

ALLIANCE WOMEN MINISTRIES

DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

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

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

District 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 District Alliance Women shall be:

1. *Fellowship*—To promote the building of relationships, studying of God's Word, and discipling 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 District Alliance Women shall include those who are members of Alliance Women Ministries in the local churches of the district.

ARTICLE V ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Teams/Committees.

- a. **District Leadership Team.** The District Leadership Team shall be comprised of the District Executive Team and the directors of Area Alliance Women, and shall meet for the purpose of

considering items of business and programs pertinent to the development of the ministries of District Alliance Women.

- b. **District Executive Team.** The District Executive Team shall be comprised of the following officers: director, assistant director, secretary, treasurer, and such others as may be deemed necessary.
- c. **Standing and Special Committees.** Standing and special committees may be appointed by the District Executive Team. The District Alliance Women director shall be an ex-officio member of these committees.
- d. **Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee, comprised of a minimum of three members—one member from the District Executive Team and two or more members from the District membership-at-Large—shall be appointed by the District Leadership Team. The Nominating Committee shall place one name in nomination for each office to be filled except the office of director. The Nominating Committee's recommendation for director shall be presented as a suggestion to the Committee on Nominations of the District Conference. The director of District Alliance Women shall be elected by District Conference.

Section 2. Elections. The election of the District Executive Team shall be conducted at the Annual Business Meeting of District Alliance Women. The officers shall be persons of good Christian character and 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.

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 District Alliance Women, the District Leadership Team, and District 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 three years. The assistant director is eligible for not more than two 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 District Alliance Women, the District Leadership Team, and District Executive Team and shall conduct the correspondence as directed by the District Executive Team.

The term of office shall be one or two years, as designated in the District 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 District Executive Team.

The term of office shall be one or two years. The treasurer is eligible for not more than six consecutive years in this office.

Section 4. Records of Officers. The official records of all officers and departments of District Alliance Women are the property of District Alliance Women. All financial records shall be audited annually or at any time on order of the district superintendent and/or the Executive Committee of the district. 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 District Alliance Women. Events may be held by District Alliance Women to accomplish its objectives. Such meetings shall be the responsibility of the District Executive Team, and the program shall be approved by the district superintendent. Any business pertinent to the organization may be conducted on these occasions.

Section 2. Annual Business Meeting. The Annual Business Meeting of District Alliance Women shall convene at a district event or District Conference for the purpose of electing officers and considering other essential matters of business.

Section 3. Meetings of the District Leadership Team or District Executive Team. The District Leadership Team or District Executive Team shall meet as needed at the request of the director or the district superintendent.

ARTICLE VII FINANCE

Section 1. Team Members. The work of the District Leadership Team and District 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 District Alliance Women expense fund shall be determined by the District Executive Team, with the approval of the district superintendent, and shall be designated in the District Alliance Women Bylaws.

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

ARTICLE VIII RELATIONSHIP

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

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 District Alliance Women by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Proposed bylaws shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the district for approval before being adopted.