

THE CONSTITUTION -AND- BY-LAWS  
-OF-  
UNITED ASSEMBLIES OF CHRIST INTERNATIONAL

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## CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Church shall be:

**UNITED ASSEMBLIES OF CHRIST INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

### ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose for which this Church is organized is exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of the US IRS Code 501(c)(3), or the corresponding code of any future federal tax code. Specifically, United Assemblies of Christ International, Inc. is established for the following:

1. To preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ
2. To sustain the praise and worship of the Lord our God
3. To provide a means of corporate worship, teaching and training
4. To minister to the needs of the people of God, physically, mentally and spiritually
5. To observe the Sacraments and ordinances of the Church
6. To nourish, sustain and provide and enrich the New Testament Five-Fold Ministry (Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher; Eph. 4:11)
7. To perform any and all tasks that the Lord our God purposes for us to do

### ARTICLE III: DOCTRINAL STATEMENT DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

#### I. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired, inerrant and infallible Word of God, the product of holy men of old who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Bible we accept as our infallible guide in all matters pertaining to conduct and doctrine. (*II Tim 3:16; I Thess. 2:13*)

#### II. THE GODHEAD

Our God is One, Holy, Living and True God, of everlasting and of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness, the Creator and Preserver of all things seen and unseen. Our God has revealed Himself to us through three Divine manifestations as The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. (*Phil. 2:6; Matt. 3:15-17*)

#### III. MAN, HIS FALL AND REDEMPTION

We believe that man is a created being, made in the image and likeness of God. Through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was made manifest to undo the works of the Devil. He gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore man to God. (*Rom. 5:12; Rom 3:9-10; I John 3:8; Gal. 3:13-14*)

We believe **SALVATION** is the gift of God to man and is separate from works and the law. Salvation is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God. (*Eph. 2:8*)

#### **IV. ETERNAL LIFE AND NEW BIRTH**

We believe that the first step towards salvation is godly sorrow that works repentance. We believe that New Birth (being Born Again) is necessary to all men, and when fulfilled, produces eternal life. (*II Cor. 7:10; I John 5:12; St. John 3:3-5*)

#### **V. WATER BAPTISM**

We believe that Baptism in water is a direct command of our Lord Jesus and is for believers only. The ordinance is an outward and visible symbol of an inward invisible work. Water Baptism symbolizes the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. (*Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39*)

#### **VI. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe in the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift from God as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to those who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Acts 1:8; Acts 2:4; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:5*)

#### **VII. SANCTIFICATION**

We believe that the Bible clearly teaches that without holiness no man can see the Lord. We believe in the doctrine of sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace, commencing at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of salvation. (*Heb. 12:14; I Thess. 5:23; II Pet. 3:18; II Cor. 3:18; Phil. 3:12-14*)

#### **VIII. DIVINE HEALING**

Healing is for the spiritual, physical and emotional ills of the body and is wrought by the power of God through the prayer of faith, and by the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. It is the privilege of every member of the Church today. (*Mark 16:18; James 5:14-20; I Pet. 2:24; Matt. 8:17; Isa. 53:4-6*)

#### **IX. RESURRECTION OF THE JUST AND THE RETURN OF OUR LORD**

The angel said, "This same Jesus shall so come in like manner." His coming is imminent. When He comes, the dead in Christ shall rise to meet Him, and those believers who are physically alive shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet our Lord in the air. (*Acts 1:11; I Thess. 4:1-17*) He shall return to the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords, and together with His saints, He shall reign a thousand years. (*Rev. 20:6*)

#### **X. HELL AND ETERNAL RETRIBUTION**

The one who physically dies in his sins without Christ is hopelessly and eternally lost in the lake of fire and therefore has no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel or for repentance. The lake of fire is literal. The terms "eternal" and "everlasting," used in describing the duration of punishment of the damned in the lake of fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence as used in describing the duration of joy and ecstasy of the saints in the presence of God. (*Heb. 9:27; Rev. 19:20; Heb. 6:1-2*)

#### **XI. COMMUNION - THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We partake of the Lord's Supper to show the Lord's death until He comes. The bread symbolizes the Lord's broken body and the wine symbolizes the covenant in His blood, which provides us with forgiveness and relationship with God. We judge ourselves before we receive it (for we know if we

receive it unworthily without giving it honor as the symbol of our salvation and considering our brothers), we are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. (*I Cor 11 :23 - 23*)

## **XII. LAYING ON OF HANDS**

In obedience to the example and words in the Bible, we believe in the laying on hands for blessing, for healing of the sick to confer office, to receive the Holy Spirit, to receive anointing and for ordination to consecrate and receive the necessary ministry gifts. (*Mark 10:13-16, Mark 5:22-23, Acts 8:16-17, I Tim 4:14*)

## **ARTICLE V: CREED**

### ***The Apostles' Creed***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *\*catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **AMEN.**

*\*Catholic* is defined as "*universal*" from the Greek "*catholicos*," meaning universal or general.

## **ARTICLE VI: LOCATION**

### **Section 1:**

**United Assemblies of Christ International, Inc.** shall maintain its domicile at:  
**308 North 36<sup>th</sup> Street Louisville, Kentucky 40212 USA**

### **Section 2:**

**United Assemblies of Christ International, Inc.** shall maintain its mailing address of:  
**Post Office Box 11763 Louisville, KY 40251-0763 USA**

### **Section 3:**

**United Assemblies of Christ International, Inc.** shall maintain its web site location at the following web site address: ***http://www.uacintl.org***

# ~BY-LAWS OF~

## UNITED ASSEMBLIES OF CHRIST INTERNATIONAL

### ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

#### Section 1:

Membership is open to all who have professed belief and accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, and have been received into the fellowship of the Church by one of the following methods:

1. By Licensing/Ordination into the Ministry of UACI
2. By Transfer of License/Ordination from a recognized church
3. By Registration of License/Ordination as an Associate Member of UACI

#### Section 2:

Members of United Assemblies of Christ International are required to attend the regularly scheduled services of this Church (i.e. Holy Convocation, Annual Fellowship Conference, Regional Convention).

It is the duty of members to guide themselves in accordance with these Constitution and By-Laws of this Church, and to acquire scriptural knowledge, spiritual guidance and all other benefits of membership in this Church.

#### Section 3:

Members shall support the work of the Church through prayer, participation and financial support. Financial support is to be rendered in the following manner by all members of this Church:

1. **Tithes:** It is a scriptural mandate that the church be supported by the giving of Tithes, which is ten percent of each individuals gross income. The Tithe is holy unto the Lord our God, and is therefore required by all members. Tithes are used for the operational expenses of the Church, and therefore the duty of all members to support the operational expenses of our Church. All Bishops of United Assemblies of Christ International are required to pay their tithes directly to United Assemblies of Christ International.
2. **Offerings:** Scripture plainly states that our Offerings are over and above the Tithe. Offerings are used for the relief of the poor, special gifts and other purposes within the scope of the Church. All Ministers credentialed by United Assemblies of Christ International are required to submit monthly financial support by way of a monthly offering.
3. **Pastoral Support:** (*Levite Offering*) The membership of the Church is responsible for the provision of the support of the Pastoral ministry. This will enable the Pastor and his staff to concentrate on the work of this Church, and the worldwide ministry of the Christian faith. Therefore, all members are duty bound to give liberally and cheerfully for the provision of the ministry.
4. **Seed Planting:** United Assemblies of Christ International, shall also use for the benefit of this ministry any and all contributions planted as "*faith seeds*" for the mutual benefit and advancement of this ministry.

**Section 4:**

Members shall be deemed members in good and regular standing as long as they live a consistent Christian lifestyle, maintain attendance at the regularly scheduled services of the Church, and maintain the qualifications and duties of membership.

Members who have been absent from the regular services of the Church, without having obtained the liberty of the Presiding Prelate for more than ninety (90) days shall be deemed “Inactive,” and therefore shall not be deemed eligible to the benefits of this Church.

**Section 5:**

Members who have been “*Inactive*” for more than one hundred eighty (180) days shall be dropped from the membership rolls of the Church. A letter shall be delivered to the member indicating the action and will be provided the opportunity to be reinstated at any time, as long as they provide testimony of having lived a consistent Christian lifestyle, or have a repentant heart and return to God for reconciliation.

**Section 6:**

Members desiring to relocate outside of the jurisdiction of this church shall be required to obtain Letters of Commendation to take with them on their journey. Once the member has found a church that he/she wishes to affiliate and become a member thereof, a Letter of Transfer shall be issued by the Presiding Prelate and General Secretary of this Church, fully commending and transferring the membership to the members new church home.

**Section 7: Reception of Local Assemblies (Churches) and Ministries**

Those groups of believers in Christ who adhere to the doctrine, polity and practices of United Assemblies of Christ International may enter into formal relationship with the same as a subordinate local assembly or ministry of the same.

**Section 8: Reception of Educational Ministries**

Those educational ministries desiring the covering and endorsement of United Assemblies of Christ International must adhere to the doctrine, polity and practices of United Assemblies of Christ International may enter into formal relationship with the same as a subordinate auxiliary of the same. The curriculum administered by such an institution must be certified and endorsed by the General Board of United Assemblies of Christ International.

**Section 9: Affiliate Membership**

Affiliate members of the United Assmblies of Christ International shall consist of those members who have either received Licensure/Ordination through UACI, or who have transferred their existing License/Ordination and have been conferred UACI Licensure/Ordination.

Affiliate members shall be granted the following privileges:

- Voting Rights on matters placed before the General Assembly during the Annual Fellowship Conference and/or Holy Convocation
- Annual Ministerial Credentials (License/Ordination)
- Registration as a subordinate Church under the United Assemblies of Christ International’s group tax exemption
- UACI church-planting resources
- Access to the Clergy Retirement Program
- Access to the Clergy Health Insurance Program
- Discounted tuition for all official UACI institutions of higher learning

- Official UACI email account
- Monthly Newsletter (electronic)

### **Section 10: Associate Membership**

Associate members of the United Assemblies of Christ International shall consist of those members who have either registered their credentials (License/Ordination) as an Associate with UACI.

Associate members shall be granted the following privileges:

- Discounted tuition for all official UACI institutions of higher learning
- Official UACI email account
- Monthly Newsletter (electronic)

## **ARTICLE II: OFFICERS**

### **Section 1: Qualifications**

All Officers of United Assemblies of Christ International shall be members thereof in good and regular standing. Officers shall be appointed to office by the Presiding Prelate and will serve the Church as long as the Presiding Prelate and General Board shall mutually agree, and providing that satisfactory service in such position is maintained. All Officers must be fully Baptized and contributing members of the Church. In addition, all Officers are required both by Scripture and this document to have received the gift of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

### **Section 2: The Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate (President)**

The Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate of United Assemblies of Christ International shall by virtue of his divine calling serve the Church indefinitely. He shall have the care and custody of the Corporate Church Seal. He shall act as Chairman Ex-Officio on all boards and committees of the Church. He shall be responsible for the spiritual nurture and education of the whole of the Church. He shall preach and teach steadily at services of the Church and shall provide for the effective administration of the Sacraments and ordinances of the Church.

The Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate shall also serve the Church as Chief Executive Officer (President), and shall sign, along with the Treasurer all drafts and demands for monies placed upon the Treasury. He shall also sign all official documents of the Church, and be empowered to sign contracts and legal documentation on behalf of the Church along with the General Board. He shall be responsible for mentoring and training all Ministers and Deacons of the Church, and for the spiritual oversight of all Ministers, Deacons, Members and Ministries of the Church.

### **Section 3: The Assistant Presiding Prelate (Vice-President)**

The Assistant Presiding Prelate shall be appointed by the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate and shall serve in office as long as the duties of this office are satisfactorily met. The Assistant Presiding Prelate shall, in the absence of the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate provide for the ministry of Word and the provision of the Sacraments and ordinances of the Church.

The Assistant Presiding Prelate may, at the direct request of the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate, represent the Church in the stead of or on behalf of the Church and Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate when need may arise. The tenure of the Assistant Presiding Prelate is indefinite. However, the Assistant Presiding Prelate may be removed from office for any infraction of these By-Laws, or for the direct and/or indirect infraction of the requirements of Officers of this Church, or for the direct or indirect insubordination of the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate.

**Section 4: The General Secretary (Secretary)**

The General Secretary shall be charged with the responsibility of maintaining the records of the Church. The General Secretary shall maintain an accurate record of all members of the Church, their names, addresses, phone numbers and other pertinent information. The General Secretary shall also maintain the Minutes of all Church Meetings. In addition, the General Secretary shall, at the request of the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate render reports, write or cause to have written the correspondence of the Church, as well as the delivery of the same.

The tenure of the General Secretary is indefinite. However, the General Secretary may be removed from office for any infraction of these By-Laws, or for the direct and/or indirect infraction of the requirements of Officers of this Church, or for the direct or indirect insubordination of the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate.

**Section 5: The Exchequer (Treasurer)**

The Treasurer shall be charged with the responsibility of maintaining accurate financial records of the finances of the Church (expenditures, receipts, accounts payable, accounts receivable, etc.). The Treasurer shall, upon request of the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate, and at each monthly Business Meeting, Annual Fellowship Conference and at the Holy Convocation of the Church, render reports concerning the financial status of the Church. The Treasurer shall also maintain an accurate record of the gifts, contributions, tithes and offerings of each individual member of the Church, and at the end of each year, supply such members with a summary of the total amount(s) donated to the Church.

The tenure of the Treasurer is indefinite. However, the Treasurer may be removed from office for any infraction of these By-Laws, or for the direct and/or indirect infraction of the requirements of Officers of this Church, or for the direct or indirect insubordination of the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate.

**ARTICLE III: BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

**Section 1:**

The Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate, at his discretion, may call for the organization of Boards and Committees to further facilitate the purposes of this Church.

**Section 2: The General Board**

The General Board shall consist of the following:

- The Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate**
- The Assistant Presiding Prelate**
- The General Secretary**
- The Treasurer**
- The Credentials Bishop**
- The Bishop of Education**

**Section 3: The College of Bishops**

The College of Bishops shall consist of all duly Consecrated and Ordained Bishops of United Assemblies of Christ International. They shall collectively, along with the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate and the General Board oversee the spiritual growth and nurture of the Church. Members of the College of Bishops shall be on two levels (Voting and Non-Voting). Non-Voting members of the

College of Bishops shall have the right of voice without vote on all matters presented for discussion and action in the College of Bishops. The College of Bishops shall consist of:

**The Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate**  
**The Assistant Presiding Prelate**  
**The General Secretary**  
**The Treasurer**  
**The Credentials Bishop**  
**The Bishop of Education**  
**The Dean of the College of Bishops**  
**All Provincial Bishops**  
**All Regional Bishops**  
**All State Bishops**  
**Bishops Suffragan (Non-Voting)**  
**Missionary Bishops (Non-Voting)**  
**Auxiliary Bishops (Non-Voting)**

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH**

##### **Section 1: Regular Meetings (Local Assemblies)**

The Church shall meet regularly for the following:

1. Sunday School
2. Sunday Praise & Worship Services
3. Midweek Prayer Service and Bible Study
4. Evangelistic & Fellowship Services

These services are for the benefit of gaining Scriptural knowledge and spiritual power and enlightenment. All members of the local assemblies should attend unless otherwise excused.

##### **Section 2: Monthly Business Meetings**

The General Board shall meet monthly on the fourth Saturday of each month to conduct the regular business of the Church. The order of the Business Meeting shall be as follows:

*Call to Order*  
*Devotional*  
*Prayer*  
*Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting*  
*Report from the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate*  
*Report from the General Board*  
*Report of the College of Bishops*  
*Report of the Treasurer*  
*Report of the Department of Christian Education*  
*Report of the Mens Department*  
*Report of the Womens Department*  
*Report of the Youth Department*  
*Report of Standing Committees*  
*Report of other Church Auxiliaries*  
*New Business*  
*Closing Prayer*

## *Adjournment*

### **Section 3: College of Bishops Meeting**

The whole of the College of Bishops shall meet at the Holy Convocation (observed every seven (7) years), the Annual Fellowship Conference (observed in the month of October of each year). The College of Bishops shall also maintain regular communication by way of online conferences, which shall be held every other Monday. All duly Consecrated Bishops of United Assemblies of Christ International are required to attend these meetings.

### **Section 4: Annual Church Business Meeting**

The Annual Church Business Meeting shall be held directly following the Opening Ceremonies upon the first day of the Annual Fellowship Conference (observed in the month of October of each year). All members are required to attend and hear the annual reports from each officer, department, board, committee and auxiliary. The order of the Annual Church Business Meeting shall be as follows:

*Call to Order*

*Devotional*

*Scripture Reading*

*Prayer*

*Reading of the minutes of the previous year's business meeting*

*Report from the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate*

*Report from the General Board*

*Report of the College of Bishops*

*Report of the Credentials Committee*

*Report of the Treasurer*

*Report of the Department of Christian Education*

*Report of the Mens Department*

*Report of the Womens Department*

*Report of the Youth Department*

*Report of Standing Committees*

*Report of other Church Auxiliaries*

*New Business*

*Election(s)*

*Closing Prayer*

*Adjournment*

## **ARTICLE V: MINISTERIAL LICENSING**

### **Section 1:**

Any Affiliate member of this Church who feels the calling of God to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ shall be required to announce such a calling in the following manner:

1. The member will request an audience with the Pastor of his/her local assembly and express to their Pastor his/her calling to the work of the Gospel Ministry
2. The Pastor shall then request that his/her Jurisdictional Bishop interview and critique the member professing such calling
3. The member who is pursuing ministerial license will submit in writing to their Pastor and Jurisdictional Bishop a detailed thesis consisting of the following: *The Candidate's Christian*

*Experience, Call to Ministry, Views of the Biblical Doctrines (Baptism, Holy Communion, Spiritual Healing, Baptism in the Holy Ghost),*

4. The Candidate for ministerial licensure shall also submit a Letter of Request addressed to his/her Pastor, requesting that the candidate be granted opportunity to deliver in the presence and witness of the church his/her Trial Sermon

5. The Candidate shall be required to meet the following criteria in order to be considered for licensure:

- Must be a member of a recognized local assembly in good and regular standing
- Must have maintained his/her membership with their local assembly for a minimum of 1 year
- Must attend all services of Worship and Praise, as well as Leadership Training Institute and Bible Study
- Must obtain the approval of his/her Pastor and Jurisdictional Bishop
- Must successfully complete an exam administered by their Pastor and Jurisdictional Bishop

## **Section 2: Ministerial Licensing Examination**

The Ministerial Licensing Exam is required of all candidates for Ministerial Licensing, and must be successfully passed with a minimum passing grade of 80%.

There are three (3) parts of the exam, which are as follows:

**INTERVIEW:** this is the initial portion of the exam, which is administered by the Pastor and Jurisdictional Bishop

**WRITTEN:** this portion of the exam includes the written paper that must be submitted by the candidate, as well as a four part exam consisting of the following:

*Spiritual Gifts Assessment Questionnaire*  
*Biblical Doctrines*  
*Church History*  
*Ministerial Functions*

**ORAL:** this is the final portion of the exam, which consists of the evaluation of the candidate's performance, delivery and content of his/her Trial Sermon. It is to be noted that the Trial Sermon is to be no more than 15 minutes long, and is to be rendered upon a date and time specified by the Jurisdictional Bishop at a Worship Service scheduled by the Bishop for that specific purpose. If in the event there are more than three (3) individual candidates, the time for delivery of each Trial Sermon will be reduced in time from 15 minutes to 10 minutes or less.

The Written Examination for Ministerial Licensure shall be available through the office of their Pastor. The content and format of the Written Examination for Ministerial Licensure is subject to change at the Jurisdictional Bishop's discretion.

## **Section 3: Trial Sermon**

On the date and time specified by the Jurisdictional Bishop, the candidate(s) shall present him/herself before the Church to deliver his/her Trial Sermon. Upon the conclusion of the Trial Sermon(s), the

Bishop shall require the member (candidate) to stand before the Church, and the Pastor shall then solicit the approval and encouragement of the candidate(s) Ministerial License.

Upon approval of the Church, the Jurisdictional Bishop shall then deliver to the candidate(s) signed and sealed Ministerial License(s).

#### **Section 4: Ministerial License Authority**

All Licensed Ministers of the Church, holding such a credential in good standing with the Church shall be liberated to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ as opportunity may arise. If in the event a Licensed Minister of this Church should be invited to preach at a sister church, the Licentiate must first gain the approval of their Pastor to do so, and if at all possible, the members of the local assembly should support the member in their undertaking. However, if the Licentiate has been requested to preach at a time during the regular services of this Church, the Licentiate will be accompanied by a delegation authorized by their Pastor to support our member.

The Ministerial License issued by the Church in no way, shape or form empowers, liberates or authorizes that bearer thereof to perform any sacerdotal function incumbent upon the ordained and duly authorized Ministers of the Church. A Licentiate may not perform Baptism or deliver Holy Communion without the direct and written approval of the Jurisdictional Bishop. A Licentiate may not, under any circumstances perform or solemnize the services of Holy Matrimony.

#### **Section 5: Ministerial Dress Code (Licensed Ministers)**

All Ministers of this Church, who have been duly Licensed into the Gospel Ministry shall observe the following Dress Code:

*Black Suit*

*Black Shoes*

*Black Socks/Stockings*

*Black Tab Collar Clergy Shirt/Blouse*

The above Dress Code must definitely be adhered to while assisting or performing any function within the Pulpit. In addition, this Dress Code must be observed whenever the Church observes the ordinance of Holy Communion. Also, when the date and time for the delivery of the minister's Trial Sermon, and during the official services at the Holy Convocation and Annual Fellowship Conference.

#### **Section 6: The Order of Service for Licensing to the Ministry**

The order of the service for Licensing to the Ministry shall be as follows:

*Call to Worship*

*Invocation*

*Scripture Reading*

*Congregational Hymn*

*Statement of Purpose*

*Prayer*

*Praise & Worship*

*Offertory*

*Presentation of the candidate(s) for Licensing*

*Delivery of Trail Sermon(s)*

*Invitation to Discipleship*

*Congregational Response*  
*Presentation of Ministerial License(s)*  
*Prayer*  
*Right Hand of Fellowship*  
*Benediction*

### **Section 7: Annual Credential Assessment**

It shall be the duty of each Licensed Minister credentiald by the United Assemblies of Christ International to support the mission and ministry of this Church by way of rendering an annual Credentials Assessment in the amount of \$50.00 per year. The Annual Credentials Assessment shall be submitted annually during the Annual Fellowship Conference. By submission of the Annual Credentials Assessment by Licensed Ministers, the Licintiate shall maintain his/her status and ministerial authority as a duly Licensed Minister. Credentials shall be issued on an annual basis and expire on December 31 of each year.

## **ARTICLE VI: MINISTERIAL ORDINATION**

### **Section 1:**

United Assemblies of Christ International shall in the due exercise of its commission and authority as a Church of Jesus Christ ordain, commission and consecrate scriptural ministers of the Gospel, including: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Bishops, Pastors, Elders (Presbyters), and Missionaries for the effective and continuous service of Christ and His Church.

### **Section 2: Qualifications for Ordination**

In recognition of the diversity of the manifold levels and offices within the Christian Ministry, the general qualifications for ordination shall be as follows:

- Must be a member of recognized local assembly in good ad regular standing
- Must have been a duly Licensed Minister of United Assemblies of Christ International for a minimum of 1 year
- Must have maintained his/her membership with the church for a minimum of 1 year
- Must attend all services of Worship and Praise, as well as Leadership Training Institute and Bible Study
- Must obtain the approval of their Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor
- Must complete a minimum (depending on level) of a Bachelors Degree in Christina Ministry, Divinity or Theology as administered through an officially recognized, endorsed and approved educational institution
- Must successfully complete an exam administered by the College of Bishops and Prebytery of the Church
- Must support the Church through faithful stewardship of time, talent and treasure (Tithes & Offerings)

### **Section 3: Ordination Thesis**

All Candidates for Ordination shall be required to submit a thesis detailing the following:

1. The Candidate's Christian Experience
2. The Candidate's Calling to the Ministry
3. The Candidate's Qualifications for Ordination (level specific)
4. The Candidate's Educational Background

5. The Candidate's personal views of the following Biblical Doctrines:

*God*  
*Christ*  
*The Holy Ghost*  
*The Holy Bible*  
*Baptism*  
*Holy Communion*  
*Salvation*  
*Sanctification/Holiness*  
*Justification*  
*Baptism in the Holy Ghost*  
*Eschatology (Last Things)*  
*Ministerial Offices and Functions:*

- *Apostle*
- *Prophet*
- *Evangelist*
- *Pastor*
- *Teacher*
- *Presbyter/Priest*
- *Bishop*
- *Deacon*

*Why the Candidate desires to be Ordained*

Said Thesis is to be type written and bound either in coil binding or in binders. A minimum of ten (10) copies of the Thesis is to be submitted, and will become the grounds of the Candidate's examination for his/her fitness to the work of the Ordained Ministry of the Church.

#### **Section 4: Ministerial Dress Code (Ordained Ministers)**

All Ministers of this Church, who have been duly ordained into the Gospel Ministry shall observe the following Dress Code:

*Black Suit*  
*Black Shoes*  
*Black Socks/Stockings*  
*Black Neckband Clergy Shirt/Blouse with Pontif #2 Collar*

The above Dress Code must definitely be adhered to while assisting or performing any function within the Pulpit. In addition, this Dress Code must be observed whenever the Church observes the ordinance of Holy Communion. Also, when the date and time for the delivery of a minister's Trial Sermon, and during the official services at the Annual Holy Convocation and National Fellowship Conference.

#### **Section 5: Annual Credential Assessment (Ordained Ministers)**

It shall be the duty of each Ordained Minister credentiald by the United Assemblies of Christ International to support the mission and ministry of this Church by way of rendering an annual Credentials Assessment in the amount of \$100.00 per year. The Annual Credentials Assessment shall be submitted annually during the Annual Fellowship Conference. By submission of the Annual Credentials Assessment by Ordained Ministers, the Presbyter shall maintain his/her status and ministerial authority as a duly Ordained Minister. Credentials shall be issued on an annual basis and expire on December 31 of each year.

### **Section 6: Episcopal Consecration**

Bishops shall be chosen and/or elected from amongst the qualified members of the Presbytery. The Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate shall administer, along with the General Board and College of Bishops all services for the Episcopal Consecration of Bishops.

### **Section 7: Annual Credential Assessment (Consecrated Bishops)**

It shall be the duty of each Bishop credentiald by the United Assemblies of Christ International to support the mission and ministry of this Church by way of rendering an annual Credentials Assessment in the amount of \$250.00 per year. The Annual Credentials Assessment shall be submitted annually during the Annual Fellowship Conference. By submission of the Annual Credentials Assessment by Bishops, the Bishop shall maintain his/her Episcopal status and ministerial authority as a duly Consecrated Bishop. Credentials shall be issued on an annual basis and expire on December 31 of each year.

### **Section 8: Apostolic Confirmation and Affirmation**

Those duly consecrated Bishops of the Church who have completed their probationary period of training and evaluation in the College of Bishops and who have been approved by the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate may request Apostolic Affirmation. The Presiding Prelate shall be liberated to determine as to the fitness and readiness of the Bishop for Apostolic Confirmation and Affirmation. The ruling of the Presiding Prelate shall be final.

### **Section 9: Annual Credential Assessment (Confirmed Apostles)**

It shall be the duty of each Apostle credentiald by the United Assemblies of Christ International to support the mission and ministry of this Church by way of rendering an annual Credentials Assessment in the amount of \$250.00 per year. The Annual Credentials Assessment shall be submitted annually during the Annual Fellowship Conference. By submission of the Annual Credentials Assessment by Bishops, the Bishop shall maintain his/her Apostolic status and ministerial authority as a duly Confirmed Apostle. Credentials shall be issued on an annual basis and expire on December 31 of each year.

## **ARTICLE VII: COVENANT BIBLE COLLEGE & THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

### **Section 1:**

United Assemblies of Christ International recognizes and approves Covenant Bible College & Theological Seminary as its official institution for ministerial education and training.

### **Section 2:**

Covenant Bible College & Theological Seminary shall maintain its web address at the following URL: <http://www.cbcts.us> or <http://www.schoolofdivinity.org>

### **Section 3:**

Covenant Bible College & Theological Seminary shall provide courses in biblical studies, ministerial studies and theological studies, and shall provide courses to both members of UACI and to the general public.

### **Section 4:**

All courses provided by Covenant Bible College & Theological Seminary will be offered as distance learning/home study courses. Classroom attendance shall not be required.

## **ARTICLE VIII: ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP CENTER**

### **Section 1:**

Abundant Life Christian Worship Center shall serve as the international headquarters and mother church of United Assemblies of Christ International, Incorporated. It is an integrated auxiliary of the fellowship.

### **Section 2:**

The Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate shall serve as Senior Pastor and Chief Executive officer of Abundant Life Christian Worship Center.

### **Section 3:**

Abundant Life Christian Worship Center shall maintain its web address at the following URL: <http://www.abundantlifecwc.com>

## **ARTICLE IX: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS**

### **Section 1:**

National Association of Private Theological Institutions shall serve as the official ecclesiastic educational and certification commission of United Assemblies of Christ International. It is an integrated auxiliary of the fellowship.

### **Section 2:**

National Association of Private Theological Institutions shall maintain its web address at the following UR: <http://www.napti.us>

## **ARTICLE X: FELLOWSHIP**

### **Section 1:**

United Assemblies of Christ International is a member of the universal Church, and therefore is open to fellowship and communion with all believers in Christ. However, United Assemblies of Christ International shall not under any circumstances affiliate, fellowship or commune with any church, association, society or organization that is contradictory to the Word of God, and/or who blatantly deny the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the power and presence of the Holy Ghost and the endowment with spiritual gifts of the Holy Ghost.

### **Section 2:**

United Assemblies of Christ International, as a corporate body shall, at the direction and approval of the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate enter into fellowship with organizations deemed appropriate by the Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate. Fellowship with such organizations shall not under any circumstances hinder, control or direct the ministry, purpose and functions of United Assemblies of Christ International, Inc.

## **ARTICLE XI: STATEMENT OF DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public use. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed by the Court of Common

Pleas of the county in which the principle office of the organization 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.

#### **ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the active active membership of United Assemblies of Christ International, Inc. at any Annual Church Business Meeting. Any meetings for the purpose of amending these By-Laws must be adequately advertised to all members and ample time given at attend.

#### **ARTICLE XIII: RATTIFICATION**

These Constitution and By-Laws shall be deemed in effect by all members of United Assemblies of Christ International, Inc., as of this Thirty-first day of the month of December, in the Year of our Lord 2008.