CONSTITUTION
AND
BY-LAWS
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC
HOLINESS UNION

MOTTO:
IN ESSENTIALS, UNITY
IN NON-ESSENTIALS, LIBERTY
IN ALL THINGS, CHARITY
GOD OVER ALL

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ITS ORIGIN AND NAME.

The Apostolic Holiness Union was organized in the home of Brother M. W. Knapp, at Cincinnati, Ohio, 1897. It was the result of months of deliberation, counsel and prayer, and seemed to its founders a necessity for the proper preservation and propagation of the work of spreading a Full Gospel to all the world. Especially so since there is a growing tendency in the so-called Holiness movement of America to rule out of their camp meetings, conventions and work generally such blessed Bible doctrines as the Healing of the Sick, the Return of our Lord and the Evangelization of the World. By taking the name Apostolic we simply mean that we seek the nearest possible approach to apostolic practices, apostolic methods and apostolic power, the possession of which will assure apostolic success.

OBJECT.

The International Apostolic Holiness Union is a fraternal Union of individuals, Unions and Churches who believe in liberty of conscience in all matters that are not sinful, and that the preaching of a Full Gospel is essential to Bible holiness and the evangelization of the world as exemplified by the apostles and the primitive Church. Its object is:

First, To glorify God our Father, exalt Jesus Christ our Saviour and to honor the Holy Ghost our Sanctifier.
Second, To unite all of God's children who are willing to allow liberty of conscience in all non-essentials; who believe in the whole Bible and will publish a Full Gospel.

Third, To form local Unions and Churches as the Lord may open the way.

Fourth, To emphasize Scriptural Repentance and Regeneration for sinners, and the baptism with the Holy Ghost and Fire for believers: the Return of our Lord, Divine Healing, and all the Gifts and Graces of the Holy Spirit.

Fifth, To carry out the great commission of our heaven-ascended Head by publishing a Full Gospel in the slums and the jungles, and to all the world.

Sixth, To conserve the holiness work by forming Churches and Unions and aiding in placing over them Spirit-baptized pastors or leaders who will feed the flock of God, and thus preserve our converts from being thrown into cold, dead social clubs where they will be sheared instead of fed; and in every way possible to get souls ready for the coming of the Lord. While our great and primary object is and must ever be the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of believers, we shall aim to place proper and proportionate emphasis on Divine Healing, the pre-millennial coming of Christ, the Evangelization of the World and kindred themes so sadly neglected by back-slidden Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

There is one God over all, "the same to-day, yesterday and forever," the Creator of all things and in whom all things consist.
There is one Saviour, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, who is the supreme Head of the Church which He redeemed unto God by His own blood.

There is one Holy Ghost, the Third Person in the Trinity, who is the representative of the God-Head on earth, who came forth from the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost are three Persons, united and inseparable, of one substance and eternal, the Alpha and Omega, the great I Am, and blessed for evermore.

THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION.

The forgiveness of sins through faith in the atoning merits of the blood of Jesus Christ, and entire sanctification by the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire is unchangeable. Christ's baptism with the Holy Ghost is subsequent to regeneration; it is for all believers; it is an instantaneous experience received by faith, cleansing the heart of the recipient from all sin, and enduring him with power for the successful accomplishment of all to which he is called.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

Rationalism is making awful havoc in the religious world, under the spacious names of "The Higher Criticism" and "The New Theology." We therefore emphatically affirm our unwavering faith in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as Divinely and supernaturally inspired, infallibly true as originally given, and our only divinely authorized outward rule of faith and practice.
The ecclesia—the Church, is composed of the ‘called out’ people who have separated themselves from the world, and have a living faith in Christ as their personal Saviour. Her mission is the proclamation of a Full Gospel at home and abroad, including salvation from all sin, Divine healing and the pre-millennial coming of Jesus Christ. Her field is the world. We believe that there will be a final separation of the righteous and the wicked, that the latter shall go away into eternal punishment, and the righteous into life everlasting.

BY-LAWS OF THE UNIONS.

The Union is a local band, or fraternal union of the children of God, regardless of name, for the spread of Bible holiness by the promotion of a Full Gospel.

State, District or Local Unions may be formed wherever there are seven or more sanctified persons who are willing to sign the constitution, and may become auxiliary to the International Union by acceptance of the General Council.

OFFICERS.

ARTICLE I.

The officers of the Union shall be:

First. A Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer.

Second. An Advisory Board of seven persons, composed of the Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer, and four other persons that shall have the power to act in all matters pertaining to the interests of the Union.
ARTICLE II.

The Advisory Board shall be elected by the Unions every two years. Vacancies occurring between elections may be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE III.

Members shall be expected to make annual free will offerings, and oftener as they may feel able, for the support of the work.

MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE IV.

Any person whose life and conversation gives evidence of the possession of heart purity, or an ardent desire for the experience, may become a member of the Union by applying to any Executive Committee, local or general, by subscribing to the following statement of doctrine:

I believe that Christ's baptism with the Holy Ghost is subsequent to regeneration; that it is for all believers; that it is an instantaneous experience received by faith, cleansing the heart of the recipient from all sin, and enduing him with power for the successful accomplishment of all to which he is called. And I am in fellowship with the object and principles of this Union.

Name: ____________________________

P. O. ____________________________

ARTICLE V.

All District and Local Unions are auxiliary to the International Union, and shall send their annual report to the Secretary of the General
Council. Local Churches should bear the name Apostolic.

**Article VI.**

The Superintendent or Pastor shall preside at all meetings of the Union for general oversight of its work. The Advisory Board shall appoint a Chairman in the absence of the Superintendent.

**Article VII.**

The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all meetings of the Union, keep a list of all the members, and perform such other duties as may belong to the office.

**Article VIII.**

The Treasurer shall receive all monies raised by the Union, and disburse them under the direction of the Advisory Board, keep a correct account of the same and report to the Board when so requested by it.

**Article IX.**

The Superintendent and Secretary with members present shall constitute a quorum. The Evangelistic Corps of the Apostolic Union shall consist of such ministers, missionaries, evangelists and deaconesses as may be indorsed by that body.

**Government.**

1st. The government of the Church of Christ is both administrative and executive. While we deplore, and would studiously avoid the cumbersome ecclesiasticism with which Protestantism is burdened, we believe in a simple form of Church government, not for the making
of laws, but for the administration and execution of those made by Christ and the apostles. Christ is our great law giver, but the Church is invested with power to execute His laws. 1 Cor. 1-5 inc., II Cor. 13, 10; Matt. 18, 15-17 inc., II Thes. 3, 6; Acts 13, 1-3, II Jno. 7, 1.

There shall be a General Council of seven persons of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, consisting of the General Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer and three other councilmen, said council having power, on a two-thirds vote, to settle all questions, over which they have jurisdiction, and all matters referred to it for counsel by local Churches or Unions. We believe the Church of Christ is local and chiefly congregational in its government, but where difficulties arise, and the local Church feels that it is incompetent to reach the best conclusion, it may refer the matter to the General Council. If any local Church shall feel the need of advice or assistance in any matter, it shall have the privilege of asking the General Council for the same, and the conclusions reached by the Council should be considered as final. The wisdom of heaven and guidance of the Holy Ghost should be diligently sought by prayer and fasting in the settlement of all questions and the making of appointments. The General Council shall elect their successors in office.

The General Superintendent shall preside at all the general assemblies and council meetings and shall have the general oversight of the work of the Union.

The Assistant Superintendent shall act in the absence of the General Superintendent.
The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the meetings of both the Council and General Assembly, and perform such other duties as may belong to this office.

The Treasurer shall receive such free-will offerings as may be made for the running expenses of the General Council, keep a correct account of the same, and disburse them under the direction of the Council, and report to the same when so requested by it. Special offerings, such as convention offerings, may be received and disbursed by the Chairman, but the amount must be reported by him to the Treasurer.

A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

There shall be a General Assembly, composed of the General Council, the State or District Superintendent, the Pastor and one lay delegate chosen by each local Church or Union, also regularly ordained ministers, evangelists, missionaries and deaconesses shall be entitled to a seat and voice in the General Assembly. Deaconesses shall wear a uniform of dark blue blouse and skirt, blue walking hat or bonnet, with white collar and cuffs.

The General Assembly shall meet annually, at such time and place as may be fixed upon by the General Council, for the purpose of reporting their local spiritual condition and work; prayerfully considering plans for the future, receiving recommendations from local Churches or Unions of such persons as they believe to be called of God to ministerial, evangelistic, missionary or deaconess work.

When a recommendation for ordination from the local Church or Union shall come before
the General Assembly, it shall appoint a council of five or more ordained ministers, who together with the General Superintendent, shall examine the person recommended, and if, in their judgment, they are found competent they shall be publicly ordained by said Council. When it is not expedient for the candidate for ordination to come before the General Assembly any District or State Superintendent may call a Council of five or more ministers and examine the candidate, and if found competent, he or she may be publicly ordained.

All ordination certificates shall bear the signature of at least five members of the Council of ordination. Women are eligible to the ministry.

ADVICES.

While the government of local Churches is left entirely to the local congregation, we advise that all ministers or members who walk unworthily shall be dealt with in accordance with Matt. 18, 15-17 inc., and if they refuse to repent, shall be separated from your company.

All our members should bear testimony against worldliness, secret or oath-bound societies, extravagance of dress or living, and avoid all sinful and worldly amusements.

While we do not believe in a hireling ministry, all our members should be careful to give to the support of the Church more than one-tenth of their gross income. Titheing means the tenth, and that is only the tax we owe to God. No one deserves to be complimented for paying what he owes. Let us add free-will offerings as the Lord hath prospered us.

Local Churches in governing their affairs

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are advised to prohibit the drinking of fermented wines or alcoholic liquors, and the use of tobacco in any form.

As to the mode of baptism, let every one be persuaded in his own mind. The Lord's Supper may be observed as often as the congregation deems proper. Let us take heed to ourselves, and to the flock of God, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world, walking in the comforts of the Holy Ghost.

RULES FOR ORDINATION.

1st. Qualification. The call to, and qualification for the gospel ministry are both Divine. We do not believe that a college education, or any course of study can qualify one to preach the gospel, nor are either absolutely essential to the successful proclamation of the same.

The first qualification is personal piety. No one shall be ordained either to the ministry or office of deaconess who is not in the experience of entire sanctification, or who has not made full proof of their calling. The baptism with the Holy Ghost is the great preparation for all acceptable service. We insist on a diligent and prayerful study of the Bible. We advise the reading of good books, and we recommend the following course of reading:

First year:

Second year:
Third year:

This course may be pursued either before or after ordination. Proper persons recommended by local Churches passing satisfactory examinations may be ordained as ministers or deaconesses by a committee of not less than five regularly ordained ministers. Either a State, District or General Superintendent shall preside over the Council. Where local Churches do not exist, in exceptional cases, one may be ordained without a local recommendation as above. The General Superintendent shall call a Council and ordain the candidate to the ministry or office of deaconess provided they give evidence of piety, zeal, aptness to teach or preach, soul winning, etc., and that they have all the qualifications essential to the office.

EXAMINATION.

The candidate must be examined:
1st. As to his or her experience;
2nd. As to their call to the ministry;
3rd. Doctrines on orthodoxy;
4th. Proof of their ministry, soul winning, etc.
5th. Practical life, proper domestic relations, indebtedness, punctuality, etc.

The character of all ministers shall be passed upon by the annual meetings, and their certificate issued for one year only.

All ministers who are not located as pastors shall report to the Secretary of the General Council every three months.

All changes or additions to this Manual shall be made by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly, having been presented in writing, and having the sanction of the General Council.
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