

Executive Summary of General Assembly 2024

The Twenty-Second General Assembly

July 9-12, 2024, Toronto, ON

Overview

General Assembly 2024 was held as a hybrid event at Bayview Glen Church in Toronto, Ontario. 753 registrants attended in person and online, of whom 612 were voting delegates.

The evening sessions, highlight videos, and videos and stories can be streamed and shared publicly in churches are available at: [General Assembly 2024 on Vimeo](#)

Summary of Policy Changes

The following policies were amended:

- Policy on General Assembly
- Policy on District Organization
- Policy on Process for Electing the District Superintendent

There were no new policies, statements, or guidelines added or deleted.

Motions Passed by General Assembly 2024

The following is a list of key motions carried by General Assembly 2024. The detailed proceedings of business sessions, including “whereas” statements, defeated and procedural motions, will be published in the Minutes of General Assembly Business Sessions. These minutes will be reviewed by the Board of Directors in September and published in the Biennial Report of General Assembly 2024. The full content of motions, including the whereas statements, may also be found in the original committee reports: [Reports and Documents-2024 - Alliance Assembly](#)

Motion Coding: (Where motion originated) - (Resolution #)

M = Motions from the Moderator

F = Committee on Finance

FL = Motions from the Floor

GL = Committee on General Legislation

N = Committee on Nominations

R = Committee on Rules

SP = Committee on Strategic Plan

Code	Resolution or Ballot Passed
M-1	Adoption of Agenda That the agenda be adopted and that the Moderator be given authority to reorder the items of business should circumstances warrant such action.
M-2	Receive and Refer Reports That the written Report of the President, Report of the Board of Directors, Report of the President of Ambrose University, and the Report of the President of of L'École de Théologie Évangélique du Québec (ETEQ) be received into the record and referred to the appropriate committees.
M-3	Motion to Refer Minutes That the minutes of General Assembly 2024 be referred to the Board of Directors for verification and approval.
M-4	Approve Finance Resolutions 1-5 That Resolutions #1-5 of the Committee on Finance be approved as one motion.
M-5	Finance Omnibus Motion That Resolutions #1-5 of the Committee on Finance be approved.
F-1	Appoint Auditors for C&MA That Grant Thornton LLP be appointed as independent auditors for 2024 for The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada at a fee approved by the Board.
F-2	Appoint Auditors for Pension Plan That Grant Thornton LLP be appointed as independent auditors for the 2024 Schedule of Contributions received by the Pension Plan for Workers of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada and the summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, at a fee approved by the Board.
F-3	Receive Auditor's Report for C&MA That the 2023 Audited Financial Statements and the auditor's report for The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada be received.
F-4	Receive Auditor's Report for Pension Plan That the 2023 Audited Schedule of Contributions received by the Pension Plan for Workers of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada and the summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information be received
F-5	Receive Financial Statements for Pension Plan That the 2023 Financial Statements prepared by management for the Pension Plan of the Workers of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada be received.
F-6	Giving to the Global Advance Fund That the Board of Directors direct the President to work with Districts to host at least one or two focus groups in each district for a conversation around the primary research question, "How do we grow generosity in our churches for our shared Alliance Canada mission?" and the secondary research questions "(a) What are factors in the choices of member churches engaging in Alliance Canada mission-oriented giving?, and (b) How robust are our current practices of mission giving at the church, district, and national level of The Alliance Canada?", and report back on outcomes to General Assembly 2026.
F-7	Stewardship & Effectiveness That the Board of Directors report on learnings from the current exploration of "efficiency and effectiveness" via shared services and efficiencies with the early adopters and report back to Assembly 2026.

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F-8	<p>Promoting GAF Giving</p> <p>That the Board of Directors request the President to facilitate creation of digital video content that would be appropriate for church services as well as social media content that assists local churches to reach all demographics as they seek to empower their people to partner with the Global Advance Fund.</p>
F-9	<p>Scope of Alliance Programs and Ministries</p> <p>That the Board of Directors continue to work the Strategic Roadmap but also bring a report on how the scope of funded programs and ministries of The Alliance Canada could also be re-thought if Global Advance Fund giving does not increase by General Assembly 2026.</p>
F-10	<p>Adopt Report of Committee on Finance</p> <p>That the Report of the Committee on Finance be received.</p>
GL-1	<p>Policy on General Assembly - DEXCOM Lay Members</p> <p>The Board of Directors Recommendation # 6 states: The Board of Directors recommends that the following be added to the Policy on General Assembly, Item 3.1.1. Voting Delegates Include: e) Lay members of District Executive Committees</p> <p>That Board of Directors Recommendation #6 be adopted.</p>
GL-2	<p>Policy on General Assembly - Committees</p> <p>Board of Directors Recommendation # 7 states: The Board of Directors recommends the following changes to the Policy on General Assembly, Article 4 – General Assembly Committees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Item 4.1. be deleted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. The Committee on General Assembly Committees This committee shall be composed as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) One member appointed by the Board of Directors, who shall be the Chair, b) One international worker on regular home assignment, appointed by the Board of Directors, c) One member from each district of the C&MA, appointed by the respective District Executive Committee. 2. That Item 4.3. be deleted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.3. Executive Leadership of General Assembly Committees <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.3.1. The chair, vice chair, and secretary of each General Assembly committee, other than the Committee on Nominations, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to General Assembly. 3. That Item 4.4. be amended to state: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.4. Composition <u>and Appointment</u> of General Assembly Committees <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.4.2. The Committee on Rules is a three-member committee composed of the chair, vice chair, and secretary only, <u>appointed by the Board of Directors.</u> 4.4.3. Other committees shall include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The chair, vice chair, and secretary, as appointed by the Board of Directors <u>out of the committee membership elected by District Conference.</u> b) As far as possible, three persons elected by each District Conference. c) Three international workers appointed by the Board of Directors.

	<p>d) Three representatives at large appointed by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>That Board of Directors Recommendation #7 be adopted.</p>
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GL-3	<p>Policy on District Organization</p> <p>Board of Directors Recommendation # 8 states: The Board of Directors recommends that the Policy on District Organization, Article 2 – Organization and Government, Section 2.4. Elections/Appointments, Item 2.4.2. District Superintendent, be amended to read: The district superintendent shall be elected by District Conference <u>and appointed by the President.</u></p> <p>That Board of Directors Recommendation #8 be adopted.</p>
GL-4	<p>Policy on District Organization – GA Committee Members</p> <p>Board of Directors Recommendation #8.a. states: The Board of Directors recommends the following changes to the Policy on District Organization, Article 2 – Organization and Government, Section 2.4. Elections/Appointments: 2.4.4. General Assembly Committees on Nominations</p> <p>2.4.4.1. District Conference shall elect <u>members to the following General Assembly committees to serve at the next biennial General Assembly:</u></p> <p>a) Two members to the Committee on Nominations. b) <u>Three members to the Committee on Finance.</u> c) <u>Three members to the Committee on General Legislation.</u> d) <u>Three members to the Committee on Strategic Plan.</u></p> <p>2.4.4.2. In the event that an elected member is not able to serve, the District Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve on this committee ensuring that, as far as possible, any lay nominee who cannot serve is replaced by a lay delegate.</p> <p>That Board of Directors Recommendation #8.a. be adopted.</p>
GL-5	<p>Policy on Process for Electing the District Superintendent</p> <p>That Board of Directors Recommendation #9 be adopted with the following amendments: That the Policy on Process for Electing the District Superintendent, Item 4.8 be deleted <u>amended to read:</u></p> <p>4.8. The elected candidate shall be declared the district superintendent for the next term <u>upon appointment by the President.</u></p>
GL-6	<p>GA Standing Committees</p> <p>That the Board of Directors address the addition of lay members of General Assembly Standing Committees to the list of delegates to General Assembly listed in the Policy on General Assembly, Item 3.1.1., and report back to General Assembly 2026.</p>

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GL-7	Local Church Constitution That the Board of Directors review the need to include the acceptance of all official statements as part of the membership requirements listed in the Local Church Constitution Article 6.1 (Membership – Privileges and Qualifications) and the Constitution for Developing Churches Article 6.1 (Membership – Qualifications) and report back to General Assembly 2026.
GL-8	Dissemination of Information That the Board of Directors review and enhance the process for dissemination of information regarding changes to documents that the Board of Directors has the responsibility to amend as well as clarify a clear feedback mechanism for these changes.
GL-9	Local Church Constitution, Article 8 That the Board of Directors review the statement in Local Church Constitution, Article 8 – Board, Section 8.1 regarding women serving on the board to address moving either way between Complementarian and Egalitarian positions while maintaining the current 2/3rds majority vote requirement to change positions and to include requirements for new and new-to-the-Alliance churches and report back to General Assembly 2026.
GL-10	Policy Amendments That the Board of Directors review the wording regarding written notice of amendments to documents that are amended by General Assembly to increase clarity and report back to General Assembly 2026.
GL-11	Voting Delegates That the Board of Directors propose revisions to the General Operating Bylaw No. 3, Article 2 – Membership – Item 2.4 – Delegate to reflect any changes to the voting delegates listed in the Policy on General Assembly 3.1.1 and report back to General Assembly 2026.
GL-12	Adopt Report of Committee on General Legislation That the Report of the Committee on General Legislation be received.
N-1	Election Policy That the Board of Directors review General Operating Bylaw No.3 and the Committee on Nominations Terms of Reference to develop a policy for electing members to the Board of Directors that will guide the Committee on Nominations and future Board of Director elections by General Assembly 2026.
FL	Nominations from the Floor for Board of Directors Rev. Chris Throness was nominated from the floor as a director.
N-2	Election of Directors The following directors were elected to the Board of Directors: Mario Catalano Stan Man Jonathan Miller David Peeace Tony Sammut Kyla Ward

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N-3	<p>Election of 2026 Committee on Nominations</p> <p>The following were elected as executive members for the 2026 General Assembly Committee on Nominations: Chair: Dave Brown Vice Chair: Lisa Peters Secretary: Brandon Crain</p>
N-4	<p>Adopt Report of Committee on Nominations</p> <p>That the Report of the Committee on Nominations be received</p>
R-1	<p>Adopt Report of Committee on Rules</p> <p>That the Report of the Committee on Rules be received.</p>
SP-1	<p>Reports of Partner Schools</p> <p>That the Board of Directors direct the President to work collaboratively with the Presidents of Ambrose University and L'École de Théologie Évangélique du Québec to report to Assembly 2026 on how these partner schools are contributing specifically to the strategic plan of The Alliance Canada in developing Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered, mission-focused leaders for a wide variety of contexts (i.e., National/International, Church/Market Place, Rural/Urban).</p>
SP-2	<p>Unified Prayer</p> <p>That the Board of Directors direct the President to communicate to 2025 District Conferences a clearly defined strategy with measurable outcomes for developing unified prayer in local, district, national, and global contexts.</p>
SP-3	<p>Diversity</p> <p>That the Board of Directors direct the President to communicate to 2025 District Conferences a clearly defined strategy with measurable outcomes for engaging qualified female and male leaders from a wide range of ethnicities and ages in local, district, national, and global contexts.</p>
SP-4	<p>Worker Retention</p> <p>That the Board of Directors direct the President to communicate to 2025 District Conferences a clearly defined strategy with measurable outcomes for worker retention in local, district, national, and global contexts.</p>
SP-5	<p>Global Ministry</p> <p>That the Board of Directors direct the President to communicate to 2025 District Conferences a clearly defined strategy with measurable outcomes for global ministry in local, district, national, and global contexts. This strategy will address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vision for international ministries that compels people in Alliance churches to pray, give and go, • Strategic models for International Ministries, and • A clear pathway for people who are called to serve in Global Ministries.
SP-6	<p>Truth and Reconciliation Commission</p> <p>That the Board of Directors direct the President to communicate to 2025 District Conferences a clearly defined strategy with measurable outcomes for the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</p>
SP-7	<p>Adopt Report of Committee on Strategic Plan</p> <p>That the Report of the Committee on Strategic Plan be received.</p>

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FL	Delegate Commitment to Strategic Plan That we, the delegates to General Assembly 2024, in dependence on the Holy Spirit to the best of our ability, commit ourselves to ensure that our local churches and ministries engage in all aspects of the Strategic Plan, and commit ourselves to making the necessary sacrifices to share the love of Jesus with our broken world in efforts to double our reach by 2034.