

# Constitution & Bylaws



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**Article One**

NAME

The name of this body shall be BCI Global Network Christian Ministries an affiliate of Back To The Cross International Llc hereafter referred to in this document as The Network.

**Article Two**

RELIGIOUS-NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

We of BCI Global Network Christian Ministries publicly declare that we are a religious, nonprofit organization, not being operated for financial gain or profit of any person or group, and all the net receipts of the aforementioned organization shall be used only for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501-(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue law.

**Article Three**

PURPOSES

The purpose for which this religious Christian ministries network is formed shall be:

To preach and expound the Gospel of Jesus Christ, according to the Holy Scriptures, to educate and lead people in the way of salvation, goodness, righteousness, morality and temperance as taught in the Bible: The promotion of any missionary, educational or charitable enterprise. To assume and share the responsibility of fulfilling the Great Commission: The Propagation of the Gospel and the evangelization of the nations. To provide

unity and fellowship among all the members of the Body of Christ. To provide ways and means by which the above objectives may be obtained.

The Network shall have the right to process, buy, mortgage, sell, lease, barter and exchange real and personal property, to borrow money, collect funds, receive gifts and legacies as it may judge necessary for the attainment of these objects.

## Article Four

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

Bci Global Network of Christian Ministries, stands for the whole Bible rightly divided. That the Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man: the infallible rule of faith and conduct and is superior to conscience and reason but not contrary to reason (II Timothy 3:15, 16; I Peter 2:2). We believe...

1. In one God who has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent “I AM”. Ex. 3:14
2. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. That He was crucified, buried and rose from the dead and is today at the right hand of the Father and is the Intercessor. Matt. 1:18, Matt. 27-28, Heb. 12:2
3. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God and that repentance is commanded of God for all the necessary for the forgiveness of sins. Rom. 6:23
4. In the new birth as a result of faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ which brings the forgiveness of sins and that a life of holiness and purity, separated from the world, is God’s standard of living for His people. 2 Cor. 5:17,18
5. That all believers are entitled to and should ardently expect, and earnestly seek the Spirit-filled life as an endowment of power for life and service, and their use in the world of ministry. Acts 2
6. In water baptism as established by the Lord Jesus Christ and that it is representative of the new life in Christ. Matt. 28:18-20

7. That the Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of the great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the Church of the First Born. Eph. 1:22, 23; 2:22; Heb. 12:23
8. In the resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, which is the blessed hope of the Church. 1 Thes. 4:13-18
9. In the final judgment of all humankind and that all have an appointment to stand before the eternal God to be judged for the deeds committed in this life. Rev. 20:10

## Article Five

### MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL BODY

All ministers, churches, evangelistic, educational and missionary ministries, regardless of denomination, that subscribe to The Network's Statement of Faith and believe in the principles, nature, and purposes of The Network may make application to become a part of this international body.

## Article Six

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The Board of Trustees, which shall consist of not less than five (5) members, shall direct the affairs of this corporation.
2. The initial Trustees shall be deemed to have been set in office as of the time of the Articles of Incorporation were approved and filed with the Secretary of State, State of Florida. Each Trustee shall hold office until his or her successor is selected at the annual meeting of the Board, and duly qualified, subject to earlier termination by a vote for removal from the majority of the other Trustees or resignation.

Thereafter, in the event of a vacancy on the Board of Trustees, whether caused by resignation, removal, death, or expansion of the Board, the Trustees then serving shall suggest the name of a person deemed to be qualified to serve. If there be no unresolved objection on the part of the Board of Trustees, the person so suggested shall be set in office as a Trustee; but if there be an unresolved objection, the Trustees shall suggest another name, and the process shall continue until the vacancy or vacancies shall have been filled.

3. The Board of Trustees, by unanimous vote, shall have the authority to establish reasonable compensation of all Trustees or officers for service to the corporation.
4. An annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held on the third Thursday in the month of January, or as designated. The Board of Trustees shall determine the time and place of the meeting and may change the date to avoid legal holidays. The meeting will be for the purpose of holding elections and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.
5. Meetings of the Board of Trustees, regular or special, may be held either within or without the State of Florida.
6. Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees may be held upon such notice, or without notice, at such time and such place as from time to time may be determined by the Board.
7. Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President upon notice to each Trustee, either personally, or by regular or electronic mail.
8. Attendance of a Trustee at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of any notice of such meeting that may have been required by or under any law, statute or regulation. Neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of any regular or special meeting of the Board of Trustees need be specified in the notice of waiver of notice of such meeting.
9. The Board of Trustees shall also be recognized as members of the Presbytery. However, appointment of an individual as a Presbyter shall not automatically be an appointment to the Board of Trustees.

10. A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The active majority of the Trustees present at any meeting of which a quorum is present shall by the act of the Board of Trustees, unless the act of a greater number is required by statutes or by the Articles of Incorporation. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Trustees, the Trustees present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting without notice, other than an announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.
11. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Trustees may be taken without a meeting when consent for such action has been given in writing. Such written consent shall set forth the actions taken shall specifically identify the Yea or Nay vote of the Trustee, and shall be signed by all of the Trustees entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

## Article Seven

### OFFICERS

1. The officers of the organization shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents (the number thereof to be determined by the Board), a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this Article. The Board shall elect the following officers: (1) One or more Vice Presidents, (2) a Secretary, (3) a Treasurer. The Board may appoint such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority and perform the duties prescribed, from time to time by the Board. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the office of the President and Secretary.
2. Any Board member or officer may be removed by a three-quarters vote of the Board whenever in their judgment the best interest of the Organization would be served thereby.
3. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Organization and shall in general supervise and preside over all of the business affairs of the corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board. He may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and

execution thereof shall be delegated by the Board or by these bylaws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the Corporation; and in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of President.

The President may be replaced by a four-fifths vote of the Board only on the grounds of immorality or incompetence. Otherwise, his replacement will be upon his retirement or resignation.

The President shall have final authority to employ or dismiss any staff member or office personnel.

4. Vice President. In the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability to act, the Vice President (or in the event there be more than one Vice President, the Vice Presidents in chronological order of their election) shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. Any Vice President shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board.
5. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep in the minutes of the meetings of the Board in one or more of books provided for that purpose; give all notices in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the Corporation records and the seal of the Corporation, and affix the seal of the Corporation to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provision of these bylaws; and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time be assigned to him by the President or by the Board.
6. Treasurer. If required by the Board, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board shall determine. He shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the Corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Corporation from any source whatsoever; and deposit all such monies in the name of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President of the Board.

7. Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries. If required by the Board, the Assistant Treasurers shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board shall determine. The Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries in general shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Treasurer or the Secretary or by the President or the Board.

## Article Eight

### INDEMNIFICATION OF TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

The corporation shall indemnify any trustee, officer or employee, or former trustee, officer or employee of the corporation, or any person who may have served at its request as trustee, officer or employee of another corporation in which it owns shares of stock or of which it is a creditor, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding in which he or she is made a party by reason of being or having been such trustee, officer or employee, except in relation to matters as to which he shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty. The corporation may also reimburse to any trustee, officer or employee the reasonable costs of settlement of any such action, suit or proceeding if it shall be found by a majority of a committee composed of the Trustees not involved in the matter in controversy (whether or not a quorum), that it was to the interest of the corporation that such trustee, officer or employee was not guilty of negligence or misconduct. Such rights of indemnification and reimbursement shall not be deemed exclusive of any other right to which such trustee, officer or employee may be entitled under any By-Law agreement, or otherwise.

## Article Nine

### CONTRACTS

The Board of Trustees, except as in these By-Laws otherwise provided, may authorize any officer or agent to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Organization and such authority may be general or confined to a specific instance; and unless so authorized by the Board of Trustees, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power of authority to bind the corporation by any

contract or engagement, or to pledge its credit or render it liable pecuniary for any purpose or for any amount.

**Article Ten**  
**MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS**  
***(Ordained, Licensed, Commissioned)***

***Applicants for Ministerial Credentials***

BCI Global Network Christian Ministries,. offers three categories of ministerial credentials: *Ordained Minister, Licensed Minister, and Commissioned Christian Minister.* To more adequately ensure the formation of proper ministerial attitudes, and to offer a structured approach to practical ministerial training, applicants for Licensed Minister and Commissioned Christian Minister shall serve an internship under an ordained pastor, missionary, evangelist or other designated clergy.

All applicants for ministry must be nominated by the Pastor of their local Church and endorsed by at least two other persons.

All applicants must be loyal members of a local church.

An application for ministry credentials shall be provided by The Network and must be properly endorsed as stipulated in the Constitution of The Network.

***Ordained Minister***  
***(Review Annual Requirements Section)***

***Qualifications:***

1. Applicants for **Ordained Minister** must meet all of the Biblical requirements as set forth in I Timothy 3:1-7.
2. Applicants may be ordained when they have attained twenty-five years of age, provided they have at least five years of active, proven ministry service.

3. Applicants must be thoroughly acquainted with and sign a statement of intent to abide by the By-Laws and Statement of Faith of Logos Global Network of Christian Ministries, Inc.
4. It is recommended that the applicant hold a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent and be working toward a Masters degree.

***The Ordained Minister shall have the right and authority to:***

1. Preach, publish, teach and defend the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Serve in any ministry or official capacities/appointments as his/her gift qualify him/her.
3. Baptize converts.
4. Receive believers into fellowship and church membership.
5. Administer sacraments and perform all sacerdotal duties.
6. Solemnize rights of matrimony.
7. Assist in ordination ceremonies of clergy.
8. Establish and organize churches.
9. Serve in any ministerial capacity requiring ordination.

***Licensed Minister***  
***(Review Annual Requirements Section)***

***Qualifications:***

1. Applicants for **Licensed Minister** must meet the Biblical requirements as set forth in I Timothy 3:1-7.
2. Applicants may be licensed when they have attained twenty-one years of age, provided they have at least five years of active, proven ministry service.
3. Applicants must be thoroughly acquainted with and sign a statement of intent to abide by the By-Laws and Statement of Faith of Logos Global Network of Christian Ministries, Inc.
4. It is recommended that the applicant hold an Associate's degree, or its equivalent, and be working toward a Bachelor's degree.

***The Licensed Minister shall have the right and authority to:***

1. Preach, teach, and defend the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Do the work of an Evangelist, Pastor or Missionary.
3. Baptize converts under the supervision of an ordained minister.
4. Receive believers into fellowship and church memberships.
5. Administer sacraments and perform assigned sacerdotal duties under the supervision or direction of an ordained minister.

6. Solemnize rights of matrimony when authorized by an ordained minister.
7. Establish and organize churches under the supervision or direction of an ordained minister.

In the case of Military Chaplains, the Presbytery is empowered to waive age, time, and performance minimum requirements for Ordination.

***Commissioned Minister***  
***(Review Annual Requirements Section)***

***Qualifications:***

Since the work of the ministry often requires the assistance of non-ecclesiastical personnel to complete the various ministerial functions, such persons shall be conferred with the designation of **Commissioned Minister**. This designation will be a fully sanctioned commissioned ministry. The qualifications should be the same as those applying for License. Commissioned Ministers shall:

1. Have the authority to assist in all ecclesiastical duties under the authority or direction of a duly licensed or ordained minister.
2. Have all the rights and privileges of the ecclesiastical personnel as it pertains to the work of the ministry and their relationship with the community, government, and the Body of Christ at large.
3. Endeavor to pursue a program of ministerial training and/or a continuing education program.

***Annual Requirements for All Credential Holders***

*All credentialed Ministers of BCI Global Network Christian Ministries, are required to:*

1. Possess an unexpired membership card.
2. Attend at least one regional meeting per year.
3. Complete an annual on-line assigned course.
4. Establish annual contact with BCI to update contact information, etc.
5. Renew affiliation with BCI annually. Such renewal must be completed on or before **the 15<sup>th</sup> day** of the month in which credentials were issued.
6. Submit a report of ministry activity to BCI

The **ministerial credential certificate issued** by the Presbytery will be considered valid when a credential card for the current year has been

issued to the minister. The Presbytery shall be required to revoke the credentials of ministers who fail to comply with the requirement for annual renewal.

## Article Eleven

### DISCIPLINE

Any member of The Network (whether individual or church, evangelistic ministry, or any other type of organization) may be removed as a member of The Network for the following reasons:

1. Rejection of any aspect of the Statement of Faith or the By-Laws of The Network.
2. Immorality.
3. Unruly or disorderly actions, conduct or behavior.
4. Causing divisions within The Network or within any church that is a member of The Network.
5. Any action, conduct, or behavior, or church or ministry operations, which is contrary to the Bible or Biblical principles or doctrine.
6. Failure to comply with the provision of this Constitution.
7. Failure to pay membership fees as required in the financial section of these ByLaws.
8. Rebellion
9. As the BCI Board approves

In all disciplinary actions, the Presbytery Council shall have the authority to take whatever steps they feel necessary and appropriate in dealing with the offending member. In the event of a disagreement as to whether any action, conduct, behavior, or omission falls within any of the categories specified in the discipline section, the disagreement shall be settled by the determination and interpretation of the Presbytery in its sole and absolute discretion, and any such determination by the Presbytery shall be final and non-appealable.



## Article Twelve

### FINANCES

The Board of Trustees shall prepare an annual budget to be presented to the Joint Board of Trustees, Presbyters and Regional Directors at its Annual Meeting. Membership fees shall be required of each Minister, Church, and Evangelistic or Missionary Ministry uniting with The Network. The amount shall be set by the Presbytery Council. The Presbytery Council shall take care of all business not specifically given to an officer or another board pursuant to this Constitution.

All funds (except membership fees) of this body shall be raised by voluntary donation, secured upon the merits of the causes with which appeals are made. The Network may also acquire funds by bequest, or income property that may be acquired.

No member of The Network shall have authority to raise funds in the name of The Network without specific, written consent of the Presbytery.

## Article Thirteen

### EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501-(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

## Article Fourteen

### NOTICE

1. Any notice of Trustees or officers of the corporation shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or mailed to their respective addresses appearing on the books of the corporation. Notice by mail shall be deemed to be given at the time when the same shall be deposited by the United States mail, postage prepaid.

2. Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the statutes or under the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

## Article Fifteen

### CHECKS

All checks or demands for money and notes of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board of Trustees may from time to time designate.

## Article Sixteen

### FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Trustees,

st and shall end on December 31 of each year unless changed by action of the Board of Trustees.

## Article Seventeen

### CORPORATE SEAL

The corporate seal, if used, shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees. The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or in any manner reproduced.

## Article Eighteen

### AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may only be amended or repealed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees duly called for the specific purpose of amending or repealing the same.

## Article Nineteen

### DISSOLUTION

This Organization may be dissolved only pursuant to the agreement of the Board of Trustees. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501-(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision 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 the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation 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.

