

BY-LAWS OF THE FATHER'S HEART MINISTRIES NETWORK OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

**A Not -for-Profit Organization, Incorporated
Under New York State Not-for-Profit Corporations Law**

We, the undersigned, recognizing that God is now moving in the earth to restore the Church to the fullness of its original power, purity and order, and further recognizing that He has called the church to continue the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost, do hereby consent that the following by-laws will govern our corporate actions.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be *The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches, Inc.*

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. The purposes for which this corporation has been formed are:

- *to license* graduates who satisfactorily complete their training and internship with The Father's Heart Ministries to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- *to ordain to the ministry* those who satisfactorily demonstrate that they have received a call from God to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- *to license and ordain missionaries* and send them to preach the gospel and to establish ministries and/or churches in other lands
- *to establish* new churches and ministries
- *to provide fellowship and support* for licensed and ordained ministers of The Father's Heart Ministries and any churches they may pastor or establish
- *to provide affiliation* for ministers and churches who desire to be in affiliation with The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches

ARTICLE III - STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible, Word of God.
2. We believe in the triune Godhead as eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His vicarious death and atonement through His shed Blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His present priestly ministry.
4. We believe in evangelistic and missionary fervor and endeavor.
5. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. We further believe in the keeping power of God.
6. We believe that sanctification, holiness and the overcoming life are God's design for the Church, which is the Bride of Christ.
7. We believe that Baptism is for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and is to be administered by immersion, thus bearing witness to the Gospel of Christ's death, burial and resurrection for us, and our own new life in Him.
8. We believe that Communion, when shared by believers witnesses to the saving power of the gospel, to Christ's presence in His church, and looks forward to His victorious return.
9. We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as on the day of Pentecost and in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit as evidenced in charismatic gifts and ministries, and in the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.
10. We believe that divine healing is obtained on the basis of the Atonement.
11. We believe in Christ's imminent personal return in power and great glory, and in His present and everlasting dominion.
12. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of eternal punishment.

ARTICLE IV - MINISTERS

We recognize all of those holding current credentials with The Father's Heart Ministries Network to be Ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE V - CHURCHES

Each affiliated church shall govern its own affairs. The relationship between an affiliated church and The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches shall be one of mutual helpfulness. The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches shall not hold, enforce or in any way exercise any prerogative which shall be held by any court or body to be its legal right, with the exception of only such prerogatives as shall be specifically delegated to The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches by the church. Such specific prerogatives shall be returned in entirety to the church upon a two-thirds vote of the church members, provided that any and all obligations to The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches have been dispatched. It is understood that the attitude and procedure of all ministers and churches affiliated with The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches should be that of a cooperative relationship with the leaders and all others affiliated with The Father's Heart Ministries Network in accordance with Philippians 2:3 and Philemon 14.

ARTICLE VI - ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of this corporation shall convene at its headquarters in New York City, New York at a time to be set annually by the Board of Directors, with a sixty-day notice given.

ARTICLE VII - COUNCIL OF OVERSEEING MINISTERS

The Council of Overseeing Ministers shall include the following persons by virtue of their offices:

The General Overseer
The Assistant General Overseer
The Overseer of Ministers
The Overseer of Churches

The Council of Overseeing Ministers shall consist of not less than three or more than twelve

members. Additional members to the Overseeing Council are to be selected by existing Overseeing Ministers to be confirmed by the Board of Directors annually.

The Council of Overseeing Ministers shall submit themselves individually for affirmation at the Annual Meeting. Overseeing Ministers aged 70 and above shall not be counted as members of The Council of Overseeing Ministers, nor shall their presence be required for a quorum. They shall be welcome to participate in all meetings of the Council of Overseeing Ministers.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive officers of this corporation shall be: the General Overseer, the Assistant General Overseer, the General Secretary and the General Treasurer. They shall hold office for a period of three years. Elections shall be arranged so that no more than two of these offices shall be filled at any one annual meeting. The Executive Officers shall be nominated by the Council of Overseeing Ministers and approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - DIRECTORS

Directors of the corporation shall be at least three but no more than six in number, elected at the annual meeting according to the laws of the State of New York.

ARTICLE X - PECUNIARY GAINS OR PROFITS

No part of the net earnings, properties or assets of the corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of any private person or individual or any member or director of this corporation; rather, on liquidation or dissolution, all properties and assets of this corporation remaining after paying or providing for all debts and obligations shall be distributed and paid over to such fund, foundation or corporation (organized and operated for charitable, religious or educational purposes and exempt under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code) as the Directors shall determine and for such purposes as the Directors shall prescribe.

ARTICLE XI - SEAL

The seal shall bear the following wording: "The Fathers Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches."

ARTICLE XII - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January in each year.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these by-laws may be made by three-fourths vote of the Board of Directors present at any annual meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose, provided the proposed amendment is inserted in the notice of such meeting.

BY-LAWS

BY-LAW I. POWERS AND DUTIES

SECTION ONE. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. COUNCIL OF OVERSEEING MINISTERS

1. The Council of Overseeing Ministers shall bear responsibility for, provide the general oversight of, and determine policies relating to The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches.
2. The Council of Overseeing Ministers shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine members.
3. Additional members to the council are to be selected by existing Council members to be confirmed by the Board of Directors annually.
4. The Council of Overseeing Ministers shall include The General Overseer and The Assistant General Overseer by virtue of their offices.
5. They shall provide for the examining, credentialing and ordaining of all ministerial

candidates.

6. They shall provide for examining and approving applications from churches requesting affiliation.

B. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. They shall appoint leaders for all ministries of the Network.
2. All appointments by the Board of Directors shall be for one year, unless otherwise provided for.
3. They shall provide job descriptions for executive officers and operating personnel.
4. They shall approve the Annual Budget and the Annual Financial Report and provide a summary to all credential holders affiliated churches.
5. They shall transact all other business of the corporation not otherwise provided for.
6. They shall hold in trust all properties of the corporation.
7. They shall sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise alienate real property or chattel of the corporation with approval by a two-thirds vote of the Ministry Center Council.

C. MINISTRIES

1. Ministry Leaders shall superintend their respective ministries under the direction of the Council of Overseeing Ministers.
2. They shall administer their funds within guidelines established by the Board of Directors.
3. They shall submit annual budgets twenty-one days in advance to the Board of Directors Annual Meeting.
4. They shall maintain communication with the General Overseer and the Board of Directors through quarterly reports.

SECTION TWO. OFFICERS

A. GENERAL OVERSEER

1. The General Overseer shall serve the credential holders of The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches in a pastoral capacity.
2. He shall preside at all meetings of the Council of Overseeing Ministers and the Board of Directors.
3. The General Overseer may call special meetings of the aforementioned bodies provided that notice of said meetings shall be received at least two weeks prior to the date.
4. He shall supervise all business of the corporation and exercise all duties assigned him by the by-laws or any specific action of the Council of Overseeing Ministers or the Board of Directors.
5. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
6. He shall sign and attest all official documents and perform such other duties as shall be consistent with his office.

B. ASSISTANT GENERAL OVERSEER

The Assistant General Overseer shall, in the absence or disability of the General Overseer, perform the duties of the General Overseer.

C. GENERAL SECRETARY

1. The General Secretary shall be responsible to the General Overseer and shall perform the usual and ordinary duties of a secretary of a corporation.
2. He shall be the custodian of the seal, records, books, documents and communications.
3. He shall keep, or cause to be kept, accurate minutes of all meetings of the Council of

Overseeing Ministers and the Board of Directors.

4. He shall sign all official papers with the General Overseer.
5. He shall carry out any other duties assigned to him by the General Overseer.

NOTE: QUALIFICATIONS

Only those holding current ordination certificates with The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches shall be eligible to hold the offices of General Overseer, Assistant General Overseer or General Secretary.

D. GENERAL TREASURER

1. The General Treasurer shall account for all funds of the Corporation.
2. He shall keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and proper records of all monies and make regular reports to the Board of directors.
3. He shall take care of such other legal and financial matters as shall be consistent with his office.
4. He shall be responsible to the General Overseer for any other duties assigned to him by the General Overseer.

SECTION THREE. OPERATING PERSONNEL

MINISTRY LEADERS

1. Ministry Leaders shall oversee the operation of their respective ministries, functioning to fulfill the goals and purposes of The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches.
2. Ministry Leaders shall perform such duties as designated by the General Overseer.

BY-LAW II. MEETINGS

SECTION ONE. COUNCIL OF OVERSEEING MINISTERS

The Council of Overseeing Ministers shall meet at least quarterly and shall appoint a subcommittee from its membership to meet at times deemed necessary.

SECTION TWO. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall meet at least three times a year in addition to the annual meeting.

SECTION THREE. MINISTERS

Ministers of the Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches shall meet quarterly for fellowship, communication and accountability.

SECTION FOUR. CHURCHES

Churches of the Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches shall meet quarterly for fellowship, communication and accountability.

SECTION FIVE. MINISTRIES

Ministries shall meet regularly. Each ministry shall determine the frequency, but they shall not meet less than semiannually.

SECTION SIX. QUORUM

1. Council of Overseeing Ministers. Two-thirds of the Overseeing Council of Ministers shall constitute a quorum.
2. In the event that a quorum of administrative Overseeing Ministers is not present at a Council of Overseeing Ministers meeting, a Non-Administrative Overseeing Minister present may be appointed by the General Overseer at the meeting and counted for the quorum and therefore, will be allowed to vote in that particular meeting.
3. Board of Directors. A majority of the Board of Directors is a quorum.

BY-LAW III. CREDENTIALS

SECTION ONE. PROCEDURE

1. Applications for credentials shall be made in writing upon the standard forms and submitted to The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches office.
2. At its discretion the Council of Overseeing Ministers shall provide for the examination of candidates.
3. Credentials authorized by The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches are issued on the understanding that for the term of their validity, no other credential will be held with any other credentialing body except by the consent of the Council of Overseeing Ministers.
4. Any minister holding credentials with any credentialing body, and giving endorsement to the aims of The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches by participating in its outreach ministry, may apply for Associate Status. The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches will not issue further credentials to such associates, but will include their names in the annual ministerial list.
5. The Council of Overseeing Ministers shall consider the status of credential holders and associates at the time of annual renewal. The Council may at its discretion request a meeting with those desiring renewal.

6. Credentials shall be valid only when accompanied by a current credential card.

SECTION TWO. REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDINATION

1. Ordination is granted to those with recognized and proven ministries over an extended period and who devote a significant amount of their time to such ministry. The candidate for ordination must demonstrate maturity in character and attitude and be sound in doctrine and Biblical knowledge.
2. An applicant holding ordination with another recognized church body, whose ministry is well known, will receive a Recognition of Ordination Certificate.
3. Accepted candidates shall be ordained by the laying on of hands by a presbytery, which shall be composed of ordained ministers (preferably three or more). One of them must be a member of the Council of Overseeing Ministers.

SECTION THREE. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE

The License to Minister is granted to those who have demonstrated both a calling and ability to minister. They shall give evidence of being actively engaged and have purposed to give themselves wholly to the propagation of the Gospel.

SECTION FOUR. REQUIREMENTS FOR CHRISTIAN WORKER CERTIFICATE

Christian Worker Certificates are issued in recognition of the initial call into ministry and serve to identify the individual's call in the early stages of its development. Each Christian Worker must be under the supervision of a minister recognized by The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches.

SECTION FIVE. DUTIES

A. ORDAINED MINISTERS

1. To preach the Word.
2. To solemnize marriage according to the laws of the states wherein they minister.
3. To officiate at funerals.
4. To administer water baptism by immersion.
5. To administer communion.
6. To perform all other duties consistent with the Christian ministry.

B. LICENSED MINISTERS

1. To preach the Word.
2. To officiate at funerals.
3. To administer water baptism by immersion.
4. To administer communion.
5. To perform other duties consistent with the Christian ministry.

C. CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Their responsibilities are dependent on the minister under whose oversight they may be working.

SECTION SIX. REVOCATION

Credentials may be revoked by the Council of Overseeing Ministers upon substantiation of any moral charges, serious departure from the faith, or a manifest spirit of rebellion.

BY-LAW IV. CHURCHES

SECTION ONE.

1. Any officially affiliated church shall have the privilege of sending two lay delegates to the Annual Meeting.
2. Recognizing the Biblical principle of supporting the work of the ministry, all churches are encouraged to consider regular financial support of The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches.

SECTION TWO.

Any church which is pastored by a minister holding credentials with The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches or a church which is actively cooperating with or interested in the affairs of The Father's Heart Ministries Network of Ministers and Churches may have the privilege of sending two lay delegates to the Annual Meeting, provided a written request is received and approved by the Council of Overseeing Ministers at least two weeks prior to said meeting.