

REPORT OF THE
QUESTIONS AND SUBJECTS COMMITTEE
TO THE
114TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

Introduction:

We, your Questions and Subjects Committee, bring greetings to the delegates of this 114th Annual World-Wide Assembly of The Church of God.

We would also like to express our appreciation to all those who have prayed for us during the year. We realise that without the help of God we can do nothing. We are still working on some items that have been submitted to our Committee and ask you to be patient with us as we seek God's direction in responding to each submission.

This Committee would also like to express our love and appreciation for our General Overseer and his wife, Sister Pimentel, for their leadership of The Church of God.

SECTION 1: OVERLAPPING COMMITTEES

RATIONALE

With regards to our Church literature, we currently have three committees with overlapping responsibilities, the Publishing Committee, Church Literature Review Committee, and the Sunday School Editorial Committee. Each of these committees are given authority to determine what materials will be published by the Church, thus creating confusion as to which one has final authority over the matter.

Below are notes from previous General Assembly minutes related to the above committees.

"In order to expedite matters and provide for better operation of both the Free Literature Department and the Publishing Department, we recommend that the two committees now responsible for this work be combined into one committee of five members, who shall be authorized to disburse money from the proper funds, act in an advisory and policy-making capacity in the affairs of the Free Literature Department, the Publishing Department, the Radio Department, and the White Wing Messenger, and who shall be empowered to draw up the proper measures to carry out the purposes and intent of this and subsequent recommendations contained in the next two sections. This committee will be called the Church Publishing Committee and its members shall be the Editor and Publisher, Assistant Publisher and Business Manager, Assistant Editor, and two other members whom the General Overseer may appoint." (51st AM, 1956, p.119, WMC)

NOTE: The Church's official publication is now known as **The Evening Light**. (Ref. 88th AM, 1993, p.15, Section 5, Item 2, QSC)

"We recommend that the name of the present "Editorial Committee on Doctrine" be changed to "Editorial Committee on Church Doctrine, History and Polity" in the interest of Church unity; and that this committee make final decisions on all materials published by the Church, through any of its official departments, relative to Church Doctrine, history or polity. We further recommend that all such materials be duly approved before they are used in any official way and that such designation be stated on the printed item." (72nd AM, 1977, p.136, QSC)

Note: The Editorial Committee on Doctrine, History and Polity, was changed to the Church Literature Review Committee. (90th AM 1995 p.44, Section 20, QSC)

"Since it is the desire of our people that we discontinue the use of the International Sunday School Lessons and prepare our own lessons which will bring out the teachings of the Church, this committee recommends that a Sunday School editor be appointed and that a committee be named to make final decisions on the lessons after they are prepared. We, too, recommend that this committee make final decisions on all books and all printed matter coming through the publishing department. We further recommend that the Sunday School editor be appointed by the General Overseer, also the committee to be appointed by him. The editor and committee are to work in conjunction with the General Overseer. (48th AM, 1953, p.106, QSC)

"That the Church Publishing Committee be responsible for deciding what materials are to be translated and printed and for the complete utilization of the programs and funds. (71st AM, 1976, p.155, WMC)

Therefore, to alleviate this confusion we offer the following:

RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 1: SUNDAY SCHOOL EDITOR & COMMITTEE

- a. What has come to be known as the Sunday School Editorial Committee to be renamed the Sunday School Advisory Committee.
- b. The Sunday School Editor's responsibility would be to serve as chairman of the Sunday School Advisory Committee. The Editor and the Sunday School Advisory Committee's responsibility shall be to gather and prepare subject matter for use in the Sunday School department. The Editor and committee will decide the subject matter to be studied each quarter. All material intended to be printed for Sunday School Literature will be presented to the Church Literature Review Committee for doctrinal and editorial review.
- c. The Sunday School Advisory Committee to be composed of the Sunday School Editor, the Sunday School Coordinator and no less than three other members. The Sunday School Editor and Coordinator to be appointed by the General Overseer at the General Assembly.

This will supersede all previous recommendations/resolutions pertaining to the Sunday School Editor and Sunday School Committee.

ITEM 2: CHURCH LITERATURE REVIEW COMMITTEE

- a. The Church Literature Review Committee serves to review all books and printed material, with the exception of *The Evening Light*, coming through the publishing department to assure doctrinal, historical, grammatical, and polity accuracy before it is published/printed.
- b. This Committee is required by the General Assembly to adhere to Bible standards and passed recommendations of the General Assembly concerning doctrine and practice.
- c. All applicable printed materials are to be duly approved by the chairman of the Church Literature Review Committee before they are used in any official way, and the official designation "ACLRC" (Approved Church Literature Review Committee) is applied to the material.
- d. The Church Literature Review Committee to be composed of no less than ten members.

This will supersede all previous recommendations/resolutions pertaining to the Church Literature Review Committee, Editorial Committee and Editorial Committee on Church Doctrine, History and Polity.

ITEM 3: CHURCH PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

- a. The Church Publishing Committee shall be authorized to oversee monies to be disbursed from approved funds for publishing needs, act in an advisory capacity in the affairs of the Outreach Literature Department and *The Evening Light*, as well as ensure that all literature be stamped "ACLRC".
- b. The Publishing Committee to be composed of no less than five men, which shall include the Editor and Publisher, Publishing Manager/Assistant Publisher, Business Manager, and Assistant Editor. Any additional men to this committee will be left to the discretion of the General Overseer. The Church Publishing Committee to be appointed by the General Overseer at the General Assembly.

This will supersede all previous recommendations/resolutions pertaining to the Publishing Committee. These approved funds to be set by the Ways and Means Committee.

THE QUESTIONS AND SUBJECTS COMMITTEE (2018-2019)

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