an emergency. If a revival is canceled with less than a 30-day notice, a letter of explanation shall be submitted to the State Office. Where possible, financial consideration should be given to the evangelist in the event of an emergency cancellation.

B. Evangelists

1. That state retreats and seminars for evangelists be conducted when possible.
2. That the evangelists be highlighted at the annual state Camp Meeting.
3. That the Administrative Bishop make available the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the evangelists to all pastors.
4. That the Administrative Bishop and the State Council shall establish a program of financial assistance for state evangelists and other full-time evangelists who are on the

State program. Areas of consideration for financial assistance shall include: (1) provision of housing or monthly allotment, (2) assistance at Christmas, (3) assistance for camp meeting, (4) assistance for General Assembly and (5) assistance for other meetings, retreats, etc., if evangelists are expected to attend.

C. Senior Adult Ministry

1. That each local church develops a Senior Adult Ministry.
2. That each state promotes and actively participates in the National Senior Adult Conventions and other senior adult activities.
3. That each local church be encouraged to set aside the fourth Sunday in September as Senior Adult Day and that they make use of the materials available from the General Department in promoting this day.

D. Lay Ministries

1. That each church be encouraged to appoint or elect a Local Lay Ministries Coordinator and to submit their name to the State Office.

E. Men's Fellowship Ministries

1. That each church endeavor to organize a Men's Fellowship, which is officially chartered by the International Offices.
2. That Men and Women of Action (MWOA) be organized on the State Level.

F. Native American Ministries

1. That the Native American Ministries be presented to the people through the use of promotional materials from the International Offices.
2. That churches be encouraged to receive an offering for Native American Ministries each year and that Home Missions credit be given for this giving.

3. That each church recognize and participate in Native American Ministries Day the first Sunday in February each year by receiving a love offering for the Native American Ministries and sending that offering to the World Missions Department in Cleveland. These funds will be used solely for Native American Ministries.
4. That each church endeavor to become a regular supporter of Native American Ministries.

G. Church Planting/New Church Emphasis

1. That each district endeavor to organize or sponsor the organization of a new church during this assembly period.
2. That each church avail themselves to Church Planting resources available from International Offices.
3. That churches consider starting a new church through the mother church or satellite church concept. Further, that they be given the opportunity of nurturing the infant church until it can become self-supporting.
4. That emphasis be given to the re-planting of existing churches that have previously been in place.
5. Place emphasis on amalgamating independent churches with the Church of God.

IV. LOCAL CHURCH GOALS

- A. That each church set a goal of membership increase of at least ten percent per year and that the month of May be designated as Membership Month for a united effort of membership growth across the Church of God.
- B. That the goals be made known to each local congregation, encouraging members to become actively involved in their church.

V. REPORTS

- A. That the Monthly Treasurer's Report and Quarterly Women's Discipleship reports be checked and initialed by the pastor each month before mailing to the State Office, no later than the 5th of the month.

- B. That all checks, money orders, drafts, etc., be made payable to: Church of God State Funds.
- C. That the churches avail themselves to utilizing the on-line reporting feature that has been put in place by International Offices to streamline reporting to both Headquarters and the State Office.

VI. BANKING AND LEGAL CONCERNS

- A. That each church pay 2.5% of tithes paid into the local church to the State Office in addition to the 5% required by the General Assembly Minutes and that this amount be reduced in .5% increments gradually in proportion to new growth and as each growth increment is sustained for six months consistently.
- B. That, where practical, the local church treasurer be bonded. Further, that churches whose total annual income exceeds \$75,000 have an annual review performed of their financial records.
- C. That each pastor establishes a checking account in the name of the local Church of God, and that all checks are signed by the pastor and countersigned by the treasurer.
- D. That the pastor be furnished a weekly report of all receipts and disbursements of his local church. That the treasurer be notified of this measure. That the local church under the supervision of the pastor and treasurer, provide to his church council, at least quarterly, and to the local church body, at least annually, a financial report of the receipts and disbursements that have come through that local church.
- E. Church Property

All deeds/forms used for purchasing real estate and all documents of incorporation must include the newly amended essential clauses.

Whereas, the Administrative Bishop and State Council, according to the General Assembly minutes of the Church of God, approve all loans and building plans; be it resolved that the Administrative Bishop shall appoint a loan and building committee for the purpose of expediting approval procedures by committee recommendation. When considering loan or building/construction activity, guidelines for procedure can be obtained from the State Office or said committee chairman.

- F. Pastor Change Financial Review

That where a pastoral change would occur a financial review of that local church would take place prior to the installment of a new pastor with full disclosure to the incoming pastor.

VII. VACATION PAY AND BENEFITS

- A. That each church, when possible, give its pastor no less than two weeks vacation with pay, and that a vacation offering (recommended equivalent be a one week salary plus expenses or more) be received for him. That when funds are available, this courtesy be extended to staff associates. The treasurer to be notified of this measure by the State Office.
- B. That each local church pay the rent and utility bills for their pastor when possible. Where proper funds are available, this should be paid from the church treasury.
- C. We recommend that each minister reporting to the State Office contribute \$10.00 to be held in a fund that will be given to member or spouse whose mate dies. This procedure will be repeated each time a participating member expires, and only those contributing will be eligible to receive benefits. All contributions to be made within 15 days of notification by the State Office of a member's death.

VIII. LIFE CARE FOR RETIRED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS

- A. That all local pastors and churches in Michigan give full financial support to the Reformation Sunday Offering (October of each year) and that pastors and state leaders seek to identify, encourage and make use of the talents of retired ministers and their spouses through every means available.
- B. Church of God Ministers' Retirement Plan – That all ministers, where feasible, participate in the Ministers' Retirement Plan (MRP).

Applications may be secured from the Benefits Board, P.O. Box 2430, Cleveland, TN 27230-2430.

IX. CAMPGROUND

- A. That a Campground Committee of at least five be appointed by the Administrative Bishop to work with the State Youth and Discipleship Director.
- B. That the Campground Committee supervises the planning for work needed to be done on the campground.
- C. That all applications for rental of cottages be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.
- D. The campground named Church of God-Tyrone Valley is the camping/conference site for the Michigan Church of God. Seeing that its upkeep and maintenance is solely the responsibility of the local Church of God that makes up the State of Michigan, the following rental policy for the denomination is to be implemented:
 - 1. All activities must have adequate adult supervision.
 - 2. All state programs have priority use of facilities as those activities involve the total Michigan Church of God.
 - 3. Because of the cost of the swimming pool operation and state requirements, the pool must have a chemical cost and certified lifeguard present when swimmers are in the pool.
 - 4. Due to the rising fears of lawsuits, liabilities, and court hearings, every church must take direct and complete responsibility for their group while on the grounds. Proof of insurance coverage must be presented.
 - 5. Clean up is essential for making sure the grounds stay presentable for the next year. The clean up is the responsibility of those who use the grounds. If you do not leave the grounds in a clean condition a cost for clean-up will be required.
 - 6. This policy only applies to Church of God congregations.

X. CAMP MEETING AND PRAYER CONFERENCE

- A. That a statewide camp meeting be conducted each year beginning on Tuesday evening and concluding on Friday evening.

- B. Children's Church – That a Children's Church be operated at the camp meeting under the supervision of the State Youth and Discipleship Director.
- C. That the state conducts a State Prayer Conference annually.

XI. WORLD EVANGELISM

- A. Recommend that each church in Michigan have at least one day dedicated to World Missions during which a special Faith Promise Offering is raised for World Missions. Since the present program requires every new missionary, and every reappointed missionary to raise his own budget before going to the field, each church should endeavor to have a missionary who is presently raising his budget, or a mission representative, as speaker for this special mission's day.
- B. Recommend that we designate one night of Camp Meeting to focus on the annual World Missions Project.
- C. That our state shall have a World Missions Board. That the Chairman of the Board shall serve as the state representative of World Missions. That the board and board chairman shall be appointed biennially by the Administrative Bishop.
- D. That the board shall consist of not less than three and not more than five members, and may consist of ministers and/or lay members. That the board shall meet as often as the Administrative Bishop and chairman deem necessary.
- E. District Missions Representative – That each District Overseer by virtue of his office serves as the District Missions Representative.
- F. Local Missions Representative – That each pastor appoints a local Missions Representative in his church. The representative's name should be sent to World Missions and the State Office. Information may be obtained from the State Missions representative.
- G. That each church observe World Missions Sunday.
- H. That each church participate in the "Christ's Birthday Offering" which is used for the "Hunger and Disaster Relief Fund" of World Missions. Each family is encouraged to contribute a minimum of \$--- (year dictates amount) as a Christmas gift to assist with the

demands for funds created by famines, emergencies, and disasters which occur regularly around the world. World Missions will supply support materials.

- I. That the Women's Discipleship support the annual Women With a Mission (WWAM).
- J. That each church observes the "Day of Prayer for World Missions". World Missions will supply support materials.
- K. That each church is encouraged to observe "Missions Heritage Sunday." World Missions will supply support materials.
- L. That each church is encouraged to participate in the "Love the World Sunday". Members of the congregation should be encouraged to join the "Dollar-A-Week" program, which supports missionaries on the field. World Missions will supply support materials.
- M. Each pastor be encouraged to share with his church the ministries of World Missions on a regular basis.
- N. Each church be encouraged to set an annual World Missions goal of an amount equal to one month's average tithes.

XII. INSURANCE

- A. That each local church be required to carry liability insurance and to send copy of such coverage to the State Office.
- B. That each local church, where appropriate, carry Worker's Compensation Insurance in compliance with Michigan Law on the pastor and all employees of the church with proper evidence of such coverage filed at the State Office.

XIII. MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CARE

- A. State Ministerial Development Board

The State Ministerial Development Board now serves in lieu of the former State Board of Education. Each of the five board members should be given information on the following portfolio assignments:

- 1. Ministerial Education
- 2. Ministerial Licensing

3. Ministerial Internship (MIP)
4. Ministerial Care

One of the five board members will also serve as the State Chairman. The Chairman of the State Examining Board should also be a member of the State Ministerial Development Board with the portfolio assignment of Ministerial Licensing. This structure provides an opportunity for the examining board to have input and dialogue with the MIP and other ministerial development programs.

B. Ministerial Internship Program

That we sponsor a Ministerial Internship Program where practical. The program is required for all ministerial applicants beyond Exhorter.

C. Church of God Philosophy of Education

Church of God education, as developed through its education agencies, institutions, and programs, is premised upon a belief in God as the source of all truth and the end of all knowledge. It recognizes the Bible as the primary revelation of God and acknowledges the value of natural revelation. It comprehends Jesus Christ as the fullest expression of God and as the best example of human life, and it understands the Holy Spirit as the divine guide to all truth.

The church sees man as a rational, moral and spiritual being created in the image of God, responsible to God for his conduct, but with the divine image marred by sin. God has provided redemption and life through His Son Jesus Christ by the working of the Holy Spirit. Those who experience the grace of God are given the responsibility of following Christ as Disciples and making Him known to others.

The church is committed to its Declaration of Faith as the theological foundation for all of its educational endeavors. It views purposeful education as a lifelong quest for truth which will help the learner become aware of God's self-disclosure in the Word and in the world, to the end that he may develop mentally and spiritually, relate meaningfully to others, fulfill Christian discipleship and enjoy useful occupation. The ultimate aim of education is to develop a mature individual, rightly related to God, to himself and to others.

D. Office of Ministerial Care

That we endorse the ministry of the O.M.C. and that each minister/church be encouraged to include a monthly offering with

his/her report to the International Offices for the support of this vital ministry.

E. Christian Day Schools

Whereas, Christian Schools are becoming more and more needed and whereas, there are great dangers involved in the effort to begin such schools, be it resolved that any pastor desiring to start a Christian Day School consult with the Administrative Bishop. The pastor shall also meet with the Ministerial Development and Care Board for instructions and necessary guidelines. That no church shall implement a Christian Day School without permission from the Administrative Bishop. It is further suggested that pastors be advised that guidance can be furnished from the Ministerial Development and Care Board.

1. That at least one member of the Ministerial Development Board, appointed by the Administrative Bishop, shall be serving as the pastor of a church which conducts a Christian Day School at the time of his appointment to the board.
2. That the Ministerial Development and Care Board is to serve in an advisory capacity to churches who sponsor Christian Day Schools, kindergartens, or day care centers, or who are in the process of developing such programs.

F. That an ongoing mentoring program be designed that allows the State Administrative Bishop to assign Ministerial Internship Program graduates who are not under pastoral appointment or a full time staff member, to a qualified mentoring pastor. This plan is to be implemented after consultation and recommendation with the local pastor, to:

1. Build healthy long term relationships
2. Engage unassigned ministers in hands on ministry
3. Implement continuing personal growth

4. Create peer review that produces an accountability mechanism

XIV. YOUTH AND DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM

- A. State Youth and Discipleship Board – see *General Assembly Minutes*.

That the State Youth and Discipleship Board consist of seven members.

The State Youth and Discipleship Board with the State Director of Youth and Discipleship, shall:

1. Plan local, regional and/or state conferences, seminars, clinics, etc., on Youth and Discipleship.
2. Plan, organize, and implement state youth activities including: Youth Camps, Retreats, Camp Meeting Youth Activities, Teen/Junior Talent, YWEA, etc.
3. Serve as the Youth Camp Board of Directors.

- B. Youth Camp

1. Since Youth Camp is one of the church's strong arms of Youth Evangelism, it is recommended that each local church support the summer Youth Camp program by sending campers and enlisting workers to serve.
2. That each member of the State Youth and Discipleship Board serve one or more weeks at Youth Camp.
3. That the four alternates to the State Youth and Discipleship Board serve one or more weeks at Youth Camp.
4. That those churches who employ a full-time Youth Pastor be encouraged to allow him to serve one week or more at Youth Camp.

- C. Christian Education, Sunday School & Family Training Hour

1. That each local church be encouraged to improve, develop and maintain a quality program of Christian Education for all ages through the avenues of Sunday School and Family Training Hour ministries. Further, that the local churches avail themselves to the variety of teaching enrichment tools available from the state and general offices. (See Subjoin L)
2. That we resolve to reaffirm our commitment to the ministry of Sunday School, and we resolve to continue to implement new methodology of imparting God's Word as it relates to daily life of the believer in changing times, and adopt the Resolution on Sunday School.

D. Youth Ministries

1. That each local church gives high priority to its ministry to young people by enlisting leadership, supplying resources and under girding with prayer.
2. That each local church youth leader be encouraged to join the Church of God Michigan X-treme Leaders Association (MIXLA) and the National Youth Leaders Association (NYLA).
3. That each local church avail them to the variety of youth ministry programs available from the state and general departments of Youth and Discipleship. Such programs being:
 - a. Pioneers for Christ
 - b. Junior Talent Program
 - c. Teen Talent Program
 - d. Winterfest
 - e. Youth Camps
 - f. BLT (Building Leaders Today)
 - g. YWEA (Youth World Evangelism Action)
 - h. Girls Ministries
4. That the Youth Ministry Certification program be used as a developmental tool for excellence in youth ministry in our local churches.
5. That we endorse establishing evangelism and discipleship ministries in every middle, junior and senior high school.

6. That we endorse “Lead” as a discipleship and ministry training opportunity.

E. Children’s Ministries

1. That each local church place priority on children’s ministries and on planning a comprehensive program.
2. That we encourage each church to send representatives to the forthcoming Youth Children’s Leaders Conference.

F. Youth and World Missions

1. That each church involves its young people in World Missions through the Youth World Evangelism Action (YWEA) ministry.
2. That each year a state goal be set by the Administrative Bishop and State Youth and Discipleship Director in consultation with the State Youth Board. Furthermore, that the State Youth and Discipleship Director, along with the Youth Board, suggest a goal for each local church for the YWEA Project this year.
3. That the youth of every congregation be encouraged to accept the challenge to respond to the YWEA project.

G. Youth and Christian Education Resources

1. That each local church, where possible, establish a director of training, who will use the CETC (Christian Education Training Course) Program as an on-going enhancement of the knowledge and skills of Youth & Discipleship leaders and teachers, with special emphasis on the CETC book of the year.
2. That we participate in the new campaign sponsored by the General Department of Youth & Christian Education.

H. Michigan Youth Leaders Association

1. That a Michigan Youth Leader Association (hereafter called MYLA) be restructured to enhance youth leaders both paid and volunteer. Further, that MYLA work in

cooperation with the state youth program and under the supervision of the State Youth and Discipleship Director and State Youth Board.

2. That all pastors strive to secure the necessary funds to send their youth leader(s) to the National Youth Leader Conference (NYLA) and/or the Midwest NYLA Conference.

I. Boys Clubs

1. That every church sponsors a club ministry program for boys in their local church and community. That consideration be given to the review of the Pioneers for Christ boys club curriculum, a curriculum written by Church of God men. (A review packet can be obtained by calling the International Department of Youth and Christian Education.)

J. Girls Ministries

1. Each church gives consideration to be a part of the state Girls Ministries program as adopted by the International Department (Packets and general information can be obtained through the State Office).
2. Each Girls Ministries attend and support the state function such as retreats and various annual events, and that each club report to the State Girls Club Coordinator each month.

XV. MUSIC MINISTRIES

A. Music Ministries VIP

In recognition that Music Ministries VIP is a general organization of the Church of God comprised of state and national chapters and that membership is open to all musicians in the Church of God, entitling each individual to benefits, publications, privileges and programs, thereof.

B. Teaching and Training Materials Available

1. Believing that the church must provide resources for it's members to receive training and motivation, let it be noted that the Department of Music Ministry and Spirit

Sound Music Group are available as resources, Music Ministry training materials and other services for local churches.

2. Such resources important to ministry are the Church Music Manual with its presentation of music ministry, ideas of operations, administration and advice in practical areas. Other tools include the video Vocal Techniques, a children's musical production guide and audiocassettes on specific music ministry topics. Additional services available through Spirit Sound are recordings and production of recorded materials with which to impact the community.

XVI. RESOLUTION ON BENEVOLENCE

WHEREAS we believe that the body of Christ can bring hope to a hurting world; and

WHEREAS even as Jesus, who fed the hungry, healed the sick, cared for children and reached out to the poor and the neglected of His day, so His church must do the same;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we are committed to addressing the ills of our society.

- *violence against the unborn
- *the homeless in their despair
- *the hungry in their pain
- *isolated criminals who live with their hatred
- *emotional, physical and sexual abuse of victimized children
- *victims of disaster
- *care for the sick, disabled and elderly
- *victims of alcohol and drug abuse

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we repent over what we have failed to do and commit ourselves as the body of Christ to reach out in love and in the name of Jesus to all the hurting people everywhere.

XVII. RESOLUTION ON JASON KILCOYNE AND GENESEE ROAD COG

WHEREAS, in April 2014 the city of Flint, Michigan changed its drinking water source resulting in increased levels of lead contamination in the drinking water of over 100,000 residents and which may have been a contributing factor to an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease that took the lives of 10 people and affected 77 others while capturing the attention of the nation; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Jason Kilcoyne and the Genesee Road Church of God in Flint, Michigan answered the desperate cries of a broken community by purchasing a semi-truck load of bottled drinking water to distribute to families affected by the water crisis; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Kilcoyne and the Genesee Road purchased and distributed nearly 2,000 water filters to their community providing clean drinking water to those in need and offering prayer and continued support; and

WHEREAS, Jesus declared in Matthew 25:35, “When I was thirsty you gave me drink,”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we at this 2018 Michigan Ministers’ Meeting of the Church of God publicly commend Bishop Jason Kilcoyne and the Genesee Road Church of God in Flint, Michigan for outstanding service to their community on behalf of the Kingdom of God; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all churches of the Church of God in Michigan and beyond be motivated to action by the exemplary conduct of Bishop Kilcoyne and Genesee Road who put love into action and became the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that whenever, wherever, and whatever disaster may strike, the Church of God will respond firstly and forcefully to bring healing, relief, deliverance, and salvation to a lost and hurting world by the power of the Holy Ghost and to the glory of God the Father and the Son, Jesus Christ.

XVIII. WOMEN’S DISCIPLESHIP

- A. That a State Women’s Discipleship Board, consisting of at least five members, be appointed by the Administrative Bishop.
- B. That each local church have an organized Women’s Discipleship in keeping with the Minutes of the *General Assembly* which includes timely quarterly reporting to the Women’s Discipleship Director. And that the Women’s Discipleship Director and/or the International Department of Women’s Discipleship be consulted for appropriate materials and ideas for such ministry.
- C. That the Women’s Discipleship Board organize and conduct a State Ministers’ Wives or Women’s Discipleship Conference on the off-Assembly year. When a National Women’s Discipleship Retreat is planned, the State Ministers’ Wives will be urged to attend.

- D. That the State Women's Discipleship and each local Women's Discipleship adopt and support the current Women With a Mission (WWAM) project recommended by the International Office. It is recommended that each local Women's Discipleship show the promotional material provided. Any funds raised should be sent to the State Women's Discipleship Director, who will in turn, send them to the International Offices.
- E. That each local church support the ministry of Covenant Sisters as presented by the State Women's Discipleship Director under the leadership of the respective Covenant Team Leader from the International Executive Committee.
- F. That each local church, in keeping with the scriptural mandate to care for the fatherless (e.g., James 1:27), regularly support the Smoky Mountain Children's Home and other Church of God children's homes. It is further recommended that each local church receive an offering for such cause on Mother's Day.
- G. That each local Women's Discipleship engage in teaching the principles of scripture to girls and young women according to Titus 2:3-5, organizing and operating Girls Ministries whenever possible, and that the State Girls Ministries Coordinator and/or the International Department of Women's Discipleship be consulted for appropriate materials and ideas for such ministry.
- H. That the women of each local church endeavor to engage in organized prayer and/or Bible study as well as appropriate ministry to the women and girls of their community under the leadership of the pastor and appropriately selected Women's Discipleship leaders.
- I. That each local church be encouraged to participate in the 400 Club and submit said funds with their quarterly reports.