

Constitution and Bylaws
of
American Marriage Ministries

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Preamble

For the more certain preservation and security of the principles of our faith, and to the end that this body may be governed in an orderly manner, and for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual member of American Marriage Ministries and the freedom of action of this body we declare and establish the Bylaws.

American Marriage Ministries is here established on July 4th, 2009 to articulate and protect the mission of faith upon which the church is established. This Constitution and Bylaws are made to:

1. *Preserve and secure the principles of our faith.*
2. *Preserve the liberties of each individual member of the church.*
3. *Ensure freedom of action of independence from any religious body or organization.*
4. *Provide for orderly conduct of internal affairs, in dealing with others, and of governing church members.*

The Constitution and Bylaws of this church will be set forth in sections, articles, and sub-articles.

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Section I: Identity

Article 1 - Name

The name of this church shall be American Marriage Ministries ("AMM").

Article 2 - Status

American Marriage Ministries is a registered Nonprofit Church incorporated in the State of Washington on July 4th, 2009. AMM also holds Nonprofit Foreign Corporation status in Missouri, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Article 3 - Location

The principal office of the church shall be located at 506 2nd Ave, Suite 1008, Seattle, WA 98104.

Section II: Definitions

Article 1 – American Marriage Ministries

A Constitutional Church whose religious body sources the American Canon for ethical and moral guidelines in pursuance of its Mission.

Article 2 – American Canon

The collection of documents, laws, motions, opinions, and letters that support the equitable and democratic governance of the United States of America, with distinct veneration of the founding documents of the United States government, including but not limited to the *Declaration of Independence*, *Federalist Papers*, *Constitution* and *Bill of Rights*, Jefferson's *Memorial and Remonstrance against Religious Assessments*, and Madison's *Letter to the Danbury Baptists*.

Article 3 – Constitutional Church

A church that holds holy the sacred documents of the American Canon.

Article 2 – Constitution and Bylaws

The Constitution and Bylaws of American Marriage Ministries (referred to hereafter as “the Bylaws”), is the document governing the organization and structure of American Marriage Ministries.

Article 3 – Board of Directors

The official body of American Marriage Ministries (referred to hereafter as “The Board”) responsible for overseeing and carrying out of the objects, purposes and direction stated in the Bylaws. The Board shall consist of not less than three and not more than nine members.

Article 4 – Convention

An official gathering of the Board of Directors called together by the President or a designated representative to conduct pending business.

Article 5 – AMM Minister

An individual that has become a member of American Marriage Ministries and been ordained as a minister in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Bylaws shall be known as an AMM Minister.

Article 6 – Fellowship

The global Fellowship of AMM Ministers is comprised of all AMM Ministers holding Active Status in the Church Register. AMM Ministers may fellowship with different groups, but they directly commune with the Fellowship using the platform defined in Section III, Article 3, Sub-Article 2.

Article 7 – Affiliates

An Affiliate of AMM is a church who has been designated as such by The Board. In addition, ordinations granted by AMM are automatically transmitted to Affiliates and adopted as the ordinations of the Affiliate. Further, the personal information of ministers ordained by an affiliate is shared with AMM.

American Marriage Ministries recognizes the value of close affiliations with independent organizations when both stand to benefit from their mutual cooperation. To that end, The Board designates American Marriage Ministries Nevada (“AMM Nevada”) as an affiliated church.

Upon ordination, AMM Ministers shall also maintain an affiliation with American Marriage Ministries Nevada. AMM shall share minister records with AMM Nevada, with the understanding that AMM Nevada is and shall remain a church affiliated with AMM, and that the personal information of members shall not be used for any purpose beyond internal record keeping, and compliance with government regulation.

Section III: Mission

Article 1 - Mission Statement

To provide a platform for all people, regardless of gender, nationality, race, sexual identity, or socioeconomic status to serve their families, friends, and communities through the spiritual rites of marriage.

Article 2 - Purposes

American Marriage Ministries is organized exclusively for religious and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501.c.3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 3 - Past, Present, and Planned Activities

American Marriage Ministries carries out its mission by providing all people with the authority and information necessary to confidently solemnize marriage in accordance with their beliefs. AMM activities fall into the following areas, to be amended as needed by the Board:

1. Open Ordination

American Marriage Ministries operates primarily through the World Wide Web and Social Media. We believe this is the most effective way to help the greatest number of people in pursuance of the AMM mission.

Paramount to the AMM mission is the free ordination we provide to all, regardless of gender, nationality, race, sexual identity, or socioeconomic status. Anyone of legal age can become ordained as an AMM Minister through the AMM website, by mail, or in person.

Every AMM ordination is protected by the religious non-establishment clause of the 1st amendment:

"...Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment or religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

This guarantees the right of any AMM minister to conduct any religious activity legally prescribed for ministers, pastors, members of the clergy, and spiritual representatives; including but not limited to holding services, counseling, performing marriage, and administering last rites.

2. Tools & Resources

In addition to a policy of Open Ordination, American Marriage Ministries provides support via tools and resources to AMM Ministers and the general public:

a. Tools

American Marriage Ministries shall create and maintain interactive tools to provide guidance to the general public and AMM Ministers in fellowship. These tools shall include but not be limited to the AMM Wedding Helper, Wedding Ceremony Library, Wedding Officiant Search, and future Tools.

b. Resources

American Marriage Ministries shall create and maintain informational resources to provide information to the general public and AMM Ministers. These resources shall include but not be limited to State Guides to Performing Marriage, U.S. Marriage Laws Archive, Ceremony Guides, and future Resources.

3. Community & Social Activism

American Marriage Ministries encourages local community involvement. Through a global Fellowship of AMM Ministers, each with a personal congregation, AMM shall spread its message of community and equality far and wide.

Nationally, AMM shall advocate on behalf of AMM Ministers who experience discrimination from private and government institutions. On a selective basis, AMM shall make resources available for these individuals to retain legal services.

To further promote the Mission of AMM on both a local and global scale, AMM shall make contributions to charitable organizations capable of effecting positive change in communities large and small.

The works described above outline the past, present, and planned activities of American Marriage Ministries. All of these activities are considered to fall under the scope of charitable and religious purposes as defined by IRC 501.c.3.

Section IV: Governance and Structure

Article 1 – Entity

This sovereign church, American Marriage Ministries, retains unto itself the exclusive right to the temporal life of this church. The Officers reserve the exclusive right to determine who shall be members of this Church and the condition of such membership. This church is a democracy, its authority vested in the Officers. Every officer has the right to a voice in the church's government, plans, and discipline. The church is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body.

Article 2 – Powers and Duties

American Marriage Ministries shall look to the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, The Charter, and the laws of Washington State with reference to non-profit religious corporations, and Section 501.c.3 of the Internal Revenue Code (as amended from time to time) for guidance in the operation of its affairs.

Subject to the Articles, the Bylaws, and applicable law, the corporate activities of the corporation shall be conducted and all corporate powers shall be employed by or under the direction of the Board. The Board is responsible for discipline as well as general corporate management. The Board may delegate the management of various activities to any person or persons provided that the activities and affairs of the corporation shall be managed and corporate powers shall be exercised under the direction of the Board. No director, officer, minister, or member is empowered to act as a legal agent of American Marriage Ministries without the prior written authorization of the Board, except for acts expressly authorized in the Bylaws.

Article 3 – Duties of the Board

1. To call conventions.
2. To license and ordain ministers in accordance with the Articles and the Bylaws.
3. To appoint the corporation's officers, both general and executive; councils; committees; and chairpersons thereof. The Board may seek input from any segment or area of American Marriage Ministries concerning its plans or the selection of personnel to fill its offices.
4. To create offices, departments, and districts as needed to accomplish the corporation's objectives and purposes, and to direct their activities.
5. To employ persons as needed to accomplish the church objects and purposes.
6. To fix salaries and other compensation of the corporation's officers and other employees who are to receive salaries or other compensation for their services.
7. To terminate from office or employment any officer or other corporate employee if, in the opinion of a majority of the Board, such termination would be in the best interests of this corporation.
8. To override a presidential veto by a two-thirds majority vote of all board members.

9. To make financial arrangements to carry out the purposes of American Marriage Ministries and to authorize the execution by the proper corporate officers of securities or evidences of indebtedness or other documents as required.
10. To buy, sell, exchange, encumber, and generally deal in real properties, improved or unimproved.
11. To do and perform other acts and things required of it by the Bylaws and/or applicable law, with all powers necessary therefore.
12. The Board, which consists of the Officers of the Church, will be charged with the execution and maintenance of its Articles, Bylaws, and Charter.

Article 4 – Number of Directors

The Church will have no less than three Officers on the Board to ensure its own accountability.

Article 5 – Voting

Officers can only be voted in by a two-thirds majority vote. The voting quorum will be assembled in accordance with RCW 24.03.075 and RCW 24.03.080 (or as amended by the State). A two-thirds majority vote will be required for approval and in accordance with RCW 24.03.085 (or as amended by the State).

Article 6 – Disassociation

Officers will be able to dissociate themselves from the church at any time. If they choose to return in the capacity of Officer, they will have to abide by Article 5 of this section for reinstatement.

Article 7 – Rights and Privileges

All directors shall enjoy the same rights and privileges, including the power to vote on all matters presented to the Board; however, a director may not vote on any matter in which there may be a conflict of interest. All non-voting participants may participate fully in board deliberations, except for the right to propose a motion, second a motion or vote.

Article 8 – Vacancies

Any director, excepting the last remaining director, may resign, effective upon giving written notice to the President or the Board unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation. If the resignation is to be effective at a future time, a successor may be selected or appointed in the manner provided in the Bylaws to take office when the resignation becomes effective. Vacancies among the appointed members of the Board may be filled by approval of the remaining members of the Board. Each director so chosen shall hold office until the expiration of the term of the replaced director and until a successor has been chosen. A vacancy or vacancies in the Board shall be deemed to exist in case of the death, resignation, or removal of any director, or if the authorized number of directors be increased. No reduction of the authorized number of directors shall have the effect of removing any director prior to the expiration of the director's term of office.

Article 9 – Board of Directors

The Board shall consist of the following Officers until amended:

1. Glen Yoshioka
2. Dylan Wall
3. Sara White
4. Maurice King

Article 10 – Employees

Persons may be employed by American Marriage Ministries to perform work, customer service, administration, and other functions necessary for the operation of AMM in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section III of the Bylaws. Employees shall be compensated for their services in a fair manner to be determined by the Board, and in accordance with the Revised Code of Washington, IRC 501.c.3, and U.S. Federal Labor laws. Compensation may include salary, hourly pay, and/or other benefits. Compensation limits for some Employees are further described in the American Marriage Ministries Compensation Policy for Officers, Directors, and Key Employees.

All Employees are subject to the policies and procedures outlined in the AMM Employee Handbook.

Article 10 – Executive Managers

Employees designated as Executive Managers under the employ of American Marriage Ministries are entrusted with additional authority. As per board approved job descriptions, Executive Managers may make purchasing decisions for inventory or tools when the amount is less than \$10,000, hiring/firing decisions for non-Executive Manager employees, and act within the scope of generally accepted management practices in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section III of the Bylaws and under supervision of the Board. Executive Managers may be appointed only by approval of the Board.

Section V: Congregation

Article 1 – Members

The members of American Marriage Ministries are:

1. The officers and directors of American Marriage Ministries.
2. AMM Ministers who have been ordained and hold Active Status under the provisions of the Bylaws.

Article 2 – Ordination

American Marriage Ministries shall ordain all those who choose to become AMM Ministers, based on honorable intent in pursuance of American Marriage Ministries Mission.

Article 3 – Ordination Purpose

American Marriage Ministries ordinations are a recorded affirmation that the individual is an AMM Minister, provided the individual's information is factual and up-to-date. The purpose of the AMM ordination is to guarantee the individual the ability to administer all religious activities, including but not limited to solemnization of marriage.

Article 4 – Membership Obligation

Membership in the Church is completely voluntary and the duration will last so long as the individual member wishes to associate with American Marriage Ministries.

Article 5 – Membership Agreement

Application of membership will be accepted only following the agreement of the individual with the AMM principles. This is done by completing the ordination form provided on the AMM website, acknowledgement in writing, in person, or by phone. The AMM ordination is only valid as long as the member's information is factual and up-to-date.

Article 6 – Church Register

American Marriage Ministries holds all records of ordination in a database referred to as the Church Register.

Article 7 – Ministers

Ministers of American Marriage Ministries ("AMM Ministers") are persons who are licensed or ordained by American Marriage Ministries; who are recorded in the church register; and who hold Active Status and are in compliance with the Bylaws.

Article 8 – Tithes

American Marriage Ministries does not tithe its ministers. AMM is financially supported by voluntary contributions from its ministers through donations and church store sales.

Article 6 – Association Member Church

Upon ordination, all AMM Ministers form an Association Member Church, to serve his or her local community, the congregation of which shall comprise the family, friends, and/or community members with whom the Minister gathers in fellowship. Association Member Churches operate independently, in furtherance of the Mission of American Marriage Ministries. Association Member Churches do not speak on behalf of AMM or the Board.

The authority of an Association Member Church shall only be recognized as long as the Minister who established the Association Member Church holds Active Status under the provisions of the Bylaws. The AMM shall not be held liable for the independent actions of any Association Member Church.

Article 9 – Credentials

All AMM Ministers holding Active Status who are in the Church Register share an equal standing amongst all other AMM Ministers. Individual ministers can choose to support American Marriage Ministries by purchasing a hardcopy of their ordination credential. This purchase will not convey additional status or benefit, but may be required by some government registrars. There are no fees for AMM membership.

Article 10 – Ministerial Standing**1. Active Status**

AMM Ministers are granted Active Status (also referred to as “Good Standing”) upon ordination. To hold Active Status an AMM Minister must have visited the AMM website or contacted AMM by mail, phone, or email, or in person at least once within the last year. The minister’s information registered with AMM must be factual and up-to-date. Ministers holding Active Status maintain authority over an Association Member Church as defined under the Bylaws.

2. Deactivated Status

Ministers who request to revoke their ordination or have violated any of the stipulations in Article 11 may be deactivated, at which point they will no longer hold ministerial standing as an AMM Minister.

An AMM Minister will be considered in Deactivated States from the moment at which AMM is notified of their wish to no longer remain in Active Status. AMM shall make every possible effort to update the register in as quickly as possible. An Executive member of the Board may, at any time, deactivate the standing of any AMM Minister that is not also a member of the Board.

Article 11 – Membership Termination

Membership in American Marriage Ministries shall be terminated when a member ceases, for any reason, to satisfy the requirements of the Bylaws.

Membership can also cease, be suspended, or terminated by the Board for the following reasons:

1. The minister is engaged in any legal action against American Marriage Ministries.
2. The minister is in violation of any provision of the Bylaws.
3. Illegal, immoral, or fraudulent conduct.
4. Levying ecclesiastical war against this corporation.
5. Conspiring to divide American Marriage Ministries.
6. Uniting with or forming any other organization having purposes similar to American Marriage Ministries, without prior approval of the Board.
7. Willful or negligent failure to keep, or the destruction of, church records.
8. Willful or negligent failure to comply with governmental regulations.

Section VI: Hierarchy

Article I – Executive Officers

All executive officers shall be chosen from among ordained American Marriage Ministries ministers who are in full compliance with the Articles and the Bylaws and who have demonstrated the ability to perform the duties of the offices to which they are appointed. They shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the president and the Board, except for the president who shall be selected in accordance with the Bylaws. The executive officers of this corporation shall be the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board may appoint additional executive officers and may combine executive offices with general offices.

Article 2 – The President

The president is the spiritual leader and corporate executive officer of American Marriage Ministries and has appointive powers, subject to the Bylaws and the approval of the Board. The president shall be responsible for general supervision and direction of the church. The president has the general powers and duties usually vested in the office of the president of a corporation, including the power to veto any act of the Board, subject to the provisions of the Bylaws. The president shall be responsible for recommending to the Board the appointment of personnel to fill executive offices as needed.

Article 3 – Presidential Duties

The president shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be prescribed by the Board:

1. The president or the president's designee shall preside at all conventions.
2. As the leader of American Marriage Ministries, the president shall oversee the carrying out of the mission of the church.
3. The president's name shall be affixed to all corporate ministerial credentials and certificates.
4. Upon resolution of the Board, the president shall sign all documents upon which the signature of the president is required.
5. The president shall oversee the church's compliance with laws, rules, and regulations applicable to this corporation, including the signing and filing of reports for federal, state, and local governments.
6. The president shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

Article 4 – Other Executive Officers

The offices of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be filled by appointment of the Board. These officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and until their respective successors are duly appointed and installed. The installation of a new officer shall terminate the appointment of the previous officeholder, who shall deliver all books, papers, electronic data, and documents to the successor so installed.

1. Vice President

In the absence or disability of the President, a Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President pursuant to the Bylaws and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President designated as interim President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board. In other respects, a Vice President shall have such duties as may be assigned to him or her by the President and/or the Board.

2. Secretary

The duties of the secretary are to:

- a. Perform the usual and ordinary duties of secretary of a religious corporation.
- b. Attest to the signatures of corporate officers when necessary.
- c. Maintain accurate minutes of all conventions and board meetings.
- d. Maintain custody and care of the corporate seal, minutes, records, books, documents, and communications; give oversight to the procedures for storage, preservation, and retrieval of all corporate records, minutes, books, documents and communications, except the books of account which are required to be kept in the Treasurer's custody.
- e. Receive and preserve all reports rendered to the corporation by its officers and committee chairpersons for the period of time established by the Board.
- f. Perform other duties not inconsistent with the office that the President or the Board may require.
- g. Maintain records of all ordained or licensed personnel.

3. Treasurer

The duties of the Treasurer are to:

- a. Keep and maintain or cause to be kept and maintained adequate and correct accounts of the financial transactions of the corporation.
- b. Deposit all moneys and other valuables of the corporation in the name and to the credit of the corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the Board.
- c. Disburse the funds of the corporation as directed by the Board.
- d. Render each year a report of the corporation's financial operations and condition as of June 30th of the prior year.
- e. Prepare monthly reports of the corporate financial operations for the President and the Board.
- f. Report to the Board, as requested, transactions performed as Treasurer.
- g. Be bonded with a surety company, if deemed advantageous by the Board.

Article 5 – General Officers

All General Officers shall be chosen from among ordained American Marriage Ministries ministers who are in full compliance with the Articles and the Bylaws and who have demonstrated spiritual leadership and ability to perform the duties of the offices to which they are appointed. They shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the President and the Board.

Article 6 – Minister Record Review Officer

Minister Record Review Officers are temporarily appointed officers that shall be limited to reviewing facts within the Church Register and acknowledging record of an AMM Minister's ordination. Appointments shall be for a period of time no longer than 24 hours, will confer none of the administrative or voting rights granted to other officers, and only one Minister Record Review Officer shall be appointed at any given time.

A Minister Record Review Officer may be appointed by an Executive Officer, without the approval of the Board, and may be chosen from among ordained AMM Ministers in full compliance with the Bylaws. No other section of the Bylaws shall be deemed to give additional rights or privileges to Minister Record Review Officers.

Section VII: Meetings

Article 1 – Annual Board Meetings

The Board shall meet at least annually, at the call of the Chairperson of the Board, at such times and places as shall be designated in a notice provided to each member of the Board and at a reasonable time prior to the appointed time of the meeting.

Article 2 – Meeting Notice

The notice may be by mail, email, church bulletin, telephone or fax machine in accordance with RCW 24.03.080 (or as amended by the State). The notice shall include the date, hour and place of all such meetings.

Article 3 – Regular Board Meetings

The Board will convene no less than once a quarter to assess mission goals and other issues pertaining to Church business.

Article 4 – Meeting Protocol

1. Chairperson.

The President of the corporation or the President's designee shall preside at all regular conventions. In the absence of the President and the President's designee, the following persons, in order of succession, shall preside: a Vice President or a member of the Board elected to serve as Chairperson of the Convention by a majority vote of all members of the Board.

2. Reports

At each regular convention, official business reports shall be received from the following: President, Officers, committees whose reports require corporate action, and/or individuals giving reports approved by the cabinet for presentation at the convention.

3. Other Business

In addition to the required reports, the following matters shall be placed before the convention:

- a. Items placed on the agenda by the Board.
- b. The approval of members reappointed by the Board to fill appointed seats on the Board.
- c. The vote for ratification of appointments of the President, and other Officers.
- d. Proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of American Marriage Ministries.

Article 5 – Delayed Voting

Any proposed amendment to the corporation's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, any proposal not previously presented to the executive council, or any proposal that requires provision for or the expenditure of funds not included in the corporation's current annual budget shall not be voted upon until the day following the day upon which it is introduced on the floor during a business session of the regular convention. Only when the delay of one day would be deemed harmful to the corporation may the deferral be waived by a two-thirds vote of the authorized voters present at the time of the vote.

Article 6 – Voting Qualifications

The members of this corporation who shall have full voting power on all matters considered at annual and monthly Conventions are the Officers and directors of American Marriage Ministries (the Board), with the exception of any officer bearing the title Minister Record Review Officer who may not vote.

Article 7 – Voting Procedure**1. Eligibility**

All members of the Board in attendance of a meeting are eligible to vote. Voting members shall be entitled to one vote on each item presented. There shall not be voting by proxy at any convention.

2. Quorum

A majority of eligible voting members in attendance at a convention shall constitute a quorum. The voting members present at a convention at which a quorum has been established may continue to transact business until final adjournment of the convention at its originally scheduled termination date. If the withdrawal of voting members leaves less than a quorum, any action (other than amending the bylaws or articles of incorporation) may be approved by at least a majority of the voting members present at the time of the vote.

3. Voting

Where voting is required by the Bylaws to approve the selection of persons to serve as directors, officers, and members; such voting shall be by oral vote at the convention. Voting on other matters shall be conducted in the manner determined by the chairperson. As long as quorum requirements have been met, resolutions receiving a majority vote shall be declared as passed. In order to be approved, candidates must receive a two-thirds majority vote for the positions for which they have been selected.

Section VIII: Operation and Finances

Article 1 – Church Property

All property shall be held in the name of American Marriage Ministries, except as otherwise expressly authorized by the Board, and at all times shall be used to carry out the purposes for which this church has been established.

Article 2 – Disbursement Policy

In accordance with the Revised Code of Washington and IRC 501.c.3, no income, assets, or property of the Church will be distributable to its Officers.

Article 3 – Accounting

All funds received for any and all purposes shall pass through the hands of the Church Treasurer, or financial secretary, and be properly recorded on the books of the Church. A system of accounting that will adequately provide for the handling of all funds shall be the responsibility of the Board.

Article 4 – Funding Policy

The corporation's funds shall be kept in the depositories designated by the Board. Disbursements of funds shall be made by check or draft, which shall be signed by any two officers or other persons authorized or designated by the Board to sign and whose names shall be registered or recorded with the bank(s) in which the funds are kept, according to the rules and regulations of the bank(s).

Article 5 – Fund Activity

The Board shall have power to set up special funds as it may deem desirable for the achievement of the church's objectives and purposes. There shall be the following permanent special funds as specified in Section 3, Article 3 of the Bylaws:

1. Open Ordination
2. Tools & Resources
3. Community & Social Activism

Article 6 – Fiscal Year

The Church fiscal year shall end June 30th.

Article 7 – Officer Compensation Policy

AMM Officers will be compensated \$3,000 annually for their service. Additionally, if any board members must travel 50 or more miles, round trip, to attend a convention of the Board they will be given a per diem compensation of \$100.

Compensation for the Board is further described in the American Marriage Ministries Compensation Policy for Officers, Directors, and Key Employees.

Article 8 – Observance of Operational Finances

No part of the net earnings of American Marriage Ministries shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section III. No substantial part of the activities of American Marriage Ministries shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and American Marriage Ministries shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, American Marriage Ministries shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501.c.3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170.c.2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section IX: Dissolution

Article 1 – Voluntary Dissolution

In the case of voluntary dissolution of American Marriage Ministries the net assets of the Church will be distributed as follows:

1. All debts, obligations and liabilities of the corporation will be paid and discharged or adequate provision will be made thereof.
2. If the net assets of the Church are not sufficient to pay standing debts, obligations, and liabilities; all the property and assets will be applied so far as they will go to the payment thereof in a just and equitable manner and no property or assets will remain available for distribution among its Members, Directors, or Officers.

Article 2 – Dissolution Guidelines

Further guidelines for dissolution:

1. Upon the dissolution of American Marriage Ministries, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501.c.3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of American Marriage Ministries is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
2. In the case that assets and/or property remain after all debts, obligations, and liabilities are discharged. A Quorum consisting of the Board, Officers, and Members will be announced in compliance with RCW 24.03.080 (or as amended) where a two-thirds majority vote will settle the remaining assets to an approved non-profit organization.
3. If consensus is not met after three votes, the remaining assets and/or property will be discharged to the Government of the State of Washington.

Section X: Amendments

Article 1 – Amendment Ratification

Any proposed amendments to either the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or the Church Charter; a quorum will be passed only after a meeting is held consisting of the Board and passed by a two-thirds vote.

Article 2 – Announcements

Such meetings will be announced and held in accordance with RCW 24.03.075, RCW 24.03.080, RCW 24.03.85, and RCW 24.03.090 (or as amended by the state).

The Articles of Incorporation of American Marriage Ministries are filed with the secretary of state of the state of Washington. Any amendments shall be made in a manner acceptable to the state and shall be filed promptly as amendments to the original of the Bylaws. The amendment(s) must first be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board. The Board shall then submit the approved amendment to the qualified voting members at either a regular or interim convention or by mail as provided for in the Bylaws. If the amendment to the Articles is for the purpose of complying with state or federal requirements, a simple majority shall be sufficient for passage. If the amendment is for any other purpose, a two-thirds vote shall be required.


The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and entitled to vote in any corporate business session at a regular convention or an interim convention properly called for that purpose.

Members are invited to submit suggestions in writing for the betterment of American Marriage Ministries, the Bylaws, its operation, and the selection of personnel to fill offices. Suggestions should be sent to the following address:

Board of Directors
c/o Glen Yoshioka
American Marriage Ministries
506 2nd Ave, Suite 1008
Seattle, WA 98104

Section XI: Board Approval


We, the Officers of American Marriage Ministries Board, hereby approve the Constitution and Bylaws of American Marriage Ministries:



Glen Yoshioka - President

1.26.2017

Date



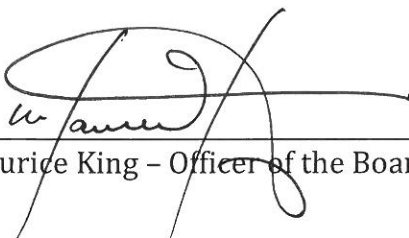
Dylan Wall - Vice President

1/26/2017

Date

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