

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC. – GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Resolution Committee – April 2019
LOCAL CHURCH PROPERTY TRUST CLAUSE AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION #042019-04

WHEREAS, there has been much conflict over ownership of church property, and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is the only law making and doctrine espousing body in the Church Of God In Christ.

WHEREAS, it has always been the intent of the National Church and our Founder Bishop C. H. Mason that any real estate, and/or structures, which are gifted, deeded or bequeathed in the name of the Church Of God In Christ, remain under the local Church Of God In Christ's control

WHEREAS, Church officers, be they Trustees, Deacons or corporate directors, have the authority and management responsibility of the properties.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Article III; Section D. paragraph 8 and 9, shall be amended to state:

8. All local trustees and officers shall be members of the local Church Of God In Christ. All corporate directors, officers, and trustees of local churches are to be duly elected by the local church membership, and when applicable, in accordance with state law where said property is located. When the local church is incorporated, the corporation shall hold title deed to the local property for the exclusive use and benefit of the local congregation (membership). Trustees of local unincorporated churches and their successors in office shall hold title to all real and personal property, for the use and benefit of the members of the local Church Of God In Christ with section 9 hereinafter. Where however, the law requires no mode of election of trustees, they shall be elected by a majority of the members of the congregation, present and voting in a regular or special business meeting of the church. All special meetings of the church shall be announced on a Sunday preceding the date of the meeting and shall state the purpose of the call and the time and place of the meeting.

9. Real Estate or other property may be acquired by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise, by local churches. Property acquired by the local church by devise or gift, shall create to the local church the same right of exclusive ownership as purchased property. The local church shall have the right to assert its right of ownership of local church property against any and all others. Where real or personal property is acquired by deed, the instrument of conveyance shall contain the following clause to wit:

The said property is held in trusts for the use and benefit of the members of the local, individual congregation, with membership in the Church Of God In Christ, with National headquarters in the city of Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, and subject to the Charter, Constitution, Laws and Doctrines of said Church, now in full force and effect, or as they may be hereafter amended, changed or modified by the General Assembly of said church.

Submitted this day, April 9, 2019, by the General Assembly Resolution Committee Vice Chairman: Elder Willie Bonner, Sr., Elder Jerry Walker, Secretary and the committee members:

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