

THE MACEDONIAN MINISTRIES
CONSTITUTION


1. **Name**

The Association shall be known as the Macedonian Ministries.

2. **Objects**

The objects of the Association shall be:

- 2.1 Evangelise the lost people of the Republic of South Africa.
- 2.2 Plant Bible believing churches.
- 2.3 Train and equip pastors and emerging pastors.
- 2.4 Develop, teach and train church leaders.
- 2.5 Motivate "self-help" opportunities.
- 2.6 Improve quality of community life (AIDS education, primary health care etc.).
- 2.7 Obtain resources to help the local churches grow to maturity (Christian literature, Bibles, buildings etc).
- 2.8 Help Christians emerge into mission minded and mission sending churches.
- 2.9 To do all such things as may be necessary, auxiliary or incidental to the achievement of any one or more or all of the foregoing objects.
- 2.10 Complimentary Objectives: Christian Humanitarian Aid
 - 2.10.1 Identify areas of real Social need as opposed to perceived needs.
 - 2.10.2 Ascertain the causes of such needs
 - 2.10.3 Evaluate the extent of these needs
 - 2.10.4 Determine how these needs can best be met, preferably on a sustainable basis or until the crisis period is over.
 - 2.10.5 Gather resources for the alleviation of suffering.
 - 2.10.6 Establish networks/partnerships between willing donors.
 - 2.10.7 ~~Initiate facilitate and organize plans/programs for the alleviation of~~

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- 2.10.8 Activate these programs and ensure that Aid is reaching its intended destination.
- 2.10.9 Measure the effects of aid programs in an effort to establish their effectiveness.
- 2.10.10 Report to Donors on aid programs.
- 2.10.11 Co-ordinate the Humanitarian aid in such a way so as to eliminate all unnecessary wastage of resources.
- 2.10.12 Where possible benefit only those for who this aid is intended.
- 2.10.13 Through these objectives to establish Humanitarian Christian aid which will be seen and accepted as the Christian Social Awareness Ministry, complementary to the objects and goals of Macedonian Ministries.
- 2.10.14 To do all such things as may be necessary, auxiliary, or incidental for the Achievement of any one or more of all the afore going objects.


3 Statement of Faith

1. We believe (1) that the Holy Scriptures consist of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments in their original writing; (2) that the Spirit of God so influenced the authors that these writings are the Word of God; (3) that because of the divine origin and inspiration of its words, the Scriptures are true, in all that they affirm and are trustworthy and without error; (4) that these Scriptures are the complete and only written revelation of God to people; (5) that every translation that is faithful to the originals and responsibly interpreted clearly reveals those truths necessary for our salvation, godly living, and maturity in Christ; and (6) that Scripture alone is our sufficient and final authority in all matters of belief and practice.
2. We believe (1) in one God who eternally exists in three co-equal persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; (2) that though each divine person is fully and equally God, They differ in relationship towards each other and Their work in the world; (3) that this triune God is perfect and infinite in His being and attributes - an all-holy, all-loving, and all-wise Sovereign; (4) that from before creation, God determined to save sinners through the sacrifice of His Son, to govern all history according to His sovereign plan and to finally bring all things under one head, even Christ; and (5) that all things exist from Him, through Him, and for Him, and are created to display the glory of His wonderful Name.
3. We believe (1) that in the beginning God sovereignly created all things visible and invisible and took delight in it all; (2) that He created humankind male and female as His image bearers, endowing each with a dignity of equal worth and calling to govern and care for His creation; (3) that human life is sacred to God and begins at conception, and should not be unnecessarily terminated at any stage; (4) that God created marriage to be an exclusive and lifelong union between a natural man and a natural woman, giving the man the responsibility of loving leadership and the woman the role of compatible support; and (5) that the first man Adam sinned and thereby incurred the penalty of death, physical and spiritual, for all people, and as a consequence of his sin, all humans inherit a sinful nature, which results in actual transgression and personal guilt.
4. We believe (1) that when the time was right, the eternal Son of God took on human nature, and was made like us in every way, yet without sin; (2) that, after being conceived by the Holy Spirit, He was born of the virgin Mary, was named Jesus (meaning 'God saves'), and from conception was and always will be fully God and fully man in one person; and (3) that He is, therefore, the perfect and only mediator between God and people.
5. We believe (1) that the Lord Jesus Christ lived a sinless life, was perfectly obedient to His Father in every way and ushered in the promised Kingdom of God in all His words and deeds; (2) that for the

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joy set before Him, He offered up Himself as the perfect substitutionary and atoning Sacrifice for sinners, (3) triumphing over sin, death, and all the forces of evil, and purchasing for Himself a people out of every tribe, language, and nation; (4) that on the cross the Son of God received in His person the due penalty of God's wrath against our sin, and (5) that His shed blood is the sole basis for our salvation and the greatest revelation of the glory of the grace of our God.

6. We believe (1) that the Lord Jesus was crucified, buried, and on the third day was resurrected bodily from the dead and glorified as the first-fruits of God's new creation; (2) that He ascended into heaven, where He is seated at the right hand of the Father as ruler over all things; (3) that He presently intercedes as High Priest and Advocate for all who draw near to God through Him; and (4) that He will return personally, visibly, and gloriously to judge the living and the dead.
7. We believe (1) that the Holy Spirit is the Lord, the giver of life, who formed the world, empowered certain individuals for God's purposes, and who speaks in the Holy Scriptures; (2) that God anointed Jesus Christ with the Spirit for His ministry and that the Spirit was given to the Church at Pentecost to indwell, lead, and unite believers, gifting each of them for various works of service; (3) that the Holy Spirit glorifies Christ, gives understanding of the Word, convicts people of their sin, unites believers to Jesus, and forms the character of Christ within them; and (4) that the Spirit pours the love of God into our hearts, enables prayer and witness, and seals the believer for the day of the redemption of their bodies.
8. We believe (1) that through the call of God in the Gospel message, all who receive Christ Jesus as Saviour and Lord are born again by the Holy Spirit, becoming a new creation in Christ; (2) that through faith in Him, sinners have the forgiveness of sins and are declared righteous on the grounds of His shed blood; (3) that repentance is a condition of this salvation and the first sign of that holiness without which no one will see the Lord; (4) that by virtue of their union with Christ, believers share in all the benefits of grace that are in Him, including the adoption as sons and the gift of the Holy Spirit; and (5) that all who turn from their sin, trusting Christ, may have the assurance that they will be kept and - accepted by Him. ,
9. We believe (1) that the Church is the whole company of those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, regenerated by the Holy Spirit, reconciled to the Father, and thereby to each other; (2) that this Church is the people of God, the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit, through whom God's purpose in history is made known; (3) that the local church, as a manifestation of the universal Church, is a community of believers in a particular place where God's Word is preached and practiced, the two ordinances are observed, and church discipline is exercised; (4) that in the local church both men and women are called to serve equally, and male headship should be evidenced; and (5) that each local church is ruled by Jesus Christ, governed by its members, led by its shepherds, and served by its deacons.
10. We believe (1) that the Lord Jesus Christ appointed two ordinances — Baptism and the Lord's Supper — to be observed as acts of obedience and as witnesses to the primary facts of the Christian faith; (2) that Baptism is the immersion of a professing believer in water as a confession of identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection; and (3) that the Lord's Supper is the partaking of the bread and the cup, signifying our participation in the Saviour's body and shed blood in remembrance of His death until He comes.
11. We believe (1) that the mission of the Church is to make disciples of all people groups in all places through the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to plant and establish local churches to obey all that Jesus taught the Apostles; (2) that in loving our neighbour as ourselves, compassionately, practically and wisely, we image the love of God to all; and (3) that we should do all this according to the Scriptures, under the shadow of the Cross and in the power of the resurrection.
12. We believe (1) in the bodily resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous; (2) that all people will appear before God's judgement seat to receive their due for the things done while in the body; (3) that those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will enter into eternal life, but the unrighteous into eternal condemnation; and (4) that according to God's promise we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness dwells, when we will forever be with the Lord, and ' He with us; Come Lord Jesus come' Amen



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3. Structure

- 3.1 The President of the Ministry shall be the founder of the Ministry.
- 3.2 Membership of the Ministry shall be open to all persons.
- 3.3 It shall be the duty of each member of the Ministry at all times and in all places to protect, promote and further the interests of the Ministry.
- 3.4 The President shall determine the religious function of the Ministry. The President shall prepare the guidelines regarding the worship services of the Ministry, spreading and teaching the Bible and Ministering to the congregation of the Ministry.
- 3.5 Should the President not fulfil the responsibilities required of this office or being unable or unwilling to hold office for any other reason, then the Ministry Board shall elect a new President at a special meeting called for this purpose.
- 3.6 At any such special meeting each director of the Ministry Board shall have one vote and any resolution put to the vote shall be decided by a two-thirds majority.
- ### 3.7 The Ministry Board
- 3.7.1 The President shall appoint certain persons annually to act on the Ministry Board for a period of one year. These persons must at all times of their appointment maintain the primary objective of the Ministry.
- 3.7.2 In the event of there being any reasonable cause to suspect that any member of the Ministry Board is not fulfilling these standards, then the Board shall call a Special Meeting to evaluate this.
- 3.7.3 At any such Special Meeting each director of the Board shall have one vote and any resolution put to the vote shall be decided by a two-thirds majority.
- 3.7.4 In the event of any director of the Board in the evaluation of the Board, found not to be fulfilling the standards of this office or of being unable or unwilling to hold office for any other reason, then the procedure in terms of Clause 3.7.1 hereof shall apply for the election of a new director.
- 3.7.5 The Board may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they deem fit.
- 3.7.6 The President or a member of the Board appointed by him shall act as Chairman of the meeting. Should he fail to attend the meeting within thirty minutes after the time advertised therefor, the persons present shall appoint a member of the Board to act as Chairman.
- 3.7.7 The Board shall appoint a person to act as Secretary at such meetings and the Secretary shall record the Minutes of the meeting. Such Minutes shall be deemed to

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be an accurate record of the proceedings of the relevant meeting.

- 3.7.8 General meetings shall be convened upon such notice, or in such manner, at such a time, date and place as shall be determined by the Board from time to time.
- 3.7.9 A quorum for general meetings shall be constituted by a majority of the members of the Board.
- 3.7.10 The financial control of the Ministry shall be vested with a Finance Committee appointed by the Board consisting of a minimum of two/three directors appointed for a period of one year.

4. **Finance Committee**

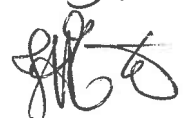
- 4.1 At every Annual General Meeting, the Board shall elect a treasurer.
- 4.2 All monies received by the Ministry shall be paid into its banking account and all disbursements shall be made by cheque and signed by any two of the following:
- chairperson;
- vice-chairperson;
- treasurer.

Any of the following payments are approved by one signatory, Electronic Transfer; Tellers Cheques, Cash Payments and deposits, Bank Transfers.

All cash disbursements shall be accompanied by signed documentation giving proof of these monies having reached their intended destination.

- 4.3 The Finance Committee shall have powers to carry out the objects of the Ministry in accordance with the Constitution and in particular, shall have the powers as indicated in Part 5 hereof.
- 4.4 The Finance Committee are to administer the finances of the Ministry in accordance with good, sound accounting practices.
- 4.5 The Finance Committee shall cause full and true accounts of the Association to be kept; such accounts shall be balanced and audited by the auditors at the date when the Ministry's financial year shall end. Such year end to be the end of 31 July annually.
- 4.6 The Treasurer shall submit financial statements every month to the Ministry Board.
- 4.7 Copies of the balance sheet and revenue and expenditure account, shall after audit and adoption by the Finance Committee, be available to each director of the Ministry Board.

5. **Powers**

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The powers of the Ministry shall be the following:

- 5.1 Subject to any limitations imposed by law, this Ministry shall have plenary powers, including the power stated below, to enable it to realise its aims and objectives:-
- 5.1.1 To purchase, accept as donation or acquire in any way, buildings, land, equipment, agencies and every other kind of description of movable and immovable, corporeal, incorporeal property as required.
- 5.1.2 To manage, dispose of, insure, sell, lease, mortgage, give in exchange, work, develop, build on, improve, turn to account, or in any way otherwise deal with all of the properties and assets.
- 5.1.3 To borrow money.
- 5.1.4 To invest money in any manner provided that funds available for investment may only be invested with registered financial institutions as defined in Section 1 of the Financial Institutions (Investment of Funds) Act, 1984, and in securities listed on a licensed stock exchange as defined in the Stock Exchange Control Act, 1985 (Act No. 1 of 1985). Where shares (other than shares as mentioned above) have been donated or bequeathed to an exempt institution or fund, the shares may be held without jeopardising the exempt status of the institution or fund.
- 5.1.5 To open and operate banking and building society accounts.
- 5.1.6 To remunerate or to pay gratuities to any person or persons for services rendered. No donor, members of the Ministry Board and financial committee or any of their relatives will receive any benefit from the funds or income of the Ministry, other than what has been formally decided upon by the Ministry Board inclusive of the normal salaries payable in respect of services rendered.
- 5.1.7 To make and receive donations, subject to the proviso that all donations to the Association must be irrevocable and be subject to the terms and conditions of the constitution.
- 5.1.8 To enter into contracts in any place and to execute any contracts, deed and documents.
- 5.1.9 To have a seal or distinctive mark or logo, and to use such for any purpose.
- 5.1.10 To do all such acts, sign all such documents, as may be necessary to achieve, or which may be auxiliary to the objects of the Ministry.
- 5.1.11 To institute and defend legal proceedings in the name of the Ministry.
- 5.1.12 Any other power incidental to the above necessary for the achievement of the objects of the Ministry.
- 5.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 5.1 above, the Ministry may not have the power to carry on any business, including inter alia ordinary trading operations in the commercial sense, speculative transactions, dividend stripping activities as well as the letting of property on a systematic or regular basis.

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6. Meetings

6.1 Annual General Meeting:

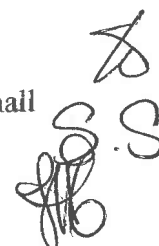
- 6.1.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Ministry shall be held not later than 2 months after the end of the financial year.
- 6.1.2 At such Annual General Meeting, the following matters shall be dealt with:
- 6.1.2.1 A report by the Finance Committee on its activities since the last Annual General Meeting.
- 6.1.2.2 The presentation of an audited financial statement.
- 6.1.2.3 The election of a new Finance Committee.
- 6.1.2.4 The appointment of an auditor.
- 6.1.2.5 Such other matters of which due notice have been given.

6.2 Special meetings:

- 6.2.1 Special meetings of the Ministry shall be convened by the Ministry Board, or on written request of not less than 5 ordinary members of the Ministry.
- 6.2.2 At least 14 days notice of any such meeting shall be given by the secretary to all members of the Ministry.
- 6.2.3 The notice convening such special meeting, shall state the business to be discussed at the meeting.
- 6.2.4 Only directors of the Ministry Board shall be entitled to vote at any meeting thereof, The chairperson shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.
- 6.2.5 The Ministry Board and any other committee shall cause minutes of its proceedings and of all meetings to be recorded, and such minutes, when confirmed at the next meeting of the Board, Finance Committee or any other committee, as the case may be, and signed by the chairperson of the meeting, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the correctness of the matters recorded therein.

7. Quorum

- 7.1 The quorum at a general meeting of the Finance Committee shall be two-thirds of the number of members of the committee.
- 7.2 The quorum at the Annual General Meeting, as well as the Special Meeting, shall consist of two-thirds of the directors.



- 7.3 If there is no quorum at a meeting of the Finance Committee, Annual General Meeting, or Special Meeting of the Ministry the meeting shall stand adjourned for not less than a week and the members attending such adjourned meeting shall constitute a quorum.

8. General provisions

- 8.1 Membership of the Ministry or of any committee thereof shall not confer on any member of any proprietary right, title or claim to or interest in any of the properties or assets of the Ministry nor shall any member by virtue of his/her membership incur any liability in respect of any claim or action brought against the Ministry.
- 8.2 The property and income of the Association shall be used solely to further the aims and objects of the Association and no portion thereof shall be transferred directly or indirectly through the medium of dividends, bonuses, or in any other way as profit to its members.
- 8.3 Members of the Association, members of the management committee or any standing or *ad hoc* committee and every employee of the Association shall, provided they have acted *bona fide*, be indemnified by the Association against all proceedings and expenses incurred by the person of any act or thing done in the performance of their duties in connection with the Association.
- 8.4 **Trading activities**
- 8.4.1 The Ministry will be allowed to sell religious material on its premises as a service to its members and occasional visitors.
- 8.4.2 In the event of the Ministry selling books, tapes or miscellaneous goods at an outlet in a commercial business centre, such outlet would operate as a separate legal entity and thus could become taxable.
- 8.5 All donations to the Ministry must be irrevocable and be subject to the terms and conditions of the constitution.

9. Registration

The Association will be registered in terms of the Fund Raising Act 1978 (Act No. 107 of 1978).

10. Amendments

- 10.1 This constitution may be amended with the approval of not less than two-thirds of the directors of the Ministry Board present and voting at the Annual General Meeting or at a special meeting thereof of which due notice in accordance with this constitution shall have been given.
- 10.2 A notice by a member for the alteration of this constitution shall be in writing and received by the secretary at least 1 calendar month before the date of the meeting at

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which the proposed alteration is to be considered and such notice shall include the text of the proposed alteration.

10.3 A copy of all amendments to the constitution must be submitted to the Commissioner for the South African Revenue Services.

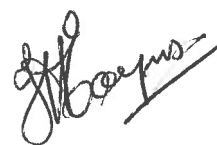
11. **Dissolution clause**

11.1 The Association may be dissolved if at least two-thirds of the directors of the Ministry Board present and voting at a special meeting of directors convened for the purpose of considering such matters are in favor of a dissolution. Not less than 21 days notice shall be given of such meeting and the notice convening the meeting shall clearly state that the question of dissolution of the society and disposal of its assets shall be considered. If there is no quorum at such meeting the meeting shall stand adjourned for 1 week and the members attending such adjourned meeting shall constitute a quorum.

11.2 If upon dissolution of the Ministry, there remain any assets whatsoever after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, such assets shall not be paid to or distributed among its members, but shall be donated and will be transferred to such religious, charitable, or educational institutions, within the Republic of South Africa, which are themselves exempt from income tax and donations tax, preferably those with similar objects which may be decided either by the directors of the Ministry Board or in default of such decision as may be decided by the Director of Fund Raising.

12. **Autonomy**

12.1 This Ministry shall be an independent body, free from control by or interference from any denomination or other church professing the same principles. The Ministry shall manage its own affairs without reference to any outside authority.

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