

Ground Zero Apostolic Ministry

Ministry By-Laws

ARTICLE I – NAME & PURPOSE

Section 1: Ground Zero Apostolic Ministry (GZAM)

Section 2. Mission Statement:

GZAM exists to glorify God through Jesus Christ with an emphasis on the following:

Ground Zero Apostolic Ministry

The mission of Ground Zero Apostolic Ministry (GZAM) is to advance the kingdom of God with power and authority, standing as a weapon of mass destruction against the works of the enemy. *Ground Zero* represents the central point of transformation—where God’s presence releases rapid, intense, and lasting change. As Scripture declares: “*The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.*” (Matthew 11:12, KJV)

We are committed to equipping every believer in Jesus Christ through sound biblical teaching, **dynamic discipleship**, deliverance, prayer, praise, and worship. Our mandate is to raise up Holy Spirit-filled disciples who are bold, well-equipped, and reflect the love, character, and integrity of Christ Jesus. These disciples will impact their communities with Godly righteousness, tear down demonic strongholds, and fulfill the Kingdom of Heaven assignment on earth.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV)

ARTICLE II – STATEMENTS OF FAITH

1. Jesus Christ has absolute authority over all demonic powers (Philippians 2:10).
 2. Believers have authority through Christ to cast out demons (Mark 16:17).
 3. Deliverance is part of the believer’s inheritance and sanctification (Luke 10:19; Colossians 1:13).
 4. Spiritual warfare requires prayer, fasting, the Word of God, and holiness (2 Corinthians 10:4–5).
 5. Healing and deliverance flow together as part of Christ’s ministry (Matthew 10:7–8).
 6. Proclaiming the Gospel and leading souls to salvation (Mark 16:15).
 7. Equipping believers for spiritual warfare and victorious Christian living (Ephesians 6:12).
 8. Ministering healing and deliverance to the oppressed (Luke 4:18).
 9. Training disciples to walk in holiness, freedom, and power (John 8:36).
 10. Providing a place of worship, teaching, fellowship, and restoration for the body of Christ.
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ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications:

Membership is open to all who desire to follow Jesus Christ and partner with this ministry. Members are encouraged to:

- Confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and seek to grow in their walk with Him.
- Walk in agreement with the church's statement of faith and vision.
- Pursue a lifestyle of holiness and spiritual growth through prayer, the Word of God, and fellowship.
- Support the ministry through attendance, service, and financial support.

Section 2. Rights of Members:

- To belong to a family of believers who encourage, pray for, and walk alongside one another.
- To participate in worship, discipleship, and deliverance ministry.
- To vote in church business meetings (after completing the membership covenant).

Section 3. Responsibilities of Members:

Members commit themselves, with God's help, to:

- Live in a way that honors Christ and avoids practices that lead to spiritual bondage.
- Promote unity, love, and peace within the church family.
- Support the mission of the ministry in prayer, service, and witness to others.

Section 4. Termination of Membership:

Membership may conclude by personal request, transfer to another church, or inactivity. In cases of spiritual concern, leaders will lovingly seek restoration before any formal removal (Galatians 6:1).

ARTICLE IV – CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Headship:

Jesus Christ is the head of the church (Colossians 1:18).

Section 2. Pastor:

• Preaching & Teaching

- To faithfully proclaim the Word of God (2 Timothy 4:2).
- To lead in teaching sound doctrine and equipping the saints for ministry (Ephesians 4:11–12).

• Administering Ordinances

- To administer water baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- To officiate weddings, funerals, baby dedications, and other sacred services.

• Shepherding the Flock

- To provide pastoral care, prayer, counseling, and guidance to members.
- To protect the congregation from false doctrine and spiritual deception (Acts 20:28–29).

- **Deliverance & Healing Ministry**

- To oversee and, when appropriate, personally minister in healing and deliverance.
- To ensure such ministry is conducted in biblical order and with trained ministers.

- **Oversight of Leadership & Ministries**

- To train, equip, and appoint leaders, elders, deacons, and ministry workers.
- To give vision and direction for all church ministries.

- **Administrative Duties**

- To preside at all business meetings (unless otherwise delegated).
- To oversee church records, finances, and property in cooperation with trustees and officers.

- **Representation**

- To serve as the chief representative of the church in its relationships with other churches, ministries, and community organizations.

- **Prayer & Spiritual Discipline**

- To lead by example in prayer, fasting, holiness, and spiritual warfare.
- To keep personal integrity and accountability, modeling Christlike leadership.

- **Accountability**

- The Pastor is accountable to God first, and also to the elders/board and congregation in matters of doctrine, conduct, and stewardship.

Section 3. Elders:

- **Spiritual Oversight**

- To watch over the spiritual health of the church (Acts 20:28).
- To support the Pastor in guarding against false doctrine and spiritual deception.

- **Prayer & Ministry of the Word**

- To devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word (Acts 6:4).
- To pray for the sick and minister healing and deliverance when called upon (James 5:14–15).

- **Support of the Pastor**

- To counsel, encourage, and assist the Pastor in carrying out the vision of the church.
- To provide accountability and counsel in major decisions.

- **Leadership in Worship & Teaching**

- To teach, exhort, and encourage the congregation as needed (1 Timothy 5:17).
- To serve as examples of godly living (1 Peter 5:3).

- **Oversight of Discipline & Restoration**

- To participate in church discipline and restoration processes with love and fairness (Galatians 6:1).
- To help guide members toward repentance, reconciliation, and freedom in Christ.

- **Guardians of Deliverance Ministry**

- To ensure that all deliverance ministry is conducted biblically, safely, and under proper authority.
- To provide prayer covering for those ministering and those receiving ministry.

- **Administrative Role**

- To assist in approving major decisions regarding church property, finances, and governance.
- To help oversee and evaluate ministry leaders and teams.

- **Representation of the Congregation**

- To serve as a bridge between leadership and the congregation, listening to concerns and fostering unity (Philippians 2:2).

Section 4. Deacons/Ministers of Helps:

Deacons

- **Support in Ministry**

- To assist the Pastor and Elders during services, ordinances, and special functions.
- To help maintain order and provide support during deliverance ministry and altar calls.

- **Administration & Stewardship**

- To assist in the collection, safeguarding, and distribution of church funds and offerings, working with the Treasurer.
- To oversee benevolence to members in need, in a spirit of fairness and love.

- **Prayer & Spiritual Example**

- To live as examples of integrity, faith, and service (1 Timothy 3:8–10).
- To support the church in prayer, fasting, and intercession.

Ministry of Helps

- **Assisting in Services**

- To serve as ushers, greeters, altar workers, and intercessors.
- To provide support during worship, prayer, deliverance, and healing services.

- **Hospitality & Care**

- To assist in caring for guests, new believers, and those receiving ministry.
- To provide meals, visitation, and encouragement to members in need.

- **Practical Support**

- To assist in the setup, cleaning, and maintenance of facilities.
- To serve in technical, administrative, or outreach roles as assigned.

- **Spiritual Support**

- To provide a covering of prayer during services and deliverance ministry.
- To encourage unity and joy within the body of Christ.
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Section 5. The officers of the church shall include:

- **Pastor (Jackson Cornelius Moore)** President
- **Secretary / Sargent of Arms/ Deacon** (Orlando V Moore) maintains records, minutes, and order.
- **Treasurer /Deacon** (David Thompson) oversees finances and reports to the membership.
- **Elder/ Prophetess (Tiwonna Moore)** leadership

ARTICLE V – SERVICES & MEETINGS

Section 1. Worship Services:

- Regular services shall include worship, prayer, preaching, and opportunities for healing and deliverance ministry. (Acts 2:42)

Section 2. Business Meetings:

- Quarterly and Annual business meeting for reports, upcoming special events, and financial accountability.
- Special meetings may be called by leadership.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES & MINISTRIES

Committees may be appointed by the Pastor and Elders as needed to carry out the work of the church (missions, worship, youth, outreach, etc.).

ARTICLE VII – SPIRITUAL SAFEGUARDS

- No one may minister deliverance without training from the Pastor or the Elders
 - All ministry must be Christ-centered, scriptural, and Holy Spirit-led.
 - Deliverance ministry must always include follow-up care (discipleship, prayer, teaching).
 - Practices such as occult rituals, New Age practices, hypnotism, or unscriptural “techniques” are strictly prohibited (Deuteronomy 18:10–12).
 - Guest speakers must be vetted by the Pastor and Elders.
 - All ministry teams shall function under pastoral and elder oversight and within established church guidelines (Hebrews 13:17).
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ARTICLE VIII – FINANCES

- Supported by tithes, offerings, and freewill gifts.
 - All finances must be handled with integrity and transparency.
 - Offerings designated for benevolence or outreach must be used as specified.
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ARTICLE IX – DISCIPLINE & RESTORATION

- Discipline will follow Matthew 18:15-17 and Galatians 6:1.
 - Members involved in rebellion, immorality, occult practices, sowing division, and or any biblical unethical practices may be subject to correction or removal.
 - Restoration will always be the goal, through repentance, prayer, and deliverance if needed.
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ARTICLE XII – Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

• We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

• We believe that term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union,

as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

- We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, and attempting to change one's biological sex or otherwise acting upon any disagreement with one's biological sex) is sinful and offensive to God.
- We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, should abide by and agree to this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality, and conduct themselves accordingly.
- We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the doctrines of the church.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

By-laws may be amended with prayerful consideration and two-thirds approval of voting members, provided 30 days' notice is given.

ARTICLE XI – IRS CODE COMPLIANCE

No part of the net earnings of the corporation 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 described in section 501(c)(3). No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation 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, the corporation 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.

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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.

All activities of the organization are in furtherance of the exempt purposes under 501 (c)(3).