

CONSTITUTION of Jeffery Morse Ministries & Jeffery Morse Ministries International

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***PREAMBLE**

***Much of the following adopted out of the Assemblies of God Preamble.**

***WE BELIEVE:**

That God's purpose concerning man is (1) to seek and to save that which is lost, (2) to be worshiped by man, (3) to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, and (4) to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world. That these believers, saved and called out of the world, constitute the Body or Church of Jesus Christ built and established upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. That the members of the Body, the Church (*ecclesia*) of Jesus Christ, are enjoined to assemble themselves for worship, fellowship, counsel, and instruction in the Word of God, the work of the ministry, and for the exercise of those spiritual gifts and offices provided for New Testament church order. That it is evident the early apostolic churches came together in fellowship as a representative body of saved, Spirit-filled believers who ordained and sent out evangelists and missionaries, and under the supervision of the Holy Spirit set over the church pastors and teachers.

That the priority reason for being of Jeffery Morse Ministries is to be an agency of God for evangelizing the world, to be a corporate body in which man may worship God, to be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son, and to be a people who demonstrate God's love and compassion for all the world.

That Jeffery Morse Ministries exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this reason for being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, which enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs, adding a necessary dimension to worshipful relationship with God, and enabling them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edifying of the body of Christ.

That we are a cooperative fellowship of Pentecostal, Spirit-baptized saints to recognize and promote scriptural methods and order for worship, unity, fellowship, work, and business for God; and to disapprove unscriptural methods, doctrines, and conduct, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, —till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ|| (Ephesians 4:13).

We, baptized members of the Church into Christ, responding in faith to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, desiring to unite together to preach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's Mission, to equip for worship, teach of Saving Grace through His Word, to bring hope to those who have no hope, food to those who have no food, shelter to those who have no shelter, and to usher in through music, worship, education, and evangelism the wave of God that promotes change, brings security, liberty, and healing to all. We do this through education, evangelism, music, media, and missions. We do hereby adopt this constitution and solemnly pledge ourselves to be governed by its provisions. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the gifts of The Spirit and will allow God Freedom of Expression, whether in tongues and interpretation, prophecy, anointed God Engaged Worship, or any other gifts listed in the bible within context.

Chapter 1.

NAME AND INCORPORATION

C1.01. The name of this organization shall be Jeffery Morse Ministries. With a subordinate of Jeffery Morse Ministries International. Located at 1840 Hammonton Smartsville Rd #b Marysville Ca. 95901

C1.02. For the purpose of this constitution and the accompanying bylaws, the organization of Jeffery Morse Ministries is herein after designated as "this organization."

C1.11. This organization shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

C1.12. PREROGATIVES

The prerogatives of The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall be:

- a. To encourage and promote the evangelization of the world.
- b. To encourage and promote the worship of God.
- c. To encourage and promote the edification of believers.
- d. To provide a basis of fellowship among Christians of like precious faith.
- e. To respond to human need with ministries of compassion.
- f. To establish and maintain such departments and institutions as may be necessary for the propagation of the gospel and the work of this Pentecostal fellowship.
- g. To approve scriptural teachings and practices, and to disapprove unscriptural teachings and practices. A list of disapproved doctrines and practices is set forth in Articles IX and X of the Bylaws.
- h. To have the right to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of such property as may be needed for the prosecution of its work.

Chapter 2.

STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

The Bible is our all-sufficient and default rule for faith and practice. This Statement of Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e., that we all speak the same thing, 1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42). The phraseology employed in this statement is not inspired or contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential to a full-gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all biblical truth, only that it covers our need as to these fundamental doctrines.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

***C2.01.** This organization confesses the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Adorable Godhead

(a) Terms Defined

The terms *trinity* and *persons*, as related to the godhead, while not found in the Scriptures, are words in harmony with Scripture, whereby we may convey to others our immediate understanding of the doctrine of Christ respecting the Being of God, as distinguished from —gods many and lords many.|| We therefore may speak with propriety of the Lord our God, who is One Lord, as a Trinity or as one Being of three persons, and still be absolutely scriptural (examples, Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 14:16,17).

(b) Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead

Christ taught a distinction of persons in the godhead which He expressed in specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but that this distinction and relationship, as to its mode is inscrutable and incomprehensible, because unexplained (Luke 1:35; 1 Corinthians 1:24; Matthew 11:25-27; 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 1:3,4).

(c) Unity of the One Being of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Accordingly, therefore, there is **that** in the Father which constitutes Him **the Father** and not the Son; there is **that** in the Son which constitutes Him **the Son** and not the Father; and there is **that** in the Holy Spirit which constitutes Him **the Holy Spirit** and not either the Father or the Son. Wherefore, the Father is the Begetter; the Son is the Begotten; and the Holy Spirit is the One proceeding from the Father and the Son. Therefore, because these three persons in the godhead are in a state of unity, there is but one Lord God Almighty and His name one (John 1:18; 15:26; 17:11,21; Zechariah 14:9).

(d) Identity and Cooperation in the Godhead

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are never **identical** as to **person**; nor **confused** as to **relation**; nor **divided** in respect to the godhead; nor **opposed** as to **cooperation**. The Son is **in** the Father and the Father is **in** the Son as to relationship. The Son is **with** the Father and the Father is **with** the Son, as to fellowship. The Father is not **from** the Son, but the Son is **from** the Father, as to authority. The Holy Spirit is from the

Father and the Son proceeding, as to nature, relationship, cooperation, and authority. Hence, no person in the godhead either exists or works separately or independently of the others (John 5:17-30,32,37; 8:17,18).

***C2.02.** This organization confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.

(a). Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate, through whom everything was made and through whose life, death, and resurrection God fashions a new creation.

(a1) The Title, Lord Jesus Christ

The appellation *Lord Jesus Christ* is a proper name. It is never applied in the New Testament either to the Father or to the Holy Spirit. It therefore belongs exclusively to the **Son of God** (Romans 1:1-3,7; 2 John 3).

(b1). The proclamation of God's message to us as both Law and Gospel is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy through word and deed, beginning with the Word in creation, continuing in the history of Israel, and centering in all its fullness in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

(c1). The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them God's Spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world.

(d1) The Lord Jesus Christ, God With Us

The Lord Jesus Christ, as to His divine and eternal nature, is the proper and only Begotten of the Father, but as to His human nature, He is the proper Son of Man. He is, therefore, acknowledged to be both God and man; who because He is God and man, is —Immanuel,|| God with us (Matthew 1:23; 1 John 4:2,10,14; Revelation 1:13,17).

(e1) The Title, Son of God

Since the name *Immanuel* embraces both God and man, in the one person, our Lord Jesus Christ, it follows that the title *Son of God* describes His proper deity, and the title *Son of Man*, His proper humanity. Therefore, the title *Son of God* belongs to the order of eternity, and the title *Son of Man* to the **order of time** (Matthew 1:21-23; 2 John 3; 1 John 3:8; Hebrews 7:3; 1:1-13).

(f1) Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ

Wherefore, it is a transgression of the doctrine of Christ to say that Jesus Christ derived the title *Son of God* solely from the fact of the Incarnation, or because of His relation to the economy of redemption. Therefore, to deny that the Father is a real and eternal Father, and that the Son is a real and eternal Son, is a denial of the distinction and relationship in the Being of God; a denial of the Father and the Son; and a displacement of the truth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh (2 John 9; John 1:1,2,14,18,29,49; 1 John 2:22,23; 4:1-5; Hebrews 12:2).

(g1) Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord

The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, angels and principalities and powers having been made subject unto Him. And having been made both Lord and Christ, He sent the Holy Spirit that we, in the name of Jesus, might bow our knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father until the end, when the Son shall become subject to the Father that God may be all in all (Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 3:22; Acts 2:32-36; Romans 14:11; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28).

(h1) Equal Honor to the Father and to the Son

Wherefore, since the Father has delivered all judgment unto the Son, it is not only the **express duty** of all in heaven and on earth to bow the knee, but it is an **unspeakable** joy in the Holy Spirit to ascribe unto the Son all the attributes of deity, and to give Him all the honor and the glory contained in all the names and titles of the godhead except those which express relationship (see paragraphs b, c, and d), and thus honor the Son even as we honor the Father (John 5:22,23; 1 Peter 1:8; Revelation 5:6-14; Philippians 2:8,9; Revelation 7:9,10; 4:8-11).

3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare:

- a. His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31,35).
- b. His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).
- c. His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).
- d. His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21).

- e. His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 15:4).
- f. His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9,11; 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1:3).

C2.03. This congregation accepts the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life.

***C2.04.** This organization accepts the Apostles', Nicene, as true declarations of the faith of this organization unless in opposition to other creeds listed in this document.

***C2.05.** This organization accepts the following as a true witness to the Gospel, acknowledging in unity with it in faith and doctrine all churches that likewise accept the teachings.

i. The Fall of Man

Man was created good and upright; for God said, —Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.|| However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26,27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

ii. The Salvation of Man

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

a. Conditions to Salvation. Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).

b. The Evidences of Salvation. The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12).

***C2.06. 1. The Scriptures Inspired**

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

***C2.07.** This organization confesses the Gospel, recorded in the Holy Scriptures, as the Holy Ghost being the power of God to create and sustain the Church for God's mission in the world.

***C2.08 The One True God**

The one true God has revealed himself as the eternally self-existent —I AM,|| the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10,11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22).

***C2.09 The Ordinances of the Church**

a. Baptism in Water. The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47,48; Romans 6:4). **ARTICLE V 93**

b. Holy Communion. The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements—bread and the fruit of the vine—is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers —till He come!

1. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4,8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Spirit come such experiences as

an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

2. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:4-10,28), but different in purpose and use.

3. Sanctification

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Romans 12:1,2; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12). Scriptures teach a life of —holiness without which no man shall see the Lord|| (Hebrews 12:14). By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command: —Be ye holy, for I am holy|| (1 Peter 1:15,16).

Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Romans 6:1-11,13; 8:1,2,13; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:12,13; 1 Peter 1:5).

4. The Church and Its Mission

The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her Great Commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22,23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23).

Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshiped by man, to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, and to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world, the priority reason for being of the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is:

- a. To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16).
- b. To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (1 Corinthians 12:13).
- c. To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 14:12).
- d. To be a people who demonstrate God's love and compassion for all the world (Psalm 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).

Jeffery Morse Ministries exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this reason for being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This experience:

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- a. Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15-20; Acts 4:29-31; Hebrews 2:3,4).
- b. Adds a necessary dimension to a worshipful relationship with God (1 Corinthians 2:10-16; 1 Corinthians 12-14).
- c. Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edifying of the body of Christ and care for the poor and needy of the world (Galatians 5:22-26; Matthew 25:37-40; Galatians 6:10; 1 Corinthians 14:12; Ephesians 4:11,12; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Colossians 1:29).

5. The Ministry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the fourfold purpose of leading the Church in: (1) evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20), (2) worship of God (John 4:23,24), (3) building a Body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11,16), and (4) meeting human need with ministries of love and compassion (Psalm 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).

6. Divine Healing

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the Atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:16,17; James 5:14-16).

7. The Blessed Hope

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:16,17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51,52).

8. The Millennial Reign of Christ

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27,30; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21,22; Zephaniah 3:19,20; Romans 11:26,27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalm 72:3-8; Micah 4:3,4).

9. The Final Judgment

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8).

10. The New Heavens and the New Earth

—We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21,22)

Chapter 3.

NATURE OF THE CHURCH

*C3.01. All power in the Church belongs to our Lord Jesus Christ, its head. All actions of this organization are to be carried out under His rule and authority.

*C3.02. The Church exists both as an inclusive fellowship and as local organizations gathered for worship and Christian service. Organizations find their fulfillment in the universal community of the Church, and the universal Church exists in and through organizations. Jeffery Morse Ministries, therefore, derives its character and powers both from the sanction and representation of its efforts and core beliefs and from its inherent nature as an expression of the broader fellowship of the faithful and call to ministry by Jesus to “Got to all the World”.

Chapter 4.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

*C4.01. The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world. Jeffery Morse Ministries adopts this same creed.

*C4.02. To participate in God's mission, this organization as a part of the Church shall:

(a). Worship God in proclamation of the Word and administration of the the Gospel and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness, and service taking to the world the Gospel of Jesus Christ not passing up any available avenue to do so. This organization also supports the sacraments of communion and is in agreement with common Pentecostal/Assembly of God Doctrine on this topic.

(b). Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scripture, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations.

(c). Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ and by doing all ministry with a global awareness consistent with the understanding of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.

(d). Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and powerless, and committing itself to their needs.

(e). Nurture its members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of their Christian calling, and to use the gifts of the Spirit for their life together and for their calling in the world. We believe the loudest message you'll ever preach is the way you live your life

(f). Manifest the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in prayer and action to express and preserve the unity which the Spirit gives.

(g). To lift up those who fall in holiness being careful not to fall into temptation are selves and to seek to restore them rather than to persecute and or excommunicate.

***C4.03.** To fulfill these purposes, this organization shall:

- (a). Provide services of worship at which the Word of God is preached and the communion is administered.
- (b). Provide pastoral care and assist all members to participate in this ministry.
- (c). Challenge, equip, and support all members in carrying out their calling in their daily lives and in their organization.
- (d). Teach the Word of God.
- (e). Witness to the reconciling Word of God in Christ, reaching out to all people.
- (f). Respond to human need, work for justice and peace, care for the sick and the suffering, and participate responsibly in society.
- (g). Motivate its members to provide financial support for the organization's ministry in the way of paying a Tithe as set forth in Malachi, and the ministry of other parts of the The Local Church First(Ten percent holy unto the Lord) and Jeffery Morse Ministries and other missionary efforts second. (The Lord wants to create the heart of a giver in His people).
- h. Foster and participate in interdependent relationships with other organizations, recognizing Jesus' church is not localized into one denomination or community..
- (i). Foster and participate in ecumenical relationships consistent with organization wide policy.

***C4.04.** This organization shall develop an organizational structure to be described in the bylaws. The Organization Council shall prepare descriptions of the responsibilities of each committee, task force, or other organizational group and shall review their actions. Such descriptions may be contained in the bylaws or in the continuing resolutions in the section on the Organization Council.

- (j). Promote an intimate one on one relationship with God, while promoting a heart of worship both singularly and communicably.

***C4.05.** This organization shall, from time to time, adopt a mission statement which will provide specific direction for its programs.

Chapter 5.

POWERS OF THE ORGANIZATION

***C5.01.** The powers of this organization are those necessary to fulfill its purpose.

***C5.02.** The powers of this organization are vested in the Organization Meeting called and conducted as provided in this constitution and bylaws.

***C5.03.** Only such authority as is delegated to the Organization Council or other organizational units in this organization's governing documents is recognized. All remaining authority is retained by the organization. The organization is authorized to:

- (a). call a pastor as provided in Chapter 9;
- (b). terminate the call of a pastor as provided in Chapter 9;
- (c). call or terminate the call of associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers in conformity with the applicable policy of Jeffery Morse Ministries;
- (d). approve the annual budget;
- (e). acquire real and personal property by gift, devise, purchase, or other lawful means;
- (f). hold title to and use its property for any and all activities consistent with its purpose;
- (g). sell, mortgage, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of its property by any lawful means;
 - i. This organization will not mortgage or otherwise barrow against any property in which it has lawful title of as we believe we should owe no man.
- (h). elect its Organization Council, boards, and committees, and require them to carry out their duties in accordance with the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions
- (i). This organization will allow licensing to ministers who are in fellowship of other organizations, fellowships, or denominations so long as those entities do not subjugate the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

***C5.04.** This organization shall choose from among its voting members laypersons to serve as voting members as well as persons to represent it at meetings of any conference, cluster, coalition, or other area subdivision of which it is a member

Chapter 6.

CHURCH AFFILIATION

- *C6.01. This organization shall be an interdependent.
- *C6.02. This organization accepts the Confession of Faith as listed in the Constitution and Bylaws of JMM.
- *C6.03. This organization acknowledges the following:
 - (a). This organization agrees to be responsible for its life as a Christian community.
 - (b). This organization pledges its financial support and participation in the life and mission of provided in the missions statement.
 - (c). This organization agrees to call pastoral leadership from the clergy roster out of those saved and equipped as a result of ministry efforts of this organization as well as organizations in fellowship with JMM.
 - (d). This organization agrees to consider associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers for call to other staff positions in the organization according to the procedures listed in JMM constitution and ByLaws.
 - (e). This organization agrees to file this constitution and any subsequent changes to this constitution for public review as put forward by the Bylaws.
- *C6.04. Affiliation with any Church in may be terminated as follows:
 - (a). This organization takes action to dissolve.
 - (b). This organization ceases to exist.
 - (c). This organization follows the procedures outlined in *C6.05.
- *C6.05. This organization may terminate its relationship with any other organization:
 - (a). A resolution indicating the desire of this organization to terminate its relationship must be adopted at a legally called and conducted special meeting of this organization by a two thirds majority of the voting members present.
 - (b). The secretary of this organization shall submit a copy of the resolution to the organization in question within 10 days after the resolution has been adopted.
 - (c). A pastpr of a church shall consult with this organization during a period of at least 90 days. If a mission church under this organization would like to terminate fellowship.
 - (d). If this organization, after consultation, still desires to terminate its relationship, such action may be taken at a legally called and conducted special meeting by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present, at which meeting the pastor or an authorized representative shall be present. Notice of the meeting shall be mailed to all voting members at least 10 days in advance of the meeting.
 - (e). A certified copy of the resolution to terminate its relationship shall be sent to CEO of JMM, at which time the relationship between this organization and the missions church shall be terminated.
 - (f). Notice of termination shall be forwarded to the secretary of JMM and the church in question and published in the periodical of this orization.
 - (g). Since this organization was a member of JMMI, it shall be required, in addition to the foregoing provisions in *C6.05., to receive JMM approval before terminating its membership in Jeffery Morse Ministries International.
- *C6.06. If this organization considers relocation, it shall confer with JMM before any steps are taken leading to such action. The approval of the Organization counsel shall be received before any such action is effected.

Chapter 7.

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

- *C7.01. If this organization ceases to exist, title to undisposed property shall pass to the Jeffery Morse Ministry Foundation for Connecting the Gospel to the World, entity otherwise stated in addendum approved by Full Quorum.
- *C7.02. All mission churches shall be autonomous, independent, and title to properties shall remain with the Missions Church.
- *C7.03. If a two-thirds majority of the voting members of this organization present at a legally called and conducted special meeting of this organization vote to transfer to another church body, title to property shall continue to reside in this organization. Before this organization takes action to transfer to another church body, it shall consult with representatives of Jeffery Morse Ministries.
- *C7.04. If a two-thirds majority of the voting members of this organization present at a legally called and conducted special meeting of this organization vote to become independent or relate to another

church body, title to property of this organization shall continue to reside in this organization.

Chapter 8.

MEMBERSHIP

***C8.01.** Members of this organization shall be those baptized persons on the roll of this organization at the time that this constitution is adopted and those who are admitted thereafter and who have declared and maintain their membership in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws.

***C8.02.** Members shall be classified as follows:

(a). **Baptized** members are those persons who have been Baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and in the Power of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as an out come of ministries of JMM or, having been previously baptized in the same fashion.

i. This organization believes in the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and feels it is the Will of the Father and His Good pleasure to give this gift. However, it is not mandatory for membership.

(b). **Confirmed** members are persons who have been confirmed in by this organization.

(c). **Voting** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this organization and shall have made a contribution of record to this organization whether in service or gift.

(d). **Associate** members are persons holding membership in other Christian organizations who wish to retain such membership but desire to participate in the life and mission of this organization, or persons who wish to retain a relationship with this organization while being members of other organizations. They have all the privileges and duties of regular membership except voting rights and eligibility(unless approved by a resolution of the counsel) for elected offices or membership on the Organization Council of this organization.

***C8.03.** All applications for confirmed membership shall be submitted to and shall require the approval of the Organization Council.

***C8.04.** It shall be the privilege and duty of members of this organization to:

(a). make regular use of the means of grace, both Word and Worship;

(b). live a Christian life in accordance with the Word of God and the of Jesus Christ, and

(c). support the work of this organization, and the church wide organization of the JMMI through contributions of their time, abilities, and financial support as biblical stewards.

***C8.05.** Membership in this organization shall be terminated by any of the following:

(a). death;

(b). resignation;

(c). transfer or release;

(d). disciplinary action by the Organization Council; or

(e). removal from the roll due to inactivity as defined in the bylaws.

Such persons who have been removed from the roll of members shall remain persons for whom the organization has a continuing pastoral concern.

Chapter 9.

THE PASTOR

***C9.01.** Authority to call a pastor shall be in this organization by at least a two-thirds majority ballot vote of members present and voting at a meeting legally called for that purpose. Before a call is issued, the officers, or a committee elected by the Organization Council to recommend the call, shall seek the advice and help of counsel or CEO of JMM.

***C9.02.** Only a member of the clergy roster JMM or a candidate for the roster of ordained ministers who has been recommended from the organization by the CEO may be called as a pastor of this organization in a missions church or homeland church.

***C9.03.** Consistent with the faith and practice Jeffery Morse Ministries,

(a). Every ordained minister shall:

1) preach the Word, Staying with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2) administer the communion;

3) conduct public worship and seek after true encounters with God;

- 4) provide pastoral care; and
 - 5) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world.
 - 6) be filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues.
- (b). Each ordained minister with a organizational call shall, within the organization:
- 1) offer instruction, confirm, marry, visit the sick and distressed, and bury the dead;
 - 2) supervise all schools and organizations of this organization;
 - 3) install regularly elected members of the Organization Council; and
 - 4) with the council, administer discipline.
- (c). Every pastor shall:
- 1) strive to extend the Kingdom of God in the community, in the nation, and abroad;
 - 2) seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel;
 - 3) impart knowledge of this organization and its wider ministry through distribution of its media and other publications; and
 - 4) endeavor to increase the support given by the organization to the work of Jeffery Morse Ministries International.

***C9.04.** The specific duties of the pastor, compensation, and other matters pertaining to the service of the pastor shall be included in a letter of call, which shall be sent to JMMI at time of call or election.

***C9.05.**

- (a). The call of a organization, when accepted by a pastor, shall constitute a continuing mutual relationship and commitment, which, except in the case of the death of the pastor, shall be terminated only for the following reasons:
- 1) mutual agreement to terminate the call or the completion of a call for a specific term;
 - 2) resignation of the pastor, which shall become effective, unless otherwise agreed, 30 days after the date on which it was submitted;
 - 3) inability to conduct the pastoral office effectively in the organization in view of local conditions, without reflection on the competence or the moral and spiritual character of the pastor;
 - 4) the physical or mental incapacity of the pastor;
 - 5) disqualification of the pastor through discipline on grounds of doctrine, morality, or continued neglect of duty;
 - 6) the dissolution of the organization; or
 - 7) suspension of the organization as a result of discipline proceedings.

(b). When allegations of physical or mental incapacity of the pastor or ineffective conduct of the pastoral office have come to the attention of the organization counsel , the CEO in his or her sole discretion may, or when such allegations have been brought to the counsels attention by an official recital of allegations by the Organization Council or by a petition signed by at least one-third of the voting members of the organization, the CEO shall, investigate such conditions personally in company with a committee of two ordained ministers and one layperson.

(c). In case of alleged physical or mental incapacity, competent medical testimony shall be obtained. When such disability is evident, the CEO of JMM with the advice of the committee shall declare the pastorate vacant. Upon the restoration of a disabled pastor to health, the CEO of JMM or other qualified person shall take steps to enable the pastor to resume the ministry, either in the organization last served or in another field of labor.

(d). In the case of alleged local difficulties that imperil the effective functioning of the organization, all concerned persons shall be heard, after which the CEO of JMM together with the committee described in *C9.05.b. shall decide on the course of action to be recommended to the pastor and the organization. If they agree to carry out such recommendations, no further action shall be taken by the counsel. If either party fails to assent, the organization may dismiss the pastor at a legally called meeting after consultation with the CEO upon their approval, either (a) by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present and voting where the bishop and the committee did not recommend termination of the call, or (b) by a simple majority vote of the voting members present and voting where the bishop and

the committee recommended termination of the call.

(e). If, in the course of proceedings described in *C9.05.d., the committee concludes that there may be grounds for disciplinary action, the committee shall make recommendations concerning disciplinary action to the CEO of JMM who may bring charges, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and bylaws of Jeffery Morse Ministries.

(f). If, following the appointment of the committee described in *C9.05.b. or d., it should become apparent that the pastoral office cannot be conducted effectively in the organization(s) being served by the ordained minister due to local conditions, the CEO of JMM may temporarily suspend the pastor from service in the organization(s) without prejudice and with pay provided for in the letter of Call the missions church provided at time of Call.

***C9.06.** At a time of pastoral vacancy, an interim pastor shall be appointed by the CEO of JMM or Local missions church with the consent of this organization or the Organization Council.

***C9.07.** During the period of service, an interim pastor shall have the rights and duties in the organization of a regularly called pastor and may delegate the same in part to a supply pastor with the consent of this organization or Organization Council. The interim pastor and any ordained pastor providing assistance shall refrain from exerting influence in the selection of a pastor.

***C9.08.** All satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations to a former Pastor shall be done before calling a successor. A pastor shall make satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations though this organization if necessary.

***C9.09.** When a pastor is called to serve in company with another pastor or pastors, the privileges and responsibilities of each pastor shall be specified in documents to accompany the call and to be drafted in consultation involving the pastors, the Organization Council, and the CEO of JMM. As occasion requires, the documents may be revised through a similar consultation.

***C9.11.** With the approval of the CEO of JMM, the organization may depart from *C9.05.a. and call a pastor for a specific term. Details of such calls shall be in writing setting forth the purpose and conditions involved. Prior to the completion of a term, the CEO or a designated representative of the CEO shall meet with the pastor and representatives of the organization for a review of the call. Such a call may also be terminated before its expiration in accordance with the provisions of *C9.05.a.

***C9.12.** The pastor of this organization or missions church:

(a). shall keep accurate parochial records of all baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, communicants, members received, members dismissed, or members excluded from the organization;

(b). shall submit a summary of such statistics annually to JMMI; and

(c). shall become a member of this organization upon receipt and acceptance of the letter of call. In a church of multiple organizations, the pastor shall hold membership in all of the organizations.

***C9.13.** The pastor(s) shall submit a report of his or her ministry to the CEO of JMM or representative at least 30 days prior to each regular meeting of the organization bi annual council meeting.

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C9.21. Under special circumstances, subject to the approval of the CEO of JMM and the concurrence of this organization, an ordained minister of a church body with which JMMI officially has established a relationship of full communion may serve temporarily under contract as pastor of this organization.

Chapter 10.

ORGANIZATION MEETING

C10.01. The semi-annual meeting of this organization shall be held at a time specified in the bylaws.

C10.02. A special Organization Meeting may be called by the pastor, the Organization Council, or the president of this organization, and shall be called by the president of the organization upon the written request of ten percent (10%) of the voting members. The call for each special meeting shall specify the purpose for which it is to be held and no other business shall be transacted.

C10.03. Notice of all meetings of this organization shall be given at the services of worship on the preceding two consecutive meetings and by mail or otherwise to all voting members at least 10 days in advance of the date of the meeting. The posting of such notice in the regular mail, with the

regular postage affixed or paid, sent to the last known address of such members shall be sufficient.

C10.04. Ten percent (10%) voting members shall constitute a quorum.

- i. Either the CEO and a quorum of counsel, or the CEO and quorum of voting members shall constitute a Full Quorum.

C10.05. Voting by proxy or by absentee ballot shall not be permitted unless approved by counsel resolution. The CEO Voting cannot be done by proxy at any time.

C10.06. All actions by the organization shall be by majority vote except as otherwise provided in this Constitution or Bylaws of JMM.

C10.07. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be the recommended guidelines that shall govern parliamentary procedure of all meetings of this organization.

Chapter 11.

OFFICERS

C11.01. The officers of this organization shall be a president(CEO), vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

- (a). Duties of the officers shall be specified in the bylaws.
- (b). The officers shall be voting members of the organization.
- (c). Officers of this organization may serve similar offices of the Organization Council and shall be voting members of the Organization Council.
- (d). If the Organization Council elects its officers, the president, vice president, and secretary shall be selected from the elected membership of the Organization Council.
- (e) with the approval of a full quorum the CEO may appoint officers.

C11.02. The Organization Council shall elect its officers and they shall be the officers of the organization. The officers shall be elected by written ballot and shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their terms shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected or appointed..

C11.03. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time with the exception of the CEO who may according to the guideline in the Bylaws of JMM. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than the terms set in the Bylaws of JMM or the term agreed upon in the letter of Call.

Chapter 12.

ORGANIZATION COUNCIL

C12.01. The voting membership of the Organization Council shall consist of the pastor(s), the officers of the organization, and not more than 12 members of the organization. Any voting member of the organization may be elected, subject only to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. A member's place on the Organization Council shall be declared vacant if the member a) ceases to be a voting member of this organization in three consecutive meetings or b) is absent from four successive regular meetings of the Organization Council without cause. Consistent with the laws of the state in which this organization is incorporated, the organization may adopt procedures for the removal of a member of the Organization Council in other circumstances.

C12.02. The members of the Organization Council except the pastor(s) shall be elected by written ballot to serve for three (3) years or until their successors are elected. Such members shall be eligible to serve the term agreed upon in the letter of call submitted to JMMI. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

C12.03. Should a member's place on the Organization Council be declared vacant, the Organization Council shall elect, by majority vote, a successor until the next annual meeting. Individuals who have served less than one-half of a regular term shall be eligible for nomination and possible election to a full term.

C12.04. The Organization Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this organization, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the teachings of Jesus Christ as interpreted by JMM Constitution and bylaws. The duties of the Organization Council shall include the following:

- (a). To lead this Missions Church or organization in stating its mission, to do long-range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals.
- (b). To seek to involve all members of this organization in worship, learning, witness, service,

and support.

(c). To oversee and provide for the administration of this organization to enable it to fulfill its functions and perform its mission.

(d). To maintain supportive relationships with the pastor(s) and staff and help them annually to evaluate the fulfillment of their calling or employment.

(e). To be examples individually and corporately of the style of life and ministry expected of all Christians.

(f). To promote a organizational climate of peace and goodwill, and, as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding.

(g). To arrange for pastoral service during the sickness or absence of the pastor.

(h). To emphasize partnership with JMM and JMMI, and to the Saving Grace of Jesus Christ as being the way, the truth and the light. And the only way to the Father.

(i). To recommend and encourage the use of program resources produced or approved by the JMM or JMMI.

(j). To seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel.

C12.05. The Organization Council of (OC) shall not be responsible for the financial and property matters of this Organization unless by resolution of the full quorum of the JMM counsel.

(a). The Organization Council shall hold on the board of directors of this organization at least on office, and as such shall be responsible for maintaining and protecting its property and the management of its business and fiscal affairs. It shall have the powers and be subject to the obligations that pertain to such boards under the laws of the Land, except as otherwise provided herein.

(b). The Organization Council shall not have the authority to buy, sell, or encumber real property unless specifically authorized to do so by a meeting of the organization.

(c). The Organization Council may enter into contracts of up to Two Thousand Dollars (\$ 2,000) for items not included in the budget only on approval of the JMM full quorum resolution.

(d). The Organization Council shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by this organization if so desired, the (OC) shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption, and may incur obligations of more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$ 2,000) in excess of the anticipated receipts only after approval by a Organization Meeting and passed resolution of a Full Quorum. The budget shall include this organization's full indicated share in support of the wider ministry being carried on in partnership with JMM and JMMI organizations.

(e). The Organization Council shall ascertain that the financial affairs of this organization are being conducted efficiently, giving particular attention to the prompt payment of all obligations and to the regular forwarding of benevolence monies (if applicable) to the (OC) treasurer.

(f). The Organization Council shall not be responsible for this organization's investments and its insurance program.

C12.06. The Organization Council shall see that the provisions of this constitution, its bylaws, and the continuing resolutions are carried out.

C12.07. The Organization Council shall provide for an annual review of the membership roster.

C12.08. The Organization Council shall be responsible for the employment and supervision of the salaried lay workers of those agreed upon in (OC) Full Quorum passed resolution.

C12.09. The Organization Council shall submit a comprehensive report to its subordinate organizations at the during or at the end of annual meeting.

C12.11. The Organization Council shall normally meet once every six months. Special meetings may be called by the pastor or the president, and shall be called by the president or at the request of at least one half of its members. Notice of each special meeting shall be given to all who are entitled to be present.

C12.12. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the members of the Organization Council, including the pastor or interim pastor, except when the pastor or interim pastor requests or consents to be absent and has given prior approval to the agenda for a particular regular or special meeting, which shall be the only business considered at that meeting. Chronic or repeated absence of the pastor or interim pastor who has refused approval of the agenda of a subsequent regular or special meeting shall not preclude action by the Organization Council, following consultation with the CEO of JMM. No actionable item shall be set in motion without the full approval of the Current CEO or Pastor of said organization.

Chapter 13.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEES

C13.01. The President and Vice President of this organization and the pastor shall constitute the *Executive Committee*, if any is formed.

C13.02. A *Nominating Committee* of three voting members of this organization, one of whom, if possible, shall be the President of the Organization Council, shall be elected by the Organization Council for a term of one year.

C13.03. An *Audit Committee* of three voting members shall be elected by the Organization Council. Audit Committee members shall not be members of the Organization Council. Term of office shall be three years, with one member elected each year. Members shall be eligible for reelection.

C13.04. A *Staff Support Committee* shall be appointed jointly by the president and the pastor. Term of office shall be two years, with three members to be appointed each successive year.

C13.05. When a pastoral vacancy occurs, a *Call Committee* of not more than twelve (12) voting members shall be elected by the Organization in question with the approval of the (OC). Term of office will terminate upon installation of the newly called pastor.

C13.06. Other committees of this organization may be formed, as the need arises, by decision of the Organization Council.

C13.07. Duties of committees of this organization shall be specified in the bylaws.

Chapter 14.

ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION

C14.01. All organizations within this organization shall exist to aid it in ministering to the members of this organization and to all persons who can be reached with the Gospel of Christ. As out growths and expressions of this organization's life, the organizations are subject to its oversight and direction. This organization at its meeting shall determine their policies, guide their activities, and receive reports concerning their membership, work, and finances.

C14.02. Special interest groups, other than those of the official organizations of JMM or JMMI, may be organized only after authorization has been given by the Organization Council.

Chapter 15.

DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS AND ADJUDICATION

***C15.01.** Denial of the Christian faith as described in this constitution, conduct grossly unbecoming a member of the Church of Christ, or persistent trouble-making in this organization are sufficient cause for discipline of a member. Prior to disciplinary action, reconciliation will be attempted following Matthew 18:15-17, proceeding through these successive steps: a) private admonition by the pastor, b) admonition by the pastor in the presence of two or three witnesses, and c) citation to appear before the Organization Council. If for any reason, the pastor is unable to administer the admonitions required by a. and b. hereof, the president (if not the pastor) or vice president shall administer such admonitions.

***C15.02.** The process for discipline of a member of the organization shall be governed as prescribed by the chapter on discipline in the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing resolutions of JMM (OC)*. A member charged with the offense shall appear before the Organization Council after having received a written notice, at least ten days prior to the meeting, specifying the exact charges that have been made against the member. If the member charged with the offense fails to appear at the scheduled hearing, the Organization Council may proceed with the hearing and may pass judgment in the members absence.

***C15.03.** Members of the Organization Council who participate in the preparation of the written charges or who present evidence or testimony in the hearing before the Organization Council are disqualified from voting upon the question of the guilt of the accused member. Should the allegations be sustained by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Organization Council who are not disqualified but who are present and voting, and renewed admonition prove ineffectual, the council shall impose one of the following disciplinary actions:

- (a). censure before the council or organization, this will include a plan of restoration.
- (b). suspension from membership for a definite period of time; or
- (c). exclusion from membership in this organization.

Disciplinary actions b. and c. shall be delivered to the member in writing.

***C15.04.** The member against whom disciplinary action has been taken by the Organization Council shall have the right to appeal the decision to the CEO of JMM. Such right may not be abridged and

the decision of the CEO JMM shall be final.

***C15.05.** Disciplinary actions may be reconsidered and revoked by the Organization Council upon receipt of a) evidence that injustice has been done or b) evidence of repentance and amendment.

***C15.06.** For disciplinary actions in this organization, "due process" shall be observed as specified in the *Constitution, and Bylaws of JMM*.

***C15.07.** No member of a organization shall be subject to discipline for offenses that the Organization Council has previously heard and decided, unless so ordered by the CEO of JMM after an appeal.

***C15.10.** Adjudication

***C15.11.** When there is disagreement among factions within this organization on a substantive issue that cannot be resolved by the parties, members of this organization shall have access to the CEO of JMM for consultation after informing the chair of the Organization Council of their intent. If the consultation fails to resolve the issue(s), the Consultation Committee of the (OC) shall consider the matter. If the Consultation Committee of the (OC) shall fail to resolve the issue(s), the matter shall be referred to the JMM full quorum Council which shall use due process according to the Default i, Default ii processes outlined in the Bylaws of JMM.

Chapter 16.

BYLAWS

***C16.01.** This organization may adopt bylaws. Preeminence is to be between bylaws and constitution when seen to be in conflict shall be interpreted by the Original CEO if living. Otherwise Default processes (i) and (ii) listed in the Bylaws of JMM, and will be used to determine preeminence between constitution and bylaws, after which the counsel shall go into meeting within 30 days to formally amend the constitution and or bylaws.

***C16.02.** Bylaws may be adopted or amended at any legally called meeting of this organization with a full quorum present by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting, and pending CEO approval.

***C16.03.** Otherwise changes to the bylaws may be proposed by any voting member provided, however, that such additions or amendments be submitted in writing to the Organization Council at least 60 days before a regular or special Organization Meeting called for that purpose and that the Organization Council notify the members of the proposal with its recommendations at least 30 days in advance of the Organization Meeting.

***C16.04.** Approved changes to the bylaws shall be sent by the secretary of this organization to the (OC).

Chapter 17.

AMENDMENTS

***C17.01.** Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by at least ten percent (10%) of the voting members or by the Organization Council in conjunction with 'full quorum' standards. Proposals must be filed in writing with the Organization Council 60 days before formal consideration by this organization at its regular or special meeting called for that purpose. The Organization Council shall notify the members of the proposal with the council's recommendations at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.

***C17.02.** A proposed amendment to this constitution shall:

- (a). be approved at a legally called meeting according to this constitution by a majority vote of those present and voting;
- (b). be ratified without change at the next annual meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting; and
- (c). have the effective date included in the resolution⁴ and noted in the constitution.
- (d). all amendments to this constitution must have CEO approval. Further, CEO of JMM has the right to veto any resolution passed.

***C17.03.** Any amendments to this constitution shall be sent by the secretary of this organization to the Secretary of the (OC). The amendment shall become effective within 120 days from the date of the receipt of the notice by the (OC) unless the (OC) informs this organization that the amendment is in conflict with the constitution and bylaws of JMM.

***C17.04.** Whenever the *Model Constitution for Organizations* is amended by the JMMI or Missions church Assembly, this constitution may be amended to reflect any such amendment by a simple majority vote at any subsequent meeting of the organization without presentation at a prior meeting of the organization, provided that the Organization Council has submitted by mail notice to the

organization of such an amendment or amendments at least 30 days prior to the meeting. And provided that these amendments do not amend the constitution and bylaws of JMM.

Following the adoption of an amendment, the secretary of the organization shall submit a copy thereof to the (OC), consistent with *C17.03.

Chapter 18.

CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS

*C18.01. The Organization Council may enact continuing resolutions. Such continuing resolutions may not conflict with the constitution or bylaws of this organization.

*C18.02. Continuing resolutions shall be enacted or amended by a two-thirds vote of all voting members of the Organization Council.

Chapter 19.

INDEMNIFICATION

*C19.01. Consistent with the provisions of the laws under which this organization is functioning, this organization may adopt provisions providing indemnification for each person who, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a Organization Council member, officer, employee, agent, or other member of any committee of this organization, was or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed civil, criminal, administrative, arbitration, or investigative proceeding.

*C19.02 In the case of kidnapping of ransom this organization shall not provide fund without proof of life. If proof of life is established then ransom can be provided if:

- (a). The out come is hopeful for recovery of the victim.
- (b.) The organization has funds enough to meet the ransom.

This item (C19.02) included here because of expectations of ministry in hostel countries. This item may be amended only with approval of the CEO and a full quorum passed resolution.