



CHURCH OF GOD

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ELIGIBLE VOTING MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

The General Assembly is the only forum in which every local congregation and pastor within the Church of God in the United States and Canada has voice. It is a voluntary but important association of Christ-followers committed to biblically grounded Christian life, experience, and witness.

The General Assembly's Constitution and Bylaws define its purposes and constituency. Article 3 of the Assembly's Constitution, in part, reads:

3.1 The Assembly is a voluntary association. It shall not exercise ecclesiastical jurisdiction or authority over the Church of God in general or over individual congregations in particular.

3.2 The Assembly does, however, retain the right of a voluntary association to define its own membership and to decide and declare, on occasion, when individual ministers or congregations are not recognized by the Assembly as adhering to the general principles to which the Assembly itself is committed.

3.3 The Assembly's membership shall be comprised of those who are professing Christians, committed to living by the light of biblical revelation, and who also fall into one or more of the following categories:

3.3.1 Ordained Ministers in good and regular standing with their relevant Church of God credentialing authorities.

3.3.2 Licensed Ministers in good and regular standing with their relevant Church of God credentialing authorities.

3.3.3 Governing Board Members of all of the Assembly's Endorsed Agencies.

3.3.4 Officers of the Assembly's Endorsed Agencies who are subject to the Assembly's ratification.

3.3.5 Governing Board Members of all of the Assembly's Affiliated Agencies.

3.3.6 Missionaries who are commissioned by Church of God Ministries.

3.3.7 Members of the Ministries Council.

3.3.8 Members of Assembly Committees defined in this Charter.

3.3.9 Lay members of Church of God congregations designated by their local church as representatives to the Assembly, under the following formula: one for every one hundred people counted in the local congregation's annualized average weekend worship service attendance published in the Church of God Yearbook current on January 1 of each year.