CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

PRAY-TELL MINISTRIES, INC.

KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

**PREAMBLE**

For the purpose of establishing and maintaining a religious organization of Almighty God, our heavenly Father; where the Holy Ghost may be honored according to our distinctive testimony; to

assume our share of responsibility and the privilege of propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both at home and in foreign lands; we, whose names appear upon the Board of Di-

rectors of Pray-Tell Ministries, Inc., in Kenosha, Wisconsin, do hereby recognize ourselves as a prayer and evangelism ministry, and adopt the following articles of order and submit ourselves to

be governed by them.

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I. NAME AND DURATION**

The name of said Corporation not for profit shall be Pray-Tell Ministries (PTM) and its location shall be in the city of Kenosha, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. Its duration shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE II. PREROGATIVES**

**Section A**. Pray-Tell Ministries, herein after referred to as: PTM, shall have the right to govern itself according to the standards of the New Testament Scriptures, “endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace ... till we all come in the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of stature of the fullness of Christ.” Eph. 4:3, 13.

**Section B.** In connection therewith, or incidental thereto, it shall have the right to purchase or acquire by gift or otherwise, either directly or as a trustee, and to own, hold in trust use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of any real estate or chattels as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes; all in accordance with its Constitution and Bylaws or as the same way be hereafter modified or amended.

**ARTICLE III. TENETS OF FAITH**

PTM shall accept the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient, rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts these Statements of Fundamental Truths.

**1. The Scriptures Inspired.**

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to own, an infallible rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason. II Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Heb. 4:12.

**2. The One True God.**

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self revealed “I AM’; and has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association; i.e. as Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29; Isaiah 43:10; Matt. 28:19.

**3. Man. His Fall and Redemption.**

Man was created good and upright, for God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness’ But man, by voluntary transgression, fell and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God. Gen. 1:26-31; 3:1-7; Ron 5:2-2 1.

**4. The Salvation of Man.**

 a. Conditions to Salvation

The grace of God which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, through the preaching of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ; man is saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, and being justified by grace through faith, he be-

comes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 2:11; Romans 10:13-15; Luke 24:47; Titus 3:5-7.

 b. The Evidences of Salvation

The inward evidence, to the believer of his salvation, is the direct witness of the Spirit. Romans 8:16. The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness.

**5. Baptism in Water.**

The ordinance of baptism by burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures, by all who have really repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Savior and Lord. In so doing, they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. Matt. 28:19; Acts 10:47-48; Romans 6:4.

**6. The Lord’s Supper**.

The Lord’s Supper, consisting of the elements, bread and the fruit of the vine, is the symbol ex-

pressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ, a memorial of His suffering and death and a prophecy of His second coming, and is enjoined on all believers “until He comes.” John 6:49, 51, 53-57; Luke 22:19-20; II Peter 1:4;lCor. 11:26.

**7. The Promise of the Father.**

All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the

Father, and Baptism in the Holy Ghost 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 for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; I Cor. 12:1-32. This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth. Acts 2:38; 10:44-46; 11:14-16.

**8. The evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.**

The full consummation of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and by the subsequent

manifestation of spiritual power in public testimony and service.

**9. Entire Sanctification.**

The Scriptures teach a life of holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. By the power of the Holy Ghost we are able to obey the command, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.” Entire sanctification is the will of God for all believers, and should be earnestly pursued by walking in obedience to God’s work. Heb. 12:14; I Peter l:15, 16; I Thess. 5:23, 24; I John2:6; Romans 8:3 ,4.

**10. The Church.**

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. Eph. 1:22; Eph. 2:19-22; Heb. 12:23.

**11. The Ministry and Evangelism.**

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a

twofold purpose: (1) the evangelization of the world, and (2) the edifying of the Body of Christ. Mark 16:15, 20; Eph. 4:11

**12. Divine Healing**.

Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonements, and is the privilege of all believers. Isa. 53:4; Matt. 8:16; Mark 16:18; John 5:14.

**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 imminent and is the blessed hope of the church. I Thess. 4:16, 18; Rom. 8:23; Titus 2:13; I Cor. 15:51, 52.

**14. The Millennial Reign of Jesus**.

The revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, the salvation of national Israel, and

the millennial reign of Christ on the earth is the scriptural promise and the world’s hope. II Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:11-16; Rom. 11:25, 27; Rev. 20:1-7.

**15. The Lake of Fire**.

The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. Rev. 19:20; 20:1-15.

**16. The New Heavens and the New Earth.**

We, ‘according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein

dwelleth righteousness.” II Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:1.

**ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the President, and not less than three or more than five Directors to whom shall be committed the management of the affairs of the Corporation.

The Board of Directors shall be trustees of the Corporation and shall be custodians of all property of the Corporation.

 **Section 1.** The President of the Corporation shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2**. The Board of Directors shall be appointed annually at the annual business meeting by the President. Their term of office shall be three years and until their successor in office is duly qualified, approved and appointed.

**Section 3**. The Board of Directors shall elect, from their Board: a Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, following each annual meeting of the Corporation, to serve until the following annual

meeting.

**Section 4**. There shall be a Board of Advisors who shall serve PTM and its President. They shall be appointed by the President and shall serve in consultation with the President in matters pertaining to the spiritual life of the ministry.

**ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

There shall be an annual business meeting of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE VI. PROPERTY**

All property of PTM shall be deeded to PTM and held in its name. No real property of PTM shall be sold or purchased without a two-thirds majority of the Board members who are in attendance at a regular meeting or a special meeting of PTM which has been called for the consideration of the proposal.

**ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this constitution may be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board members at any regular or special business meeting of PTM that is called for that purpose, providing such

change as has been approved by the Board.

**BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

**OFFICES**

Until otherwise located by the Board of Directors, the principle office of PTM of Kenosha, shall be at 1107—27th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140. The Board may select by resolution other or additional offices from time to time.

**ARTICLE II**

**PARLIAMENTARY ORDER**

Business meetings of PTM shall be governed by the accepted guidelines of parliamentary procedure, using Roberts Rules of Order as a guide, in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

**ARTICLE III**

**PRESIDENT**

**Section 1.** Duties. The President of the Corporation shall act as chairman of all business meetings of the Board. The President shall be considered as the spiritual overseer of the ministry and shall direct all of its activities. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees or departments.

**Section 2**. Qualification. The office of President shall be limited to those men licensed and in good standing with Pray-Tell Ministries, Inc.

**ARTICLE IV**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section I**. Board of Directors

1. General Powers.

The business affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors consisting of the President and up to five individuals. A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.

1. Annual Meeting,

PTM shall hold its annual business meeting anytime during the first three months of the year.

1. Specia1 Meetings.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President and Secretary or any three (3) Directors, provided the President of the Corporation has been notified and sanctioned such meeting. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board must select Kenosha as the place for the special meeting or such other place as previously agreed by a majority of the Board.

1. Notice of Special Meetings.

Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least seventy-two (72) hours previously

there-to by written notice delivered personally or mailed to each Director at his business or home address. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the

United States mail so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid.

1. Quorum.

Except as otherwise provided, a majority of the number of Directors of the Corporation shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board,

but a majority of the Directors present (though less than such quorum) may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

1. Manner of Acting.

The act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws.

1. Removal of Directors.

Any Director may be removed from the Board for any reason deemed sufficient according to Matt. 18:15-17 and Gal. 6:1, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors then in office taken at a special meeting held for that purpose.

1. Qualifications.

Directors shall be men of mature Christian experience and knowledge, who shall as closely is possible meet the requirements as set forth in Acts 6:3-7; I Tim.3:1-13; and Titus 1:6-9.

1. Tenure.

Directors shall hold office for a term of three (3) years or until their death or resignation. Directors may be reappointed for an additional term of three (3) years. Said Directors shall then be ineligible to hold office for one (1) year or until the next annual business meeting of the Corporation.

1. Special Committees.

Special Committees may be appointed by the President or the Board to perform such duties as have such authority as may be assigned them by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2**. Board of Advisors.

1. Duties.

The Board of Advisors shall serve the ministry and it’s President. Their responsibilities shall include the following:

i. Assist in the administration of the discipline of the Board of Directors,

ii. Consult with the President in all other matters which shall be submitted to them.

1. Appointment.

Following the annual meeting of the Corporation each year, and as the President chooses, the President may appoint members to serve on the Board of Advisors until the following annual meeting of the Corporation. The President shall appoint such number of Advisors as he deems advisable, that number not to be less than three (3) at any time.

1. Qualifications.

The Advisors shall be considered mature men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and capable of spiritual leadership, whose life and conduct shall conform to the following Scriptures: I Tim. 3:2-9; Thus 1:6-9; I Peter 5:2-3.

**ARTICLE V**

**OFFICERS**

**Section 1**. **Number.** The Board of Directors shall elect, from their Board a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer at the annual meeting of the Corporation to serve until the following annual meeting, and such additional officers as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified except in the case of resignation or removal from the Board.

**Section 2.** **Removal and Vacancies**. Any officer referred to in Section I, may be removed from the Board of Directors by a majority vote at any regular or special meeting. Any vacancy in office

may be filled by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting.

 **Section 3**. **President.** The President shall be the principle executive officer of the Corporation and, along with the Board of Directors, shall in general supervise and control all of the business and

affairs of the Corporation. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the Corporation thereunto au-

thorize by the Board of Directors; any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and-

execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by the Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or exe-

cuted; and in general may perform all duties incident to the office of President arid such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

**Section 4**. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall (a) keep the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance

with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by the law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Corporation and see that the seal of the Corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation under its seal is duly authorized; and (d) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

**Section 5**. **Treasurer.** If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties, in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Direc-

tors shall determine. He shall: (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Corpora-

tion from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the Corporation in such banks, savings and loans, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected by the board of Directors; and (b) in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

**Section 6**. **Corporate Property.** Instruments of conveyance or transfer or encumbrance of real or personal property of the Corporation shall be signed by the President in the name of the Corpora-

tion, which instrument shall be attested to by the Secretary or such other officer as is designated by the Board of Directors.

**Section 7**. **Officers/Licensers.** A license to minister is granted to those who have a clear evidence of a divine call; who have completed the educational requirements as set forth by the Board of

Directors (see point “A” below); and who devote a part or all of their time to Christian service where there is a need for this credential to accomplish ministry, such as preaching; performing

weddings, funerals, or other ministry- related services. The license is granted by Pray-Tell Ministries, with the approval of its Board of Directors. The license may be revoked at the discretion of the Board of Directors as deemed necessary.

A. Educational Requirements:

1. The Berean Credentialing level through Global University [Springfield, Mo] (or an equivalent level of education with another institution).

2. Life ministry experience will also be taken into consideration.

B. Application Approval Process

1. Ministerial Applicants are to have an interview with an approved Pray-Tell Associate before acceptance or denial of application. Note that the interview may be over the phone, Skype, in person, or another form where it is live.

C. Minimum Age Requirement

 1. Ministerial applicants must be at least 21 years of age to apply.

**Section 8, Ordination.** A certificate of ordination will be given to those who have held/holding a license with PTM or an approved ministerial organization for a minimum of two-consecutive years, with good standing in a pastoral type ministry, and submits to an interview with the current PTM board.

**ARTICLE VI**

**PROPERTY**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall have the oversight of all real or personal property of PTM.

**Section 2.** All property, real or personal, or PTM shall be taken. held, old, transferred, assigned, or conveyed by the Corporation in its corporate name; any two officers may execute a conveyance

of corporate property.

**Section 3**. No real property of PTM shall be sold or purchased until the same shall have first been recommended by a vote of at least two- thirds of the Board of Directors being present at a regu-

lar or special meeting of PTM at least one (I) Sunday prior to that meeting. The President and Secretary of PTM shall certify in such conveyance that the same has been duly recommended and authorized by the vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.** In case PTM should cease to exist as a ministry, and ceases to use their property for ministry purposes, then the property is to revert to the Board of Directors, with full authority to sell

the property or use it in any way they see fit, for the cause of Christ.

**ARTICLE VII**

**CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS, AND FUNDS**

 **Section 1.** Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation in addition to the officers so authorized by the Bylaws, to enter into any contract

or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Increases in contract indebtedness cannot exceed an accumulated 25 % of. the annual general fund at any time without approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors present.

**Section 2**. Checks, Drafts and the Like. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed

by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instrument shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President of the Corporation. No part of the assets of the Corporation shall at any time inure to the benefit of any Director.

**Section 3.** Deposits. All finds of the Corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such bank, banks or savings and loans as the Board of Directors may select.

**Section 4.** Gifts. The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Corporation any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purpose or for any specific purpose of the Corporation.

**Section 5.** Bonding. Any officer or officers, agent or agents, other than the Treasurer or President authorized to write drafts or checks or receive monies of the Corporation may be required by

the Board of Directors to be bonded, the cost of the bond being assumed by the Corporation.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IX**

**FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of this Corporation shall be January 1 through December 31.

**ARTICLE X**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The regular order of business for the annual meeting of PTM to be held anytime during the first three (3) months of the year, or as soon as possible thereafter, shall be as follows:

 1. Devotional

2. Reading of Previous Minutes

3. Financial Report

4. Unfinished Business

5. Election of Officers

6. New Business

7. Adjournment

**ARTICLE XI**

**DEFINITIONS**

**Section 1**. Wherever used in this Constitution and Bylaws, the term ‘Corporation shall mean the same as Pray-Tell Ministries. Wherever used herein the term “Board/Board Member’ shall mean

Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XII**

**ADOPTION**

This Constitution and Bylaws is adopted by the Board of Directors of this Corporation located in Kenosha, Wisconsin, this thirteenth day of May, AD., 1997.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a regular or special business meeting of the Corporation that is called for that purpose, providing such change has

been approved by the Board and due notice of such proposed change shall have been made at least two (2) weeks preceding the time for such meeting.