

Per the 2014 GA approved resolution, “Ministerial/Facility Protection Against Forced Officiating/Hosting of Same-Sex Marriages” the following wording changes have been made in the Credentials Manual 2011 Edition.

In section 6.11 under “Expected Aspirations of a Church of God Congregation” add “P” which will read:

Restricts the use of all properties owned from any event or program at odds with the mission or teachings with the Church of God movement (Anderson, IN), represented formally by the actions of the movement’s General Assembly in North America. This includes facility use for same-sex marriage ceremonies. (See Credentials Manual supplemental resource, “Restriction on use of facilities”, for sample wording for a facilities restriction clause in by-laws and articles of incorporation.)

In section 7.31 dealing with “Ministerial Actions Requiring Discipline”

Change the wording of ‘F,’ to read: Promulgating or espousing teaching and practice contrary to the Word of God as commonly understood by the Church of God movement (see section 2.13). This includes the performing of same-sex marriage ceremonies and the offering of church facilities for such ceremonies.”

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Illinois Ministries Credential's Policy Recommendation

The (insert here the name of church) Corporation restricts the use of all properties owned from any event or program at odds with the mission or teachings with the Church of God movement (Anderson, IN), represented formally by the actions of the General Assembly in North America. This includes facilities use for same-sex marriage ceremonies.

Furthermore, we restrict any member of our staff from promulgating or espousing teaching and practice contrary to the Word of God as commonly understood by the Church of God movement. This includes the performing of same-sex marriage ceremonies.