

ALLIANCE WOMEN MINISTRIES

AREA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be known as Alliance Women Ministries of the _____ Area in the _____ District (hereinafter referred to as Area Alliance Women) of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Area Alliance Women is an auxiliary of The Christian and Missionary Alliance organized to promote fellowship, outreach, and prayer among the women and encourage support and prayer for Alliance missionaries and worldwide ministries.

ARTICLE III OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Area Alliance Women shall be:

1. *Fellowship*—To promote the building of relationships, studying of God's Word, and disciplining of others.
2. *Outreach*—To promote opportunities that will influence the lives of friends and neighbors by sharing God's love.
3. *Missions*—To promote a knowledge and support of the worldwide ministries of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.
4. *Prayer*—To promote corporate prayer for local, national, and worldwide ministries and needs.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

The membership of Area Alliance Women shall include those who are members of Alliance Women Ministries in the local churches located within the boundaries of the areas designated and/or approved by the Alliance Women District Executive Team.

ARTICLE V ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Teams/Committees.

a. **Area Leadership Team.** The Area Leadership Team shall be comprised of the Area Executive Team, directors of Local Alliance Women, and pastors' wives of churches within the Area. Officers of District Alliance Women shall be members ex officio of the Area Leadership Team. This Team shall meet for the purpose of considering items of business and programs pertinent to the development of the ministries of Area Alliance Women.

b. **Area Executive Team.** The Area Executive Team shall be comprised of the following officers: director, assistant director, secretary, treasurer, and such others as may be deemed necessary.

In Areas without a complete leadership team, the Area Executive Team shall be comprised of the representatives of the Area Task Force and such others as may be deemed necessary. This shall be reviewed annually by the Alliance Women District Executive Team.

c. **Standing and Special Committees.** Standing and special committees may be appointed by the Area Executive Team. The Area Alliance Women director shall be an ex officio member of these committees.

d. **Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee comprised of three members—one member from the Area Executive Team, one member from the Area Leadership Team, and one member from the Area Alliance Women membership-at-large—shall be appointed by the Area Leadership Team. The Nominating Committee shall place one name in nomination for each office to be filled.

Section 2. Elections. The election of the Area Executive Team shall be conducted at the Annual Business Meeting of Area Alliance Women. The officers shall be persons of good Christian character. The director and assistant director shall be members in good standing of a Christian and Missionary Alliance church. After nominations are presented by the Nominating Committee, further nominations may be made from the floor. Election shall be by ballot except in cases where only one nomination is presented.

In Areas without a complete leadership team, the Area Task Force representatives may be appointed by the Alliance Women District Executive Team. This shall be reviewed annually by the Alliance Women District Executive Team.

Section 3. Officers.

a. **Director.** The director shall be responsible for carrying out the objectives of the organization and for promoting approved projects. She shall preside at all meetings of Area Alliance Women, the Area Leadership Team, and Area Executive Team.

The term of office shall be two years. The director is eligible for not more than three consecutive terms in this office.

- b. **Assistant Director.** The assistant director shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the director and shall fulfill specific responsibilities as delegated by the director. In the event of the resignation or death of the director, the assistant director shall fill the vacancy until the regular election of the director.

The term of office shall be two years. The assistant director is eligible for not more than three consecutive terms in this office.

The assistant director shall be elected the year following the election of the director.

- c. **Secretary.** The secretary shall keep the minutes of all business meetings of Area Alliance Women, the Area Leadership Team, and Area Executive Team and shall conduct the correspondence as directed by the Area Executive Team.

The term of office shall be one or two years, as designated in the Area Alliance Women Bylaws. The secretary is eligible for not more than six consecutive years in this office.

- d. **Treasurer.** The treasurer shall keep a complete and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements and shall disburse funds as authorized by the Area Executive Team.

The term of office shall be either one or two years, as designated in the Area Alliance Women Bylaws. The treasurer is eligible for not more than six consecutive years in this office.

- e. **Area Task Force Representatives.** In Areas without a complete leadership team, an Area Task Force of two or more representatives may serve in lieu of the four officers. The Area Task Force shall be responsible for carrying out the objectives of the organization and for promoting approved projects. The Area Task Force shall keep the minutes of all business meetings of the Area. It shall keep a complete and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements of Area funds. This shall be reviewed annually by the Alliance Women District Executive Team.

Section 4. Records of Officers. The official records of all officers and departments of Area Alliance Women are the property of Area Alliance Women. All financial records shall be audited annually or at any time on order of the district superintendent and/or the Alliance Women District Executive Team. In the event of the death or resignation of the incumbent, or upon the election of her successor, the current records necessary for fulfilling the obligations of the office shall be passed on to the newly elected officer.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings of Area Alliance Women. Events may be held by Area Alliance Women to accomplish its objectives. Such meetings shall be the responsibility of the Area Executive Team, and the program shall be approved by the director of District Alliance Women. Any business pertinent to the organization may be conducted on these occasions.

Section 2. Annual Business Meeting. The Annual Business Meeting of Area Alliance Women shall convene at an area event for the purpose of electing officers and considering other essential matters of business.

Section 3. Meetings of the Area Leadership Team or Area Executive Team. The Area Leadership Team or Area Executive Team shall meet as needed at the request of the director or the Alliance Women District Executive Team.

ARTICLE VII FINANCE

Section 1. Team Members. The work of the Area Leadership Team and Area Executive Team shall be considered a service to Christ and the Church and shall be without financial remuneration.

Section 2. Expense Fund. The funding of the Area Alliance Women expense fund shall be determined by the Area Executive Team, with approval of the Alliance Women District Executive Team, and shall be designated in the Area Alliance Women Bylaws.

Section 3. Projects. Area Alliance Women are expected to support the projects established by the National Alliance Women Ministries. All other area-wide appeals for funds shall be approved by the Alliance Women District Executive Team.

ARTICLE VIII RELATIONSHIP

Area Alliance Women is an auxiliary organization of the district and is amenable to the district superintendent and to the Alliance Women District Executive Team. It is part of the National and District organizations of Alliance Women Ministries and is related to the Local organization.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended from time to time by the Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

ARTICLE X BYLAWS

Bylaws not in conflict with this constitution may be adopted at any regular business meeting of Area Alliance Women by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Proposed bylaws shall be submitted to the Alliance Women District Executive Team for approval before being adopted.