

Midwest Latin American District Council
Minutes
June 26, 2020
Des Moines, IA

At 9:55 am, Supt. Maldonado called the District Council to order.

The meeting was started with Abraham Barron leading us in worship.

Devotional: CM shared from Psalms 23:

Things to Remember When We Face the Valley

1. We are not alone v.4
2. God has a purpose for our problems v.6
3. Our reward will last forever v.6

General Treasurer Wilfredo DeJesus greeted the ministers and delegates and prayed to open the meeting.

Roster Report:

Ordained: 24

Licensed: 14

Certified: 8

Delegates: 22

Total: 68

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Supt. Maldonado turned the meeting over Assist. Supt. Efraim Espinoza so that he could present his report.

CM presented his report.

A motion was made to receive the report. Seconded. Passed.

Supt. Clemente Maldonado resumed as the chairman of the meeting.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assist. Supt. Efraim Espinoza presented his report.

A motion was made to receive the report. Seconded. Passed.

1 **SECRETARY REPORT**

2 Secretary Todd Clair presented his report.

3 **A motion was made to receive the report. Seconded. Passed.**

5 **TREASURER REPORT**

6 Treasurer Todd Clair presented his report.

7 **A motion was made to receive the report. Seconded. Passed.**

9 **A motion was made to begin the elections. Seconded. Passed.**

12 Todd Clair read the process for election and Duties of Executive Officers

14 **Roster Report: 10:30am**

16 **Ordained: 24**

17 **Licensed: 14**

18 **Certified: 8**

19 **Delegates: 22**

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Total: 68

23 The nominees were asked to come to the front to introduce themselves: Robert Belfort, Rafael Cruz,
24 Efraim Espinoza, Jose Gutierrez and Edwin Marroquin.

26 Manual Murillo prayed over the election.

28 **ELECTION: ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDANT**

30 **The 1st electoral ballot was received for Assistant Superintendent**
31 **Balloting was closed.**

33 Wilfredo DeJesus asked if it was possible for this body to authorize us to fund more scholarship funds for
34 the education from the church planting fund.

36 **A motion was made to increase the MLAD scholarship fund from 50% of Church Planting fund**
37 **that was reported since we are short of Church Planters today. Seconded. Passed.**

39 **Roster Report: 11:30am**

41 **Ordained: 24**

42 **Licensed: 14**

43 **Certified: 8**

44 **Delegates: 22**

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Total: 68

48 **Upon reading results from the 1st electoral ballot. Superintendent Maldonado declared the vote**
49 **invalid due to more votes being cast than voters registered.**

1 **Superintendent Maldonado adjourned the meeting for lunch.**

2 **At 1:00pm, Clemente Maldonado called the business session back to order.**

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4 **Superintendent Maldonado announce that the ballot counted Upon review, it was noted that there**
5 **was an error on the roster report. The 11:30am report should have read:**

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7 **Roster Report:**

8 **Ordained: 25**

9 **Licensed: 14**

10 **Certified: 8**

11 **Delegates: 23**

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13 **Total: 70**

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15 The results of the 1st electoral ballot were:

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17 Robert Belfort 2

18 Rafael Cruz 4

19 Efrain Espinoza 44

20 Jose Gutierrez 10

21 Edwin Marroquin 10

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24 **Roster Report: 1:00pm**

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26 **Ordained: 25**

27 **Licensed: 14**

28 **Certified: 8**

29 **Delegates: 23**

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31 **Total: 70**

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33 **The 2nd electoral ballot was received for Assistant Superintendent**
34 **Balloting was closed.**

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37 While we waited for the results of the electoral ballot, the departmental reports were presented.

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39 **MEN'S MINISTRIES REPORT**

40 Ezequiel Torres

41 **A motion was made to receive the report. Seconded. Passed.**

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44 **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES REPORT**

45 Cynthia Flores presented the report for Women's Ministries

46 **A motion was made to receive the report. Seconded. Passed.**

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2 The results of the 2nd electoral ballot were:

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4 Robert Belfort 2
5 Rafael Cruz 4
6 Efrain Espinoza 45
7 Jose Gutierrez 10
8 Edwin Marroquin 6
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10 **Superintendent Maldonado declared that there was an election for Assistant Superintendent:**
11 **Efrain Espinoza**

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13 Assistant Superintendent elect, Efrain Espinoza, shared words of appreciation.
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15 **ELECTION: SECRETARY-TREASURER**
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17 Secretary-Treasurer Todd Clair read the duties of the Secretary Treasurer.
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19 Superintendent Maldonado shared that there was only one nominee that kept his name in for the position,
20 Rafael Cruz. He asked Rafael Cruz to introduce himself.
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22 There was a question if there could be a vote taken by a show of hands.
23 The parliamentary commitment ruled that the vote needed to be by secret ballot unless there was a
24 resolution, but the resolution would not be in effect until the next council.
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26 **The 1st electoral ballot was received for Secretary-Treasurer**
27 **Balloting was closed.**
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29 There was a question about the position being full time by the bylaws. Superintendent Maldonado shared
30 that there are no bylaw requirements but that the Executive Presbytery decided to keep the position full
31 time.
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33 While we waited for the results of the electoral ballot, the departmental reports continued to be presented.
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35 **YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT**

36 Juan Murillo presented his report.

37 **A motion was made to receive the report. Seconded. Passed.**
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40 The result of the 1st electoral ballot for Secretary-Treasurer were
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42 Yes: 40
43 No: 26
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45 **Superintendent Maldonado declared that there was not an election for Secretary-Treasurer.**
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47 **A motion was made to make the position of Secretary-Treasurer a part time position. Seconded.**

48 There was a vocal vote, but it could not be discerned.

49 The Superintendent called for a standing vote.

50 **The motion failed.**
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A motion was made to vote again for the nominee Rafael Cruz. Seconded.
There was a standing vote.
The motion passed.

Superintendent Maldonado asked Rafael Cruz to share more of his experience.
Rafael Cruz shared his work and ministry history.

A 2nd electoral ballot was received for the position of Secretary-Treasurer
Balloting was closed.

While we waited for the results of the electoral ballot, the departmental reports continued to be presented.

LADSOM REPORT

Jerry Flores presented the report for LADSOM.

A motion was made to receive the report. Seconded. Passed.

General Treasurer Wilfredo DeJesus gave words of encouragement before having to return to Springfield, MO.

Superintendent Maldonado declared that there was an election for Secretary-Treasurer: Rafael Cruz

Secretary-Treasurer elect, Rafael Cruz, shared words of appreciation.

The result of the 2nd electoral ballot for Secretary-Treasurer were

Yes: 60

No: 10

ELECTION: EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER #1 for a 4-year term

Todd Clair read from the District Bylaws concerning the election of Executive Presbyter.

The 1st electoral ballot was received for Executive Presbyter #1 for a 4-year term.

Balloting was closed

While we waited for the results of the electoral ballot, the departmental reports continued to be presented.

MISSIONS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Edwin Marroquin presented the report for Missions Department.

A motion was made to receive the report. Seconded. Passed.

CHURCH PLANTING REPORT

Supt. Maldonado presented a report on Church Planting

The report was received.

Superintendent Maldonado declared that there was not an election for Executive Presbyter #1

The results of the 1st electoral ballot for Executive Presbyter #1 for a 4-year term were:

1 Robert Belfort 3
2 Todd Clair 3
3 Geury Feliz 7
4 Jose Gutierrez 4
5 Edgardo Maceda 4
6 Edwin Marroquin 13
7 Yolanda Mendoza 6
8 Manuel Murillo 6
9 Luis Roman 6
10 Mario Romani
11 Andrew Ronald
12 Byron Salguero
13 Ezequiel Torres 6
14 Victor Valdez 8

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16 **A motion was made to keep the two nominees with the most votes. Seconded. Passed.**

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18 **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT**

19 Efraim Espinoza presented the report.

20 **A motion was made to receive the report. Seconded. Passed.**

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22 **The 2nd electoral ballot was received for Executive Presbyter #1 for a 4-year term.**

23 Balloting was closed

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25 Supt. Maldonado asked for the resolution committee to come and present the resolutions

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28 **Resolution # 1: Change of District Name**

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30 **Whereas**, God has blessed our District by bringing in people from other ethnic groups who are
31 not Latinos,

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33 **Whereas**, membership in our District is a reflection of the diversity of other ethnic groups in our
34 country,

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36 **Whereas**, the name given to our District in Article I of Incorporation (page 7) that reads: "The
37 name of the corporation shall be the Midwest Latin American District Council of the Assemblies
38 of God" does not reflect the reality of our district,

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40 **Resolve**, that in order to have a more representative name of our reality, the name of our District
41 is modified so that it reads as follows: The name of the corporation shall be the Midwest Latin
42 American District Council of the Assemblies of God. **This corporation shall do business as**
43 **"Midwest District"**.

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45 **A motion was made to vote. Seconded. Resolution #1 Passed.**

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4 **Resolution #2 Minister's Benevolence Fund**

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6 **Article XI, Paragraph C, Number 1**

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8 WHEREAS, we have a minister's benevolence fund for ministers, missionaries, evangelists and
9 their spouses.

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11 WHEREAS, the purpose of this fund is to help to pay expenses for sickness or other needs.

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13 WHEREAS, this fund has not been used in the past to help ministers, missionaries, evangelists,
14 or their spouses.

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16 WHEREAS, we recognized that there have been situations where people have been hospitalized
17 and no help was provided, and we want to take care of our ministers by providing some help.

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19 RESOLVED, that the District Council Bylaws Article XI, Finances, Section C, Fund of
20 Benevolence for Ministers, be amended by the insertion of a new paragraph to read as follows: :
21 "\$20 from credential renewal fee will be deposited to help our ministers and spouses."
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23 **A motion was made to vote. Seconded. Resolution #2 Passed.**

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26 **Superintendent Maldonado declared that there was an election for Executive Presbyter #1: Edwin**
27 **Marroquin**

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29 The results of the 2nd electoral ballot for Executive Presbyter #1 for a 4-year term were:

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31 Edwin Marroquin 41

32 Victor Valdez 22

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34 Juan Murillo gave Speed the Light recognition rewards.

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36 **ELECTION: EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER #2 for a 4 year term**

37 **The 1st electoral ballot was received for Executive Presbyter #2 for a 4 year term.**

38 Balloting was closed
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1 Resolution # 3

NON-SENIOR PASTORS MINISTERS TITHE

WHEREAS, the need for local assemblies to raise ministers who will plant churches, pastor vacant assemblies, inherit current assemblies, and multiply ministry globally through World Missions; and

WHEREAS, the need for local assemblies to be sustained through its members tithe and offering; and

WHEREAS, the senior pastor of a local church will be reluctant to encourage their assistants, staff members, or leaders to seek credentials with the district due to the loss of tithe; and

WHEREAS, the district school of ministry is producing church leaders and members that fulfil the educational requirements to obtain credentials yet intend to remain serving in the local church; and

WHEREAS, the Midwest Latin American District would benefit from this change by seeing an exponential growth in ministers, tithe, and ministry within our district; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that District Council Bylaws Article XI. FINANCES, Section A. Ministerial Support, Subsection 1) Midwest Latin American District, page 39, be amended by the insertion of a new paragraph h. to read as follows:

h. Ministers of our District who are working in a local church not as the senior pastor, but as a paid staff person or as a volunteer, shall pay half of the tithe to the district and the other half to the local church it serves.

Resolution was seconded. Floor was open for discussion.

An amendment was made that it would be for new ministers. Seconded.

It was asked for the amendment be written.

New Ministers of our District who are working in a local church not as the senior pastor, but as a paid staff person or as a volunteer, shall pay half of the tithe to the district and the other half to the local church it serves

Call for a vote.

Amendment to the resolution passed

1 **The resolution as amended. Passed.** (It was made clear that the Executive Presbytery will
2 determine the period of time.)

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4 **Superintendent Maldonado declared that there was not an election for Executive Presbyter #2:**

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6 **The 1st electoral ballot results for Executive Presbyter #2 for a 4-year term.**

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8 Robert Belfort 2

9 Todd Clair 3

10 Geury Feliz 7

11 Jose Gutierrez

12 Edgardo Maceda

13 Edwin Marroquin 4

14 Yolanda Mendoza 6

15 Manuel Murillo 5

16 Luis Roman 2

17 Mario Romani

18 Andrew Ronald

19 Byron Salguero

20 Ezequiel Torres 4

21 Victor Valdez 26

22 **A motion was made to keep the two nominees with the most votes. Seconded. Passed.**

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24 **The 2nd electoral ballot was received for Executive Presbyter #2 for a 4-year term.**

25 Balloting was closed

26 **Superintendent Maldonado declared that there was an election for Executive Presbyter #2: Victor**
27 **Valdez**

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29 **At 3:44 pm, A motion was presented to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Passed.**

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31 There was a presentation of appreciation given to Todd Clair

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33 There was a time of Praise and worship.

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35 Supt. Maldonado led us in communion

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37 District Council was concluded.