

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LING LIANG WORLD-WIDE EVANGELISTIC MISSION ASSOCIATION

Chapter one General Rules

Article 1: This Organization is to be known as “LING-LIANG WORLD-WIDE EVANGELISTIC MISSION ASSOCIATION”.

Article 2: Article of Faith

1. We believe that the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, is inspired by God and is the highest authority for all believers' faith and conduct.
2. We believe in One Triune God, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, who is the only eternally existing, true God. These three are one in essence and equal in every divine perfection, the Creator and Sustainer of all.
3. We believe Jesus Christ is the incarnated Word in true nature of both God and Man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and died on the cross for our sins. He was raised on the third day and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father making intercession for the believers; He is the head of church. One day He shall return to establish His kingdom on the earth, and judge both the living and the dead.
4. We believe the Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus Christ to indwell in the heart of believers as the Comforter, guide them into all the truth, and He will reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.
5. We believe that man, created in the image of God, fell into sin and died physically and spiritually. All men have sin, totally separated from God, and only by the redemptive merit of Lord Jesus can thus be saved.
6. We believe that Church comes from those who believe in Jesus Christ and converted by the Holy Spirit. The Church is responsible for Christ's Great Commission to preach the gospel till the end of the world, edify believers with the Truth, and proclaim the virtues of God in society.

Article 3: Aim

The aim of this Association is to “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

Article 4: The Objectives of the Association:

1. To help member churches build up a good relationship.
2. To help member churches grow.
3. To encourage member churches to have a world vision and active involvement in evangelism.

Chapter Two GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 5: The General Assembly consists of church appointed representatives from independent Ling Liang Churches. Each member church with less than 100 active members should send one representative, with more than 100 active members can send two representatives, those with active member more than 200 may send three representatives, those with more than 300, four representatives; and those with more than 400, a maximum of five representatives. Churches may also send additional participants to the General Assembly. They along with the guests invited by General Assembly Planning Committee (or the Association Committee) will attend as observers. However, the representatives will have first priority in seating at all General Assembly meetings. The list of the attendees must be submitted to the Association in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the General Assembly Planning Committee

Article 6: The General Assembly is the highest decision-making body of the Association. It is accountable to all member churches. Its responsibilities are as follow:

1. To amend and interpret the Constitution of the Association.
2. To elect the President of the Association.
3. To work out strategies and objectives of evangelism.
4. To set up the collaborative ministry and encourage every church to participate
5. To decide on the venue of the next General Assembly meeting.
6. To decide specific ministries strategies.

Article 7: The General Assembly will meet every three years. The President will write to each district and member churches six months in advance to solicit proposals for the agenda. These proposals must reach the Association Committee 40 days prior to the meeting.

Article 8: The President may, according to need, or at the written request of one-third of the member churches, advance or delay calling the General Assembly meeting. The General Assembly meeting must have a quorum of more than one-half of the total number of official representatives. (Note: The legitimate votes consist of the representatives who are registered and accounted of at the Opening ceremony of the Assembly. A late arriving representative may appeal to the Association Committee for reinstatement of his voting right if he has a compelling and legitimate reason. The decision of the Association Committee on the appeal is final. Absentees would lose their right to vote in the Assembly. The absentees cannot be counted or included in the sum of total legitimate votes.)

Article 9: Panel Chairman for the General Assembly meeting

1. Panel Chairman and the number of the chairmen are to be nominated and decided by the delegates.
2. Duties
 - A To chair meetings by rotation.
 - B To preside over elections.
 - C To record and notify the General Council of all the resolutions and submit them to the newly elected President for necessary action.

Article 10: Observers may sit in the meetings with the right to speak but not to vote or be elected.

Chapter Three THE ASSOCIATION STRUCTURE

Article 11: The Association has one President, taking charge of the business of the Association, representing the Association externally, and being accountable to the General Assembly. Only those who have served in member churches for over 5 years and have attended the General Assembly at least twice are eligible to be the President.

Article 12: The incumbent President invites and organizes the committee and delegates each committee with responsibilities and authorities.

Article 13: If there is a District Committee, the chairman of this committee shall automatically be the coordinator. When a district does not have a district Committee, every church shall choose a church member to coordinate with the LLWWEMA committee.

Chapter 4 MEMBERSHIP FORMATION

Article 14 Qualification for Membership

1. A church planted by an LLWWEMA church.
2. A non-LLC which accepts the Constitution of LLWWEMA and is willing to join according to the application procedure as outlined in Chapter 4 Article 15.

Article 15 Application Procedure and Conditions

1. A church applying for LLWWEMA membership shall send their application to the Ling Liang District Committee. If accepted, the district committee will recommend the applicant church to the LLWWEMA Committee for approval or:
2. If no Ling Liang organization exists within the district, the church shall apply directly to the LLWWEMA Committee for membership.
3. If the General Assembly is not in session, under the acceptance and recommendation to the General Assembly, the applicant can become a candidate for membership.
4. Upon the recommendation of LLWWEMA Committee, the General Assembly will vote on the application for membership. A 2/3 of the legitimate votes are required for approval of membership.
5. Upon approval by the General Assembly, an applicant church shall officially become a LLWWEMA member, then the church's name shall be changed if necessary to reflect that she is a member of the LLWWEMA church.
6. A church planted by a LLWWEMA member church, when becomes independent, shall automatically a member.

Article 16 Rights of Membership

1. Participation in the General Assembly and the right to vote
2. May submit their needs to the LLWWEMA
3. May make constructive suggestions
4. Participate in the activities and ministries of LLWWEMA

Article 17 Responsibilities of Membership

1. Actively participate in the activities and ministries of LLWWEMA
2. Promote LLWWEMA and her ministries within the church
3. Support the needs of LLWWEMA, e.g. prayers, human resources, finances etc.
4. Propose appropriate Mission projects for strategic alliance with other LLWWEMA members.

5. Actively share and exchange communication with LLWWEMA.
6. Must abide by the LLWWEMA's Constitution.

Article 18 Changing of Membership Status

A church shall cease to be a LLWWEMA member when it

1. No longer willing to follow the LLWWEMA's Constitution..
- 2 No longer interested in fulfilling the responsibilities of membership.
- 3 Notifies LLWWEMA in writing of its desire to withdraw its membership from LLWWEMA.

Chapter 5 Finance

Article 19: Financial Source of the Association

- 1 Funds will be raised to meet the budget of the approved ministry proposals. No fees will be collected from LLWWEMA members.
- 2 Free will offerings will be accepted for specific projects or general expenditure.

Article 20: Any inadequacies in the Constitution may be submitted to the General Assembly for amendment.

Article 21: This Constitution was amended and ratified by the General Assembly on November 13, 2001 at the 10th General Assembly.