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Rev. Reynaldo Calusay at the outset of his re-election as GS in 2009 presented an eight-point agenda for the Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God. These priorities amplify the goals and purposes of PGCAG churches outlined in its Amended By-Laws which declares that

“The priority reason-for-being of the Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc. (PGCAG) is to be an agency of God for evangelizing the world, to be a corporate body in which man may worship God, and to be channel of God’s purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son.” (**Article 2, Statement of Purpose**).

“The District Councils are formed as territorial, supervisory, jurisdictional and organizational subdivisions of the Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc. **to carry out its purpose, exercise its prerogatives, realize its principles, and foster fellowship among its constituents.**” (**SEC. 1. of Article XIII**).

Therefore all districts are mandated to align their activities toward these Eight-Point Agenda:

1. Pentecostal Prayer & Revival

- There is an observed decline on the Pentecostal emphasis and practice in the churches. There is a need for revival in the churches of the miraculous and the supernatural manifestations of God. Even among the credentialed ministers, there are many who indicated that they have not been baptised in the Holy Spirit, but only “seeking.
- The AoG was started as a Pentecostal movement. Its engine is prayer and its power is in the Person of the Holy Spirit in the individual believers and therefore in the whole church. “***Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.***” –ZEC 4:6
- The LORD defined the equipment of the Church as it fulfils its mission on earth: the “coming upon” them of the Holy Spirit! ACT 1:8.
- As a Pentecostal movement, we should pursue the experience of Baptism in the Spirit with speaking in other tongues, according to ACT 2:4 (also ACT 10:45-47). We should train the church how to enter into the supernatural work of God. We should employ the supernatural gifts not only in building up of the believers but also in evangelizing the lost.
- We should train the church how to walk and be led by the Holy Spirit. The flesh profits for nothing. We should promote Pentecostal conferences, prayer meetings, revival meetings – where we share our testimonies and encourage the Church to expect the presence and participation of the Holy Spirit in all our work.

2. Upgrading and Training of Leaders

- PGCAG is a growing movement of Ministers and Churches. Since 2000, we have become the biggest evangelical group. This however is never a substitute to the spiritual and quality growth of our ministers. And because of the rapid churchplanting, we now have workers who are lacking in Bible and theological training. This vacuum also opened to heretical teachings (like the SOAR teachings) among some ministers.
- We need to promote education of our credentialed ministers. The School of Ordination is a welcome event and program. The practice of District Updating/Upgrading conferences should also be encouraged. The Global University/ICI curriculum, especially HELP, should be promoted.
- Our ministers’ record of personal and ministerial profile must now include a record of their continuing training in Bible doctrine and ministerial skills.
- Our Bible Colleges/Schools must be responsive to the need for quality training of AOG Ministers. They must also upgrade their faculty members.
- We must start writing our own training materials, since we need contextualized understanding of the training needed. We have need for Urban Ministries, Tribal Missions, Campus ministries, Social-Action ministries, and other holistic approaches of winning our world.

3. Intentional All-Church Discipleship

- The Great Commission is about making disciples. The implementation of this should therefore be in the processing the individuals who followed the LORD, to become mature and fruitful believers through Discipleship.

- Churchplanting have brought us quantity growth and therefore the need for quality growth. We are mandated by the LORD to “teach them to obey” all things that He has commanded.
- The PGCAG Pastors must get training on how to make disciples – of the whole church people.
- We need to implement what we have already started as discipleship program called “Intentional Moves” and see it done in all our churches. Also this program must have a continuing evaluation and should grow with us, not limiting us.

4. Strategic and Creative Evangelism

- The Philippines is steadily urbanizing (up to 60 to 70%). With 100 Million people, that is 70 million people in the congested cities.
The Philippines is also increasingly getting younger, with about 80 to 85% of the population below 40 years old.
The Tribal people are still to be reached.
False Religions are competing in getting adherents.
- We must learn to target a whole spectrum of people in our communities for evangelism. This would need a “special eye” to see some sectors of our people that are hidden from our evangelistic radar. We should learn how to strategize biblically but also pragmatically in our missions and evangelism.
- We must first focus on the Urban Cities (from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth, not the other way around), build city churches that will eventually tap the economic resources of the cities to reach the countryside towns and villages. We need to support missions and ministries that are not yet financially autonomous: Campus Ministries, Tribal Ministries, Children Ministries, Muslim Ministries, and the likes.
- Must start using Mass Media: Print, Radio, TV, and Internet – to spread the gospel.
- Continue to support and expand the ministries to Children and the Youth.
- We must train individual believers how to present the gospel and win souls. We must produce tools and evangelistic materials to equip them.

5. Pro Local Church Structure and Policies

- Historically, the Assemblies of God started as a movement of empowered local churches. The total strength of the movement lies in the empowered local churches.
- The viability of a local church therefore is very important: We must raise the bar in our establishing and growing of local Church.
 - i. Our current required number of baptized adults to register a new churchplant: From PCEC rule, 15 adults. The PGCAG rule, 25 baptized adults. The SOS goal: minimum of 50 baptized adults.
 - ii. The issue is viability.. to sustain a new churchplant in its financial and ministerial needs.
 - iii. The training and the support of pioneering pastors. We must raise the standard of their financial support – to make it Christian, humane and worthy of God. We need a practical and socialized criterion of sustained support of our ministers.
- We must review and discover the things that weaken or strengthen the local church as it relates to the District and General Council. We must then integrate the strengthening of the local Church in the Amendments of our By-Laws.
- We must create long term plans how to secure church facilities (lots and buildings) from local resources. A system of funding these needs must be created.

6. Stewardship and Economic Uplift

- There has been a mistaken understanding about the teaching on prosperity, mostly because of what is observed as abusive and carnal the practice of it in the US and other countries. There has also been a traditional understanding that the true church must be humble and poor (which make the church prayerful??) and that being a rich church is equated with materialism and worldliness. There is also this poverty mentality prevailing in the local churches where giving is a burden and asking for foreign funds is a blessing. These attitudes are counter-productive to the growth and usefulness of the national Church.
- But God is a Blessor and His Church - a blessing. God is the One Who gives the power to produce wealth to enable His people to bless others. The economic plan of God for His people is the same throughout the ages: to be the lender and not the borrower; to be a blessing to others and not begging from others! “You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” – 2CO 9:11
- We must train our Ministers for faithful stewardship and economic uplift. Here’s a list for our pastors to implement.
 - i. Help the Church to Discover the power to produce wealth, DEU 8:18
 - ii. Help the Church to Develop the power to produce wealth
 - iii. Help the Church to Dedicate their wealth to the glory of God

- iv. Help the Church to Distribute their wealth to bless others.
- Create training materials to help our churches for wealth production and generous stewardship. Conduct Stewardship Seminars for members and business people.
- Facilitate the creation of Tither's Club (separate document) for generating funds and in the future help in the financial services needed by the members of our local churches.
- Inter-connect our Christian businessmen for mutual help and encouragement, and possible patrons and trading partnership.
- Create a plan for the financial improvement of local churches in their giving, receiving and managing of finances. Help the work of the Trust Commission in building financial integrity and credibility of our churches and institutions.

7. Plant Another Church

- The Kingdom of God expands its territory by the planting churches. There is a denominational growth when we all go back to our reason for existence as a movement – Missions, evangelism and churchplanting.
- **Saturation Challenge**: is our vision for 2020, to saturate the nation with churches (like, a church in every Barangay) and a goal of planting 2,020 Churches by 2020 (a decadal goal).
- We must help organize **Church Planting Teams** (separate document) in all AoG Churches in the Philippines. Every local church must have Church Planting Teams: If we cannot visualize, we cannot organize. If we cannot organize, we cannot actualize. The best way to accelerate church planting is the mobilization of ordinary members.
- We should train these **Church Planting Teams** regularly, using the SOS Churchplanting Laboratory. Church Planting must happen all year round.
- We must promote the **training of Church Planters** in our Bible Colleges and Schools. We should encourage all our Bible Schools to integrate SOS mobilization projects in their school programs and for requirements in some of their subjects, like Evangelism, Homiletics, Church Administration, and the likes.
- We should also establish funds for the support of Churchplanting in the entire Philippines.

8. World Missions Enterprise

- There is a need to expand the participation in World missions among the constituents of the PGCAG. We need to create a missions culture not just among the few excited churches, but among all PGCAG church membership.
- We must continue and increase our program of training new missionaries. We must involve our Bible Schools in recruiting and training of these. Our goal is to send 200 missionaries by year 2020.
- Help Churches and districts in conducting **Missions Conventions** to raise support of our missionaries in Praying and Giving. The support base must expand to involve more churches and people.
- Build a bigger **Missions Department** Office and Services as we expand the missions program. This means money and manpower and equipment. We need libraries, Missions housing, Research and Communication systems, Training facilities. *(We may need a facility much like the ETC in Mindanao or the APTS in Baguio)*
- We need to build Missions Partnership with other AOG mission entities here and abroad. A philosophy on partnership must be defined, and based on this, policies must be made. We will prevent dependence and its other extreme – independence. We would like to see the development of inter-dependence with our missions partners.
- We will continue to build the **Global District Council** and hope to see it evolve into a wider and aggressive participation in missions. Our World Missions Department will help facilitate this.

The Executive officers enjoin our local churches to prioritize their activities according to the above agenda. It is important that we work together with a common vision and purpose. To synergize our efforts bring much more results than when we work independently from each other.