

# 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. Committees.

- a. **National Committee.** The National Committee shall be comprised of the National Executive Committee and the elected presidents 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 Committee.** The National Executive Committee shall be comprised of the following officers: president, vice president, 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 Committee or the National Executive Committee as needed. The vice president for National Church Ministries and the National Alliance Women president shall be ex officio members of these committees.
- d. **Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee, comprised of one member from the National Executive Committee, two from the National Committee, 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 Committee shall be conducted at the Annual Business Meeting of the National Committee 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 Committee. 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 National Alliance Women, the National Committee, and National Executive Committee.  
The term of office shall be three years. The president is eligible for not more than two 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 three years. The vice president is eligible for not more than two 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 National Alliance Women, the National Committee, and National Executive Committee and shall conduct the correspondence as directed by the National Executive Committee.  
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 president.
- 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 Committee.  
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 president or by the National Executive Committee.  
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 Committee, and the program shall be approved by the vice president for National Church Ministries.

### **Section 2. Annual Business Meeting of the National Committee.**

The Annual Business Meeting of the National Committee shall convene during General Council or at the request of the vice president for National Church Ministries.

### **Section 3. Meetings of the National Executive Committee.**

The president, with the approval of the vice president for National Church Ministries, shall call a meeting of the National Executive Committee as needed.

## **ARTICLE VII—FINANCE**

### **Section 1. Committee Members.**

The work of the National Committee and National Executive Committee 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 expense fund of National Alliance Women. This fund provides for the expense of the meetings of the National Executive Committee 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 Committee 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.

(Board of Directors 1981, 1992, 2002)

# 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. Committees.

- a. **District Committee.** The District Committee shall be comprised of the District Executive Committee and the presidents 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 Committee.** The District Executive Committee shall be comprised of the following officers: president, vice president, 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 Committee. The District Alliance Women president 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 Committee and two or more members from the District membership-at-large—shall be appointed by the District Committee. The

Nominating Committee shall place one name in nomination for each office to be filled except the office of president. The Nominating Committee's recommendation for president shall be presented as a suggestion to the Committee on Nominations of the District Conference. The president of District Alliance Women shall be elected by District Conference.

### **Section 2. Elections.**

The election of the District Executive Committee shall be conducted at the Annual Business Meeting of the 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. **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 District Alliance Women, the District Committee, and District Executive Committee.

The term of office shall be three years. The president is eligible for not more than two 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 three years. The vice president is eligible for not more than two 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 District Alliance Women, the District Committee, and District Executive Committee and shall conduct the correspondence as directed by the District Executive Committee.

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 Committee.

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 Committee, 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 the 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 Committee or District Executive Committee.**

The District Committee or District Executive Committee shall meet as needed at the request of the president or the district superintendent.

## **ARTICLE VII—FINANCE**

### **Section 1. Committee Members.**

The work of the District Committee and District 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 District Alliance Women expense fund shall be determined by the District Executive Committee, 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.

(Board of Directors 1981, 1992, 2002)