



MINUTES

39th General Conference of the
Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies
May 18 - 22, 2026 | PAWI Antigua District

The 39th General Conference was declared open by the General Bishop, Rev. Sonny Williams, at the Opening Ceremony held at the St. John's Pentecostal Church House of Restoration Ministries.

The following are the Minutes of the Day Sessions held at the Jolly Beach Resort, Antigua.

DAY ONE – TUESDAY 19TH MAY 2026

1.0 WELCOME:

1.1 Morning devotions commenced at 9:00 am. The chairperson, Pastor Danley Duncan (Antigua), welcomed everyone, gave opening remarks, and opened in prayer.

2.0 WORSHIP:

2.1 Sis. Dornel Carty, from the Antigua District, led the worship session.

3.0 DEVOTIONAL SESSION:

3.1 Rev. Lyndon Mottley, Presiding Bishop of the Antigua District, shared on the Conference theme: "Getting it right; the Capacity to do". His text was taken from *Matthew 28:18-20*. The following points were highlighted:

- The major focus should be on the Messiah, which will affect the Message, the Ministry, and the Miracle.
- The Holy Spirit intends to stir your holy minds to a different perspective or to remind you of a particular perspective.
- The deliverance of all nations is a matter of spiritual warfare.
- *Matthew 28* imperative is spiritual warfare.
- *Colossians 1:13* – Those who were being delivered were under the rule of the adversary, but God delivered them and transferred them under the rule of Jesus Christ. Reference was made to *2 Corinthians 4:3-4*.
- Kingdom advancement must take place amid spiritual conflict - *Matt. 11:12, Luke 10:9*.
- Kingdom authority is directly linked to the imperative of *Matt 28:18-20*. Other references mentioned were *Isaiah 9:6-7, Acts 2:5-11, Genesis 10:32; 11:9*.
- The outpouring of the spirit of God, Yahweh's major campaign of gathering the nations to Himself - *Acts 1:5-11*.
- God is about the regathering of the nations to Himself.
- The outpouring of the Spirit who provides power to deliver nations was God's macro campaign to regather nations - *Psalms 2:8, John 3:16*. The success of this mission to reclaim the nations for Yahweh rests on Jesus' victories in delivering and reconciling the nations to His Father, and on the church's success in the same mission as Jesus.



References used were 2 Corinthians 5:18–19, Colossians 1:20-22, Isaiah 49:6, 1 Corinthians 3:11, 1 Corinthians 6:11, and Matthew 24:24.

- We take for granted what the enemy uses to keep nations in bondage.
- False Jesuses/Christs are the deadly, diabolical weapon against the stabilization of the church of Christ and against spiritual deliverance and reconciliation - 2 Cor. 11: 1-4.
- The other religions all speak of another Jesus. How many people can defend the true Jesus against the Jesus that the other religions promote?
- God wants us to stop the programs and prepare ourselves and our people with knowledge to advance the Kingdom of Christ.

3.2 Rev. Lyndon Mottley led the delegates in prayer. The chairperson, Pastor Duncan, then asked the delegates to take a minute to reflect and talk to God. The delegates were invited to express thanks to God and to the devotional speaker.

3.3 The devotional session ended at 10:00 am. Rev. Nolan Warner, the General Administrator, announced the break time.

4.0 FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

4.1 Call To Order

The General Bishop, Bishop Sonny Williams, took the Chair, welcomed everyone, and declared the conference business sessions duly opened at 10:31 am. He thanked the delegates for registering and participating in this year's Conference.

5.0 CONFERENCE BAR

5.1 Establishment of Conference Bar

The General Bishop asked that all rows under the tent, from the back to the front, be accepted as the Conference bar.

Motion 5.1

Moved by Rev. Melch Pope (North-East Trinidad) and seconded by Rev. Lyndon Mottley that the establishment of the Conference Bar should be accepted.

CARRIED.

5.2 Invitation of PAOC Representatives

The following persons were invited to the Conference Bar: Rev. Murray Cornelieus, the Executive Director of Global Missions, and Rev. Mark Hazzard, the Area Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, and his wife, Mrs. Val Hazzard, all of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC).

Motion 5.2

Moved by Rev. Ricardo Joseph (South Trinidad) and seconded by Rev. Nolan Warner.

CARRIED.

5.3 Invitation of AG Guyana Representative

Bishop John Smith, the General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God (AG) Guyana, and his wife, Jean Smith, were invited to the Conference Bar.

Motion 5.3

Moved by Rev. Selwyn Brathwaite (Barbados) and seconded by Sis. Candia George (Dominica).

CARRIED.



5.4 Greetings

Rev. Murray Cornelius, Rev. Mark Hazzard, and Bishop John Smith were invited to bring greetings.

6.0 STANDING ORDERS

6.1 Adoption of Standing Orders

Bishop Sonny Williams asked that the Standing Orders, the rules that will govern the Conference, on pages 12 and 13 in the 2026 Conference booklet, be adopted.

Motion 6.1

Moved by Rev. Edward Lashley (Barbados), seconded by Rev. Lyndon Mottley.

CARRIED.

7.0 ORDER OF THE CONFERENCE

7.1 Adoption of Conference Order

Bishop Sonny Williams stated that the Order of the Conference, placed at the front of the Conference book, should be adopted.

Motion 7.1

Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner and seconded by Bro. Davis Ross (North-East Trinidad).

CARRIED.

7.2 Appointment of the Deputy Chairman

Rev. Knowles McCall (Tobago) was recommended as the Deputy Chairman of the Conference.

Motion 7.2

Moved by Bishop Sonny Williams and seconded by Rev. Ricardo Joseph. **CARRIED.**

8.0 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

8.1 Secretariat

Rev. Nolan Warner explained that there were some changes to the Secretariat as two persons were absent: Rev. Angela Gidharee (Convenor), who was unable to attend the Conference, and Sis. Margaret Selkridge, who unavoidably missed her flight and was scheduled to arrive on Wednesday afternoon.

Sis. Nicole Laurence (Antigua), Sis. Charlene Harris (Antigua) and Sis. Allison Ross (North-East Trinidad) to be accepted as members of the Secretariat.

Motion 8.1

Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner and seconded by Rev. Lyndon Mottley.

CARRIED.

8.2 Parliamentarians

Acceptance of Sis. Candia George (Dominica), Rev. Michael Butler (Antigua), and Pastor Anetia Thomas (St. Lucia) as Parliamentarians.

Motion 8.2

Moved by Rev. Selwyn Brathwaite (Barbados) and seconded by Rev. Michael Holford (Barbados).

CARRIED.



8.3 Resolution Committee

Rev. Anthony Roberts (South Trinidad), Rev. Pearl Rivers (North-East Trinidad), and Sis. Andrea Philips (Grenada) to be accepted as members of the Resolution committee.

Motion 8.3

Moved by Rev. Cheryl Whiteman (Grenada) and seconded by Sis. Rhonda Taylor (North-West Trinidad). **CARRIED.**

8.4 Roster Committee

Acceptance of Rev. Dexter Laurence (Antigua), Rev. Carlton Edwards (St. Vincent & The Grenadines), and Rev. Casmus John (St. Vincent & The Grenadines) as members of the Roster committee.

Motion 8.4

Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner seconded by Rev. Ricardo Joseph. **CARRIED.**

9.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL CONFERENCE

There were no corrections to the Minutes of the General Conference held on May 15 – 18, 2022.

Acceptance of Conference Minutes

Minutes of the 2022 General Conference to be accepted as presented.

Motion 9.1

Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner and seconded by Sis. Bunny Butler (Antigua). **CARRIED.**

10.0 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising out of the Minutes.

11.0 GENERAL BISHOP'S REPORT

Bishop Sonny Williams invited the Deputy Chairman, Rev. Knowles McCall, to take the Chair while he presented his report.

The Deputy Chairman invited the General Bishop to present his report. He informed the Conference that the report would not be read; however, the General Bishop will highlight points for emphasis. The following points were highlighted:

- Strategic Plan 2022-2026 (Page 32)

He commended the various Districts for “*buying into*” the Strategic Plan. All Districts presented their own plans based on the Strategic Plan. He recalled that in the history of Strategic Plans being presented, they were usually shelved, and there was very little “*buying in*”. However, for this term, the support was 100%, and he expressed thanks to the presiding bishops and to Ms. Charles for her diligent work. He further stated that there is a new Strategic Plan for the upcoming conference term and that he expects greater buy-in from our Districts.



- West Indies School of Theology (WIST)

WIST, PAWI's baby, *remains* a source of grave concern. Everyone is needed to help WIST. The buildings are rapidly deteriorating, our indebtedness is soaring, and registration numbers have not been as high as in previous years. Given that we have emerged from the pandemic challenges, WIST needs our attention. More of our churches can include WIST in their missionary outreach to help this institution.

Persons were invited, by the Deputy Chairman, to ask questions or make comments on the General Bishop's Report.

GB Report - Question 1: Rev. Paul Taylor (North-West Trinidad) stated that the General Bishop's report lacks statistics and asked what steps will be taken in the future to improve data collection from the Districts.

Response: Bishop Sonny Williams informed that the General Administrator's report will address this issue, and if it is not addressed there, the question can be asked again.

The Deputy Chairman reiterated that the General Administrator's report is more detailed and should address some questions; if it does not, they will seek to answer them.

Bishop Sonny Williams continued to highlight five points from his report as follows:

1. **Reclaiming Evangelistic Urgency.** He urged Districts not to make the next conference term about maintenance. While some churches are doing well, many are either plateauing or declining.
2. **The return of the Pentecostal power and practice.** Our young people need the stories that the older ones have; otherwise, we are raising the next generation of Pentecostals who will be oblivious to Pentecostal distinctives. The 21st-century PAWI needs the 1st-century experience.
3. **The issue of continuity, succession, and leadership sustainability.** If our exit from ministry, whether by death or retirement, exceeds the entry level, then PAWI is on a trajectory toward a leadership crisis.
4. **The issue of succession.** We need a fellowship-wide emphasis on the call of God. God is still calling; either we are not listening or are not trained to listen. We must attract the next generation to embrace ministry as a vocation.
5. **Strengthening WIST for the next generation.**

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GB Report - Question 2: Rev. Edward Lashley asked about the performance of the campuses in the other islands and whether the Bible School is still meeting the need for which it was established.

Response: The Deputy Chairman, Rev. Knowles McCall, asked that all WIST-related questions be addressed in the WIST report.



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GB Report - Question 3: Sis. Robyn Joseph Nathaniel (Antigua) gave commendation for identifying some areas of concern and for providing broad recommendations. She then asked whether a comprehensive plan had been developed to empower our Pastors and churches to implement the recommendations.

Response: Bishop Sonny Williams responded affirmatively, informing that at this Conference, the Strategic Plan for the next four years (2026-2030) would be presented.

GB Report - Question 4: Sis. Robyn Nathaniel asked if there were ways to monitor the progress to avoid missing the mark.

Response: Bishop Sonny Williams responded that the plan is very comprehensive.

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GB Report - Question 5: Rev. Emanuel Mc Lorren (St. Lucia) asked whether the General Bishop would have input on the WIST report when presented by the Chair of the Board of Directors.

Response: Rev. Knowles McCall responded that the Bishop would be free to make an input.

GB Report - Question 6: Rev. Stephen Samuels (Antigua) asked about the methodology for implementing the point on leadership sustainability.

Response: Bishop Sonny Williams reiterated the mentorship method and said that if people are intentionally and systematically disciplined, its impact would be seen in leadership, and the leadership pipeline would be strengthened through intentional mentorship. The work has started, and it is being expanded.

GB Report - Question 7: Rev. Stephen Samuels indicated that, personally, the issue of insecurity is a barrier and asked how we address the issue of young people being barred from making their contributions.

Response: Bishop Sonny Williams mentioned that the mentors are also trained to build their identities to address their insecurity.

Rev. Knowles McCall added that we are all in agreement that this is the right direction for the Fellowship, and while there may be some challenges, tweaks will be made as we go along.

11.1 Acceptance of the General Bishop's Report

Motion 11.1

Bishop Sonny Williams moved to accept the General Bishop's report. It was seconded by Rev. Samuel Niles (Grenada). **CARRIED.**

12.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Online participants were recognized and welcomed to the Conference. Rev. Knowles McCall, the Deputy Chairman, continued to preside over this aspect of the business session.



13.0 ELECTIONS FOR GENERAL BISHOP

13.1 Report from the Roster Committee

The convenor of the Roster committee, Rev. Dexter Laurence, reported that the records showed 200 in-person participants and 20 online, for a total of 220.

13.2 Conference Observers

Parliamentarian, Sis. Candia George (Dominica) asked the observers to occupy the seats outside the Conference bar.

13.3 Voting Procedure

The General Administrator informed the Conference that voting would take place online and that all registrants have access to the internet. The voting will take place via Zoom, and/or a QR code will be provided. The nomination process has already been completed, and the nominees' names are at the back of the Conference booklet.

Observation: Rev. Edghill Messiah (North-East Trinidad) mentioned that the nominees' names are at the back of the booklet, but the positions for which they are nominated were not stated.

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner gave a list of the nominees and the positions as follows:

- General Bishop- Rev. Sonny Williams (*St. Vincent & The Grenadines*)
- Assistant Bishop – Rev. Don Hamilton (*North-West Trinidad*) and Rev. Lurtan Patterson (*South Trinidad*)
- General Administrator – Rev. Nolan Warner (*North-East Trinidad*)
- Church Ministries Director – Rev. Cheryl Whiteman (*Grenada*)
- Executive Director for World Missions – Rev. Ricardo Joseph (*South Trinidad*) and Rev. Brian Selkridge (*North-East Trinidad*)

Elections – Question 1: Rev. Paul Taylor (North-West Trinidad) asked for clarification on the voting process because, according to the Constitution, voting is conducted by secret ballot. He expressed concern that persons would have access to the statistics and to individuals.

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner stated that the Zoom platform administrator is not a participant in the Conference, and while the platform administrator may have access to the information, the Conference will not have access to it.

Rev. Knowles McCall asked the General Administrator to present his report while the technical issues with the voting process were being resolved.

14.0 GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Rev. Nolan Warner presented his report, highlighting the following:

Data collection. There were several challenges in acquiring data from the Districts. It was difficult to determine whether the fellowship was growing, declining, or plateauing. A program launched last year through Bishop Pat Glasgow provided a better sense of



what was happening in the fellowship. The results showed that while many of our churches were growing, others were plateauing or in decline.

He indicated that some figures reported in his previous report (2018) were not an accurate representation of the Fellowship's status, as Districts were duplicating figures that had already been presented. The fact that a lot of our churches are not growing is a cause for concern. To manage the Fellowship effectively, we must measure the same things across the Fellowship and develop systems that allow information to be accessed in real time, so that real programs can be developed. We need to develop a PAWI cloud hub that all churches can access and plug information into, so they don't have to generate it at the end of the reporting period.

Human capital and succession planning. We have developed and implemented a plan to provide training for mentors and mentees. Persons were asked to register for this program so that the fellowship will have a mentorship program that produces quality ministers from now on. We have the plan, the methodology, and we have the personnel. An individual will be introduced to the General Executive to oversee the mentorship program initiated by the former Assistant General Bishop, Rev. Raymond Boca.

Introduction Council of Elders: To allow men and women who have served well to use their experience, wisdom, expertise, and grace to help administrate difficult areas.

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GA Report - Question 1: Rev. Pearl Rivers asked for clarification on whether the information in the report is factual or opinion-based, and how it was gathered.

Response: Rev. Warner indicated that these were facts he interpreted from meetings, District reports, and exercises conducted by the General Executive.

GA Report - Question 2: Rev. Paul Taylor quoted the 2nd paragraph and asked what the Executive is going to do differently in the next four years to address the issue of compliance with documentation, reporting, and financial remittances?

Response: Rev. Warner said, first, that he can only make requests for information, and second, that he hopes to resolve the issue by creating a hub where persons can input information in a clearly articulated way.

GA Report - Question 3: Rev. Paul Taylor commented that there are issues of noncompliance, accountability, and transparency at the operational levels of the organization, and that the Executive will be responsible for changing the culture. He then asked whether the General Executive was willing to take the necessary steps to build a culture of accountability within the Fellowship.

Response: Rev. Knowles McCall asked Rev. Paul Taylor and other persons to submit their contributions and recommendations to the Resolution Committee for further discussion.

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GA Report - Question 4: Rev. Edghill Messiah asked if the problem of decline is in one country or in one area?

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner explained that Bishop Pat Glasgow conducted an exercise with all the District Bishops, during which they were given a data-collection form that provides information about all our churches and reflects the state of our Fellowship.



Rev. Knowles McCall reiterated that the process of cultivating a new culture of information acquisition has begun; therefore, persons are asked to be patient.

Encouragement: Rev. Patricia Clarke (North-West Trinidad) encouraged the General Administrator and urged him to keep up the good work.

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Observation: Rev. Edghill Messiah quoted from paragraph 3: “*Districts are relying heavily on a single secretary or administrator.*” He observed that the International office also has only a single secretary or administrator; therefore, if this arrangement is not helpful for the Districts, it must not be helpful at the International office, given that the responsibilities are greater.

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner appreciated that the *herculean* tasks done by such a small staff at the International Office are being recognized, and yes, there is a need for more personnel; however, the financial situation constrains it.

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GA Report - Question 5: Bro. Isiah St. Rose (Grenada), quoted from paragraph 1, “*...the current financial model is not sufficiently robust to withstand repeated shocks or long-term cycles of remittance irregularity.*” He then asked whether any consideration had been given to adopting a different financial model to help us operate under less strain.

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner responded that there are several other models, but they do not fit PAWI’s structure. He suggested that if Bro. Isiah has a system to recommend that he thinks can be adapted to our governance structure; once that system is considered, it can be adopted. The office depends solely on tithes, missions, and disaster relief, and if any part does not operate as it should, it hampers smooth operations.

Follow-up: Bro. Isiah St. Rose expressed interest in discussing models that do not fit PAWI and in finding a model that would help us function better.

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GA Report - Question 6: Rev. Paul Taylor, regarding governance compliance, asked for a pathway to correction to be completed within the next four years and what types of discussions the General Executive would need to address this issue.

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner informed that the General Executive is having the same conversations with Bishops and administrators, seeking ways to encourage our leaders to comply with the requests.

Observation: Rev. Don Hamilton, chairman of the National Council T&T, quoted from Francis Shaker saying, “*We in the West think in bits and pieces and not in whole,*” proposing that there be a shift in the way we think and that all the reports are tied together as a whole instead of in parts.

Suggestion: Rev. Edghill Messiah suggested that the strong recommendations in the General Administrator's report be turned into resolutions so that any changes can be made at this level.



Response: Rev. Nolan Warner asked the Deputy Chairman, Rev. Knowles McCall, that the recommendations made in his report be turned into resolutions for consideration before business sessions are concluded.

Rev. Pearl Rivers, of the Resolution committee, asked Rev. Nolan Warner to identify which recommendations are to be written as resolutions clearly.

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GA Report - Question 7: Rev. Kevin Hunte (Barbados), quoted from paragraph 3, asked the following: Is there a plan for what is meant by effective succession planning? Will there be any consequences for Districts that do not address this issue? How are we holding Districts accountable?

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner stated that what is being done is clearly identified, and accountability is held at Conferences where Districts are told that better is expected, and that if better is not done, they will not last.

Follow-up: Rev. Kevin Hunte encouraged each District to take responsibility and to treat the matter seriously.

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner informed that at every General Executive meeting, Bishops are asked to report on their progress and on the initiatives they are undertaking in accordance with the strategic plan. He continued by saying that the General Bishop has taken the initiative together with Sis. Valerie Charles is to encourage District Executives to move in a direction that ensures the intended goal is met.

14.1 Extension of Time

Rev. Knowles McCall asked for a motion to extend the Conference business for five minutes before taking the lunch break.

Motion 14.1

Moved by Rev. Ricky McClatchie (North-East Trinidad) and seconded by Rev. Melch Pope. **CARRIED.**

Recommendation: Sis. Robyn Nathaniel mentioned that the conversation about capacity building, mentorship, and succession planning should be reflected in all areas of our Districts and churches. Young people should be seen and intentionally identified to represent these areas.

GA Report - Question 8: Sis. Safiya Johnson (North-West Trinidad) asked whether certain matters warrant stronger accountability measures and whether there are other matters where we can be more encouraging.

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner responded that there are stratified accountability measures throughout the Fellowship.

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Comment: Rev. Derick Henry (North-West Trinidad) commented on governance and responsibility, stating that if change is to take place, every pastor must take responsibility.



Comment: Rev. Kimrol Ali (North-West Trinidad) recommended that the Executive should examine what is working and expand on it.

14.2 Extension of Time

Rev. Knowles McCall ruled that the report will continue for an additional five minutes.

Motion 14.2

Moved by Rev. Don Hamilton and seconded by Rev. Kevin Hunte. **CARRIED.**

Questions on Page 50

Comment: Rev. Edghill Messiah emphasized that accountability must be enforced and encouraged, and that the persons who appointed committees without conducting any training should be held responsible.

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner indicated that persons are appointed based on their Christian faithfulness, not necessarily on their skills. This is therefore no longer sufficient, and training must now be required for serving on committees.

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GA Report - Question 9: Rev. Paul Taylor asked whether the accountability measurement had been shared with all the pastors.

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner indicated that it was a proposal and the instrument had not been completed or approved by the General Executive for distribution and use at every level of the organization, beginning with the General Executive.

14.3 Acceptance of the General Administrator's Report

Motion 14.3

Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner and seconded by Bishop Sonny Williams. **CARRIED.**

15.0 LUNCH BREAK

Parliamentarian, Sis. Candia George reminded the Chair that the lunch break was to follow the acceptance of the General Administrator's report. The lunch break was taken at 12:45 pm.

16.0 RESUMPTION

Conference business resumed at 2:15 pm. Bishop Sonny Williams resumed as Chairman of the Conference, and Rev. Selwyn Brathwaite prayed for guidance before the elections.

While the election process was being sorted out, the Church Ministries report was presented.

17.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHURCH MINISTRIES REPORT

Rev. Cheryl Whiteman presented her report highlighting the following:

- i. After COVID, there was the challenge of getting the departments back up and running, and to date, most are reported to be functioning.



- ii. The strategic focus over the past four years has been the PAWI's Strategic Plan, which has centered on Leadership, Discipleship, the Word, the Holy Spirit, and Evangelism.
- iii. Key activities to refocus the departments on the vision and strategic planning included a 2022 Symposium, "What's in the Toolbox," that brought the departments together.
- iv. Resetting our minds to focus on what is before us was done in 2023.
- v. The purity campaign in 2024 emerged from a survey of youths, which revealed a need for education and guidance.
- vi. Leadership training in 2026 to prepare persons for effective service.

Questions on Page 75

Observation: Rev. Andrelle Jordan (North-West Trinidad) indicated that the term "Children's Ministry" should be corrected to read "Christian Education".

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CM Report - **Question 1:** Rev. Jenny-Lyn Warner (North-East Trinidad) asked what is being done to help uplift the Crusaders?

Response: Rev. Cheryl Whiteman indicated that the challenge is a lack of workers in the Crusaders department.

CM Report - **Question 2:** Sis. Robyn Nathaniel asked how to pivot in response to the challenges being faced.

Response: Rev. Cheryl Whiteman indicated that there is a connection between the Crusaders and Christian Education departments.

Comment: Rev. Jenny-Lyn Warner mentioned that one of the key shortcomings lies in how the department is being marketed. The Crusaders department is not just for children or limited to marching activities; rather, it serves all ages by teaching vital life skills and engaging communities. To maximize its impact, there must first be a clear understanding of the various arms of the Church Ministries department, followed by a renewed focus on their fundamental purpose to minister to the community and win the lost.

CM Report - **Question 3:** Rev. Paul Taylor asked for statistics regarding the departments.

Comment: Rev. Edghill Messiah stated that statistics are needed; support from the pastors is lacking; and we need to decide whether the departments are functioning and necessary.

Suggestion: Rev. Paul Taylor suggested that the General Executive agree on a structure for the departmental report to ensure consistency and provide a bigger picture of what is happening in the departments.

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CM Report - **Question 4:** Rev. Jenny-Lyn Warner asked what the Purity campaign is about.

Response: Rev. Cheryl Whiteman replied that the campaign is to help our young people understand what purity is and live pure lives, which involves frank conversations with youth and Pastors to teach and navigate purity, grounded in the Word and the Holy Spirit.



CM Report - **Question 5:** Rev. Jenny-Lyn Warner sort clarification on whether there were resources or materials that the youth leaders or churches could use as a guide.

Response: Rev. Cheryl Whiteman answered in the affirmative.

Commendation: Rev. Edghill Messiah commended the youth department for the programs relating to the Purity campaign and asked what the next step would be for the campaign.

Response: Rev. Cheryl Whiteman said it will continue into the next term.

17.1 Acceptance of the Church Ministries Report

Motion 17.1

Moved by Rev. Cheryl Whiteman and seconded by Rev. Melch Pope. **CARRIED.**

18.0 PRESENTATION OF THE CYNTHIA JACK MEMORIAL AWARD

Rev. Cheryl Whiteman presented this award to Rev. Cynthia Christiana Priscilla Cadogan from the North-West Trinidad District, whom the Church Ministries Department nominated. She has served PAWI for over forty years, since 1975, in the days when the department was called Children's Ministry.

Rev. Cadogan was an online participant in this year's Conference. Her Bishop, Rev. Derick Henry, received the award on her behalf. Rev. Cadogan expressed thanks for the honor.

19.0 ELECTION RESULTS

Rev. Knowles McCall presented the results as follows:

19.1 Ratification of the WIST Board of Directors (2026-2030)

- Bro. Kurt John-Baptist (Antigua) – 122 votes for / 0 against
- Rev. Bernard Ettinoffe (Dominica) – 121 votes for / 1 against
- Rev. Michael Holford (Barbados) – 121 votes for / 1 against
- Sis. Susanna Isaac – Secretary (St. Lucia) – 122 votes for / 0 against
- Professor Andrew Jupiter (T&T) – 122 votes for / 0 against
- Dr. Paratan Balloo (T&T) – 122 votes for / 0 against

19.2 Ratification of Church Ministries Directors (2026-2030)

- Men's Ministries – Bro. Davis Ross (North-East Trinidad) - 153 votes for/ 5 against
- Women's Ministries – Rev. Emlyn Raeburn (Grenada) – 157 votes for / 7 against
- Youth Ministries – Rev. Ezra Cumberbatch (St. Vincent) – 149 votes for / 9 against
- Christian Education – Rev. Jennifer Valerie (Dominica) – 154 votes for/ 4 against
- Crusaders – Bro. Kurt John Baptiste (Antigua) – 152 votes for/ 6 against

19.3 Ratification of the Council of Elders (2026-2030)

- Rev Hasrat Ali (North-West Trinidad) – 154 votes for/ 8 against
- Rev. Victor Payne (Barbados) - 154 votes for / 4 against
- Rev. Knowles McCall (Tobago) – 152 votes for/ 6 against
- Rev. Carlita Dennie (St. Vincent) -151 votes for/ 7 against
- Rev. Gemma Legerton (North-West Trinidad) – 151 votes for / 7 against
- Rev. Nigel Henry (Antigua) – 150 votes for / 8 against



- Rev. Beverley Haynes (St. Vincent) – 147 votes for/ 11 against
- Rev. Emerson Boyce (North-East Trinidad) – 142 votes for/ 16 against

19.4 Installation of Council of Elders

Rev. Nolan Warner informed the Conference that the installation of the Council of Elders would take place at the Conference Rally this evening.

19.5 Report of the Roster Committee

The Roster Committee reported that there were 173 in-person and 20 online participants.

19.6 Election Results for General Executive Members (2026-2030 term)

- General Bishop: Rev. Sonny Williams – 154 for/ 3 against
- Assistant General Bishop: Rev. Don Hamilton – 110 votes | Rev. Lurtan Patterson – 47 votes
- General Administrator: Rev. Nolan Warner 133 for/ 24 against
- Executive Director of Church Ministries: Rev. Cheryl Whiteman 129 for/ 28 against
- Executive Director of World Missions: Rev. Ricardo Joseph - 107 votes | Rev. Brian Selkridge – 47 votes
- Member at Large: Rev. Stephen Mohammed – 149 for/ 10 against
- Member at Large: Sis. Safiya Johnson – 144 for / 12 against
- Member at Large: Bro. Clement Samuel 144 for / 12 against
- Chairman of the Board of WIST: Sis. Andrea Phillip 145 for / 14 against

20. ADJOURNMENT

Day One business session concluded at 4:30 pm with prayer by Rev. Melch Pope.

DAY TWO – WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY

21.0 OPENING

The devotional session, chaired by Rev. Kimrol Ali, commenced with prayer at 9:00 am. Rev. Dexter Laurence led in a time of worship.

22.0 DEVOTIONS

Rev. Selwyn Brathwaite, Presiding Bishop of the Barbados District, shared from the Word. His opening text was taken from *1 Chronicles 12:32*. The following are the highlights:

- The men of Issachar were skilled in understanding the times to know what Israel should do. “Skill” – go beyond simply gathering information and move into the activity of discerning and judging its importance and acting wisely upon it.
- Based on what is happening in the spiritual climate, we need to know what to create. The church must bring about a change. We are called to create something positive in response to the climate.
- *Genesis 1* – out of the crisis came creation. Turn crisis into creation.



- We need to be emancipated from colonial-era spiritual thinking and awakened to cultural consciousness.
- Jesus was knowledgeable about His history and demonstrated cultural consciousness in His communication.
- If we do not appreciate our people's history, we will not be able to communicate effectively in our context.
- We must be willing to develop our capacity to create (love the Lord with your minds)
- We must decide to feel a sense of responsibility for our region.
- Cultural redemption – the transformative process of bringing culture, language, and social structure from a state of brokenness and sin towards God's original purpose
- God wants to raise Christlike minds with Christlike solutions for the Caribbean region.
- We must be biblically correct but culturally unique.
- If we are going to reach the Caribbean with the gospel, we must be Caribbean Christians and not Christians living in the Caribbean.
- We need to create something the world should be copying, not the other way around.
- *Ephesians 5:18* – be filled with the Spirit so we can talk to each other
- We must create a new song with a new sound. The Caribbean sound is unique.
- When we come together, it must be godliness-producing power, biblically correct, culturally unique, friends of all but satellites of none.
- Quote from Jamaican writer Bridgette Hyacinth's book *The Edge of Leadership*: "We only have three choices - give up, give in, or give it all we've got."
- The Caribbean church must not give up or give in; we must give it our all!

22.1 Closing

Rev. Selwyn Brathwaite encouraged the delegates to worship and led in the Lord's Prayer as he closed. A break for refreshments and snacks commenced at 10:06 am.

23.0 SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

The second business session started at 10:25 am. Bishop Sonny Williams occupied the Chair.

24.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORLD MISSIONS REPORT

Rev. Ricardo Joseph presented this report.

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WM Report - Question 1: Rev. Edghill Messiah sought clarification and an explanation on PAWI International and PAWI Brazil.

Response: Rev. Ricardo Joseph explained that the PAWI Constitution was revised in 2022 and that, during a visit to Brazil with Rev. Nolan Warner, the PAWI Brazil group initially agreed to adopt it. However, this decision was reversed the following day at a conference. A subsequent vote revealed that 19 individuals supported remaining under the PAWI Constitution, while 13 did not. Based on legal advice, the group in favor was registered as PAWI International Brazil, while the opposing group retained the name PAWI Brazil.



WM Report - Question 2: Rev. Edghill Messiah asked what the issue was and if it could not be reconciled.

Response: Rev. Ricardo Joseph said they could not understand what the issue was, since the group had initially agreed and suggested it might have concerned the group's leadership.

Questions on Page 83

WM Report - Question 3: Bro. Isiah St. Rose (Grenada) asked whether there are currently PAWI International and PAWI Brazil, and, if so, whether we allow a group not in agreement with us to use our logo.

Response: Rev. Ricardo Joseph said that we are not allowing them, but that is how it works in Brazil.

Rev. Nolan Warner explained that PAWI Brazil was informed that they are not allowed to use our paraphernalia, brand name, legal entities, etc., and that *PAWI* does not mean Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies for that group.

Bishop Sonny Williams explained that we learn as we grow and that as we establish Districts, international laws vary.

24.1 Acceptance of the World Missions Report

Motion 23.1

Moved by Rev. Ricardo Joseph and seconded by Rev. Melch Pope. **CARRIED.**

24.2 Expressions of Thanks

24.2.1 Bishop Sonny Williams expressed thanks to Rev. Ricardo Joseph for his dedication to Missions.

24.2.2 Rev. Ricardo Joseph expressed thanks to the Conference for allowing him another term in this office and shared that God placed a thought in his heart, which has become a book. The book is to be titled "***From Jerusalem to Antioch, Releasing the Caribbean church into Acts 13 missions***", which he hopes will help PAWI understand who we are and what we are required to do as a Fellowship. The book will be published after the Conference. He will share what God has laid on his heart for the church regarding missions at the next morning's devotion.

25.0 GREETINGS

The Bishop of PAWI International Brazil, Rev. Emerson Luis da Silva Fonseca, was introduced to the Conference to bring greetings. He shared that he was happy to be in attendance and was learning a lot. He gave an update on developments in PAWI International Brazil and asked for special prayer for the churches in Brazil.

26.0 WIST REPORT

Sis. Andrea Phillip, Chair of the WIST Board of Directors, presented this report.

Questions on Page 157

WIST Question 1: Rev. Paul Taylor asked about the specific liabilities that would impact the financial statement.



Response: Sis. Andrea Philip responded that WIST has always operated under financial strain, including owing compensation to lecturers who worked extended periods without it. She mentioned that the intervention made a significant dent in the International Office and significant fundraising. Liabilities can range from \$300,000 to \$ 500,000 TT.

WIST Question 2: Rev. Paul Taylor asked if lecturers are still owed \$300,000 to \$500,000 to date, even though the report shows a \$400,000 surplus in 2025.

Response: Sis. Andrea Phillip responded in the affirmative and stated that unless the current financial model being used is changed, it will always reflect a deficit due to historical indebtedness to lecturers.

WIST Question 3: Rev. Ricky McClatchie quoted from the Bishop's report and asked if it was being suggested to change the name of the school based on the suggestion to expand what WIST offers.

Response: Sis. Andrea Phillip responded in the negative and stated that the school's name will not be changed but will be rebranded and repurposed. The core of WIST remains theological; however, ministry-supportive programs will come alongside to make it more marketable and address the common needs of the holistic individual. She further stated that WIST is in the middle of a program renewal and review. In September of 2026, WIST will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary, and she would not like the founders to return and find WIST the way they left it.

WIST Question 4: Sis. Robyn Nathaniel asked about WIST's appetite for engaging educators with experience/expertise across the Fellowship in the region.

Response: Sis. Andrea Philip responded that with access to technology, it is much easier to engage people across the region, and that individuals are invited to volunteer.

WIST Concern/Question 5: Rev. Lurtan Patterson said that, given the ongoing lack of funding, he hopes WIST can become financially self-sufficient. He then asked whether, if the historic debt to lecturers is largely the reason for the lack, lecturers have been approached to consider debt forgiveness so there can be a fresh start.

Response: Sis. Andrea Philip stated that it must be a unified decision and that she cannot speak on behalf of individuals in this regard.

WIST Question 6: Sis. Rhonda Taylor inquired, within the scope of the program review, whether a course on intercession prayer could be introduced before students graduate, since there is much to be learned.

Response: The Chairman assured that this matter would be taken into consideration as the curriculum review is underway. He further mentioned that this is a fundamental aspect of the Christian life.

WIST Question 7: Rev. Edward Lashley asked whether the Bible school is still meeting the needs for which it was established, i.e., to train ministers across the Caribbean.

Response: Sis. Andrea Philip responded affirmatively, stating that the greatest need is for greater expansiveness and reach across all territories.

Commendation: Sis. Melissa St. Rose (Grenada) commended the efforts to rebrand and encouraged the use of social platforms to promote WIST.



WIST Question 8: Sis. Earla Davis (Tobago) commended Sis. Andrea Philip asked if it is possible to standardize a Sunday school curriculum and a lesson-planning course for Christian Education teachers. Sis. Davis volunteered to assist with curriculum development.

Response: The Chairman agreed that this can be considered, and a course or courses can be considered in the future. She further welcomed the additional help.

Comment: Sis. Safiya Johnson mentioned that financial aspiration is not bad; therefore, we should be willing to pursue finances without fear.

WIST Question 9: Pastor Dexter Laurence Jnr. (North-East Trinidad) Inquired about a current plan to give access to the full diploma/degrees to other Districts in the region.

Response: Sis. Andrea Philip said yes, and that there are existing programs in Districts outside of Trinidad. Grenada and Dominica have cohorts, and an offer will be made to other territories.

26.1 Acceptance of the WIST Report

Motion 26.1

Moved by Sis. Andrea Phillip, seconded by Rev. Samuel Niles.

CARRIED.

27.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

Rev. Nolan Warner, the General Administrator, presented the financial report for the period 2022-2025. Persons were invited to ask questions or make statements on each reporting year.

Comment: Rev. Paul Taylor mentioned that the legal requirement is a consolidated report for all its entities; each conference in Trinidad and Tobago fails to meet this requirement.

27.1 Lunch Break

Due to an electrical failure, the meeting was abruptly adjourned for lunch at 12:00noon. The business session resumed at 2:27 pm. Bishop Sonny Williams gave an invitation for persons to continue asking questions or making statements on the Financial Report.

27.2 Report Adjustments

Rev. Nolan Warner mentioned the need to rectify the classification of church tithes and World Missions in the Financial report.

FR - Question 1: Rev. Edghill Messiah asked for a response to Rev. Paul Taylor's comment.

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner explained that the International Office can present a consolidated report when Districts do so. He receives financial statements only from the Districts that reflect the Districts' office finances. Classification standardization needs to be established. He recommended introducing QuickBooks or other software to standardize the chart of accounts, generate reports more easily, and make them



available to the District and International office as a matter of course, thereby streamlining the accounting across the Fellowship.

FR - Question 2: Rev. Edghill Messiah asked where the 10% tithes were taken from.

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner responded that it was taken from the Districts' contributions.

For 20 minutes, additional questions were entertained to clarify the classification of items in the report.

FR - Question 3: Rev. Paul Taylor inquired if there was a resolution coming forward from the recommendation of the QuickBooks accounting program?

Response: Rev. Nolan Warner said yes, as noted in the financial summary.

27.3 Tabling of Financial Report

Rev. Nolan Warner recommended that the financial report be tabled to resolve certain issues, after which it would be presented to the General Executive within 60 days for ratification.

Motion 27.3

Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner and seconded by Rev. Kevin Hunte.

CARRIED.

28.0 STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2030

28.1 Strategic Directions

Sis. Valerie Charles explained that the Strategic Plan is designed on the premise of three strategic directions:

- a. The vision that God has given to the General Bishop
- b. PAWI'S Vision & Mission Statement
- c. The findings of recent research conducted in 2025

28.2 Research Highlights

- o Conducted among credential holders.
- o 213 persons participated
 - 4% between 76-85 years
 - 18% between 66-75 years
 - 37% between 56-65years
 - 29% between 46-55 years
 - 11% 36-45 years
 - 1% between 26-35years
- o 131 pastors made up the sample who were pastoring for 15 years & under
- o Credential Status – 104 Ordination, 15 COR, 20 LWC, 66 LTM
- o More than 35% of pastors have already reached or passed retirement age
- o Approx. 59% of credentialed workers are between 65 and 85 years old



28.3 Educational background of participants

- A 2022 study revealed that 62% of participants were highly educated, with bachelor's degrees or higher.
- A 2025 study found that 66% of participants had a bachelor's degree or higher.

28.4 Other findings

- Respondents were unclear about PAWI's strategic direction
- In 2025, 65% said they did not know or were unsure where the organization was headed. This is a sharp increase over the 2022 research, in which 20% said they were unsure of PAWI's direction.

28.5 PAWI Leadership

- 2022 - 59% expressed satisfaction
- 2025 – 35% expressed satisfaction

28.6 Relevance In Church Ministries

- 2022 – 36% expressed that the ministries are not relevant
- 2025 – 25% somewhat relevant, 21% did not believe that they were addressing the needs

28.7 Pastoral Appointment

- 2022 – 54% were not satisfied or neutral about the process used to appoint pastors
- 2025 – 32% were not satisfied or unsure of the process of appointment of pastors

28.8 Mentorship Program

- 2022 - 32% reported being neutral
- 2025 – More than 85% were in full support of the mentorship program and will participate

28.9 The most critical issue facing PAWI

- 19% indicated that the aging ministerial population and the lack of succession planning are causes for concern

28.10 Strategic Pillars

- 14% were familiar with the pillars
- 11% have not heard about the pillars
- 45% were unfamiliar or only somewhat aware of the pillars

28.11 Other findings

- 80% indicated steady improvement in their spiritual life and ministry
- The minority expressed ongoing struggle or signs of spiritual crisis, including men & women between the ages of 46 and 65 years.



- Although 74% indicated awareness of the policy for the use of the PAWI brand, this awareness does not translate into the application.
- A 2022 study found that 5% rated the PAWI missionary efforts as very effective; in 2025, this increased to 18%.
- Women's Ministry had the highest effectiveness rate among the ministries.
- The most critical/greatest concern of the participants was LEADERSHIP.

Sis. Valerie Charles informed that the strategic priorities for the 2026-2030 term are the five M's – Mission, Mentorship, Ministry, Miracles, and Mobilization. Each pillar will fit under each priority.

28.12 General Objectives

Mission – prioritize PAWI's mission as the defining focus of the fellowship by aligning every strategic priority with the gospel's proclamation and ensuring that all activities intentionally contribute to the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Mentorship – cultivate a sustainable leadership plan to empower mentors and foster intergenerational collaboration, ensuring consistency in the transfer of wisdom, skills, and Christlike character throughout the fellowship.

Ministry – to ensure that all ministries within PAWI are spirit-empowered, mission-driven, and contextually relevant, putting believers to serve with excellence and compassion while meeting the spiritual, social, and practical needs of those they are called to reach.

Miracles – Renew and cultivate faith and expectancy for the supernatural by intentionally creating environments of prayer and spirit-empowered ministry, restoring confidence in God's miraculous word and embedding its celebration in the life of the Fellowship.

Mobilization – to strengthen the Fellowship's capacity by prioritizing and equipping activation and deployment of members and leaders, mobilizing spirit-empowered teams, resources, and structure to advance PAWI's mission with excellence and sustainability.

28.13 Time Frame for implementation of the Strategic plan

August 2026

28.14 Monitoring

Quarterly updates will track milestones, conduct annual reviews, and conduct a comprehensive mid-term review.

28.15 What will make the plan work?

Leadership commitment and alignment, organizational capacity and capability, stakeholders' engagement and communication, and an adequate and effective monitoring system.

28.16 Governance and Oversight

Prior to the implementation, PAWI shall appoint a strategic plan (*mead*) and establish an oversight committee to ensure effective governance and accountability.



28.17 Approach and Success

Sis. Valerie Charles gave further explanation of the approach and the success of implementing the strategic plan. Questions were entertained and Sis. Valerie Charles responded accordingly.

28.18 Acceptance of the Strategic Plan

Motion 27.18

Moved by Rev. Lurtan Patterson and seconded by Rev. Michael Prince (North-East Trinidad). **CARRIED.**

28.19 Expression of Thanks

Bishop Sonny Williams extended thanks to Sis. Valerie Charles celebrated her dedication and contribution.

29.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Conference business adjourned at 4:00 pm.

DAY THREE – THURSDAY 21ST MAY

30.0 DEVOTIONS

Rev. Ricardo Joseph shared from the Word during this morning's devotional session, which commenced at 9:00 a.m.

31.0 RESOLUTIONS

The session commenced at 9:43 am. Rev. Anthony Roberts, convener of the Resolutions Committee, informed the Conference that several resolutions would be presented for discussion and approval.

31.1 Recommendation From The General Bishop

RESOLUTION: Whereas PAWI has introduced a mentorship program for new and emerging leaders, and whereas bylaw 5.4.48 requires the completion of a 2-year developmental program for persons preparing to receive the Ordination credential, be it resolved that the mentorship process be standardized across Districts to facilitate the introduction of PAWI's mentoring process across districts, be it resolved that PAWI's mentorship program be adopted as the formal 2-year developmental program for Ordination. **Be it resolved, therefore,** that Bylaw 5.4.4.8 and the credential manual section 5 be amended to facilitate the change.

Bishop Sonny Williams informed that no more than two persons would speak for, and no more than two would speak against.

Speaker For:

- o Rev. Pearl Rivers said she has a good understanding of both the mentorship and developmental programs in preparation for Ordination. The resolution seeks to



establish a standardized program across all Districts for consistency. Therefore, the resolution makes the mentorship program an integral part of the developmental program, which, in itself, is a form of mentorship for the Fellowship.

Speaker Against:

- No one spoke against the resolution.

The Chairman then took a question.

Resolution 31.1 - Question 1: Sis. Olivia Duncan (Antigua) – Considering an individual for over 10 years who has not been ordained; will this person, who already has credentials, still have to undergo the 2-year mentorship program?

Response: Bishop Sonny Williams explained that under the current Constitution, after you have received your License to Minister, there is a mandatory 2-year developmental program that begins when the candidate applies for the upgrade. Bishops were encouraged to implement the program immediately after a candidate receives their License to Minister.

31.1.1 Motion for the Acceptance of the Resolution

Moved by Rev. Anthony Roberts and seconded by Rev. Melch Pope.

CARRIED.

31.1.2 Recognition

Online participants were recognized.

31.2 Resolution With Reference To Pastoral Succession Passed By The PAWI North-West Trinidad District Conference 2021

Rev. Anthony Roberts referred to page 159 of the 2026 Conference document.

Speakers Against:

- Rev. Edghill Messiah said the resolution needed to be amended to clarify the District's role.
- Rev. Paul Taylor supported the need for an amendment to avoid taking away an autonomous church's right to select a pastor and to prevent family members from being qualified as pastors.
- Rev. Nolan Warner stated that the motion is redundant. The process for recruiting Assistant Pastors for mentorship is already established in our Constitution.

Speaker For:

- Bishop Hasrat Ali indicated that it is honorable for a pastor's son or daughter to be mentored to follow in their father's footsteps. Therefore, this house should see it as a blessing that our children have chosen to follow in their parents' footsteps, given the many challenges pastors' children face in embracing ministry. This is a pattern involving mentorship and succession that all pastors should welcome. Secondly, we have an open window to choose others upon whom we see the call of God, and to pour into them and prepare them for ministry.



31.2.1 Motion for the Resolution to be Amended

Rev. Derick Henry moved that the resolution be returned to the committee for amendment to include safeguards for selecting family members, and Rev. Hasrat Ali seconded the motion.

CARRIED.

31.3 Resolution Re: Disciplinary Procedures Passed by Pawi North-West Trinidad District Conference 2024 - Referencing Bylaws 6.4.1, 6.4.3, & 6.4.4.

Rev. Anthony Roberts referred to pages 159-160 of the 2026 Conference document.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that Bylaws 6.4.1, 6.4.3, and 6.4.4 be revised.

Speaker For:

- Rev. Edghill Messiah supported the resolution, but with modifications. He expressed the need to upgrade the current bylaws to make them more robust, but also wanted guardrails to ensure proper implementation of the disciplinary process and that it could be defended in a court of law.

Speaker Against:

- Rev. Nolan Warner advised that the resolution go back to the committee for recommended adjustments. The chairman asked that the mover and seconder of the motion agree to have the resolution committee, with input from Rev. Dr. Messiah, seek to strengthen the resolution.

31.3.1 Motion for the Resolution to be Amended

The mover and the seconder agreed to amend the motion, then brought it back to the floor for discussion and a decision.

31.4 Resolution Re: PAWI Employer-Employee Relationship Passed at PAWI North-West Trinidad District Conference 2025 - Referencing Bylaws 9.6.2.1 & 9.6.3.4.3

Rev. Anthony Roberts referred to pages 160-161 of the 2026 Conference document.

Speaker For:

- Rev. Edghill Messiah approved the establishment of this resolution; however, he stated that the personal liability clause is too broad.

Point of Order:

- Rev. Derick Henry stated that the former speaker did not speak in support of the resolution.

Speaker Against:

- Rev. Michael Holford highlighted that the resolution does not address the employment situation between the employer and the employee.

Explanation:

- Parliamentarian, Sis. Candia George explained that the concern is with the phrasing of the responsibility; however, the District will remain the legally responsible entity.



31.4.1 Motion for the Resolution to be Re-worded

Rev. Derick Henry moved that the resolution be sent back to the committee for revision. The seconder agreed, and the Chair ruled that the resolution be sent back to the resolution committee for rewording.

Rev. Anthony Roberts continued with the resolutions. He referred to pages 59-60 of the 2026 Conference document. The five recommendations from the General Administrator's report are as follows:

31.5 Recommendation: The Fellowship Standardizes Administrative Systems Across All Districts

WHEREAS, the effective administration and governance of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies require consistency, accountability, transparency, and efficiency across all districts and affiliated ministries; and

WHEREAS, variations in administrative practices, record-keeping systems, reporting methods, and document management procedures have created challenges related to compliance, communication, continuity, and governance oversight; and

WHEREAS, the strengthening of administrative structures is essential to the continued growth, integrity, and operational effectiveness of the Fellowship at the International, National, District, and Local Church levels;

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Executive of Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies shall initiate and oversee the standardization of administrative systems across all districts and affiliated entities of the Fellowship.

Discussions were held, and questions were entertained.

Speaker For: Rev. Pearl Rivers

Speaker Against: Rev. Emanuel Mc Lorren

31.5.1 Motion for the Acceptance of the Standardization of Administrative Systems

Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner, seconded by Bishop Lyndon Mottley, with a vote of 30 for and 11 against. **CARRIED.**

31.6 Recommendation: Disaster Response and Resilience Framework

RESOLUTION: whereas the Caribbean region --- vulnerable hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanic activity, pandemic, fires, social crisis and other emergencies that significantly impact churches, ministers, members and communities and whereas PAWI recognizes spiritual, humanitarian and organizational responsibility to respond effectively, compassionately and strategically during times of disaster and crisis and whereas the absence of a unified disaster response structure may hinder coordination, reporting, accountability, resource mobilization and timely assistance throughout the fellowship, **be it resolved that the General Executive of PAWI shall prioritize the establishment and implementation of a comprehensive PAWI disaster response and resilience framework for the Fellowship.**



Speaker For: Sis Andrea Phillip
Speaker Against: No one spoke against

Discussions and questions were entertained.

31.6.1 Motion for the Acceptance of a Disaster Response & Resilience Framework
Moved by General Administrator, Rev. Nolan Warner, and seconded by Rev. Stephen Ollivierre. **CARRIED.**

31.7 Recommendation: The Fellowship Must Urgently Standardize Financial Systems Across Districts

RESOLUTION – Whereas the PAWI recognizes that sound financial management, transparency, accountability and consistent reporting practices are essential for the effective governance and stewardship of the Fellowship and whereas differences in financial reporting models, accounting procedures, documentation standards and reporting formats across Districts and affiliated ministries have created challenges related to compliance, oversight, auditing and organizational efficiency, and. In contrast, the fellowship must strengthen its financial governance system to align with evolving regional regulatory requirements and improve accountability at all levels of the organization. **Be it resolved that the International Office of the PAWI shall develop and implement a standardized reporting system for the Fellowship.**

No one spoke for or against this motion. Questions seeking clarity were entertained.

31.7.1 Motion for the Acceptance of a Standardized Financial System
Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner and seconded by Rev. Michael Prince. **CARRIED.**

31.8 Recommendation: PAWI Must Adopt a Unified Communication System and a Modernization Strategy

RESOLUTION – Whereas the effective operation, governance and mission of PAWI depend upon clear communication, efficient administrative systems and coordinated information management systems across all districts and affiliated ministries and whereas inconsistencies in communication practices, technological infrastructure, data management systems and administrative processes have limited organization efficiency, delay information flow and hindered coordinated decision making throughout the fellowship and whereas the fellowship recognizes the need to modernize the systems and communication structures to improve operational effectiveness, strengthen collaboration, support ministry growth and align with contemporary organization standards, **be it resolved that the PAWI shall adopt and implement a united systems communication and modernization strategy for the Fellowship**

Speaker For: Sis. Valerie Charles
Speaker Against: No one spoke against



31.8.1 Motion for the Acceptance of a United Communications System

Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner and seconded by Bishop Lyndon Mottley.

CARRIED.

Discussions were entertained.

31.9 Recommendation: The Fellowship Must Commit To Implementing The PAWI Compliance Table And KPI Framework

RESOLUTION: Whereas the PAWI recognizes the importance of accountability measurable performance, strategic oversight and operational transparency, fulfilling the mission of governance responsibility for the fellowship and whereas the establishment of clear compliance standards and measurable performance indicators is necessary to strengthen organization effectiveness improve reporting systems, enhance decision making and ensure alignment with the constitution, bylaws and policies and strategic priorities of the fellowship whereas the fellowship desires to create a culture of continuous improvement, accountability and measurable progress across all levels of ministry and administration **be it resolved that the PAWI shall commit to the implantation of the PAWI compliance table and Key Performance Indicator framework throughout the Fellowship.**

Speaker For: Rev. Nolan Warner

Speaker Against: No one spoke against

31.9.1 Motion for the Acceptance of the PAWI Compliance Table & KPI Framework

Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner and seconded by Rev. Paul Taylor.

CARRIED.

32.0 RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATION

- The Executive Director of World Missions recognized Rev. Nigel Henry of the Antigua District for his significant contributions to the advancement of Missions. He faithfully served as Executive Director of World Missions from 1998 to 2018. Bishop Henry graciously expressed his appreciation for the honor.
- Rev. Nolan Warner praised God in recognizing Rev. Ricardo Alleyne, who had recovered from a serious illness and was able to attend the conference.
- Bishop Lyndon Mottley and members of the Antigua District presented copies of Rev. Lester Emanuel's book "*Let the Children Come*" to several persons, including Bishop Sonny Williams, Assistant General Bishop Rev. Don Hamilton, and the Presiding Bishops of all the other Districts in the Fellowship.

33.0 PLENARY SESSION

Rev. Steve Mohammed shared on Mentorship: Ministry beyond the Present.

34.0 LUNCH

The lunch break commenced at 12 noon.



35.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nolan Warner announced that beginning at 2:00 pm, two sessions would be held in two different rooms at the Resort. He further informed attendees that at 3:00 pm, another plenary session on Missions by Rev. Ricardo Joseph would be held under the tent.

36.0 ADJOURNMENT

The evening session adjourned at 4:00 pm.

DAY FOUR – FRIDAY 22ND MAY

37.0 OPENING

The devotional session, chaired by Pastor Gibson Ishmael (Antigua), started at 9:00 am. Pastor Dexter Laurence Jr. conducted the worship session, and Rev. Kendell Augustin, Presiding Bishop of the St. Lucia District, shared from God's Word.

38.0 DEVOTIONS

Rev. Augustin's scripture text was taken from 2 Chronicles 13:14 on the Theme: Pursuing the full Trinitarian Blessing.

Points

- We have not mentored our people into this name.
- The Trinity is more than doctrine.
- It is an invitation to Divine experience.

Focus

- The love of the Father – Jesus' main assignment was to reveal the Father. The speaker explained that knowing the nature of the Father is knowing God as Daddy.
- Our nations and communities need Fathers. There is a need for fathers and mothers to raise the young among us.
- We must experience God as a loving Father. *Galatians 4:7, 1 John 3:1-2, Timothy 1: 6-7.*
- It is by the Holy Spirit that we are given the capacity to walk in the love of God to demonstrate the love of God through knowledge and understanding. We were encouraged to pursue love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts.
- We must experience the fierce love of the Father.

38.1 Prayer

Rev. Augustin closed the devotional session with prayer, following which there was a break for refreshments.

39.0 GENERAL BISHOP'S ADDRESS

The General Administrator, Rev. Nolan Warner, made an announcement and turned the meeting over to General Bishop Sonny Williams.



Bishop Sonny Williams highlighted certain areas that the Conference was encouraged to address:

1. We cannot continue in maintenance mode for another 4 years.
2. This organization must exit maintenance mode.
3. We must go for renewal.
4. PAWI has a new generation to raise.
5. Please do not allow PAWI to go back.
6. Understand that this is a spiritual work: we need full cooperation in the building.

40.0 VOTE OF THANKS

Special mention was made of all who made the Conference possible.

- Bishop Mottley and the Antigua District
- Bro. Kurt John-Baptist
- Planning Committees
- Hospitality committee
- Transportation Service
- Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda
- Bishop Stephen Andrews
- Crusaders
- Jolly Beach Resort
- Conference Speakers
- Worship Teams, musicians, moderators, media personnel
- Delegates

41.0 RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

Convenor of the Resolution Committee, Rev. Anthony Roberts, presented the following resolutions:

41.1 Resolution Re: PAWI Employer/Employee Relationship From The North-West Trinidad District

Motion 41.1.1 – Withdrawal of Resolution

Motion moved by Rev. Derick Henry and seconded by Rev. Winston Lewis that the resolution be withdrawn and discussed by the General Executive. **CARRIED.**

41.2 Resolution on the Selection of the Successor

Speakers For: Rev. Derick Henry and Rev. Edghill Messiah
Speaker Against: Rev. Michael Holford

Motion 41.2.1 – Acceptance of the Resolution

Moved by Rev. Derick Henry and seconded by Rev. Gemma Legerton. 75% in favor. **CARRIED.**



41.3 Resolution Re: Disciplinary Procedures

Questions and discussions were entertained. Rev. Michael Butler asked if there was a duplication or conflict. Rev. Edghill Messiah noted the need to tighten what is already in place and strengthen the language.

Motion 41.3.1 – Acceptance of the Resolution

Moved by Rev. Nolan Warner and seconded by Parliamentarian Candia George.

Vote 54 for and 6 against.

CARRIED.

42.0 WIST RESULTS

Sis. Andrea Phillip asked about the WIST results and was informed that the appointment of all members to the Board was approved.

43.0 GENERAL CONFERENCE 2030

The General Bishop announced that the next General Conference in 2030 will be held in Trinidad and organized by the South District. He further informed the Conference that the date of the midterm Leadership Summit has yet to be determined.

44.0 PLENARY SESSION

The Minister's Health was conducted by Dr. Teri-Ann Joseph (Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Antigua and Barbuda).

Dr. Joseph stated that since our bodies are the temples of the living God, we must be good stewards of them.

Highlights:

- We must remember to care for our bodies.
- Rest preserves the body in every area.
- Preserving the vessel preserves the assignment.
- Issues relevant to ministry life.
- You cannot serve if you are broken.

An activity was conducted using a QR code to answer ministry-related questions. Dr. Joseph gave a disclaimer before doing the activity.

Additional notes:

- What examples are we setting for others?
- How is our emotional health: emotional exhaustion, stress, etc.?
- Eating Patterns: delayed care, obesity, etc.
- Things to take heed of to avoid burnout, stress, fatigue, worry, etc.
- The conference was encouraged to emulate Jesus. Jesus took time to pray, rest, fellowship, and so on.
- Our mental and emotional health is important.

In the interest of time, consideration would be given to continuing the session via Zoom over the next two to three months, subject to Dr. Joseph's availability.



45.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Before the Conference proceeded with the lunch break, Bro John-Baptist gave a presentation to Monique Roberts, the coordinator at Jolly Beach Resort. General Bishop Sonny Williams made the presentation.

46.0 PLENARY SESSION

This session on Purity commenced at 2:00 pm with a panel discussion and ended at 3:00 pm.

47.0 ANNOUNCEMENT

Conference attendees were reminded of the youth-focused Purity Rally later that evening and encouraged to wear white as a sign of support. The Youth Rally started at 7:00 pm.

48.0 CONFERENCE ADJOURNMENT

The 39th General Conference Business sessions ended at 4:00 pm and climaxed with a Youth Rally at St. John's Pentecostal Church at 7:00 pm. At the rally, the General Bishop made the vote of thanks, which was followed by the March Off of the Colors by the Antigua District Pentecostal Crusaders.

The General Bishop, Rev. Sonny Williams, declared the 39th General Conference adjourned.

Submitted to the General Conference for consideration on the 8th June 2026 by:


Nolan Warner (Rev.)

General Administrator

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord _____.

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