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PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES  
OF THE WEST INDIES

# THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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### **THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS:**

The Council of Elders proposes to be a non-executive body of experienced and respected men and women who will provide advice, guidance, and support to the leadership of PAWI.

### **PAWI ELDER DEFINED:**

An elder is an ordained minister of PAWI who has attained the age of 65, spiritually matured, and has given spiritual leadership and oversight at the district level or above and/or served as a faculty or board member at the West Indies School of Theology. The individual must have a track record of long-standing faithful service to the organization and has demonstrated adherence to the programs and ideals of the fellowship.

### **DESIRED TRAITS OF ELDERS:**

- Sober-minded
- Faithful
- Spiritually Matured
- Full of Wisdom
- Demonstrated Commitment to the Fellowship
- Respectable
- Above Reproach
- Ability to teach and counsel

## **ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ELDERS:**

- a. Officiate at the installation of PAWI's General Officers
- b. Assist with the installation of National and District Officers
- c. Provide Counsel to the General Executive and District Executive
- d. Provide mentorship service to Bishops, Pastors, and WIST Personnel
- e. Provide support service to churches during pastoral transitions.
- f. Provide Counsel to the General, National, and District executives on matters of discipline.

## **SELECTION OF ELDERS:**

**PAWI shall have a Council of Elders comprising twelve (12) individuals selected as follows:**

- a. Districts shall submit the name/s of persons fitting the established criteria for consideration as elders, and the General executive will make the final selection.
- b. The number of candidates selected from each district shall be made on the basis of proportional representation, using the district's size as an indicator.
- c. The Selection Process shall reflect a sensitivity to gender and ethnic equity.

## **LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS:**

Upon selection of the Council of Elders, an election will be conducted amongst members to determine the individual that will chair the Council.

## **PROPOSED TERM OF ELDERSHIP:**

Elders shall have lifetime membership on the Council, providing (upon the determination of the General Executive) they are mentally and physically fit to carry out their duties and responsibilities.