

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

This body shall be known as the Knoxville District Baptist Missionary and Educational Association, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II.

The objectives of this body shall be to perpetuate Evangelism, Missions, and Education.

ARTICLE III.

This body shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist churches in good standing and who are in harmony with the spirit and objectives of the Association.

Section 1. An annual member shall be one who will register with \$2.00 in a Board Meeting or the Annual Session. Said persons may not have voting privileges or hold office in the Association.

ARTICLE IV.

The Officers of the Association will be a Moderator, three (3) Vice-Moderators, a General Recording Secretary, an Assistant Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, a Statistician, a Chairperson and Secretary of the Finance Committee, and a Musician.

Section 1. This body shall elect annually the Officers for the respective ministries: the Women's Ministry, the Youth and Young Adult Ministry, the Congress Ministry, the Laymen's Ministry, the Choir Ministry, and the Usher Ministry.

Section 2. The body shall elect seven (7) Trustees to look after the assets of the body.

Section 3. These Officers will be recommended by a Nominating Committee as appointed by the Moderator.

Section 4. All general Officers and Heads of Ministries shall be governed by tenure and be eligible for election no more than four (4) years until at least one year has lapsed. Trustees should be elected for four (4), three (3), and two (2) years concurrently.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of the Moderator. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings of the parent body and enforce a rigid observance of the Constitution, rules and regulations of the Association. He shall cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie. He shall sign all documents requiring his signature, and by virtue of his office, shall have general supervision over the work of all Ministries. The opening session of the Association shall be called to order by the Moderator.

Section 1. Duties of the Vice-Moderators. There shall be a Vice-Moderator of Education who shall serve as Chairperson of the Trustee Board. He shall supervise the Educational and Administrative work.

Section 2. There shall be a Vice-Moderator of Evangelism. He shall supervise the Choir and Usher Ministries.

ARTICLE V. (continued)

Section 3. There shall be a Vice-Moderator of Missions. He shall supervise the Laymen, Women, and Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Association, keep the Official Seal, and other records and documents, register the names of the members of the Association, and perform such other duties common to the office.

Section 5. The Financial Secretary shall receive monies on quotas, enrollments, collections, letters and Ministries and shall turn them over to the Treasurer. All monies shall be paid out by check, signed by the Chairperson and Financial Secretary, or chairperson and the Treasurer. This person shall serve as Secretary of the Finance Commission.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive all money from the Financial Secretary after it has been duly processed, and pay all money when it has been properly signed, and report quarterly and annually the status of the treasury. The Treasurer shall be bonded.

Section 7. The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for all official communication pertaining to the work of the Association.

Section 8. The Statistician shall compile reports and costs to be published in the minutes of the Association, enrollment of churches, and work individually and collectively with the member churches, and work.

Section 9. The Chairperson of the Finance Commission shall be responsible for receiving monies, paying expenditures submitted with a voucher, and submitting finance to the Treasurer.

Section 10. The Musician shall serve in all Executive Board meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE VI.

Each church shall give a proportionate sum as suggested by the Budget Committee, which includes representation, education and mission. For training, a church may send as many as they choose. For voting, no church shall have more than nine (9) votes, which includes all ministries.

ARTICLE VII.

Any church or member of this body becoming corrupt in doctrine or irregular in practice, persisting in his/her course after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim him/her, shall no longer be a member of this Association.

ARTICLE VIII.

No difficulty between churches or in churches of this body shall be heard by the Association until Gospel steps have been taken to settle the difficulty, i.e., submitting to a mutual exported council.

ARTICLE IX.

The Holy Scripture, the Word of God, shall be the sole rule of faith and practice of this body. All doctrine and practice not sustained by the Word of God shall be rejected.

ARTICLE X.

The following standing committees shall be appointed: Hospitality, Memorial, New Bodies, Nominating, Scholarship, Time and Place of the Meeting, and such special committees as the body may appoint.

Section 1. The following committees shall be appointed annually: Budget, Mission, Temperance, Program, and State of the Nation. These committees shall be appointed the first day of the Annual Sessions for the purpose of carrying out functions for the coming Session.

ARTICLE XI.

There shall be four (4) sermons delivered at the Annual Session, namely: Doctrinal, Educational, Introductory, and Missionary Addresses and other sermons as are deemed necessary.

ARTICLE XII.

This body shall meet annually beginning on the second Sunday night in August.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Executive Board shall meet quarterly, the dates to be set at the Annual Session, subject to change by circumstances.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Executive Board of the body shall be composed of all Officers and Pastors of churches affiliated with the Association.

ARTICLE XV.

This Constitution shall be the governing instrument with the Association.

Section 1. The Constitution shall be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice is given on the first day of the proposed change.