

FAQ's Pertaining to Submitting Resolutions

Question: Who may submit a resolution?

Answer: Any licensed minister, a district, or the General Board.

Question: When is the deadline for submitting a resolution?

Answer: July 1

Question: Where may I send a resolution?

Answer: You may mail it to UPCI World Headquarters, 36 Research Park Court, Weldon Spring, MO 63304 or email it to jfierge@upci.org.

Question: What does a sample resolution look like?

Answer: WHEREAS there needs to be clarity as to who may speak on behalf of the District at a church disaffiliation meeting,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Article XIX – Local Assemblies, Section I. Affiliation, paragraph 7 (b) be changed to read as follows:

(b) Advise and invite the District Superintendent or his designee and District Presbyter to speak as representatives of the district at said meeting. No Superintendent or Presbyter shall be the representative for the District at the disaffiliation of the church he pastors.

Question 5: What does the manual say about resolutions?

Answer:

ARTICLE III

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Section 3. *Business Sessions.*

2. All resolutions and amendments to this Constitution, except those affecting the Articles of Faith, shall first be presented to the Resolutions Committee, and such committee shall pass upon such resolutions or amendments prior to the submission thereof to the General Conference. Proper notification will be given the ministerial constituency by publishing a deadline date and address for the submission of resolutions. All resolutions that will be presented to the General Conference shall be mailed to all ministers no later than sixty (60) days prior to the General Conference, with the Resolutions Committee meeting set to accommodate this mailing deadline. A resolution must have the author's signature. If the Resolutions Committee shall fail to act upon such resolution or amendment or shall refuse or fail to report its action thereon to the General Conference, or if the Resolutions Committee shall have failed to report favorably on any such resolution or amendment, then by a vote of two thirds of those in attendance at the General Conference entitled to vote thereat may force such resolution or amendment to a vote of the General Conference. The General Board may submit resolutions to the Resolutions Committee for consideration while the conference is in session. Resolutions presented by the General Board, while the conference is in session, will be

published and distributed to the voting constituency in attendance at least twenty-four (24) hours before being presented to the conference for consideration.

3. All resolutions that remove or change a portion of text from the Manual of the United Pentecostal Church International, must be presented in such a way that the removed or changed text appears in context, and the removed or changed text is printed in "strike-through" character text format, added text appears in underlined character text format, and unaltered text appears in normal character text format

4. All resolutions affecting the Articles of Faith of the United Pentecostal Church International shall be presented to the Resolutions Committee and the General Board of said organization before going to the General Conference floor. Should the majority of the General Board and the majority of the Resolutions Committee vote to present the resolution to the conference floor, said resolution shall be properly advertised among the constituents and brought to the next General Conference for action, thus making it possible for a greater representation to be there to take part in the voting.

5. All resolutions passed at General Conference affecting the Articles of Faith shall be taken to every district conference to be voted on, requiring two-thirds of the district's voting constituency present for ratification, as well as two-thirds of the districts ratifying before it can be implemented.

6. All resolutions affecting the method of election, requirements to hold office, or length of term in office may be passed in any conference, but in an election conference they may be passed only after the elections are complete.

7. All business meetings in the General Conference shall be conducted according to and in harmony with *Roberts Rules of Order Revised*.

ARTICLE XXII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

1. This Constitution may be amended at any General Conference by a majority of the votes cast thereon in favor of any such amendment and each amendment shall be voted upon separately. Only those amendments shall be considered at the General Conference which have first passed the Resolutions Committee as provided in Article III, Section 3, Paragraph 2.