

# DECLARATION OF THE DECADE OF PENTECOST

General Council of the Assemblies of God Zimbabwe  
Evangel Bible College  
Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe  
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**Wherefore** the Lord God has commissioned the Church to fulfill His Mission by evangelizing people from all nations, tribes, languages and peoples;

**Wherefore** the Lord has also commanded the Church to fulfill the mission of God only through the power of the Holy Spirit;

**Wherefore** the General Council of the Assemblies of God of Zimbabwe was founded and constituted to fulfill the missional desires of God,

**Therefore**, we, the participants of the Acts 1: 8 Conference representing the general membership of the General Council of the Assemblies of God of Zimbabwe accept and ratify the Vision, Goals and Strategies set by the General Presbytery held between 20-21 JULY 2011 and declare that our future shall be characterized by a strong desire emphasizing Holy Spirit baptism that leads to empowering and enhances evangelism and church planting throughout the country. We from this day forward identify ourselves as a “A spirit empowered church-planting movement.”

**Furthermore**, we covenant ourselves with the Lord to see that the following goals are achieved during the Decade of Pentecost:

1. **Church Plants:** A **1000** in the next ten years. Where every local church plants one church in a year
2. **Members:** To have **87, 500 spirit filled** Members. Where our current numbers are about 5000 now, we estimate to grow to **87, 500**. If a quarter of churches are in the rural (50 per church) then the population will be 12, 500; whereas the 750 (100 per church) churches of the city will produce 75, 000 members. Therefore, total target will be **87, 500** Members.
3. **Translation** of the CS series into vernacular by 2014
4. **Train** 50 Bachelor of Arts and 15 Master of Arts General Council graduates by 2022
5. **Pastors:** GROW from 82 Credentialed Ministers enough to lead 1000 churches.
6. **Missionaries:** Support one foreign missionary unit within the first five years and add two in the last five years

**Therefore**, as a movement we agree that we will radically change the way we transact church business to enhance a revolution in the movement by critically focusing on the following:

- Training of more workers to sustain the planting of 1000 churches
- Demonstrate attitude Change that affects the whole organization: General Council, General Officers, Pastors and the Church as a whole.
- Training churches to support Pastors.
- Increase resource base for the General council
- Improved team work among leaders (General Officers and the rest, recognizing and appreciating differences).

**We**, also consent that we shall focus on the following strategies to for us to reach the stated goals

## I. CHURCH PLANTING STRATEGIES

1. Every Local church plant a church each year. Every Church must immediately locate the place for church planting and the District officers monitor the process.  
**Resolution:** The District Officers shall report to the General Presbytery about the targeted places.
2. Department of Evangelism to plant 3 Churches a year
3. Every district plants a church every year.
4. The bible school plants 1 church every year
5. Each MFF Unit facilitates the planting of 2 churches a year.

**II. WORKERS AND TRAINING**

1. Each district should have at least one Extension center producing a minimum of 10 graduates annually
2. Bible school producing 20-30 graduates from the General Council starting 2014 (annually)
3. Each local church facilitates training of at least 2 workers annually (Either through the Extension or Residential school)
4. Organize the Degree program by 2013
5. Translation of the CS series into vernacular by 2014
6. Conduct Leadership Institutes in all the districts bi-annually to facilitate development in callings (Five-fold Ministries) ministry, resource mobilization, attitude transformation, etc, essential to sustain the 2012-2022 Plan.

**III. EMPOWERMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1. Have one Holy Spirit and mission rally per quarter in the districts
2. Emphasis the Holy Spirit empowered ministry in the Leadership institute
3. Emphasis the Holy Spirit Empowered ministry in the training system of the Residential and extension programs.
4. One Sunday in a month should be a Holy Spirit Emphasis for every local church.

**IV. MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM**

1. Reorganize the department with constituted policies and procedures that will sustain a church planting culture;
2. Proactively, campaign to raise support for one foreign missionary unit in the first five years and with addition of two in the last five years.
3. Ensure that the first Sunday of the month is kept as the Mission Sunday and during this day every church raise mission offering in addition to the regular offering.
4. Ensure that churches are planted in Masvingo and Mutare areas which are the declared mission Fields for the decade.
5. Ensure that the Missions and Evangelism department lead in the church planting efforts demonstrating effective example as its members plant at least three churches annually.

This declaration should be read, observed and implemented through the comprehensive **STRATEGIC PLAN** to be developed by the leaders which will be founded on the Report of the Leadership Summit of the General Presbytery held between 20-21 July and also recognizes all the Feedback of perceived challenges to the goals and strategies given by the assembly during the Acts 1: 8 Conference held at the Evangel Bible College from the 20-24 September 2011

Hereto, on behalf of the General Council of Assemblies of God Zimbabwe, we inscribe our names and signatures

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