

# General Council Representative Report

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General Council was held Spokane, WA from May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

Delegates: 1991 accredited, 640 corresponding, total of 2631 registered delegates.

## I. Church Ministry Committee by Rev. Chou Xiong

### A. Recommendation regarding district superintendent removal

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.

### B. The polity of men and women in spiritual leadership

- 1) Eldership in Alliance churches consists of the lead pastor, elected lay elders, and other male members of the licensed ministry staff as deemed appropriate by the local church.
- 2) The designation “Consecrated and Ordained” be used to indicate the denomination’s endorsement on all official workers, both male and female, who meet the stated qualifications for Alliance ministry and have successfully completed the consecration and ordination process outlined in the *Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance*.
- 3) Official workers may also carry the title of “pastor” or “reverend” for specific ministry roles at the discretion of local church leadership.

## II. Ministry Support & Development Committee by Reona Vang

- ### A. The Development and Finance Teams changed the Fund Development model about 4 years ago (2019) and have implemented the new process in the last 2 years. The new fund development model allows donors to designate funds directly to a work/project itself or a field worker for the past few years. As a result, this has caused an increase of \$30 million of designated funds to the Great Commission Fund.

- B. Alliance Theological Seminary (ATS) has been given a loan of \$10 million by the National Office (C&MA) to recover from the financial struggles they have been experiencing as a result from COVID-19 and the decrease in enrollment.
- C. One Alliance Place (the new headquarter in Reynoldsburg, OH) will cost around \$70 million. Currently we have \$22 million of funds for the new headquarter's project; \$14 million has been raised and \$8 million in proceeds from the sale of the National Office in Colorado Springs. \$50 million needs to be raised in the next two years.

III. Committee on the President's Report by Nyiaj Ntxhw Yaj

A. President Stumbo led the charge in five major categories:

- 1) Realignment of Alliance Missions
- 2) Restructuring of the Great Commission Fund
- 3) Addressing polity regarding men and women
- 4) Amending the Statement of Faith
- 5) Project ReImagine – reshaping and relocation of the National Office

B. Some accomplishments in the past two years:

- 1) C&MA send out 54 new international workers into the mission field
- 2) Planted 104 new expressions of churches
- 3) Credentialed 409 new official workers
- 4) Celebrated 328 ordinations and consecrations
- 5) Funding for Alliance missions reached record levels

\*\*\* Regrettably, there were 22 workers who had their licenses revoked due to various disciplinary reasons.

IV. Special Reports and General Legislation Committee by Jalu Xiong

- A. The Nomination Committee may designate their preferred nominee(s) with an asterisk and publish their names on the C&MA website along with their biographical information 45 days prior to the General Council.
- B. Floor nominations (for the office of President) shall be accepted if the Committee on Nomination previously vetted the nominee and determined that the candidate is qualified to serve as the president of the C&MA.

C. Members of the Board of Director must affirm the Statement Faith of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and agree, in principle, with the other statements contained in the C&MA Manual.

V. Mission Committee by Kx. Nyiaj Vaj Vaj

A. Great Commission Funds budget for 2022-2023 is \$75.6 million and for 2023-2024 is \$81.2 million.

B. Alliance Mission Budget for 2023 is \$50.9 million and 2024 is \$56.0 million.

C. The International Workers (IW) reported 115 TEE students graduated from Southeast Asia location.

D. Four new churches were planted in Guadaajara, Mexico and three new churches in Montevideo, Uruguay.

E. International Workers: 683 in 67 countries; down 39 workers since the last Council (2021).

This report highlights some important points shared at General Council. Specific issue or point of interest may be directed to the specific representative (as indicated above) or the National Office. The representatives thank Hmong District for trusting in us and sending us to attend General Council.

Fellow servant in Christ,

Rev. Chou Xiong