

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

ARTICLE V—ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Committees.

- a. **Area Committee.** The Area Committee shall be comprised of the Area Executive Committee, presidents 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 Committee. This Committee 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 Committee.** The Area Executive Committee shall be comprised of the following officers: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and such others as may be deemed necessary.

In Areas without a complete leadership team, the Area Executive Committee 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 Committee.

- c. **Standing and Special Committees.** Standing and special committees may be appointed by the Area Executive Committee. The Area Alliance Women president 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 Committee, one member from the Area Committee, and one member from the Area Alliance Women membership-at-large—shall be appointed by the Area Committee. The Nominating Committee shall place one name in nomination for each office to be filled.

Section 2. Elections.

The election of the Area Executive Committee shall be conducted at the Annual Business Meeting of Area Alliance Women. The officers shall be persons of good Christian character. The president and vice president 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 Committee. This shall be reviewed annually by the Alliance Women District Executive Committee.

Section 3. Officers.

- a. **President.** The president 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 Committee, and Area Executive Committee.

The term of office shall be two years. The president is eligible for not more than three consecutive terms in this office.
- b. **Vice President.** The vice president shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the president and shall fulfill specific responsibilities as delegated by the president. In the event of the resignation or death of the president, the vice president shall fill the vacancy until the regular election of the president.

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

The vice president shall be elected the year following the election of the president.
- c. **Secretary.** The secretary shall keep the minutes of all business meetings of Area Alliance Women, the Area Committee, and Area Executive Committee and shall conduct the correspondence as directed by the Area Executive Committee.

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 Committee.

The term of office shall be 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 Committee.

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 Committee. 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 Committee, and the program shall be approved by the president of the 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 Committee or Area Executive Committee.

The Area Committee or Area Executive Committee shall meet as needed at the request of the president or the Alliance Women District Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII—FINANCE

Section 1. Committee Members.

The work of the Area Committee and Area Executive Committee 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 Committee, with the approval of the Alliance Women District Executive Committee, 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 Committee.

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 Committee. It is part of the National and District organizations of Alliance Women Ministries and is related to the 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 Area Alliance Women by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Proposed bylaws shall be submitted to the Alliance Women District Executive Committee for approval before being adopted.

(Board of Directors 1981, 1992, 1999, 2002)

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

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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.
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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. Committees.

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

Section 2. Elections.

The election of the Local Executive Committee, other than the president, shall be conducted at the Annual Business Meeting of Local Alliance Women. The officers shall be persons of good Christian character and testimony. The president shall be a member 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. **President.** The president 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 Committee.

The term of office shall be one year. The president 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 Committee and shall conduct the correspondence as directed by the Local Executive Committee. She shall keep a complete and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements and shall disburse funds as authorized by the Local Executive Committee.

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 Committee.
 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 Committee.
 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. She shall be a member of the Local Executive Committee.
 4. **Prayer Coordinator.** The Prayer Coordinator shall give oversight to the ministries related to corporate prayer for local, national, and worldwide ministries and needs. She shall be a member of the Local Executive Committee.
- d. **Standing Committees.** Standing committees may be appointed by the Local Executive Committee to assist the various coordinators.

Section 4. Records of Officers.

The official records of all officers and coordinators are the property of the Local Alliance Women. All financial records shall be audited annually or at any time on order of 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 Committee 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 Committee.

The Local Executive Committee shall meet as needed at the request of the president or the pastor.

ARTICLE VII—FINANCE

Section 1. Committee Members.

The work of the Local Executive Committee 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 Committee 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 Committee 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 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.

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