

CHRISTIAN MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION

I. CONSTITUTION

The name of the Corporation is "**Christian Ministers' Association**"

The objectives of the Corporation are as follows:

1. The increase and diffusion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all languages to all nations; the ordination of ministers and missionaries; the licensing of Christian workers; the establishment of Bible schools; the publishing of Christian literature and the promotion of the spiritual welfare of all its members and congregations and mission fields; the administering in Canada of the property, business and other temporal affairs of the Corporation.
2. To provide government credentials and to encourage and strengthen accepted ministers who wish to function within the framework of a ministerial fellowship, rather than a denominational organization of churches.

Statement of Faith

While fully appreciating that no doctrine of Scripture should be supported by anything less than all the

Scripture has to say concerning that doctrine, we nevertheless feel that it is of value to append each of the

following statements with two or more of the main Scriptures supporting them.

1. The verbal inspiration of the accepted canon of the sacred scriptures as originally given. 2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Cor. 2:13.
2. The tri-unity of the Godhead. Matt. 28:19; Gal. 3:20
3. The creation, test and fall of man, as recorded by Genesis; his total spiritual depravity and inability to attain to Divine righteousness. Rom. 5:12-18.
4. The Saviour of men, the Lord Jesus Christ, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin, Mary, very God and very man. Lk. 1:30-35; Jn 1:18; Is 9:6.
5. The Gospel of the grace of God, how that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day for our justification. 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 4:25.
6. The salvation of sinners by grace alone, through faith in the perfect and sufficient work of the Cross of Calvary, by which we secure remission of sins and eternal life. Eph. 2:8,9; Heb. 9:12,22; Rom. 5:11.
7. The bodily ascension of Jesus to heaven, His enthronement, His personal coming for His Church, at which time there will be a general resurrection and final judgement. Lk. 24:51; Eph. 1:20, 4:8-10; Heb. 1:3; 1 Thess. 4:13-18.
8. The water baptism of believers by immersion in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 19:5, 10:47-48, 8:37-38.
9. The baptism with the Holy Spirit as an experience subsequent to salvation available to all believers. Acts 2:1-4, 8:14-17, 10:44-47; Gal. 3:14.
10. The gifts of the Spirit as enumerated in 1 Cor., chapters twelve to fourteen being exercised and practiced as manifest in the early Church. 1 Cor. 12-14.
11. The Spirit-filled life, a life of separation from the world, and the perfecting of holiness in the fear of God as an expression of Christian faith. Eph. 5:18; 11 Cor. 6:14, 7:1.
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12. The healing of the body by Divine power, or Divine healing in its many aspects as practiced by the

early Church. Acts 4:30; Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 12:9; James 5:14.

13. The Lord's Memorial, commonly called Supper, for believers. 1 Cor. 11:23-32.

14. The eternal life of the believer (John 5:24, 10:28) and the eternal punishment of the unbeliever. Mk. 9:43-48; 11 Thess. 1:9; Rev. 20:10-15.

15. The reality and personality of Satan. Job 1:7; 11 Cor. 11:14.

16. The sovereign autonomous government of the local Church. Matt. 18:17; Acts 15:22; 1 Cor. 16:12.

II. BYLAWS

1. Those seeking membership are requested to make formal application. Their record will be investigated and a decision of the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the annual general meeting of the Corporation for final approval by the majority vote.

(a) All applicants for membership must be born again and must have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4.

(b) All applicants for membership must embody the moral qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

(c) All applicants for membership shall be requested to subscribe to the statement of faith, giving explanation on any points with which they differ.

(d) New Applicants must have their application recommended by a member of the Corporation, and must attend the annual general meeting at which their application for membership is to be submitted for final approval.

(1) The recommender will provide ongoing accountability for the new member and will be responsible to the Board of Directors.

(2) If for any reason the recommender is unable to continue to provide ongoing accountability, the recommender must notify the Board of Directors and the member affected. It shall be the responsibility of the member to obtain an alternate recommender.

2. Any member who fails to attend the annual meeting of the Corporation for three consecutive years without, prior to the annual general meeting in the in the third of such years, having submitted a written explanation for his absence satisfactory to the Board of Directors shall cease to be a member forthwith effective on the conclusion of the third such annual general meeting. Failure to pay annual fees may also, in the discretion of the Board of Directors, result in cancellation of membership.

3. The annual general meeting of members shall be held in Canada at such time and day in each year at such place as the Board of Directors shall by resolution determine. There shall be an Executive consisting of six to nine Directors. Each Director shall serve for a three year term with two or three of whom shall be elected at each annual general meeting. Retiring officers and Directors are eligible for re-election. In the event that any Director shall retire, decease, or be removed before serving his full term of office, the Board of Directors shall be at liberty, by ordinary resolution, to appoint another Director who shall serve for the remainder of that term.

4. Ten paid-up members of the Corporation shall constitute a quorum for all annual and special general meetings.

5. All members shall be entitled to vote at all general meetings of the Corporation, but there will be no voting by proxy.

6. The annual membership fees shall be such an amount as the Directors may from time to time determine.

7. For the purpose of transacting business at a meeting of the Board of Directors, quorum shall

consist of three.

8. The members of the Board of Directors shall not be remunerated for their services as Directors. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer (or Secretary and Treasurer) may be remunerated for their service to the Corporation. Such remuneration shall be decided by a vote of the membership at the annual general meeting.

Meetings of the Board of Directors

9. The Board of Directors shall meet as often as it deems necessary. In addition, meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Secretary at the request of the President.

10. Notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors may be made verbally. Notice of meetings shall be given at least 48 hours in advance except in the case of an emergency as determined by the President, when notice may be given 24 hours in advance. If all the members of the Board of Directors are present at the meeting or have consented to such meeting in writing, such meeting may take place without formal notice. If sent by mail, written notice shall be sent at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.

11. Questions arising at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be decided by the majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes, the President shall have a second or deciding vote. Each other member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote.

Fiscal Year

12. The fiscal year shall be September 1st – August 31st.