

CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF NEW YORK CITY & VICINITY

Adopted in its
SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

at the

TRIED STONE BAPTIST CHURCH
1591 Boston Road
Jacob P. Posey, Pastor
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Rev. C. C. Hoke, Corresponding Secretary

PREAMBLE

Whereas the divine providence hath so constituted man in thinking under the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit, to organize such a great movement a this Association, for the furtherance of the work of the Kingdom Program. And, whereas it is our desire to perfect such a constitution that will be a guide in the operation of all departments for a closer fellowship and understanding that our aim an purpose may become a reality, and that we may be blessed by God, our Father, trough Jesus Christ our Lord.

May we strive together and be a help to each other in Mission, Education and Evangelism, both numerically, morally and otherwise.

May the blessings of God be upon each one of us in the years ahead. Rise up and let us build and blaze the way for those that will follow. Where there is unity there is strength.

“UNITED WE ARE - ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL”.

Jacob P. Posey, Chairman
Revision Committee

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OF NEW YORK CITY VICINITY

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ARTICLE I

NAME

This body shall be known as the UNITED MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY AND VICINITY.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

The object of this Association shall be as follows: to promote the preaching of the Gospel; to build a strong Christian Fellowship through the Association of Baptist Churches, ministers and members; to foster co-operative and mutual aid to associate churches; to help in the establishment of Baptist Churches, Missions, Sunday schools, Missionary Societies Baptist Training Unions, Youth Fellowships, Layman's Leagues, Nurses' Unit and Ushers; to promote denominational unity and efficiency in the evangelization of the world; to give expression of its constituency matters; to earnestly cooperate with and promote the unified program of the Empire Missionary Baptist Convention in its promotion of Christian Education and Home and Foreign Missions; to encourage and promote adequate preparation for the Gospel Ministry, and for other church workers and leaders; and to provide an Ordination Council for the examination and preparation of aspirants to the Gospel Ministry.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. This Association shall be composed of messengers from regular Baptist Churches, Missionary Societies, Sunday Schools, Baptist Training Unions, Layman's Leagues, Youth Fellowship, Nurses, Ushers and all persons who are members in good and regular standing of a Baptist Church affiliated with the Association.

SECTION 2. The business

of the Association, except hereinafter provided, shall be transacted at the annual and quarterly meetings by officially delegated messengers, entitled to one vote each and acting in one capacity only, who may be included in one or more of the following groups:

- (a) All regularly ordained or licensed Baptist Ministers actively engaged or actively associated in the pastorate of a Baptist Church affiliated with this Association; or Superannuated Baptist Ministers who are in retirement and were in good standing upon retirement.
- (b) Any person or persons, may be invited to a seat in a regular meeting of the Association by invitation of the Presiding Officers.

ARTICLE IV
MEETINGS

The Association shall meet annually, the week alter the first Sunday in October, and shall hold quarterly meetings on the fourth Thursday and Friday in April, a the fourth Thursday and Friday in July. The January meeting shall be to complete all business unfinished at the annual meeting. The April meeting shall be known as our Education meeting. The July meeting shall be known as our Home Mission meeting. Other meetings shall be called as the moderator deems necessary. The Executive Board shall have the power to alter the time and place of any and all meetings, and in the case of emergency, shall determine (with the moderator) if any meeting shall be held.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

The Officers of this Association shall be: a moderator, who shall not hold office more than four (4) successive years; two vice moderators; a recording secretary; and assistant general secretary; a historian a statistician; a financial secretary; a corresponding secretary; a treasurer; and a auditor, all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting. All shall be members in good standing in a Baptist Church affiliated with the Association.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1. There shall be a Board of Directors constituted as follows:

- (a) The officers of the Association
- (b) The retiring moderator for one year
- (c) The chairman of the commissions

ARTICLE VII

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall elect annually an Executive Committee of twenty-one (21) members, which shall include the Moderator, First Vice Moderator, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and 3 representatives from each Auxiliary.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies during the interim of the association meeting.

SECTION 3. The Moderator, Treasurer and Financial Secretary shall sign all documents, checks and such other papers as ordered by the Association.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMISSIONS

There shall be six commissions, each to consist of one person, with the Moderator appointing one to work on the commissions.

THE COMMISSIONS

- a. Christian education
- b. Church Extension
- c. Foreign Missions
- d. Home Ministry
- e. Pastoral Education
- f. Social Service

The commission shall have power to fill vacancies that occur in their members with the consent of the Moderator and they shall serve until the annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 1X

COMMITTEES

The following committee shall be appointed to function at each annual session in the performance of duties common to their construction:

- a. On Enrollment
- b. On Finance
- c. On Time and Place
- d. On Programs
- e. On Nominations

The size of these committees shall be left to the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

COUNCIL

There shall be a council for the purpose of examining applicants aspiring to the gospel ministry and ordaining them if they are found to be worthy. The Moderator shall in all cases call together these meetings.

Hi ARTICLE X
REPRESENTATION

The Messenger and Representation fee per annum shall be:

- (a) Churches with one thousand or more members shall pay \$1,000.00 and each is entitled to ten messengers;
- (b) Churches with five hundred members shall pay \$75.00 and each is entitled to seven messengers;
- (c) Churches with three hundred to five hundred members shall pay \$50.00 and each is entitled to five messengers;
- (d) Churches with one hundred and fifty to three hundred members shall pay \$40.00 and each is entitled to three messengers;
- (e) Churches with fifty to one hundred members shall pay \$15.00 and is entitled to two messengers;
- (f) Churches with fifty members or less shall pay \$10.00 and each is entitled to one messenger;
- (g) All auxiliaries may ask each department of each local church to represent with whatever amount they deem necessary.

The Pastors of the churches shall be seated as delegates aside from the messengers elected. The above amounts may be given for all amounts paid in any session until the full amount has been paid.

ARTICLE XI

DRIVES

SECTION 1. Special financial drives may be conducted by commissions for special purposes.

SECTION 2. Churches are urged to accept the quotas of the Empire Baptist State Convention and send directly to the Baptist headquarters monthly payments on aid quotas.

ARTICLE XII

AUXILIARIES

The recognized auxiliaries of this Association shall be:

Baptist Training Department / Baptist Youth Fellowship/Nurses Department/ Sunday School Department
Ushers Department / Women's Auxiliaries/ Youth Department

CONGRESS

Baptist Training Department / Sunday School Department / Youth Department

These auxiliaries may have their own rules and regulations, their own budgets for operating; but in no wise shall they conflict with the constitution of the Parent Body and especially that of ARTICLE V which has to do with tenure. In ARTICLE V the Moderator is only mentioned, but this applies to all presiding officers. All are under the four (4) year tenure.

All funds of each auxiliary, over and above the expenses of any mission based upon reasons submitted in the budget, shall be turned over to the treasurer of the Parent Body. No auxiliary is permitted to pay any bills, or for any type of service rendered, in cash or personal money. AU payments must be made by check.

HONORARIA

Honoraria and expenses for officers and workers of this Association shall be determined on a year to year basis.

THE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION

It shall be the policy of this Association to represent in the EMPIRE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

It shall not be the policy of this Association to represent in any national or international body without the vote of the Association.

This constitution may be altered in any meeting, providing a written notice has been given in a previous meeting by a two-third vote.