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ALLIANCE WOMEN MINISTRIES

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

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

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

National 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 National 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 National Alliance Women shall include those who are members of Alliance Women Ministries in the local churches of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

ARTICLE V ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Teams/Committees.

- a. **National Leadership Team.** The National Leadership Team shall be comprised of the National Executive Team and the elected directors of the district organizations of Alliance Women, and shall meet for the purpose of considering items of business and programs pertinent to the development of the ministries of National Alliance Women.
- b. **National Executive Team** The National Executive Team shall be comprised of the following officers: director, assistant director, secretary, treasurer, two members-at-large, and such others as may be deemed necessary.
- c. **Standing and Special Committees.** Standing and special committees may be appointed by the National Leadership Team or the National Executive Team as needed. The vice president for National Church Ministries and the National Alliance Women director shall be ex officio members of these committees.
- d. **Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee, comprised of one member from the National Executive Team, two from the National Leadership Team, and two from the Alliance Women membership-at-large, shall be named by the vice president for National Church Ministries at least one month prior to General Council. The vice president for National Church Ministries shall appoint alternates to fill any vacancies occurring on this Committee. The vice president for National Church Ministries, or his designee, shall be an ex officio member of this Committee. The Nominating Committee shall place one name in nomination for each office to be filled.

Section 2. Elections. The election of the National Executive Team shall be conducted at the Annual Business Meeting of the National Leadership Team of Alliance Women. All officers shall be persons of good Christian character and members in good standing of a Christian and Missionary Alliance church but need not be from the membership of the National Leadership Team. 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 National Alliance Women, the National Leadership Team, and National Executive Team. The term of office shall be three years. The director is eligible for not more than two 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 National Alliance Women, the National Leadership Team, and National Executive Team and shall conduct the correspondence as directed by the National Executive Team.

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

The secretary shall be elected two years following the election of the director.

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

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

- e. **Members-at-Large.** The members-at-large shall be responsible to perform such duties as designated by the director or by the National Executive Team.

The term of office shall be two years. The members-at-large are eligible for not more than three consecutive terms in this office. There shall be two members-at-large, each elected on alternate years.

Section 4. Records of Officers. The official records of all officers and departments of National Alliance Women are the property of National Alliance Women. All financial records shall be audited annually or at any time on order of the vice president for National Church Ministries. 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 National Alliance Women. National Alliance Women shall meet annually during General Council to accomplish its objectives. This meeting shall be the responsibility of the National Executive Team, and the program shall be approved by the vice president for National Church Ministries.

Section 2. Meetings of the National Leadership Team. The Annual Business Meeting of the National Leadership Team shall convene during General Council or at the request of the vice president for National Church Ministries.

Section 3. Meetings of the National Executive Team. The director, with the approval of the vice president for National Church Ministries, shall call a meeting of the National Executive Team as needed.

ARTICLE VII FINANCE

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

Section 2. National Expense Fund. Each local church Alliance Women's group shall be requested to make an annual contribution to the general treasury of National Alliance Women. This fund provides for the expense of the meetings of the National Executive Team or any of its special or standing committees. Such expenses are subject to the approval of the vice president for National Church Ministries.

Section 3. Projects. All appeals for funds shall be approved by the vice president for National Church Ministries.

ARTICLE VIII RELATIONSHIP

National Alliance Women is an auxiliary organization of The Christian and Missionary Alliance and is amenable to the vice president for National Church Ministries. It is the parent body of the District, Area, and Local 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 the National Leadership Team by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Proposed bylaws shall be submitted to the vice president for National Church Ministries for approval before being adopted.