

**The General Council of the Assemblies of God
A Study Guide for the Polity and History Exam**

The only resource permitted while taking this exam is the General Council Constitution and Bylaws.

Resources

The Constitution and Bylaws of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. (Be sure you have the most recent revised edition of the Constitution and Bylaws by downloading a copy from <https://ag.org/about/about-the-ag/constitution-and-bylaws>.)

Gary B. McGee, *People of the Spirit: The Assemblies of God* (Springfield, Missouri: Gospel Publishing House, 2014.)

This Study Guide

The Study Guide prepares you for the Polity and History Exam by pointing you to key sections of the *Constitution and Bylaws* and to *People of the Spirit*. You are expected to read both resources in their entirety but pay special attention to the topics listed here. Use the following key when looking up the reference notations:

- **CN:** The Constitution of The General Council of the Assemblies of God
- **BL:** The Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God
- **PS:** *People of the Spirit: The Assemblies of God*

	Topic	Reference
1	Purpose of the General Council of the Assemblies of God	CN: Preamble “We Believe” BL: Article 3, Section 1, Paragraph a
2	Who Comprises the Membership of the General Council of the Assemblies of God	CN: Article VII, Sections 1–3
3	The Composition and Terms of Office of the Executive Presbytery	CN: Article IX, Section 2, Paragraphs a and b
4	The Representation, Qualifications, and Responsibilities of the General Presbytery	CN: Article IX, Section 3
5	The Regular Sessions of The General Council of the Assemblies of God Membership Referred to as “General Council” Occur Every Two Years	CN: Article VIII, Section 1
6	The Corporate Officers and the Executive Leadership Team of The General Council	CN: Article IX, Section 1, Paragraphs a and b
7	The Executive Presbytery Serves as the Board of Directors	CN: Article IX, Section 2, Paragraph b
8	District Councils: Geographical and Language/Ethnic Districts	CN: Article X, Section 3, Paragraphs a and b
9	The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of a Local Assembly Is in Alignment with General Council and District Council Bylaws	CN: Article XI, Section 1, Paragraphs a–e
10	Local Assemblies and the Right of Self-Government	CN: Article XI, Section 1, Paragraph c

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11	Dissolution of a Corporation and the Distribution of Assets and Payments of Obligations	CN: Article XII BL: Article IX, Section 7, Paragraph c
12	The Work of The General Council is Governed by <i>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</i>	BL: Article 1
13	Duties of the Executive Presbytery	BL: Article III, Section 7, Paragraphs a–t
14	Sponsorship of a Resolution for Consideration by the General Council	BL: Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph b
15	The Primary Roles of the District Council	BL: Article V, Section 2
16	Voting Constituency at a District Council	BL: Article V, Section 4
17	Language and Ethnic District Councils	BL: Article V, Section 6
18	The Requirements of Affiliation for a Local Assembly	BL: Article VI, Sections 1–8
19	Safeguarding Local Assemblies from Dismissed Ministers	BL: Article VI, Section 3, Paragraphs a and b
20	Relationships between Churches, District Councils, and the General Council	BL: Article VI, Section 4, Paragraphs a–d
21	Affiliated Churches Are Amenable to the General Council While Being Sovereign, Autonomous, Self-Governing, and Self-Determining	BL: Article VI, Section 4, Paragraph a
22	Recognition of Ministry Gifts without Regard to Gender, Race, Disability, or National Origin	BL: Article VII, Section 1
23	Sacerdotal Functions of Credentialed Ministers	BL: Article VII, Section 1
24	Qualifications for Ministerial Credentials	BL: Article VII, Section 2, Paragraphs a–m
25	Voluntary Cooperation and Commitment to the Fellowship	BL: Article VII, Section 2, Paragraph g
26	Basic Education Requirements for Credentialed Ministers	BL: Article VII, Section 2, Paragraph h
27	Ecclesiastical Annulments and Marriage Dissolutions	BL: Article VII, Section 2, Paragraph k
28	Eligibility of Women in Ministry	BL: Article VII, Section 2, Paragraph l
29	The Three Levels of Ministerial Credentials in the Assemblies of God	BL: Article VII, Section 3, Paragraphs c–e
30	The Qualifications for Ministerial Ordination	BL: Article VII, Section 3, Paragraph e
31	Amenability of Credentialed Ministers to Both the District Council and the General Council	BL: Article VII, Section 8, Paragraph a

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32	Ministerial Transfer of Credentials from One District to Another Must Occur within Sixty Days	BL: Article VII, Section 9, Paragraph a
33	Credential Holders Who Transfer between Language/Ethnic Districts and Geographic Districts	BL: Article VII, Section 9, Paragraph d
34	Ministerial Credential Renewals and Reinstatements	BL: Article VII, Section 10
35	Reinstatement of a Lapsed Ministerial Credential	BL: Article VII, Section 10, Paragraph d
36	Ministerial Financial Support of the National Leadership and Resource Center	BL: Article VII, Section 10, Paragraph f
37	Christian Marriage Is between a Man and a Woman	BL: Article VIII, Section 1
38	Disapproved Doctrine: Unconditional Security	BL: Article IX, B, Section 1
39	Disapproved Doctrine: Legalism	BL: Article IX, B, Section 2, Paragraphs a and b
40	Disapproved Doctrines and Practices as It Pertains to Eschatological Errors	BL: Article IX, B, Section 3, Paragraphs a–e
41	Imminent Return of Christ	BL: Article IX, B, Section 3, Paragraph c
42	Divorce and Remarriage	BL: Article IX, B, Section 5
43	Performing Marriage Ceremonies	BL: Article IX, B, Section 5, Paragraph d
44	Tithing	BL: Article IX, B, Section 7, Paragraph a
45	Violations of Ministerial Courtesy	BL: Article IX, B, Section 8
46	Ministry in a Non-Assemblies of God Church	BL: Article IX, B, Section 9
47	Divine Healing and Professional Medicine	BL: Article IX, B, Section 12
48	The Nature and Purposes of Discipline	BL: Article X, Section 1
49	Ministerial Discipline: The District Hearing the Case	BL: Article X, Section 7, Paragraph a
50	Assemblies of God World Missions and the Indigenous Principle	BL: Article XIII, Section 1, Paragraph d
51	Support of Assemblies of God World Missionaries	BL: Article XIII, Section 5, Paragraphs a–d
52	Chi Alpha Campus Ministries	BL Article XIV, Section 2, Paragraph c, (2)
53	U.S. Missions Missionary Church Planters and Developers	BL Article XIV, Section 2, Paragraph c, (3)
54	Military Service	BL: Article XVII

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55	The Worldwide Constituency of the Assemblies of God	PS: page 7
56	Baptism in the Holy Spirit with Evidence of Speaking in Tongues and the Parham School (Bethel Bible School)	PS: pages 48–51
57	The Apostolic Faith Mission and the Azusa Street Revival	PS: pages 52–59
58	Statement of Fundamental Truths Adopted in 1916	PS: pages 98, 111
59	Hot Springs, AR (April 1914) and the Beginning of the Assemblies of God	PS: pages 99–107
60	Serious Doctrinal Error within the First Two Years of the Newly Established Assemblies of God	PS: pages 110–111
61	The Birth of Assemblies of God Foreign Missions	PS: pages 139–155
62	The Ministry of David Wilkerson and Teen Challenge	PS: pages 312–315