



ASSEMBLIES
OF THE LORD
JESUS CHRIST



THE
OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

ASSEMBLIES OF THE LORD JESUS INCORPORATED

PREAMBLE

In order to establish our work on a more efficient basis, to promote greater cooperation, and to secure a closer fellowship and harmony between the district and the general organization, we the members of the districts of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ, do hereby set forth this Constitution and By-Laws.

PURPOSE

The following constitution is set forth to define the minimum requirements that must be included in all individual district constitutions. Each district may adopt additional by-laws to aid in governing and operating their individual districts so long as the district's constitution does not contradict or infringe upon the General Constitution.

ARTICLE I

THE NAME

THE NAME The name of the district shall be known as the Oklahoma District of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY

1. Anyone desiring to hold membership with the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ must have fulfilled the command given in Acts 2:38, repentance, baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, having received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. Furthermore, he or she must believe, preach, and teach the same, having the call of God to the ministry. He or she must uphold and maintain the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ Articles of Faith and biblical instruction in their personal life and all areas of their ministry.

2. An application for membership shall be properly and fully completed by the applicant using the current membership form.

3. An application for membership shall be approved or disapproved by the District Board, and if approved, shall be signed and forwarded to the General Secretary/Treasurer.

4. Each application, upgrade, reinstatement and membership examination shall be processed at the District and National levels in accordance with all constitutional requirements and General Board approved policies.

5. All applications shall be processed within thirty (30) days of approval.

6. All qualifications for membership in the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ shall be set by the membership and delineated in this constitution.

SECTION 2. TRANSFERS

1. Any member who moves his/her residence from one district to another must transfer their membership to the district that encompasses their new residence. Within 30 days after changing their residence, the member must notify their current District's Superintendent and/or their current District's Secretary/Treasurer of their residence change, preferably in writing; and request a Letter of Transfer to the district of their new residence.

2. The current District's Secretary/Treasurer shall send a Letter of Transfer to the receiving District's Secretary/Treasurer and to the General Secretary/Treasurer within 30 days of the member's notification of the change of his residency, informing the receiving district of the transferring minister's status and cooperative attitude.

3. Upon arrival in a new district the minister shall immediately contact the District Superintendent of that district to inform him of his residency in the new district.

4. The receiving District's Secretary/Treasurer shall notify the General Secretary/Treasurer of the transferring minister's correct new address, if it is not provided in the Letter of Transfer.

5. No minister shall be accepted into another district without being cleared by his present district. All delinquent dues must be paid prior to transferring a member from one District to another District. Delinquent dues not paid prior to the transfer shall result in the member being dropped in accordance with the process outlined in Article VIII, Section 4 of the General Constitution within the specified timeframe.

SECTION 3. OBLIGATIONS

1. To conduct one's self everywhere as becometh a Christian minister.
2. Endeavor to maintain a spirit of unity and love.
3. To cooperate with the programs and leadership of the district.
4. Cooperate with the financial policy of the district.
5. To work for the furtherance of the district.
6. To abide by this Constitution and By-Laws duly enacted by the district, according to this Constitution, and to preach and teach doctrine consistent with the Articles of Faith, Constitution and By-Laws of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ.
7. The rules and obligations as set forth in the General Constitution and By-Laws of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ, according to Article VIII, are applicable and binding on all ministers in the district.
8. All National dues and assessments, and all district dues must be paid to the District Secretary/Treasurer.
9. Any minister failing to keep his ministerial fees current with his district shall be notified that, after thirty (30) days his name shall be dropped from membership in the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ. A minister may not be dropped or dis-fellowshipped, for any other reason, except by the proper procedures as outlined in Article VIII, Section 4, of the General Constitution and By-Laws of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ.
10. A minister's dues shall not be considered current unless, he is current with his national and district obligations, according to Article VIII, Section 4, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the General Constitution and By-Laws of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ.
11. Any minister withdrawing or being dropped from the organization must return his license or credentials, and current fellowship card to his respective District Superintendent.

SECTION 4. ADMISSION

Any minister who is eligible and accepts the foregoing obligations shall be considered for membership by the District Board at a regular District Conference, Sectional Conference, or duly called District Board meeting.

ARTICLE III

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

SECTION 1. BUSINESS SESSIONS

At least one business session of the district shall be held regularly each year, and shall be called a District Conference. District Conferences shall be identified as the Spring Conference and the Fall Conference. The Fall Conference after the General Election shall be the District Electoral Conference and all officers including the District Superintendent shall be elected at this time.

SECTION 2. TIME LOCATION

During the District Conference, the time and location of the next District Conference may be set by the Conference, or the Conference may set a permanent time for its Conferences. If it becomes necessary, with the approval of the Conference, the District Board may set the time and location of the District Conference.

SECTION 3. SECTIONS

Sections shall make up the district with all Sectional Officers elected at the Sectional Conference, for each department, each section deciding the site of the Sectional Conference, (where the district has sections). It is suggested that all districts divide into sections, as soon as it is feasible.

SECTION 4. BUSINESS

1. All business sessions shall be opened with prayer.
2. The order of business shall be as follows: a) Meeting called to order by the District Superintendent. b) Reading of the minutes of the last District Conference.
3. Election of Officers in election years
4. Reports shall be given as follows:
 - a) District Superintendent
 - b) Assistant District Superintendent
 - c) District Secretary/Treasurer
 - d) World Missions Director
 - e) Missions America Director
 - f) District Youth President
 - g) Ministry President

- h) Women's Esprit President
- i) Committee Reports
- 5. Unfinished Business
- 6. New Business
- 7. Adjournment
- 8. All resolutions shall be properly written and signed by the author and submitted to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee at least 30 days before the beginning of the District Conference. The Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the District Superintendent. This Committee is to decide which resolutions shall be presented to the District Conference, (according to Article III, Section 3, paragraphs 3-6, of the General Constitution and By-Laws).

ARTICLE IV

DISTRICT OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. DISTRICT OFFICERS

1. The District shall have the following officers:
 - a) District Superintendent
 - b) Assistant District Superintendent
 - c) District Secretary/Treasurer
 - d) Sectional Presbyters (in districts with sections)

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

1. In order to hold these offices, the following qualifications are required: One must have been ordained in the Apostolic faith at least three (3) years prior to his election (Apostolic ordination); must be in the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ, holding Credentials for at least two (2) years; must be a minister in good standing within and without the body of Christ, whose life and ministry has been proven a faithful work of the Lord (I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-16).

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF SECRETARY/TREASURER, SECTIONAL PRESBYTER AND TRUSTEE.

1. In order to hold these offices, one must be in good standing with the District, holding Credentials license and in this organization for at least two (2) years.

SECTION 4. DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

1. The following officers shall constitute Department Directors

- a) World Missions District Promotional Director
- b) Missions America District Director
- c) District Youth President
- d) Ministry District President
- e) Women's Esprit District President

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATIONS OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

1. District Department Directors must be those in good standing with the District, holding any license in this organization for a minimum of one (1) year, with the exception of Women's Esprit President, who shall meet the requirements of Article XV, Section 9 of the General Constitution.

SECTION 6. ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

1. In accordance with the General Constitution and By-Laws, all District Officers and Department Directors, shall be elected for a term of two (2) years (Article IV, Section 6, Paragraphs 1, 5-7, 9), except for the District Ministry President who is appointed and ratified for a two (2) year term. (Article XIV, Section 6).

2. An Executive Board member may make an exception to the time limit requirements for any District office due to a critical need within the District. The District membership present and eligible to vote, shall be required to approve the exception by a two-thirds majority vote of confidence. The two-thirds majority vote of confidence shall be a separate secret ballot vote taken after the nomination process of an individual who does not meet the minimum time limit requirements stipulated for holding that office has been nominated, and before the election for that office takes place. Should a vote of confidence not achieve a two-thirds majority, only those meeting the time limit requirements may be considered for that office.

SECTION 7. VOTING QUALIFICATIONS

1. Not more than four (4) ministers or missionaries in a local church who hold accredited Credentials or General License with the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ shall be entitled to vote for District Superintendent and Assistant District Superintendent.

2. Local license ministers cannot vote for District Superintendent or Assistant District Superintendent, but they are eligible to vote on all other District Officers, Department Directors, and business.

SECTION 8. RESTRICTIONS

No minister can hold two (2) elective offices at the same time, except the office of Trustee, which can be held jointly with another office.

SECTION 9. ELECTION PROCEDURE

1. All voting for officers shall be by secret ballot.
2. The election procedure shall be according to Article IV, Section 7, of the General Constitution.

SECTION 10. QUALIFYING PROCEDURE

1. All questions concerning the qualifications of a nominee shall be presented to the Qualifications Committee, in writing.
2. No questions of such nature shall be discussed openly before the conference, according to Article IV, Section 6 of the General Constitution.

SECTION 11. TERM OF OFFICE

1. All elected Officers shall take office at the conclusion of the District Conference, where they are elected.
2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the District Superintendent, the Assistant District Superintendent shall serve his unexpired term. Where there is no duly elected assistant, the General Board shall appoint a qualified minister to fill said vacancy for the remaining term of office.
3. All other District Officer and Department Director vacancies shall be appointed by the District Board, according to Article IV, Section 7, of the General Constitution.

ARTICLE V

DISTRICT OFFICER DUTIES

SECTION 1. DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

1. The duties of the District Superintendent shall be:
 - a) To preside at all District Conferences.
 - b) To call for and preside over all District Board meetings.
 - c) To appoint committees pertaining to the district work.

- d) To oversee the functions of the district in general.
- e) To serve on the General Board, he must attend all General Board meetings, and report back to his respective district.
- f) To make a report to the District Conference.
- g) By virtue of his office he shall be trustee of all district property.
- h) Assist when asked by a local church, to help secure a pastor.
- i) For the furtherance of the Gospel, he shall have the authority to appeal to any minister of the district.
- j) He shall be authorized to ordain ministers at any District Conference, or any district function.

SECTION 2. DISTRICT SECRETARY/TREASURER

1. The duties of the District Secretary/Treasurer shall be:
 - a) To take minutes of all business meetings.
 - b) To receive and disburse all funds as directed by District policy. The membership of each Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ District authorize and require the duly elected District Secretary/Treasurer to open and maintain checking accounts, savings accounts, Certificates of Deposit and any other financial instrument, vehicle or account in the name of their District of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ that is deemed necessary by the District Secretary/Treasurer in order to accomplish and achieve the orderly operation of the business of the District. The District Superintendent or an Assistant District Superintendent shall be an additional signer on all District bank accounts. For annuity accounts, if any, the District Secretary/Treasurer shall be named as the District annuitant and if permitted or required, the District Superintendent or an Assistant District Superintendent is authorized to be an alternate annuitant for the District.
 - c) To present an annual report to the District Conference.
 - d) To sign and process all applications accepted by the District Board.
 - e) By virtue of his office he shall be trustee of all district property.

SECTION 3. DISTRICT SECTIONAL PRESBYTERS

1. District Sectional Presbyters duties and responsibilities shall include:
 - a) Representing his Section while serving as a member of the District Board.

b) He shall work in his Section to support and promote all District functions and events.

c) He shall be responsible for oversight of organizing, scheduling, promoting and overseeing Sectional functions, meetings and services.

d) He shall also act on behalf of the District Superintendent in any capacity assigned to him by the District Superintendent or District Board.

ARTICLE VI

DISTRICT BOARD

SECTION 1. THE DISTRICT BOARD

1. The District Board shall consist of the District Officers named in Article D.C. IV, Section 1, Paragraph 1, a-d, of this Constitution. The duties of the District Board shall be:

a) To oversee the spiritual and material welfare of the district in general.

b) To direct the business of the district as authorized by this Constitution.

c) The District Board cannot amend, add to, subtract from, or enlarge upon, the By-Laws of this Constitution.

d) The District Board shall examine, and approve or disapprove, all applicants for License or Credentials, with the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ who make application in their district.

SECTION 2. TRUSTEES

1. The Trustees shall be at least three (3) and no more than five (5) in number:

a) The District Superintendent and the District Secretary/Treasurer, by virtue of their office shall be Trustees, and other Trustees shall be elected by the District Conference for a term of two (2) years.

b) The District Superintendent shall be Chairman of the Trustees.

2. Their duties shall be: The same as those in Article VI, Section 4, of the General Constitution of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SECTION 3. OTHER DISTRICT OFFICES

1. All other Board and Committees, etc., not particularly covered in this Constitution shall operate according to the General Constitution and By Laws of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Where applicable within the District financial structure, the membership of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ authorize and require each duly elected or appointed District Department Secretary/Treasurer to open and maintain checking accounts, savings accounts, Certificates of Deposit and any other financial instrument, vehicle or account in the name of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ that is deemed necessary by those District Department Secretary/Treasurers in order to accomplish and achieve the orderly operation of the business of the District Department. The District Department Director/President shall be an additional signer on all District Department bank accounts. For annuity accounts, if any, the District Department Secretary/Treasurers shall be named as the District Department annuitant and if permitted or required, the District Department Director/President is authorized to be an alternate annuitant for those District Departments.

SECTION 4. NEW WORKS

Any minister in our fellowship starting a new work must cooperate with the District Superintendent, as well as all the programs in the district.

ARTICLE VII

DISTRICT CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS

1. A district constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority of those present at any District Conference who are current with their district and national dues and voting at any district conference. Current is defined as paid up prior to the District Conference, through the end of the month in which the District Conference takes place.”

2. When a District Constitution (D.C.) Article is changed by a 2/3 majority vote of the general membership at a duly called or regularly scheduled business meeting, all District Constitutions shall be updated to reflect the approved changes without need for further approval of the district membership.

SECTION 2. CURRENT AMENDMENTS

April 2, 1993: District will be broken out into Two Sections: Section1 West, Section 2 East.

October 1, 1996: The Oklahoma/Kansas District of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ name changed to The Oklahoma District of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ. Kansas Ministers annexed into the Nebraska District of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ.

April 3, 1998: District Fellowship Offerings will be completely retained by the District, and that at the discretion of the District Board, be dispersed as the Board would deem needed.

April 6, 2001: District dues of \$10.00 per month is increase to \$20.00 per month.

March 27, 2021: That the ALJC Oklahoma District no longer be divided into two Sections; East and West, and shall be one undivided, cohesive and unified District without designated geographic based sectioning to be in effect until the District Board determines need to divide into East and West Sections.