

# **ALLIANCE WOMEN MINISTRIES**

## **LOCAL CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I NAME**

This organization shall be known as Alliance Women Ministries of the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Church (hereinafter referred to as Local Alliance  
Women) of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

### **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

Local 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 Local 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 Local Alliance Women shall include those who regularly attend and promote the objectives of Alliance Women Ministries in the local church.

## ARTICLE V ORGANIZATION

### Section 1. Teams/Committees.

- a. **Local Executive Team.** The Local Executive Team shall be comprised of the following officers: director, secretary/treasurer, and such others as deemed necessary.
- b. **Standing and Special Committees.** Standing and special committees may be appointed by the Local Executive Team. The Local Alliance Women director shall be an ex officio member of these committees.
- c. **Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of three members—the pastor or his designee; one member of the Local Executive Team and one member of the Local Alliance Women appointed by the Local Executive Team. The Nominating Committee shall place one name in nomination for each position to be filled except for the position of director. The Nominating Committee's recommendation for director shall be presented as a suggestion to the Committee on Nominations of the local church. The director of Local Alliance Women shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting of the church.

**Section 2. Elections.** The election of the Local Executive Team, other than the director, shall be conducted at the Annual Business Meeting of Local Alliance Women. The officers shall be persons of good Christian character and testimony. The director shall be a member in good standing of the local 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 Local Alliance Women and the Local Executive Team.  
  
The term of office shall be one year. The director is eligible for not more than six consecutive terms in this office.
- b. **Secretary/Treasurer.** The secretary shall keep the minutes of all business meetings of Local Alliance Women and the Local Executive Team and shall conduct the correspondence as directed by the Local Executive Team. She shall keep a complete and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements and shall disburse funds as authorized by the Local Executive Team.  
  
The term of office shall be one year. The secretary/treasurer is eligible for not more than six consecutive terms in this office.
- c. **Ministry Coordinators.** Each Local Alliance Women may have coordinators to oversee various ministries that clearly fulfill the objectives.

The term of office for each coordinator shall be one year. Each coordinator is eligible for not more than six consecutive terms in this office.

1. **Fellowship Coordinator.** The Fellowship Coordinator shall give oversight to the ministries directly related to building relationships, studying God's Word, and discipling others. She shall be a member of the Local Executive Team.
2. **Outreach Coordinator.** The Outreach Coordinator shall give oversight to the ministries related to evangelism and outreach into the local community. She shall be a member of the Local Executive Team.
3. **Missions Coordinator.** The Missions Coordinator shall give oversight to the ministries directly related to the education and support of the worldwide ministries of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.
4. **Prayer Coordinator.** The Prayer Coordinator shall give oversight to the ministries related to corporate prayer for local, national, and worldwide ministries and needs.
5. **Standing Committees.** Standing committees may be appointed by the Local Executive Team to assist the various coordinators.

**Section 4. Records of Officers.** The official records of all officers and coordinators are the property of Local Alliance Women. All financial records shall be audited annually or at a time designated by the pastor and/or the governance authority of the church. 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 Local Alliance Women.** Local Alliance Women shall meet regularly to accomplish its objectives. Such meetings shall be the responsibility of the Local Executive Team with the approval of the pastor. Any business pertinent to the organization may be conducted on these occasions.

**Section 2. Annual Business Meeting.** The Annual Business Meeting of Local Alliance Women shall convene for the purpose of electing officers and considering other essential matters of business.

**Section 3. Meetings of the Local Executive Team.** The Local Executive Team shall meet as needed at the request of the director or the pastor.

## ARTICLE VII FINANCE

**Section 1. Team Members.** The work of the Local 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 Local Alliance Women expense fund shall be determined by the Local Executive Team, with the approval of the governance authority of the church, and shall be designated in the Local Alliance Women Bylaws.

**Section 3. National Expense Fund.** Each Local Alliance Women shall be requested to make an annual monetary contribution to the expense fund of National Alliance Women to provide for the expenses of the meetings of the National Executive Team or any of its special or standing committees.

**Section 4. District Expenses.** Each Local Alliance Women shall be requested to make monetary contributions to the expense fund of District Alliance Women Treasury for Alliance Overseas Missionary Aid.

**Section 5. Projects.** Local Alliance Women are expected to support the projects established by the National Alliance Women Ministries. All other church-wide appeals for funds shall be approved by the governance authority of the church.

## **ARTICLE VIII RELATIONSHIP**

Local Alliance Women is an auxiliary organization of the local church and is amenable to the pastor and governance authority of the church. It is part of the National, District, and Area organizations of Alliance Women Ministries.

## **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 Local Alliance Women by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Proposed bylaws shall be submitted to the governance authority of the church for approval before being adopted.