

General Assembly of the Church of God in the United States and Canada
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Motion Three : Annual PreachHer Sunday Celebration

Proposed by the Justice and Equity Task Force (JET):

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Approved by the Business, Leadership, and Resource Committee for forwarding to the Assembly for the Assembly's consideration.

"Whereas the Church of God has a conviction that God uses women in ministry and leadership, and

"Whereas the Church of God has shown decline in its percentage of churches led by a female lead pastor, as in 1925 over 30% of Church of God congregations were led by women and in 2023 that number is closer to 10%, and

"Whereas a generation of young women and girls need to see female leadership being modeled in our Church of God congregations, and

"Whereas men and women of all ages need to understand that God gifts women to serve in all leadership positions of the church,

"Be it therefore resolved that the General Assembly direct Church of God Ministries to coordinate a celebration of our women in leadership on the second Sunday of March each year by designating that Sunday as PreachHer Sunday, with the goal to have women fill as many pulpits in Church of God congregations as possible, and

"Be it further resolved that every regional association of the Church of God in the United States and Canada be encouraged to also promote and participate in this day of celebrating women in leadership.