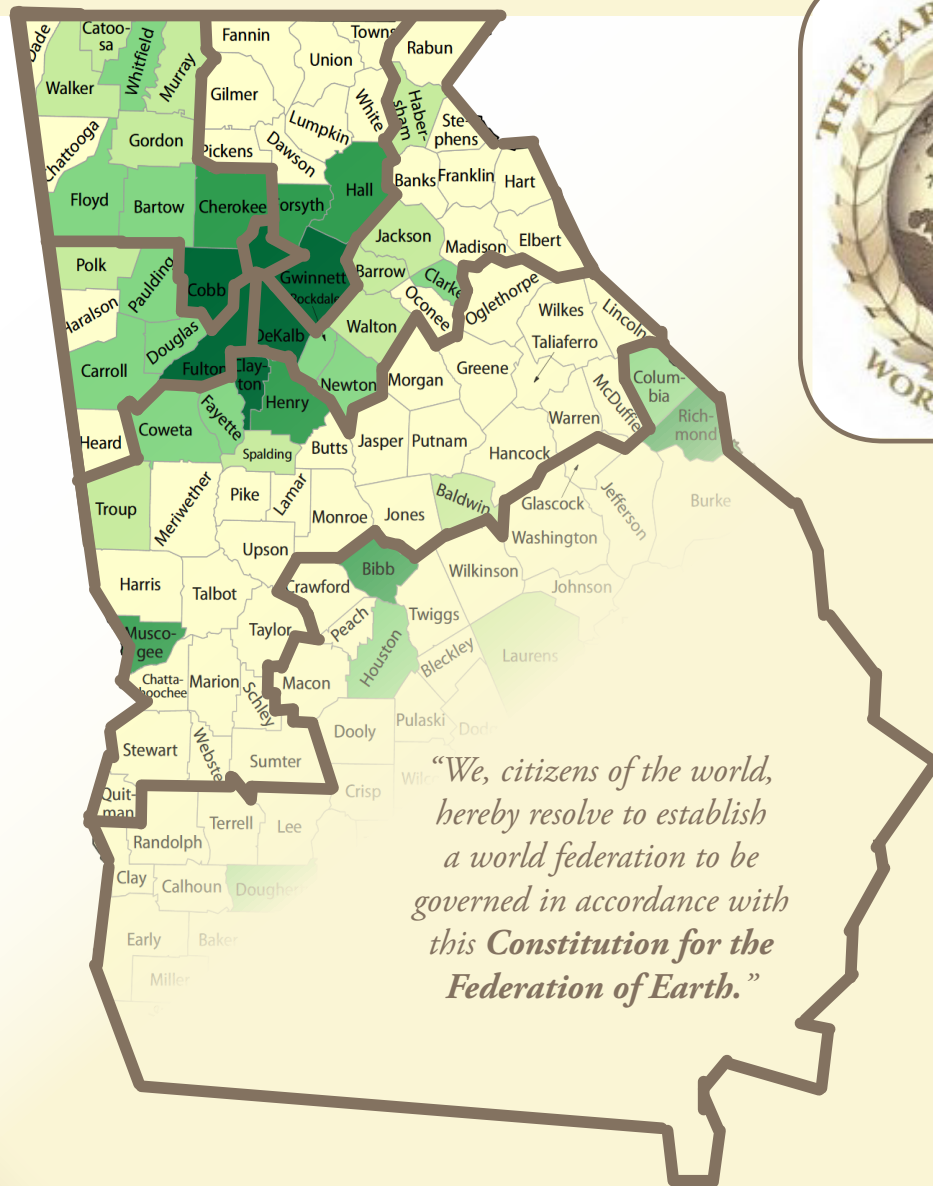


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Abridged Edition, **September 2019**

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## Introduction to the World Electoral District Project of WCPA

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The World Constitution and Parliament Association (WCPA) is the worldwide organization that sponsors ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. Article 19 of the ***Earth Constitution*** gives the people of Earth the right and duty to begin the World Parliament and other aspects of the Earth Federation Government now, before humankind manages to wipe itself out in a thermonuclear war or destroy the planet's ecosystem to the point where it will no longer support higher forms of life. By creating

the Provisional World Parliament, and developing the system of world electoral districts, the people of Earth are also laying the foundation for the formal ratification of the ***Earth Constitution***.

As widely known, in Article 2 and throughout the document, the ***Earth Constitution*** establishes a World Parliament consisting of three houses—a House of Nations with 1, 2, or 3 representatives from each nation, a House of Counsellors comprised of some 200 persons, 10 from each of 20 magna-districts worldwide, and a House of Peoples with 1000 representatives, elected from 1000 electoral districts roughly equal in population. Part of the responsibility of the Provisional World Parliament is to develop these electoral districts so that the people of Earth actually have an infrastructure in place with which they may begin governing themselves. If the nations of Earth continue to refuse to act, the people of Earth have the right and duty to directly establish the Earth Federation by themselves.

Under Article 17, where the criteria for formal ratification of the ***Earth Constitution*** are outlined, one major option for ratification is through voting within these 1000 world electoral districts (the other main option being ratification by some 25 existing nations). With today's digital revolution reaching ever more people around the Earth, secure electronic voting for planetary representatives to the World Parliament may not be far away. Not only does the largest house in the tricameral World Parliament derive directly from the (grassroots) people of Earth, the elaboration of these electoral districts is also vital to the process of ratification itself.

It would be difficult to overemphasize the importance of the project to define the boundaries of the 1000 world electoral districts and to develop protocols for their infrastructural development by local citizens within each district. This task is currently under way, headed by Dr. Eugenia Almand, Secretary-General of WCPA. Dr. Almand and her team are not only using the latest demographic data to outline the system of electoral districts for the world, they are also organizing the district in which they reside (northern Georgia, USA) and documenting the process in order to provide a template for duplicating this work elsewhere around the world.

WCPA chapters or members anywhere in the world can now begin this process (following the model developed by Dr. Almand's team) of actually developing the infrastructure for a transformed world system under the ***Earth Constitution***. It is a system premised on peace (rather than war as with today's system), premised on justice (rather than the massive inequality that we see everywhere on Earth today), and founded on environmental sustainability (rather than the environmental destruction on-going worldwide today).

Developing these 1000 electoral districts, with each of us activating the district for our own region, is perhaps the most important action we can take if we want to save our planet for future generations. I urge people everywhere to access the instructions for developing their own electoral districts, found online at [www.worldproblems.net](http://www.worldproblems.net) and elsewhere. Let us act now, for as Professor Errol E. Harris famously declared, tomorrow may indeed be too late.



Professor Glen Theron Martin, PhD.  
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Parliament Association



# Structure and Function of a World District

## What is the World District Template?

The World District Template is a guidebook for democratically establishing and managing a world district. This will be further explained below, after discussing “What is a world district?” When you customize your world district in conformance with the ***Earth Constitution*** and world legislation, then you have a ***business plan*** for your own cooperative world district.

## What is a World District?

Briefly, a World District is a geographically-circumscribed, multi-stakeholder ***social cooperative business*** founded under the guidelines of the ***Earth Constitution*** and pertinent World Legislation for providing essential legal services, security services and supplemental electoral opportunities to an approximate 7.8 million residents of the World District. The World District provides a means for the general public to temper and rein the power of the Earth Federation through widespread, continuous and meaningful participation.

Upon successful ratification of the ***Earth Constitution*** via the direct popular referendum of Article 17.1 of the ***Earth Constitution***, your world district will also be providing significant financial services, at cost, to the residents of your world district. These services are defined at length in numerous world legislative acts of the Provisional World Parliament: #2, #7, #11, #38, #40, #42, & #51.

## Geographical Jurisdiction of a world district:

***Earth Constitution*** Article 2.4.: "The basic electoral and administrative units of the world government shall be World Electoral and Administrative Districts. A total of not more than 1000 World Electoral and Administrative Districts shall be defined, and shall be nearly equal in population, within the limits of plus or minus ten percent."

As the world population is approaching 7.8 billion inhabitants, one-thousandth of that population yields the approximate population of a world district: 7,800,000 residents. Within limits, then, a world district may have between about 7,020,000 and 8,580,000 residents. The precise number will be adjusted as the census accuracy grows and census population is more accurately measured.

Therefore, a world district has a unique geographical jurisdiction. Its population density in relation to other world districts determines its geographical area--not its natural resources and not unequal power relations among districts, although some respect is given to historical lines for conceptual expediency. Therefore world districts form in a variety of sizes in terms of geographical area.

## Brief History of World Districts

In the mid 1970's, many people began thinking together about democratic world federal government in terms of a chambered world parliament including a peoples' house (or "congress") composed of regularly elected representatives from geographically defined districts of equal or nearly equal populations. Ian Hackett drew up a specific possible draft plan for world districts. The ***Earth Constitution***, first adopted in 1977 by the second session of a World Constituent Assembly, briefly defined such districts, though without defining any particular structure for the districts, other than that they shall each be one-thousandth of the Earth's population (within limits of  $\pm 10\%$ ), and that in structure and administration they shall conform to the ***Earth Constitution*** and world legislation. After the first session of the Provisional World Parliament in 1982, and with great hopes that the national leaders of the world would quickly adopt the ***Earth Constitution***, Drs. Hanna and Alan Newcombe elaborated on Ian Hackett's work and circulated a new draft. The exact structure and function of the world districts was then placed on a back burner to simmer until the eighth session of the Provisional World Parliament which met in Lucknow, India, in 2004, when the Parliament adopted the World Elections Act, including an adaptation of the Hackett-Newcombe proposal for 1000 world districts. In 2006, at the ninth session, in Tripoli, there started a gradual process of definition of functions of the world district. These functions and definitions accumulated piecemeal over the next five sessions of Provisional World Parliament, without specifying any clear structure to the world district as a whole.

In the winter of 2019, Kalani James Evans, an intern of the Earth Federation Institute, recommended the practical application of a specific world district (North Georgia, North America) through a relatively precise measure of United States Census figures coupled with the extraction and compilation of existent rules defined by the ***Earth Constitution*** and world legislation of the Provisional World Parliament. From this review of the US census figures and the world legislative code relating to world districts, a tight democratic structure for the world district resolved itself. Surprisingly, or unsurprisingly, the essential structure is remarkably similar to the overall structure of Earth Federation defined in the ***Earth Constitution***, only on a much smaller scale. With the tighter world district definition, we approach practical manageability.

From the specific world district structure of North Georgia, North America, any literate individual can generalize the basic structure to any world district. The general guidelines thereby comprise the World District Template.

The template itself is a work in progress. Within the limits of the ***Earth Constitution***, participants, residents, world citizens, world civilians, will adapt the template to suit local conditions. We can all then use reported successes and reported failures to refine the World District Template for greater practicality and democratic suitability in each locale. At some point, it might be helpful to draw details of the Template into world legislation or into provisions of the ***Earth Constitution*** itself. However, as the World District Template logically emerges from the ***Earth Constitution*** and world legislation. We can act now. These stand firmly enough for immediate application of the World District Template anywhere in the world.

# Purpose and Functions of a World District

The broad function of a world district are in essence the same as the broad functions of the Earth Federation as defined in the ***Earth Constitution***:

“The broad functions of the Federation of Earth shall be:

To prevent war, secure disarmament, and resolve territorial and other disputes which endanger peace and human rights.

To protect universal human rights, including life, liberty, security, democracy, and equal opportunities in life.

To obtain for all people on earth the conditions required for equitable economic and social development and for diminishing social differences.

To regulate world trade, communications, transportation, currency, standards, use of world resources, and other global and international processes.

To protect the environment and the ecological fabric of life from all sources of damage, and to control technological innovations whose effects transcend national boundaries, for the purpose of keeping Earth a safe, healthy and happy home for humanity .

To devise and implement solutions to all problems which are beyond the capacity of national governments, or which are now or may become of global or international concern or consequence.”

The world district conducts these functions on the basis of relatively local administration (world district and world sub-district administration) combined with a structure designed for global coordination and cooperation as an integral part of the Earth Federation. A world district is directly administered by its local residents. However, the district has an internal and domestic relation with any states of which the world district is a part, and with the rest of the Earth Federation. There is no foreign relation, except as described in the ***Earth Constitution*** and World Legislative Act Number 47 - the World Diplomatic Integration Act.

The world district enables the provision of legal services, security services and supplemental electoral services.

The world district entitles any resident of the world district to legal services and a lawyer for any legal issues regarding world law and the operation of the world district within the world jurisdiction. The world district provides this service whether one is a plaintiff or a defendant in world federal cases.

Security services are provided that create a unique nonviolent context or less violent context for the enforcement of world laws. The purpose of the world federal security services is to protect all residents from any abuses, exploitations or violations of world law. World District officers and other Earth Federation security officers may wield only instruments of defense suitable for law enforcement that are not prohibited to the people by permits, licenses, registrations, background checks, insurances, screenings, red flagging, requirements for display or for taxation (except for game stamps). This restriction on world district officers, world federal officers and corporate officers operating within the world district prevents much governmental and corporate violence, and obviates arguments based on a confused interpretation of human rights, civil rights, world law, and constitutional guarantees.

The ***Earth Constitution*** and world legislation provide for both representative as well as direct democracy. With the representative democratic features, there are provisions for the election of global level members of the World Parliament. However, with the world legislation, there are also provisions for the election of additional world representative officers who operate at the local level. Top world district administrators, advocates, advocate deputies, sheriffs, sheriffs deputies, world district judges, and many commissioners are selected by the residents of the world district, and are subject to displacement for cause or for regular election. These are electoral processes that would not be possible without the operation of the world district. Furthermore, it will be seen that the extension of accountability to world district

representatives has a beneficial effect to reduce the attempt by state or national representatives to evade their jurisdictional responsibilities by accepting bribes to meddle in world affairs and thereby breach the trust of their constituents. Cooperation between world district representatives, local representatives and national representatives within their respective jurisdictions builds the integrity of the governmental structures.

One should keep in mind that during the formative period before the first general elections, world district residents will either take possible steps: 1) Some world district residents will take initiative and volunteer for certain roles which are acceptable to the other world district residents participating in the world district cooperative, or 2) If there are many resident participants, the world district will arrange for preliminary elections for placing world district officers on an interim or *pro tempore* basis. Therefore, after some time, even before general elections by the world district, there might emerge an interim structure that appears similar to the World District Structure of the following page. The powers of the interim World District cooperative business will be substantially less than those of the powers following a successful *Earth Constitution* direct popular ratification by the world district general election. However, the interim world district will still be able to conduct the provisional activities defined in the world legislation of the Provisional World Parliament and in Article 19 of the *Earth Constitution*.

Important to the formation and operation of the world district are commissions or standing committees, which are of various forms and sizes, and with membership composing according to various rules, depending on the commission. In terms of function, there are three basic types of functional commission: law commissions, integral commissions and social commissions. Each of these three basic types have sub-types: 1) Law commissions are enforcement, judiciary or ombudsmus; 2) Integral commissions are elections, education, civil service, finance, assessment, planning and legislative; 3) Social commissions can be any number, but it is recommended that the following commissions are formed at an early date: public services, communications, language, medical, youth, veteran, senior, nutrition / agriculture, union, interfaith and service club.

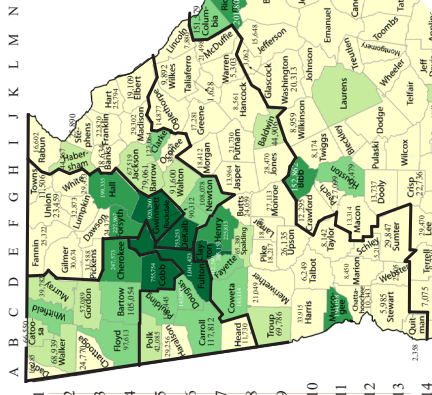
## Purposes and functions of the three Law Commissions

Article 3 of the *Earth Constitution* lists the seven major branches of the Earth Federation. Of these seven, three conduct the functions of 1) Enforcement; 2) Judiciary; and 3) Ombudsmus (Public Defense). These three branches require officers highly trained in the law of the Earth Federation for properly conducting their duties. At the global level, there is 1) An office of 5 World Attorneys General; 2) A Presiding Council of 5 Chief Justices; and 3) An office of 5 World Ombudsen. At the world level, these offices are filled by nomination and appointment by the World Parliament.

**Facing page (p.7) - Structure of a world district in terms of officers and commissions (committees) :** This general structure can begin to take form immediately, even before the first world district general elections. Upon successful completion of world district general elections, the world district form will be in very much the same structure, only there might be a significant change in who are the officers.

The Civil Service qualifies officers. The black, green, red and cyan color lines are intended to indicate sub-district resident-elected sources for some members or officers of the various commissions or committees. For other commissions, other sources will appoint or elect officers, depending on the particular committee.





# World District Structure

Semi-hierarchical perspective. See the *Earth Federation Shape* for understanding of the non-hierarchical structure.

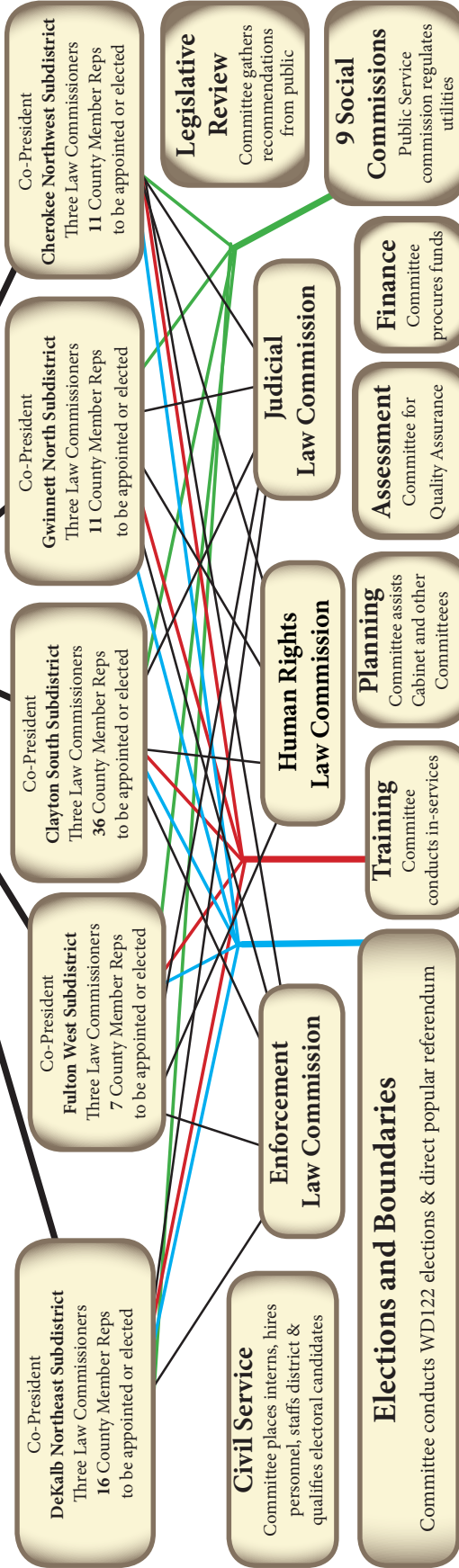


## Interim Executive Cabinet



Presidium of Five District Co-Presidents, each resident of one unique respective sub-district.  
(Co-Presidents rotate as President, as in *Earth Constitution* Article 6. With Treasurer, co-presidents head up the Finance Commission.)  
District Presidium members are foremost responsible for promotion and recruitment in each of the five sub-districts of World District 122.  
District Co-Presidents chair District Executive Cabinet meetings, commission meetings, and district and sub-district public hearings.  
In the 3 law commissions, Co-Presidents have vote on procedural and political questions, but no vote on legal issues, unless GA licensed.

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www.worldparliamentuniversity.org



For each subdistrict, three Law Commissioners head up outreach to local government for three respective organic functions of Earth Federation. These commissioners chair committees with competent qualified persons to outreach on behalf of the respective sub-district. Executive Cabinet members are ex-officio members of each Law Commission, but do not vote on legal issues unless Georgia licensed attorney. Each Interim Commission shall elect a Chair for whenever a Co-President cannot be present or legally qualified on an issue. Qualification of the three Law Commission Chairs and Sub-district Law Commissioners per sub-district are a legal background and to be residents of WD122 (but Interim Commissioners need not be residents of any particular sub-district.)

Seven Integrative Commissioners each head up 7 additional Standing Committees corresponding with the functions of the Integrative Complex and legal functions under the *Earth Constitution*.  
Qualification for Commission Chairs is competence in the subject of their respective commissions. The Executive Cabinet members are voting ex-officio members of each Integrative Standing Committee, but need not be present for Committee vote. For each Committee, in addition to the Commission Chair and the Executive Cabinet, the District aims for there to be at least 5 Committee Members, each resident from a respective sub-district.  
Commissions hold scheduled hearings where County Representative Members of WD122 and Earth Constitution affirming civilians may speak.

# General Elections

## World District 122

### A multi-stakeholder social cooperative business affirming the Earth Federation



World District 122 is North Georgia, North America, with a population of about 7,802,683 total residents (2017 US Census estimate). Of these residents, 5,852,012 are of voting age. This district electorate of 5,852,012 residents will decide on the *Earth Constitution*. In addition to any **referenda** or **initiatives**, World District 122 general elections will place various officers for a 5-year term, commencement of office conditional upon district electoral approval of the *Earth Constitution*. However, the district may identify and run candidates during run-up to this electoral process.

At least **10 elected offices** comprising at least **48 positions** are open per district, with at least **17 positions** on each ballot :

- 1) to elect **one member** resident of **World District 122** to serve in the World Parliament **House of Peoples**;
- 2) To elect (along with rest of State of Georgia electorate) for **two members**, residents of Georgia, to the **World Parliament House of Nations**;

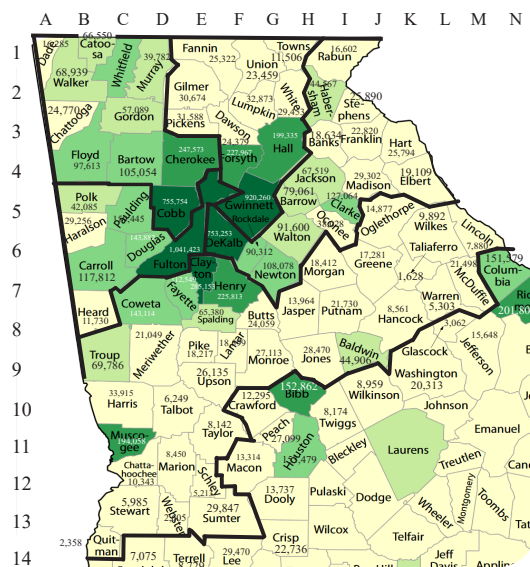
From each of five **sub-districts**, each with electorate of about **1,170,000** residents, electorate will elect residents as the following officers for five-year terms (except for District Judges & Counsellors who have 10-year terms.):

- 3) **one World District Sheriff**;  
(World Legislative Act #54. Article 12.2)
- 4) **five World District Deputy Sheriffs**;  
(World Legislative Act #54. Article 12.2)
- 5) **one World District Ombudsman**  
(rights advocate; World Legislative Act #31, Article 7)
- 6) **four World District Deputy Ombudsmen**  
(rights advocates; World Legislative Act #31, Article 7)
- 7) **one District Electoral Commission Chair**;
- 8) **one District Board of Education Chair**;
- 9) **one Managing Director (District President)**;
- 10) **One Public Service Commissioner**;
- 11) **a variable number of District World Court Judges**  
(ten-year terms. Upon Earth Federation first operative stage, half of district judges face re-election every five years.)

Candidates must be residents of World District 122.

All candidates must meet standards set by the World Legislation and by the World Boundaries and Elections Commission, including affirmation of the *Earth Constitution* and a pledge of service to humanity. All candidates and elected officers must comply with the constitutional limits of the *Earth Constitution*.

(Not on regular ballot) 10) *Earth Constitution* affirming faculty and students of District colleges and universities will nominate competent *Earth Constitution* supporters as prospective **candidates** to the House of Counsellors to stand for election by regional members of the other two houses. Counsellor candidates need not be residents of the World District.



*“When do we get to vote?  
—I like to vote in every election!”*

Gerald Alan Almand, 18 April 2019



**Facing page (p.8):** In drawing up World District 122, by April 2019, it had become clear that a democratic district would ultimately have a large number of electoral posts, easily as many as 100 resident-elected officials. To make the available selection of candidates manageable to the electorate, and to give the many electoral posts respective domains, we realized that there have to be sub-districts that are confirmed by the districts, and that the sub-districts have to be under the same nearly-equal population constitutional limit as the world districts. Under current world legislation (provisions from world legislative acts 31.7. and 54.12.2.), the only number of sub-districts that is also a factor of the numbers of resident-elected positions is five (With paired magna-sub-districts, 10 sub-districts might also work.) For practicality, the world district has to be structured as a regular business. The work has to be by voluntary association. There have to be provisions for income for those doing the work, and dividend for all residents of the district. Perhaps crowd-sourcing will be appropriate for some of the work. The type of business most suited to a social organization with such structure and elections is the ***business cooperative***. Information on cooperative businesses is presented in a following section of this booklet.

### **Purposes and functions of the three Law Commissions (continued)**

Somewhat similarly, the functions of enforcement, judiciary and public defense also exist at the world district level. However, at the world district level, the World Parliament has made provision for these functions to be largely filled by regular direct popular election from the adult residents of the world district. From five sub-districts, nearly equal in population, the electorate elects officers to fill the posts for the enforcement, judicial and public defense functions of the world district.

The world district structure encourages all people who are willing to participate directly. All people have representation, regardless of national citizenship or other legal status.

According to world legislation of the World Parliament, the world district electorate (local residents at least 18 years of age) regularly decides who will serve as the five world district sheriffs, who perform duties of enforcing world judicial decisions in equity and in supervising world district level parole and probation from world court decisions. World District deputy sheriffs are also elected. District Sheriffs and Deputies also function to coordinate and mediate with the other four departments of the Enforcement System.

The world district electorate regularly decides who will serve as a world district court justice. As a district is relatively large (7.8 million residents), some multiple of five judges will be placed during each election cycle (Same number from each sub-district).

The world district electorate regularly decides who will serve as the five world district ombudsen, and twenty Deputy Ombudsen, to advocate for peoples' rights, to serve independence defense in world district court, and to check against oppressive government action or government neglect.

Although officers in the three law commissions should be well familiar with all world legislation, each commission has its own world legislation that more specifically pertains to a law commission or to that law commission specifically. Below are summaries or full text of the respective world legislation:

<b>World Legislation of particular importance to District Sheriffs Department</b>	<b>World Legislation of particular importance to District World Court</b>	<b>World Legislation of particular importance to District Ombudsen</b>
#13 World Peace Act #14 World Security Act #19 World Penal Code #34 Military Weapons Dismantling Procedure #37 World Federal Privileges & Immunities #43 On Human Trafficking #56 Crowd Dispersal Regulations #54 Remedies & Corrections #55 Surveillance Limitations	#5 District & Regional World Courts #15 Human Rights Bench #20 Criminal Case Bench #28 Juvenile Cases #48 Collegium of World Judges #24 Procedure & Evidence #37 World Federal Privileges & Immunities #43 On Human Trafficking #44 Nonviolent Civil Disobedience	#15 Human Rights Bench #27 Child Rights #19 World Penal Code #31 World Ombudsmus #37 World Federal Privileges & Immunities #59 Truth & Reconciliation #43 On Human Trafficking #44 Nonviolent Civil Disobedience #45 Bureaucratic Efficiency Act

## **Purposes and functions of the seven Integral Commissions**

Article 3 of the *Earth Constitution* lists the seven major branches of the Earth Federation. Of these seven major branches, the Integrative Complex branch integrates common functions for all ministries, departments, and administrations of the Earth Federation: civil service, boundaries & elections, education, planning, assessments, finance and legislative review. At the world level, these offices are filled by nomination and appointment from the World Parliament and from other constitutionally designated sources.

Somewhat similarly, the functions of functional integration also exist at the world district level. As specifics are not constitutionally defined, except for civil service posts, it is up to the local world district to determine those specifics. All district level offices require some level of civil service certification. The World District Template provides for three of these functions to be headed by regular direct popular election from the adult residents of the world district: Elections Commissioners; Education Board; and Finance (Headed by the elected District Co-Presidents / Co-Chairs).

From five sub-districts, nearly equal in population, the electorate elects one officer (Co-Chair) to fill the respective posts for the elections, education and executive finance functions of the world district.

This means each of these three Commissions is headed by five Co-Chairs, who take turns presiding their respective commission.

The District Co-Chairs appoint the members to the other four commissions from among those with proper and adequate civil service certifications.

Although officers in the seven integral commissions should be well familiar with all world legislation, some commissions have world legislation that more specifically pertains to an integral commission or to that integral commission specifically. Below are references to respective world legislation:

World Legislation of particular importance to District Elections Commission	World Legislation of particular importance to Board of Education	World Legislation of particular importance to Finance Commission
#29 Elections Act #63 Cooperative Communities Empowerment Act #67 Guideline Call for Direct Popular Referendum Resolution on Spirit of Global Government Rules of Procedure for the World Constituent Assembly World Federal Distinction	#4 World University System #26 Education Act Resolution on Spirit of Global Government Declaration on Government and Citizen Responsibilities	# 2 World Economic Development Organization #7 Funding Corporation #11 Earth Financial Credit Corporation #22 Equity Act #23 Global Accounting & Auditing #37 World Federal Privileges & Immunities Declaration on Government and Citizen Responsibilities #38 Public Utilities #40 Indemnity Bonds 42 Universal Guaranteed Annual Income #45 Bureaucratic Efficiency Act #51 Economic Prosperity Act #52 Corporation Act #63 Cooperative Communities Empowerment Act Resolution on Spirit of Global Government Declaration on Government and Citizen Responsibilities

### Decision Making Process in the Planning and Assessment Commissions

Integration of Planning and Assessment with all other integral functions of Earth Federation requires top level skills that are likely not answerable to popular election or even civil service appointment capacity. These critical functions need continual direct input from the general public, and especially from the general public interested in expressing ideas, needs and feedback regarding these functions.

The ***Earth Constitution*** provides for representative as well as direct democracy, not for direct democracy in isolation, which typically prohibits any discretion based on new information obtained from

delegated meetings. For this reason, aspects of the Zeitgeist Movement Defined do not align entirely with the Earth Constitution and the Earth Federation. However, there are areas of substantial overlap. Within the context of the Earth Constitution and Earth Federation, the “Industrial Government” section of *Zeitgeist Movement Defined* describes a structural and functional framework that seems greatly suitable for guiding the operation of the Planning and Assessment agencies. (For context, linked file begins with Zeitgeist Movement Defined contents and preface.)

*Industrial government* tempered by full spectrum processes of representative and direct democracy for implementation of that industrial government puts each of us into capacity to direct human decision making and life decision making as self-governing processes now, and not merely as an eventual and theoretical projection.

Purposes and functions of the Social Commissions

Article 7, Section 3 of the Earth Constitution lists 28 Administrations of the Earth Federation. Of these world ministries, some are reflected by corresponding world district offices. At the world level, world ministry offices are filled by nomination and appointment from the World Parliament and the World Civil Service Administration.

For the Public Service Commission, the electorates of the five sub-districts, nearly equal in population, elect one officer (Co-Chair). This means that this Commission is headed by five Co-Chairs, who take turns presiding.

Chairs for other Social Commissions are elected at subdistrict level from within the membership of each respective commission, which means that these chairs are not subject to general election, but rather to the election by district residents who wish to participate in affairs of the respective Commission.

List of Social Commissions

Communications Commission (Translations & Language Interpretations, Accessibility Provisions, etc.) Single-Payer (Medical Commission) Trafficking*	Peoples Movement Assemblies (PMAs) Youth Veterans Seniors Nutrition / Agriculture Habitat and Settlements	Unions & Collective Bargaining Support Interfaith Commission Service Club Commission Other Social Sub-commissions to be determined
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\* Trafficking has been assessed as a particularly severe problem in World District 122.

Role of World Parliament University and  
Civil Service Certification for World District Positions

To qualify for the various employments that open with the world district, there has to be a sound and equitable process for qualifying employees for placement. The Earth Federation Institute will provide instruction (as World Parliament University - on-line), and will discuss with the Board of Education to provide the Civil Service with standards for the various positions. The Civil Service will assign certifications upon successful examination. World districts require the voluntary certification for

any elected or appointed offices of the world district. One of the world district services will be to provide contractual payment or part payment of students' fees. Student fees for the World Parliament University will be at cost, which will make them somewhat less expensive than private, for-profit, for-credit, degree colleges and universities.

World Parliament University will of necessity have faculty and student governments that operate in terms of democratic principles. Nominations for the House of Counsellors will take place by faculty and students, periodically in electoral windows, rather than on restrictive, exclusive dates

## Peoples Movement Assemblies

World Legislative Act Number 29 - the World Elections Act (2004) mandates Peoples Assemblies for identifying potential candidates for public office, without giving Peoples Assemblies an exclusive jurisdiction in this regard. Therefore the Peoples Assemblies form an integral part of the overall process of world district formation and operation. Here are some organizations for Peoples Assemblies in the Southeast of North America. World District 122 endorses these organizations, but our linkage and endorsement does not mean that these organizations have endorsed World District 122: Project South; Southern Movement; and Peoples Movement Assembly.

While forming your world district, it is important to look for peoples assemblies operating in your area or region. If there are none, then your world district can form its own in conformance with the Peoples Movement Assembly Handbook cited in the bibliography of this world district template, and on-line at <http://www.peoplesmovementassembly.org/>

## Full-Spectrum Nonviolent Resistance and the Chenoweth Threshold

Peace researchers have described numerous methods of advancing peaceful civilization. Dr. Erica Chenoweth has described a way to measure benchmarks in non-violent struggle for change to democratic government, by determining at what mathematical point a nonviolent campaign is apt to succeed. Since the world district is a nonviolent resistance strategy for democratic government, the world district can use nonviolent methods and the ***Chenoweth Threshold*** for targeting, predicting, achieving and measuring desirable outcomes.

Specifically, Erica Chenoweth examined all recorded cases of rebellion or revolution since 1900 involving more than 2000 participants. Struggles using nonviolent tactics were twice as likely to succeed as cases involving violent tactics. In nonviolent struggles that attained participation of 3.5% of the directly affected population (What we are taking the liberty to call the ***Chenoweth Threshold*** number), the nonviolent struggle was invariably successful. Nonviolent struggles were much more likely to have democratic outcomes.

A sense in which the Chenoweth Threshold gives us a benchmark is for us to consider that in the case of World District 122 (with a 75% age-of-majority distribution), 3.5% of the population is less than one-fifth of our quorum, and just slightly over one-third of a minimum-majority vote, but the 3.5% indicator is still a significant indication that the electoral process can move forward and succeed.

Find numerous references to full-spectrum nonviolent resistance at the end of the Resources Section of this World District Template.

Find Gene Sharp's 198 Methods of Nonviolent Action list on page 19 of this Template. These are actions that are generally considered forms of nonviolent resistance. These are generally allowed under the ***Earth Constitution***, world legislation and the administration of a world district.



# Shape of the Earth Federation

## How World Districts Form

The rainbow *Earth Federation icon* is good for showing simply the electoral form of the Earth Federation as a whole, and for the local world district structure:

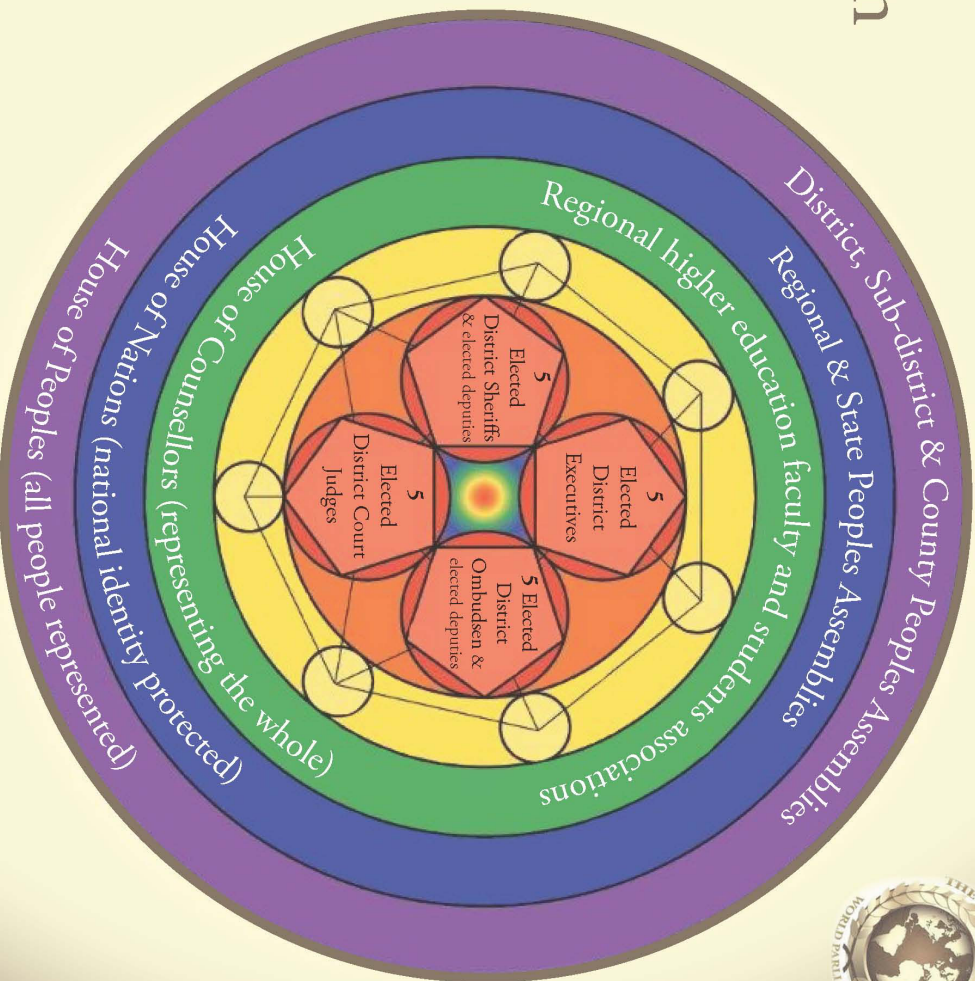
- 5 Elected District Executives;
- 5 Elected District Sheriffs & elected deputies;
- 5 Elected District Ombudsen & elected deputies;
- 5 Elected District Court Judges; and

7 district offices of the *Integrative Complex*, as filled by the World Civil Service Administration. The Integrative Complex is that part of the government that carries out the day-to-day functions that are shared across agencies: civil service, boundaries & elections, training, planning, assessment, finance and audit of world legislation. When feasible, the Integrative Complex shall fill district level civil service positions of the Integrative Complex by qualified local area residents.

As there is self-similarity between the structure of the Earth Federation at the global level as well as at the district level, we say that the overall structure has *fractal* expression. This is a common characteristic of self-organizing systems.

### World District Judicial Affairs

As a term of office for a world court judge is ten years (EC 9.4.3.), and as Earth Federation general elections are held every five years (EC 5.3.3.; 5.4.3.; & 5.5.6.), this means that 5 court judges are elected at each election, but that there will be (after the first five years) ten sitting world district court justices per district, unless the World Parliament specifically increases or decreases the number. At least three world judges shall preside any world district court case. (World Legislative Act #5, Article 10.) The World Parliament may elect from the pool of World District Judges those Judges to serve in the Regional World Courts or in the World Supreme Courts, in which case the World Parliament shall provide for by-elections to fill vacated seats at the world district level.





**Facing page (p.16):** Structure of a world district in terms of the non-hierarchical aspect. This general structure can begin to take form immediately, even before the first world district general elections. Upon successful completion of world district general elections, the world district form will be in very much the same structure, only there might be a significant change in who are the officers.

## World District Job Role Descriptions (Draft):

Interim World District jobs are volunteer positions in terms of current immediate budget. However, one objective of the World District Campaign is to raise adequate funds for paying salaries to all participants in the organizational process. The Executive Cabinet together with the chairs of the Interim World District Commissions shall confer together to determine priorities regarding any commencement of salaries to Interim World District officers, whether in canvassing, the Executive Cabinet or in the Commissions. It is recommended that personnel in the canvass category be among the first to draw salaries or wages, because of the fundamental importance of canvassers in the overall promotion of the World District and fulfillment of the initial general elections with *Earth Constitution* referendum.

Pages 1 through 3 provide a listing of jobs created by the World District.

Pages 4 through 12 provide a brief description of most jobs.

This file is a work in progress and will be further elaborated by the World Civil Service Administration at world district and other levels.

There are currently 12 pages of relatively brief job role descriptions in the unabridged version of the World District Template that is available as an .rtf file, on-line at [www.worldproblems.net](http://www.worldproblems.net) . additional 47 job role classifications that have not yet been described.

### Canvass category

(Canvass positions will re-open for 12 to 18 months about every five years, until and unless world district canvassing becomes ubiquitous by on-line automation. For at least the initial years, multiple positions will open until filled. Canvass officers may hold more than one position.) Personnel in the canvass category are among the first to draw salaries or wages, because canvassers are fundamentally important in the overall promotion of the World District and fulfillment of the initial general elections with *Earth Constitution* referendum:

### Interim World District & Standing Committee category

These are positions acquired by the commitment and initiative to fill and conduct the necessary business, together with appointment by the Interim District Executive Cabinet. For all Interim World District and Standing Committee posts (other than Advisor), one must be a resident of the district, be at least 18 years of age, affirm the *Earth Constitution* and take a pledge of service to humanity. For the Commission Chair positions, one shall be a resident of a respective sub-district of the World District. Additionally, there are in-service requirements for continuing education from the World Parliament University and corresponding certification processes with Civil Service examinations. Posts may be vacated for cause by the Interim Executive Cabinet, subject to appeal to the World District Judicial Commission, with decision according the majority of the five World District Judicial Commissioners or a World Supreme Court Bench best fitting the respective case.

**Peoples Assemblies category:**

Peoples Assemblies are public meetings that are of two primary categories: 1) Meetings planned and offered by the Interim World District open to the general public whether or not the attendees affirm the ***Earth Constitution***; and 2) Meetings planned and offered by the Interim World District open to those of the general public who affirm the ***Earth Constitution***. At the World District or Sub-district level, the Executive Cabinet of the Interim World District may decide the type of meeting in this respect that is to be offered.

These posts for Peoples Assemblies may be designated by contract with the Interim World District Executive Cabinet. Contracts can bring in events companies who subcontract employees. For contracts, the contractors, contractors' employees and sub-contractors shall affirm the ***Earth Constitution*** and take a pledge of service to humanity.

**General Electoral category:**

Terms of office for general elections posts are all five years, except for MP of House of Counsellors and World District Judges, who each have terms of ten years. All candidates shall affirm the ***Earth Constitution*** and take a pledge of service to humanity. Eligibility for candidacy includes examination process regarding the office for which candidacy is sought. Officers elected through general elections are government officials of the Earth Federation subject to Earth Constitutional limits and the limits of the world legislation. Officers are expected to be well familiar with the ***Earth Constitution*** and to perform in conformance to these documents. Government elected officers shall hold no other position during term of office, except that MPs may also serve on the Global Executive Cabinet and Global Integrative Complex if so elected / appointed.

**Appointive Offices:**

Appointive offices of the Elected World District must meet civil service requirements. Prior or current satisfactory service for Interim World District & Standing Committee or Canvassing is a plus. Must affirm ***Earth Constitution*** and take a pledge of service to humanity. Some appointments are administratively elected by the District.

**District Commissions with Sub-commission Listings**

(Below is a non-exhaustive list of functional sub-commissions. Most commissions and sub-commissions will also have sub-district level meetings, so there can be sub-district sub-commissions that receive assignments or report to their respective sub-districts and commissioners. Participation bases on competencies, member interest & world district needs.)

**Law Commissions (Standing Committees - 3)****Enforcement Commission**

- Sub-commission World Sheriff Office (World equity judgments, Follow-up for World Court criminal case judgments)
- Sub-commission Security / Safety Office
- Sub-commission World Police (World District Internal Enforcement)
- Sub-commission Local / State Liaison
- Sub-commission Enforcement Internal Affairs
- Sub-commission Conflict Resolution

**Human Rights Commission**

- Sub-commission Human Trafficking
- Sub-commission Transmigrations
- Sub-commission Local / State Liaison
- Sub-commission Quality Audit & World District Internal Affairs
- Sub-commission Jury Process

**Judicial Commission**

- Sub-commission Local / State Liaison;
- Sub-commission Public Hearings; Subcommission Mediation
- Sub-commission Administrative Hearings (between parties affirming Earth Constitution, in cases of disputes among World District 122 offices or agencies requiring trial)
- Sub-commission Public Bench (between parties affirming Earth Constitution, and World District 122 offices or agencies requiring trial)
- Sub-commission Civil Case Bench (between parties affirming Earth Constitution, in cases of world civil disputes requiring trial)
- Sub-commission Criminal Case Bench (between parties affirming Earth Constitution, in cases of world criminal case actions)
- Sub-commission Human Rights Bench (in cases where prosecution is not seeking criminal code sentencing but rather merely reconciliation, and in cases where no *ex post facto* rule precludes civil or criminal penalties)
- Sub-commission Arraignments; Sub-commission Juvenile Affairs
- Subcommission Court Clerk
- Subcommission Bailiffs

**Integrative Commissions (Standing Committees - 7)****Civil Service Commission**

- Sub-commission Certification
- Sub-commission Employment
- Sub-commission Payroll
- Sub-commission Internal Discipline

**Elections & Boundaries Commission**

- Sub-commission Canvass
- Sub-commission Polling
- Sub-commission Census & Mapping
- Sub-commission Nominating Candidates
- Sub-commission Ratification
- Sub-commission District Peoples Assembly, Sub-District Peoples Assemblies, Regional Peoples Assembly

**Board of Education**

- WPU Liaison
- District University Outreach
- Local Training Oversight (Canvass, Polling, etc.)
- In-Service Program

**Planning Commission**

Planning Sub-commission Commission Liaisons  
 Planning Sub-commission Polling  
 Planning Sub-commission Legal Services  
 Planning Sub-commission Special Projects

**Assessment Commission**

Assessment Sub-commission Commission Liaisons  
 Assessment Sub-commission Legal Services  
 Assessment Sub-commission Polling  
 Assessment Sub-commission Special Projects

**Finance Commission**

Sub-commission Comptroller General  
 Sub-commission Local / State Liaison, Bonding, Development  
 Sub-commission WD122 Credit Union , Comptroller Currency  
 Sub-commission Mint & Print / Manna Project, Comptroller Currency  
 Sub-commission Revenue  
 Sub-commission Payroll

**Legislative Review Commission**

Sub-commission Local / State Liaison  
 Sub-commission WD122 Internal Recommendations  
 Sub-commission Plebiscite, Initiative & Referendum Wordings

**Social Commissions** (Standing Committees - Indeterminate number)

<b>World Public Services Commission</b> <b>Communications Commission</b> <b>Language (Translations, etc.)</b> <b>Single-Payer (Medical Commission)</b>	<b>Peoples Movement Assemblies</b> <b>Youth</b> <b>Veterans</b> <b>Senior</b> <b>Nutrition / Agriculture</b> <b>Trafficking</b>	<b>Collective Bargaining</b> <b>Interfaith Commission</b> <b>Service Club Commission</b> <b>Habitat &amp; Housing</b> Others to be determined
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**Following pages:**

**Page 19.** In 1973, Gene Sharp researched and catalogued ***198 Methods of Nonviolent Action***, for strengthening and informing any campaign for full spectrum nonviolent action. The formation and operation of the world districts can in many senses be conceived as an implementation of many of the 198 Methods.

**Page 20.** The World District Template Flowchart shows how a world district organizes in terms of processes and decisions. Careful study of this flowchart brings perspective to an understanding of the necessary steps in formation of the world district.

# 198 METHODS OF NONVIOLENT ACTION

## PROTEST AND PERSUASION

### *Formal Statements*

1. Public Speeches
2. Letters of opposition or support
3. Declarations by organizations and institutions
4. Signed public statements
5. Declarations of indictment and intention
6. Group or mass petitions

### *Communications with a Wider Audience*

7. Slogans, caricatures, and symbols
8. Banners, posters, displayed communications
9. Leaflets, pamphlets, and books
10. Newspapers and journals
11. Records, radio, and television
12. Skywriting and earthwriting

### *Group Representations*

13. Deputations
14. Mock awards
15. Group lobbying
16. Picketing
17. Mock elections

### *Symbolic Public Acts*

18. Displays of flags and symbolic colors
19. Wearing of symbols
20. Prayer and worship
21. Delivering symbolic objects
22. Protest disrobings
23. Destruction of own property
24. Symbolic lights
25. Displays of portraits
26. Paint as protest
27. New signs and names
28. Symbolic sounds
29. Symbolic reclamations
30. Rude gestures

### *Pressures on Individuals*

31. "Haunting" officials
32. Taunting officials
33. Fraternization
34. Vigils

### *Drama and Music*

35. Humorous skits and pranks
36. Performances of plays and music
37. Singing

### *Processions*

38. Marches
39. Parades
40. Religious processions
41. Pilgrimages
42. Motorcades

### *Honoring the Dead*

43. Political mourning
44. Mock funerals
45. Demonstrative funerals
46. Homage at burial places

### *Public Assemblies*

47. Assemblies of protest or support
48. Protest meetings
49. Camouflaged meetings of protest
50. Teach-ins

### *Withdrawal and Renunciation*

51. Walk-outs
52. Silence
53. Renouncing honors
54. Turning one's back

## SOCIAL NONCOOPERATION

### *Ostracism of Persons*

55. Social boycott
56. Selective social boycott
57. Lysistratic nonaction
58. Excommunication
59. Interdict

### *Noncooperation with Social Events, Customs, and Institutions*

60. Suspension of social and sports activities
61. Boycott of social affairs
62. Student strike
63. Social disobedience
64. Withdrawal from social institutions

### *Withdrawal from the Social System*

65. Stay-at-home
66. Total personal noncooperation
67. "Flight" of workers

68. Sanctuary
69. Collective disappearance
70. Protest emigration

## ECONOMIC NONCOOPERATION: ECONOMIC BOYCOTTS

### *Actions by Consumers*

71. Consumers' boycott
72. Nonconsumption of boycotted goods
73. Policy of austerity
74. Rent withholding
75. Refusal to rent
76. National consumers' boycott
77. International consumers' boycott

### *Action by Workers and Producers*

78. Workmen's boycott
79. Producers' boycott

### *Action by Middlemen*

80. Suppliers' and handlers' boycott

### *Action by Owners and Management*

81. Traders' boycott
82. Refusal to let or sell property
83. Lockout
84. Refusal of industrial assistance
85. Merchants' "general strike"

### *Action by Holders of Financial Resources*

86. Withdrawal of bank deposits
87. Refusal to pay fees, dues, and assessments
88. Refusal to pay debts or interest
89. Severance of funds and credit
90. Revenue refusal
91. Refusal of a government's money

### *Action by Governments*

92. Domestic embargo
93. Blacklisting of traders
94. International sellers' embargo
95. International buyers' embargo
96. International trade embargo

## ECONOMIC NONCOOPERATION: THE STRIKE

### *Symbolic Strikes*

97. Protest strike
98. Quickie walkout (lightning strike)

### *Agricultural Strikes*

99. Peasant strike
100. Farm Workers' strike

### *Strikes by Special Groups*

101. Refusal of impressed labor
102. Prisoners' strike
103. Craft strike
104. Professional strike

### *Ordinary Industrial Strikes*

105. Establishment strike
106. Industry strike
107. Sympathetic strike

### *Restricted Strikes*

108. Detailed strike
109. Bumper strike
110. Slowdown strike
111. Working-to-rule strike
112. Reporting "sick" (sick-in)
113. Strike by resignation
114. Limited strike
115. Selective strike

### *Multi-Industry Strikes*

116. Generalized strike
117. General strike

### *Combination of Strikes and Economic Closures*

118. Hartal
119. Economic shutdown

## POLITICAL NONCOOPERATION

### *Rejection of Authority*

120. Withholding or withdrawal of allegiance
121. Refusal of public support
122. Literature and speeches advocating resistance

### *Citizens' Noncooperation with Government*

123. Boycott of legislative bodies
124. Boycott of elections

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125. Boycott of government employment and positions
126. Boycott of government depts., agencies, and other bodies
127. Withdrawal from government educational institutions
128. Boycott of government-supported organizations
129. Refusal of assistance to enforcement agents
130. Removal of own signs and placemarks
131. Refusal to accept appointed officials
132. Refusal to dissolve existing institutions

### *Citizens' Alternatives to Obedience*

133. Reluctant and slow compliance
134. Nonobedience in absence of direct supervision
135. Popular nonobedience
136. Disguised disobedience
137. Refusal of an assemblage or meeting to disperse
138. Sitdown
139. Noncooperation with conscription and deportation
140. Hiding, escape, and false identities
141. Civil disobedience of "illegitimate" laws

### *Action by Government Personnel*

142. Selective refusal of assistance by government aides
143. Blocking of lines of command and information
144. Stalling and obstruction
145. General administrative noncooperation
146. Judicial noncooperation
147. Deliberate inefficiency and selective noncooperation by enforcement agents
148. Mutiny

### *Domestic Governmental Action*

149. Quasi-legal evasions and delays
150. Noncooperation by constituent governmental units

### *International Governmental Action*

151. Changes in diplomatic and other representations
152. Delay and cancellation of diplomatic events
153. Withholding of diplomatic recognition
154. Severance of diplomatic relations
155. Withdrawal from international organizations
156. Refusal of membership in international bodies
157. Expulsion from international organizations

## NONVIOLENT INTERVENTION

### *Psychological Intervention*

158. Self-exposure to the elements
159. The fast
  - a) Fast of moral pressure
  - b) Hunger strike
  - c) Satyagrahic fast
160. Reverse trial
161. Nonviolent harassment

### *Physical Intervention*

162. Sit-in
163. Stand-in
164. Ride-in
165. Wade-in
166. Mill-in
167. Pray-in
168. Nonviolent raids
169. Nonviolent air raids
170. Nonviolent invasion
171. Nonviolent interjection
172. Nonviolent obstruction
173. Nonviolent occupation

### *Social Intervention*

174. Establishing new social patterns
175. Overloading of facilities
176. Stall-in
177. Speak-in
178. Guerrilla theater
179. Alternative social institutions
180. Alternative communication system

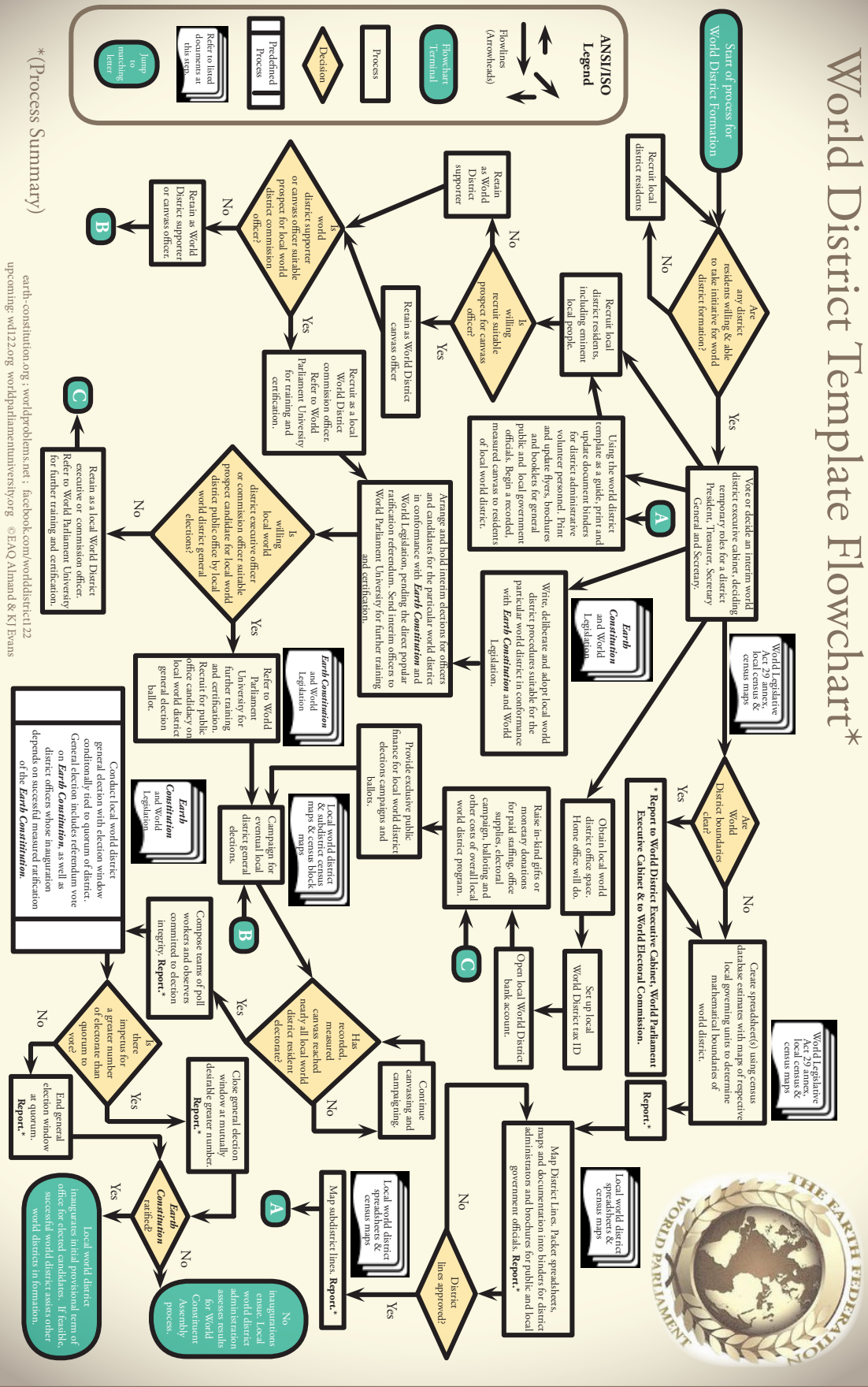
### *Economic Intervention*

181. Reverse strike
182. Stay-in strike
183. Nonviolent land seizure
184. Defiance of blockades
185. Politically motivated counterfeiting
186. Preclusive purchasing
187. Seizure of assets
188. Dumping
189. Selective patronage
190. Alternative markets
191. Alternative transportation systems
192. Alternative economic institutions

### *Political Intervention*

193. Overloading of administrative systems
194. Disclosing identities of secret agents
195. Seeking imprisonment
196. Civil disobedience of "neutral" laws
197. Work-on without collaboration
198. Dual sovereignty and parallel government







# Cooperative Details Section

What is a cooperative business? (What is a Co-op?)

Basically, a cooperative business (a business cooperative, a cooperative enterprise, or simply a cooperative, all with or without hyphenation) is a company that is owned and governed by its employees, or by those who purchase the product or the service of the cooperative. Therefore in a cooperative, there are (ideally) no outside investors with motive to externalize costs of the business. Value thereby remains with the producers of the value. In a cooperative, there is not member voice weighted by disparate capital investment. Instead, the enterprise is operated on the principle of *one member, one vote* rule.

A world district is a multi-stakeholder social cooperative, which means that there are different groups, individuals and entities with an interest in the success of the cooperative. As a social cooperative, this means that the created value is largely in services. There are various levels of members, not all with the same voice. Ultimately, the adult residents of the world district have the strongest voice in the district. However, other world districts have a voice that might influence the world district. Other cooperative businesses might influence the world district. Polling and participation of youth (14 - 17 years of age) may have influence in the district. World legislation and Earth Federation officials from other levels of jurisdiction have definite influence in the world district. Finally, elected world district officials and employed world district civil servants each will have a voice and role in the day-to-day operation of the district.

The International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) is a worldwide association of cooperatives, which world districts can join. Inform them of your plans to start a world district cooperative. Register with ICA as soon as you have registered with your State government. After general elections are successful, register your world district as a co-operative government.

Although labor unions and collective bargaining organizations are not in themselves cooperative businesses in every respect, in some respects they are. These organizations represent a significant portion of the electorate, and so they have an important role in the creation of the World District. Unions and Collective Bargaining Units in Georgia, (North America) can be found here:

[http://www.worldproblems.net/english/world\\_district\\_template/coops/georgia-labor-unions.html](http://www.worldproblems.net/english/world_district_template/coops/georgia-labor-unions.html)

Co-ordination with other co-operative businesses and with other world districts is a key to world district success. World districts are not competing with cooperatives, but rather are performing a new and supplemental service in which we can help them and they can help us by coordinating our efforts and providing mutual aid.

During the approximately 175 years since the beginnings of cooperative businesses, the cooperative portion of business enterprises has grown such that today at least 12% of all people globally are a member of a cooperative, and there are about 3 million cooperative businesses worldwide. As cooperative businesses tend to have greater stability than other forms of business, the number of cooperative businesses tends to grow.

Georgia has 41 Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs). World Districts 122 and 124 will need to work with these cooperatives to help bring safer, more environmentally friendly utility services to Georgia, without externalizing costs to others. According to the *Earth Constitution*, the Earth Federation is responsible for the perpetual guardianship of nuclear production sites. Cooperative EMCs in Georgia are firmly bound into the nuclear investment, and so there has to be a cooperative relation of perpetual care for nuclear sites since logically the destiny and intention of profit is to abandon the sites during the upcoming several years.

## Brief Commentary on Cooperative Principles: Earth Federation and World Districts Promote and Guarantee the Rochdale Principles

The seven Rochdale Cooperative Principles are guidelines by which business cooperatives put their values into practice. The Earth Federation and World Districts are bound by these principles.

### 1. Voluntary and Open Membership

*"Cooperatives are voluntary organisations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination."* Likewise, the world districts and the Earth Federation are founded upon the principle of voluntary association, and open to all. Still, like all cooperative associations, there are responsibilities of membership, to prevent abuse by those who transgress the first principles of the association.

### 2. Democratic Member Control

*"Cooperatives are democratic organisations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions. Men and women serving as elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are also organised in a democratic manner."* In the Earth Federation, all residents have certain rights spelled out in the *Earth Constitution* and in World Legislation. Earth Federation explicitly constitutes from both direct democratic and representative democratic processes. At world district levels and levels above, representative decisions can be made, but they are tempered by the concomitant world constitutional guarantee of direct democracy through referendum and initiative processes from local right up through the world level.

### 3. Member Economic Participation

*"Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing their cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership."* The Earth Federation is constituted to end poverty. Finance in the Earth Federation is regulated to reduce economic disparity. All residents have a voice regarding income levels, including income levels of representative officers of the Earth Federation. The natural capital of the Earth Federation—those aspects of the Earth and biosphere that were not created by individual endeavor, are reserved in the Earth Federation to be protected and equitably enjoyed, without discrimination: Earth's water, Earth's air, the electromagnetic spectrum, the minerals of the Earth, and a social monetary system that is non-exploitative and conducive to civil living.

## 4. Autonomy and Independence

***"Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organisations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organisations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy."*** The ***Earth Constitution*** has provisions for the perpetual empowerment of the civilians of the Earth through the World Electoral and Administrative Districts (the 1000 world districts). The ***Earth Constitution*** guarantees equitable economic relations in that protections applicable to one world district are applicable to all districts, so we are no longer faced with the conundrums of international free riders and internationally disenfranchised victims. We are all human beings guaranteed equal protection under the laws of the Earth Federation. Under the ***Earth Constitution***, residents of the local world district have continuous recourse to local administration of the world law, with locally elected administrators of the world federal commonwealth, and transparent separation of powers to keep elected and appointed officers in compliance with democratically enacted laws under clear constitutional limits.

## 5. Education, Training, and Information

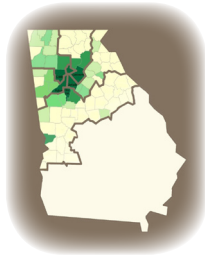
***"Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their co-operatives. They inform the general public—particularly young people and opinion leaders - about the nature and benefits of co-operation."*** The Earth Federation and world districts are no different. Universal education has been established as a primary value. This is being addressed from the beginning, with provisions to train the civil residents of our cooperative association in all aspects of what is necessary for civil self-government at both the planetary and local level.

## 6. Cooperation among Cooperatives

***"Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures."*** The World Districts cooperate with the world federal structures set up by the ***Earth Constitution*** to coordinate activity among the world districts. However, the world districts and the Earth Federation as a whole have a mandate to coordinate and cooperate with the cooperatives of Earth and with the various federations of cooperatives through the Cooperative Communities Empowerment Act, adopted by the Provisional World Parliament meeting at Lucknow in 2013.

## 7. Concern for Community

***"Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies approved by their members."*** A pressing first task of the world district is to seek regenerative development for our residents through building, deliberating and adopting civil systems for measured electoral approval of self-government in our world districts. We are not replacing the local, state and continental governing systems that are already in place. Rather, we are supplementing those systems with additional self-integrating and equitable electoral processes.



## North Georgia World District 122

# What is the *Cooperative Communities Empowerment Act*?

The *Earth Constitution* was democratically elaborated over a period between 1958 and 1991 through an open and voluntary world constituent process. The *Earth Constitution* has provisions for the people of Earth to unite through 1000 cooperative world districts, equal in population within the limits of  $\pm 10\%$ , to promote self-government, humanity, freedom, equal rights protection under the law & economic equity locally and worldwide. North Georgia World District 122 is one of these 1000 cooperative world districts.

The *Earth Constitution* makes provision for a Provisional World Parliament to deliberate and adopt provisional world legislation during the interim period before the people of the world discover the *Earth Constitution*. In 2013, the Provisional World Parliament adopted the Cooperative Communities Empowerment Act. This world legislation is an important basis for the development of World District 122 and cooperatives generally.

### World Legislative Act Number 63

## The Cooperative Communities Empowerment Act

Whereas, the ecological integrity and sustainable productivity of the Earth need to be restored in very many places around the world,

And whereas, the sense of community, brotherhood, and the spirit of working together for a common purpose needs to be promoted around the world,

And whereas, cooperative communities dedicated to sustainable, organic, and participatory management of the social, economic, and biological conditions of life have been known to be very successful in accomplishing these goals in many locations around the world,

And whereas, the world badly needs to move beyond exploitative capitalism and its evil sister, militarism, to economic and security arrangements based on human civility, brotherhood, democratic governance, community spirit, and mutual respect,

And whereas, it is widely known that effective environmental policies and social programs require working cooperatively with local populations in terms of their traditions, values, and forms of social organization,

And whereas, the Earth Federation seeks to unite humanity into the unity in diversity of many cooperative communities, cultures, regions, and nations living with freedom and peace upon the Earth,

**We delegates of this 13th session of the Provisional World Parliament, meeting in Lucknow, India in December 2013, do hereby enact this Alternative (Cooperative) Community Empowerment Act.**

#### 1. Implementation under the *Earth Constitution*.

**1.1.** Agencies of the Earth Federation shall promote the formation, organization, and successful operation of alternative communities such as ecovillages, permaculture projects, and cooperative trading arrangements whenever possible. If human and material resources are available, agencies may establish a commission or agency for this purpose.

**1.2.** Upon initial ratification of the *Earth Constitution* and activation of the first operative stage of the Earth Federation Government, the Department of Habitats and Settlements (*Earth Constitution*, Article 7.3.8) shall establish an **Agency for Cooperative Communities (ACC)** to facilitate and empower the creation of successful alternative and cooperative communities within the Earth Federation.



## 2. Functions of the ACC.

**2.1.** The Agency for Cooperative Communities shall cooperate with the departments of Food and Agriculture, Population, Health and Nutrition, Education, Cultural Diversity and the Arts, Economic & Social Development and any other organizations or departments of the Earth Federation necessary for facilitating, empowering, and making possible the legitimate and legal establishment of people working together cooperatively to provide for themselves and their children all the basic necessities of life in a sustainable, non-polluting, and efficient manner.

**2.2.** The Agency for Cooperative Communities (ACC) shall interact with leaders of existing alternative communities seeking wisdom, advice, and information concerning the successes as well as the difficulties in various forms of cooperative and alternative communities. ACC may recruit knowledgeable and experienced persons to help new communities establish themselves and successfully develop into permanent sustainable projects.

**2.3.** The ACC shall create on-line resources about how to establish and successfully operate cooperatives and other alternative communities, outlining a variety of organizational, economic, agricultural, and energy use arrangements optimal for certain cultures and/or certain geographic locations.

**2.4.** The ACC shall cooperate with the Collegium of World Legislators, the Institute on Governmental Procedures and World Problems, and the Agency for Research and Planning for educating World Legislators from the World Parliament Concerning how legislators can understand, support, and empower the development of cooperative communities within respective districts.

**2.5.** The ACC shall cooperate with the Emergency Earth Rescue Administration (EERA) using the knowledge and policies developed by the EERA to interface and work with local cultural traditions and values, to empower local communities to develop clear ideas concerning sustainability and repair of ecosystems and to work cooperatively to build sustainable local communities.

**2.6.** The ACC shall work with the World Service Corps in recruiting local people into the projects of eliminating poverty in communities, removing pollution, providing basic needs and services to all,

developing low cost and effective health-care systems. The World Service Corps, if filtered through local systems, cultures and values, can be an effective tool in promoting sustainable cooperative communities of many varieties among the peoples of Earth.

**2.7.** The ACC shall work with the Earth Financial Administration to set up economic arrangements that support the development of cooperative communities in the forms of seed grants, low-cost loans, accounting arrangements, dedicated debit cards, or other measures that facilitate and empower the development and successful functioning of such communities.

## 3. Funding for the Agency for Cooperative Communities (ACC).

The World Parliament establishes a supplemental fund and budget within the Department of Habitats and Settlements. The Agency for Cooperative Communities shall report annually to the Department of Habitats and Settlements concerning ACC activities, successes, and failures in relation to ACC budget, and resubmit its budget request each year. The ACC budget is a separate item within the Budget of the Habitats and Settlements Department.

**4.** The Minister for the Department of Habitats and Settlements shall annually submit a report and a detailed overall budget to the World Parliament for approval.

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Adopted 15 December 2013

Attested: Eugenia Almand, JD, Secretary



# Registration, Incorporation and Bylaws

An important part of the World District Template that could not be completed in time for this first edition of the ***World District Template, Abridged*** is the registration (articles of incorporation and bylaws). For World District 122, this is in process and not yet reviewed by a Georgia licensed attorney. Each World District has to draft its own bylaws that are in conformance with the ***Earth Constitution*** and world legislation, but which are also in conformance with internationally recognized norms for business cooperatives and with respective state (national) laws for co-operative businesses in the geo-political area of the respective district. These laws vary from state to state and from country to country. As part of your world district structure, you will want to recruit multiple attorneys/advocates/barristers licensed for the area of your world district (eventually at least fifteen -- three for each of your five sub-districts). Have your available attorneys review the articles of incorporation and bylaws thoroughly before submission for incorporation/state registration. To avoid legal conflict, the bylaws for your world district cooperative shall properly include annexes of the ***Earth Constitution***, the Procedure for the World Constituent Assembly and at least excerpts of the World District Code (q.v.) of adopted world legislation of the Provisional World Parliament.

Why are the matters of registration being brought up in the Cooperative Details Section and not in the Structure and Function section of the World District Template? The reason is because the cooperative nature of the world district has to be embedded thoroughly in the registration itself. It should be clear to anyone reading your articles of incorporation and bylaws that the world district is a **cooperative** enterprise. The wording of the articles of incorporation and the bylaws shall be such that there is clarity that the world district is required to operate in conformance with the cooperative principles, even though the particular world district might not be allowed by the local, regional (state or “national”) governments to use the words “cooperative”, “co-op”, “world” or “district” in the name of your cooperative business.

The drafts of the North Georgia World District 122 Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws will be posted as a draft with a link at [http://www.worldproblems.net/english/world\\_district\\_template/world\\_district\\_template.html](http://www.worldproblems.net/english/world_district_template/world_district_template.html)

Additionally, there are numerous excellent resources on-line for instructions and tips for forming and operating business cooperatives. See the Resources and Bibliography sections toward the end of this booklet.

## How to deal with government censorship lists

How to deal with government censorship lists and the incorporation or registry of your world district: Around the world, various governments or government officials prohibit free speech in various ways. These generally arbitrary prohibitions are a violation of the principles of democracy and free association. As an example, although the State of Georgia has about 300 legally state-registered business cooperatives, the word “***Cooperative***” or “***Co-op***” is not permitted in the name unless the cooperative is an ***agricultural*** cooperative, in spite of the fact that numerous other kinds of cooperatives are customarily recognized to exist and be permitted registration.

We do not know precisely what to do regarding these largely arbitrary restrictions, except for each of us to consider the available options in full spectrum nonviolent resistance. Please keep in mind that if we have to circumlocute to success, that the essence of the world district is not in its registered name, but in the structure of the articles of incorporation, the bylaws, and the annexes of your world district.

Remember: “*A rose by any other name will still smell as sweet.*”





*“You must have a flaming moral purpose so that greed, oppression and exploitation shrivel before the fire in you.”*

— Shrii Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar

## Progressive Utilization Theory

Progressive Utilization Theory (PROUT) developed largely by Prabhat R. Sarkar, shares many similarities with the Earth Federation and the world districts. However, there are a few areas of substantial difference. For one, there is no Earth Federation military force, and will not be, because the nonmilitary Enforcement System is designed to obviate military necessity and military capacity. For another matter, while PROUT ends international trade, Earth Federation only disincentivizes intercontinental trade by non-tariff regulation, and by removing military subsidies and profit motive. Some in PROUT say that the largest coop should not have more than 500 members. Though the world districts will certainly start out with relatively small staffs, the world’s largest and most successful co-op Mondragon, with nearly 80,000 members, is still smaller than our vision for the eventual world district co-op, which we envision as eventually being the district areas’ top employer. There might be additional ways in which PROUT varies. However, the similarities, we think, may greatly outweigh the differences. One of the similarities is in the promotion of cooperative businesses. We believe it will be helpful to befriend, dialogue with, and if possible recruit people who are familiar with PROUT, as their knowledge of cooperative business and their policy position of democratic world government is in keeping with our work for Earth Federation.

More info at [www.prout.org](http://www.prout.org) and [www.proutglobe.org](http://www.proutglobe.org) and [www.proutinstitute.org](http://www.proutinstitute.org)



# World District Financial Section

## Fundraising

### Reprise: What is a world district?

Briefly, a World District is a geographically-circumscribed, multi-stakeholder ***social cooperative business*** founded under the guidelines of the ***Earth Constitution*** and pertinent World Legislation for providing essential legal services, security services and supplemental electoral opportunities to an approximate 7.8 million residents of the World District. The World District provides a means for the general public to temper and rein the power of the Earth Federation through widespread, continuous and meaningful participation.

Upon successful ratification of the ***Earth Constitution*** via the direct popular referendum of Article 17.1 of the ***Earth Constitution***, your world district will also be providing significant financial services, at cost, to the residents of your world district. These services are defined at length in numerous world legislative acts of the Provisional World Parliament: #2, #7, #11, #38, #40, #42, & #51.

### How and why should you or anyone fund to start a world district?

For world districts to work in the Earth Federation, there have to be some clear and immediate improvement or advantage to the participants. We do not sell the world district by harping to our prospective donors on the world district ***needs***. Instead, we must emphasize the economic benefits of the world district organization to the population being served (residents of the world district). Here are some direct fiscal benefits of a world district, ***in addition to*** the legal services, security services, and supplemental electoral services that the world district provides:

### Fiscal Benefits to World District Resident Members

- 1) Manna Promotional Dividend (World District campaign will engage in Manna sign-ups as part of canvassing / promotional campaigns.)
- 2) Local job creation with salaries in an already-existing, locally recognized monetary system (in North Georgia World District 122, using **United States dollars** credit and currency) particularly for those world district residents giving legal services, canvassing services and security services, but ultimately for any contributions of labor.
- 3) World District cooperative resident member dividends. District dividends are payable only to district residents after successful first general elections, or to district members before general elections.
- 4) Distribution of ***scrip*** as portion of services rendered by world district residents. Scrip is cash as part of the credit and currency system defined in world legislation, particularly acts 11 and 22.
- 5) Registry of labor performed as accumulating personal, survivable credit, for any payments not received in scrip, salaries or bonds.
- 7) World District provision of financial aid for world district resident tuition and registration fees in World Parliament University.
- 6) Eventually (upon Earth Federation attainment of the first operative stage of Earth Federation when 25 countries or 100 world districts have acceded to the ***Earth Constitution***), dividends distributed by remittances to world district resident members from corporations or governmental services which will have contributed to a ratified ***Earth Constitution***, and where the resident is or was an employee, in accordance with the Costs of Ratification provision of Article 17.6. of the ***Earth Constitution***.

- 7) Additionally, there is an indirect benefit of state and local governments' credit availability through various Earth Federation bond and security issues already outlined in world legislation.

Now we know HOW and WHY world district residents socially and financially benefit from the World District. Let us understand, Where will the financing and funding come from to initiate and operate the world district?

## Sources of Funding to World District

Sources are not pre-guaranteed, but require personal interaction, networking, agreements, grant-writing, contracts, and regular tending:

### **Early sources (initial sources, soon after incorporation, aiming before end of 2020)**

- 1) Georgia Foundation Services
- 2) Georgia union locals and collective bargaining units contributions
- 3) Funds beyond State of Georgia which include Georgia as a possible recipient location
- 4) Affluent World District 122 residents or other Georgians who affirm the ***Earth Constitution*** and agree to Sponsor World District without requiring specific candidates, specific legislative priorities or special weighting in their support
- 5) Non-affluent World District 122 residents or other Georgians who can afford it, and who wish to contribute, particularly through canvassing and other face-to-face contact and promotion
- 6) Georgia Electric Membership Corporations contributions
- 7) Georgia Credit Unions contributions
- 8) Affluent individuals from anywhere who affirm the ***Earth Constitution*** and agree to sponsor world district without requiring specific candidates, specific legislative priorities or special weighting in their support
- 9) Direct income from legal services to members affirming ***Earth Constitution***
- 10) Direct income from security services to members affirming the ***Earth Constitution***
- 11) Scrip from funding appropriations by the World Parliament and World Financial Administration

### **Intermediate sources (after first general elections, aiming before end of 2022)**

- 1) Contributors to an Earth Federation Funding Corporation
- 2) Direct income from legal services to members affirming ***Earth Constitution***
- 3) Direct income from security services to members affirming the ***Earth Constitution***
- 4) Georgia Electric Membership Corporations contributions
- 5) Georgia Credit Unions contributions
- 6) Funds beyond State of Georgia which include Georgia as a possible recipient location
- 7) Affluent World District 122 residents or other Georgians who affirm the ***Earth Constitution*** and agree to Sponsor World District without requiring specific candidates, specific legislative priorities or special weighting in their support
- 8) Georgia union locals and collective bargaining units contributions
- 9) Income from bond and security issues: fee on Earth Federation Indemnity Bonds, credit from Earth Bonds
- 10) Scrip from funding appropriations by the World Parliament and World Financial Administration



## Eventual sources (after beginning of first operative stage of Earth Federation, aiming before 2025)

- 1) Earned credit in the Earth Financial Credit Corporation
- 2) Usage fees (charges on use of exhaustible natural resources of the world district or of Earth)
- 3) World District level rents (charges on use of non-exhaustible resources, such as radio frequencies and land)
- 4) Georgia Electric Membership Corporations contributions
- 5) Georgia Credit Unions contributions
- 6) Georgia Union Locals and Collective Bargaining Units
- 7) Direct income from legal services to members affirming the *Earth Constitution*
- 8) Direct income from security services to members affirming the *Earth Constitution*
- 9) Direct income from financial services to members affirming the *Earth Constitution*
- 10) Income from bond and security issues:
  - credit from Earth Bonds,
  - fee on Earth Federation Indemnity Bonds, fee on World Federally Guaranteed Municipal Bonds,
  - fee on Guaranteed Municipal Improvement Certificates,
  - World Federally Guaranteed State Bonds, World Federally Guaranteed State Improvement Certificates,
  - fee on Borrower Certified Credit Default Insurance,
  - fee on World Federally Guaranteed Local Government Bonds (to counties),
  - fee on World Federally Guaranteed Local Government Improvement Certificates (to counties).
- 11) Scrip from funding appropriations by the World Parliament and World Financial Administration

## Brief Guidelines for World District Fundraising

Here is a general guide for the **start-up** of world districts in the United States. World district start-ups might operate in a somewhat similar way outside the United States:

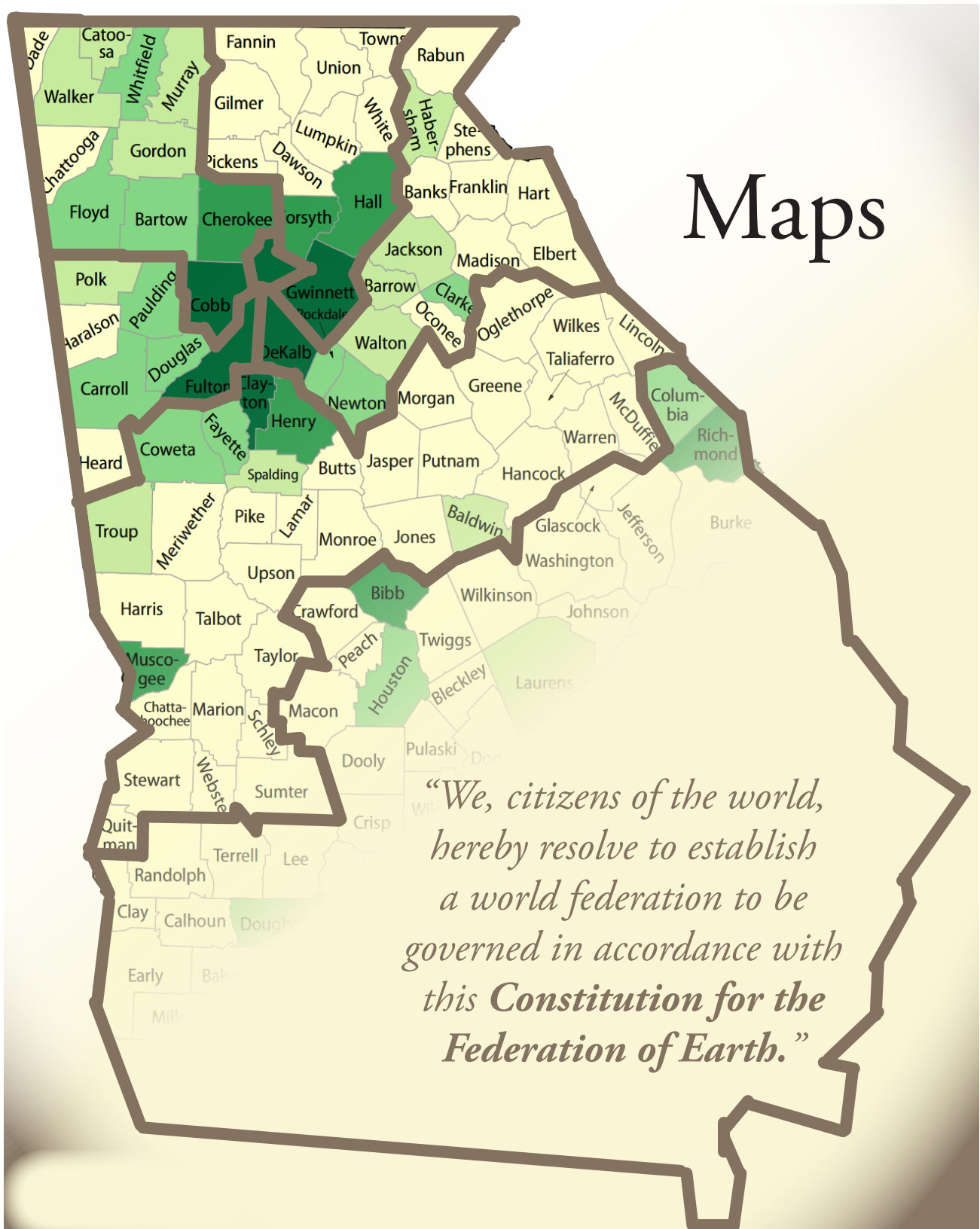
- 1) To initiate the process of world district formation, form a steering committee of adult volunteers who are residents of your world district;
- 2) Determine your unique world district number and map area, and vote upon a unique world district name;
- 3) Secure an office or home office address;
- 4) Apply for a federal taxpayer identification number;
- 5) With address and federal taxpayer ID, open a bank account;
- 6) Register with the franchise tax board of the county of your world district office address;
- 7) Among steering committee members, decide upon initial draft for articles of incorporation and bylaws;
- 8) Secure attorney review and finalization of drafts for articles of incorporation and bylaws, with vote of approval from the steering committee; and
- 9) Register your world district cooperative with your state government.

No later than upon registration, your district steering committee and participants should nominate, deliberate and elect interim world district officers. Before any general elections of your district, interim officers should have short terms--of perhaps one or two years, but open to consecutive terms if all is well. You, together with your steering committee, then do the following, if not already done:

- 1) Create a list of goals, costs and preliminary budgets of your world district for the next several years;
- 2) Create flowchart for your World District Fundraising;
- 3) Create a list of Contact & Data List of Primary Granting Foundations serving your area, with abridged foci and instructions;
- 4) Map the foundation service areas for your particular world district. Include this map in the Map Section of your business plan;
- 5) Establish cooperative guidelines for your campaign and canvass fundraising;
- 6) Produce annual fundraising tactics. Design grant proposal projects for your world district;
- 7) Your world district Steering Committee team should determine financial arrangements, including, among others, integration with the Peoples Currency Project - Manna, for those residents of your district who have a phone and secure e-mail accounts;
- 8) Write and submit grants proposals for your world district;
- 9) Start a measured canvassing campaign to assure that all adult residents of your world district are being informed about the world district, the ***Earth Constitution*** and the upcoming opportunities
- 10) Your world district Steering Committee team should come to understand ***what is money?*** Your world district Steering Committee team should be familiar with world legislation and come to understand ***what is the Earth Hour?***

Your world district steering committee should create a business plan binder, based on this World District Template, but with details and financial figures that reflect your own world district.

# Geographical Information Systems



# Geographical Information Systems - Maps

According to the *Earth Constitution Article 2.4.*, people may organize and operate 1000 world districts. In conformance with the *Earth Constitution Article 19.2.2.*, the World Elections Commission has been preparing a provisional global map of world electoral and administrative districts. This map is partially drawn up. People who would like to participate in self-government of the democratic world federation may work together with others to further refine the frontiers of their particular world district in conformance with the *Earth Constitution* and world legislation. What is there to wait for? If we understand the necessary action, then we are not waiting, we are doing our job.

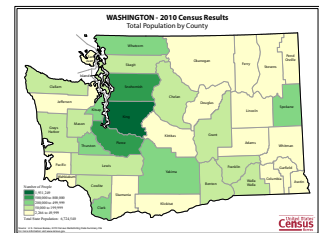
There is a **World Districts Table** at the Earth Federation Institute website at [http://www.worldproblems.net/english/legislation/legislative\\_documentation/world\\_districts\\_table\\_from\\_wla29.html](http://www.worldproblems.net/english/legislation/legislative_documentation/world_districts_table_from_wla29.html) . This table can help you determine the world district number for your primary residence. If you find several numbers assigned to your state or country, then either pick one you like, and contact the World Constitution and Parliament Association, Global, for a number confirmation.

**World Magna-Regions & World Continents Table** is at [http://www.worldproblems.net/english/legislation/legislative\\_documentation/world\\_magna-regions\\_table\\_from\\_wla29.html](http://www.worldproblems.net/english/legislation/legislative_documentation/world_magna-regions_table_from_wla29.html)

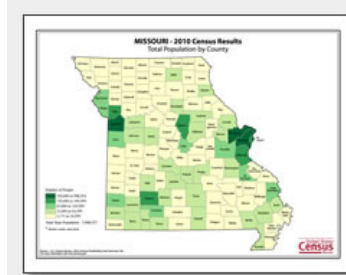
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In the United States, there are states that are of an appropriate size in population to be both states and to be world districts:

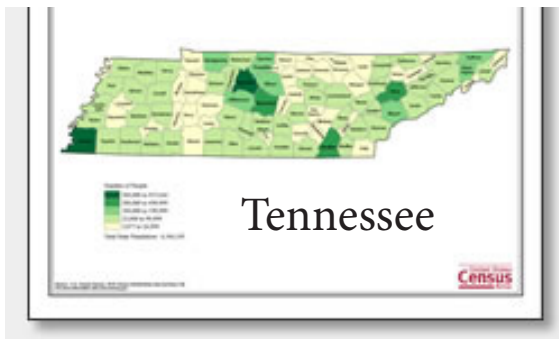
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- World District 090- Missouri;
- World District 093 - Tennessee; and
- World District 119 - Virginia.



Washington



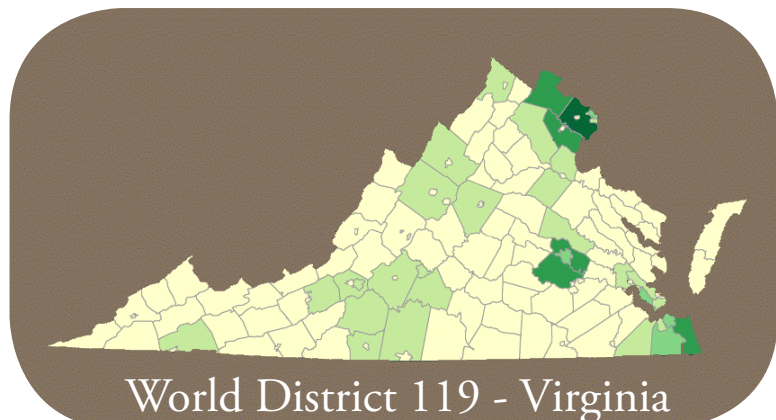
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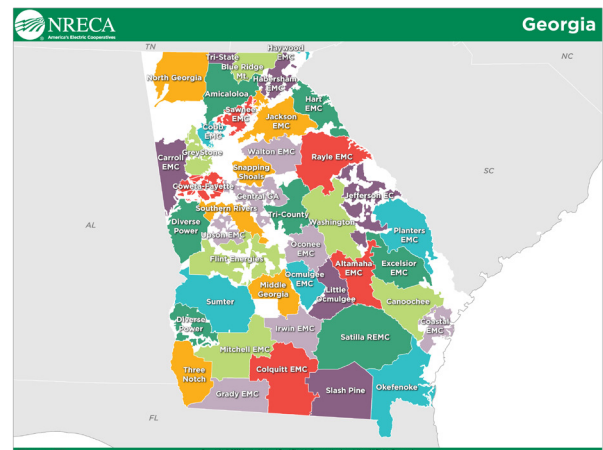
World District 119 - Virginia



Population is a main issue in drawing your district and sub-district lines. You want to make sure that your world district lines mark off very nearly 7.8 million residents, and that your world sub-district lines mark off very nearly 1.56 million residents. The more closely you can draw your district and sub-district lines to your world district average numbers, the stronger will be your world district. Therefore, you also want to work with adjacent world districts to assure that they also can mark off to these same population limits. Therefore, if you are on a seacoast, or on the border of a wilderness, then you have to make doubly sure that adjacent districts can meet their population needs. Take care not to isolate some number of residents, such that your district formation would result in islands of residents outside of the 10% equal in population limit. As a resident of your world district, you are responsible to assure free cooperation with the residents of adjacent districts, so that districts are not isolated into population islands of less or more than 10% equality from the world district average size. Another point is that the district sizes are of no inherent stability in size. Some districts might be more stable than others, but all districts will tend to grow or fluctuate. This will result in necessity of district lines being redrawn. So don't conceive of your district lines as having any perpetual location. There is no point, and your district is not in competition with any other district, so there is no intelligent or practical need for struggling over the location of district lines.

## Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs)

In Georgia, there is a special kind of cooperative business called an Electric Membership Corporation (EMC). 41 of these EMCs provide household and business electricity to most of the area of the state. About half of these service World District 122, and about half service World District 124. If your world district area has EMCs, it is important that you consider these in the formation of your district, because the Earth Federation has a legal obligation under world law to engage in a free cooperative relation with these EMCs in conformance with the Cooperative Communities Empowerment Act. These 41 EMCs comprise a large number of the overall 300 cooperative businesses currently in existence. The Earth Federation is empowered under the *Earth Constitution* to orchestrate the transition away from cost-extensive fossil fuel and nuclear power systems. As a wholly unprofitable but certainly necessary part of the care of nuclear sites is an obligation of the Earth Federation, it is important to work with the EMCs.



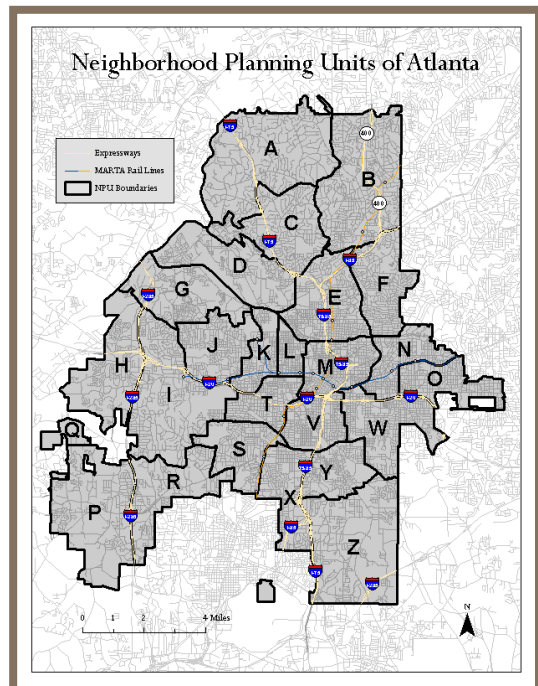
number of the overall 300 cooperative businesses currently operating in Georgia.\* Furthermore, the Earth Federation is empowered under the ***Earth Constitution*** and obligated under multiple world legislative acts to orchestrate the transition away from cost-externalizing nuclear power generation to decentralizing power systems. As a wholly unprofitable but certainly necessary business, the decommission and perpetual care of nuclear sites is an obligation of the Earth Federation which requires a proper, non-coercive relation with the EMCs.

\*Note: There are about 29,000 cooperative businesses in the United States, which means an average of about 580 cooperatives per state. With about 300 co-ops in Georgia, this state has only about half the US state average while Georgia has above average population, being ranked as 8th in the US.

Another reason that the EMCs are important in the creation of your world district cooperative, is that cooperative businesses are ethically and legally required to assist one another, and because there will be a tendency within the EMCs' executive administration and resident owners to understand the necessity for there to be a positive support of the EMCs for the success of the world district. If the area of your world district has electric services provided by EMCs, then you have a constructive argument for the economic support of your world district by the whole body of EMCs that participate in your district.

## Neighborhood Planning Units

For success, it is vital that you engage face-to-face with other residents of your world district. You need to participate and listen at the most basic levels of community relations. In World District 122, we have one largest metropolitan area (Atlanta), in which about half of all district residents reside. Within this area, a large number of residents reside within the Neighborhood Planning Units. This is a level at which participating residents sense that they have a strong voice in what happens regarding their neighborhood. Therefore, in order for the World District 122 to thrive, it is necessary that world district representatives participate in the Neighborhood Planning Meetings and listen to the concerns of the residents. Paying attention to this process is part of the process of building momentum for the World District 122. If your world district has municipalities with participative functions similar to the Neighborhood Planning Units, then it is vital that you link up with these programs and follow them attentively.



## Food Banks



In the State of Georgia, there are nine regional food banks. These regional food banks coordinate with more local food banks in a process to assist the general public to meet needs of food provisions that are not provided directly by private industry alone. A not-for-profit sector exists to get food to where it is needed where residents do not have other economic resources for obtaining the food. Governments assist with this process, and it is the responsibility of Earth Federation and world districts to make sure that our actions strengthen this process. By tight integration and cooperative business practices, this benefits district residents and the world district as a whole.

# South Georgia and Florida

## World Districts 124, 125, and 126

in conformance with *Earth Constitution* Article 2.4 and  
World Legislative Act 29 - The Elections Act\*

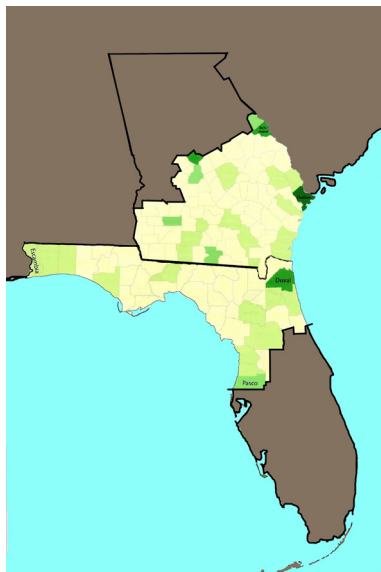
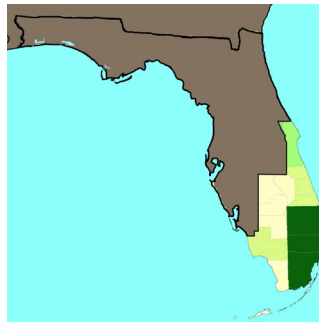
In order to update and refine the borders for world districts 122, 124, 125 and 126, it was necessary to examine a large number of combinations of counties, because we wanted the final district lines to situate such that each world district would be very near to 7.8 million in population. As we refined the lines, we were able to draw all four districts well within the constitutional limits of  $\pm 10\%$  equality in population. We were able to draw sub-district lines for world districts 122 and 124.

World Districts 125 and 126, with smaller area, denser population and with relatively few counties will each have to be at least in part sub-districted according to municipalities' city limits.

Districts 125 and 126 have too few counties for keeping exclusively to county lines, so city census figures will be used to determine sub-districts.

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South Georgia/North  
Florida

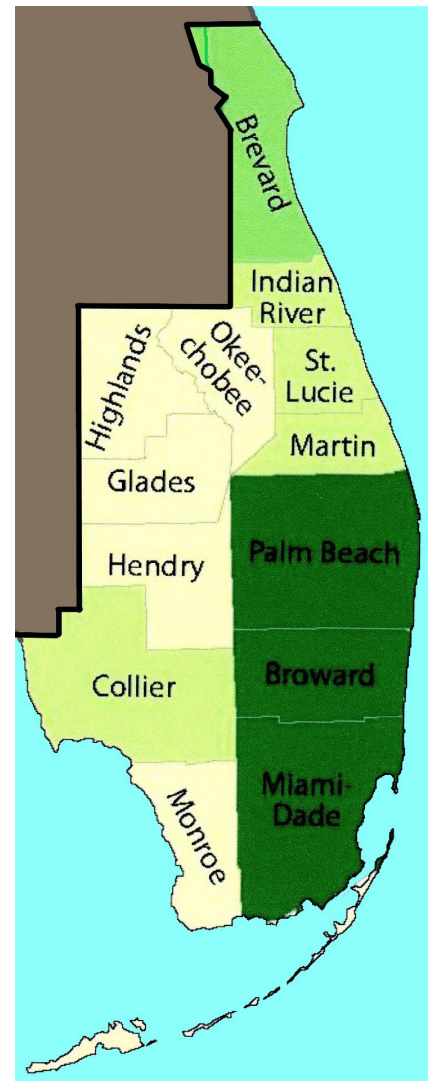
2017-2018 US Census  
est. pop. 7,683,515



Above & on the right:  
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of Florida

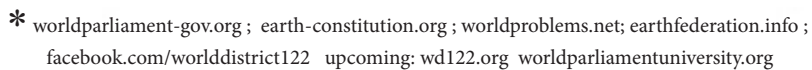
2018 US Census  
est. pop. 7,941,611  
(within +1.82% of 7.8  
million)

Southeastern Florida -  
World District 126



Southeast Florida







## Spreadsheet Access and Formulae for Building your District

If you have access to open source software for your spreadsheet workbooks, then use the open source applications to build your world district spreadsheets. Open source is most amenable to the work we are doing for helping to create a better world for human beings and all living things. If you don't have access to open source systems, then make the most of the proprietary systems, but plan for backing up your data on open source platform as soon as feasible.

Though not open source, Google Office Sheets and Google Drive are free-of-charge programs that can temporarily help automate the math for your world district formation and electoral process. You will need on-line access with sufficient bandwidth to run the program.

Sign up for gmail. Open Google Drive and make folders for storing your files.. Then open Sheets, with its green sheet icon, which is the Google Office spreadsheet program that comes with your gmail account. Once you start your world district workbook, give the workbook a suitable name (e.g.: World District ##0). Every few minutes, Google saves your work automatically into the designated folder of your Google Drive.

For your world district, you will have at least six spreadsheets in a workbook: The sub-district composite page to start, then one spreadsheet for each of your five sub-districts, for a total of six spreadsheets or "Sheets" to your world district workbook. Depending on the quantity of sub-divisions to your sub-district, there might be more than one page per sheet. In the case of World District 122, one sub-district sheet requires two pages for printing, but the other four fit on one page each. Your district might be able to fit each sub-district to a single page, or it might require three or more pages per sheet.

For our purposes of world district formation, there will always be five sub-districts. This was determined by world legislation and simple arithmetic, particularly by provisions of World Legislative Acts Numbers 31 (World Ombudsmus) and 54 (Remedies and Corrections). There are provisions therein for some numbers of world district officers, which is in each case a multiple of the number five. Therefore, to strengthen the electoral process, this is a good number for sub-districts. At some later date, the Provisional World Parliament might decide to make changes for a different number of officers or sub-districts. These are details neither required nor prohibited by the *Earth Constitution*. For now, let us move forward with the arrangement of five (5) sub-districts per district.

Depending on how your country conducts its census, you might have any number of sub-divisions within the sub-district. Ordinarily, the number of any sub-divisions of sub-districts will vary from world sub-district to world sub-district. In the case of North Georgia World District 122, there were many counties, with each county so small in population that at least several counties would fit into each sub-district. More densely populated world districts might not be able to keep to county lines. Municipal lines might be needed instead. (Some sub-districts might conceivably have no subdivisions.) Where feasible, use lines of demarcation that are used by your respective census, so that you have some accuracy regarding the population sizes of your sub-districts and sub-divisions.

## How to Use Google Sheets for World Districts

This booklet will not teach you spreadsheet basics. However, it will give you some tips specific to the world district spreadsheets. We can tell you that it is fairly easy and that it requires nothing more than the ability to recognize whether an operation has resulted in a sum, a difference, a product or a quotient. It is not even necessary that you be good at arithmetic, because the formulas will do all that work for you. All of the formula currently used in the World District sheets are simple arithmetic functions, and the computer is a whiz at that work. The menus are largely intuitive. For most calculations, you will have the numbers' *More formats* set to #,##0 in US, set to #,###0 in India, perhaps. You might want to set this format to what is locally comprehensible to your residents.

When using percents, set your **Format** as percent to two decimal places, though constitutionally no decimal places are necessary in your percent.

When drawing up your sheet structure, you might have any number of columns, but you should probably have at least the columns shown for North Georgia.

World District 125 Central Florida and World District 126 Southeast Florida will need columns to differentiate municipalities and census designated areas, because their urban counties are too large and densely populated to establish all sub-districts along county lines.

Use your census and formulas to compute your numbers other than the estimated resident population (Population).

Georgia differs from Florida in that the electorate in Georgia (residents 18 years old or older) is 75% of the population, whereas in Florida the electorate is 80% of the population, due to an older population in much of Florida. Use the census figures for your area to determine your electorate size from the resident population.

The **estimated quorum** is constitutionally determined as twenty-five percent (25%) of the district residents 18 years of age or older. (Earth Constitution 17.1.3.)

In your world district bylaws, there can be no restriction in these elections based upon the national citizenship or legal status of the people, other than the requirement of signed statement that the world district is their current primary residence and that the resident is at least 18 years of age. District bylaws shall allow and encourage residents 14 through 17 years of age to complete straw ballots, in preparation for coming of age. World District will count and report the results of this youth ballot.

The **minimum majority** is one-half the quorum, plus one vote. Reaching this is not necessarily the end of the voting process. If the results are a landslide, one way or another, then it might do well to close the election window at that time. However, if the results are close, it might be better to continue the election window until all ballots or at least a decisive number of ballots appear to have been cast.

The **Chenoweth Threshold Number** is calculated as a benchmark number for rallying the organization of the World District and its electoral process. Dr. Erica Chenoweth compared all cases of violent and non-violent revolution and rebellion from 1900 until the early 21st Century. Measuring cases in which there were at least 2000 active participants, nonviolent resistance was about twice as likely to succeed as violent resistance, and became more successful over the period of the study. In cases where there were at least 2000 active participants in nonviolent resistance, the movements were invariably successful if they were able to rouse 3.5% of the population, resulting in a more or less permanent change in the constitutions of the respective societies. To extrapolate from her work, we computed the Chenoweth Threshold Numbers for each county, sub-district and World District 122 as a whole. This results in the determination of a large number of relatively small number (theoretically conceivable and attainable) benchmarks numbers. So, for instance, we might only need the active participation of 669 people in Elbert County to get the elections there organized and completed (This number in a county of 753,253 residents). We might need only the active participation of 26,364 people in DeKalb County to get the elections there organized and completed (This number in a county of 753,253 residents). In all of the sub-district DeKalb Northeast, we might need only the active participation of 54,517 residents to get the elections there organized and completed (in a sub-district of 1,557,633 residents). For the overall world district, we might need only the active participation of 273,094 people to get the districtwide elections organized and completed (This number in a world district of 7,802,683 residents).

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In the upper left-hand corner of your sheet is a function symbol ‘fx’. To the right of that symbol is a typing field into which one can type either a formula, a value or a string of words. Four sample formulas are as follows (corresponding to the fourth, fifth, sixth and tenth columns and their designated cells):

World District 122 Sub-district Composite Formula Sheet:

Sub-District	Counties	Population	Electorate	Quorum	Minimum Majority	+ / -	Deviation	%	Chenoweth Threshold Number
None (words)	None (value)	None (value)	= <b>(C:C)*0.75†</b> (formula)	= <b>D:D*0.25</b> (formula)	= <b>E:E*0.5+1</b> (formula)	None (symbol/ word)	None (value (formula possible)	None (value (formula possible)	= <b>C5:C9*0.035</b> (formula)
You and steering committee select name, subject to universal plurality vote of respective sub-district electorate at first general elections	List of pre-de-termined names	Resident population of the sub-district by most recent census.	“value of cell in column C times 0.75” (for Georgia)	“value of cell in column D times 0.25	“(value of cell in column E times 0.5) + 1”	symbol plus or minus indicates whether value in column H is more than or less than 1.56 million	Absolute difference between 1.56 million and cell value in column C	Quotient of cell value in column H divided by 1.56 million	cell value in column C times 0.035

† This value of 0.75 is peculiar to the State of Georgia, in that census figures show that the population of persons 18 years of age or older is in Georgia between 74.3% and 75.9% of the overall population. Rounded to two decimal places, that is 0.75. In Florida, the figure is 0.80%. You need to determine this number from your local area’s most recent census count.

# North Georgia - World District 122, North America

## Population Data (by Sub-District)

Sub-District	Counties	Population	Electorate	Quorum	Minimum Majority	+/- Deviation	Chenoweth	
							% Threshold	Number
Clayton South	36	1,558,534	1,168,901	292,225	146,114	- 1,466	0.09%	54,549
Cherokee Northwest	11	1,584,067	1,188,050	297,013	148,507	+ 24,067	1.54%	55,442
DeKalb Northeast	16	1,557,633	1,168,225	292,056	146,029	- 2,367	0.15%	54,517
Fulton West	7	1,545,633	1,159,225	289,806	144,904	- 14,367	0.92%	54,097
Gwinnett North	11	1,556,816	1,167,612	291,903	145,953	- 3,184	0.20%	54,489

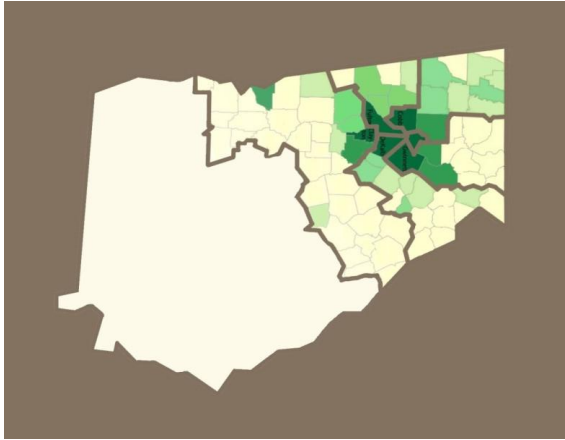
Estimated Total Population = 7,802,683  
Current Estimated Average World District Population = 7,800,000  
Total Population Deviation = + 2,683  
Population Deviation Percent = +0.03%  
Chenoweth Threshold = 273,094

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World District 122 Spreadsheets Initial Completion Date: 18 August 2019. Update after 2020 census.

Initial Data is from United States 2010 Census, 2017 estimate.  
Spreadsheets compiled by World District 122 Interim Executive Cabinet, founded March 2019.  
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and World Legislative Acts 29, 31, 54, 67 and other world legislation.



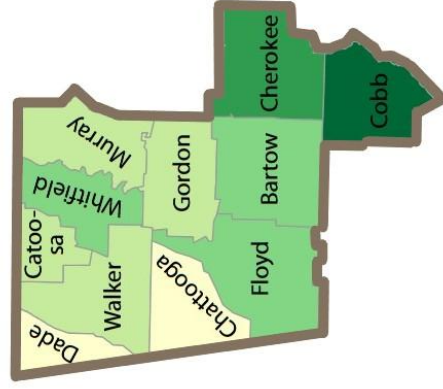
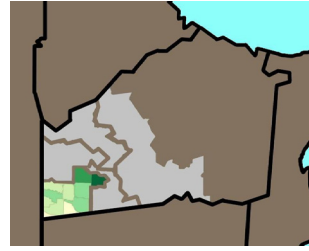


## World District 122 - North Georgia, North America

Sub-District Cherokee Northwest

### Sub-District Population Data (by County)

County	Estimated Resident Population	Estimated Electorate	Estimated Quorum	Minimum Majority	Chenoweth Threshold Number
Bartow	105,054	78,791	19,698	9,850	3,677
Catoosa	66,550	49,913	12,478	6,240	2,329
Cherokee	247,573	185,680	46,420	23,211	8,665
Cobb	755,754	566,816	141,704	70,853	26,451
Dade	16,285	12,214	3,053	1,528	570
Chattooga	24,770	18,578	4,644	2,323	867
Floyd	97,613	73,210	18,302	9,152	3,416
Gordon	57,089	42,817	10,704	5,353	1,998
Murray	39,782	29,837	7,459	3,731	1,392
Walker	68,939	51,704	12,926	6,464	2,413
Whitfield	104,658	78,494	19,623	9,813	3,663
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,584,067</b>	<b>1,188,050</b>	<b>297,013</b>	<b>148,507</b>	<b>55,442</b>



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World District 122 - North Georgia, North America

Sub-district Fulton West

Sub-District Population Data (by County)

County	Estimated Resident Population	Estimated Electorate	Estimated Quorum	Minimum Majority	Chenoweth Threshold Number
Carroll	117,812	88,359	22090	11046	4,123
Douglas	143,882	107,912	26978	13490	5,036
Fulton	1,041,423	781,067	195267	97634	36,450
Haralson	29,256	21,942	5486	2744	1,024
Heard	11,730	8,798	2199	1101	411
Paulding	159,445	119,584	29896	14949	5,581
Polk	42,085	31,564	7891	3946	1,473
Total	1,545,633	1,159,225	289806	144904	54,097



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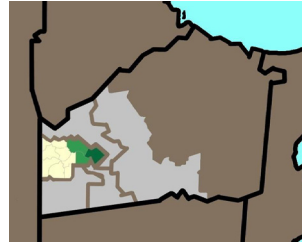


## World District 122 - North Georgia, North America

Sub-District Gwinnett North

### Sub-District Population Data (by County)

County	Estimated Resident Population	Estimated Electorate	Estimated Quorum	Minimum Majority	Chenoweth Threshold Number
Dawson	24,379	18,284	4,571	2,287	853
Fannin	25,322	18,992	4,748	2,375	886
Forsyth	227,967	170,975	42,744	21,373	7,979
Gilmer	30,674	23,006	5,751	2,877	1,074
Gwinnett	920,260	690,195	172,549	86,275	32,209
Hall	199,335	149,501	37,375	18,689	6,977
Lumpkin	32,873	24,655	6,164	3,083	1,151
Pickens	31,588	23,691	5,923	2,962	1,106
Towns	11,506	8,630	2,157	1,080	403
Union	23,459	17,594	4,399	2,200	821
White	29,453	22,090	5,522	2,762	1,031
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,556,816</b>	<b>1,167,612</b>	<b>291,903</b>	<b>145,953</b>	<b>54,489</b>

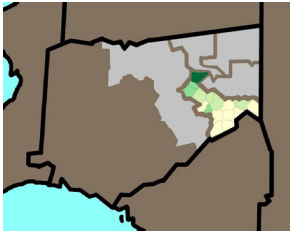


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**World District 122 - North Georgia, North America**  
Sub-District Dekalb Northeast  
Sub-District Population Data (by County)

County	Estimated Resident Population	Estimated Electorate	Estimated Quorum	Minimum Majority	Chenoweth Threshold Number
Banks	18,634	13,976	3,494	1,748	652
Barrow	79,061	59,296	14,824	7,413	2,767
Clarke	127,064	95,298	23,825	11,913	4,447
Dekalb	753,253	564,940	141,235	70,618	26,364
Elbert	19,109	14,332	3,583	1,792	669
Franklin	22,820	17,115	4,279	2,140	799
Habersham	44,567	33,425	8,356	4,179	1,560
Hart	25,794	19,346	4,836	2,419	903
Jackson	67,519	50,639	12,660	6,331	2,363
Madison	29,302	21,977	5,494	2,748	1,026
Newton	108,078	81,059	20,265	10,133	3,783
Oconee	38,028	28,521	7,130	3,566	1,331
Rabun	16,602	12,452	3,113	1,557	581
Rockdale	90,312	67,734	16,934	8,468	3,161
Stephens	25,890	19,418	4,854	2,428	906
Walton	91,600	68,700	17,175	8,589	3,206
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,557,633</b>	<b>1,168,225</b>	<b>292,056</b>	<b>146,029</b>	<b>54,517</b>



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Sub-District Clayton South

**World District 122 - North Georgia, North America**

Clayton South

**Sub-District Population Data (by County)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Estimated Resident Population</b>	<b>Estimated Electorate</b>	<b>Estimated Quorum</b>	<b>Minimum Majority</b>	<b>Chenoweth Threshold Number</b>
Baldwin	44,906	33,680	8,420	4,211	1,572
Butts	24,059	18,044	4,511	2,257	842
Chattahoochee	10,343	7,757	1,939	971	362
Clayton	285,153	213,865	53,466	26,734	9,980
Coweta	143,114	107,336	26,834	13,418	5,009
Fayette	112,549	84,412	21,103	10,552	3,939
Greene	17,281	12,961	3,240	1,621	605
Hancock	8,561	6,421	1,605	804	300
Harris	33,915	25,436	6,359	3,181	1,187
Henry	225,813	169,360	42,340	21,171	7,903
Jasper	13,964	10,473	2,618	1,310	489
Jones	28,470	21,353	5,338	2,670	996
Lamar	18,599	13,949	3,487	1,745	651
Lincoln	7,880	5,910	1,478	740	276
Marion	8,450	6,338	1,584	793	296
McDuffie	21,498	16,124	4,031	2,016	752
Meriwether	21,049	15,787	3,947	1,974	737
Monroe	27,113	20,335	5,084	2,543	949
Morgan	18,412	13,809	3,452	1,727	644
Muscogee	194,058	145,544	36,386	18,194	6,792
Oglethorpe	14,877	11,158	2,789	1,396	521
Pike	18,217	13,663	3,416	1,709	638
Putnam	21,730	16,298	4,074	2,038	761
Quitman	2,358	1,769	442	222	83
Schley	5,213	3,910	977	490	182
Spalding	65,380	49,035	12,259	6,130	2,288
Stewart	5,985	4,489	1,122	562	209
Sumter	29,847	22,385	5,596	2,799	1,045
Talbot	6,249	4,687	1,172	587	219
Taliaferro	1,628	1,221	305	154	57

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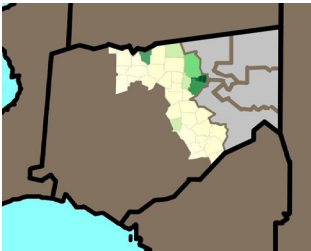
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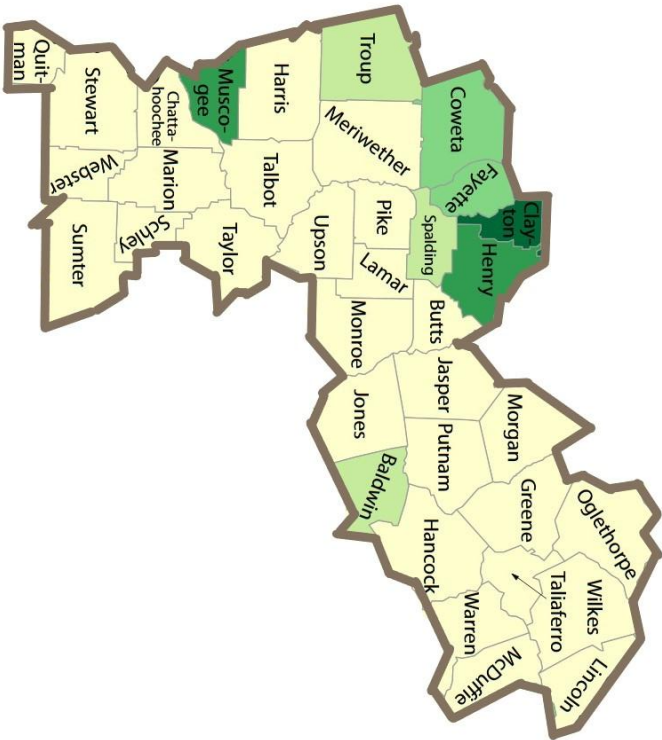
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Sub-District Clayton South

Taylor	8,142	6,107	1,527	764	285
Troup	69,786	52,340	13,085	6,543	2,443
Upson	26,135	19,601	4,900	2,451	915
Warren	5,303	3,977	994	498	186
Webster	2,605	1,954	488	245	91
Wilkes	9,892	7,419	1,855	928	346
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,558,534</b>	<b>1,168,901</b>	<b>292,225</b>	<b>146,114</b>	<b>54,549</b>



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# World District 122 - North Georgia

Approximate Population Data for Provisional Survey of the 81 Counties of World District 122:

From world census data of approaching approximately 7.8 billion Earth human inhabitants, world district baseline approaches 7.8 million residents. US Census-estimated resident populations, 2017; estimated electorate,  $ee = 74.3\%$  to  $75.9\%$  (  $75\%$  of resident population 18 yoa or older in state, district, sub-districts and counties, respectively); estimate quorum ( $@ee=75\%$ ,  $eq=18.75\%$  resident population); estimate absolute minimum majority ( $eamm = (eq/2)+1 = 9.375\%$  resident population +1)

## Earth Constitution Article Section 17.1.6.:

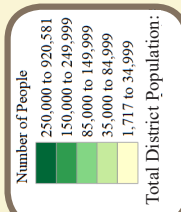
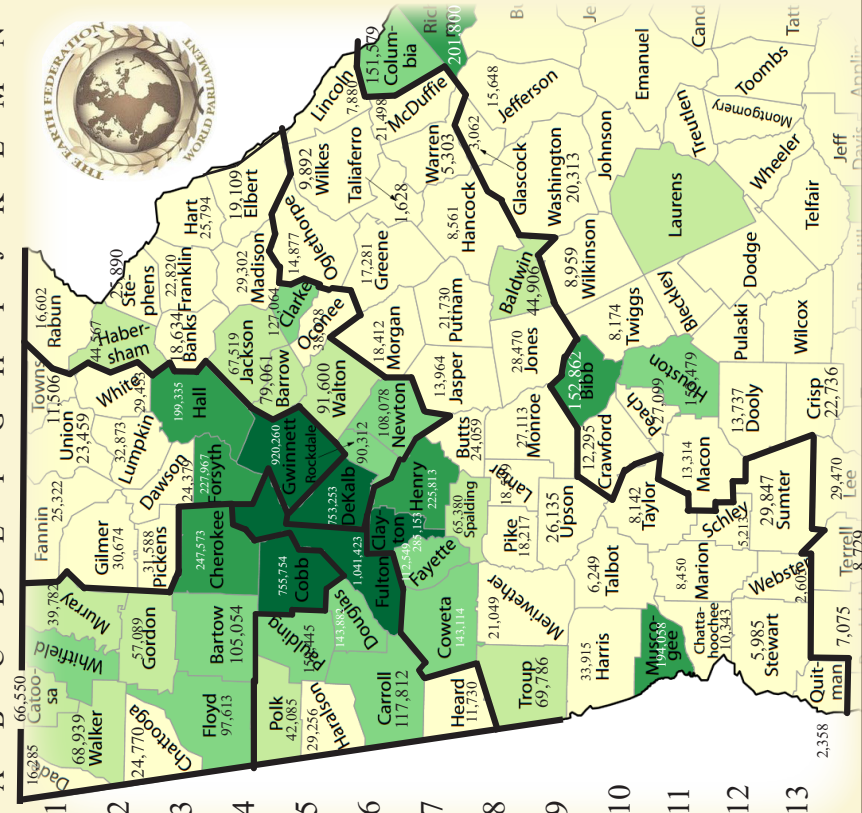
In the event of a direct ratification referendum, final ratification shall be accomplished by a majority of the votes cast, whether for an entire nation or for a World Electoral and Administrative District, provided that ballots are cast by a minimum of twenty-five percent of eligible voters of the area who are over eighteen years of age.

## World District 122

WD122 2020 est. population = 7,802,683  
WD122 2020 est. electorate = 5,852,012  
WD122 2020 est. quorum = 1,463,003  
WD122 2020 est. absolute minimum majority = 731,503 votes.

## 5 Subdistricts

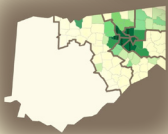
Subdistrict est. population = 1,560,537  
Subdistrict est. electorate = 1,170,402  
Subdistrict est. quorum = 292,602  
Subdistrict est. absolute minimum majority = 146,301 votes.



Subdistrict borders are not drawn to scale, but rather follow county lines.

[www.earth-constitution.org](http://www.earth-constitution.org)  
[www.worldproblems.net](http://www.worldproblems.net)

[facebook.com/worlddistrict122](https://facebook.com/worlddistrict122)  
Coming soon: [www.wd122.org](http://www.wd122.org)



# Hub for World District 122 - North Georgia Five County Atlanta Metropolitan Area



Approximate Population Data for Provisional Survey of World District 122 Counties in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area:  
From census estimated total populations, 2017; estimated electorate (ee = 75%)\*; estimate quorum (eq = 18.75%); estimate absolute minimum majority (earm = (eq/2)+1 = 9.375%+1)

## Earth Constitution Article Section 17.1.6.:

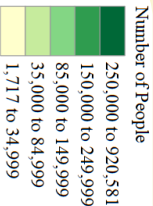
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WD122 2020 est. electorate = 5,852,012  
WD122 2020 est. quorum = 1,463,003  
WD122 2020 est. absolute minimum majority = 713,001

Sub-district est. population = 1,560,537  
WD122 subdistrict est. electorate = 1,170,402  
WD122 subdistrict est. quorum = 292,602  
WD122 subdistrict est. absolute minimum majority = 146,301 votes.

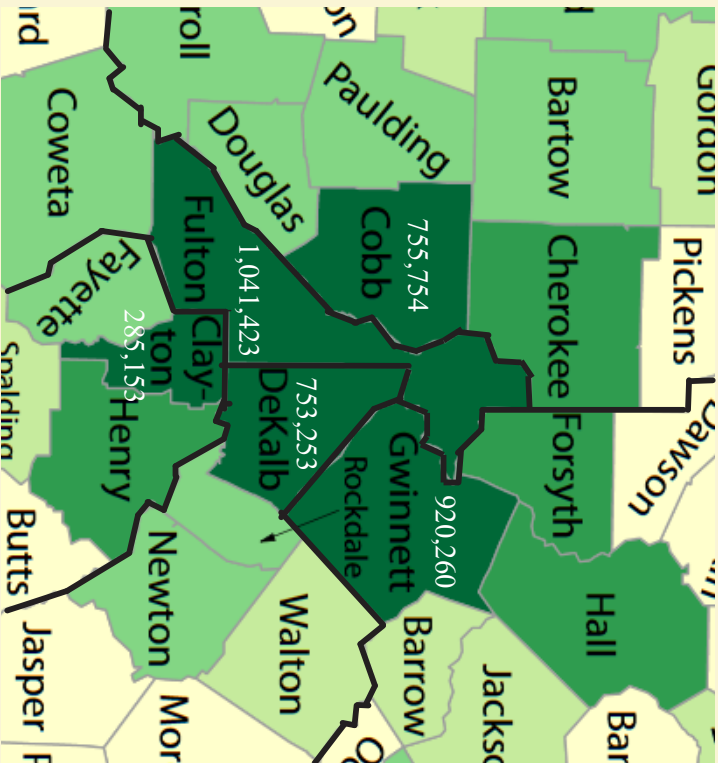
## Five County Hub 2017 Data

WD122 Hub 2017 est. population = 3,755,843  
WD122 Hub 2017 est. electorate = 2,790,591  
WD122 Hub 2017 est. quorum = 697,648  
WD122 Hub 2017 est. absolute minimum majority = 348,825



Est. Total State Population: ~10,500,000  
Est. Total District Population: 7,802,683

\* US Census 2010 estimated Population 18 yoa or more in state of Georgia at from 74.3% to 75.9%, hence ee = 75%.



## Five Atlanta Metro Counties form a Hub for the Five Subdistricts of World District 122

**Fulton**  
population = 1,041,423  
electorate = 773,777  
quorum = 193,444  
absolute minimum majority = 96,723

**Gwinnett**  
population = 920,260  
electorate = 683,753  
quorum = 170,938  
absolute minimum majority = 85,470

**Cobb**  
population = 755,754  
electorate = 561,525  
quorum = 140,381  
absolute minimum majority = 70,192

**DeKalb**  
population = 753,253  
electorate = 559,667  
quorum = 139,917  
absolute minimum majority = 69,959

**Clayton**  
population = 285,153  
electorate = 211,867  
quorum = 52,967  
absolute minimum majority = 26,485

# *Earth Constitution* Reference

The *Earth Constitution* was created through the efforts of many world citizens (world residents) and international lawyers over the period of 33 years from 1958 to 1991. Under the leadership of the World Constitution and Parliament Association (WCPA), during the first ten years three Preparatory Congresses were organized and the call for a constitutional convention was circulated worldwide. It was also sent to all the national governments and UN Ambassadors. The culmination of this process was the World Constitutional Convention in 1968 at Interlaken, Switzerland and Wolfach, Germany that attracted about 200 delegates from twenty-seven countries worldwide. This was the first of a series of four constituent assemblies.

Work on drafting a viable world constitution commenced as a combined effort of many world citizens from around the planet. Work proceeded through a second session of the World Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck, Austria in 1977. At this second session, during a two week period, the initial draft of the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* was debated paragraph by paragraph and the final result personally signed by many world citizens present at that important historical event.

The *Earth Constitution* was then sent to all members of the UN General Assembly and to all national governments. It was again distributed worldwide for debate and possible revisions prior to the third session of the Assembly held at Colombo, Sri Lanka in January, 1979. In Colombo, a declaration was also made regarding the rights of the peoples of Earth to create a constitution and obtain ratification. Article Seventeen of the Constitution specifies the criteria for ratification by the people and nations of Earth and legitimates the rights of the people of Earth to ratify and live under this Constitution.

Under the authority of Article Nineteen of the Constitution, world citizens who had personally ratified the Constitution began holding Provisional World Parliaments to elaborate the framework of law that will be necessary to organize human affairs on the planet. To date, we have held fourteen sessions of Provisional World Parliaments and have elaborated the beginnings of quality world law. This body of world legislation is preserved, translated, and studied by the Earth Federation Institute.

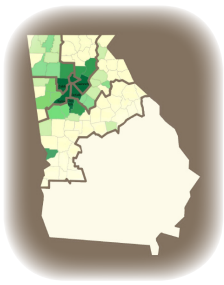
This *Earth Constitution* has been translated into twenty-two languages (for which ten are known to have been digitized) and is being promoted world-wide by the Global Ratification and Elections Network, the World Constitution and Parliament Association, and the Earth Federation Institute and others. It provides for a federation of nations and peoples, creating democratic participation for every citizen of Earth within a tricameral World Parliament.

The World Parliament and all the agencies of world government have the explicit mandate and duty to work for the welfare of the entire planet, of every living person, and of future generations. Under the *Earth Constitution*, not only are all nations required to demilitarize and eliminate all weapons of war, but the World Government itself is non-military. The *Earth Constitution* prohibits the World Government from possession or development of any weapons of war or any military organization.

The full text of *Earth Constitution* is not in this *World District Template, Abridged*, but is available at numerous sites on the Internet: [www.earth-constitution.org](http://www.earth-constitution.org), [www.worldproblems.net](http://www.worldproblems.net), and other sites. The full text of the *Earth Constitution* will be in the full version of the World District Template, however.) You should include a full copy of the *Earth Constitution* as an annex to your bylaws when you register your world district with your state.

Below is a summary of the *Earth Constitution*, followed by 5 pages of detailed sections of the *Earth Constitution* that specify or otherwise deal directly with world districts. In starting and operating a world district, particular attention must be paid to these provisions.





# What is the *Earth Constitution*?

From 1958, a group of hundreds of people, largely from branches of the World Constitution & Parliament Association worldwide, participated in the development of a ***Constitution for the Federation of Earth***. From 1968, at the first session of the World Constituent Assembly, a drafting committee of 25 people labored in correspondence under the guidance of the late Dr. Reinhart Ruge of Mexico. General attribution puts the largest part of the drafting on H. Philip Isely, Dr. Terence P. Amerasinghe, Hon. Justice Syed Md. Hussein, Dr. Max Habicht and D.M. Spencer. Follow-up Assemblies were held in 1977, 1979-80, and 1991. What emerged is a clear and practicable planetary constitution for democratic federal world republic, with civil and human rights protections for all, and with a structure that allows for the direct participation of the public worldwide.

Enactment clause from the preamble:

*"We, citizens of the world, hereby resolve to establish a world federation to be governed in accordance with this Constitution for the Federation of Earth."*

## Summary of the *Earth Constitution*

1. Broad functions of **Earth Federation** are the following: prevent war; protect universal human rights; end poverty; regulate international processes; protect the biosphere; & solve world problems that are beyond the capacity of nations.

2. Basic structure of Earth Federation is the following:

2.1. People and nations organize as a universal federation, to include all people, and all nations.

2.2. Earth Federation is non-military and democratic, with ultimate sovereignty of the people of Earth.

2.3. Powers of Earth Federation apply to problems that transcend national boundaries.

2.4. For world elections & administration, **Earth is united into 1000 World Districts total, within  $\pm 10\%$  limits equal in population**, of 20 World Regions, combining to 10 Magna-Regions in 5 Continental Divisions.

3. Organs of the Earth Federation are these: World Parliament; World Executive; World

Administration; Integrative Complex; World Judiciary; Enforcement System; & World Ombudsmus.

4. **Earth Constitution** grants the power to use world legislation, administration, education, finance, civil police enforcement system, world court system, & Ombudsmus public defense to ensure effective enforcement of world law.

5. People of Earth may launch initiatives for world legislation, and may vote on referendums submitted from **World Parliament**. World Parliament composes of three legislative houses, to consider, adopt, amend and repeal World Legislation.

\* People of Earth directly elect **House of Peoples**.

\* Nations appoint or elect **House of Nations**.

\* University students and faculty nominate candidates to be elected by respective regional MPs of other houses for **House of Counsellors**.

6. World Parliament elects and supervises a **World Executive**. The World Executive must neither veto nor suspend the World Parliament nor the **Earth Constitution**. The World Executive has no military power.

7. The 30 Cabinet Ministers and Vice Presidents head the **World Administration**, of about 30 ministries. Cabinet elects **Secretary General** to coordinate ministries.

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8. Broad functions that naturally duplicate within each ministry integrate in the seven functional agencies of the **Integrative Complex**.

9. Benches form a **World Judiciary**, including World Supreme Court, Regional World Courts and District World Courts, having mandatory jurisdiction: Human Rights, Criminal Cases, Civil Cases, Constitutional Cases, International Conflicts, Public Cases, Appellate Bench, Advisory Bench, and Superior Tribunal.

10. The **Enforcement System** - World Parliament elects an Office of World Attorneys General to head civil Enforcement System. World Police apprehend individual suspected lawbreakers. World Parliament regulates World Police, which shall follow due process, and obtain warrants for search & arrests.

11. World Parliament elects a **World Ombudsmus** Council & Commission of World Advocates to protect human rights & ensure proper government functioning.

12. **Bill of Rights** guarantees inalienable human rights, including all those customarily guaranteed by civil nations: equal rights, equal protection, freedom of expression, association & religion, *habeas corpus* rights, universal suffrage, property, privacy, & other prohibitions against government intrusions.

13. **Directive Principles** list additional civil rights and benefits for all people.

14.1. Earth Federation guarantees full faith and credit to public acts, records, legislation, judicial proceedings and other internal affairs of member nations;

14.2. Member nations & the people of Earth reserve non-delegated powers.

15. World Parliament establishes world capitals in 5 Continental Divisions. World Parliament establishes 20 World Federal Zones in 20 World Regions.

16.1. The people of Earth have ownership and Earth Federation has jurisdiction of oceans, sea beds, vital straits, Moon & the atmosphere.

16.2. Earth Federation shall establish peaceful external relations. Presidium negotiates external relations & treaties, subject to approval by World Parliament.

17. **Earth Constitution** implements by stages:

**Provisional Earth Federation**, before 25 countries or before World Districts including 10% of world population have ratified.

**First Operative Stage**, when 25 countries or World Districts including 10% of world population have ratified.

**Second Operative Stage**, when 50% of countries and World Districts including 50% of world population have ratified.

**Full Operative Stage**, when 80% of countries, comprising 90% of world population, have ratified.

18. People may initiate amendment procedures to the **Earth Constitution**. World Constitutional Convention shall convene not less that every 20 years.

19. Provisional World Parliament may adopt world legislation prior to first operative stage, subject to re-confirmation by World Parliament. Viable agencies of the United Nations Organization integrate into the Earth Federation.



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Personal ratifiers of the *Earth Constitution* as amended at the 4th session of the World Constituent Assembly held at Troia, Portugal, 29th April to 9th May 1991:

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# Earth Constitution

## Details addressing world districts

(Eds.: Constitutional items specifically mentioning the districts are highlighted in our **boldface** type.)

In the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth*, in 6 different articles, there are references to **world electoral and administrative districts**, **world districts** or **districts** (Functionally, these three are all the same.) For simplicity, in this *World District Template, Abridged*, when we refer to a **world district** or **district**, we mean a **world electoral and administrative district**. (It would be cumbersome to spell that out each time.) Therefore, a world district cooperative business formed in conformance with this *World District Template, Abridged*, is essentially and legally the same as a world electoral and administrative district in the *Earth Constitution*.

**Article 2. Section 4. The basic direct electoral and administrative units of the World Government shall be World Electoral and Administrative Districts. A total of not more than 1000 World Electoral and Administrative Districts shall be defined, and shall be nearly equal in population, within the limits of plus or minus ten percent.**

**Article 2. Section 5. Contiguous World Electoral and Administrative Districts shall be combined as may be appropriate to compose a total of twenty World Electoral and Administrative Regions for the following purposes, but not limited thereto: for the election or appointment of certain world government officials; for administrative purposes; for composing various organs of the world government as enumerated in Article 4; for the functioning of the Judiciary, the Enforcement System, and the Ombudsmus, as well as for the functioning of any other organ or agency of the World Government.**

### **Article 5. Sec. 3 - The House of Peoples**

**The House of Peoples shall be composed of the peoples delegates directly elected in proportion to population from the World Electoral and Administrative Districts, as defined in Article 2 Section 4.**

**Peoples delegates shall be elected by universal adult suffrage, open to all persons of age 18 and above.**

**One peoples delegate shall be elected from each World Electoral and Administrative District to serve a five year term in the House of Peoples. Peoples delegates may be elected to serve successive terms without limit. Each peoples delegate shall have one vote.**

**A candidate for election to serve as a peoples delegate must be at least 21 years of age, a resident for at least one year of the electoral district from which the candidate is seeking election, and shall take a pledge of service to humanity.**

### **Article 8. Sec. 3 - The World Boundaries and Elections Administration**

**8.3.1. The functions of the World Boundaries and Elections Administration shall include the following, but not limited thereto:**

**8.3.1.1. To define the boundaries for the basic World Electoral and Administrative Districts, the World Electoral and Administrative Regions and Magna-Regions, and the Continental Divisions, for submission to the World Parliament for approval by legislative action.**



**8.3.1.2. To make periodic adjustments every ten or five years, as needed, of the boundaries for the World Electoral and Administrative Districts, the World Electoral and Administrative Regions and Magna-Regions, and of the Continental Divisions, subject to approval by the World Parliament.**

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**8.3.1.5. Before each World Parliamentary Election, to prepare Voters' Information Booklets which shall summarize major current public issues, and shall list each candidate for elective office together with standard information about each candidate, and give space for each candidate to state his or her views on the defined major issues as well as on any other major issue of choice; to include information on any initiatives or referendums which are to be voted upon; to distribute the Voter's Information Booklets for each World Electoral District, or suitable group of Districts; and to obtain the advice of the Institute on Governmental Procedures and World Problems, the Agency for Research and Planning, and the Agency for Technological and Environmental Assessment in preparing the booklets.**

[Eds.: There are six additional items in Article 8.3.1., which deal less directly with world districts.]

## **Article 9 - The World Judiciary**

### **Sec. 1. - Jurisdiction of the World Supreme Court**

**9.1.1. A World Supreme Court shall be established, together with such regional and district World Courts as may subsequently be found necessary. The World Supreme Court shall comprise a number of benches.**

9.1.2. The World Supreme Court, together with such regional and district World Courts as may be established, shall have mandatory jurisdiction in all cases, actions, disputes, conflicts, violations of law, civil suits, guarantees of civil and human rights, constitutional interpretations, and other litigations arising under the provisions of this World Constitution, world legislation, and the body of world law approved by the World Parliament.

9.1.3. Decisions of the World Supreme Court shall be binding on all parties involved in all cases, actions and litigations brought before any bench of the World Supreme Court for settlement. Each bench of the World Supreme Court shall constitute a court of highest appeal, except when matters of extraordinary public importance are assigned or transferred to the Superior Tribunal of the World Supreme Court, as provided in Section 5 of Article 9.

## **Article 17. Sec. 1- Sec. A - Ratification of the World Constitution**

This World Constitution shall be submitted to the nations and people of Earth for ratification by the following procedures:

17.1.01. The World Constitution shall be transmitted to the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization and to each national government on Earth, with the request that the World Constitution be submitted to the national legislature of each nation for preliminary ratification and to the people of each nation for final ratification by popular referendum.

17.1.02. Preliminary ratification by a national legislature shall be accomplished by simple majority vote of the national legislature.

**17.1.03. Final ratification by the people shall be accomplished by a simple majority of votes cast in a popular referendum, provided that a minimum of twenty-five percent of eligible voters of age eighteen years and over have cast ballots within the nation or country or within World Electoral and Administrative Districts.**

17.1.04. In the case of a nation without a national legislature, the head of the national government shall be requested to give preliminary ratification and to submit the World Constitution for final ratification by popular referendum.

**17.1.05. In the event that a national government, after six months, fails to submit the World Constitution for ratification as requested, then the global agency assuming responsibility for the worldwide ratification campaign may proceed to conduct a direct referendum for ratification of the World Constitution by the people. Direct referendums may be organized on the basis of entire nations or countries, or on the basis of existing defined communities within nations.**

**17.1.06. In the event of a direct ratification referendum, final ratification shall be accomplished by a majority of the votes cast whether for an entire nation or for a World Electoral and Administrative District, provided that ballots are cast by a minimum of twenty-five percent of eligible voters of the area who are over eighteen years of age.**

**17.1.07. For ratification by existing communities within a nation, the procedure shall be to request local communities, cities, counties, states, provinces, cantons, prefectures, tribal jurisdictions, or other defined political units within a nation to ratify the World Constitution, and to submit the World Constitution for a referendum vote by the citizens of the community or political unit. Ratification may be accomplished by proceeding in this way until all eligible voters of age eighteen and above within the nation or World Electoral and Administrative District have had the opportunity to vote, provided that ballots are cast by a minimum of twenty-five percent of those eligible to vote.**

17.1.08. Prior to the Full Operative Stage of World Government, as defined under Section 5 of Article 17, the universities, colleges and scientific academies and institutes in any country may ratify the World Constitution, thus qualifying them for participation in the nomination of Members of the World Parliament to the House of Counsellors.

17.1.09. In the case of those nations currently involved in serious international disputes or where traditional enmities and chronic disputes may exist among two or more nations, a procedure for concurrent paired ratification shall be instituted whereby the nations which are parties to a current or chronic international dispute or conflict may simultaneously ratify the World Constitution. In such cases, the paired nations shall be admitted into the Federation of Earth simultaneously, with the obligation for each such nation to immediately turn over all weapons of mass destruction to the World Government, and to turn over the conflict or dispute for mandatory peaceful settlement by the World Government.

17.1.10. Each nation or political unit which ratifies this World Constitution, either by preliminary ratification or final ratification, shall be bound never to use any armed forces or weapons of mass destruction against another member or unit of the Federation of Earth, regardless of how long it may take to achieve full disarmament of all the nations and political units which ratify this World Constitution.

17.1.11. When ratified, the ***Constitution for the Federation of Earth*** becomes the supreme law of Earth. By the act of ratifying this ***Earth Constitution***, any provision in the Constitution or Legislation of any country so ratifying, which is contrary to this ***Earth Constitution***, is either repealed or amended to conform with the ***Constitution for the Federation of Earth***, effective as soon as 25 countries have so ratified. The amendment of national or state constitutions to allow entry into World Federation is not necessary prior to ratification of the ***Constitution for the Federation of Earth***.

### **Article 17 Sec. 3 - First Operative Stage of World Government**

17.3.1. The first operative stage of World Government under this World Constitution shall be implemented when the World Constitution is ratified by a sufficient number of nations and/or people to meet one or the other of the following conditions or equivalent :



17.3.1.1. Preliminary or final ratification by a minimum of twenty-five nations, each having a population of more than 100,000.

**17.3.1.2. Preliminary or final ratification by a minimum of ten nations above 100,000 population, together with ratification by direct referendum within a minimum of fifty additional World Electoral and Administrative Districts.**

**17.3.1.3. Ratification by direct referendum within a minimum of 100 World Electoral and Administrative Districts, even though no nation as such has ratified.**

**17.3.2. The election of Members of the World Parliament to the House of Peoples shall be conducted in all World Electoral and Administrative Districts where ratification has been accomplished by popular referendum.**

17.3.3. The Election of Members of the World Parliament to the House of Peoples may proceed concurrently with direct popular referendums both prior to and after the First Operative Stage of World Government is reached.

17.3.4. The appointment or election of Members of the World Parliament to the House of Nations shall proceed in all nations where preliminary ratification has been accomplished.

[Eds.: There are eight additional items in Article 17.3., which deal less directly with world districts.]

#### **Article 17. Sec. 4 - Second Operative Stage of World Government**

**17.4.1. The second operative stage of World Government shall be implemented when fifty percent or more of the nations of Earth have given either preliminary or final ratification to this World Constitution, provided that fifty percent of the total population of Earth is included either within the ratifying nations or within the ratifying nations together with additional World Electoral and Administrative Districts where people have ratified the World Constitution by direct referendum.**

17.4.2. The election and appointment of Members of the World Parliament to the several Houses of the World Parliament shall proceed in the same manner as specified for the first operative stage in Section 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 of Article 17.

17.4.3. The terms of office of the Members of the World Parliament elected or appointed for the first operative stage of World Government, shall be extended into the second operative stage unless they have already served five year terms, in which case new elections or appointments shall be arranged. The terms of holdover Members of the World Parliament into the second operative stage shall be adjusted to run concurrently with the terms of those who are newly elected at the beginning of the second operative stage. [Eds.: There are eight additional items in Article 17.4., which deal less directly with world districts.]

#### **Article 17. Sec. 5 - Full Operative Stage of World Government**

1. The full operative stage of World Government shall be implemented when this World Constitution is given either preliminary or final ratification by meeting either condition (1) or (2):

19.5.1.1. Ratification by eighty percent or more of the nations of Earth comprising at least ninety percent of the population of Earth; or

**19.5.1.2. Ratification which includes ninety percent of Earth's total population, either within ratifying nations or within ratifying nations together with additional World Electoral and Administrative Districts where ratification by direct referendum has been accomplished, as provided in Article 17, Section 1.**

**19.5.2. When the full operative stage of World Government is reached, the following conditions shall be implemented:**

**19.5.2.1. Elections for Members of the House of Peoples shall be conducted in all World Electoral and Administrative Districts where elections have not already taken place; and Members of the House of Nations shall be elected or appointed by the national legislatures or national governments in all nations where this has not already been accomplished.**

19.5.2.2. The terms of office for Members of the House of Peoples and of the House of Nations serving during the second operative stage, shall be continued into the full operative stage, except for those who have already served five years, in which case elections shall be held or appointments made as required.

19.5.2.3. The terms of office for all holdover Members of the House of Peoples and of the House of Nations who have served less than five years, shall be adjusted to run concurrently with those Members of the World Parliament whose terms are beginning with the full operative stage.

[Eds.: There are six additional items in Article 17.5., which deal less directly with world districts.]

## **Article 19. Sec. 2 - Work of the Preparatory Commissions**

19.2.1. The Ratification Commission shall carry out a worldwide campaign for the ratification of the World Constitution, both to obtain preliminary ratification by national governments, including national legislatures, and to obtain final ratification by people, including communities. The ratification commission shall continue its work until the full operative stage of World Government is reached.

**19.2.2. The World Elections Commission shall prepare a provisional global map of World Electoral and Administrative Districts and Regions which may be revised during the first or second operative stage of World Government, and shall prepare and proceed with plans to obtain the election of Members of the World Parliament to the House of Peoples and to the House of Counsellors. The World Elections Commission shall in due course be converted into the World Boundaries and Elections Administration.**

19.2.3. After six months, in those countries where national governments have not responded favorable to the ratification call, the Ratification Commission and the World Elections Commission may proceed jointly to accomplish both the ratification of the World Constitution by direct popular referendum and concurrently the election of Members of the World Parliament.

19.2.4. The Ratification Commission may also submit the World Constitution for ratification by universities and colleges throughout the world.

[Eds.: There are six additional items in Article 19.2., which deal less directly with world districts.]

## **Article 19. Sec. 3 - Composition of the Provisional World Parliament**

19.3.1. The Provisional World Parliament shall be composed of the following members:

19.3.1.1. All those who were accredited as delegates to the 1977 and 1991 Sessions of the World Constituent Assembly, as well as to any previous Session of the Provisional World Parliament, and who re-confirm their support for the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, as amended.

19.3.1.2. Persons who obtain the required number of signatures on election petitions, or who are designated by Non-Governmental Organizations which adopt approved resolutions for this purpose, or who are otherwise accredited according to terms specified in Calls which may be issued to convene particular sessions of the Provisional World Parliament.

**19.3.1.3. Members of the World Parliament to the House of Peoples who are elected from World Electoral and Administrative Districts up to the time of convening the Provisional World Parliament. Members of the World Parliament elected to the House of Peoples may continue to be added to the Provisional World Parliament until the first operative stage of World Government is reached.**

19.3.1.4. Members of the World Parliament to the House of Nations who are elected by national legislatures or appointed by national governments up to the time of convening the Provisional World Parliament. Members of the World Parliament to the House of Nations may continue to be added to the Provisional World Parliament until the first operative stage of World Government is reached.

19.3.1.5. Those universities and colleges which have ratified the World Constitution may nominate persons to serve as Members of the World Parliament to the House of Counsellors. The House of Peoples and House of Nations together may then elect from such nominees up to fifty Members of the World Parliament to serve in the House of Counsellors of the Provisional World Government.

19.3.2. Members of the Provisional World Parliament in categories (19.3.1.1.) and (19.3.1.2.) as defined above, shall serve only until the first operative stage of World Government is declared, but may be duly elected to continue as Members of the World Parliament during the first operative stage.

[Eds.: There are six additional items in Article 19.3., which deal less directly with world districts.]

## Rules of Procedure for the World Constituent Assembly

Article 18.5. of the *Earth Constitution* refers to the procedure for the World Constituent Assembly: "If the First Operative Stage of World Government is not reached by the year 1995, then the Provisional World Parliament, as provided under Article 19, may convene another session of the World Constituent Assembly to review the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* and consider possible amendments according to procedure established by the Provisional World Parliament."

At the sixth session of the Provisional World Parliament, meeting at Bangkok in March of 2003, the Parliament deliberated and adopted procedure for the World Constituent Assembly. Notably, the Rules require a certain continuity within the structure of the *Earth Constitution*, disallowing certain provisions, such as those that would allow or permit military structure for the Earth Federation, military structure for member nations after the first operative stage, provisions to eliminate any of the three established chambers of the World Parliament, or provisions to reduce the civil liberties guaranteed under Articles 12 and 13 of the *Earth Constitution*.

These *Rules of Procedure for the World Constituent Assembly* should be included in your annexes to your world district bylaws, because they make clear the grounds and possibility of changes to the *Earth Constitution*, which must also be annexed in any world district bylaws. These rules are available online at [www.worldproblems.net](http://www.worldproblems.net). These rules of procedure will also be included in the full version of the *World District Template*.)

When drawing up your world district articles of incorporation and world district bylaws, make sure to include the necessary annexes to the bylaws. In your articles of incorporation and bylaws, you will state that the world district rules require the world district to recognize and comply with the provisions of the *Earth Constitution*, Rules of Procedure for the World Constituent Assembly, and with the world district code.

The world district code is the world legislation of the Provisional World Parliament that specifically applies to world districts. The following section of this World District Template will provide summaries or excerpts of most of this relevant legislative code. Confer with your lawyers to determine how much of this to include in the annexes to your articles of incorporation and bylaws.

# World District Code

## (Legislative Basis Section)

There are 67 enumerated world legislative acts and over 17 major world legislative resolutions of the Provisional World Parliament. Of these acts and resolutions, eleven (11) specifically and directly pertain to the functions of the world districts. These parts of the body of world legislation comprise the World District Code. An additional 17 world legislative acts pertain to the functions of the world districts, though less directly or from the position of professionally licensed legal or juridical functions. Of the eleven legislative acts that specifically and directly pertain to functions of a world district, eight are enumerated acts. These have summaries or particularly relevant provisions in this World District Code section below, and in the case of cooperative law, in the Cooperative Section of this World District Template, Abridged. The other three are resolutions of the Provisional World Parliament:

World Legislative Resolution - **Rules of Procedure for World Constituent Assembly (2003)**

World Legislative Resolution - **World Federal Distinction (2010)** ;

World Legislative Resolution - Declaration of Government and Citizen Responsibilities under the ***Earth Constitution*** (2010)

These three resolutions of policy statement are available on-line at:  
[http://www.worldproblems.net/english/legislation/legislative\\_documentation/other\\_session\\_law.html](http://www.worldproblems.net/english/legislation/legislative_documentation/other_session_law.html)

Additionally, the following world legislation is immediately pertinent and for reference to the formation and operation of the world districts, though not generally required knowledge for world district organizers outside of law professions: #4, #7, #13, #14, #17, #19, #20, #24, #28, #37, #38, #39, #40, #42, #43, #50, #62 and others. These legislative acts are for the particular attention of the three Law Commissions of the world district, and/or for the Finance Commission.

### World Legislative Act #05 - World District Courts (1982)

Selected provisions:

4. World Citizens [Eds.: adult residents] may take appeals from any judgment of any PDWC [provisional District World Court] or from any judgment of any PRWC [provisional Regional World Court], directly to the appropriate Bench of the World Supreme Court or provisional World Supreme Court or to the Superior Tribunal of the World Supreme Court, all as provided under Article 9 of the ***Earth Constitution***.
7. The judgments of all said courts have full force under World Law and International Law, have complete ***stare decisis*** effect and are ***res judicata*** in World Law and International Law on all issues adjudicated. Virtue of said force and effect shall enforce world court judgments. The World Court shall deem any violation of said judgments a violation of World Law and International Law. In every respect these world courts are empowered to fully function under the ***Earth Constitution***.
10. Three Judges who are attorneys-at-law under the laws of the host country or countries, and who have at least five years of legal or juristic experience, minimum age of twenty-five years, evident competence in concepts of world jurisprudence, and commitment to upholding the ***Earth Constitution*** shall preside over each PDWC and each PRWC.
11. The Courts provided herein have the power to adopt local Rules consistent with the aforesaid high court rules and with the ***Earth Constitution***, and with the other provisions specified in Section 2 of this Act.

## World Legislative Act #11 selected provisions

**Earth Financial Credit Corporation** (Act was first adopted in 1987, selected provisions below are from legislative amendment, 2015.)

### Article 15. Earth Federation Credit Union

Article 15.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1 of this Act, and notwithstanding restrictions on budget assigned in 2006 at the 9th session of the World Parliament, persons giving allegiance to the Earth Constitution may begin the immediate formation of a Earth Federation Credit Union (EFCU) on the basis of one citizen member, one vote, in a Board of Directors.

15.2. The World Parliament names a standing parliamentary committee of six members, each of whom are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. The standing parliamentary committee on the Earth Federation Credit Union is empowered to incorporate the Credit Union on behalf of the World Parliament and the people of Earth. The standing parliamentary committee may enlist trustees, coordinators, financial specialists and others for propoerly incorporating and establishing the Earth Federation Credit Union.

15.3. The Standing Parliamentary Committee shall nominate an Executive Committee of the Earth Federation Credit Union of 28 members, each giving allegiance to the ***Earth Constitution***.

15.4. To accommodate the large membership in the Board of Directors, as well as the impossibility of everyone being physically present in the decision-making meetings of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall present questions in writing by fax, e-mail or paper mail at least 30 days prior to all member directorate meetings. The Executive Committee shall recognize proxy voting in the decision-making process. The Executive Committee shall post a public report of decisions within 30 days of each member directorate meeting.

15.5. The Standing Parliamentary Committee for the Earth Federation Credit Union shall submit a detailed report on the progress of the formation of the Earth Federation Credit Union, together with any proposal for additional legislative support, to be submitted at least 60 days before the beginning of the next session of the World Parliament.

15.6. Apart from the differences of composition of the directorship, executive committee and directorate specified in the provisions of this article 15, above, the general purpose, rules, function and structure of the Earth Federation Credit Union is the same as that specified in World Legislative Act #07 for the Earth Federation Funding Corporation.

15.7. To begin, the World Parliament allocates one million Earth Hours annually for the implementation of the Earth Federation Credit Union.

16. The Earth Financial Credit Corporation (EFCC) shall develop, test, initiate and administrate the additional following non-interest bearing securities. The meaning of these terms is the generally-used financial meaning, except that world federal securities are only to offer payment on principal generated by the security to relieve the fiscal burden on states (nations), municipalities, individuals or other debtors giving allegiance to the ***Earth Constitution***. No interest is assumed. All payments are exclusively in the world unit of credit and currency (Earth Hours), with the following exceptions: Securities that are issued in explicit association with the process of ratification of the ***Earth Constitution***, are interest-bearing as defined in Article 17.6 of the ***Earth Constitution***, yet payable exclusively in the Earth Federation units of credit and currency, notwithstanding the general prohibition (EC 8.7,6.) regarding interest bearing securities. The EFCC shall administrate these securities upon EFCC or EFCU commencement of operations:



- 16.01. Earth Bonds (Registered) (WLA#06);
- 16.02. Earth Labor Bonds (Registered) ;
- 16.03. In association with the World Attorneys General Office, Earth Federation Indemnity Bonds (Registered);
- 16.04. World Federally Guaranteed Municipal Bonds ;
- 16.05. World Federally Guaranteed Municipal Improvement Certificates ;
- 16.06. World Federally Guaranteed State Bonds ;
- 16.07. World Federally Guaranteed State Improvement Certificates ;
- 16.08. Borrower Certified Credit Default Insurance;
- 16.09. World Federally Guaranteed Local Government Bonds;
- 16.10. World Federally Guaranteed Local Government Improvement Certificates;
- and 16.11. Other financial securities to be developed, such as local government bonds and local government improvement certificates, by the Earth Federation Funding Corporation, the Earth Financial Credit Corporation or by agencies of the Earth Federation in concert with the World Financial Administration.

## World Legislative Act #26 - Education Act Summary (2004)

Recognizes need for public education;

Recognizes rights to education;

Recognizes deficiency of education in world, and global education crisis;

Recognizes the need for immediate serious measures to create a quality world educational system to create universal prosperity, save the planetary environment, eradicate poverty, and activate world democracy.

Adopts this Act for Global Education.

1. Requires Earth Federation to develop schools, training of teachers, and integration of all children into educational process (whether in public or private schools) as basic priority of government.
2. Provisions for Financing: 2.1. Allocations; 2.2. Loans
3. Ministry and Administration. Directs reconfirmation or re-election of Provisional Education Minister or Education Commission Chairperson to nominate Provisional Senior Administrator and begin implementation. Directs Education Ministry to employ staff, and allows five year budget plan.
4. Provides for Advisory Council. Allows interlock of Earth Federation Educational Advisory Councils.
5. Location - Permits Education Ministry headquarters. Permits Education Minister and Senior Administrator to determine own residency.

## World Legislative Act #29 Summary - World Elections Act (2004)

1. Assigns basic administrative structure of World Boundaries and Elections Administration, as per Article 8, Section 3. of the *Earth Constitution*.

2. Defines administrative functions of World Boundaries and Elections Administration in conformance with Article 8, Section 3. of the *Earth Constitution*:

- 2.1. Defines World Boundaries;
- 2.2. Assign Administration to make periodic adjustments;
- 2.3. define detailed procedures for nomination and election of Members of the World Parliament to

House of Peoples and to House of Counsellors;

- 2.4. Conducts; Parliamentary candidate elections
- 2.5. Prepare Voters' Information Booklets;
- 2.6. To define rules for world political parties and political representation, subject to approval by World Parliament, and subject to review and recommendations of World Ombudsmus.
- 2.7. To define detailed procedures for legislative initiative and referendum by Citizens of Earth, and to conduct voting on supra-national or global initiatives and referendums in conjunction with world parliamentary elections.
- 2.8. To conduct plebiscites when requested by other Organs of World Government, and to make recommendations for settlement of boundary disputes.
- 2.9. To conduct global census every five years, and to prepare and maintain complete demographic analyses for Earth.

Further defines administrative functions :

- 2.10. To create and maintain world electoral registry, to manage electoral process.
- 2.11. To directly stimulate and promote popular participation in world government affairs on worldwide basis. In particular, to support Global Peoples Assembly (GPA), to include peoples committees and peoples councils on wide variety of different issues. Permits Global Peoples Assembly to include all citizens of Earth who express desire to participate in Assembly in conformance with world law.
- 2.12. To eventually construct and maintain dedicated facilities for the Global Peoples Assembly (GPA) in every Administrative District on Earth, with facilities of ample capacity for all world citizens projected to participate.
- 2.13. To directly stimulate and promote diverse range of approaches to world decision making processes, to include Internet, radio, television, and other technology decision making systems in overall decision processes.
- 3. Sets Boundaries; adopts the Newcombe Proposal for World Districts and Regions, with adjustments as necessary to bring plan up to date and within constitutional limits. Recommends immediately review of districting plan, particularly if districting is not brought fully within constitutional limits by first operative stage of world government. (Presents Newcombe Districting as legislative addendum.)
- 4. Establishes Voter Registry.
- 5. Defines process for nomination and election of World Parliament Members;  
Requires solemn undertaking from World candidates;
- 6. Enables conducting of world elections.  
Authorizes World Boundaries and Elections Commission to allocate funds.
- 7. Establishes Voter Information Office.
- 8. Requires political parties to ratify *Earth Constitution* to participate in world elections.
- 9. Establishes campaign limits.
- 10. Defines world legislative initiatives and process.
- 11. Defines world legislative referendum and process.
- 12. Defines world plebiscites and process.
- 13. Permits census process.
- 14. Establishes Global Peoples Assembly (GPA) as global para-governmental agency and process, comprising both non-governmental and governmental functions, emerging to improve democratic process at global level, encouraging popular participation in making world citizen decisions.
- 14.1 Defines Functions of Global Peoples Assembly, its subsidiary and partner organizations;
  - 14.1.1. to endorse, promote or reject endorsement of candidates to House of Peoples and to House of Nations;
  - 14.1.2. to recommend that World Parliament deliberate specified issues or subjects of legislation;

14.1.3. to generate necessary world citizens Initiatives and Plebiscites for election by People of Earth in measured world elections conducted by World Boundaries and Elections Administration, if the Global Peoples Assembly does not perceive recommendations to be adequate;

14.1.4. to discuss pending decisions and past decisions of the World Parliament;

14.1.5. to discuss pending decisions and past decision of the People via world initiatives, world referendums and world plebiscites;

14.1.6. to form citizens commissions to investigate electoral procedures, systems or subsystems that may have been subverted by faulty or fraudulent electronic count or other means, or the secrecy of which may have been compromised. (Individuals' vote is secret, but not actual counting of votes, which is public function.); and

14.1.7. to discuss and review its own functioning, making corrections as necessary to ensure broad popular participation in new world political process.

14.2. Defines Membership and Partner Organizations

14.2.1. Defines Participating members.

14.2.2. Defines Contributing members.

14.2.3. Defines GPA Partner Organizations.

14.3. Defines Delegates Council.

14.3.1. Defines GPA initial arrangements

14.3.2. Defines Liaisons and Delegates

Defines procedure to determine numbers of delegates. if facility space is short. This Act encourages broad participation in Global Peoples Assembly. This Act recommends Credentials Committee to find additional adjacent space and electronically link assembly, if feasible.

14.3.2.4. Permits Assemblies or organizations to designate participating members as liaisons to other assemblies and organizations.

14.3.2.5. Limits partner delegates to constitute less than 50% of all GPA delegates.

14.3.2.6. Subject to availability of resources, GPAM may subsidize travel and other expenses for delegates who request financial aid, according to need and past or potential level of participation.

14.3.3. Voting Delegates Council and other groups of the Global Peoples Assembly will seek consensus, with 2/3 of those present required for decisions on resolutions, initiatives, policy, Charter and Bylaws. Consensus and electoral decisions take effect immediately, but if ratification vote fails at future GPAM Plenary, the respective assembly must revoke or change decision as advised. By simple majority vote, Delegates, liaisons or partner members may submit proposed decisions, along with pro and con statements, to participating members for advisory vote. Other contested decisions, including elections and procedural decisions, are by majority vote.

Declares Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, latest edition as basic manual for procedure of the Global Peoples Assembly and Delegates Council, unless Delegates Council or Global Peoples Assembly decides otherwise;

14.3.4. Meetings Delegates Council shall meet at GPAs, and shall strive to meet in person at least annually and electronically at least quarterly. For voting purposes, a quorum is 25% of all delegates.

14.3.5 Defines structure of Delegates Council to include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who serve for up to two terms of two years each. The Delegates Council may create other leadership positions and groups as needed, with duties and terms of office.

14.3.6. Requires Delegates Council to form Credentials Committee to compile list of qualified assemblies and partner organizations and to maintain database of participating members and of current delegates, and alternates. Requires committee to also solicit potential assemblies and partner organizations and issue qualification guidelines with approval of Delegates Council. Requires Credentials Committee to determine activity of participating members for quorum purposes. Requires Credentials Committee to form a list

of recommended candidates to serve in elections to House of Peoples and to House of Counsellors in general world government elections. Permits Credentials Committee to elaborate commentary on World Parliament candidates coming from World Districts and Regional Assemblies.

Permits candidate for World Parliament to run for office without endorsement from Credentials Committee of Global Peoples Assembly, if all qualifications are met, as defined in *Earth Constitution*.

14.3.7. Defines Internal Initiatives.

14.4. Defines GPAM Plenary Sessions

14.4.1. Sets simple majority to vote on policy.

14.4.2. Defines Voting for Candidates and Borda Count.

14.4.3. Other Procedure. Procedural issues not addressed in Bylaws will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, latest edition.

14.5. Defines Financial Arrangements. Permits agents.

15. Declares intention to eventually provide dedicated facilities for Global Peoples Assemblies

16. Promotes development of Internet programs and projects to create better and stronger world democratic process.

17. Authorizes Agency for Research and Planning to assign public radio and television frequencies for each District, Region and other jurisdictional levels of Earth Federation, to include dedicated frequencies for broadcast of each District, Region and other jurisdictional level of Global Peoples Assembly.

18. Allows Low Technology systems to supplement participation

19. Children's Participation. Directs budgetary allocations for youth participation and parliamentary training in annual budget of the WBEA.

20. Incorporates Syntegrity Project for advisory function

21. Assigns World Boundaries and Elections Commission to prepare annual Budget.

22. Requires World Boundaries and Elections Administration annual report to World Parliament and to Presidium.

23. Claims to further provisions

## World Legislative Act #31 - World Ombudsmus Act (2006) Selected sections

### 7. Further Structure

#### District Ombudsen and Deputy District Ombudsen

The People shall elect Five World District Ombudsen and Twenty Deputy Ombudsen to be elected from and for each World Electoral and Administrative District, from the electorate of the World District to be served, with elections held concurrent with general world elections. A District Ombudsen may serve two successive five year terms. A candidate for District Ombudsen must be at least 30 years of age at the time of taking office, have five years' legal experience, with demonstrable knowledge of applicable world law, be a resident for at least one year of the district from which the candidate is seeking office, and shall take a pledge of service to humanity. A candidate for Deputy Ombudsen must be at least 18 years of age, a resident for at least one year of the district from which the candidate is seeking office, and shall take a pledge of service to humanity. A Deputy Ombudsen may serve two successive terms as Deputy.

Candidates interested in serving as World District Ombudsen or Deputy Ombudsen shall register with the World Civil Service Administration for placement on the formative civil service lists. Candidates, District Ombudsen and Deputy Ombudsen who begin participation before the formation of the lists must register promptly with the formative World Civil Service Administration in order to obtain and maintain seniority in the lists.

A District Ombudsen or Deputy Ombudsen may be removed for cause by simple majority vote in special

recall election, provided that the respective electorate present recall petitions from 10% of those eligible to vote in the respective district, and provided that in the subsequent recall election ballots are cast by at least 25% of people qualified to vote in the district.

### **8. Responsibility of the World District Ombudsman and Deputy Ombudsman.**

World District Ombudsman and Deputy District Ombudsman are responsible to directly ensure that the Bill of Rights of the *Earth Constitution* is duly recognized and that citizens have protection. In cases where District Ombudsman or Deputy Ombudsman observe that rights are not respected, the Ombudsman or Deputy Ombudsman shall respond with one or more of these actions: 8.1. Direct intervention by warning to the violator, 8.2. Direct intervention with other legal action, 8.3. Report of the violation to the office of the respective World Advocate.

District Ombudsman and Deputy Ombudsman have the same power of arrest as that of world citizens, except that Ombudsman may also carry out warrants if the subject of the warrant is human rights or civil rights issues. District Ombudsman and Ombudsman Deputies may cooperate with the World Police, but are not legally required to do so, as a cooperation requirement would interfere with the separation of powers defined in the *Earth Constitution*, Article 11, Section 1.2.

Deputy Ombudsman are accountable to their respective District Ombudsman. District Ombudsman are accountable to their respective Regional World Advocate.

Further, District Ombudsman and Deputy Ombudsman will participate and assist the World Ombudsman in all provisions of Article 11., Section A of the *Earth Constitution*. The World Ombudsman shall prepare budget recommendations to the provisional World Parliament and World Parliament and to agencies of the Integrative Complex, so that the offices of the Ombudsman and Deputy Ombudsman may be suitably staffed.

The District World Ombudsman shall select and employ the staff of these District offices from the civil service lists. Until the lists are formed, provisional staffs may be established directly by the District World Ombudsman. However, individual staff members will need to get placement within the civil service lists to obtain and maintain seniority as the Earth Federation commences its first operational stage. Placement on lists is a responsibility of individual staffs responding in compliance with the formative World Civil Service Administration.

## **World Legislative Act #54 - Remedies and Corrections (2013)**

Selected provisions

### **12. Armed Officers of the Department of Remedies and Corrections**

**12.1. Regulation.** Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Marshals, Parole and Probation Officers, World Guards, Bailiffs and other Remedies and Enforcement Officers are all subject to the same constitutional regulations as for World Police in Article 10.3 and 10.4 of the *Earth Constitution*.

Armed officers of the Remedies and Corrections Department must not simultaneously serve as members of the Department of Conflict Resolution, nor in any capacity outside the Enforcement System, whether in the Earth Federation or in the private sector.

**12.2. Sheriffs** – Office of World District Sheriff and World District Deputy Sheriff is hereby created for monitoring house arrests, paroles and probations. Every five years at general elections, each World Boundaries and Elections Administration District Office shall place on the ballot provisions for five World District Sheriffs and 25 World District Deputy Sheriffs. Nominations will be made based upon election



petition with signatures from the residents of the particular world district. Prospective World Deputy Sheriffs and World Sheriffs should have prior residency of at least one year in the world district in which they are to run for election, and they should retain full year residency of that district throughout their term of office. Deputy Sheriffs may run for re-election once. Sheriffs may run for re-election once. Service as a Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff does not count against time that a person may be eligible for service as a World Police Captain or World Police Supervisor. Deputy Sheriffs report to the Sheriff. Sheriffs report to their respective Regional World Attorney General. Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs must not simultaneously hold any other office or employment during their term of office.

**12.3. Parole and Probation Officers** – The Regional World Attorneys shall hire enough Parole and Probation Officers to work in the World District Sheriffs' Offices and in the field to enable the Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs to perform their duties in a proper manner.

(Article 12 has three additional items that deal less directly with the office of Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff.)

## World Legislative Act #63 - Cooperative Communities Empowerment Act

The full text of **World Legislative Act #63 - Cooperative Communities Empowerment Act** is printed in the Cooperative Section of this World District Template, Abridged. (pp. 24-25) This is also available at [www.worldproblems.net](http://www.worldproblems.net).

## World Legislative Act #67 Summary - Guideline Call for the Direct Popular Referendum regarding the *Earth Constitution* (2015)

Short title: Referendum Call

Gist of Call: Issues Guideline Call for Direct Popular Referendum regarding the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth (Earth Constitution)*.

1. Calls upon ordinary residents of Earth to participate in Direct Popular Referendum referred to in *Earth Constitution* under Article Sections 17.1.5., and 17.1.6.
2. Requires and encourages coordination of Direct Popular Referendum at world district levels. Affirms relative initiative of people themselves beyond micromanagement by Provisional World Parliament or World Constitution & Parliament Association (WCPA) in conducting of Direct Popular Referendum. Permits continuation steering committees, standing parliamentary committees of World Parliament to conduct observations of Direct Popular Referendum. Permits WCPA to conduct observations of Direct Popular Referendum. Requires observing committees and WCPA to deliver reports to World Parliament regarding any observations taken. Requires Standing Parliamentary Committees and WCPA to prepare recommendations for better conduction of electoral polls of Direct Popular Referendum.
3. Promotes general guidelines
  - 3.1. Disavows age restriction regarding organization of Direct Popular Referendum, except that adults (18 years of age or older) hold collected ballots of referendum for safekeeping, and that adults (18 years of age or older) be present at counting of ballots.
  - 3.2. Disavows requirement regarding citizenship in collection, safekeeping and counting of ballots for direct popular referendum.
  - 3.3. Permits nations to enforce pre-established rules regarding electoral campaigns for nationally organized portion of final ratification campaign. Prohibits national or other government officials from interference

in direct popular referendum. 3.4. Disavows any requirement that voters give prior allegiance to ***Earth Constitution*** before participation in direct popular referendum. Disavows any requirement that voters show any world citizenship papers. 3.5. Permits request for printed identification, proof of residency and age. Permits exceptions for requirement of printed identification, proof of residency and age. 3.6. Requires legible birthdate to be listed on ballot for cast ballot to be considered valid. 3.7. Requires legible address to be listed on cast ballot. Permits alternatives for homeless voters. 3.8. Requires elector's legible printed name, signature and legible date of vote. 3.9. Requires election officials to post General Guidelines in conspicuous and legible position at polling place during time that polling place is open. 3.10. Permits election officials to give electors correct technical instruction regarding proper form in which to fill out ballots without this being construed as electioneering. 3.11. Permits Election officials to use video or other camera equipment at polling place to help prevent casting of multiple ballots, or to otherwise assure integrity of election. 3.12. Under Article 12 Item 5, ***Earth Constitution*** guarantees freedom to vote without duress. Requires election officials to endeavor to protect personal secrecy of ballots. 3.13. Prohibits postal voting in direct popular referendum 3.14. Prohibits proxy voting in direct popular referendum.

4. Requires security of ballots.

5. Requires local world district repositories of polls

6. Permits electioneering (political campaigning) away from specific place and time of polling. Prohibits electioneering (political campaigning) at defined venues of direct popular referendum.

7. Permits flexible time of election up to indefinite number of years.

8. Recommends wording referendum as selection between pre-existing world system as defined under 1) United Nations Charter; and 2) ***Earth Constitution***.

9. Encourages but does not strictly require conformance to state (national) election law in conduction of direct popular referendum. Requires conformance to state (national) election law in final referendum votes organized by states (nations) not part of direct popular referendum. Prohibits interference against Direct Popular Referendum.

10. Further defines role of World Boundaries and Elections Administration regarding direct popular referendum.

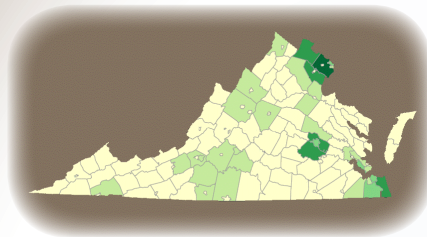
11. Requires public counting of ballots. Permits conditional popular recording of electoral results.



# World District Visuals and Flyers

Virginia general WD119 flyer (half-letter size doubled on letter)

Reverse of flyer is similar to next page, only with Virginia details.



## World District 119 Virginia

### What is World District 119?

World District 119 - Virginia is part of a democratic world federal republic based upon first principles of humanity, freedom, self-government and constitutional limits.

#### ***Earth Constitution Article 2.4.:***

The basic electoral and administrative units of the world government shall be World Electoral and Administrative Districts. A total of not more than 1000 World Electoral and Administrative Districts shall be defined, and shall be nearly equal in population, within the limits of plus or minus ten percent.

#### **Broad Functions of the *Earth Federation*:**

Protection of human rights worldwide and at the district level; war prevention; Equitable economic and social protections to end poverty; Regulation of world trade and corporations; Protection of the environment; and to implement solutions to world problems beyond the scope of nations.

[earth-constitution.org](http://earth-constitution.org) ; [worldproblems.net](http://worldproblems.net);

upcoming: [wd119.earth](http://wd119.earth) ; [worldparliamentuniversity.org](http://worldparliamentuniversity.org)

For North Georgia flyers, acceptance rate in Atlanta area is about 95% at political & holiday gatherings, and about 75% on public transport (bus & subways). Toss rate appears very low, approaching 0% for hand-to-hand delivery! Toss rate for peri-mailbox delivery is higher, perhaps 10% - 15%, so if distributing outside mailboxes, make sure to recheck the street after a couple of days, to clean up any littered flyers. Windshield wiper toss rate appears higher, so is probably not suitable, unless the vehicle already sports political/social bumper stickers that indicate a driver or owner might likely be receptive.

## How can we have World Citizenship?

### What to do?

Learn about what self-government is.

Organize with World District 122 to conduct the direct popular ratification referendum defined in Article 17.1 of the *Earth Constitution*.



# World District 122

**What:** A nearly-equal division of structure in the democratic, parliamentary Earth Federation.

**Who:** All residents of North Georgia WD122

**When:** Now

**Where:** North Georgia, North America

**How:** Through provisions enabled via World Legislation & *Earth Constitution*

**Why:** Sustainable world ecology; human rights protections, equitable commercial regulation and prosperity for all by nonviolent means, without discrimination of any kind. *You* make decisions that affect your life and the lives of those you love.

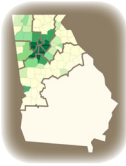
Like us on Facebook:

<https://facebook.com/worlddistrict122>

earth-constitution.org ; worldproblems.net;  
upcoming: wd122.org ; www.worldparliamentuniversity.org



## Sample World District Letterhead



# World District 122 - North Georgia

A cooperative enterprise in conformance with the *Earth Constitution*

1484 Lively Ridge Road, Atlanta, GA 30329 USA



Sample Letterhead Footer (enactment clause of the *Earth Constitution*):

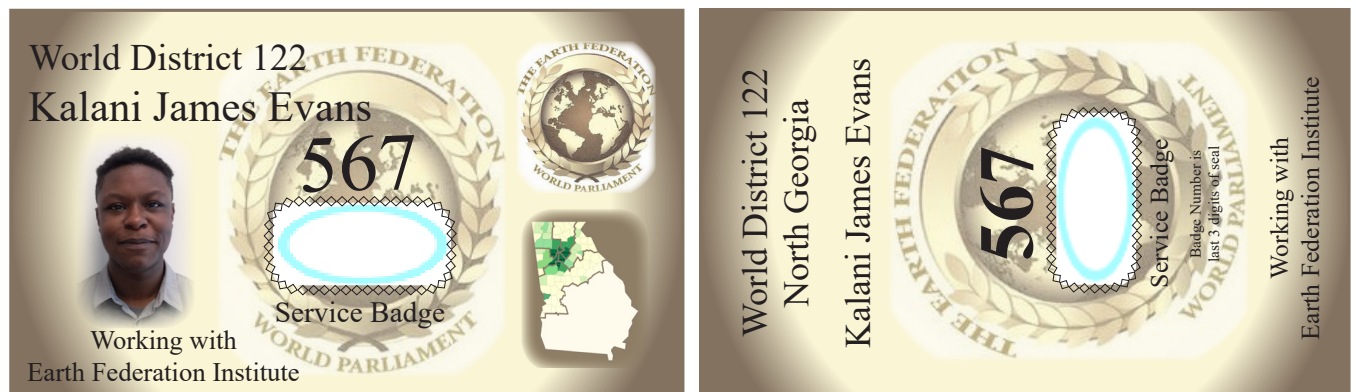
*"We, citizens of the world, hereby resolve to establish a world federation to be governed in accordance with this **Constitution for the Federation of Earth.**"*

## Business Card Template Front &amp; Back



## Canvass Identification Badge Template Front &amp; Back

Badge includes oval spaces for holographic matching numeric seals.





# World District Production Resource List

Earth Federation Institute and World District 122 generally endorses these organizations and links, but...

**Our linkage or endorsement does not mean that these organizations endorse World District 122.** Rather, links are listed based on a likelihood that information therein, or individuals working thereat are likely to be helpful in establishing and managing a world district. This is not a donor list, but rather a list of resources for sharing skills, information and individual contacts likely to be instrumental in making a world district successful.

## Global

International Cooperative Alliance <https://www.ica.coop>

ICA Guidance Notes - <https://www.ica.coop/sites/default/files/publication-files/ica-guidance-notes-en-310629900.pdf>

World Constitution & Parliament Association - [earth-constitution.org](http://earth-constitution.org)

One World Renaissance - <https://oneworldrenaissance.com>

Earth Federation Institute / World Parliament University.

Forthcoming: [www.worldparliamentuniversity.org](http://www.worldparliamentuniversity.org)

Original site: (suitable for most Earth Federation document retrieval): [www.worldproblems.net](http://www.worldproblems.net)  
(HOME PAGE)

There are Peoples Assemblies. The Earth Federation Movement has been promoting Peoples Assemblies since at least the year 2000, when our late Co-President Dr. Reinhart Ruge was a participant in the Global Peoples Assembly meeting in Samoa. Regional Peoples Assembly met in June 2001 in San Francisco, California, attended by several in the Provisional Earth Federation leadership. This was followed by elaboration of guidelines at the seventh session (Chennai, 2003) and eighth session (Lucknow, 2004) of the Provisional World Parliament. Guidelines continue to evolve.

Resolution for a Charter-in-Development of the Global Peoples Assembly <http://www.worldproblems.net/english/wd-purpose-structure-functions/global-peoples-assembly-resolution-samoa-20000407.htm>

Global Peoples Assembly, Falk & Strauss, 2000. Stan. J. Int'l Law 36:191

[http://www.worldproblems.net/english/world\\_district\\_template/wd-purpose-structure-functions/global\\_peoples\\_assembly\\_falkstrauss.pdf](http://www.worldproblems.net/english/world_district_template/wd-purpose-structure-functions/global_peoples_assembly_falkstrauss.pdf)

Peoples Movement Assembly Handbook <http://www.peoplesmovementassembly.org/>

<http://proutglobe.org/2011/08/faq-cooperatives/> <http://www.prout.org> <https://www.proutinstitute.org>

The Zeitgeist Movement shares principles of the World District Template and the ***Earth Constitution***, which design the social requirements for implementation of a Natural Law Resource Based Economy (NLRBE) in which there are accounting of costs without externalization of costs. Many of the Zeitgeist Movement points and perspective can fit in line with operation of the ***Earth Constitution*** and World Districts (We are discounting for the strictly anarchic principles and structure of the Venus Project.) For this reason, the Zeitgeist Movement website is offered as a resource. However, we sense that there cannot be the practical application of the Zeitgeist Movement principles without the ***Earth Constitution*** as a framework for accountability. The Zeitgeist definition of the Industrial Government is fairly in keeping with the necessary structures and functions of the Planning and Assessment Agencies of the Integrative Complex of the Earth Federation, which is a necessary part of the World District formation, and so this is linked below:

The Zeitgeist Movement website - <https://www.thezeitgeistmovement.com>

The Zeitgeist Movement Defined - Section 15: Industrial Government

[http://www.worldproblems.net/english/world\\_district\\_template/wd-purpose-structure-functions/industrial\\_government\\_The\\_Zeitgeist\\_Movement\\_Defined\\_excerpt.pdf](http://www.worldproblems.net/english/world_district_template/wd-purpose-structure-functions/industrial_government_The_Zeitgeist_Movement_Defined_excerpt.pdf)

The Zeitgeist Movement Defined - [https://www3.thezeitgeistmovement.com/.../10/The\\_Zeitgeist\\_Movement\\_Defined\\_PDF\\_Final.pdf](https://www3.thezeitgeistmovement.com/.../10/The_Zeitgeist_Movement_Defined_PDF_Final.pdf)

## United States, North America

Co-opLaw [Co-opLaw.org](http://Co-opLaw.org)

Peoples Currency Project - Universal Basic Income + Blockchain <https://www.mannabase.com/>

Oracle Institute - [theoracleinstitute.org](http://theoracleinstitute.org)

US Solidarity Economy Network - <https://ussen.org/>

National Cooperative Business Association - <https://ncbaclusa.coop/resources/>

US Census - <https://www.census.gov>

US Census Block Maps - <https://www.census.gov/geographies/reference-maps/2010/geo/2010-census-block-maps.html> (A new URL will be needed with the 2020 census.)

The Law of Cooperatives - <https://www.americanbar.org/products/inv/book/213961/>

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association - <https://www.electric.coop>

Project South <https://projectsouth.org>

Southern Movement Assembly <http://www.southtosouth.org>

*“We regret to inform you that file access is currently restricted due to a threat of prosecution.”*  
<https://www.codeisfreespeech.com>

## Georgia

Georgia Co-operative Development Center - <http://www.georgiacoopdc.org/>

Georgia EMC - <https://georgiaemc.com> Georgia Credit Union Affiliates - <https://gcua.org/>  
6705 Sugarloaf Pkwy., Suite 200, Duluth, GA 30097

Georgia Credit Union Directory - 99 credit unions in Georgia <https://www.creditunionsonline.com/georgia-credit-unions.html>

Organization for Human Rights and Democracy - Cooperative Atlanta Project  
[info@ohrdemocracy.org](mailto:info@ohrdemocracy.org)  
(404) 855-6584 . . . . . 542 Moreland Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30316

The Law of Cooperatives - <https://www.americanbar.org/products/inv/book/213961/>  
(Book was authored by members of a local (Tucker) Georgia law firm, specializing in business cooperatives.)

From list of links at the Georgia Cooperative Development Center  
<http://www.georgiacoopdc.org/resources/>

## The US South

Fund for Democratic Communities (Making last's grants this year) - <https://f4dc.org/>

Federation of Southern Co-ops/Land Assistance Fund - <http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>

Cooperation Jackson (Mississippi) - <http://www.cooperationjackson.org/>

Highlander Research and Education Center (Tennessee) - <http://highlandercenter.org/>

Florida Farmworkers Association (Florida) - <http://www.floridafarmworkers.org/>

USDA Rural Development - <https://www.rd.usda.gov/>



Southern Reparation Loan Fund - <https://southernreparations.org/>

Carolina Common Enterprise (North & South Carolina) - <http://www.commonenterprise.coop/>

Communities Unlimited (Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Alabama) - <https://www.communitiesu.org/>

Georgia Cooperative Council (Non-profit association of ~300 co-operative businesses with 11k jobs: Objective to promote all types of cooperative associations in the state: farm supply, financial, electric, telephone, cotton and dairy marketing and service cooperatives. Matthew Epperson, ex-officio Director) - <https://georgiacoop.com/>

Mississippi Association of Cooperatives - <http://www.mississippiassociation.coop/>

Grassroots Economics Organizing (GEO) Small nationwide (many in DC) collective of educators, researchers and grassroots activists working to promote co-operative economy. - <http://www.geo.coop/>

Cooperative Council of North Carolina - <http://www.ccnc.coop/>

Virginia Co-op Council - <http://www.virginia.coop/>

Florida Cooperative Empowered Economic Development (CEED) - <http://www.floridaceed.org/>

Georgia EMC (Electric Membership Corporation) - <https://georgiaemc.com/>

Green Power EMC - <http://www.greenpoweremc.com/>

Cooperative Atlanta (a project of the Organization for Human Rights and Democracy) - <http://www.ohrdemocracy.org/project/workers-rights-cooperative-economics/>

Project South - <https://projectsouth.org/>

Southerners on New Ground (SONG) - <http://southernersonnewground.org/>

Southern Poverty Law Center - <https://www.splcenter.org/>

Southeastern African American Farmers' Organic Network (SAAFON) - <http://www.saaфон.org/>

Southern Foodways Alliance - <https://www.southernfoodways.org/>

Appalachian Center for Economic Networks - <http://acenetworks.org/>

Georgia Organics - <https://georgiaorganics.org/>

Georgia Credit Union Affiliates - <https://gcua.org/>

Selma Center for Nonviolence, Truth and Reconciliation - <https://www.selmacenterfornonviolence.org/>

## General Resources -

Think Outside the Boss (Sustainable Economies Law Center) - <http://www.co-oplaw.org/legal-tools/manuals/>

28 Questions to Ask Before Meeting the Lawyer - <http://institute.coop/resources/28-questions-ask-meeting-lawyer>

How to Start a Food Co-op (Food Co-op Initiative) - [http://www.foodcoopinitiative.coop/sites/default/files/Startup guide-02.2017.pdf](http://www.foodcoopinitiative.coop/sites/default/files/Startup%20guide-02.2017.pdf)

Cultivate.coop (A wiki about co-ops!) - <http://Cultivate.coop>

Ed.coop (Cooperative Educators Network of the Association of Cooperative Educators [ACE]) - <http://ed.coop>

Ask Co-op Cathy (Cooperative Development Institute) - <http://cdi.coop/resource-center/cathy/>

Master's of Management: Co-operatives and Credit Unions (Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS, CAN) - <http://www.smu.ca/academics/sobey/sobey-cooperative-management-education.html>

Coop Biz Planning Key Questions (PDF from Collective Ourselves by Emily Lippold Cheney, Northcountry Cooperative Foundation) - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kodCnYnDrBg88P7Oxj8eN7TeCxd55sj2/view?usp=sharing>

Co-opoly - <http://store.toolboxford.org/co-opoly-the-game-of-co-operatives/>

## Federation of Southern Cooperative/ Land Assistance Fund MISSION

We strive toward the development of self-supporting communities with programs that increase income and enhance other opportunities; and we strive to assist in land retention and development, especially for African Americans, but essentially for all family farmers.

We do this with an active and democratic involvement in poor areas across the South, through education and outreach strategies which support low-income people in molding their communities to become more humane and livable.

We assist in the development of cooperatives and credit unions as a collective strategy to create economic self-sufficiency.

## Administrative Office

[fsc@federation.coop](mailto:fsc@federation.coop)2769 Church Street • East Point, GA 30344  
(404) 765-0991 • FAX (404) 765-9178

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East Point, GA 30344

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FAX (404) 765-9178

## Rural Training &amp; Research Center

PO Box 95

Epes, AL 35460

[fscepes@federation.coop](mailto:fscepes@federation.coop)

(205) 652-9676

FAX (205) 652-9678

## Georgia Field Office

PO Box 3092

Albany, GA 31706

[fscalbany@federation.coop](mailto:fscalbany@federation.coop)

(229) 432-5799

FAX (229) 439-0894

## Mississippi Field Office

[mscenter@mindspring.com](mailto:mscenter@mindspring.com)

PO Box 22786

Jackson, MS 39225

(601) 354-2750

FAX (601) 354-2777

## Louisiana State Office

[bruceharrell@federation.coop](mailto:bruceharrell@federation.coop)

## National/International Co-op Support Organizations

New Economy Coalition - <https://neweconomy.net/>Everything Co-op with Vernon Oakes (Radio Show) - <http://everything.coop/>National Cooperative Business Association/CLUSA (Cooperative League of the USA) - <http://ncba.coop/>International Cooperative Alliance - <http://ica.coop/>National Co-op Bank - <https://ncb.coop/>Shared Capital Co-op - <http://sharedcapital.coop/>The Working World - <https://www.theworkingworld.org/us/>Sustainable Economies Law Center - <http://www.theselc.org/>Co-oplaw.org - <http://Co-oplaw.org>

Cutting Edge Capital - <https://www.cuttingedgecapital.com/>

National Black Food & Justice Alliance - <http://www.blackfoodjustice.org/>

Anti-Oppression Resource & Training Alliance (AORTA) Co-op - <http://aorta.coop/>

University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperative - <http://www.uwcc.wisc.edu/>

2009 Georgia Economic Impact Table - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11FmPnNDC6t2LPPH-q4mCzrCxPRMcxZZp/view?usp=sharing>

Five Steps to Converting Your Business to Employee Ownership (Project Equity) - <http://www.project-equity.org/businesses/how-it-works/>

Cooperative Food Empowerment Directive (CoFED) - <http://www.cofed.coop/>

US Federation of Worker Cooperatives - <https://usworker.coop/home/>

Democracy at Work Institute (US Federation of Worker Co-operatives, Oakland, CA)  
- <https://institute.coop/>

Becoming Employee Owned - <http://becomingemployeeowned.org/>

National Rural Electric Co-op Association (NRECA) - <https://www.electric.coop/>

Catholic Campaign for Human Development - <http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/>

Democracy Collaborative - <https://democracycollaborative.org/>

Resident Owned Communities (ROC) USA - <https://rocusa.org/>

Start.coop - <http://www.start.coop>

dotCoop (the .coop domain name just for co-ops) - <http://www.coop/>

CooperationWorks! (Click to find other co-op development centers around the country!) - <https://cooperationworks.coop/>

NASCO (North American Students of Cooperation) - <https://www.nasco.coop/>

Cooperatives For a Better World - <https://cooperativesforabetterworld.coop/>

Overseas Cooperative Development Council - <http://www.ocdc.coop/>

National Cooperative Grocer's - <https://www.strongertogether.coop/>

US Solidarity Economy Network - <https://ussen.org>

## Full-Spectrum Nonviolent Resistance and the Chenoweth Threshold

Peace researchers have described numerous methods of advancing peaceful civilization. Dr. Erica Chenoweth has described a way to measure benchmarks in non-violent struggle for change to democratic government, by determining at what mathematical point a nonviolent campaign is apt to succeed. Since the world district is a nonviolent resistance strategy for democratic government, the world district can use nonviolent methods and the ***Chenoweth Threshold*** for targeting, predicting, achieving and measuring desirable outcomes.

Specifically, Erica Chenoweth examined all recorded cases of rebellion or revolution since 1900 involving more than 2000 participants. Struggles using nonviolent tactics were twice as likely to succeed as cases involving violent tactics. In nonviolent struggles that attained participation of 3.5% of the directly affected population (What we are taking the liberty to call the ***Chenoweth Threshold*** number), the nonviolent struggle was invariably successful. Nonviolent struggles were much more likely to have democratic outcomes.

A sense in which the Chenoweth Threshold gives us a benchmark is for us to consider that in the case of World District 122 (which has a 75% age-of-majority distribution) 3.5% of the population is less than one-fifth of our quorum, and just slightly over one-third of a minimum-majority vote, but meeting the 3.5% indicator will have already given us a significant indication that the electoral process has a good chance to move forward and succeed.

The secret to effective nonviolent resistance | Jamila Raqib <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIpgrZ8yS-Q>

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About the Chenoweth Threshold

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The world district is a process of full spectrum nonviolent action. Consider the 198 distinct sorts of nonviolent action categorized by peace researcher Gene Sharp.

<http://www.jeffreythompson.org/downloads/198MethodsOfNonviolentAction.pdf>

<https://www.cpt.org/files/PW-198Methods.pdf>

<https://www.aeinstein.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/198-Methods.pdf>

<https://www.aeinstein.org/nonviolentaction/198-methods-of-nonviolent-action/>

At Albert Einstein Institution, the 198 methods are available in numerous languages.



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There are Peoples Assemblies. The Earth Federation Movement has been promoting Peoples Assemblies since at least the year 2000, when our late Co-President Dr. Reinhart Ruge was a participant in the Global Peoples Assembly meeting in Samoa. Regional Peoples Assembly met in June 2001 in San Francisco, California, attended by several in the Provisional Earth Federation leadership. This was followed by elaboration of further guidelines at the seventh session (Chennai, 2003) and eighth session (Lucknow, 2004) of the Provisional World Parliament. Guidelines continue to evolve.

## Co-op Books We Love

(List from the Georgia Cooperative Development Center. Initial List Credited to Philadelphia Area Cooperative Alliance)

***Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought and Practice***

By Dr. Jessica Gordon Nembhard

Published in 2014, 311 pages.

***The Co-operative Revolution (A Graphic Novel)***

by Paul Fitzgerald (aka Polyp)

Published in 2012, 80 pages

***Companies we keep: employee ownership and the business of community and place***

by John Abrams

Published in 2008, 333 pages.

***Building co-operative power : stories and strategies from the worker-cooperatives in the Connecticut River Valley***

by Janelle Cornwell; Michael Johnson; Adam Trott

Published in 2013, 278 pages.

***For all the people: uncovering the hidden history of cooperation, cooperative movements, and communalism in America***

By John Curl

Published in 2012, 576 pages.

***Humanizing the economy: co-operatives in the age of capital***

by John Restakis

Published in 2010, 295 pages.

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By E.G. Nadeau

Published in 2012, 123 pages.

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