

THE REVISED CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GHANAIAN MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP INT. INC

DATE

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COMPILED BY

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WHEREAS, there is a desire expressed by some Ministers of Ghanaian origin to come together to form a fellowship and



WHEREAS, this fellowship is to be non-denominational, inter-denominational, non-profit and

WHEREAS, this fellowship will seek to foster unity of purpose among Ministers as we seek to build each other up and the kingdom of God; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that we agree to be guided and governed by the following articles of this constitution

ARTICLE 1.

NAME

- 1:1 The name of this fellowship shall be the Ghanaian Ministers Fellowship International, hereinafter referred to as GMFI or the Fellowship
- 1:2 This Fellowship shall be an incorporated entity
- 1:3 GMFI shall be a non-profit, non-denominational, inter-denominational Christian fellowship

AETICLE 2

MISSION STATEMENT

2:1 GMFI shall seek to promote spiritual guidance and integrity among member Ministers



ARTICLE 3 OBJECTIVES

3:1 GMFI shall seek to encourage members to promote evangelism

ARTICLE 4

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 4:1 There shall be an Executive Board of seven members to administer the affairs of the Fellowship.
- 4:2 The Executive Board shall be the decision making body of the Fellowship
- 4:3 The officers of the Board shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary,
 Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Welfare Officer and the Organizing Secretary

ARTICLE 5

RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXECUTIVES

A. The President

- 5:1 The President shall preside over all meetings, functions, etc of the Fellowship
- 5:2 The President shall serve as the chairperson of the Executive Board
- 5:3 The President shall appoint an Electoral Committee of 3 members to conduct election of officers of the Fellowship when and as needed

B. The Vice-President

5:4 The Vice-President shall act as President of the Fellowship in the absence of the President



5:5 The Vice-President shall act in an advisory capacity with the President in all matters pertaining to the Fellowship

C. The Secretary

- 5:6 The Secretary shall be responsible for the secretarial duties of the Fellowship
- 5:7 The Secretary shall record the minutes of meetings and keep custody of all records and documents of the Fellowship
- 5:8 The Secretary shall keep a record of the membership of the Fellowship

D. The Treasurer

- 5:9 The Treasurer shall be entrusted with all the finances of the Fellowship
- 5:10 The Treasurer and the President shall open an account in a responsible bank and shall disburse funds by checks or any other means on behalf of the Fellowship

E. The Financial Secretary

- 5:11 The Financial Secretary shall keep records of all funds due the Fellowship
- 5:12 The Financial Secretary shall be responsible for collecting dues, offerings etc. of the Fellowship
- 5:13 The Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall submit an itemized report annually to the Fellowship

F. Welfare Officer

- 5:14 The Welfare Officer shall be responsible for organizing individual functions of members in which the Fellowship is to participate
- 5:15 The Welfare Officer shall seek and report the physical conditions of members to the Executive Board



5:16 Members shall be required to report their special events such as funerals, send-offs, marriages, sicknesses etc to the Welfare Officer

G. Organizing Secretary

- 5:17 It shall be the responsibility of the Organizing Secretary to call up members to meetings and functions of the Fellowship
- 5:18 The Organizing Secretary shall organize in an orderly fashion, the annual event of choice provided by members for general participation

ARTICLE 6

MEMBERSHIP

- 6:1 Membership shall be open to Ministers of the Gospel of Ghanaian origin and on the recommendation of a member Minister or his or her local Pastor
- 6:2 Accepted new members shall serve a probation of six months
- 6:3 The new member shall within this period endeavor to attend all meetings except with a very tangible excuse
- 6:4 Members shall be issued ID cards at the prevailing prices
- 6:5 Membership cards shall be renewed every two years from date issued
- 6:6 To be eligible for issue of an ID card, a member must be in good standing by attending at least six meetings in a calendar year, and would have fully paid all dues and obligations within the calendar year
- 6:7 There shall be a new membership fee of \$30 due on submission of application
- 6:8 There shall also be a membership monthly dues of \$10

ARTICLE 7



VOTING MEMBERS

- 7:1 Voting right shall be the privilege of members in good standing
- 7:2 Members shall be entitled to one vote either in person or by proxy
- 7:3 Whenever there is a need to vote on an issue, the majority members present shall form the quorum and two thirds of votes cast shall be acceptable and binding on all members

ARTICLE 8

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

- 8:1 The Electoral Committee shall supervise elections of the executive officers
- 8:2 All elected officers shall serve for a period of three years, but shall be eligible for another term if they win nominations
- 8:3 The President shall serve for only two terms in that capacity. He or She may stand for election in other capacities
- 8:4 In the case of a vacancy, the President may in consultation with the other

 Executive Officers appoint a member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term

ARTICLE 9

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- 9:1 Nominations for elections shall be received by the Electoral Committee two months prior to such elections
- 9:2 Members nominated shall be qualified and in good standing
- 9:3 To be deemed qualified to stand as President or Vice-President, a person shall



have been an active member for not less than 2 years

- 9:4 Nominees for other positions shall have been active members for at least 1 year
- 9:5 The Secretary of the Electoral Committee shall make available to members the names and positions being vied for by each nominee a month before the election day

ARTICLE 10

MEETINGS

- 10:1 There shall be a monthly general meeting of members the last Saturday of every month
- 10:2 There shall also be an annual business meeting of the Fellowship
- 10:3 The venue(s) for these meetings shall be determined by the President and communicated to members by the Secretary
- 10:4 Retreats, seminars, conferences etc shall be organized as part of Fellowship activities

ARTICLE 11

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- 11:1 It shall be the responsibility of the President, the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary to initiate and maintain all financial contracts or obligations of the Fellowship
- 11:2 The President, the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary shall ensure the sanity of all financial transactions
- 11:3 All financial dealings, contracts, and obligations shall be approved by the E.C



ARTICLE 12

BANKING AND INVESTMENT

12:1 All banking and investment documents shall be signed by the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary

ARTICLE 13

BUDGET

- 13:1 The President, the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary shall prepare and submit an annual budget to the Fellowship
- 13:2 The President shall ensure that all the budget activities conform to the prevailing financial standing of the Fellowship

ARTICLE 14

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 14:1 It shall be the responsibility of the President and the Treasurer to contract a professional accountant or a certified public accountant to prepare financial statements of the Fellowship when and as needed
- 14:2 Annual financial statements shall be prepared and made available and read to members during the business meeting

ARTICLE 15 BOOKKEEPING OF DUES



- 15:1 It shall be the responsibility of the Financial Secretary to receive and keep accurate records of dues collected during meetings
- 15:2 All members shall be encouraged to pay their dues and financial obligations to help support the Fellowship accomplish its purposes
- 15:3 The Fellowship shall be funded by contributions of its members in dues, and monies derived from other activities

ARTICLE 16

COMMITTEES

16:1 Appropriate committee shall be formed to address unforeseen issues and challenges that may arise

ARTICLE 17

ACTIVITIES

- 17:1 GMFI shall encourage members to attend, not as a matter of policy one event of a church of a member in any calendar year
- 17:2 Members shall, as a policy be obligated to attend all funerals and ceremonies of members as a show of solidarity
- 17:3 The Fellowship shall encourage and promote evangelism outreaches among members

ARTICLE 18

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

18:1 Every member without exception, who disrupts the normal operations of the



Fellowship shall be subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the E.C.

- 18:2 The Fellowship shall demand the highest integrity of all members
- 18:3 Any acts of insubordination or willful refusal to recognize authority or disrespect for members shall be liable to disciplinary actions
- 18:4 Any verbal abuse, physical altercation or infractions shall attract appropriate disciplinary actions such as verbal warnings, written warnings, suspensions or outright expulsion
- 18:5 All immoral acts, when verified to be true shall attract a severe disciplinary action
- 18:6 Any member who deliberately absent himself or herself for three consecutive months without any tangible reason shall result in disciplinary action
- 18:7 Any financial abuse (stealing) from the coffers of the Fellowship shall result in expulsion but not before all the money has been retrieved through all means possible, including court action

ARTICLE 19

AMENDMENTS

- 19:1 All articles within this constitution are subject to amendments
- 19:2 To effect an amendment, a written proposal of amendment with two co-sponsors shall be presented to the E.C one month prior to a business meeting
- 19:3 Such proposed amendment shall be effected if two thirds majority vote for it





APPENDIX

HAVING read the draft to the members of the house present,

And

HAVING all amendments and corrections made

And

HAVING the house voted by a motion of Rev. William Agyei Darko and the motion seconded by Bishop Dr. Peter Owusu-Ansah

THE house by a majority vote, hereby accept and adopt this document as the Constitution of the Ghanaian Ministers Fellowship Int.

Incorporated and shall be binding on all members