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International Movement of Churches
Defenders of the Christian Faith

Our Vision:

Reach the ends of the earth with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Banner of the Defenders of the Christian Faith to win souls for the Kingdom of Heaven, plant and organize movements or national councils.

Our Agenda:

Acts 1:8

Our Mission:

Matthew 28:19 and 20th

Our Motto:

Jude 3

Our Theme:

Back to the Bible

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CERTIFICATION

These documents are certified as approved in the corresponding Assemblies.

1. The Creed was approved at the Biennial Assembly held in Rio Grande, PR on June 13-15, 2002 and reviewed in the Biennial Assembly held in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic June 23-26, 2004.
2. The Constitution was approved in the Constituent Assembly held in Río Grande, PR from February 5 to 7, 1998 and revised in the Biennial Assembly held in Río Grande, PR from the 13th to the 15th of June 2002. It was reviewed again at the Biennial Assembly held in Bayamón, PR on June 14-16, 2012.
3. The Regulations were approved at the Biennial Assembly held in Orlando, Florida, USA from July 14 to 15, 2000 and in the Assembly Extraordinary also held in Orlando Florida on July 16, 2000 and reviewed at the Biennial Assembly held in Río Grande, PR on June 13-15, 2002. It was again revised in the Biennial Assembly held in Bayamón, PR from the 14th to the 16th of June 2012. It was again reviewed at the Biennial Assembly celebrated in Manatí, PR in June 2022.

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PREAMBLE

The International Movement of Churches Defenders of the Christian Faith is a non-profit organization that integrates National Movements of churches voluntarily affiliated for the spread of the gospel to global level and recognizes the operational autonomy of its members. We, its members, moved by the conviction that the will of Jesus Christ is that believers in Him are effectively united in love, striving for the expansion of his Kingdom, we have organized with the following Creed, Constitution and Regulations.



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CREED

(FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES)

1. The Holy Scripture

We believe in the supernatural inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, as it appears in the sixty-six books of the Bible. It is the Word of God, the only rule of faith and conduct. (2 Tim. 3:16; Jn. 5:39)

2. The One, True and Eternal God

We believe in the existence of God, a Unique, Supreme, Holy, Eternal Being, and Creator of the universe. He transcends all creation and in turn is omnipresent in every part of it. (Gen. 1: 1; Ps. 19: 1; Mt. 6: 8-9)

3. The Divine Trinity

We believe in the Divine Trinity, revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They are three people of the same essence, power and eternity. They are related to each other and at the same time distinguish between them. (Mt. 3: 16-17; 28:19)

4. Jesus Christ the Son of God

We believe in Jesus Christ, the second person of the Divine Trinity, his virgin birth, sinless life, his miracles, crucifixion, vicarious sacrifice, resurrection and ascension. He took human nature, died, and rose again to save us. (Mt. 1:18; Jn. 1: 1-14; 3:16; Lk. 24:13:51)

5. The holy ghost

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Divine Trinity. Dwell in the believer and guides them to all truth and justice. (Acts 1: 8; 2: 4; 13: 2)

6. *The creation*

We believe that the existence of all things visible and invisible obey the work creator of God. (Gen. 1: 1; 1:31; 2:12; Ps. 19: 1; Ps. 24: 1; Heb. 11: 3)

7. *The man*

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God and in perfect communion with its creator. We believe that attributes of holiness, wisdom, free will and with natural affections. We also believe that man is the crown of creation and the object of special care of God. (Gen. 1: 26-28; Ps. 8: 5-8)

8. *The fall and redemption of man*

We believe that man fell by transgression, by his own and voluntary decision. We believe that the only means of redemption is by accepting the redemptive plan provided by God in the person of his Son Jesus Christ. (Gen. 3:15; Jn 3:14; Rom. 10:9-10)

9. *Salvation*

We believe that man is saved through the public acceptance of Jesus Christ as his Savior. We believe that this salvation is by grace through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross of Calvary (Eph. 2: 8); who is justified by faith in Christ; (Rom. 5: 1); heir to an eternal life (Jn. 3:16; Tit. 3: 7). We believe that the salvation obtained by believing in Christ is immediate (Lk. 19: 9; Jn. 5:24) and that it is essential to remain in Him to preserve it. (Mt. 24:13 Heb. 2: 1-2)

10. *Baptism in water*

We believe in the ordinance of baptism in water by immersion in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Mt. 28:19)

11. *The Lord's Supper*

We believe in the ordinance to practice the Lord's Supper. It consists of the bread and the juice of the vine, which symbolize the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It constitutes a memory of his suffering, death and a prophecy of his second coming. (Mt.26: 26-29; Mk. 14: 22 25; Lk. 22: 13-20; 1Co. 11: 23-26). We believe that participants should be water baptized believers who are in full communion with the church.

12. *Baptism with the Holy Spirit*

We believe that every believer has the privilege of receiving the promise of the Father concerning the baptism with the Holy Spirit. It's a later supernatural experience to the new birth. Every believer should long for it. It enables you to live a life of holiness and effective service in the work of the Lord. (Lk. 24:49; Acts 1:8; 2:4; 8:14-17).

13. *Sanctification*

We believe that it is necessary to live a life of holiness without which no one will see the Lord (Heb. 12:14; 1Thes. 4:3). Sanctification is obtained with the death of Christ. (Heb 2:11; 10:14; 13:12; 1Co. 1:30) After conversion the Holy Spirit is perfecting the God's work in the believer, qualifying him for a life of Holiness. (Jn. 17:16-19; 1Thes.5:22-24) Sanctification is a clear separation from the world to a way of life worthy of a Holy God.

14. *Divine Healing*

We believe in the biblical promise regarding Divine Healing and that the church receives authority of the Lord Jesus Christ to heal the sick in his name. (Ps. 103:3; Is.53:4-5; Mk. 16:18; Jm. 5:14)

15. *The Second Coming of Christ*

We believe in the second coming of Christ. (Acts 1:11) with the following events: We believe in the rapture or translation of the church and that this event will be before the great tribulation. (1Thes. 4:15-17). We believe in the second manifestation of Christ in bodily and visible form and that he will establish his millennial kingdom on earth. (Mt. 24:30; Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7; 5:10, 11:15; 20:1-7; Dn. 7:14; 1Co. 15:25) We believe in the final judgment with retribution of Eternal Life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the unjust. (2 Pt 3:7).

16. *Marriage*

We believe in the act of marriage as established by God from the beginning. We believe that the only relationship that should exist is through marriage and that marriage should take place only between a man and a woman (chromosomally).

Human beings are born male and female because that is how God created them from beginning. (Gen. 1:27; 2: 21-25) We totally reject any homosexual relationship and declare it against nature (Rom. 1:26 and 27). Homosexuality is not a lifestyle but a sinful condition for those who practice it and is depraving for society



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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I	NAME
Section 1.0	The name of this Organization is: International Movement of Churches Defenders of the Christian Faith
ARTICLE II	OBJECTIVES
Section 1.0	The main objectives of this Organization are:
Section 1.1	Preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to every creature and make disciples of all nations according to Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15.
Section 1.2	Group together all the Movements or National Councils of the Defenders of the Christian Faith under a single International Organization.
Section 1.3	Establish Churches Defenders of the Christian Faith in all countries of the world, organizing them into Movements or National Councils affiliated with the International Movement.
Section 1.4	Promote the integration of the work and efforts of all Defenders of the Christian Faith worldwide, understanding that it is our duty to accelerate the conquest of people for the Kingdom of the Heavens, given the impending uprising of the church.
Section 1.5	Promote the procedural, systematic and action unity to channel the operational development of its members.

Section 1.6 Define the philosophical foundations of Christian education in this Organization.

ARTICLE III - DOMICILE

Section 1.0 This Organization has its domicile within the territorial limits of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Providing that the Board of International Directors may establish Offices in those places or countries that are convenient to carry out your work plan.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS

Section 1.0 This Organization is composed of the Movements or Councils Defenders of the Christian Faith organized in various parts of the world, understanding that there will only be one national organization in each country.

Section 2.0 In countries where the Movement are not organized, independent evangelical institutions that work within the biblical context of the church and that accept this Creed, Constitution and Bylaws may be recognized. As soon as the Movement is organized or Council, these institutions will be part of the national organization.

ARTICLE V PROPERTIES

Section 1.0 All personal or real property acquired by this Organization through purchase, exchange, donation, transfer, assignment, or other forms of acquisition, will be registered in the name of the International Movement of Churches Defenders of the Christian Faith

Section 2.0 At the discretion of the members, all their real property will be registered in the name of the Organization.

ARTICLE VI

ADMINISTRATION

Section 1.0 This Organization is governed by an International Board of Directors. The term of its incumbency is four (4) years.

Section 1.1 A National Movement may not hold more than two (2) positions in the International Board, as long as there are candidates available and qualified in the different member countries.

Section 2.0 The International Board of Directors is composed of five (5) members, namely:

Section 2.1 President

Section 2.2 Executive Secretary

Section 2.3 Finance Director

Section 2.4 Missions Director

Section 2.5 Education Director

Section 3.0 The members of the International Board of Directors shall be an Ordained Minister.

Section 3.1 An Ordained Minister is understood to be that person duly anointed to the Full Ministry and has received his/her credentials from this Organization.

Section 3.2 To be elected a member of the International Board of Directors, the Minister must have served as such within the Movement International Churches Defenders of the Christian Faith for a time minimum of five (5) consecutive years at the time of their nomination.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCE

Section 1.0 The financial support of this Organization will be based in fees, donations and any other contribution that is in harmony with the objectives of the same.

ARTICLE VIII

ASSEMBLIES

- Section 1.0 A Biennial Assembly will be held during the month and the place that the International Board of Directors deems appropriate.
- Section 2.0 The Assembly shall be composed of ordained ministers and pastors in functions with valid credentials and certified in their processing by National Movements or Councils, and whose countries are members of the International Movement of Churches Defenders of the Christian faith.
- Section 3.0 The duration of the meeting will be stipulated by the International Board of Directors according to existing needs.
- Section 4.0 The International Board of Directors will notify members the date and place of the Biennial Assembly one year before the celebration.
- Section 5.0 An Election Assembly shall be held every four (4) years since 1998, date of the Constituent Assembly.
- Section 6.0 The Electoral Assembly will coincide with the Biennial of the year in which happen.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

- Section 1.0 This constitution may be amended by the favorable vote of two thirds (2/3) of the votes issued in a constituted assembly.
- Section 2.0 Proposed amendments will be sent to the offices of the International Board of Directors to be circulated among the members, therefore less one hundred twenty (120) days before the date of the Assembly in which they will be discussed. The International Board of Directors will circulate amendments between members, at least sixty (60) days before of said Assembly.
- Section 3.0 The approved amendments will take effect immediately after of its approval, unless an effective date is indicated.

ARTICLE X

APPLICABILITY, JOINT JURISDICTION AND EXCLUSION

Section 1.0

All members of this Organization shall abide by this Constitution.

Section 2.0

The Regulations of the Organization shall govern jointly with this Constitution and no agreement will be approved that is contrary to these documents.

Section 3.0

If any clause of the Constitution or Regulations is declared void by any competent authority, said decision will not invalidate the remaining.

ARTICLE XI

VALIDITY

Section 1.0

This Constitution effectiveness shall be immediately after it approval.



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REGULATION

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1.0 The name of this Organization is:
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ARTICLE II DOMICILE

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the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Providing that the
International Board of Directors may establish offices in those
places or countries that are convenient to carry out their work
plan.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 1.0 This Organization is composed of the Movements or Councils
Defenders of the Christian Faith organized in various parts of
the world, understanding that there will only be one national
organization in each country.

Section 2.0 It is understood by Movement or Council Defenders of the
Christian Faith, an organization with a minimum of five (5)
churches that have no less than twenty (20) active members
each.

- Section 2.1 In countries where the requirements are not met, the Mission Director will supervise the existing churches. These will be considered works in development until the established requirements are met.
- Section 3.0 To become a member of the Organization, Movement or National Council an application for membership to the International Board of Directors shall be submitted, who then shall evaluate it and take action.
- Section 4.0 The International Board of Directors will issue a Certificate of Affiliation that will evidence the condition of the member of the Organization, with all the rights and duties that such affiliation carries.
- Section 5.0 Certificates of affiliation to member Churches of the National Movements or Councils will be issued by the International Board through the National Boards.
- Section 6.0 The International Board will certify para-ecclesiastical institutions recognized by the Movements or National Councils and will certify also those institutions in countries where there are no Movements or National Councils.

ARTICLE IV - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS

- Section 1.0 Rights
- Section 1.1 Receive a Certificate of Affiliation to the Organization, once meet the established requirements.
- Section 1.2 Participate in assemblies and other activities, with all rights and duties.
- Section 1.3 Receive advice and support from the Organization.
- Section 1.4 Participate in the activities held by the Organization.
- Section 2.0 Duties
- Section 2.1 Faithfully comply with the Creed and the constitutional provisions and regulations of the Organization.

- Section 2.2 Comply with all established financial requirements.
- Section 2.3 Actively participate in all activities of the Organization.
- Section 2.4 Submit an annual report to the International Board of Directors that include work done.
- Section 2.5 Submit applications for Certificates of Membership to the International Board of Directors after having accepted and received the church.
- Section 2.6 Refer to the International Board, for review and processing, the approved requests for ordination to the full ministry and the applications for pastoral credentials.

ARTICLE V ADMINISTRATION

- Section 1.0 This Organization is governed by an International Board of Directors.
- Section 1.1 A National Movement may not hold more than two (2) positions in the International Board, as long as there are candidates available and qualified in the different member countries.
- Section 2.0 This Board is composed of five (5) members: Section 2.1
President
- Section 2.2 Executive Secretary
- Section 2.3 Finance Director
- Section 2.4 Missions Director
- Section 2.5 Education Director
- Section 3.0 No more than one member of the Board of Directors may belong to the same church, or the same family, up to the third degree of consanguinity or affinity or living under the same roof.

ARTICLE VI	DUTIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Section 1.0	Design and implement a work plan to achieve the objectives of the Organization in the short, medium and long term.
Section 2.0	Present the work plan and budget at the Biennial Assembly.
Section 3.0	Submit written reports to the Biennial assembly.
Section 4.0	Call ordinary and extraordinary meetings.
Section 5.0	Hold official meetings at least every six (6) months.
Section 6.0	Manage the funds of the Organization.
Section 7.0	Supervise the work of the member countries, in light of the statutes of this Organization.
Section 8.0	Maintain communication with the Churches of the member countries through their National Boards.
Section 9.0	Ensure that member countries abide by the Creed, the Constitution and the Regulations of this Organization.
Section 10.0	Coordinate missionary efforts with Movements or Nationals Councils.
Section 11.0	To be represented at the annual assemblies of the member countries.
Section 12.0	Supervise the holding of elections and the procedure for filling vacancies in the National Boards.
Section 13.0	Install the elected National Boards.
Section 14.0	Be present as much as possible, or delegate to the National Boards, in the ordinations to be carried out in the Movements or National Councils.
Section 15.0	Issue the credentials of pastors in all ministerial degrees and those of evangelists in the degree of ordained minister, after official certification submitted by the Executive Secretary or an authorized representative and the signature of the National President where reside.
Section 16.0	Appoint the committees or working groups that are necessary prior information to the National Boards.

- Section 17.0 Evaluate and approve the affiliation requests of new members to this organization.
- Section 18.0 Establish the philosophy of Christian education of this Organization.
- Section 19.0 Fill vacancies that arise in this International Board, except the position of President, until the holding of the next Assembly Biennial.

ARTICLE VII REQUIREMENTS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1.0 PRESIDENT

Section 1.1 Requirements

Section 1.1.1. Be a member of one or more Movements or National Councils Defenders of the Christian Faith for a term not less than ten (10) consecutive years at the time of nomination.

Section 1.1.2 Have performed pastoral functions as an Ordained Minister in a satisfactory manner for a minimum of five (5) years.

Section 1.1.3 Have ministerial experience in a minimum of three (3) countries.

Section 1.1.4 Be not less than 35 years of age on the date of the election.

Section 1.1.5 Have basic knowledge of the Spanish and English languages.

Section 1.1.6 Possess a degree in theological education from a recognized institution for this International Movement.

Section 1.1.7 Certification of the Director of International Finance and National Treasurer, whoever applies, compliance with the provisions financial regulations for the last two (2) years.

Section 1.2 Duties:

Section 1.2.1 Represent the Organization in all relevant forums and be its spokesman.

Section 1.2.2 Convene and preside over the assemblies of the Organization and the meetings of the International Board of Directors.

Section 1.2.3 Sign all the credentials issued by the Organization.

- Section 1.2.4 Approve all disbursements of the Organization.
- Section 1.2.5 Supervise the design and implementation of the Annual Work Plan.
- Section 1.2.6 Render a report on the work carried out by the International Board of Directors to the Biennial Assembly.

Section 2.0 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- Section 2.1 Requirements:
 - Section 2.1.1 The requirements for this position will be the same as for the position of President.
- Section 2.2 Duties:
 - Section 2.2.1 Substitute the President in temporary absence or until the Biennial Assembly in permanent absence.
 - Section 2.2.2 Prepare and send the calls and correspondence for the Board meetings and assemblies
 - Section 2.2.3 Sign all the credentials issued by the Organization together with the President.
 - Section 2.2.4 Prepare and read the minutes at all meetings of the Organization and / or Board meetings.
 - Section 2.2.5 To keep all the minutes and the official seal of the Organization.

Section 3.0 FINANCE DIRECTOR

- Section 3.1 Requirements:
 - Section 3.1.1 Being an ordained minister of one or more Movements or Councils National Defenders of the Christian Faith for a term not less than five (5) years.
 - Section 3.1.2 Have basic knowledge of accounting and computers.
 - Section 3.1.3 Possess a degree in theological education from a recognized institution by this Organization.
 - Section 3.1.4 Have basic knowledge of the Spanish and English languages.

Section 3.1.5 Certification of the Director of International Finance or National Treasurer, whoever applies, compliance with the provisions financial regulations for the last two (2) years.

Section 3.2 Duties:

Section 3.2.1 To safeguard the funds of the Organization.

Section 3.2.2 Establish systems for the administration of the funds of the organization.

Section 3.2.3 Issue disbursements with the approval of the President.

Section 3.2.4 Submit reports to the Biennial Assembly and the International Board of Directors.

Section 3.2.5 Prepare the budget of the Organization for the approval of the Board...

Section 4.0 MISSIONS DIRECTOR

Section 4.1 Requirements:

Section 4.1.1 Being an ordained minister of one or more Movements or Councils National Defenders of the Christian Faith for a term not less than five (5) years.

Section 4.1.2 Have basic knowledge of the Spanish and English languages.

Section 4.1.3 Have ministerial experience in a minimum of three (3) countries.

Section 4.1.4 Possess a degree in theological education from a recognized institution by this Organization.

Section 4.1.5 Have performed pastoral functions as an Ordained Minister in a satisfactory manner for a minimum of three (3) years

Section 4.1.6 Certification of the Director of International Finance, of the National Treasurer or those that apply, of compliance with the provisions financial regulations for the last two (2) years.

Section 4.2 Duties:

Section 4.2.1 Prepare the Work Plan for the missionary work of the Organization.

- Section 4.2.2 Establish oversight systems for the missionary work of the Organization
- Section 4.2.3 Supervise and advise the works in development in countries where there is no Movement or National Council and organize it.
- Section 4.2.4 Create and supervise procedures to establish works in countries where the name of the International Movement of Churches Defenders of the Christian Faith does not exist.
- Section 4.2.5 Report to the International Board of Directors.
- Section 4.2.6 Establish and supervise the International Children's Department
- Section 4.2.7 Create and supervise the International Youth Department.
- Section 4.2.8 Create and supervise the Children Sponsorship Program (PAN) to provide them with social assistance
- Section 4.2.9 Each department should operate according to the organizational chart established in the corresponding Process Manual.

Section 5.0 EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Section 5.1 Requirements:

- Section 5.1.1 Being an ordained minister of one or more Movements or Councils National Defenders of the Christian Faith for a term not less than five (5) years.
- Section 5.1.2 Have basic knowledge of the Spanish and English languages.
- Section 5.1.3 Possess a degree awarded by a Theological Institution related to a religious field recognized by this Organization and academic preparation in education.
- Section 5.1.4 Have three (3) years of minimum experience in the area of education Christian.
- Section 5.1.5 Certification of the Director of International Finance, of the National Treasurer, for those that apply, of compliance with the provisions financial regulations for the last two (2) years.

Section 5.2 Duties:

- Section 5.2.1 Prepare the Work Plan for Christian education in the Organization.
- Section 5.2.2 Coordinate the educational efforts of the Movements or Councils Nationals.
- Section 5.2.3 Coordinate trainings to prepare leaders in those countries where there are works in development.
- Section 5.2.4 Report to the International Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII TERMS OF SERVICE

- Section 1.0 The term of service of persons elected to occupy positions on the International Board of Directors will be four (4) years.
- Section 2.0 No member of the International Board of Directors may be elected for more than two (2) consecutive terms for the same position.

ARTICLE IX FINANCE

- Section 1.0 The funds for the operation of this Organization shall be obtained from:
- Section 1.1 Ten percent (10%) of the general income of the members.
- Section 1.2 The International President's tithe.
- Section 1.3 The tithe of the Presidents of Movements or Councils Nationals.
- Section 1.4 Thirty percent (30%) of the tithes of the pastors of the Affiliated churches and twenty percent (20%) of the tithes of the ministers not pastoring.
- Section 1.5 The mission offerings sent by the Churches according to following:
- Section 1.5.1 Pledged Offerings - Those offerings sent by Churches or offerers for a particular purpose. These will be received directly from the Churches or offerers and will be sent in full to the specific works.

- Section 1.5.2 Uncommitted Offerings - Those offerings that are sent without no specific recipient. Churches will send these offerings to the Movement or National Council. The National Office will retain 50% for local missionary work and will send the remaining 50% to the International Office.
- Section 1.5.3 Committed and Uncommitted Mission Offerings will be used solely and exclusively for that purpose.
- Section 2.0 The International President will receive a minimum compensation of twenty- five thousand dollars (\$ 25,000.00) annually and no more than thirty thousand dollars (\$ 30,000.00) for your services, including salary and benefits marginal...
- Section 3.0 If necessary, a minimum of fifty percent will be paid (50%) of the relocation expenses of an elected President. The Election Assembly will appoint a committee of three (3) people to determine the stipend to be paid and report its decision to the Board of Directors within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the choice.

ARTICLE X

ELECTIONS

- Section 1.0 The officers of the International Board of Directors shall be elected by secret voting of the members of the Electoral Assembly.
- Section 2.0 The nomination of the candidates will begin six (6) months before the elections and will be made in any of the following ways:
- Section 2.1 By autonomy.
- Section 2.2 By direct nomination of the Pastors and Ordained Ministers of the National Movements or Councils.
- Section 2.3 All nominations will be made through the Movement or National Council to which the candidate belongs.

- Section 3.0 The National Boards will evaluate the nominated candidates taking in consideration of the requirements established for each position.
- Section 4.0 Once the candidates have been evaluated and qualified, the National Boards notify in writing to the International Board of Directors the nominations for different positions with at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the holding of the Assembly Electionary. It will circulate these names to all Pastors and Ministers Ordained by the available means of communication, by at least sixty (60) days before the Election Assembly.
- Section 5.0 Election Committee
- Section 5.1 The International Board of Directors shall appoint an Elections Committee.
- Section 5.1.1 This committee shall be composed of five (5) Ordained Ministers of different countries represented, as far as possible.
- Section 5.2 This Committee will have the following functions:
- Section 5.2.1 Will assess whether nominated candidates meet the requirements established in the regulation.
- Section 5.2.2 Will administer the election process.
- Section 6.0 Voting system
- Section 6.1.1 There will be one ballot for each position.
- Section 6.1.2 You will vote for one position at a time, based on the order in which it is on the regulations (President, Executive Secretary, Finance Director, Director of Missions and Director of Education).
- Section 6.1.3 Once two candidates from the same country have been elected, this country may not participate in the remaining positions if there are candidates available from other countries.
- Section 6.1.4 At the beginning of the assembly, a model ballot will be displayed for each position with names, updated photos and position to which the different candidates aspire.

- Section 6.1.5 Every candidate to be elected to a position on the Board of Directors must obtain a simple majority (more than half of the votes issued)
- Section 6.1.6 When there is more than one candidate for a position, the order in which will appear on the ballot will be established by draw. This will be conducted by the election committee.
- Section 6.2 Ballot Box
- Section 6.2.1 There will be a ballot box guarded by two members of the Scrutiny Committee where the votes will be deposited.
- Section 6.3 Elections
- Section 6.3.1 Votings will begin at 8:00 AM in the session on the last day of the Assembly until 11:00 AM.
- Section 6.3.2 At the beginning of the voting the committee chairman will open the ballot box to verify that it is empty. He will do it in front of the Committee of Elections and the Scrutiny Committee.
- Section 6.3.3 To perform the right to vote, voters will go to the voting area and will be identified with the credential issued by the International Movement. It has to be current. No one can vote with an expired credential.
- Section 6.3.4 There shall be a Scrutiny Committee appointed by the Scrutiny Committee Elections. This will determine the people necessary for said committee.
- Section 6.3.5 The final result of the elections will be announced before the assembly is finished.
- Section 6.3.6 If in the event a tie occurs for any of the positions, the election will take place the same day, among the candidates who obtained the same number of votes.
- Section 7.0 Installation process for the new Board of Directors.
- Section 7.1 The elected International Board of Directors shall be installed in the Assembly in which was elected, for which the Assembly Program must provide space.

Section 7.2 The International Board will be installed by a Special Commission, the Special Commission being composed of all national presidents of the countries present or their duly certified representatives.

Section 7.3 The new Board will take office immediately after being installed. However, there is a period of thirty (30) days for the transition process.

ARTICLE XI

ASSEMBLIES

Section 1.0 A Biennial Assembly will be held composed of the Pastors in Functions and Ordained Ministers of Movements or National Councils whose countries are members of the International Movement of Churches Defenders of the Christian Faith, with valid credentials and recognized by them, on the date and place determined by the International Board of Directors, and will be announced with at least one (1) year in advance.

Section 2.0 The quorum for the Biennial Assembly will be fifteen percent (15%) of the all the delegates with the right to speak and vote, and who represent thirty percent (30%) of the country's member.

Section 2.1 If at the beginning of the Assembly there is no quorum, a recess of half an hour (30 minutes) will be given and if after that half (1/2) hour there still isn't quorum, the Assembly will be held with the delegates present, as long as there are seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the required quorum.

Section 3.0 All matters submitted to a vote at the Assemblies of the Organization will be decided by a simple majority, that is, more than half of the votes validly issued. Voting for amendments to the Constitution and Regulation, which will be two thirds (2/3) parts or more of the votes cast.

ARTICLE XII ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL MOVEMENTS OR COUNCILS

Section 1.0 In order for a National Movement or Council to be established in any country, shall have no less than five (5) Churches with a minimum of twenty (20) active members each.

Section 2.0 In each country, the Churches affiliated to the International Movement of Churches Defenders of the Christian Faith shall organize to work as a single body, taking as a guide the following scheme:

Section 2.1 They shall prepare a Constitution and Regulations that establishes the statutes for the operation of the new organization.

Section 2.2 They shall have a National Board, composed of at least one president, vice president, executive secretary, treasurer, and some members.

Section 2.3 Any institution established under the creed and statutes of the Constitution and Regulations of this Organization, must identify its affiliation to the International Movement of Churches Defenders of the Faith Christian. Every church affiliated with the National Organization shall label the temple with a sign that identifies it with the Movement International Churches Defender of the Christian Faith. In those countries where local laws do not allow some terms or words to be used including in this name, a query will be made to the International Board of Directors to establish the words that form the official name in that place.

Section 3.0 Each National Board, on behalf of the International Board, shall be in charge of obtaining the corresponding legal personality in its country with affinity to the Creed, Constitution and Regulations of the International Movement.

Section 4.0 The National Movements or Councils shall draft a Code of Ministerial Ethics, in accordance with the Code of Ministerial Ethics of this Organization.

ARTICLE XIII CODE OF MINISTERIAL ETHICS

It was agreed that the pastors in each country meet and discuss the document prepared by the Rules Committee that was appointed for the 2002 Biennial Assembly and later hold a meeting with all National Presidents prior to the Biennial Assembly 2004 and present the agreements of the Meeting of National Presidents at the Biennial Assembly of 2004 for approval.

ARTICLE XIV GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.0 The Creed of this Organization is one and must be accepted in a manner uniform and integrity in each country.

Section 2.0 The Constitution and Regulations of each Movement or National Council must be subject to the Constitution and the Regulations of this Organization.

Section 3.0 The Constitution and Bylaws of each Movement or National Council must have the endorsement of the International Board, and not they may come into effect until they receive it.

Section 4.0 All official documents must be kept on file in the central offices of them Organization.

Section 5.0 The International Board may acquire real estate in the name of the Organization. In those cases where the acquisition involves a commitment of payment by the members of the Biennial Assembly, it will be made prior consultation with them in assembly constituted or by means of a referendum in writing to its members. In both situations it will be suffice the affirmative vote of more than half of the members.

Section 6.0 Any transaction to sell, transfer, exchange, mortgage, to borrow and to lend or donate real property can be consulted to the members of the Biennial Assembly following the procedure in the previous section.

Section 7.0 No article or section of this regulation may be left in suspense, unless it is procedural.

ARTICLE XV AMENDMENTS

Section 1.0 These Regulations may be amended by a vote of two thirds (2/3) parts of the votes cast.

Section 2.0 Proposed amendments will be sent to the offices of the International Board of Directors, to be circulated among the members, at least 120 days before the date of the Biennial Assembly. The Board circulate among members at least 60 days prior to the date of the assembly.

Section 3.0 The approved amendments will take effectiveness immediately after its approval, unless an effective date is indicated.

ARTICLE XVI LOGO AND SEAL

Section 1.0 The official logo of the International Movement of Churches Defenders of the Christian Faith incorporates the helmet, the sword and the cross on the globe of the earth with the name International Movement of Churches Defenders of the Christian Faith forming a circle around it.

Section 2.0 The official seal will be round and will include the official logo.

Section 3.0 The seal shall be in the custody of the International Board of Directors and it will be used in all official documents.

Section 4.0 The logo may not be reproduced or used without the authorization of the International Board of Directors, except for identification purposes of temples and official documents of the Churches and Movements or National Councils.

ARTICLE XVII -APPLICABILITY, JOINT JURISDICTION AND EXCLUSION

Section 1.0 All members of this Organization shall be bound by the Creed, the Constitution and Regulations.

Section 2.0 The Constitution of the Organization shall govern jointly with this Regulation. No agreement will be approved that is contrary to these documents.

Section 3.0 If any clause of the Constitution or Regulations is declared void by any competent authority, the decision will not invalidate the rest.

ARTICLE XVIII ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR

Section 1.0 The ecclesiastical year of this Organization corresponds to the year from May to April.

ARTICLE XIX VALIDITY

Section 1.0 This Regulation will take effect on January 1, 2001.

ARTICLE XX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1.0 Our parliamentary authority will be the Manual of Procedure Reece E. Bothwell MP.

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