

October 28, 2024

Dear Leaders of the Church of God,

Greetings from the Search Committee for the next Director of Ministries / State Pastor of the Church of God in Ohio (COGO).

In response to our current leader, Rev. Dr. Esther Cottrell, retiring in 2025, the Search Committee began meeting September 10, 2024 in a joint session with the COGO Governing Board to prayerfully begin seeking our next Director of Ministries / State Pastor. The Search Team has continued to meet twice monthly, and has been in contact continually through digital means.

We are thankful for the 10 years Rev. Dr. Cottrell has faithfully served us. Through her leadership, we have been stretched and blessed – in Ohio, our churches, and individually!

If you sense a call to be considered for the position of Director of Ministries / State Pastor of the Church of God, please send your resume along with contact information for five references to the Search Committee via the Chairperson, Angie Swonger at TASwonger88@att.net.

Also, **if you would like to nominate someone for this position**, please send your recommendation to the same email.

If you are candidating or nominating, you will want to review the **Job Description** of the Director of Ministries / State Pastor of the Church of God (COGO) which can be found at cogo.church/resources-for-pastors/.

The date for receiving resumes and nominations for the Director of Ministries / State Pastor is January 31, 2025. Please have all considerations submitted to the Search Committee by this date.

The Search Committee cherishes your prayers in this journey as we know the minister called to the position of leadership will have a vital impact on each of us, our churches, and the ministries of the Church of God in Ohio. Throughout our history in Ohio, we have been blessed with God-honoring leadership on the state level. Pray for the process and for our next Director of Ministries / State Pastor.

Prayerfully submitted,

Rev. Angie Swonger LPCC
Search Committee Chairperson