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Vision

Our vision is that each person and family in our community may have the opportunity to know Christ as Lord and Savior. In order to grow in knowledge and maturely give testimony of a true disciple of Christ and in that way leave a legacy for all generations, for the glory of God.

Mission Statement

Mission Assemblies of God Church exists in order to connect all the different groups of people in Nyack and surrounding communities with God and one another, through prayer, fellowship and worship, emphasizing in love and mutual acceptance.

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Preamble:

Article I - Name

Our name is: Mission Assemblies of God Church, Inc. in stating this we are referring to the body of believers that constitute this church. Mission A/G Church, we understand that God has called us to save and to search out the lost. Being that we are affiliated to such an honorable fraternity of congregations as the Assemblies of God, who share the same burden of preaching the gospel and with this purpose are officially incorporated with the state of New York as the law requires.

Article II- Nature

Mission A/G Church is a cooperative fraternity legitimately affiliated to the Spanish Eastern District of the Assemblies of God and the General Council of the Assemblies of God based on mutual agreement and without surpassing voluntary rights accepted by its members in annual and extraordinary meetings held and executed by the various bodies legitimately constituted and authorized.

Article III- Prerogatives

Section I

Encourage and promote evangelism in our District and throughout the world.

Section II

Provide and cultivate fellowship between domestic Christians in faith.

Section III

Receiving and excluding members (Mathew 18:17, Romans 16:17, 1st Corinthians 5:1-5, 2nd Corinthians 2:4-5)

Section IV

Electing its official purposes, naming commissions, make all pertinent arrangements to celebrate its own meetings and govern it.

Section V

Establish and maintain all departments and institutions necessary for the propagation of the gospel and the work of this Pentecostal fraternity.

Section VI

Approve all teaching, methods and conduct that conform to the Holy Scriptures and reprove all teachings, conduct and methods that are anti-biblical.

Section VII

To Have the right of possessing, trust, use, sell, transfer, mortgage and rent or power/authority upon properties, furnishings and real estate as deemed necessary for the advancement of the work.

Article IV- Territory

Our congregation, even though it is located in Rockland County, we are part of the Upstate Section, New York. It is duly affiliated to the Spanish Eastern District of the Assemblies of God.

Article V- Principles and Purposes

The principles and Purposes of Mission Assemblies of God are and will be: Maintaining the highest concepts of christian communion as it is declared in the Word of God, accepted and defined by the General Council of the Assemblies of God in its Constitution and Bylaws. Furthermore, Mission Assemblies of God works towards the realization of the following purposes.

Section I.

To proclaim the sovereignty of our Lord Jesus Christ in all aspects of life.

Section 2.

To put into practice the principles of unity that are taught to us by the Holy Scriptures, expressed by a mutual cooperation, real and effective, without differences due to race or color, having equality as a base between all Christians.

Section 3.

Fostering conjunctive action between affiliated churches towards the realization of projects that are indispensable for the development of christian brotherhood in the following aspects:

- a) As to the spiritual: Plan retreats, united worship services as a fellowship, fellowship activities and events, fraternal and all with the intent of stimulating and achieving a development of a vigorous and dynamic ministry, fostering the integrity of Christian character.
- b) As to the Missional: To achieve THE GREAT COMMITMENT (Mathew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8), of propagating the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by all methods possible; to promote Missional interest throughout all of our churches, with the end product of sustaining missionary work in a systematic way.
- c) As to the Educational: To stimulate the creation of christian schools, revaluing the pedagogic systems and methods utilized by local churches in their Sunday schools and vacation bible schools, making recommendations and binding them to the ideal and character of our mission (Mathew 28:19-20). Maintaining theological schools for the

preparation and teaching of our members. Fostering activities of educational character that benefit the local assemblies.

d) As to the Social: To Recommend and adopt ways to betterment of the work or ministry, so that they will respond to the principles of Christian charity and in defense of the worker of God.

e) As to the Political: To defend the separation of church and state.

Section 4.

To recommend this unity, purposes and actions between churches, without pretending a forced unity; being that the District recognizes the autonomous government of each church within the district, as is declared emphatically by the General Council.

ARTICULO- VI

DECLARATION OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This Statement of Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e., that we all speak the same thing, 1 Corinthians 1:10 [KJV/NIV]; Acts 2:42 [KJV/NIV]). The phraseology employed in this Statement is not inspired nor contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential to a full-gospel ministry. No claim is made that it covers all Biblical truth, only that it covers our need as to these fundamental doctrines.

1. The Scriptures Inspired

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct.

- 2 Timothy 3:15-17 [KJV/NIV]

- 1 Thessalonians 2:13 [KJV/NIV]
- 2 Peter 1:21 [KJV/NIV]

2. The One True God

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM," the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- Deuteronomy 6:4 [KJV/NIV]
- Isaiah 43:10,11 [KJV/NIV]
- Matthew 28:19 [KJV/NIV]
- Luke 3:22 [KJV/NIV]

The Adorable Godhead

a. Terms Defined

The terms "Trinity" and "persons" as related to the Godhead, while not found in the Scriptures, are words in harmony with Scripture, whereby we may convey to others our immediate understanding of the doctrine of Christ respecting the Being of God, as distinguished from "gods many and lords many." We therefore may speak with propriety of the Lord our God who is One Lord, as a trinity or as one Being of three persons, and still be absolutely scriptural.

- Matthew 28:19 [KJV/NIV]
- 2 Corinthians 13:14 [KJV/NIV]
- John 14:16-17 [KJV/NIV]

b. Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead

Christ taught a distinction of Persons in the Godhead which He expressed in specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son, and Holy

Spirit, but that this distinction and relationship, as to its mode is inscrutable and incomprehensible, because unexplained.

- Luke 1:35 [KJV/NIV]
- 1 Corinthians 1:24 [KJV/NIV]
- Matthew 11:25-27 [KJV/NIV]
- Matthew 28:19 [KJV/NIV]
- 2 Corinthians 13:14 [KJV/NIV]
- 1 John 1:3-4 [KJV/NIV])
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c. Unity of the One Being of Father, Son and Holy Spirit Accordingly, therefore, there is that in the Father which constitutes him the Father and not the Son; there is that in the Son which constitutes Him the Son and not the Father; and there is that in the Holy Spirit which constitutes Him the Holy Spirit and not either the Father or the Son. Wherefore the Father is the Begetter, the Son is the Begotten, and the Holy Spirit is the one proceeding from the Father and the Son. Therefore, because these three persons in the Godhead are in a state of unity, there is but one Lord God Almighty and His name one.

- John 1:18 [KJV/NIV]
- John 15:26 [KJV/NIV]
- John 17:11 [KJV/NIV]
- John 17:21 [KJV/NIV]
- Zechariah 14:9 [KJV/NIV]

d. Identity and Cooperation in the Godhead

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are never identical as to Person; nor confused as to relation; nor divided in respect to the Godhead; nor opposed as to cooperation. The Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son as to relationship. The Son is with the Father and the Father is

with the Son, as to fellowship. The Father is not from the Son, but the Son is from the Father, as to authority. The Holy Spirit is from the Father and the Son proceeding, as to nature, relationship, cooperation and authority. Hence, neither Person in the Godhead either exists or works separately or independently of the others.

- John 5:17-30 [KJV/NIV]
- John 5:32 [KJV/NIV]
- John 5:37 [KJV/NIV]
- John 8:17,18 [KJV/NIV]

e. The Title, Lord Jesus Christ

The appellation, "Lord Jesus Christ," is a proper name. It is never applied in the New Testament, either to the Father or to the Holy Spirit. It therefore belongs exclusively to the Son of God.

- Romans 1:1-3 [KJV/NIV]
- 2 John 1:3 [KJV/NIV]

f. The Lord Jesus Christ, God with Us

The Lord Jesus Christ, as to His divine and eternal nature, is the proper and only Begotten of the Father, but as to His human nature, He is the proper Son of Man. He is therefore, acknowledged to be both God and man; who because He is God and man is "Immanuel," God with us.

- Matthew 1:23 [KJV/NIV]
- 1 John 4:2 [KJV/NIV]
- 1 John 4:10 [KJV/NIV]
- 1 John 4:14 [KJV/NIV]
- Revelation 1:13 [KJV/NIV]
- Revelation 1:17 [KJV/NIV]

g. The Title, Son of God Since the name "Immanuel" embraces both God and man in the one Person, our Lord Jesus Christ, it follows that the title, Son of God, describes His proper deity, and the title, Son of Man, His proper humanity. Therefore, the title Son of God, belongs to the order of eternity, and the title, Son of Man, to the order of time.

- Matthew 1:21-23 [KJV/NIV]
- 2 John 1:3 [KJV/NIV]
- 1 John 3:8 [KJV/NIV]
- Hebrews 7:3 [KJV/NIV]
- Hebrews 1:1-13 [KJV/NIV]

h. Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ

Wherefore, it is a transgression of the Doctrine of Christ to say that Jesus Christ derived the title, Son of God, solely from the fact of the incarnation, or because of His relation to the economy of redemption. Therefore, to deny that the Father is a real and eternal Father, and that the Son is a real and eternal Son, is a denial of the distinction and relationship in the Being of God; a denial of the Father, and the Son; and a displacement of the truth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.

- 2 John 1:9 [KJV/NIV]
- John 1:1 [KJV/NIV]
- John 1:2 [KJV/NIV]
- John 1:14 [KJV/NIV]
- John 1:18 [KJV/NIV]
- John 1:29 [KJV/NIV]
- John 1:49 [KJV/NIV]
- 1 John 2:22,23 [KJV/NIV]
- 1 John 4:1-5 [KJV/NIV]

- Hebrews 12:2 [KJV/NIV]

i. Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord

The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; angels and principalities and powers having been made subject unto Him. And having been made both Lord and Christ, He sent the Holy Spirit that we, in the name of Jesus, might bow our knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father until the end, when the Son shall become subject to the Father that God may be all in all.

- Hebrews 1:3 [KJV/NIV]
- 1 Peter 3:22 [KJV/NIV]
- Acts 2:32-36 [KJV/NIV]
- Romans 14:11 [KJV/NIV]
- 1 Corinthians 15:24-28 [KJV/NIV]

j. Equal Honor to the Father and to the Son

Wherefore, since the Father has delivered all judgment unto the Son, it is not only the express duty of all in heaven and on earth to bow the knee, but it is an unspeakable joy in the Holy Spirit to ascribe unto the Son all the attributes of Deity, and to give Him all honor and the glory contained in all the names and titles of the Godhead except those which express relationship (see Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead, Unity of the One Being of Father, Son and Holy Spirit , and Identity and Cooperation in the Godhead) and thus honor the Son even as we honor the Father.

- John 5:22,23 [KJV/NIV]
- 1 Peter 1:8 [KJV/NIV]
- Revelation 5:6-14 [KJV/NIV]

- Philippians 2:8,9 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Revelation 7:9-10 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Revelation 4:8-11 [[KJV/NIV](#)]

3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare: His virgin birth, Matthew 1:23 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Luke 1:31 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Luke 1:35 [[KJV/NIV](#)] His sinless life, Hebrews 7:26 [[KJV/NIV](#)], 1 Peter 2:22 [[KJV/NIV](#)], His miracles, Acts 2:22 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Acts 10:38 [[KJV/NIV](#)] His substitutionary work on the cross, 1 Corinthians 15:3 [[KJV/NIV](#)], 2 Corinthians 5:21 [[KJV/NIV](#)] His bodily resurrection from the dead, Matthew 28:6 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Luke 24:39 [[KJV/NIV](#)], 1 Corinthians 15:4 [[KJV/NIV](#)] His exaltation to the right hand of God. Acts 1:9 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Acts 1:11 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Acts 2:33 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Philippians 2:9-11 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Hebrews 1:3 [[KJV/NIV](#)]

4. The Fall of Man

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God.

- Genesis 1:26,27 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Genesis 2:17 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Genesis 3:6 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Romans 5:12-19 [[KJV/NIV](#)]

5. The Salvation of Man

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Conditions to Salvation

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God, according to the hope of eternal life.

- Luke 24:47 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]
- John 3:3 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]
- Romans 10:13-15 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]
- Ephesians 2:8 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]
- Titus 2:11 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]
- Titus 3:5-7 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]

The Evidence of Salvation

The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit.

- Romans 8:16 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]

The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness.

- Ephesians 4:24 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]
- Titus 2:12 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]

6. The Ordinances of the Church

Baptism in Water

The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded by the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Saviour and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with

Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life.

- Matthew 28:19 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]
- Mark 16:16 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]
- Acts 10:47,48 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]
- Romans 6:4 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements --bread and the fruit of the vine-- is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]), a memorial of his suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]), and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]), and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!"

7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry.

- Luke 24:49 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]
- Acts 1:4 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]
- Acts 1:8 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]

This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth.

- Acts 8:12-17 [[KJV](#)/[NIV](#)]

- Acts 10:44-46 [KJV/NIV]
- Acts 11:14-16 [KJV/NIV]
- Acts 15:7-9 [KJV/NIV]

With the baptism in the Holy Spirit come such experiences as:

- an overflowing fullness of the Spirit, John 7:37-39 [KJV/NIV], Acts 4:8 [KJV/NIV]
- a deepened reverence for God, Acts 2:43 [KJV/NIV], Hebrews 12:28 [KJV/NIV]
- an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work, Acts 2:42 [KJV/NIV]
- and a more active love for Christ, for His Word and for the lost, Mark 16:20 [KJV/NIV]

8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance.

- Acts 2:4 [KJV/NIV]

The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues, but is different in purpose and use.

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-10 [KJV/NIV]
- 1 Corinthians 12:28 [KJV/NIV]

9. Sanctification

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God. (Romans 12:1,2 [KJV/NIV], 1 Thessalonians 5:23 [KJV/NIV], Hebrews 13:12 [KJV/NIV])

The Scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.", Hebrews 12:14 [KJV/NIV]

By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command: "Be ye holy, for I am holy.", 1 Peter 1:15,16 [KJV/NIV]

Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by the faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 6:1-11 [KJV/NIV], Romans 6:13 [KJV/NIV], Romans 8:1,2 [KJV/NIV], Romans 8:13 [KJV/NIV], Galatians 2:20, [KJV/NIV], Philippians 2:12,13 [KJV/NIV], 1 Peter 1:5 [KJV/NIV]

10. The Church and its Mission

The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven., (Ephesians 1:22,23 [KJV/NIV], Ephesians 2:22 [KJV/NIV], Hebrews 12:23 [KJV/NIV])

Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by man, to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, and to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world, the priority reason for being of the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is:

1. To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world., (Acts 1:8 [KJV/NIV], Matthew 28:19,20 [KJV/NIV], Mark 16:15,16 [KJV/NIV])
2. To be a corporate body in which man may worship God.(1 Corinthians 12:13 [KJV/NIV])

3. To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son.

- Ephesians 4:11-16 [KJV/NIV], 1 Corinthians 12:28 [KJV/NIV], 1 Corinthians 14:12 [KJV/NIV]

4. To be a people who demonstrate God's love and compassion for all the world.

- Psalms 112:9 [KJV/NIV], Galatians 2:10; 6:10 [KJV/NIV], James 1:27 [KJV/NIV]

The Assemblies of God exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this reason for being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This experience:

1. Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs.

- Mark 16:15-20 [KJV/NIV], Acts 4:29-31 [KJV/NIV], Hebrews 2:3,4 [KJV/NIV]

2. Adds a necessary dimension to worshipful relationship with God.

- 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 [KJV/NIV], 1 Corinthians 12 [KJV/NIV], 1 Corinthians 13 [KJV/NIV], 1 Corinthians 14 [KJV/NIV]

3. Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edifying of the body of Christ and care for the poor and needy of the world.

- Galatians 5:22-26 [KJV/NIV], Matthew 25:37-40 [KJV/NIV], Galatians 6:10 [KJV/NIV], 1 Corinthians 14:12 [KJV/NIV], Ephesians 4:11,12 [KJV/NIV], 1 Corinthians 12:28 [KJV/NIV], Colossians 1:29 [KJV/NIV]

11. The Ministry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the fourfold purpose of leading the Church in:

Evangelization of the world.

- Mark 16:15-20 [KJV/NIV]

Worship of God.

- John 4:23,24 [KJV/NIV]

Building a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son.

- Ephesians 4:11-16 [KJV/NIV]

Meeting human need with ministries of love and compassion.

- Psalms 112:9 [KJV/NIV]
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12. Divine Healing

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers.

- Isaiah 53:4,5 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Matthew 8:16,17 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- James 5:14-16 [[KJV/NIV](#)]

13. The Blessed Hope

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the church.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Romans 8:23 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Titus 2:13 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- 1 Corinthians 15:51,52 [[KJV/NIV](#)]

14. The Millennial Reign of Christ

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on earth for one thousand years. (Zechariah 14:5 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Matthew 24:27 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Matthew 24:30 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Revelation 1:7 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Revelation 19:11-14 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Revelation 20:1-6 [[KJV/NIV](#)])

This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel, (Ezekiel 37:21,22 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Zephaniah 3:19,20 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Romans 11:26,27 [[KJV/NIV](#)])

and the establishment of universal peace. (Isaiah 11:6-9 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Psalms 72:3-8 [[KJV/NIV](#)], Micah 4:3,4 [[KJV/NIV](#)])

15. The Final Judgment

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to the everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

- Matthew 25:46 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Mark 9:43-48 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Revelation 19:20 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Revelation 20:11-15 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Revelation 21:8 [[KJV/NIV](#)]

16. The New Heavens and the New Earth

"We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."

- 2 Peter 3:13 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Revelation 21 [[KJV/NIV](#)]
- Revelation 22 [[KJV/NIV](#)]

ARTICULO- VII MEMBERS

All those people that (after three months) in their life and conduct have given evidence of the salvation of their souls, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and baptized in water by submersion and in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit shall have the privilege of joining as a member of our church. Also those who come to us with a transfer letter from their previous pastor will be classified in the following manner:

Section 1- Active Members

Are classified as those persons than besides having demonstrated a Christian lifestyle, and whose names show up in the active members list and are still members, cooperating in everything, regularly attending worship services and striving for the spiritual growth of the work, that is in harmony with our teachings and doctrines, as is stipulated in the fundamental doctrines of the church.

Section 2- Pending Members

Are those persons that have been born again and having given sufficient evidence of a Christian lifestyle. Brothers with transfer letters will be considered pending members for three months and at the end of three months they will be evaluated. By passing the evaluation they will be considered Active members. Such brothers will have the privilege of participating with their respective societies as Active Members.

Section 3- Passive Members

Are those persons that show up in the registry of the church but without a justifiable cause are absent from worship services and are not responsible with their financial duties. Also any active member undergoing a time of discipline will not have the rights and privileges that are due an active member.

Section 4- Inactive Members

Are those persons that are undergoing a time of discipline.

Section 5- Dropped Members

Are those persons that appear in the registry of the church but have backslidden doctrinally, or committed acts that struggle with the word of God, bringing scandals to fellow Christian souls and causing harm to the work of the Lord without accepting discipline or showing remorse. The

members who commit such acts shall lose all rights and privileges as members including the revocation of their membership card, until they sincerely demonstrate their remorse. Also, person that move to another location.

ARTICLE VIII- SUPPORT

This church recognizes and accepts that as an institution with its own government it is responsible for its support in the following manner:

Section 1- Tithes

Each member is responsible to pay tithes of all their income be it for work or donation. Tithes are an obligation of all Christians as stated in Malaqui 3:10 and Galatians 6:6. This factor will be taken under consideration when it comes to positions in the church.

Section 2- Offerings

The Bible states that God blesses the cheerful giver not the one who gives sparingly this being an integral part of worship unto God at service. Will be combined with tithes to cover the expenses of the work be it necessary. (Luke 21:1-4, Exodus 35:20-29)

Section 3- Special Offerings

When the financial need requires it the pastor shall ask for special offerings and each member shall give an offering according to what the Holy Spirit dictates in his/her heart.

ARTICLE IX- PROPERTIES

All church properties must show up in an inventory that is to be filed at the church office by the church secretary. All donated properties to this church must be added to this inventory of properties, by which the donor will have renounced to such properties. This property cannot be

transferred or sold unless there is a mutual agreement of two thirds of its members while meeting as regular assembly duly convened.

ARTICLE X- MEETINGS

Section 1- Business Meetings

a) Quorum- The following members in full communion duly convened will be the quorum for any business meeting in our church.

b) This organization celebrates its annual business meeting in the month of November of each year. It must be held the first week in November. The date of this meeting (exact date and time) must be announced with no less than thirty (30) days notice.

c) This church can celebrate extraordinary assemblies as many times as necessary by which its members shall be duly convened with no less than fifteen (15) days notice.

d) All departments of this church shall have their business meetings on the same week, adjunct with the annual meeting week of the assembly.

e) At the meeting we shall count on having the parliamentary table of the church that is composed to maintain a balance, order and just proceedings. Such table shall be comprised of three (3) people in order to meet the constitution of the local church, district constitution and parliamentary laws.

Section 2- Worship and other Meetings

a) The meeting or weekly services of the church will be organized by the pastor as he sees convenient.

b) The pastor has authority to make and direct any meeting that he deems necessary and all meeting created without his authorization where

matters of the church are discussed (in or outside the church) will be deemed out of order and its authors will be disciplined.

ARTICLE XI- OFFICIALS

Section 1- Trustees

- a) President-The Pastor
- b) Secretary
- c) Sub-secretary
- d) Treasurer
- e) Sub-treasurer
- f) Vocals (2)

Section 2- Body of Deacons

- a) There shall be no more that 10 deacons and no less than three.
- b) The quantity of deacons and deaconesses will be determined by the two thirds part of the vote of the Assembly in its business meeting.

ARTICLE XII- ELECTIONS

We will celebrate ordinary elections of the board of officials, Societies, Ministries and Departments during the annual business meeting to be celebrated in November.

ARTICLE XIII- AMENDMENTS

If there would be a necessary amendment to this constitution, such amendment must be presented to the board of officials (Pastor, deacons and trustees) of the church, in writing sixty (60) days before the annual business meeting or of a extraordinary meeting duly announced. Then it shall be reviewed by the officials who have the right to approve or reject it in being presented afterwards to the assembly. This proposed amendment must be sent in writing sixty (60) days before the annual

business meeting or of a extraordinary meeting duly announced. Two thirds (2/3) of the votes need to be submitted and are needed by the assembly for approval. This constitution can be amended as long as such amendments are not in doctrinal contradiction (16 fundamental truths, see article VI of the constitution) with the constitution of the district council or the General council.

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REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1- OFFICIALS

Section 1- The Pastor

- a) The Pastor shall be the spiritual guide of the church. He will correct and exhort with authority according to the Word of God.
- b) He may administer discipline to any member without necessarily convening the officials of the church when the circumstances dictate.
- c) He will supervise all concerning and relating to funds and activities of the church for all necessary things or emergencies of the church, he may authorize the use of these funds according to the amount previously stipulated by the board of officials in their annual budget.
- d) All decision where the interests of the church are involved, must have the approval of the pastor and the body of officials and the congregation.

Section 2- The Secretary

- a) Will keep the books of the secretary.
- b) Will receive and file all correspondence and documentation relating to his/her position in the church files.
- c) Will answer the correspondence entrusted by the pastor.
- d) Will sign the membership cards of the members at the church, together with the pastor and all documentation required, official and legal documents.
- e) Will take minutes of each meeting where the body of trustees, deacons or the board of officials are present; in order to compose and maintain valid registry.
- f) Will turn in an annual report of his/her work at the annual church business meeting.

g) His/her term will be for (2) years.

Section 3- The Treasurer

- a) Will receive and deposit all the church funds including those of all departments in a financial institution.
- b) Will have a faithful record of all income and expense of church funds.
- c) Will turn in an annual report of his/her work at the annual church business meeting.
- d) Will allow an examination of his/her books by any competent authority, likewise the assistant to the treasurer with the department funds.
- e) The church will not give loans of its funds to anyone.
- f) Cannot utilize or disburse more than \$1000., without previously attaining the approval of the board of officials in general (trustee, deacons and Pastor).
- g) Will provide budgets and financial reports as Pastor requests them.
- h) His/her term will be for (2) years.

Section 4- Body of Deacons

- a) This church will have a body of deacons whose number will not be greater than ten and no less than three. Their term will be of (2) years and may be re-elected for another (2) years. Then they must take a (1) year sabbatical. The year following the (1) year sabbatical they may be voted on before the assembly after they have been nominated by the officials.
- b) The deacons will help Pastor in the ministry of the word, visiting the sick, serve the Lords supper, maintain order and discipline during services and all things pertaining to their post as deacons.

- c) To be a candidate for deacon, he/she must have the qualities listed in Acts 6:3, 1st Timothy 3:8-10, 12,13.
- d) To occupy the post of a deacon, the candidate must be older than 21 years of age.
- e) He/she must have at least one (1) uninterrupted year as a member in full communion of this congregation to be able to run as a candidate for deacon.
- f) The members of this congregation that have gone out from us to go to the missionary field under the endorsement of this congregation and representatives of six months are not subject to the requirements of the subsection (e). Those that return after six months and before two years must be at least one year as a member in full communion in order to be eligible for the post as a deacon.
- g) Will turn in an annual report of his/her work at the annual church business meeting before the Pastor, the officials and the congregation.
- h) The deacons who are absent from four meetings without a justifiable cause (sickness, family emergency, etc.) will be asked for his/her resignation.

Section 5- Body of Trustees

- a) As a civil religious institution duly incorporated, this church will have a body of trustees ascending to seven (7) persons, of which will be: The President, The Secretary and the Treasurer. The Pastor is the President of the corporation.
- b) Its terms with the exception of its President/Pastor, Secretary and Treasurer (a) will be for (1) year able to be renamed as many times the board of officials deems it.
- c) The Trustees will be the administrators of material goods belonging to the church and will attain agreements pertaining to all

aspects of financial character, civil or legal of the church. They will oversee expenses and disbursements of funds, always maintaining the highest financial level possible. They will authorize repairs, purchases and sales of the properties of the church with the approval of the Assembly, the Pastor and the Deacons.

- d) The General Assembly will elect trustees once they have been examined by the body of Officials and the Pastor. The board of Officials will nominate between its members, its Secretary and Treasurer.
- e) The requirements to be candidate for trustee will be the same as those to be Deacon, adding on that he/she must have administrative and financial knowledge.
- f) body of Trustees will convene as many times as the situation The merits.
- g) Will turn in an annual report of his/her work at the annual church business meeting before the Pastor, the officials and the congregation.
- h) The Pastors offering will fall under the administration of the body of trustee and the approval of the board of officials.

Section 6- Local Missionaries

- a) Will have the same requirements as for deacons. Additionally they must have worked in the missionary department of the church for at least one year.
- b) Their responsibilities will be primarily visiting new converts and guiding them in their first steps in the faith.
- c) Will turn in an annual report of his/her work at the annual church business meeting before the Pastor, the officials and the congregation.

- d) Organize missionary services, plan a missionary trip per year within or outside the country and organize missionary impacts.

Section 7- Sunday School Superintendent

- a) Sunday School Superintendent will be the administrative director of the Sunday school. He will work directly with Pastor concerning the naming of the teachers and substitutes, secretaries and substitutes, and any other Sunday school staff.
- b) Will turn in an annual report of his/her work at the annual church business meeting before the Pastor, the officials and the congregation.

Section 8- Presidents, Societies, Ministries and Department Leaders

- a) Each department, ministry and society will have a leader.
- b) The presidents of societies and leaders of ministries and departments will turn in an annual report of his/her work at the annual church business meeting before the Pastor, the officials and the congregation which takes place the first week in November.
- c) Their function will include, but is not limited to, 1. Maintaining a spiritual life and promoting spiritual growth, 2. Unifying the society, ministry or department. 3. Promote evangelism and 4. Administrate.

Section 9- Vacancy

If there should be a vacancy in the board of officials with the exception of the Pastor, or in any department of the church, such vacancies will be filled by appointment from the Pastor and the board of officials.

ARTICLE 2- ELECTIONS

Section 1- The Pastor

- a) The Pastor of this church will be elected by ballot being the election directed by an official that the Spanish Eastern District Council of the Assemblies of God sends for this purpose. His election will be by no less than two thirds (2/3) parts of the votes emitted by the present Assembly.
- b) The Spanish Eastern District Council will present to the church its available candidates and if the church should know a competent credential holding minister of the Assemblies of God or that qualifies as a minister of the Assemblies of God, and would desire that such person is reflected in the ballot as a candidate, should notify the Superintendent or his representative with sufficient time so that they may test the candidate. The church will have the right to present the same number of candidates as the District, as long as they have such candidates, those which must be credential holding ministers of The Spanish Eastern District Council of the Assemblies of God. The ballot of candidates must be created by the Superintendent of the District and the officials of the church together.

Section 2- Trustee Elections, Deacons, Sunday School Superintendent, Presidents of Societies and Department Leaders.

- a) The elections to elect any post at the church will be by secret ballot and by simple majority of votes.
- b) The Pastor and the board of officials will prepare the ballot of candidates for such position for which to be elected by simple majority.
- c) The Officials will be elected understanding therefore that every year half of the officials will be voted on.
- d) The positions of department leaders of the Royal Rangers, Missionettes, etc. Will be filled by appointment from the board of officials and the Pastor.

- e) The department leaders will be appointed by the Pastor and the board of officials and finally approved by each department.
- f) Every candidate who is not present at the moment of the election will be eliminated with the exception of those that present appropriate justifications in writing.

Section 3- Regulations of Church posts

- a) Generally the posts of the church should be distributed so that no one is too burdened who in turn will have difficulty fulfilling his/her responsibilities. We would hope that the person affected, himself, decline a new post when they have sufficient posts in the church, we suggest no more than 2 posts or positions.

Section 4- Preachers

No one will be invited to preach without Pastors authorization.

ARTICLE 3- MEMBERS

Section 1- Members in Full Communion

- a) In Full communion will be those members that after being baptized in water by submersion guard a clean testimony before the world and fulfill their responsibilities and duties with the church and with God.
- b) Will have rights to voice and vote those who are older than 16 years old. Every member will have the opportunity to preach, testify and to any privilege corresponding to members of good testimony and full communion, should participate in the Lords supper.
- c) They should be responsible in bringing their tithes and offerings, in assisting to the most amounts of services, and in fulfilling with the responsibilities assigned to them, complying with their societies

and ask permission to visit other churches. (Note: by not fulfilling these they will be asked for their resignation of all posts but not to their membership with the church).

Section 2- Inactive Members

- a) These are those who for some reason are under discipline.
- b) Will have the privilege of participating in prayers, worship and of services in general collectively.
- c) Must be responsible to assist faithfully to services, pay their tithes and their offerings and ask permission to visit other churches in which participation will be limited.

Section 3- Discipline

If a member of this church should commit an offense they could be put in discipline according to the gravity of the matter. The Pastor can put in discipline any member without necessarily communicating it to the officials when circumstances require it.

The word of God teaches us that God requires peace and order in His church. As Christians we must be an example of Christian maturity conducting ourselves with respect in the church of our Lord.

It is prohibited in our church, Mission A/G church to interrupt, speak without authorization or to contradict in public during the service to any person that is preaching or giving information to the church, (1st Corinthians 6:5)

- a) The first offense will be disciplined by three months
- b) The second offense will be disciplined with 1 year.

c) The third offense, the person will be demoted from a member in our church, Mission Assemblies of God Church, Inc. (resolution 1st of November 2003)

Section 5- Expulsion

If any person would be considered a threat or danger to the healthy march of this church, pertaining to disrespectfulness to others because of his/her disobedience to the ordinances of the church or the Pastor and there is no apparent solution to the problem, this person can be expelled from the church.

Section 6- Appeals

If any member of this church were disciplined or expelled and he or she believes that they were treated unjustly, may make an appeal for a new hearing with the Pastor and the officials. This appeal must be made in writing explaining the reason of such injustice.

Section 7-

This regulation may be amended during our annual business meeting of the church by 2/3 parts of all votes. Every motion towards amendment should be submitted in writing with 60 days notice to the pastor and the officials so that it can reviewed and later presented at the annual business meeting of the church.

Article 4- Rules of Ethics of all members of the church

Section 1- Due to the great number of false doctrines every member must notify firstly the Pastor before opening the door of your homes for services or biblical teachings.

Section 2- Every member must notify and ask permission one week before visiting another church be it as a visitor or preacher.

Section 3- The members of a congregation should not visit other churches when there it service at the local church.

Section 4- No member is authorized to invite preachers without the authorization of the Pastor.

Section 5- Every person that occupies a post or position in the church must assist at least two services of the three celebrated weekly.

Section 6- In every service at individual homes it is required that a deacon be present, it is understood that when Pastor is absent he shall be represented by a deacon.

Section 7- The rules of the church teach us that we cannot collect offerings at individual homes and or services held there.

Section 8- Every single youth shall protect his/her testimony and therefore not be alone with a young person of the opposite sex. There should always be three of more.

Article 5- Marriage

Under no circumstance Mission Assemblies of God Church will marry persons of the same sex. The constitution protects the Pastor and any credential holding Minister of our council that is a member of the church against such act (marry a man to a man or a woman to a woman). The Bible condemns this, therefore we as followers of the Bible condemn such acts and do not approve in our midst.

We will marry a man and a woman, as long as they are both believers in Jesus Christ, being that the Bible is against uneven yokes.

Article 6- Ministries within our congregation

Every ministry born in this congregation will be submitted to the constitution of this church and therefore must respect such principles.

Section 1- Every ministry has the opportunity to develop as God allows it, under the supervision of the Pastor and the board of officials.

Section 2- Every acquisition of positions on the part of a ministry must be directly in the name of such ministry or the local church.

Section 3- In the case of dissolution of a ministry, all properties will become properties of the local church. No member of any ministry shall take position, or sell anything that has been dedicated for the work of God.

Article 7- Local Workmen

The Local Workmen are the brethren who have given good testimony, display the calling of God in their lives and for the work of the ministry in the local church. They are chosen brothers, capable and sent to specific tasks within local ministry.

Section 1- Local Workmen shall be granted a credential, under the supervision of the Pastor.

Section 2- Local Workmen enjoy the support and the approval of the constitution of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Section 3- We recognize that a credential does not make a minister, moreover we understand that this credential is a symbol or evidence that God has separated them for the work of the ministry.

Section 4- Local Workmen may visit hospitals, jails, lead small groups and attend other matters assigned by Pastor like: preaching in other churches, attend a new church plant, funerals and other similar matters.

Section 5- They must be responsible with the tasks they are assigned. If they are not responsible they will be asked to resign their position and their credential as a Local Workmen.

Article 8-Local Pastors (counselors)

The Local Pastors are the brethren who have given good testimony, display the calling of God in their lives and for the work of the ministry in the local church. They are chosen brothers, capable and sent to specific tasks within local ministry.

Section 1- Local Pastors shall be granted a credential, under the supervision of the Pastor.

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