

General Council Report

June 25, 2025
Milwaukee, WI

General Council Committee: Kx. Vaam Txus Xyooj, Kx. Nyiaj Vaj Vaj, Ntsab Lug Xyooj, N. Xeev Toov Vaj, and Nyiaj Ntxhw Yaj

I. Credential Report

- A. 2,182 accredited delegates
- B. 771 corresponding delegates
- C. 191 accredited online delegates

Total = 3,144 delegates

II. Presidential Election

Result: Dr. Jonathan G. Schaeffer (1483 out of 2213 votes)

III. Church Ministry – Kx. Vaam Txus Xyooj

- A. One change in regard to removal of a DS

Old version:

In the event of the removal of a district superintendent, the District Executive Committee shall follow the procedure outlined in the *Discipline Policy Handbook*.

Approved amendment:

A district superintendent may be removed by the use of the Uniform Policy on Discipline, Restoration, and Appeal where a duly appointed Discipline Committee finds him guilty of one of the bases for discipline. ***Where the issue at hand is not one that falls within the Discipline Policy, a district superintendent may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the District Executive Committee and the agreement of the vice president for Church Ministries. The district superintendent has the right to appeal this decision to the Board of Directors within ten days following his removal in the manner outlined in the Church Ministries District Handbook.***

IV. Alliance Mission – Kx. Nyiaj Vaj Vaj

- A. 54 workers were appointed in 2023 and 2024
- B. January 2025, there are approximately 640 active International Workers (IW)
- C. Trends in mission work
 - 1. Decline in new IW workers
 - 2. Decline in GCF giving
 - 3. Less churches are engaged in mission work
 - 4. Harder to obtain visas for IWs
- D. Exhortation

1. Need all churches to participate in mission work
2. Preach more on mission work
3. Equip young people to serve and participate in short-term mission

V. Special Reports and General Legislation – Ntsab Lug Xyooj

- A. There were 16 recommendations, all of them passed. Many of them have to do with bringing the bylaws in the Alliance Manual up to current practices.

i.e. Many recommendations replace the word “proxy” with the word “online” and a few eliminated the 24-hour window for offsite voters (this was the practice at General Council 2025).

- B. Board of Directors members must “affirm the Statement of Faith” and “accept and live in accordance of the other statements contained in the Alliance Manual”.
- C. The Executive Officers of the C&MA must “affirm the Statement of Faith” and “accept and live in accordance of the other statements contained in the Alliance Manual”.

VI. Ministry Support and Development – N. Xeev Toov Vaj

- A. 75% of churches give to GCF
- B. Designated GCF continues to increase while undesignated GCF is declining
- C. Orchard Alliance is responsible for the repayment of \$10 million loan given to Alliance University (Nyack)
- D. Project Reimaging – One Alliance Place has been reduced in size and cost
- E. Great Commission Fund budget for 2026-2027 is \$81,200,000

VII. President’s Report – Nyiaj Ntxhw Yaj

- A. There were 4 recommendations regarding the Statement of Faith. 3 of them passed. The changes relate to Bible references and clearer terminologies.
- B. One recommendation was to add the Preamble before the Statement of Faith. That recommendation did not pass.

Submitted by Kx. Vaam Txus Xyooj, Chairman of General Council Committee