

# An Overview of The General Council of the Assemblies of God



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## Origin

The Assemblies of God founded as a result of a religious revival that swept around the world in the early 1900's. The church was organized in a constitutional convention at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1914. Today there are 12,362 churches in the U.S. with nearly 3 million members and adherents. There are more than 60 million Assemblies of God members worldwide, making the Assemblies of God one of the world's largest Pentecostal denominations.

## Beliefs

Doctrinally, the church emphasizes personal salvation, water baptism, divine healing, the baptism with the Holy Spirit accompanied by the evidence of speaking in tongues, and the pre-millennial second coming of Jesus Christ. The Bible is recognized as the inspired word of God and provides the rule for faith and practice. The church's three-fold mission is expressed through Evangelism, Discipleship and Worship.

## Affiliations

The AG is a member of four national and international Christian organizations including: National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches of North America (PCCNA), Pentecostal World Fellowship (PWF) and World Assemblies of God Fellowship (WAGF).

## Headquarters

The U.S. Assemblies of God headquarters complex is located at 1445 N. Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri. It houses the denomination's executive and administrative offices, service divisions and departments, and the Gospel Publishing House printing plant which produces over 12 tons of literature daily.

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## Quick Facts:

### Members:

2,863,265 adherents  
(persons of all ages who identify with an AG Church)  
1,641,341 members

**Churches:** 12,362

**Ministers:** 33,871

**Missionaries:** 4,273

**General Superintendent:** Dr. George O. Wood

**Annual Assemblies of God Total Giving:** \$361,350,200

## General Superintendent Dr. George O. Wood



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Dr. George O. Wood was elected chief executive officer of the Assemblies of God at the 52nd General Council in August 2007. As general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, USA, part of the largest Pentecostal denomination in the world, he is a member of the denomination's Executive Leadership Team and Executive Presbytery. The church has over 12,300 congregations in the United States with some 2.8 million members and adherents.

Prior to his present position, Wood served the church as its general secretary for 14 years. He was assistant superintendent of the Southern California District from 1988-93. He pastored Newport-Mesa Christian Center in Costa Mesa, California, for 17 years. During his tenure, the church experienced significant growth, relocated and constructed new facilities, and gave \$1 million to world missions in the last biennium of his pastorate.

The son of missionary parents to China and Tibet, Wood holds a doctoral degree in pastoral theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and a juris doctorate from Western State University College of Law in Fullerton, California. He is a member of the California State Bar. Wood did his undergraduate work at Evangel University (College) in Springfield, Missouri, and served the college in several capacities, including that of director of spiritual life and student life from 1965-71. He was ordained by the Southern Missouri District in 1967.

Wood is author of a number of books including: *A Psalm In Your Heart Vol. I & II*, *Living Fully*, *The Successful Life* and a college text on the *Book of Acts*.

Sermons by Dr. Wood may be heard at [www.georgeowood.com](http://www.georgeowood.com). Dr. Wood and his wife, Jewel, have a daughter and a son.

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# The Assemblies of God



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The Assemblies of God is one of the world's largest Pentecostal denominations with more than 60 million members worldwide. The church was organized in 1914 at a constitutional convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas, with 200 in attendance. Today, the Assemblies of God U.S.A. has grown to include 12,362 churches with nearly 3 million members and adherents.

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For more information on the General Council of the Assemblies of God, contact Juleen Turnage, National Public Relations Director at 417-862-2781 or email at [jturnage@ag.org](mailto:jturnage@ag.org).

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