

# Special Resolutions

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3 DR. JAMES H. DIEHL  
4 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT EMERITUS  
5 General Board  
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8 WHEREAS, Dr. James H. Diehl has served with distinction as general  
9 superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene for four terms, or a total of  
10 sixteen years;

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13 AND WHEREAS, General Superintendent James H. Diehl has faithfully  
14 performed all duties and responsibilities commensurate with his office;

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17 AND WHEREAS, the Church of the Nazarene has traditionally held this  
18 position in high honor and esteem;

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21 AND WHEREAS, the Church of the Nazarene in this Twenty-seventh General  
22 Assembly wishes to commemorate this occasion of retirement with a permanent  
23 recognition of continued honor and esteem;

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26 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon his retirement, Dr. James H. Diehl  
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DR. PAUL G. CUNNINGHAM  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT EMERITUS  
General Board

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul G. Cunningham has served with distinction as general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene for four terms, or a total of sixteen years;

AND WHEREAS, General Superintendent Paul G. Cunningham has faithfully performed all duties and responsibilities commensurate with his office;

AND WHEREAS, the Church of the Nazarene has traditionally held this position in high honor and esteem;

AND WHEREAS, the Church of the Nazarene in this Twenty-seventh General Assembly wishes to commemorate this occasion of retirement with a permanent recognition of continued honor and esteem:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon his retirement, Dr. Paul G. Cunningham be granted retired relationship and honored with the title: GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT EMERITUS.

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DR. NINA G. GUNTER  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT EMERITUS  
General Board

WHEREAS, Dr. Nina G. Gunter has served with distinction as general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene for one term, or a total of four years;

AND WHEREAS, General Superintendent Nina G. Gunter has faithfully performed all duties and responsibilities commensurate with her office;

AND WHEREAS, the Church of the Nazarene has traditionally held this position in high honor and esteem;

AND WHEREAS, the Church of the Nazarene in this Twenty-seventh General Assembly wishes to commemorate this occasion of retirement with a permanent recognition of continued honor and esteem:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon her retirement, Dr. Nina G. Gunter be granted retired relationship and honored with the title: GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT EMERITUS.

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HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION—TREVECCA  
NAZARENE UNIVERSITY  
Tennessee District

RESOLVED that the 27<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene designate Trevecca Nazarene University as an “historic landmark.”

In 2004, in compliance with *Manual* paragraph 902.10, the Tennessee District designated that Trevecca Nazarene University be recognized as an “historic site.” In 2008, the Tennessee District approved a recommendation that Trevecca Nazarene University now be designated as an “historic landmark.” In December 2008, the Board of General Superintendents concurred with this recommendation.

REASONS:

1. Trevecca Nazarene University was founded in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1901 by Reverend J. O. McClurkan. At that time it was known as the Literary and Bible Training School for Christian workers. In 1911, the curriculum was enlarged and the name changed to Trevecca College. This name was taken from an institution started in Wales in 1797 during the Wesleyan revival. In 1935, Trevecca moved to its present location at 333 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, Tennessee. This site had many former uses, including the home of an orphanage and an African-American school. During the Civil War, the property was situated between Union and Confederate troops in the midst of the historic Battle of Nashville. By 1945, the original campus had grown to fifty acres and built two major buildings. McClurkan Hall, completed in 1943, was named for the founder of Trevecca. It is a commonly held belief that more than the 1,500 tons of stone used in the building were actually quarried from the Trevecca hillside and that, while the cost of the material was about \$50,000, no money was spent on labor. Students, faculty, administrators, and friends of the college joined together and constructed the building. A new administration building was constructed in 1944 on the site of the original building which had been destroyed by fire the previous year. The present campus today encompasses nearly seventy acres and twenty-six buildings. Its unifying features are its stone and brick buildings and its scenic landscaping.

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2. For 107 years, Trevecca has prepared students for ministry in both secular and religious settings. We believe it to be a true Nazarene “historic landmark.”

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY RULES OF ORDER/CHRISTIAN ACTION  
COMMITTEE  
Board of General Superintendents

RESOLVED that General Assembly Rule of Order #32 be amended as follows:

II. COMMITTEES

A. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

Rule 32. Legislative. There shall be [seven] six standing legislative committees as follows:

- [Christian Action]
- Church Program (Missions, Evangelism, Publishing)
- District Administration
- General Administration
- Local Administration
- Ministry and Education
- Stewardship and Finance

And there shall be [two] three special legislative committees as follows:

- Christian Action
- Judicial
- Resolutions

FURTHER RESOLVED that General Assembly Rule of Order #34 be amended as follows:

Rule 34. The following special committees shall be named by the Board of General Superintendents:

- a. Agenda
- b. Fraternal Representatives
- c. Nominations
- d. Christian Action
- [d] e. Judicial
- [e] f. Resolutions
- [f] g. Such other committees as may be necessary.

REASON:

1. Due to the low number of total resolutions submitted from outside presenters for this committee, it should be classified as a "special" committee rather than a "standing" committee.

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HISTORIC SITES AND LANDMARKS  
Reference Committee  
*Manual* 902.10

RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 902.10 be reconsidered, and that a recommendation be made to include it as is in the 2009 *Manual*, or modify it, or eliminate it from the 2009 and succeeding *Manuals*, according to *Manual* paragraph 902.6.

KEEP, MODIFY, or ELIMINATE?

902.10. Historic Sites and Landmarks

District and regional assemblies may designate places of historic significance within their boundaries as Historic Sites. At least fifty years must elapse after a place achieves historic significance before it is recognized as a Historic Site. A Historic Site does not have to have original buildings or structures surviving in order to be designated. The assembly secretary shall report newly designated Historic Sites to the general secretary, reporting the action taken, information on the site, and the site's significance.

District and regional assemblies can ask the General Assembly to designate places of denomination-wide significance as Historic Landmarks. Nominations are restricted to previously designated Historic Sites. The general superintendents or a committee appointed for the purpose of screening nominations must concur with a nomination before it receives General Assembly consideration.

The general secretary shall keep a register of Historic Sites and Landmarks and publicize them appropriately (paragraph 326.2). (1997)

REASON:

- Appendix items must be reconsidered at least every three quadrennia, according to *Manual* paragraph 902.6.

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3 NAZARENE/WESLEYAN/FREE METHODIST  
4 MERGER EXPLORATION  
5 Southwest Indiana District  
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8 RESOLVED that the Board of General Superintendents be given authority and  
9 responsibility to commission a committee for the expressed purpose of  
10 approaching the Wesleyan denomination in order to pursue closer relations  
11 between the two denominations, with a goal of exploring the possibility of a  
12 merger of the two denominations into one, united Wesleyan-holiness  
13 denomination.  
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16 FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the agreement of the Wesleyan  
17 denomination, the Free Methodist denomination should also be approached and  
18 invited to participate in such an exploration.  
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21 FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee present the results of its  
22 exploration and its recommendations to the next meeting of the General  
23 Assembly.  
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26 REASONS:  
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- 28 1. Whereas, the Church of the Nazarene and the Wesleyan Church (along  
29 with the Free Methodist Church) share common historical roots; and  
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31 2. The Church of the Nazarene and the Wesleyan Church (along with the  
32 Free Methodist Church) share a common theological heritage; and  
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34 3. The Church of the Nazarene and the Wesleyan Church (along with the  
35 Free Methodist Church) are firmly committed to the spread of the  
36 message of holiness as understood in the Wesleyan-holiness tradition;  
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39 4. The Church of the Nazarene and the Wesleyan Church (along with the  
40 Free Methodist Church) share similar governmental structures rooted in  
41 a common heritage; and  
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43 5. The Church of the Nazarene and the Wesleyan Church (along with the  
44 Free Methodist Church) have a long history of partnering together in  
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6. Jesus Christ our Lord, Himself, prayed in John 17 for the unity of His Church.
7. There seems to be little justification in maintaining the separate organizational existence of such similar denominations when compared to the expressed will of our Lord found in John 17.
8. The message of holiness of heart and life is diminished by the smallness of size of our individual denominations.
9. The message of perfect love which our holiness churches proclaim is called into question when so many (relatively small) holiness denominations cannot find a way to unite as one.
10. The message of holiness would gain a greater voice within the larger Wesleyan/Methodist tradition by a united Wesleyan-holiness denomination.
11. The message of holiness would gain a greater voice in the larger church by a united Wesleyan-holiness denomination.

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ESTIMATE OF COST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION  
Colorado District General Assembly Delegation

RESOLVED that the General Assembly Rules of Order, Rule 26 (also listed under *Manual* paragraph 902.8) be amended as follows:

Rule 26. Presentation. District assemblies, a committee authorized by the district assembly, regional councils, the General Board or any of its recognized departments, official boards or commissions of the general church, the General Nazarene Missions International Convention, the Global Nazarene Youth International Convention, or five or more members of the General Assembly, may present resolutions and petitions for the consideration of the General Assembly in accordance with the following rules:

a. Resolutions and petitions shall be presented in duplicate and typewritten on the official form furnished by the general secretary.

b. Each resolution or petition presented will include the subject and the name of the delegates or group making the presentation.

c. All resolutions that call for action that requires expenditures must include an estimated cost to complete the action.

[c] d. Proposals for changes in the church *Manual* must be presented in writing and shall give paragraph and section of *Manual* to be affected and the text of the change, should it be adopted.

[d] e. They shall be presented to the general secretary no later than December 1 prior to the convening of the assembly to be numbered and sent to the Reference Committee for reference in accordance with Rule 37 and *Manual* 305.1, and in order that they may be printed in the *Delegate's Handbook*.

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**COMMISSION FOR REORGANIZATION**  
Washington Pacific District Resolutions Committee

RESOLVED that a commission be appointed by the Board of General Superintendents with the following mandate:

To recommend to the 2013 General Assembly a more efficient organizational structure for the Church of the Nazarene. The commission shall specifically review the role and place for districts, for each of the Nazarene educational institutions and for the auxiliaries.

REASONS:

1. The current organizational structure is based on the assumption that geographical proximity should be the basis for organization. This has resulted in an organizational structure in which the cost of maintaining district organization has become a crisis. Forcing mergers of districts within the same structure may not be the best answer.
2. The same is true of the educational institutions in the United States. The rationale for maintaining duplicate educational resources needs to be carefully reviewed.
3. It also seems appropriate to review the role and purpose of having separate auxiliaries for some specific ministries and not for others.
4. A radical change in organizational structure is impossible to implement through a series of individual resolutions. Such a change can only be implemented by a comprehensive report that ties the needed individual changes together; therefore, we believe a commission is the best way to approach reorganization.

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COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF GENERAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP  
Arizona District General Assembly Delegation

RESOLVED that a commission be established for the 2009-2013 quadrennium that will report to the 2013 General Assembly. The commission shall be called the "Commission on Church Leadership." The scope of the commission's work will be the following:

Purpose:

1. To evaluate and make recommendations to the General Assembly on the structure, role, and number of members of the general superintendency. Particular attention should be paid to the following issues:

- Less time spent presiding at district assemblies.
- More time spent in issues of leadership, vision, and mission
- A single denominational leader elected by the General Assembly from among the elected general superintendents.
- The role of the Board of General Superintendents and their reporting structure to the denominational leader.
- A regional structure of the general superintendency reporting to the general leader.

2. To evaluate and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding leadership models for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond. The leadership models should be responsive to the needs for Global Evangelism and taking the message of Holiness around the world in the most effective and efficient manner. Particular attention should be paid to the following issues:

- Centralized leadership vs. de-centralized leadership.
- Structuring for control/maintenance/risk reduction vs. growth/progressiveness/risk taking.
- Matching the denominational structure to meet the stated mission of being an international church.
- Matching denominational structure with the concept of being "missional."
- Particular attention should be placed on decreasing the cost of "central administration" at the general level.

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**Membership:** A commission of 12 members shall be elected as follows:

- Two general superintendents shall be elected by plurality by the General Board to serve on the commission.
- 10 members (5 clergy and 5 lay) shall be elected by the General Board by majority vote from a slate of 12 clergy and 12 lay nominees. The slate of nominees will come from each world region nominating 2 clergy and 2 lay nominees by ballot from the 2009 General Assembly regional caucuses. If logistics prevent this from happening at the 2009 General Assembly, it can be done by mail/email in follow up.
- Except for the general superintendents, the members of the commission shall not be employees of the General Church.

**Commission Structure/Logistics:**

- A chair and secretary shall be elected from among the ten clergy/lay members by the commission membership.
- Meetings shall be set by the chair with the consensus of the commission membership.
- The commission shall report to the 2013 General Assembly its findings and recommendations, including any potential implementing legislation that may come from the work of the commission.