

Indiana District Conference 2024

Resolutions

Resolution 1 – A Resolution to Update the Indiana District Manual Pertaining to Spanish Ministries

Whereas the Indiana District Manual, Article XIII, Section 4-2, which sets forth qualifications for the Spanish Ministries Secretary, sets impracticable limits on eligibility,

Be it resolved that the following changes be made to Article XIII Section 4-2:

Qualifications: The secretary must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age; must have been a minister in good standing with the organization for two years; must ~~have held~~ a General license ~~for a minimum of two years~~; must have proven loyal to the organization by cooperating in building up the work; and must conform to the fundamental doctrine of the United Pentecostal Church International. His primary ministry must be in the Spanish language. He must ~~be a citizen~~ of the United States of America.

be thus amended:

Qualifications: The secretary must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age; must have been a minister in good standing with the organization; must hold a General license; must have proven loyal to the organization by cooperating in building up the work; and must conform to the fundamental doctrine of the United Pentecostal Church International. His primary ministry must be in the Spanish language. He must **be a legal resident** of the United States of America.

Resolution 2 - A Resolution to Establish a Committee to Review and Propose Updates to the Spanish Evangelism Ministries Policies within the Indiana District Manual

Whereas Article XIII of the Indiana District Manual, which establishes policies under which the Spanish Evangelism Ministries operate, contains provisions that have become obsolete and cumbersome to the effectiveness of Spanish Evangelism ministry,

Be it resolved that the District Board appoint a committee to review and propose changes to the Indiana District Manual Article XIII.

Resolution 3 – A Resolution to Designate the Spanish Ministries Director as At-Large Presbyter

Whereas Spanish-language works are growing in the Indiana District, with twenty-three established congregations and new outreach efforts taking place in several locations,

and whereas on occasion contentious issues arise between Spanish pastors, churches, and other Ethnic groups with their English counterparts,

and whereas there is not at present any representation for these groups within the District Board,

and whereas this lack of representation is causing Spanish pastors and churches to feel inferior,

and whereas there are nine UPCI districts in which the Spanish Ministries Director serves as Presbyter At Large, sitting on the District Boards.

and whereas General Board of the UPCI includes representation of ethnic ministries,

Be it resolved that Article XIII Section 3, Subsection 4-A, which states:

Serve as a liaison between the district and the Spanish-speaking ministers, keeping a clear and constant flow of communication between them; and keep the district superintendent fully informed of all developments.

be thus amended:

Serve as Presbyter-at-large representing the Spanish-speaking ministers, keeping a clear and constant flow of communication between the District and Spanish Ministries; and keeping the District Superintendent fully informed of all developments.