

Dear Fellow Worker,

Re: General Conference Compendium 2018

Warm greetings are extended to all credentialed workers and church delegates who attended the 37th Biennial General Conference of Workers hosted by the Tobago District (“the capital of paradise” a claim made by the Tobago District throughout the conference). The Conference was made available to all members of PAWI through a live stream via the Facebook application. Thanks and appreciation are expressed for your prayers, interest, calls and commitment to the development of The Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies International.

We extend commendations to our Conference host, Bishop Vernon Arthur, the Tobago District Executive and the hard-working team for their role played in making this Conference a success. We extend thanks to the industrious staff at the Conference site.

Highlights of the Conference include: Bishop Dr. Pat Glasgow’s timely and prophetic opening night rally message; Bishop Joel Williams timely messages in the morning Devotions and the Wednesday night rally, and the plenary sessions presenter on the Conference Theme, “Redeeming the Times, Fulfilling the Mandate”.

This compendium comprises the elected officers for the 2018-2020 General Conference term, Minutes of the General Conference and the major decisions of the General Conference.

General Conference 2018 is now in the annals of PAWI history and all credential workers, church members and those we have direct influence over must put their hands to the biblically declared plow and not take our hands off of it till Christ comes. We are mandated by the Theme that governed the 37th General Conference to redeem the time and fulfil the mandate referenced in Matt. 28:18-20. May the Lord Bless and keep you in His will.

Yours truly,



Rev. Nolan Warner
GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR

P.A.W.I. ELECTED OFFICIALS (2018-2020)

GENERAL EXECUTIVE (General Officers, District Presiding Bishops, and Other Executive Members)

General Officers:

General Bishop:	Bishop Sonny Williams
Assistant General Bishop:	Bishop Dr. Raymond Boca
General Administrator:	Rev. Nolan Warner
Executive Director of Church Ministries:	Bishop Cynthia Jack
Executive Director of World Missions:	Rev. Ricardo Joseph

Presiding District Bishops:

Antigua/Barbuda, St. Kitts/Nevis	Bishop Nigel Henry
Barbados	Bishop Dr. Gerald Seale
Central Trinidad	Bishop Michael Brathwaite
Dominica/Guadeloupe	Bishop Ninian St Louis
Grenada	Bishop Dave King
Montserrat	Bishop Dr. Pat Glasgow
North East Trinidad	Bishop Dr. Raymond Boca
North West Trinidad	Bishop Derick Henry
South Trinidad	Bishop Anthony Roberts
St. Lucia	Bishop Thomas Eristhee
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Bishop Sonny Williams
Tobago	Bishop Dr. Vernon Arthur
PAWI Trinidad and Tobago	Bishop Don Hamilton

Other Members:

Chairman, Board of Directors (WIST)	Rev. Dr. Pearl Rivers
Member-at-Large	Rev. Dr. Lurtan Patterson
Member-at-Large	Mrs. Samantha Lawson
Member-at-Large	Mr. Andy Downes

General Departmental Directors:

Men's Ministries
Women's Ministries
Christian Education
Youth Ministries
Crusaders Regional Commissioner

Bishop Dr. George Fredericks
Mrs. Emlyn Raeburn
Rev. Cheryl Whiteman
Mr. Ezra Cumberbatch
Ms. Pamela Dickson

WIST Board of Directors:

Rev. Dr. Pat Glasgow
Rev. Dr. Pearl Rivers
Mrs. Andrea Phillip
Rev. Dr. Edghill Messiah
Mr. Kurt John-Baptiste
Ms. Florence Forbes
Rev. Dr. George Frederick
Rev. Dr. Elsworth Neale
Mrs. Allison Lyndel Isidore

President, Trinidad
Chairman, Trinidad
Member, Grenada
Member, Trinidad
Member, Antigua
Member, Tobago
Member, St. Vincent
Member, Barbados
Member, St. Lucia

PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE WEST INDIES INTERNATIONAL
37TH BIENNIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE OF WORKERS
ROVANEL'S RESORT
MAY 29TH-1ST JUNE 2018

MINUTES OF DAY TWO-WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY 2018

1.0. WELCOME

- 1.1. The Conference began at 8:50 a.m. The Chairman of the devotional session, Bishop Sonny Williams, Presiding Bishop of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, welcomed all to the Conference.

2.0. DEVOTIONAL SESSION:

- 2.1. The Chairman asked Rev. Beverlie Haynes to open in prayer.
- 2.2. Worship was led by Maranatha Christian Assembly Worship Team of the Tobago District.
- 2.3. The Chairman introduced the Devotional speaker, Rev. Dr. Joel Edwards, who spoke on the theme of the Conference, 'Redeeming the Times, fulfilling the Mandate'.
- 2.4. The Speaker shared from the text in Ephesians 5:15-21. Bishop Edwards gave a background to the text. Reference was made to Paul's visits to Ephesus from the Book of Acts chapters 8, 9 and 20.
- 2.5. He shared on Paul's Journey in order to share the gospel in a difficult and traverse time. Our lives today should reflect that of the Holy Spirit. Paul's life is a tremendous example of how God used a mere man to reach the people of his day. The book of Ephesians and Acts depicts the heart of Paul as he shared the heart of God to a dying people in a difficult and traverse world. Understanding the times Paul travelled to different countries to in Asia to share God's word and encouraging believers to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Rev. Edwards reflected on Bishop's Glasgow message on the times and the Church being relevant to deal with circumstances and making the best of every opportunity.
 - 2.5.1. Paul's Heart
 - 2.5.2. Paul's Dedication to the Gospel
 - 2.5.3. Paul's Passion for a Dying People
 - 2.5.4. Paul's Commitment to Redeeming the Times.

- 2.5.5. Paul's Desire for each believer to be filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.
- 2.6. Bishop Edwards further gave a summary of each Chapter in the Book of Ephesians and concluded that the Apostle Paul had an exemplary understanding of the times and was passionate about redeeming the times. Paul wrote about the glorious nature of the church, of thanksgiving to God and, the riches of the Saints in God. Bishop Edwards admonished the conference delegates to make the best of every opportunity to change the world. The speaker made references in Ephesians 5:15-21 & Colossians 4. He made emphasis that as we redeem the times we must watch our step and use our heads. He gave the meaning of time in the passage under examination as the Greek word 'kronos' means chronological, opportune or the right time to do the right thing in the right way. Even in dark times we must maximize the time we have and make the most of every opportunity.
- 2.7. Bishop Edwards prayed for the delegates asking God for strength and wisdom as we approach the times ahead within the organization.
- 2.8. The Chairman then re-iterated how we can make the best of the opportunity. There is hope we are called and given a mandate for where we are planted.
- 2.9. Birthday greetings were extended to Mrs. Joy Thomson and Rev. Cheryl Whiteman.
- 2.10. The Devotional Session ended at 10:00 a.m. The General Administrator, Rev. Nolan Warner, informed the Conference there would be a ten minute break.

3.0. BUSINESS SESSION

- 3.1. The Chairman, Bishop Dr. Pat Glasgow, called the 37th Biennial General Conference of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies to order at 10:25 a.m.
- 3.2. At the request of the Chairman, The Presiding Bishop of Tobago District, Rev. Dr. Vernon Arthur welcomed the delegates to the Tobago.
- 3.3. The Chairman acknowledged Indian Arrival Day and our East Indian brethren were appreciated by the delegates.

4.0. ESTABLISHMENT OF CONFERENCE BAR

4.1. A Motion was moved by Rev. Nolan Warner, and seconded by Rev. Melch Pope that the Conference Bar be established as the first twelve rows in the three sections of the conference site. **CARRIED.**

4.2. Acknowledgement: The following persons were acknowledged and invited in the Conference Bar and given full voting rights.

4.2.1. Rev. Tommy McGinley. Moved by Rev. Dr. George Frederick and seconded by Rev. Anton Fraser. **CARRIED.**

4.2.2. Rev. John Smith. Moved by Rev. Gerry Seale and seconded by Rev. Shirlene Pope. **CARRIED.**

5.0. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES:

5.1. Secretariat: Rev. Angela Banfield-Noel and Sis. Margaret Selkridge were included on the Secretariat Committee. Motion: Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner and seconded by Rev. Solomon Bholaramsingh that the Conference Committees be accepted. **CARRIED.**

6.0. CONFERENCE AGENDA

6.1. The Conference schedule, standing order were moved by Rev. McCall and seconded by Bishop Eristhee. **CARRIED.**

7.0. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

7.1. The reading of the Minutes of the 2016 Conference was deferred, as the document was received prior to the Conference.

7.2. Motion: Moved by Rev. Rudolph Harris and seconded by Rev. Ninian St. Louis.

CARRIED.

8.0. MATTERS ARISING

8.1. Page 28: The word 'Minister' is used as a designation, and is not a PAWI title. This was acknowledged by the Chair.

8.2. Page 35: 61. 2: The word 'Minister' should be replaced with 'Rev'.

8.3. Page 35: 63.0: PAWI Name Change: The General Executive met and felt that it was not necessary because of the implications of a name Change.

8.4. Page 40: 65:13 The issue of the Presiding Bishop of Montserrat. This would be addressed in the Conference.

8.5. Page 44: It was noted that the document was not signed.

9.0. GENERAL BISHOP'S REPORT

- 9.1. The Asst. General Bishop, Rev. Ophneil Forde, took the Chair while the General Bishop gave highlights on his Report which was on pages 46-50.
- 9.2. Several questions were entertained on the General Bishop's Report.
- 9.3. A pertinent question from Page 48: re : Praise Report : Fellowship Logo: it was suggested that all churches should display the PAWI Logo on Letterheads, and church signs.
- 9.4. Motion: Moved by Rev. George Frederick and seconded by Rev. Harris that the Bishop's Report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

10.0. ELECTIONS

- 10.1. The election for General Bishop was directed by the Chairman. With several discussions regarding the procedure for election of General Officers. The Chairman ruled that the Election take place and challenges would be addressed in due course.
- 10.2. Three names were nominated for the position of General Bishop: Rev. Sonny Williams, Rev. Osbert Williams and Rev. Dr. Desmond Ferrette.
- 10.3. It was noted that 213 persons were registered to vote at the Conference.

11.0. THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- 11.1. Rev. Nolan Warner, the General Administrator of PAWI was invited to present his Report.
- 11.2. Apology: The General Administrator apologized for the typographical error on the cover of the Conference booklet. "Assemvblies" should read "Assemblies"
- 11.3. The reading of the Report was deferred. Questions were entertained on the Report.
 - 11.3.1. Correction: Page 62. Line 1 should read "Antigua District" instead of "Barbuda District".
- 11.4. Motion: Moved by Rev. Michael Braithwaite and seconded by Rev. Payne that the General Administrator's report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

12.0. ELECTION RESULTS

- 12.1. The Chairman declared that there was an election. Rev. Sonny Williams was elected as the General Bishop of PAWI with 116 Votes.

12.2. The Ballots 116 Votes: Rev. Sonny Williams; 50 Votes: Rev. Osbert Williams; 39 Votes: Rev. Dr. Desmond Ferrette; and 7 Spoilt Ballots.

12.3. The Chairman invited the General Bishop elect to give remarks.

13.0. Session adjourned at 12:45 p.m. the luncheon Break was declared by the Chairman to be 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

14.0. RESUMPTION

14.1. Business resumed at 1:55 p.m.

14.2. Rev. Michael Braithwaite led the Conference in a Chorus.

14.3. Recognition was given to Bro. Hilton Franklin in celebrating his 92nd Birthday.

14.4. Recognition was given to the delegates from Brazil.

15.0. ELECTIONS

15.1. The Chairman invited the Scrutineers to give out the Ballots for the elections of the Asst. General Bishop and the General Administrator simultaneously.

15.2. The persons who were nominated for the position of Asst. General Bishop were Rev. Dr. Raymond Boca, Rev. Dr. Vernon Arthur, Rev. Dr. Desmond Ferrette and Rev. Osbert Williams.

15.3. The persons who were nominated for the position of General Administrator were Rev. Nolan Warner and Rev. Edison Bynoe.

16.0. FINANCIAL REPORT PAWI

16.1. The General Administrator gave an overview of the Financial Report for PAWI.

16.2. Questions were fielded on the statistical aspect of the report and they were adequately responded to by the presenter.

16.3. Moved by Rev. Edward Lashley seconded by Rev. Godfrey Gilkes that the Financial Report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

17.0. FINANCIAL REPORT WORLD MISSIONS AGENCY

17.1. The General Administrator gave the Report of the Finances of the World Missions Agency. The Executive Director for Missions Director stood by to answer questions. The General Administrator explained that the Executive Director for World Missions was the person who

would treat with matters as to allocations while he would treat with the accounting aspects of the report.

- 17.2. After several questions and answers a motion was entertained by the Chairman and the question was put to the Conference.
- 17.3. Motion: moved by Bishop Dr. Vernon Arthur and seconded by Rev. Antoine Charles that the Report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

18.0. RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

- 18.1. The Chairman gave the results of the Elections for the Asst. General Bishop. Rev. Raymond Boca was elected as the Asst. General Bishop with 98 votes. The other votes cast were 14: Rev. Dr. Vernon Arthur; 28: Rev. Dr. Desmond Ferrette; and 65: Rev. Osbert Williams.
- 18.2. The General Administrator Rev. Nolan Warner was re-elected as the General Administrator for the next Conference term with 189 votes: Rev. Nolan Warner; 15 votes: Rev. Edison Bynoe.

19.0. ELECTIONS

- 19.1. The ballots were distributed for the election of Executive Director of World Missions. The following persons were nominated for the position of Executive Director of World Missions: Rev. Albert Cooper, Rev. Osbert Williams, Rev. Ricardo Joseph, Rev. Brian Selkridge, Rev. Warren Harper.

20.0. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHURCH MINISTRIES REPORT

- 20.1. The Executive Director of Church Ministries gave a Report on the Church Ministries of PAWI. There were several questions asked and requests for clarification on aspects of the Report.
- 20.2. Corrections: typographical errors were noted in the Report. It was suggested that documents be vetted to avoid errors in the presentation of Reports.
- 20.3. Rev. Rudolph Harris expressed thanks and commendation to the Fellowship for the part it played at the Home-going Service of his wife, Rev. Lucille Harris.
- 20.4. Motion: Moved Rev. Odette Horsford and seconded by Rev. Claire Frederick that the Church Ministries Report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

21.0. RECOGNITION

- 21.1. The Chairman recognized the chief magistrate of Dominica.

22.0. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR WORLD MISSIONS REPORT

- 22.1. The Executive Director for World Missions, Rev. Nigel Henry, presented the report on Missions of PAWI. Several questions were entertained on the Report.
- 22.2. Commendation was given to Rev. Ryan Nelson for the work done in Guadeloupe, and the Smarts in St. Maarten. The Tobago District was congratulated for sponsoring the Smarts and releasing them to serve in St. Maarten.
- 22.3. Bishop N. Henry also thank the Barbados District for their input in the reconstruction of two homes in St. Maarten.
- 22.4. Commendations were given to all missionaries for the work done on the Missions field.
- 22.5. Motion: Moved by Rev. Jamal Medas and seconded by Rev. Martin Atwell that the Executive Director for World Missions Report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

23.0. ELECTIONS RESULT

- 23.1. The Chairman announced an election for Executive Director for World Missions. Rev. Ricardo Joseph was elected as the Executive Director for World Missions with 56 votes. The other votes cast were 29: Rev. Albert Cooper; 35: Rev. Osbert Williams; 39: Rev. Brian Selkridge; 47: Rev. Warren Harper. Two ballots were spoilt.

24.0. ELECTIONS OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHURCH MINISTRIES:

- 24.1. Ballots were issued for the position of General Church Ministries Director. The names were Rev. Cynthia Jack, Rev. Desmond Ferrette, and Rev. Elsworth Neale.

25.0. MISSIONS REPORT

- 25.1. Rev. Thomas McGinley gave an overview on the work done in India from 1998- present. There are now seven churches.
- 25.2. Rev. Sherry Ann Griffith gave an overview on the work done in Suriname.
- 25.3. Rev. Jeremiah Prescod gave a synopsis on the work Cyberspace/Internet, where he expressed his desire to reach the age group forty and under. He also prayer and solicit financial support

26.0. ELECTIONS RESULT

- 26.1. The Chairman announced that there was an election for Executive Director for Church Ministries. Rev. Cynthia Jack was elected with a total of 115 votes. The other votes cast were: 2: spoilt ballots; 49: Rev. Desmond Ferrette and 42: Rev. Elsworth Neale.

27.0. WEST INDIES SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

- 27.1. The Chairman of the Board of the West Indies School of Theology, Rev. Dr. Pearl Rivers presented the Report.
- 27.2. The expressed thanks to all the churches for their contributions.
- 27.3. It was noted on page 104 year 2015 that there was an omission of figures for the Graduates in the Bachelors and Diplomas Programme. Rev. Rivers stated that the information would be sent via the PAWI Website.
- 27.4. Moved by Rev. Anton Fraser and Rev. Thomas McGinley that the Report be accepted.

CARRIED.

28.0. ANNOUNCEMENT

- 28.1. An announcement was made for the amending of the time schedule. Devotional Session would begin at 8:30 a.m. and the Night Rallies would begin at 6:30 p.m.
- 28.2. Prayer Meeting at 5:00 a.m.
- 28.3. Conference was adjourned on the first day at 3:58 p.m. with prayer said by Rev. Stephen Andrews.

MINUTES OF BUSINESS SESSION

DAY THREE

THURSDAY 31ST MAY 2018

MINUTES OF DAY THREE OF PAWI GENERAL CONFERENCE 2018

29.0. COMMENCEMENT & WELCOME

29.1. The second day of the Conference began at 8:30 a.m. The Chairman, Bishop Derick Henry, welcomed the delegates to the Conference devotional session and opened in prayer.

30.0. DEVOTIONAL SESSION

30.1. The Worship Session was led by members of Calvary Road Deliverance Tabernacle.

30.2. The Chairman introduced the Speaker, Rev. Dr. Joel Edwards, who continued on the Conference theme 'Redeeming the times, Fulfilling the Mandate'. He chose as a sub-topic 'Knowing the Will of God'.

30.3. The Speaker used the text from Ephesians 5:15-21. He emphasized that Paul was praying that the hearts of the Ephesians believers would be enlightened.

30.4. The following were highlights:

30.4.1. Find out what God wants.

30.4.2. Do not lose perspective on God's will. He used the illustration of the Mayfly who has a short life span.

30.4.3. Don't have a last day mind set like a the mayfly. The will of God is that every knee bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

30.4.4. We need to take our place in our time, stay humble and be wise.

30.4.5. Find where God wants to put each believer in the place. They would produce with the gift God has placed.

30.4.6. Know what is God is doing in your life. Don't flourish in your ability flourish in your gift given by God.

30.5. The Devotional Session ended at 9:20 a.m. There was a thirteen minute break for refreshments.

31.0. BUSINESS SESSION

31.1. The Chairman called the second day of business of the 37th Biennial General Conference of PAWI to order at 9:55 a.m.

32.0. RECOGNITION

32.1. The Chairman recognized Rev. Joycelyn Nelson, the wife of former General Bishop of PAWI, Rev. Turnel Joshua Nelson.

32.2. Greetings came via the Chairman from Rev. Alvin Nicholson, former president of WIST.

32.3. Recognition was given to the delegates from Brazil. They were given the opportunity to bring Greetings through a translator, Sis. Cristobel Maynard Walker. They reported on the work in Brazil and the seven persons who constituted the PAWI Brazil Executive. The Pastor, Anderson Ferreira, introduced the delegation that accompanied him to the Conference.

32.4. The Chairman expressed thanks to Rev. Martin McDowell and his family for their faithful service in Brazil.

33.0. UPDATE ON HURRICANE RELIEF

33.1. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to the PAWI Community for their response to the hurricane affected Districts of Dominica and Antigua, Barbuda and St. Kitts.

33.2. There were no loss of life, although Dominica had greatly improved, there is still much that needed to be done. Assistance is needed in supporting pastors with their monthly stipend which is approximately \$1500.00 EC.

33.3. The Chairman reported that Rev. Phillip Gentle and Rev. Glenroy Frank, (independent of each other and on separate occasions) went to Dominica to assess the needs of the churches in terms of repairs and refurbishment. Several churches had lost their rooftops and were still in disrepair.

33.4. Six (6) Churches have been identified to be repaired and partially refurbished by PAWIT&T and work is carded to begin in the month of July 2018. There are about twenty other Churches that need repairs. To date \$300,000.00 had been accumulated. The following were highlighted:

33.4.1. He requested a revitalization of funds for support.

33.4.2. Building codes would be strictly adhered to.

33.4.3. All church buildings and their contents should be fully or partially insured.

- 33.5. The Chairman noted that PAWI church buildings serve as disaster shelters throughout the Caribbean when disasters occur.
- 33.6. Thanks were extended to Rev. Glenroy Frank who submitted the building repairs and refurbishment Report to the General Executive.
- 33.7. Thanks to Bishop Ninian St. Louis and his wife for ‘keeping the ship together’ despite the circumstances in Dominica.

34.0. NON-APPEARANCE OF SPEAKER

- 34.1. The General Administrator, Rev. Nolan Warner, informed the Conference of the absence of Bishop Herro Blair, the Conference Rally Speaker. His absence was due to him accompanying his wife overseas on a medical issue.
- 34.2. Bishop Blair expressed his apology, and that PAWI will have the first preference in the event he is needed.
- 34.3. The Chairman asked that we remember Bishop Blair and his family in this critical time.

35.0. MINUTES

- 35.1. The Chairman directed the General Administrator to defer the reading of the Minutes of Day Two of the 37th Annual General Conference.

36.0. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES

- 36.1. The following corrections were noted:
 - 36.1.1. The name ‘McGinley’ should be changed to ‘Maginley’.
 - 36.1.2. The name ‘Anton Fraser’ should be changed to ‘Anthon Foster’
- 36.2. Motion: Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner and seconded by Rev. Stephen Ollivierre that the Minutes be sent to the General Executive for corrections and confirmation. **CARRIED.**

37.0. RESOLUTIONS

- 37.1. The Chairman informed the Conference that there were ten (10) Resolutions to be debated. These Resolutions have been sent to each District for discussions, forty days prior to the Conference.
- 37.2. It was suggested that each District designate an individual to speak on behalf of the District re. any one resolution. This was proposed to manage the time allocated to the Conference.

Bishop Anthony Roberts, the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee was invited to present the resolutions.

37.3. Bishop Anthony Roberts gave a summary of the background Resolution 10:

37.3.1. 'The matter of the Composition of the District Executive

Whereas ARTICLE IX of the constitution titled COMPOSITION OF GENERAL EXECUTIVE states:

ARTICLE IX COMPOSITION OF GENERAL EXECUTIVE

1. The management of PAWI shall be vested in the General Executive which comprises the following persons

i. General Bishop

ii. Assistant General Bishop

iii General Administrator

iv. Executive Director of Church Ministries

v. Executive Director of World Missions

vi. Districts' Presiding Bishops

vii. National Bishop of Trinidad and Tobago

viii. Chairman of the Board of Directors of the West Indies School of Theology

ix. Three (3) persons nominated by the General Executive and approved by the General Conference.

And Whereas Bylaw 10.4 .2. titled MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE states:

1. The members of the General Executive shall be members of the Fellowship, and shall be men of mature experience and ability, ordained for a period of not less than five (5) years, whose life and ministry are above question, and who possess qualities suitable for such offices.

2. The qualification of ordination shall not be applicable in the case of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the West Indies School of Theology The qualification of ordination shall not be applicable in the case of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the West Indies School of Theology or the three persons nominated by the General Executive and approved by the General Conference.

And whereas the composition of the District Executive does not allow other persons nominated by the General Executive and approved by the District Conference to be a part of the District Executive.

Be it resolved that the districts be allowed if they so desire to include up to three (3) other persons nominated by the District Executive and approved by the District Conference and that the qualification of ordination shall not be applicable. (the Bylaw need to be restated to include this recommendation).’

37.3.2. Several persons spoke for and against this Resolution. The Chairman, Rev. Ophneil Forde, directed that a vote be taken.

37.3.3. After several discussions and clarity on this suggestion, it was agreed that members would speak for or against the individual Resolution.

37.3.4. AMENDMENT: An Amendment to this resolution ‘up to three other Officers may be nominated and elected by secret ballot or maybe nominated by the District Executive and ratified by the District Conference,’ Article 7 page 6: 7.8.6 These Officers are required to hold Credential in the District at least one year prior to the District Conference and should satisfy Bylaw 3.6.1. and 3.6.2. a, b, c, d, f, g.

37.3.5. The presenter, Rev. Osbert Williams, gave a rationale for the amendment.

37.3.6. The question was put to the Conference and a vote was taken for the Amendment to the resolution. The resolution with the amendment was passed by an overwhelming majority to be brought to the floor for discussion. **CARRIED.**

37.3.7. Several persons spoke in favour and against the resolution. The question was put the Conference and a vote was taken in favour of the Resolution in its present state. Ninety six persons voted for and thirty eight persons voted against the amendment. **CARRIED.**

37.4. Bishop Anthony Roberts gave a summary and background on **Resolution 9 page 11**

37.4.1. **West Indies School of Theology**

Whereas bylaw 10.4 describes in

10.4. WEST INDIES SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INC

10.4.1. There shall be a training institute of the Fellowship called the West Indies School of Theology Educational Foundation Inc. (WIST Educational Foundation Inc.) which shall make adequate provision to offer sound Biblical training for Christian education and ministry.

And whereas the WEST INDIES SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INC was never registered as an organization.

Be it resolved that the name WEST INDIES SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INC be changed to the West Indies School of Theology in this section and all other references in the constitution and Bylaws.

37.4.2. Several persons spoke for and against this Resolution. The Chairman then put the question to the Conference.

37.4.3. The resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority. **CARRIED.**

37.5. The Bishop Anthony Roberts summarized and gave a background Resolution 8

The matter of the requirements for Licence to minister

Whereas Bylaw 5.2.2. under the title LICENCE TO MINISTER states A person shall be considered eligible for a Licence to Minister if he:

1. Has graduated from an approved Bible School or Seminary, or completed a Ministerial Correspondence Course, and has held a Certificate of Recognition for at least three (3) years immediately prior to his application.

And Whereas the Bylaws make no provision to consider persons who may have proven life and ministry experience for the designation of LTM.

And whereas it is noted that there are persons not having formal theological training who have demonstrated a life style and possess the relevant knowledge equivalent to the current qualifications which can be determined by a “Prior Learning” Assessment.

Be it resolved that Bylaw 5.2.2. under the title LICENCE TO MINISTER be restated as follows: A person shall be considered eligible for a Licence to Minister if he:

5.3.4 LICENSE TO MINISTER

Persons eligible to hold LTM credentials shall be:

1. Graduates from an approved Theological School or Seminary, and the holder of a minimum qualification of a diploma.
2. In active ministry for a minimum of two years after receiving a License to Minister Credential and be involved in Pastoral ministry prior to applying.
3. Willing to submit to an assessment of their knowledge of PAWI's core values, polity and philosophy.
4. Applicants Shall:
 - a. Present a letter of recommendation from the Senior Pastor if he/she is an Assistant Pastor.
 - b. Present a letter from his/her spouse where applicable.
5. Upon receiving LTM, indicate his/her desire to become a candidate for ordination. The next two years will be the period for developmental component.
6. Submit to a Prior Learning assessment which will determine whether their prior learning and experience is equivalent to the requirements for this designation of LTM where they do not have formal theological training.

37.5.1. No one spoke for this Resolution and as a result the question was put to the Conference. the votes were tallied and the motion to accept the Resolution presented. This resolution needed a 2/3 majority vote to be passed. Seventy seven voted for the resolution and thirty eight against. The resolution was defeated.

37.5.2. On a point of order by Rev. Dr. Pearl Rivers, as to the process of acquiring of LTM, it was agreed that this Resolution be rescinded until it's cleared up at the General Executive. The point of order took precedence over the vote and was recognized by the Chair.

37.6. RATIFICATION OF NAME CHANGE FOR PENTECOSTAL CRUSADERS INTERNATIONAL

Whereas Bylaw 10.3.1 (4) states: “Church Ministries Departments consisting of Christian Education, Men’s Ministries, Women’s Ministries, Youth Ministries and Pentecostal Crusaders International.

And Whereas the Pentecostal Crusaders Department, proposed a change of name for the department and gave a rationale for the proposed name to the General Executive.

And whereas the General Executive at its meeting in October 2017 accepted the name “Pentecostal Adventurers” as the new name for the “Pentecostal Crusaders department”.

37.6.1. The General Conference is now asked to ratify the new name “Pentecostal Adventurers” with the necessary changes to be made to the Constitution and Bylaws.

37.6.2. The Chairman invited persons to speak for and against this Resolution.

37.6.3. The General Church Ministries Director gave a rationale for the name change.

37.6.4. Several persons spoke for and against the Ratification.

37.6.5. The question was put to the Conference and the votes were tallied. The resolution to change the name of the Pentecostal Crusaders International was defeated.

37.7. Resolution 1: Bishop Anthony Roberts read the Resolution. The matter of former General/National/District Executive Officers privileges.

Whereas Bylaw 3.13. on the REMUNERATION OF OFFICERS states that The remuneration of the officers of the Fellowship shall be determined by the General Executive and reviewed periodically.

And whereas it is noted that former General/National/District Executive Officers would have served the Fellowship with distinction and made concomitant sacrifices to ensure that the service they rendered was adequate.

And whereas it is noted that in other FBO and NGO organizations, former executive officers are allowed special privileges and treated as dignitaries due to the office they held. These persons can be called upon for advice based on their experience and expertise.

Be it resolved that in keeping with the Fellowship’s desire to pay tribute to the contributions of such persons, the registration fees for General/National and District conferences will be waived for former General, National, and District Bishops.

Be it further resolved that these Bishops be allowed to retain their title in honor of their service and allowed designated seating along with others holding current or similar status.

37.7.1. Persons were invited to speak for and against this Resolution. There were several questions seeking clarification.

37.7.2. The Chairman put the question to the Conference and the votes were tallied. Fifty nine persons voted for and fifty four against. **CARRIED.**

37.8. RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PASTOR. The Bishop Rev. Anthony Roberts summarized and gave a background on this Resolution.

37.8.1. Several discussions were entertained as to the procedure re: Constitution and Bylaws on the voting on Resolutions.

37.8.2. It was expressed by members of the Conference that procedure for the adopting of the Resolutions were ultra-virus the Constitution and Bylaw.

37.8.3. In an attempt to bring clarity to the process the Chairman consulted with the parliamentarians who referred the Conference to Page 156 in the 2014 publication of the Constitution and Bylaws. Bylaw 13 (Repeal of Amendments) 2.4.3.

37.8.4. Discussions were held as to the persons who are eligible to vote against those registered.

37.8.5. Rev. Dr. Solomon Bholaramsingh, a Parliamentarian made a submission that the Resolutions lacked clarity, a sense of direction and are ambiguous. He suggested that the Resolutions be reviewed.

37.8.6. Rev. Kevin Hunte, an attorney at law, contributed to the debate and gave clarity to the procedures for the Amendment of the Bylaws

37.8.7. The Chairman directed the Conference that the procedure for adopting Resolutions, would be looked at after a Meeting with the Parliamentarians, the Administrator and other relevant persons during the lunch break.

38.0. RATIFICATION OF PERSONS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE : The following persons were recommended to the Conference for Ratification.

38.1. Rev. Dr. Pearl Rivers : Chairman of the Board of Directors West Indies School of Theology.

38.1.1. Motion: Moved by Rev. Melch Pope seconded by Rev. Brian Selkridge. **CARRIED.**

38.2. MEMBERS AT LARGE:

38.2.1.1. Ms. Samantha Lawson: Attorney at Law.

38.2.1.2. Mr. Andy Downes: Business.

38.2.1.3. Rev. Dr. Lurtan Patterson: Field of Insurance and Business

38.2.2. Motion: Moved by Rev. Martin Atwell and seconded by Rev. Desmond Ferrette those recommended by the General Executive serve as Members at Large on the General Executive for the next Conference Term. **CARRIED.**

38.3. GENERAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

38.3.1. Rev. Dr. George Frederick: Men Ministries. Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lyrine Lewis and Rev. Cassimus John. **CARRIED.**

38.3.2. Emlyn Raeburn: Women Ministries. Motion: Rev. Bernadette Dattoo and seconded by Rev. Cynthia Cadogan. **CARRIED.**

38.3.3. Rev. Cheryl Whiteman: Christian Education. Motion: Moved by Sis. Clara Emmanuel and seconded by Rev. Melch Pope. **CARRIED.**

38.3.4. Ezra Cumberbatch: Youth Ministries. Motion: Moved by Rev. Michael Prince and seconded by Bro. Kevin Hunte. **CARRIED.**

38.3.5. Pamela Dickson: Crusaders Regional Commissioner. Motion: Moved by Rev. Ricardo Joseph and seconded by Rev. Lucille Johnson. **CARRIED.**

38.4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE WEST INDIES SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

38.4.1. Andrea Phillip

38.4.2. Rev. Dr. George Frederick

38.4.3. Kurt Jean Baptiste

38.4.4. Flores Forbes

38.4.5. Rev. Elsworth Neale

38.4.6. Ishmael Gibson

38.4.7. Rev. Dr. Edghill Messiah

38.5. Motion: Moved by Rev. Brian Selkridge and seconded by Bishop Martin Atwell that the recommendation from the General Executive be accepted. **CARRIED.**

39.0. ANOUNCEMENT

39.1. The Chairman announced that persons give their names and departure times to Timothy Atwell or Amos Atwell to ensure transportation is adequately provided to the airport when needed.

40.0. Lunch Break: The Lunch Break was taken at 12:25 p.m. and Prayer was offered for the meal by Rev. Ophneil Forde.

41.0. RESUMPTION: Business resumed at 1:50 p.m.

41.1. Rev. Michael Braithwaite led the Conference in a Chorus.

41.2. The Chairman invited the Bishop of PAWIT&T, Rev. Don Hamilton, to make a presentation on a Curriculum to address the LGBTQI agenda. This document was recommended for use by Sunday School Teachers, Youth Workers etc.

41.2.1. Bishop Hamilton submitted eight Windows for this Curriculum.

41.2.1.1. The Moral Window

41.2.1.2. The Philosophical Window

41.2.1.3. The Medical Window

41.2.1.4. The Legal Window

41.2.1.5. The Social Window

41.2.1.6. The Psychological Window

41.2.1.7. The Culture Window

41.2.1.8. The Political Window

41.2.2. He invited persons who might have specialization in any one of the eight window subject areas to make a contribution to the developing of the curriculum.

42.0. AMENDMENT

42.1. The Chairman informed the Conference that the matter of the Bylaws re. the amendment or repealing of a resolution be addressed as it may have rendered the decisions from the previous session null and void.

42.2. The Chairman invited Rev. Kevin Hunte and Mrs. Samantha Lawson, both Attorneys at Law, to give clarification on how the Conference should interpret the bylaws 2.4.3. and bylaw 13 in the light of what transpired before lunch. The Chairman determined that a proper interpretation be given on the bylaw and the members of the Conference having a clear understanding of the implications as occasioned by their verbal assent at every step.

42.3. Mrs. Lawson explained to the delegates on the issues determined during the morning session and the interpretation of the bylaw.

42.3.1. The definition of the Constitution-Amendment Article 14 page 28.

42.3.2. Mrs. Lawson explained the parliamentary order, Bylaw 1 page 33.

- 42.3.3. Bylaw 2.4.3. pg. 36. Resolutions ‘A resolution calling for the amendment of a Bylaw must receive 2/3 majority vote of the General Conference. The result would indicate whether the Resolution should be presented to the Conference to be debated.
- 42.3.4. Bylaw 13 page 156. Was interpreted as repealing and amending a resolution by means of a simple majority of persons registered.
- 42.4. The Chairman directed the Head of the Registration Committee to announce the number of persons registered for the Conference.
- 42.5. Ms. Samantha Lawson suggested that a resolution be moved and seconded to amend Bylaw 2.4.3 to read ‘2/3 majority vote of persons registered and present at the General Conference’. This would allow for those who are registered but absent not to affect the process of determining a resolution at the Conference.
- 42.6. A resolution was read ‘Be it therefore resolved that Bylaw 2.4.3. be amended by inserting the words ‘registered and present.’ after “vote of persons” pg. 36. This was passed by an overwhelming majority of those registered at the Conference.
- 42.7. The Chairman invited persons to speak for or against the Resolution. As there was no one speaking for the resolution the question was put to the Conference. Motion: Moved by Rev. Kevin Hunte and seconded by Mrs. Susan Duncan-Thomas that the resolution be accepted as presented.
- 42.8. A simple majority vote was taken to accept the Resolution. 172 persons voted for this Resolution. **CARRIED.**
- 42.9. Bylaw 13 page 156: Repeal and amendments of a bylaw by simple majority of persons registered. It was suggested that the Conference can vote to have his bylaw amended.
- 42.10. The Resolution to Bylaw 13 was read as follows: ‘Be it resolved that we amend Bylaw 13 by inserting the words ‘and present’ after the word registered.
- 42.11. The Chairman invited persons to speak for or against the Resolution. No one spoke on behalf of the motion and the Chairman put the question to the Conference.
- 42.12. Motion: Moved by Rev. Kevin Hunte and seconded by Rev. Nolan Warner that the amendment to bylaw 13 be accepted as presented. A simple majority vote was taken to accept the Resolution in this Conference. 188 persons voted for this Resolution. **CARRIED.**

43.0. RESOLUTIONS REGULARIZED

- 43.1. It was suggested that we take a 2/3 majority vote on the Resolutions that have already been debated. Since the Resolutions were previously voted on a simple majority, it was necessary to record that the new procedures were adhered to.
- 43.2. After much discussions, it was agreed that each of the Resolutions be addressed individually in light of new understanding. This rendered all the resolutions determined in the first session of the Conference null and void.
- 43.3. Bishop Anthony Roberts was asked to present the 10 Resolutions to the Conference.

44.0. RESOLUTIONS:

- 44.1. Resolution 10 page 11: the Chairman put the question to the Conference for the resolution to be brought to the floor for discussion. 147 persons voted in favour. **CARRIED.**
 - 44.1.1. The proposed Resolution has been passed on a 2/3 majority vote. 'Be it resolved that Districts be allowed if so desired to include persons nominated by the District Executive and approved by the District Conference and the qualification of Ordination shall not be applicable'.
 - 44.1.2. Moved by Bishop Anthony Roberts seconded by Bishop Derick Henry.
 - 44.1.3. The Chairman invited persons to speak for or against this Resolution.
 - 44.1.4. No one spoke on behalf of the motion and so the Chairman put the question to the Conference that the proposed resolution be accepted as read. 119 for, 9 against. **CARRIED.**
- 44.2. Resolution 9
 - 44.2.1. Bishop Anthony Roberts presented the Proposed Resolution. 'Be it resolved that the name WEST INDIES SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INC be changed to the West Indies School of Theology in this section and all other references in the constitution and Bylaws.
 - 44.2.2. The Chairman put the question to the Conference on the proposed resolution should be considered at this Conference. 163 in favour and one against. **CARRIED.**
 - 44.2.3. The Chairman invited persons to speak for or against this Resolution.
 - 44.2.4. The Chairman put the question to the Conference to adopt this Resolution. Moved by Bishop Anthony Roberts and seconded by Rev. Michael Braithwaite.
 - 44.2.5. The resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority. **CARRIED.**

- 44.3. Resolution 8
- 44.3.1. The proposed Resolution **RATIFICATION OF NAME CHANGE FOR PENTECOSTAL CRUSADERS INTERNATIONAL**
- 44.3.2. A vote was taken, on whether this proposed resolution should be considered at this Conference. A vote was taken as to adopt this Resolution. Moved by Bishop Anthony Roberts and seconded by Rev. Michael Braithwaite.
- 44.3.3. The Motion was defeated.
- 44.4. Resolution 1
- 44.4.1. Bishop Anthony Roberts presented the proposed Resolution. ‘Be it resolved that in keeping with the Fellowship’s desire to pay tribute to the contributions of such persons, the registration fees for General/National and District conferences will be waived for former General, National, and District Bishops’.
- 44.4.2. **Be it further resolved** that these Bishops be allowed to retain their title in honour of their service and allowed designated seating along with others holding current or similar status.
- 44.4.3. Moved by Bishop Anthony Roberts and seconded by Rev. Glenroy Frank.
- 44.4.4. The Chairman put the question to the Conference.
- 44.4.5. The results of the votes tallied were 67 for and 47 against. The Motion was defeated.
- 44.5. Resolution 3: The Appointment of Pastor:
- 44.5.1. Bishop Anthony Roberts presented the proposed resolution.
- 44.5.2. The Chairman put the question to the Conference seeking a 2/3 majority vote to have the resolution debated or decided at the conference.
- 44.5.3. The votes were tallied and the results were: 115 for and 13 against.
- 44.5.4. The Chairman invited persons to speak for or against this Resolution.
- 44.5.5. After much questions for clarifications it was agreed that this Resolution be sent back to the General Executive for re-wording. The Resolution referenced a manual that was not published, sufficiently circulated or passed at a General Conference for use by PAWI. The references and subsequent sections that referenced or quoted the “manual” were to be expunged from the resolution and then brought back to be debated by the Conference.

44.6. Resolution 4: Retirement age for persons in the fivefold ministry and those who hold higher offices.

44.6.1. Bishop Anthony Roberts presented the proposed Resolution on the re-wording of Bylaw 9.6.3. & 8 3.4

44.6.2. There was a change noted in the age on the Resolution. The age should read age 65.

44.6.3. A vote was taken, on whether this proposed resolution should be considered at this Conference. 105 in favour and 11 against.

44.6.4. The matter of interpreting the bylaw ensued as the matter of those registered and present at the Conference included those who abstained from the voting process. The matter engaged the attention of the conference and the debate on the persons present and voting was addressed. 105 votes did not represented a clear 2/3 majority of those registered at the conference the motion was defeated. The Chairman asked for counsel with those who had legal training.

44.6.5. Bro. Keven Hunte gave a response to the issue at hand confirming that it spoke to those who were registered and present and included those who were not voting.

44.6.6. Those who abstained were admonished by the Chairman and Rev. Kevin Hunte to actively engage the process of deciding where the Fellowship. They both spoke of the maturity of the Fellowship and those who were present and that those who gave sacrificially to have delegates come to the Conference should be rewarded by the active participation of their representatives.

45.0. CONCLUSION

45.1. In view of the fact that the Conference Room need to be vacated so as to prepare for the evening session. The Business for the day was concluded.

45.2. The Chairman recommended that the incoming General Executive members review the Constitution and Bylaws. He commented that there is need to address the procedures as being separate and apart from the constitution and bylaws, as procedures impact productivity.

46.0 ANNOUNCEMENT

46.1 It was announced that the Dinner was a formal event and would begin at 8:00 p.m. Seating was to commence at 7:45 p.m.

47.0 ADJOURNMENT

47.1 Business of the 3rd Day of Conference was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF BUSINESS SESSION

DAY FOUR

FRIDAY 1ST JUNE 2018

MINUTES OF DAY FOUR OF PAWI GENERAL CONFERENCE 2018

48.0 COMMENCEMENT & WELCOME

48.1 The Conference began at 8:30 a.m. the Chairman for the devotional session, Rev. George Frederick, welcomed the delegates to the Conference devotional session and opened in prayer.

49.0 DEVOTIONAL SESSION

49.1 The Chairman introduced the Worship Team from Calvary Road Deliverance Tabernacle.

49.2 The Chairman introduced the devotional speaker, Rev. Dr. Joel Edwards, who addressed the theme of the Conference 'Redeeming the Times, Fulfilling the Mandate'; Sub-topic 'Knowing What to do'.

49.3 The Speaker continued on the text Ephesians 5:15-21.

49.3.1 Re: Acts 20: 19-21,27, 31-32 Paul in Miletus leaves a mandate for Pastoral

Leadership:

49.3.1.1 Serve the Lord with humility

49.3.1.2 He preached the gospel

49.3.1.3 Turn to God in repentance

49.3.1.4 Defend the good news

49.3.1.5 Have faith in God

49.3.1.6 Be on your guard.

49.3.2 The Speaker further encouraged the Pastors to perceive that preaching nurtures those who hear the Word. People need words of encouragement to help with things they struggle with. Preachers must get into the mode of asking questions. Jesus was a master of questions and answers. The Word of God is to build people. Pastors should not panic but be cool under pressure.

49.3.3 The Speaker thanked those who were responsible for his invitation, to the delegates at the Conference for their participation and welcome and gave a farewell as he concluded.

50.0 OFFERING:

50.1 Bishop Stephen Andrews lifted an Offering for the Speaker.

50.2 The Chairman ask that there be a time of anointing as we consecrate and dedicate ourselves to God. Members of the Board of Elders were asked to come forward to lay hands on the delegates.

51.0 GREETINGS:

51.1 The Chairman invited Rev. John Smith of the Assemblies of God Guyana, to bring greetings.

51.2 Rev. Joycelyn Nelson was asked to bring Greetings.

51.3 Missionary Sherry Ann Griffith was asked to give an up- date on the work in Suriname. Her address was done with aid of a video presentation.

51.3.1 The name of the Church is 'The Righteous Branch'. She informed the Conference of the various challenges experienced and the victories won.

52.0 A break was taken at 10:25 a.m. for refreshments.

53.0 BUSINESS SESSION:

53.1 The Chairman called the Conference to order at 11:00 a.m.

53.2 The Conference Bar was re-established as the first twelve rows in the three sections. This was done as the Conference hall had to rearranged for the dinner on the previous evening and in the process of rearranging, the rows were not set back in the order they were at the beginning of the meeting.

54.0 CLARIFICATION OF BYLAWS:

54.1 The Chairman informed the delegates of the 37th Biennial Conference of PAWI, that the Business Session of Day three concluded at a 'stalemate', which must be resolved.

54.2 He further gave an explanation on his understanding and the understanding of others on Constitution Article 2.4.3. and Bylaw 13.

- 54.3 Samantha Lawson was asked to guide the Delegates on the Constitution and Bylaws; namely 2.4.3 of the Constitution. She made reference to the amendment that was voted and accepted in the Business Session of Day three. It was stated that it has become necessary to have a further amendment to allow for the meaning to become clear to all and remove any ambiguity or ambivalence.
- 54.4 The Amendment to the article 2.4.3. is ‘2/3 majority vote of persons registered and present at the General Conference’.
- 54.5 It was proposed by Samantha Lawson to have a further amendment inserted. The words ‘and voting’ were to be inserted. The new amendment should read ‘2/3 majority vote of persons registered, present and voting at the General Conference’.
- 54.6 After much discussion, the Chairman directed that this proposed further amendment be brought to the floor for discussion.
- 54.7 Moved by Rev. Osbert Williams and seconded by Rev. Michael Braithwaite. The Roster Committee submitted that there are 186 persons, 2/3 is 142 of registered persons. The vote was taken: 173 persons voted in favour of the amendment to the bylaw 2.4.3. to be discussed. **CARRIED.**
- 54.8 The Resolution was read by Sis. Samantha Lawson ‘Be it resolved that a Resolution calling for the adoption or amendment of a Bylaw must receive at least 2/3 majority vote of members registered, present and voting at the General Conference. Other Resolutions must receive simple majority of those present and voting except a resolution once passed shall not be amended or rescinded in the same Conference except by at least 2/3 majority of members registered, present and voting at the General Conference’.
- 54.9 Motion: Moved by Sis. Samantha Lawson and seconded by Rev. Michael Braithwaite that the amended resolution be accepted. The Chairman directed that the vote be counted and not rely on the term overwhelming majority. 175 persons voted for the amended Resolution to 2.4.3. **CARRIED.**
- 54.10 Samantha Lawson directed the delegates to Bylaw 13. It is proposed that the words ‘and voting’ be inserted after “persons registered and present”.
- 54.11 The Resolution was read by Sis. Samantha Lawson ‘Be it resolved subject to Bylaw 2.4.3. that the Bylawsmaybe repealed or amended by a simple majority of vote of persons registered, present and voting at the General Conference.
- 54.12 Motion: Moved by Rev. David Guevara and seconded by Rev. Godfrey Gilkes.
- 54.13 The Chairman reminded the Conference that a 2/3 majority is needed to bring the

discussion to the floor. 165 persons voted for the proposed amendment of Bylaw 13 to be brought for discussion. **CARRIED.**

54.14 Persons were invited to speak for or against the amended resolution.

54.15 The Chairman put the question to the Conference. The votes were tallied and 111 persons voted for and 41 against the amended Resolution to Bylaw 13. **CARRIED.**

55.0 RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

55.1 Resolution 3 APPOINTMENT OF THE PASTOR.

55.2 Bishop Anthony Roberts presented this Resolution to the Conference.

55.3 Reference was made to the Minutes of Day Three that the Resolution was to be re-worded. The Administrator directed that the 'words' be deleted from the Resolution.

55.4 On a point of order, Sis. Samantha Lawson informed the Conference that this Resolution was withdrawn. The Conference agreed to have it sent back to the General Executive for rewording.

56.0 RESOLUTION 4: Retirement age for persons in the fivefold ministry and those who hold higher offices.

56.1 Bishop Anthony Roberts presented the proposed Resolution and gave a summary and background.

56.2 Several questions came from the floor for clarification.

56.3 The Chairman informed the Conference that a 2/3 majority is needed to bring the discussion to the floor.

56.4 The Chairman put the question to the Conference. A tally of the votes were taken and 158 voted for and 5 against. **CARRIED.**

56.5 Bishop Anthony Roberts read the Resolution '**Be it resolved** that a recommendation was received from the constitution committee for the re-wording of the Bylaw to eliminate ambiguity and unenforceability. Bylaw 9.6.3.8 (iii) and (iv) should be reworded to state

(iii) All pastors who operate in the five-fold ministries and credential workers who function under the district or the local church, shall have the option to retire at age 65, however the compulsory retirement age shall be at 75 years.'

(iii) Having attained the age of seventy-five, persons desirous of continuing in ministry as pastor, shall first obtain the approval of the church board to continue as pastor. Then the pastor shall apply in writing to the District Executive under which the local

church or district falls or to the International office for approval to continue beyond the compulsory retirement age. The applicant must provide the following together with the application: a-e

- 56.6 Motion: Moved by Rev. Anthony Roberts and seconded by Rev. Knowles McCall.
- 56.7 Persons were invited to speak for or against this resolution.
- 56.8 The Chairman informed the Conference that these Resolutions were framed, based on various issues brought to the General Executive. He further stated that the Organization must have clear HR policies that govern the operations of PAWI. We need to separate what is procedural issues and bylaw issues.
- 56.9 The Chairman advised that the General Executive be responsible for getting persons specialized in these areas, who can assist in drafting policies for the organization. These policies should take into account the idiosyncrasies that exists in each Caribbean nation and the attending laws of each territory.
- 56.10 The Chairman recommended that the General Executive be given the prerogative to select the necessary personnel to address some of these issues. These issues are to be looked at from the District level.
- 56.11 Commendation was given by the Chairman to the Resolution Committee for their hard work.
- 56.12 The Chairman shared the concern that credential workers were not reading the documents that were sent to them from the International Office.
- 56.13 All Resolutions or Motions not dealt with would automatically go to the next Conference.
- 56.14 Recommendations came from the floor: Parliamentarians to familiarize themselves with the Resolutions. This was agreed by consensus.
- 56.15 The Chairman informed the Conference that there were three documents that should have been discussed.
- 56.15.1 The Church Ministries policy which was a working document for a term. Moved by Osbert Williams seconded by Rev. Cassimus John. It was decided to leave as is. The matter of PAWIT&T in the organigram structure on page 10 was to be addressed and this was not done. This should be

addressed before the matter is adopted by the Conference. the Chairman asked for a show of hands who were familiar with or had read the document and less than 10% of the persons present responded positively. In the light of this, the Chair ruled that the document be recirculated and that it would be used as a working document for the next Conference term and brought to the floor as a resolution at the next conference.

56.15.2 Credential Manual to be circulated throughout the Fellowship and used a working document for the Fellowship over the conference term.

56.15.3 The PAWI Operational Manual to be circulated and brought to the next General Conference for adoption.

57.0 COMMENDATION:

57.1 Bishop Don Hamilton expressed commendation to PAWI on how we have advanced as an organization and the maturity we have displayed during the business of the Conference.

58.0 EXPRESSIONS:

58.1 Tobago District for an excellent Conference.

58.2 The 'spirit' of the Conference reflects maturity.

58.3 Secretariat

58.4 Registration Committee

58.5 Bishop Joel Edwards Devotion Speaker

58.6 The Chairmen

58.7 Conference Committees

58.8 Transport Committee

58.9 Worship Teams

58.10 Musicians and Sound system

58.11 Ushers

58.12 PAWI World Missions Agency

58.13 Translator: Cristobel Walker

58.14 Bishop Ninian St. Louis the Bishop of Dominica expressed thanks for all the support they received in the aftermath of the Hurricane.

59.0 ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES:

59.1 The General Bishop, Rev. Pat Glasgow, invited General Bishop elect Bishop Sonny Williams to take the Chair as a symbolic gesture of assuming the office of General Bishop. Bishop Sonny Williams then gave an acceptance and appreciation speech addressing the delegates.

59.2 The Asst. General Bishop, Bishop Dr. Raymond Boca, expressed thanks to the delegates for the confidence placed in him. Rev. Boca stated he brings team spirit and loyalty to the office and that he will work to keep the standards of the office set by Bishop Forde.

59.3 The General Administrator, Rev. Nolan Warner, thanked the Conference for their confidence placed in him for the next Conference term.

59.4 The Executive Director of World Missions, Rev. Ricardo Joseph, stated that it is an honour to follow in the footsteps of Bishop Nigel Henry. He too Thanked the Conference.

59.5 The Executive Director for Church Ministries, Rev. Cynthia Jack, was not present to address the Conference.

60.0 ADJOURNMENT:

60.1 The matter of the Business of the 37th Biennial Conference came to an end at 1:00 p.m.

60.2 The Chairman announced that the Plenary Session would begin at 2:00 p.m.

61.0 The Chairman announced that the Luncheon Break would be between 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Lurtan Patterson.

62.0 PLENARY SESSION:

62.1 The Session began at 2:30 p.m.

62.2 Bishop Don Hamilton welcomed all to Plenary Session and invited Rev. Ronald Malchan to open in prayer.

62.3 WORSHIP: A short time of worship was done by Mrs. M. Williams

63.0 INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER:

63.1 The Chairman of the Plenary session, Bishop Don Hamilton, introduced the Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael McDowell.

63.2 Rev. Dr. Michael McDowell expressed his appreciation to the General Bishop and the Executive for the invitation.

63.3 The topic: An Apocalyptic Appraisal of the Synoptic Chapters: Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21: A chronology of the end times program

63.3.1 Synoptic Gospel

63.3.2 Views of the Rapture

63.3.3 Olivet Discourse

63.3.4 The accident theory

63.3.5 Multiple Fulfillments through history and the end times.

63.3.6 The virgin birth Isaiah 7:14

63.4 Matthew 24:

63.4.1 Introduction: vs. 1-3

63.4.2 Church Age & Tribulation: vs. 4-14

63.4.3 Great Tribulation vs. 15:-28

63.4.4 Second Advent vs 29-31

63.4.5 The rebirth of Israel: vs 32-35

63.4.6 The Rapture vs.36-44

63.4.7 Admonition to Alertness (watch and pray) vs. 45-51

63.5 The Speaker highlighted the connection of the synoptic chapters in relation to the end times. Several prophecies have already been fulfilled, and several more to be fulfilled. He informed the delegates that present world events are pointing to the second coming of Christ. The Speaker admonishes the delegates to evangelize, watch and pray.

64.0 CONCLUSION:

- 64.1 The Chairman, Bishop Don Hamilton, commended the Speaker on an excellent presentation.
- 64.2 Bishop Don Hamilton encouraged the delegates that this subject should stimulate us to revisit this important topic as it is keeping with our theme ‘Redeeming the times-Fulfilling the Mandate’.

65.0 ANNOUNCEMENT:

- 65.1 The General Administrator, Rev. Nolan Warner, was invited to make announcements.
- 65.1.1 This Closing Rally begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 65.1.2 A presentation was made to Rev. Dr. Michael McDowell.

66.0 ADJOURNMENT:

- 66.1 The Plenary Session concluded at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted,

Rev. Nolan Warner General Administrator

Confirmed this day _____ of _____ in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen.

Bishop Sonny Williams
GENERAL BISHOP

Rev. Nolan Warner
GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR