

RESOLUTION OF CONSOLIDATION
Adopted Unanimously by the Boards of Directors
Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
Central Bible College
Evangel University

WHEREAS, The issue of consolidation of the Springfield resident schools has been a matter of discussion within the Executive Presbytery for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, The David Green Family of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has given a \$5 million gift to The General Council of the Assemblies of God for the sole purpose of consolidating Central Bible College, Evangel University, and the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary into one new institution; and

WHEREAS The mission of each institution is complementary and provides a strong foundation for the integration and articulation of the goals and vision of our Fellowship for ministerial and higher education; and

WHEREAS, Qualitative growth can be enhanced through consolidation to a degree impossible for three freestanding institutions; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Executive Presbytery is to strengthen the overall academic offerings through consolidation and to develop a stronger financial base for academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, We recognize this period in history as an unprecedented opportunity to blend the strengths of each institution into a new consolidated university to better position the Assemblies of God to take full advantage of these changes; and

WHEREAS, A consolidation will eliminate redundancies in expense and programs; and

WHEREAS, A consolidation will deepen faculty resources for the preparation of men and women for ministry and the other professions; and

WHEREAS, A consolidation of assets will strengthen the financial base through the congruence of growth opportunities and economic energy notably different than our present institutions; and

WHEREAS, A quality consolidated university will naturally and rapidly claim a larger market share of local, regional, national and international recruiting areas, contributing to the enhancement of economic capacity and greater mission effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, A stronger consolidated university will create proportionally more positive interest among student prospects, donors and the general public; and

WHEREAS, A consolidated effort will expand the alumni base, providing opportunities to formulate special programs and gatherings to better serve graduates; and

WHEREAS, A consolidated effort would unify a vigorous resource development that is four pronged: (1) A clear and exciting vision of the future, (2) keeping costs to students as low as possible, (3) new construction along with rehabilitation of existing facilities, and (4) elimination of debt; and

WHEREAS, The Assemblies of God is planning and working for a net growth of 4,000 churches over the next 10 years, requiring the training of an unprecedented number of young people, called of God to lead and staff these churches, and to serve in lay leadership, as well as provide ministerial and lay leadership for existing churches; and

WHEREAS, Based upon the above dynamics, a new institutional synergy will be released with a new purpose and increased quality gained by consolidation to better serve Christ and His Kingdom through the stewardship of dedicated personnel and financial resources; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of _____ authorize the formation of a special Task Force to be responsible for the study and planning of the special Executive Presbytery assignments that would result in the consolidation of the three resident schools. The assignments of the Task Force are as follows: (1) Draft a resolution for consolidation to present to the 2011 General Council, (2) Create a bylaw framework for the consolidated school, (3) Provide for the initial narrative of a statement of core values and mission of the consolidated school, ensuring clear promotion of the mission statements of each school; (4) Design the organizational framework of the consolidated school; and (5) Ensure that all steps taken toward consolidation fulfill the requirements of the Higher Learning Commission. The Task Force shall provide stakeholder communities with timely information and communication response. The Task Force shall report its recommendations to the respective boards of directors for their approval. The work of the Task Force and the recommendations of the respective boards of directors shall be forwarded to the Executive Presbytery for its meeting June 9, 2011; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said Task Force be comprised of 16 members: the general superintendent as chair; 3 members of the Executive Presbytery; the board chairs of CBC and EU, vice-chair of AGTS board, the presidents of AGTS, CBC, and EU; and one faculty member each from AGTS, CBC, and EU chosen by vote of the faculty; one non-credential donor each from AGTS, CBC, and EU; and that said Task Force secure legal counsel and other outside counsel when necessary.

Adopted:
January 25, 2011