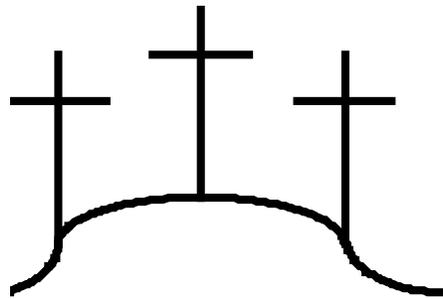


His Love Ministries'

By-Laws



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By-Laws of His Love Ministries, Inc.

Preamble

For this reason, we bow our knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man; so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:14-19) For the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. (1 Timothy 1:5) (NASB)

We, therefore, do hereby resolve, that the trustees herein named do, as of this date, February 27, 1995, establish His Love Ministries, Inc., an independent not-for-profit corporation, and do hereby ascribe the following articles of His Love Ministries to supplement the Articles of Incorporation and to supersede any and all other rules of His Love Ministries' order.

The Trustees who are included in the original formation of His Love Ministries, Inc., are:

Rev. Joseph S. Stroman Rev. John Smith

Peggy A. Stroman Joan C. Preston

Constitution

Article I. History of His Love Ministries

On January 7, 1980 His Love Ministries was organized under United Evangelical Churches as a "Specialized Ministry". A nonprofit organization under the direction of Rev. Joseph S. Stroman. His Love Ministries sole purpose is to lift up the Lord Jesus Christ as the only answer to the problems of mankind. Our desire was to help in any way possible to equip the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, enabling them to better serve Him wherever He has placed them in His Body. We established a "Local Board" with very few rules. All actions must be clearly defined and supported within the Word of God and we would only move in complete unity.

Psalm 133 (A Song of Ascents, of David.)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, Coming down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard, Coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing -- life forever.

The first classes were held in June 1980 at 5 Barbara Lane and classes have been held to this date. On January 23, 1995 His Love Ministries incorporated as a "Not-For-Profit" Ministry under Section 102 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Laws of New York State. The Board of Directors (Trustees) and the Elders of His Love Ministries have endeavored to maintain our Faithfulness to God's Word and the Unity in Leadership were the LORD will continue to command His blessing.

Article II. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name

This body shall be known as His Love Ministries, Inc., of Medford, New York. However, for business conducted under the laws of the Federal, State or Local government this body shall be known as His Love Ministries.

This name is to be a guide for all our works and labors. As there is no Ministry but God's, and the only manner that a Ministry can be pleasing unto Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is that the foundation and motivation of all that is done spring from His Love.

Section 2. Purpose

1. To preach the good news of God's way of salvation provided in His only Son, Jesus Christ; that all men may have an opportunity to receive the gift of salvation which is given solely by God's grace through faith in Jesus. Matthew 28:18f; Ephesians 2:8,9
2. To help those who have heard the Gospel to understand the meaning of God's grace, that they may constantly bear fruit that will remain for our Heavenly Father. Colossians 1:6
3. To reveal the Love of God in all its fullness. Ephesians 3:14-21; 1 Timothy 1:5
4. To strengthen the family unit so that each family will be a living reality of the power of the Gospel, providing the healing presence of Jesus to other marriages in their community. Matthew 5:14-16; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
5. To give the believer clear and logical reasons for their faith, that they will be prepared to give the best witness to the reality of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 3:15
6. To see each believer mature to the unity of the faith; seeing their role in the Body of Christ and the importance of fulfilling that role. Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11
7. To see the believers united in a bond of love that the world may know that Jesus was sent by the Father. John 17:21; John 13:34,35

Article III. Ministries' Offices

The principal office of His Love Ministries, Inc., herein after referred to as "His Love Ministries", shall be located at 5 Barbara Lane, Medford New York. His Love Ministries may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Incorporation, as the board of Directors (Trustees) may from time to time determine or the business of His Love Ministries may require.

Article IV. Prerogatives

Section 1. Self Governing

His Love Ministries shall have the right to govern itself according to the standards of God's Scriptures,

"... being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, And He gave gifts to men." Now this expression, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things. And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:3-13.

Section 2. Policy of Future Expansion

To establish and maintain such departments and institutions as may be deemed necessary for the propagation of the Gospel and for the work of the Ministry.

Section 3. Policy for Capital Gain

To purchase or acquire by gift, bequest, or otherwise either directly or as trustee, and to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of any real estate or chattels as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes, all in accordance with its constitution and by-laws or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended.

Article V. Affiliation

While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs, His Love Ministries shall voluntarily enter into full cooperative fellowship with assemblies of like precious faith.

Article VI. Tenets Of Faith

Section 1.The Scriptures

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the infallible Word of God, the source and rule of all our faith and practice. (Psalm. 19:7-13; Psalm. 119:89,105) They are designed to lead us to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. They are fully inspired by God and therefore serve as an authoritative guide for Christian understanding, life and ministry. (2 Timothy 3:13-17) The Scriptures accordingly in all that they affirm are without error, in the whole and in the part, and therefore are completely trustworthy. (John 10:35; John 17:17; Matthew 24:35) The Scriptures are not to be added to, superseded, or changed by later tradition or supposed revelation. Isaiah 8:20; Galatians 1:8,9) Every doctrinal formulation whether of creed, confession, or theology must be put to the test of the full counsel of God in Holy Scripture. (Matthew 22:29-33; Ephesians 2:20; Acts 28:23) All redemptive understanding of the Scriptures depends upon the illumination of the Holy Spirit; therefore the most accurate factual knowledge attained through exegesis, exposition, and interpretation does not bring about conversion or spiritual comprehension without the Holy Spirit creating understanding through the Word and applying its message to the heart. (1 Corinthians 2:7-16)

Section 2.God is Triune

There is but one God infinite, eternal, almighty, and perfect in holiness, truth, and love. (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Corinthians 8:4,6; Isaiah 44:6-8; 1 John 4:8; Genesis 17:1; Psalm 145:3) In the unity of the godhead there are three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, co-existent, co-equal, co-eternal. (Matthew 3:16,17; Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14) The Father is not the Son and the Son is not the Holy Spirit, yet each is truly Deity. One God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of the Christian faith and life. (John 14:23,25; John 15:26; John 16:13-15)

Section 3.God the Father

God the Father is the creator of heaven and earth. (Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 33:9) By His Word all things were made, and though the same Word He daily sustains all His creatures. (John 1:3,10; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:2,3; Psalm 147:14-18) He is faithful to every promise, works all things together for good to those who love Him, and in His unfathomable grace He gave His Son Jesus Christ for mankind's redemption. (Romans 8:28; John 3:16) He made man for fellowship with Himself, and intended that all creation should live to the praise of His glory. (Romans 11:36; Revelation 4:11; Psalm 148)

Section 4.Man

Man - male and female - was created in the image and likeness of God. (Genesis 1:26-27) Though the original sin of man - Adam and Eve - mankind has fallen from God, become corrupt in his whole nature, and is totally incapable by himself of returning to God. (Roman 5:12, 16,17; Jeremiah 17:9; Ephesians 2:1-3; John 6:44) Fallen, sinful men, whatever their character or attainments, are lost and without hope apart from salvation in Jesus Christ. (John 3:3-7; Acts 4:12)

Section 5. Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ The Son is fully God and fully man, the only Savior for the sins of the world. (John 1:1-3,14; John 20:28; Colossians 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5,6; Hebrews 2:14-18) He was the Word made flesh, supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and was perfect in nature, teaching, and obedience. (John 1:14; Matthew 1:18,22,23; Luke 1:35; John 8:29) He died on the cross as the vicarious sacrifice for all mankind, rose from the dead in His own glorified body, ascended into heaven and will return in glory. (John 19:33-37; Romans 4:24,25; 1 Corinthians 15:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 2:2; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17) He is the Head of His body the Church, Victor over all the powers of darkness, and now reigns at the right hand of the Father. (Colossians 1:18; Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 1:3,4)

Section 6. Salvation

Salvation, the gift of God, is provided solely by His grace through faith in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:8,9; Romans 5:1; Acts 16:31) Turning from sin in repentance, looking to Christ and His vicarious death, man is born anew into eternal life by the Holy spirit. (Acts 2:38; Titus 3:4-7; Acts 3:19-21) There is no other name except Jesus Christ by which men may be saved. (Acts 4:12) Through His great redemptive act there is forgiveness of sin, liberation from bondage to the world, and freedom in His Spirit. (Ephesians 1:7; Galatians 6:14,15)

Section 7. The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, unites man to Jesus Christ in faith, brings about the new birth, dwells within the regenerate, producing in them the fruit of the Spirit, and enables them to grow in sanctification. (John 15:8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:13; John 3:5; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:8-11; Galatians 5:22,23; 2 Corinthians 3:17,18) The Holy Spirit inspired prophets, judges, and kings in ancient times, appointed Jesus Christ for His ministry, filled the Church with pentecostal power, and will transform the mortal bodies of believers into one like His own immortal body in the glory of the resurrection. (1 Peter 1:2, 10-12; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; Luke 4:1,18-21; Acts 2:4; Acts 4:31; Romans 8:11; Philippians 3:21; 1 Corinthians 15:51,52)

Section 8. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is available to all who believe in Jesus Christ. (Acts 2:38,39; Luke 11:13) This promise of the Father that the Holy Spirit would be sent in power was not only made to the early disciples but continues through generations to come. (Luke 24:49; 1 Corinthians 13:10) This gracious and supernatural gift of power, evidenced by overflowing joy, praise, and very often accompanied by a new prayer language, enables the believer to exercise the powers of the age to come in ministry and mission. (Acts 1:8; Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-47; Acts 13:52; Acts 19:6; Hebrews 6:5; Romans 15:18,19) God delights to give His Holy Spirit to those who ask and obey, but since this is a gift there is nothing man can do to merit it. (Luke 11:13; Acts 5:32; Galatians 3:2) Likewise all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues and interpretation of tongues are earnestly to be desired and expected. (1 Corinthians 12:7-11,28-31; 1 Corinthians 14:1,13; Romans 12: 6-8; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 4:10,11) They are God's

sovereign action for edifying the Body of Christ. The present transdenominational spiritual renewal is a manifestation of the will of God for the Church in these last days. (1 Corinthians 12:7,11; Hebrews 2:4; Acts 2:17-21)

Section 9. The Church

The Church, which is the body and the bride of Christ, is dedicated to the worship and service of God, the observance of the sacraments or ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the practice of good works. (Romans 12:4,5; 1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 5:23,26,27; Ephesians 2:22; 1 Peter 2:5,9,10; Titus 2:14) The primary task of the Church in all ages is to teach all nations and to make disciples, bringing the Gospel to bear on every aspect of life and thought. The ultimate mission of the Church is the redemption of souls. When God transforms human nature this then becomes the chief means of society's transformation. (Matthew 28:19,20; 2 Corinthians 10:4,5)

Section 10. The Consummation

The Consummation of all things includes the visible, personal and glorious return of Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the dead and the translation of those alive in Christ, the judgment of the just and the unjust, and the fulfillment of Christ's kingdom in the new heavens and the new earth. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Revelation 1:7; Acts 1:11; Revelation 20:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 21:1-4) Satan with his hosts and all men outside Christ are finally separated from the presence of God, enduring eternal punishment. (Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:47,48; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10) All who have been redeemed by Christ from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light will be in the presence of God forever, giving Him unending praise and Glory. (Revelation 21:1-4) Amen.

Article VII. Rules for Proper Interpretation

1. A passage of Holy Scripture is to be taken as true in its natural, literal sense unless the context of the passage itself indicates otherwise, or an article of faith established elsewhere in Scripture requires a broader understanding of the text.

2. The prime article of faith applicable to biblical interpretation is the attitude of Christ and His Apostles toward the Scriptures. Their utter trust in Scripture - in all it teaches - must govern the interpreter's practice, thus eliminating in principle any interpretation which sees the biblical texts as erroneous or self-contradictory.

3. Extra-biblical linguistic and cultural considerations must never decide the interpretation of a text; and any use of extra-biblical material to arrive at an interpretation inconsistent with the truth of a scriptural passage is to be rejected. Extra-biblical data can and should put critical questions, but only Scripture itself can legitimately answer questions about itself.

4. The interpreter must not appeal to destructive literary forms which cast doubt on the reliability or morality of the Divine Author of Scripture.

5. The interpreter should employ all tools of scholarly research that do not make experience, reason, or feeling the basis of interpretation.

6. Harmonization of apparent scriptural difficulties should be pursued within reasonable limits, the interpreter must leave the problem open rather than, by assuming error, impugn the absolute truthfulness of God who inspires all Holy Scripture for our salvation and learning. We hold with St. Augustine (DePotent., IV, 1,8); "If you chance upon anything (in Scripture) that does not seem to be true, you must not conclude that the sacred writer made a mistake; rather your attitude should be: the manuscript is faulty, or the version is not accurate, or you yourself do not understand the matter."

Article VIII. Officers

The Officers in His Love Ministries shall be of two kinds: Organizational and Spiritual. The Organization Officers are the Board of Directors (Trustees). The Spiritual Officers are the Elders.

Article IX. General Ruling Regarding Women in His Love Ministries

1. Women may serve in the Organizational Leadership of His Love Ministries. They may not function as Elders.

2. Women may be used as instructors for areas of teaching which have been approved of by the Elders of His Love Ministries. The Elders will remain responsible for all the content of the teachings at His Love Ministries. All questions regarding content of His Love Ministries' teachings should be addressed to the Elders.

3. This Ministry will seek to obtain a husband's approval when his wife volunteers to work in this ministry. It is His Love Ministries' responsibility to make clear to her husband what her responsibilities will be in the area in which she is volunteering. We will also make it clear that if her volunteering to work in His Love Ministries causes problems with in their home, she will be released from her responsibilities.

Numbers 30:3-16

"Also if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds herself by an obligation in her father's house in her youth, and her father hears her vow and her obligation by which she has bound herself, and her father says nothing to her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she has bound herself shall stand. "But if her father should forbid her on the day he hears {of it,} none of her vows or her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will forgive her because her father had forbidden her. "However, if she should marry while under her vows or the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself, and her husband hears of it and says nothing to her on the day he hears {it,} then her vows shall stand and her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand. "But if on the day her husband hears {of it,} he forbids her, then he shall annul her vow which she is under and the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself; and the LORD will forgive her. "But the vow of a widow or of a divorced woman, everything by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her. "However, if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound herself by an obligation with an oath, and her husband heard {it,} but said nothing to her {and} did not forbid her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she bound herself shall stand. "But if her husband indeed annuls them on the day he hears {them,} then whatever

proceeds out of her lips concerning her vows or concerning the obligation of herself, shall not stand; her husband has annulled them, and the LORD will forgive her. "Every vow and every binding oath to humble herself, her husband may confirm it or her husband may annul it. "But if her husband indeed says nothing to her from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or all her obligations which are on her; he has confirmed them, because he said nothing to her on the day he heard them. "But if he indeed annuls them after he has heard them, then he shall bear her guilt." These are the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, {as} between a man and his wife, {and as} between a father and his daughter, {while she is} in her youth in her father's house.

4.Older Women in the LORD will be used to instruct younger women as to how they should love their husband and their children. (Titus 2:3-5)

5.Women will not be counseled behind closed doors by an Elder unless one of the follow conditions is met:

a.Her husband is present

b.The Elders' wife or another woman on staff is present.

c.The husband and wife give their approval for a child in the family (at least 13 years old) to accompany the wife.

If these conditions can not be met, counseling will only be done in an open setting where others are present.

Section 1.Women are not allowed to exercise authority over a man.

1 Timothy 2:9-15

Likewise, {I want} women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments; but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness. Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. For it was Adam who was first created, {and} then Eve. And {it was} not Adam {who} was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression. But {women} shall be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.

This passage clearly states that women shall not teach or exercise authority over a man. Paul refers back to the DESIGN of God BEFORE the fall and the entrance of Sin. This passage must not be regarded as a minor issue that can be overlooked or side stepped merely stating that Paul has a hostile view concerning women. If we take that approach we stand in violation of rejecting the Authority of God's Word (See Article VI, Section 1.) When Paul referred back to the design of God and the ORDER of that design (Genesis 2) we must accept this passage as a clear teaching of God's will regarding the FUNCTIONAL positions of men and women.

His Love Ministries will not place a woman in the position of an Elder. As this position clearly would place a woman over the Local Body and over men. This in no way fails to recognize that there are women who are called by God as TRUE PROPHETESSES both in the Old and New

Testament. Nor do we fail to recognize that God has given the woman the role of a "help meet" (Genesis 2:18). It is in this role that she functions properly, as one put in charge of areas by her husband. He is ultimately responsible for her actions (those delegated to her). He remains responsible and he will give an account before God. This is consistent with Genesis 3 where God approached Adam first holding him accountable. This is also consistent with Christ being the head of the Church and the head of every man.

1 Corinthians 11:3

But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Correspondingly, in a gathering of God's people there can be a delegation of some tasks to women, yet responsibility is charged to those whom God has placed in leadership as Elders. Aaron is a clear Old Testament example, who let the people get out of control. God held Aaron responsible as the leader in charge.

Exodus 32:25

Now when Moses saw that the people were out of control-- for Aaron had let them get out of control to be a derision among their enemies--

Section 2.Examples of Prophetesses

a.New Testament

1)Anna

Luke 2:36-38

And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with a husband seven years after her marriage, and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. And she never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers. And at that very moment she came up and {began} giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him (Jesus) to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

2)The four virgin daughters of Philip the Evangelist

Acts 21:8-9

And on the next day we departed and came to Caesarea; and entering the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him. Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses.

b.Old Testament

1)Miriam

Exodus 15:20

And Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took the timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dancing.

2)Deborah

Judges 4:4

Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time.

3)Huldah

2Kings 22:14 (see also 2 Chronicles 34:22)

So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter); and they spoke to her.

Section 3. Recognizing the continued Ministry of Prophets and Prophetesses

1. Old Testament Prophecy

Numbers 11:29

*But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that **all** the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"*

Joel 2:28

*"And it will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your **sons** and **daughters** will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions.*

2. New Testament Fulfillment- prophesying in the Church of Corinth by women

1Corinthians 11:1-16

Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ. Now I praise you because you remember me in everything, and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you. But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ. Every man who has {something} on his head while praying or prophesying, disgraces his head. But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying, disgraces her head; for she is one and the same with her whose head is shaved. For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her cover her head. For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man. For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake. Therefore the woman ought to have {a symbol of} authority on her head, because of the angels. However, in the Lord, neither is woman independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. For as the woman originates from the man, so also the man {has his birth} through the woman; and all things originate from God. Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God {with head} uncovered? Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him, but if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her? For her hair is given to her for a covering. But if one is inclined to be contentious, we have no other practice, nor have the churches of God.

Women had the freedom to minister in the local gathering with prophesy. (1 Corinthians 11:5) This clearly indicates that the later passage in this same book about women keeping silent in the Church did not RESTRICT THEM FROM PROPHESYING in the assembly. (see 1Corinthians 14:34-38) The passage concerning the woman prophesying (1 Corinthians 11:5) was focused on her covering (headship). The visible covering indicated that she was functioning under her husband's approval and authority, that her ministering was with HIS PERMISSION.

The mere covering of the hair is not the issue as this passage concerns the angels and thus we are in the larger frame of God's lines of authority. Her proper relationship with her husband declares her position before God and the Angelic host as being under authority. (see Genesis 3:16)

This passage also points out that the man has no covering before God as he prays or prophesy. God will judge him and hold him accountable. This accountability was seen in the length of his hair, to have long hair would give the man the appearance of a woman. (some one under authority) See also Numbers 30:3-16 concerning vows ARTICLE IX .3

Section 4. Warnings against False Prophets and False Prophetesses

1. Old Testament

God's Word does not permit us to ignore the position of true Prophetesses that He has called to His Body. Yet we are taught in God's word that as there were false prophets (male), there were also false prophetesses (female).

Jeremiah 23:25

"I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy falsely in My name, saying, 'I had a dream, I had a dream!'"

Ezekiel 13:17

"Now you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who are prophesying from their own inspiration. Prophecy against them,

2. Christ and the New Testament Warnings concerning False Prophets

Matthew 24:11

"And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many.

2 Peter 2:1-3

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in {their} greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

(many other Passages can be sited)

Section 5. Jesus' Corrective Message to the Church in Thyatira

Revelation 2:18-29

"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this: 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. 'But I have {this} against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they commit {acts of} immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 'And I gave her time to repent; and she does not want to repent of her immorality. 'Behold, I will cast her upon a bed {of sickness}, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. 'And I will kill her children with pestilence; and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. 'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them-- I place no other burden on you. 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come. 'And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, \to him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received {authority} from My Father; and I will give him the morning star. 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

The Importance of this text.

This passage reveals Jesus correcting the New Testament Church in relationship to a woman that has assumed leadership in His Body. Note the following: 1) the use of the name "Jezebel", 2) the fact that she calls herself a "prophetess", 3) she was teaching and leading God's people astray.

1. Her Name Jezebel - like the Old Testament counterpart, this was a woman who took authority upon herself going as far as putting a man to death. (see 1 Kings 21)

As Jesus chose the use of this name "Jezebel" we can in no way miss the danger that is implied. We must not forget the devastation that was brought about by the Old Testament "Jezebel" and her daughter, Athaliah (see 1 Kings 18,19; 2Kings 8:26; 2Kings 11)

2. The fact that she calls herself a "prophetess"

No where in the Old or New Testament does any true Prophet or Prophetess call themselves by such names to gain position. God sends and establishes true prophets and prophetesses by His Word which He has given them. They do not need a title. Men know when they have heard from God.

Ezekiel 2:3-7

Then He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. "And I am sending you to them who are stubborn and obstinate children; and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God' "As for them, whether they listen or not-- for they are a rebellious house-- they will know that a prophet has been among them. "And you, son of man, neither fear them nor fear their words, though this-

bles and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions; neither fear their words nor be dismayed at their presence, for they are a rebellious house. "But you shall speak My words to them whether they listen or not, for they are rebellious.

Jesus as the example of all New Testament ministries never calls Himself a Prophet. The people knew that he was a Prophet and called Him such.

Luke 9:18-21

And it came about that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, "Who do the multitudes say that I am?" And they answered and said, "John the Baptist, and others {say} Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again." And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God." But He warned them, and instructed {them} not to tell this to anyone,

3. She was teaching and leading God's people astray

The Old Testament teaching never placed a woman over God's people.

i) Miriam

The example of Miriam's correction should stand as a clear warning. (see Numbers 12) She was a true Prophetess and the oldest of the three children (Aaron was only three years older than Moses [Numbers 33:38,39] dying at 123 years old and Moses died at 120 years old. Both dying in the same year. [Deuteronomy 34:7] Miriam was older than her brothers as she was old enough to watch her baby brother placed on the Nile. She was old enough to suggest a Hebrew nurse to Pharaoh's daughter. [Exodus 2:4-9] God judged Miriam with a temporary leprous condition that lasted a week. God saw her as the one responsible for speaking out against Moses. She alone suffered judgment even though both spoke out. God will in no way let the guilty go unpunished. This attack on Moses' position with God is an attack on God given authority lines. In the eyes of Miriam and Aaron, Moses' position was seen as being no different than their own. They were wrong.

ii) Deborah

Deborah did not draw the people to herself. She placed herself under a tree and the people came to her. She was married and did not seek to lead God's people. She gave God's word to Barak and Barak refused to go into battle without her. She declared that his refusal to follow God's word would result in the victory being given to a woman. The woman's name who received the victory was Jael and a song was recorded to commemorate that victory. The song remembers Jael not Barak. (See Judges 4,5) The New Testament also does not lift up Deborah as a leader over God's people but Barak's name is recorded in Hebrews 11:32.

4. The New Testament teaching against women standing in authority over a man (1 Timothy 2:9-15) One should note that 1 Timothy was written to instruct us how to conduct ourselves in the household of God. (The True Church)

1 Timothy 3:14-15

I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; but in case I am delayed, {I write} so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth

Section 6. Summary:

- i. There are true Prophetesses
- ii. They do not draw others after themselves
- iii. They were under the authority of either their father (Philip's daughters), husband (Huldah) or under the Leadership of God's Assembly (Anna - found in the Temple)
- iv. They do not attack God ordained authority lines with our receiving God's judgment. (Miriam)
- v. The leadership in the New Testament Church are Elders [presbuteros πρεσβύτερος], composed of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, Pastors and Teachers, all of these men are Elders. (see Ephesians 4:11) They are the overseers [episkope ἐπισκοπή] of God's people and this position is restricted to men. (see 1 Timothy 3:1-7) The Elders are responsible for teaching.

Section 7. The Need to restore Woman to their God given position

1. Other areas that are not overseeing the Church, such as areas that are organizational can be delegated to women. As a wife is responsible for organizational areas that have been given to her by her husband, this is not a violation of the Scripture. In many ways the wife is more sensitive to these areas of need.

Proverbs 31:10-31

An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life. She looks for wool and flax, And works with her hands in delight. She is like merchant ships; She brings her food from afar. She rises also while it is still night, And gives food to her household, And portions to her maidens. She considers a field and buys it; From her earnings she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, And makes her arms strong. She senses that her gain is good; Her lamp does not go out at night. She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hands grasp the spindle. She extends her hand to the poor; And she stretches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household, For all her household are clothed with scarlet. She makes coverings for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells {them,} And supplies belts to the tradesmen. Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband {also,} and he praises her, {saying:} "Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all." Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, {But} a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her the product of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates.

These areas listed in Proverbs 31, involved in the care of the Home. They do not involve the Leadership which remains under the husband. Women can watch over similar areas in the Church and not be in any violation of Scripture. In the fulfilling of these areas of responsibilities by women, the Elders can turn their attention to the care of God's flock.

2. Women function in the home, teaching the young and other woman. This area of the ministry of women is extended to the Church, provided that they are mature women in the LORD.

Titus 2:3-5

Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, {to be} sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.

3. Women can function as part of a team (where she is not in the position as the sole authority). Elders' wives should accompany their husband when ever possible.

4. Women have been used singularly and as part of a team by God to correct a man that is in error but she never stood as the authority over him. The authority is God's word.

a. Abigail (see 1 Samuel 25:2-38)

b. Priscilla

Acts 18:24-26

Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

5. The Ministry of prophesy in the New Testament was open to women. Those who were recognized as Prophets (Elders) were responsible to pass judgment on all prophecy to confirm if God had truly spoken. This judgment by the Prophets (Elders) of all prophecy is similar to the husband confirming his wife's vow in the day that he hears it. (see Numbers 30) So the Prophets too must judge prophecy when they hear it whether it comes from a man or a woman. They are to judge as soon as they hear.

1 Corinthians 14:26-29

What is {the outcome} then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. If anyone speaks in a tongue, {it should be} by two or at the most three, and {each} in turn, and let one interpret; but if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God. And let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment.

6. Women have the The Ministry of prayer - intercession.

Luke 2:36-38

And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with a husband seven years after her marriage, and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. And she never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers. And at that very moment she came up and {began} giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Article X. Board of Directors (Trustees)

Section 1. General Powers

The Board of Directors (Trustees) shall represent His Love Ministries in all matters of legal responsibility regarding finances including the purchase and disposal of His Love Ministries assets. They shall determine salaries and compensations of those who are employed by His Love Ministries. (Pastor, Elders and staff) They shall insure that His Love Ministries does not violate the public trust as to its status as a Not-For-Profit Ministry under Section 102 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Laws of New York State. They shall insure that all the financial records and bookkeeping of His Love Ministries will be done in a proper manner. They shall be responsible for the upkeep, repairs and the use of all Ministry Property. They shall be responsible for all moneys and Ministries expenditures.

Section 2. Number of Members

There shall be a Board of Directors (Trustees) consisting of no less than three (3) Directors and have no maximum number.

Section 3. Board Decisions

All board decisions shall have a unanimous vote for any action to be taken.

Section 4. Length of Office

The length of each term of office as a Director will be three (3) years. There is no stipulation restricting a Director from consecutive terms of office, or the maximum number of terms that any Director may hold.

Section 5. Compensation

Directors (Trustees) as such shall not receive any salaries or compensation for their services.

Section 6. Officers

The officers of His Love Ministries Board of Directors (Trustees) shall be a President, a secretary, a treasurer, one or more vice-presidents as such are deemed necessary. The Board of Directors may select an ad hoc committee as deemed necessary for administrative purposes.

Section 7. Elections and Terms of Office

The officers of His Love Ministries shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors (Trustees) at the regular annual meeting of the Board. If the election of officers is not held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as is convenient. New officers may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board except for the President as described in ARTICLE XII Section 3.

Section 8. Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting of the Board of Directors on the first Tuesday of December or on such a day in that month that will be agreed upon. There shall be other meetings during the year as there would be need to address any special needs of the Ministry.

Section 9. Removal

In the event that there shall be serious charges brought against a Director. The Board of Elders shall investigate these issues and they shall advise the appropriate action.

Section 10. Requirements and Qualifications for Directors (Trustees)

1. General Requirements.

a) The Director (Trustees) may be a Man or Woman, married or single.

b) He or she shall not be less than 40 Years of age.

2. Male Directors must conform to the scriptural requirements as recorded in:

I Timothy 3:1-7

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires {to do.} An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, uncontentious, free from the love of money. {He must be} one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?); {and} not a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. And he must have a good reputation with those outside {the church,} so that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Titus 1:2-9

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might set in order what remains, and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, {namely,} if any man be above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

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Proverbs 31:10-31

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b. She must have her husband's approval to become a Director (Trustee) of His Love Ministries. Her husband should know what the requirements are and the commitment she will be making for three (3) years. (see ARTICLE IX)

4. He or she must have known the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior for at least seven (7) years. And their life must have clear evidence of a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

5. He or she must have satisfied the requirements of the following Classes that are presented here at His Love Ministries.

- i. Basics of Christian Growth
- ii. How To Understand God's Word
- iii. Romans
- iv. Discipleship
- v. Personal Evangelism

- vi. Finances
- vii. Christology
- viii. Cults
- ix. How To Teach God's Word
- x. Apologetics
- xi. Old And New Testament Survey

6. He or she must sign a statement that they are in agreement with His Love Ministries, Tenets of Faith and Rules of Interpretation (Article VI, Article VII)

7. He or she must belong to a local Body of believers for no less than seven (7) years.

8. He or she is to provide a letter of recommendation from their Pastor stating that they are members in good standing.

9. He or she must have the unanimous approval of the Trustees in His Love Ministries.

10. He or she will have one year on probation before the final installation as a Director (Trustee) of His Love Ministries. This probationary period will be waived for consecutive terms on the Board.

Article XI. Elders

Section 1. General Powers

There shall be Elders who, with the Pastor (who is by virtue of his calling, an Elder), shall have spiritual oversight over the entire life of His Love Ministries. New Elders shall be appointed by the unanimous consent of the Elders of His Love Ministries upon recognition of an Eldership ministry in their lives. The Elders shall determine limits and areas of special emphasis of those on the Ministry Staff.

Section 2. Number of Elders

As there is a clear indication in the New Testament that there be a plurality of Elders to oversee God's work. His Love Ministries shall have Plurality of leadership by its Elders. There shall be no less than two Elders and no maximum number, but such as God would direct for the care of those He has called to be a part of His Love Ministries.

Matthew 18:19-20

"Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

Matthew 21:1

And when they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

Luke 10:1

Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them **two** and **two** ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.

John 8:17

"Even in your law it has been written, that the testimony of **two** men is true.

James 5:14

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the **elders** of the church, and let **them** pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

1Peter 5:1-5

Therefore, I exhort the **elders** among you, as {your} **fellow elder** and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to {the will of} God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

Philippians 1:1

Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the **overseers** and deacons:

Section 3. Decisions of the Elders

All Elders decisions shall have a unanimous vote for any action to be taken. The Pastor is also an Elder and shall have no greater voice in the decisions of the Board of Elders. Yet the Pastor shall be responsible for the general management of His Love Ministries as stated in Article XII Section 3, yet no decision of the Pastor regarding His Love Ministries shall be taken without the approval of the other Elder(s).

Section 4. Requirements for Elders

1. He must conform to the Scriptural requirements as recorded in:

1 Timothy 3:1-7

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires {to do.} An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, uncontentious, free from the love of money. {He must be} one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?); {and} not a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. And he must have a good reputation with those outside {the church,} so that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

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2. An Elder must be a man at least 40 years of age

3. He must have known the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior for at least seven (7) years. And his life must have clear evidence of a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

4. He must have satisfactorily completed the following Classes that are presented here at His Love Ministries.

i. Basics of Christian Growth

ii. How To Understand God's Word

iii. Romans

iv. Discipleship

v. Personal Evangelism

vi. Finances

vii. Christology

viii. Cults

ix. How To Teach God's Word

x. Apologetics

xi. Old And New Testament Survey

5. He must have at least one of the following credentials with a recognized Ordaining Body of Christians that are in agreement with His Love Ministries, Tenets of Faith and Rules of Interpretation (Article VI, Article VII)

a. Commissioned Minister

b. Licensed Minister

c. Ordained Minister

6. He must have the approval of The Counseling Ministry of His Love Ministries

7. He must have been in relationship with the local Body of His Love Ministries for no less than seven (7) years

8. He must have the unanimous approval of the Board of Elders in His Love Ministries.

9. He will have one year on probation before the final installation as an Elder of His Love Ministries.

Section 5. Compensation

As there arises the need for an Elders to be placed in full time Ministry for His Love Ministries the Salary will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Elders Meetings

1. Ministers on Staff

The Elders shall have a meeting with the other Ministers on Staff on the First Sunday of each month and other called meetings that the Elders will deem necessary.

2. With fellow Elder(s)

They will hold such meetings as are necessary to insure that each Elder is aware of the condition of the flock.

Section 7. Working outside His Love Ministries

There is no requirement that an Elder must leave his outside employment. He is free to remain employed as long as that employment does not compromise his position as an Elder at His Love Ministries. If an Elder should question his employment outside the ministry he should bring this matter before the Board of Elders.

Section 8. Removal of an Elder or Pastor

The scripture is clear that no single accusation against an Elder will place his position in jeopardy.

1 Timothy 5:17-21

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages." Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses. Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also may be fearful {of sinning.} I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of {His} chosen angels, to maintain these {principles} without bias, doing nothing in a {spirit of} partiality.

Yet if there is clear indication that the emotional well being of the Elder is in question. The Elder shall submit to the counsel of the Board of Elders regarding the need for medical attention, rest and removal from his duties.

If there are more than one serious accusation against an Elder, indicating a violation of the Scriptural requirements, the Board of Elders must:

1. Do a thorough investigation of the charges

a. If these charges prove to be a clear rejection of the Tenets of Faith (Article VI) or Rules of Interpretation (Article VII), he shall be removed.

b. If the charges prove to be true and there is a clear violation of:

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor {the} covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

He will be removed.

c. If there are other violations of a less serious nature, determination of the appropriate action will be at the discretion of the Board of Elders.

2. Have two or three witnesses publicly declare their charges.

If the charges are a violation of Section 8 1.a or 1.b

a. He will be publicly removed from his position as an Elder before the Body of His Love Ministries.

b. He will not be permitted to again hold the position as an Elder with His Love Ministries, even if the areas have been corrected. They will always be welcome into this Body but they will never again be allowed to minister in His Love Ministries. Scriptures state that the Priests who were involved with the high places did not go up again to the altar of the LORD.

2 Kings 23:9

Nevertheless the priests of the high places did not go up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brothers.

Article XII. Pastor

Section 1. Replacement

a. In the event that a Pastor should die. A replacement shall be selected from the Board of Elders.

b. In the event that the Pastor should become permanently unable to continue in his position because of age or impairment of his health there must be a joint decision from both the Board of Directors and the Board of Elders to replace him. The Board of Directors will determine the financial benefits for the Pastor.

Section 2. Selection of a New Pastor

No Elder will be considered to hold the position of the Pastor unless he has been a faithful Elder at His Love Ministries for no less than ten (10) years. There must be agreement from all the Elders and the agreement of the Board of Directors as to the selection of a new Pastor.

Section 3.Duties

The Pastor by nature of the Articles of Incorporation shall be a permanent member on the Board of Directors. He will serve as the President on the Board of Directors (Trustees) as the one who will be the chief executive officer of His Love Ministries. He shall be a non-elected continual officer and President of the Board of Directors. The responsibility to oversee all the areas of His Love Ministries is consistent with the Tenets of Faith where the Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of His Body the Church. (see ARTICLE VI Section 5) The Pastor shall have general management of the business of His Love Ministries and have general supervision, This however does not give him a greater vote in the Board of Directors as all decisions must be unanimous. Also as Pastor he has no greater vote in the Board of Elders as there also, all decisions must be unanimous. This is a safeguard to prevent the frailties of our human nature from being corrupted by absolute power. (see ARTICLE XI Section 2) For the LORD's word is clear.

Deuteronomy 19:15

"A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.

Matthew 18:15-20

"And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. "But if he does not listen {to you,} take one or two more with you, so that \ by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed \. "And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax-gatherer. "Truly I say to you, whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

The Pastor shall execute in the name of His Love Ministries all deeds, bonds, mortgages, contracts and other documents authorized by the Board of Directors.

In the event that the Pastor is absent, any Elder of His Love Ministries can officiate in his absence.

Article XIII.Elder's Advisory Board

Section 1.Purpose

As the LORD Jesus might see fit to call an Elder from His Love Ministries into another work in Our Masters field. That Elder will then be placed on the Elder's Advisory Board of His Love Ministries.

Acts 13:1-3

Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was {there}, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had

been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Section 2.Duties

In the event that there may occur a problem in the Board of Elders that may cause unresolved strife and a polarization over an issue. The members of the Elders Advisory Board will be contacted to help resolve the issue.

Section 3.Present Member(s) as of the writing of the Document

Rev. David N. Collins - Past Elder to His Love Ministries Sept. 16, 1990 - June 1, 1994. Rev. Collins is now a Missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators; P.O. Box 2727; Hunting Beach CA 92647 (714) 969-4600

Article XIV.Local Body

Section 1.Worship Service - Order of Worship

Call to Worship

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

"This is the great and foremost commandment. "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:38-40)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. (John 3:16-17)

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. "For My yoke is easy, and My load is light." (Mat. 11:28-30)

"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have {it} abundantly. (John 10:10)

"If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink." (John 7:37)

Therefore God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and

on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)

*"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."
(Matthew 18:20)*

Prayer

Singing

Scripture Lesson

Solo

Sermon

Communion

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way {He took} the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink {it,} in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly. For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with the world. 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Sharing and Testimony

Prayer and Benediction

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, {be} glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24-25)

Section 2. Baptism

1. Requirements for candidates of Baptism

- i. Personally accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior
- ii. Public Confession of faith
- iii. Receive instruction prior to Baptism

2. Location and date of Baptism

- i. We will endeavor to use living water (lake, stream or inlet) if at all possible.

ii. Once a year we have a Baptismal Service - This Service will be held on the last Sunday in July. The date of this event can be changed if the Elders so desire.

Section 3. Soloist Requirements:

Guest Soloist

They have the Elders approval to participate in that particular Worship Service and they are present for the Corporate Prayer time before that Service.

His Love Ministries' Soloist

1. They have met with the Elders of His Love Ministries and declared that they will submit themselves to their leadership as it is clearly defined in Scripture.

2. They have requested that their names be added to His Love Ministries' Directory.

3. They will participate in our worship gatherings and fellowship on a regular basis.

4. They will be spiritually prepared for their appointed times of ministry.

5. They will be on time for the Corporate prayer time of those participating in the worship service or they will not be allowed to participate in that worship service.

6. They have completed the following Classes at His Love Ministries.

1) Basics of Christian Growth

2) How To Understand God's Word

3) Romans

4) Discipleship

7. They have taken a "Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis" Test from His Love Ministries Counseling Staff obtaining their approval.

8. They have the Elders approval

Section 4. Worship Leaders and Musicians' Requirements:

1. They have met with the Elders of His Love Ministries and declared that they will submit themselves to their leadership as it is clearly defined in Scripture.

2. They have requested that their names be added to His Love Ministries' Directory.

3. They will participate in our worship gatherings and fellowship on a regular basis.

4. They will be present for the Worship leaders meetings and workshops.

5. They will be spiritually prepared for their appointed times of worship.

6. They will be on time for the Corporate prayer time of those participating in the worship service or they will not be allowed to participate in that worship service.

7. They have completed the following Classes at His Love Ministries.

- 1)Basics of Christian Growth
- 2)How To Understand God's Word
- 3)Romans
- 4)Discipleship

8.They have taken a "Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis" Test from His love Ministries Counseling Staff obtaining their approval.

9.They have the Elders approval

10.Worship Leading is extended for one year commitments and this commitment is to be renewed each year.

Section 5.Ministry of the Word Requirements:

1.A Recognized Minister of the Gospel that has been invited by the Elders

or

2.Those who have satisfactorily completed the following at His Love Ministries.

- 1)Basics of Christian Growth
- 2)How To Understand God's Word
- 3)Romans
- 4)Discipleship
- 5)Personal Evangelism
- 6)Finances
- 7)Christology
- 8)Cults
- 9)How To Teach God's Word

10)They have taken a " Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis" Test from His Love Ministries Counseling Staff obtaining their approval.

11)They have the Elders approval (the Elders can waiver any requirements)

Section 6. Requirements of Local Ministries and Outreaches:

1.They have meet with the Elders of His Love Ministries and declared that they will submit themselves to their leadership as it is clearly defined in Scripture.

2.They have requested that their names be added to His Love Ministries' Directory.

3.They will participate in our worship gatherings and fellowship on a regular basis.

4.They will be present for the Worship leaders meetings and workshops.

5.They will be spiritually prepared for their appointed times of worship.

6.They will be on time for the Corporate prayer time of those participating in the worship service or they will not be allowed to participate in that worship service.

7.They have completed the following Classes at His Love Ministries.

- 1)Basics of Christian Growth
- 2)How To Understand God's Word
- 3)Romans
- 4)Discipleship

8.They have taken a "Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis" Test from His love Ministries Counseling Staff obtaining their approval.

9.They have the Elders approval

10.Worship Leading is extended for one year commitments and this commitment is to be renewed each year.

Section 7.Children and Youth's Ministries

His Love Ministries provides no separate children's or youth ministry.

1.We believe that the authority of the parent is clearly stated in God's word.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. "And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. "And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

2.Our function is to equip the PARENT to teach their own children the scriptures and there by introduce no other authority line into the family that may unknowingly contradict the parents authority.

We do from time to time provide teachings during our worship services that are geared to children. And to avoid any conflict with the parents authority we will make a copy of the teaching one week prior to the teaching and make a copy available that the parent has ample time to review the material that will be presented and if they feel that the information that will be presented is not appropriate for their child we ask that they keep them from that presentation. Our worship service are open to all ages, both young and old.

Deuteronomy 31:10-13

Then Moses commanded them, saying, "At the end of {every} seven years, at the time of the year of remission of debts, at the Feast of Booths, when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place which He will choose, you shall read this law in front of all Israel in their hearing. "Assemble the people, the men and the women and children and the alien who is in your town, in order that they may hear and learn and fear the LORD your God, and be careful to observe all the words of this law. "And their children, who have not known, will hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live on the land which you are about to cross the Jordan to possess."

Mark 10:13-16

And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it {at all.}" And He took them in His arms and {began} blessing them, laying His hands upon them.

Section 8. Administration Assistants Requirements:

1. They have meet with the Elders of His Love Ministries and declared that they will submit themselves to their leadership as it is clearly defined in Scripture.
2. They have requested that their names be added to His Love Ministries' Directory.
3. They will participate in our worship gatherings and fellowship on a regular basis.
4. They will be present for the meetings and workshops that pertain to their areas of ministries.
5. They will be spiritually prepared for their appointed times of ministry.
6. They have completed the following Classes at His Love Ministries.
 - 1) Basics of Christian Growth
 - 2) How To Understand God's Word
 - 3) Romans
 - 4) Discipleship
7. They have taken a "Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis" Test from His love Ministries Counseling Staff obtaining their approval.
8. They have the Elders approval.
9. If a female, she has obtained her husbands approval. (see ARTICLE IX)

Section 9. Collections (see ARTICLE XVII)

1. There will be no collections made at any of our services, classes or special events. Freely the LORD has given so freely we give.

Matthew 10:7-10

"And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' "Heal {the} sick, raise {the} dead, cleanse {the} lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give. "Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts, or a bag for {your} journey, or even two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of his support.

2. There will be no public reference made to the financial supporters of this ministry. Jesus said that all giving to God's work should be done secretly with no fanfare or attention drawn to the giver. God will reward the giver.

Matthew 6:2-4

"When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

Section 10. Ministries & Missions Supported

His Love Ministries will give Ten Percent (10%) of its income to other Ministries that are designated by the Board of Directors if that money is available and His Love Ministries financial obligations are current.

Section 11. Decorum at meetings

If there is someone who comes to a meeting and they have been evaluated by the Elders as behaving in an unacceptable manner they will be asked to leave the assembly. His Love Ministries shall expect the same decorum that will be appropriate in a public building.

1 Corinthians 14:33

... for God is not {a God} of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

1 Corinthians 14:40

But let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.

Section 12. Strife

Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, A false witness {who} utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

Inasmuch as no Christian institution can comply with the plain teaching of Scripture unless unity and harmony predominate, no person within the Local Body may use means to incite or engender strife, but shall work in harmony with the other members of the body, the Board of Directors (Trustees) and the Elders of His Love Ministries, as did the early Church.

Acts 2:42

And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

If there is cause for dissatisfaction, it shall be called to the attention of the Pastor, an Elder(s) or one of the members of the Board of Directors. At their discretion, necessary adjustments shall be made.

As strife between the members of the body of Christ is disruptive to the unity of the body, those who are involved will be brought before the Elders in an attempt to end such problems by the guidelines of the Scriptures.

Matthew 18:15-22

"And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. "But if he does not listen {to you,} take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. "And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax-gatherer. "Truly I say to you, whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

Philippians 4:2-3

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord. Indeed, true comrade, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in {the cause of} the gospel, together with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Section 13.Membership

We have no voting membership. Spiritual decisions affecting the life of the local body of His Love Ministries is under the care of its Elders. The Worship services are open to all who wish to attend.

Section 14.Those wishing to express their relationship to the local body of His Love Ministries :

- 1.They will request to meet with the Elders of His Love Ministries.

Declaring that they wish to submit themselves to their leadership. A copy of these By-Law will be given to those wishing to be under the Elders leadership.

- 2.They will request that their names be added to His Love Ministries Directory.

This directory is shared with only those individuals that make this request. All information obtained is used to encourage fellowship, and no request for moneys will be made to those who are on His Love Ministries' Directory or Mailing List. At any time they can request to have their names removed from this Directory, and to remove themselves from the care of the Elders of His Love Ministries.

- 3.They will participate in our worship gatherings on a regular basis.
- 4.They will attempt to attend the Bible Classes that are offered at His Love Ministries.

Section 15.His Love Ministries' Directory

- 1.The Directory will be updated twice a year.
- 2.In July an attempt will be made to contact those on the directory to see if they wish to have their names remain or be removed.
- 3.In the event that a person has not come to worship Services for six (6) months, there will be an attempt to contact that person by phone and or by mail.

Article XV.Bible School

Section 1.Registration

- 1.The classes are open to all who wish to attend who are 13 years * of age and older.
** Those who are under the age of 18 must obtain their parents approval to attend classes.*
- 2.A registration card shall be completed for all classes
- 3.Members of other Churches, or Fellowships desiring to attend classes:
 - i.They shall obtain a written release from their Pastor or Elder declaring his consent as their spiritual Leader for them to study at His Love Ministries. A Doctrinal Statement and a list of the classes offered here will be sent to their Pastor (Elder) stating this ruling.
 - ii.One signed Pastor's consent form will be sufficient for all further study at His Love Ministries.

Section 2.Admission

Classes are open to all

- 1.Regardless of race, sex or religious background
- 2.Regardless of one's prior schooling or ability

Section 3.Ministry Training - Equipping those "Called to Ministry"

Those who feel they have received a clear call from God to Ministry will be:

- 1.Provided with a solid foundation in Biblical training
- 2.Provided with counseling to help prepare them for active Ministry
- 3.Recommended to an Ordaining Body for credentials

Section 4.Evangelism Explosion Training

Certified Training in Dr. James Kennedy's Evangelism Explosion

1. Providing the tools to reach your community door to door. (Trainer)
2. This training will prepare you for other ministry training with Evangelism Explosion International.

Section 5. Staff Requirements

1. The Staff may be a Man or Woman
2. He or she shall not be less than 30 Years of age.
3. He must conform to scriptural requirements as recorded in:

1 Timothy 3:1-7

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires {to do.} An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, uncontentious, free from the love of money. {He must be} one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?); {and} not a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. And he must have a good reputation with those outside {the church,} so that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Titus 1:2-9

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might set in order what remains, and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, {namely,} if any man be above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

4. She must conform to the scriptural requirements as recorded in :

- a. The Scriptural requirements as recorded in:

Proverbs 31:10-31

An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life. She looks for wool and flax, And works with her hands in delight. She is like merchant ships; She brings her food from afar. She rises also while it is still night, And gives food to her household, And portions to her maidens. She considers a field and buys it; From her earnings she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, And makes her arms strong. She senses that her gain is good; Her lamp does not go out at night. She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hands grasp the spindle. She extends her hand to the poor; And she stretches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household, For all her household are clothed with scarlet. She

makes coverings for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells {them,} And supplies belts to the tradesmen. Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband {also,} and he praises her, {saying:} "Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all." Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, {But} a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her the product of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates.

Titus 2:3-5

Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, {to be} sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.

b. She must have her husband's approval to become a Staff member of His Love Ministries. Her husband should know what the requirements. (see ARTICLE IX)

5. He or she must have known the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior for at least 7 years. And their life must have clear evidence of a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

6. He or she must have satisfactorily completed the following Classes that are presented here at His Love Ministries.

- i. Basics of Christian Growth
- ii. How To Understand God's Word
- iii. Romans
- iv. Discipleship
- v. Personal Evangelism
- vi. Finances
- vii. Christology
- viii. Cults
- ix. How To Teach God's Word
- x. Apologetics
- xi. Old And New Testament Survey

7. He or she must have at least a Christian Workers certificate or an equivalent with a recognized Ordaining Body of Christians that are in agreement with His Love Ministries, Tenets of Faith and Rules of Interpretation (Article V, Article VI)

8. He or she must have the approval of The Counseling Ministry of His Love Ministries

9. He or she must have been in relationship with the local Body of His Love Ministries for no less than three (3) years

10. He or she must have the unanimous approval of the present Elders in His Love Ministries.

11. They have met with the Elders of His Love Ministries and declared that they will submit themselves to their leadership as it is clearly defined in Scripture.

12. They have requested that their names be added to His Love Ministries' Directory.

13. They will participate in our worship gatherings and fellowship on a regular basis.

14. They will be present for the Staff meetings and workshops.

15. They will be spiritually prepared for their appointed times of leadership.

16. They have taken a " Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis" Test from His Love Ministries' Counseling Staff obtaining their approval.

17. Staff commitments are for one year they must be renewed each year.

Article XVI. Counseling Center

His Love Ministries provides Certified Christian Counseling for the Local Body and those attending Bible Classes. Those outside of the Local Body of His Love Ministries and who are not in classes shall only be admitted to the Counseling Center with the approval of the Director of Counseling. Such admission will be determined on an individual basis.

Article XVII. Financial Stewardship (see ARTICLE XIV-Section 9)

Section 1. Supporters

His Love Ministries is supported solely by donations, given on a voluntary basis. There are no fees or collections taken for any classes, services or counseling. There is no request for funds using the Ministry mailing list. A tax receipt is given to those who support this work. A detailed Stewardship Report is sent to those on our Mailing List once a year. Our Cash Ledger of income and expenditures is open to anyone requesting to see it. The list of donors to this work is strictly confidential.

Matthew 6:2-4

"When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

Section 2. Receipting

An attempt shall be made to determine the source of all moneys (regardless of amount) given to His Love Ministries so that proper receipts may be issued at the end of each month. At the end of the Fiscal year a detailed summary of the Ministries Stewardship will be sent to all who have

given to the Ministry in that year. These summaries will be provided to all who attend the general Meeting in January.

Section 3. Banking

No Ministry funds shall be issued without the signatures of two (2) members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Books and Records

His Love Ministries shall make every effort to keep correct and complete records of all accounts. The Cash Ledger recording the Deposits and Expenditures is open to any one who wishes to examine them. The Donors' List is not open to the public. The Board of Directors will determine those individuals that are deemed necessary for proper receipting and bookkeeping to have limited access to these records.

Matthew 6:1-4

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven. "When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

No special preference will be shown to those who financial support this work.

James 2:1-9

My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with {an attitude of} personal favoritism. For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives? Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world {to be} rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court? Do they not blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called? If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law, according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin {and} are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Section 5. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of His Love Ministries shall be the calendar.

Article XVIII. Dissolution

1. Upon the Dissolution of His Love Ministries, the Board of Directors (Trustees) shall, after the payment of all the liabilities of His Love Ministries, dispose of all of the assets of the Ministry exclusively for the purposes of His Love Ministries (see Article II, Section 2), to such organization or organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall qualify as an exempt corporation or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, (or of the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors (Trustees) shall determine.

2. No part of the net earning of His Love Ministries shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, Directors (Trustees), or any person except that His Love Ministries shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments in the furtherance of the Ministry. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or these By-Laws of His Love Ministries, the Ministry shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on:

a. By a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax, under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, (or of the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors (Trustees) shall determine.

Article XIX. Amendment of By-Laws

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new By-Laws may be adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting where all the members of the Board of Directors are present.

Article XX. Amendments

Section 1. Voting Restrictions of the President and his wife (October 17, 1995)

Therefore let it be resolved that no President of the Board of Directors and his spouse who may be a member of the Board of Directors, shall participate in the voting regarding the financial compensation or salary of the President, and or his spouse.

Section 2. Ministry Credentials (December 10, 1995)

His Love Ministries provides the following credentials to those who have a clear call from God to the ministry and have met the requirements set forth in these By-Laws: Christian Worker, Commissioned Minister, Licensed Minister, Ordained Minister.

Section 3. Christian Worker Certificate (December 10, 1995)

Definition: A Christian Worker Certificate is granted to a person who is active in a supportive role in the Ministry of The Gospel. This will provide accountability to His Love Ministries as a covering organization. Examples of those who may need a Christian Worker Certificate:

1)Administration - Where the responsibilities as an administrator require accountability and a clear understanding of the essentials of the Gospel.

2)Visitation to those who are infirmed (Hospital or Home) - To gain access to the infirm in those locations where credentials are required.

3)Personal Evangelism - Where a covering and accountability to an organization is in order to validate the person's call to evangelism.

4)Board Member of His Love Ministries - This is the minimal requirement to be a Board Member of His Love Ministries (Article X Section 10.)

5)Bible School Staff Member of His Love Ministries - This is the minimal requirement to be a part of the Teaching Staff at His Love Ministries (Article XV Section 5.)

1.General Requirement

a.The Christian Workers certificate is open to both men and women, married or single.

b.He or she shall not be less than thirty (30) years old.

*And the Levites were numbered from thirty years old and upward,
and their number by census of men was 38,000.(1 Chronicles 23:3)*

c.He or she must have known the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior for at least seven (7) years. And their life must have clear evidence of a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

d.He or she must have the approval of The Counseling Ministry of His Love Ministries

e.He or she must have the unanimous approval of the current Elders in His Love Ministries.

f.He or she must meet with the Elders of His Love Ministries and declare in writing that they accept the Tenets of Faith and Rules For Interpretation without reservation.

g.He or she must agree to attend at least one H.L.M. regional Meeting a year with the other credentialed members (unless the member is overseas).

h.He or she must agree to submit to the exhortation, counsel and if needed correction from the leadership of His Love Ministries if there is a proven violation of the Tenets of Faith , Rules of Interpretation or the scriptural requirements recorded in Scripture. (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:2-9 for men and Proverbs 31:10-31; Titus 2:3-5 for women)

i.A current " Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis" Test from His Love Ministries.

j.He or she must have satisfactorily completed the following Classes that are presented here at His Love Ministries, or their equivalent. (Written examinations may be required to demonstrate the mastery of the material taught in these classes)

1)Basics of Christian Growth

2)How To Understand God's Word

3)Romans

4)Discipleship

5)Personal Evangelism

6)Finances

7)Christology

8)Cults

9)How To Teach God's Word

10)Apologetics

11)Old And New Testament Survey

2.He must conform to scriptural requirements as recorded in:

I Timothy 3:1-7

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires {to do.} An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, uncontentious, free from the love of money. {He must be} one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?); {and} not a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. And he must have a good reputation with those outside {the church,} so that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Titus 1:2-9

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might set in order what remains, and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, {namely,} if any man be above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

3.She must conform to the scriptural requirements as recorded in :

a.The Scriptural requirements as recorded in:

Proverbs 31:10-31

An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life. She looks for wool and flax, And works with her hands in delight. She is like merchant ships; She brings her food from afar. She rises also while it is still night, And gives food to her household, And portions to her maidens. She considers a field and buys it; From her earnings she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, And makes her arms strong. She senses that her gain is good; Her lamp does not go out at night. She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hands grasp the spindle. She extends her hand to the poor; And she stretches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household, For all her household are clothed with scarlet. She makes coverings for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells {them,} And supplies belts to the tradesmen. Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kind-

ness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband {also,} and he praises her, {saying:} "Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all." Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, {But} a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her the product of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates.

Titus 2:3-5

Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, {to be} sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.

If married, she must have her husband's approval to become a Christian Worker Credentialed by His Love Ministries.

Section 4. Commissioned Minister (December 10, 1995)

Definition: A Commissioned Minister Credential is granted to a man who feels a definite call to the Ministry of The Gospel and he is involved in ministerial training while performing some type of ministry. The Commissioned Minister will be accountable to His Love Ministries as the covering organization. There must be monthly updates to H.L.M. regarding the personal, spiritual and ministry growth and development of the Commissioned Minister. There will be at least a period of three (3) years before he can advance to the Licensed Minister Credential.

1. General Requirement

- a. This credential is open only to men, married or single.
- b. He shall not be less than thirty (30) years old.

*And the Levites were numbered from thirty years old and upward,
and their number by census of men was 38,000. (1 Chronicles 23:3)*

- c. He must have known the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior for at least seven (7) years. And his life must have clear evidence of a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
- d. He must have the approval of The Counseling Ministry of His Love Ministries
- e. He must have the unanimous approval of the current Elders in His Love Ministries.
- f. He must meet with the Elders of His Love Ministries and declared in writing that he accepts the Tenets of Faith and Rules For Interpretation without reservation.
- g. He must agree to attend at least one H.L.M. regional Meeting a year with the other credentialed members (unless he is overseas).
- h. He must agree to submit to the exhortation, counsel and if needed correction from the leadership of His Love Ministries if there is a proven violation of the Tenets of Faith , Rules of Interpretation or the scriptural requirements recorded in Scripture. (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:2-9)
- i. A current " Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis" Test from His Love Ministries.

j. He must have satisfactorily completed the following Classes that are presented here at His Love Ministries, or their equivalent. (Written examinations may be required to demonstrate the mastery of the material taught in these classes)

- 1) Basics of Christian Growth
- 2) How To Understand God's Word
- 3) Romans
- 4) Discipleship
- 5) Personal Evangelism
- 6) Finances
- 7) Christology
- 8) Cults
- 9) How To Teach God's Word
- 10) Apologetics
- 11) Old And New Testament Survey

2. He must conform to scriptural requirements as recorded in:

I Timothy 3:1-7

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires {to do.} An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, uncontentious, free from the love of money. {He must be} one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?); {and} not a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. And he must have a good reputation with those outside {the church,} so that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Titus 1:2-9

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might set in order what remains, and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, {namely,} if any man be above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

Section 5. Licensed Minister (December 10, 1995)

Definition: A Licensed Minister Credential is granted to a man who is active in the Ministry of The Gospel. This license is granted to allow the person to prove his ministry to be God-ordained. There must be six (6) month updates to H.L.M. regarding the personal, spiritual and ministry

growth and development of the Licensed Minister. There will be at least a period of three (3) years before he will be considered to advance to the Ordained Minister Credential.

1. General Requirement

a. This credential is open only to men, married or single.

b. He shall not be less than thirty (30) years old.

*And the Levites were numbered from thirty years old and upward,
and their number by census of men was 38,000. (1 Chronicles 23:3)*

c. He must have known the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior for at least seven (7) years. And his life must have clear evidence of a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

d. He must have the approval of The Counseling Ministry of His Love Ministries

e. He must have the unanimous approval of the current Elders in His Love Ministries.

f. He must meet with the Elders of His Love Ministries and declare in writing that he accept the Tenets of Faith and Rules For Interpretation without reservation.

g. He must agree to attend at least one H.L.M. regional Meeting a year with the other credentialed members (unless he is overseas).

h. He must agree to submit to the exhortation, counsel and if needed correction from the leadership of His Love Ministries if there is a proven violation of the Tenets of Faith , Rules of Interpretation or the scriptural requirements recorded in Scripture. (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:2-9)

i. A current " Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis" Test from His Love Ministries.

j. He must have satisfactorily completed the following Classes that are presented here at His Love Ministries, or their equivalent. (Written examinations may be required to demonstrate the mastery of the material taught in these classes)

1) Basics of Christian Growth

2) How To Understand God's Word

3) Romans

4) Discipleship

5) Personal Evangelism

6) Finances

7) Christology

8) Cults

9) How To Teach God's Word

10) Apologetics

11) Old And New Testament Survey

2. He must conform to scriptural requirements as recorded in:

1 Timothy 3:1-7

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires {to do.} An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife,

temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, uncontentious, free from the love of money. {He must be} one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?); {and} not a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. And he must have a good reputation with those outside {the church,} so that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Titus 1:2-9

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might set in order what remains, and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, {namely,} if any man be above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

Section 6. Ordained Minister (December 10, 1995)

Definition: An Ordained Minister Credential is granted to those men who have shown clear evidence of God's ordination and are active in a God-honoring Ministry of The Gospel. An ordained minister shall have all rights and privileges attending his call in accordance with the laws of the state in which he resides. There must be a yearly update to H.L.M. regarding the personal, spiritual and ministry growth and development of the Ordained Minister. There will be a Service installing the newly ordained minister.

1. General Requirement

- a) This credential is open only to men, married or single.
- b) He shall not be less than forty (40) years old.

Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily and thus share responsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself free from sin. 1 Timothy 5:22

- a. He must have known the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior for at least ten (10) years. And his life must have clear evidence of a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
- b. He must have the approval of The Counseling Ministry of His Love Ministries
- c. He must have the unanimous approval of the current Elders in His Love Ministries.
- d. He must meet with the Elders of His Love Ministries and declared in writing that he accepts the Tenets of Faith and Rules For Interpretation without reservation.
- e. He must agree to attend at least one H.L.M. regional Meeting a year with the other credentialed members (unless he is overseas).

f. He must agree to submit to the exhortation, counsel and if needed correction from the leadership of His Love Ministries if there is a proven violation of the Tenets of Faith , Rules of Interpretation or the scriptural requirements recorded in Scripture. (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:2-9)

g. A current " Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis" Test from His Love Ministries.

h. He must have satisfactorily completed the following Classes that are presented here at His Love Ministries, or their equivalent. (Written examinations may be required to demonstrate the mastery of the material taught in these classes)

1) Basics of Christian Growth

2) How To Understand God's Word

3) Romans

4) Discipleship

5) Personal Evangelism

6) Finances

7) Christology

8) Cults

9) How To Teach God's Word

10) Apologetics

11) Old And New Testament Survey

2. He must conform to scriptural requirements as recorded in:

I Timothy 3:1-7

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires {to do.} An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, uncontentious, free from the love of money. {He must be} one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?); {and} not a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. And he must have a good reputation with those outside {the church,} so that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

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Section 7.Membership Cards for those with H.L.M. Credentials (December 10, 1995)

Each year a new membership card will be issued for the coming year to those holding credentials with His Love Ministries. All credentials, plaques and certificates are void without a current membership card.

Section 8.Transferring Credentials from another Organization (December 10, 1995)

Each application for transferal of a credential will be examined on an individual basis. It will remain the prerogative of His Love Ministries to require additional references, education, and or counseling to determine a transfer of credentials. His Love Ministries reserves the right to issue a lesser credential and or impose a period of time to indicate if there is a clear call upon a man for ministry. Any transfer of a credential will not automatically guarantee that the minister receive a similar credential with His Love Ministries.

Section 9.When Ministers are traveling (December 15,1996)

1 Corinthians 9:5

Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

This passage clearly indicates that those who ministered for the LORD took their wives along with them when they ministered.

Luke 10:1

*Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them **two and two** ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.*

It is clear that Jesus did not send His Disciples out alone to minister. As this was God's design from the beginning, all future ministry should follow this imperative.

1.The Pastor when traveling

It will be required that the Pastor of His Love Ministries take his wife along when he is required to be out of town. She is to accompany him unless her health or other situations do not permit her to join him. If the Pastor's wife can not accompany him another brother in the LORD is required to travel with the Pastor.

2.Ministers when traveling

Ministers of His Love Ministries should take along their wives whenever possible when they are called to minister. If it is not possible for their wife to accompany them, a brother in the LORD should travel with them.

Section 10.The Unity of the One Body of Christ (December 15, 1996)

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

The above scripture clearly states that there is only one Body. His Love Ministries believes that there is and always has been only one Body of Christ, in spite of the divisions and separations that divide this Body, it still remains one Body.

We Believe that the Word of God has everything we need pertaining to life and Godliness. God in His wisdom has left within His Word, the guidelines and answers for the Church whenever there is a struggle. The Unity of the Church is not a minor issue and God has left the needed wisdom within Scripture to maintain this Unity until Jesus returns.

2 Peter 1:3

seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

In Acts 15 God records how an internal issue that threatened the division of the Church was successfully handled by a counsel meeting of the Elders. The issue was settled when clear scripture was seen to address the issues at hand. A statement was made and circulated to the local fellowships to end the problem. It must be noted that Peter, one of the 12 Apostles of the Lamb, was present and he did not object to this procedure. It was the clear word of God that settled all debate and discussion.

The first counsels that took place after the periods of persecution were an attempt of the Church to make clear statements that were based upon scripture to publicly declare the "True Faith". As there were no chapter and verse divisions at the time of the writing, we do not see any reference back to scripture. The early counsels made only those statements that declared the unity of the Church as it was clearly stated in scripture. These creeds did not address many areas, thereby leaving those areas for the local Churches to decide. These creeds attempt to clearly define to the world the essential content of the faith, for which the Christians died.

In an attempt to show our unity with the one Body of Christ, His Love Ministries stands united with all who hold to the following Creeds that were established before there was any major break in the unity of the Church.

The Three General Creeds of the Holy Christian Church.

I. The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into Hell [Hades]; The third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of Sins; The Resurrection of the body ; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

II. The Nicene Creed.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one Substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And he shall come again to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

III. The Athanasian Creed.

(Symbolum Quincunque.)

1. Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the true Christian faith.

2. Which Faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

3. And the true Christian Faith is this: that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;

4. Neither confounding the Persons; nor dividing the substance.

5. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost.

6. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory Equal, the Majesty Co-eternal.

7. Such as the Father is, such is the Son: and such is the Holy Ghost.

8. The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate: and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

9. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible: and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

10. *The Father eternal, the Son eternal: and the Holy Ghost eternal.*
11. *And yet they are not three Eternals: but one Eternal.*
12. *As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated: but one Uncreated, and one incomprehensible.*
13. *So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty: and the Holy Ghost Almighty.*
14. *And yet they are not three Almighty: but one Almighty.*
15. *So the Father is God, the Son is God: and the Holy Ghost is God.*
16. *And yet they are not three Gods: but one God.*
17. *So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord: and the Holy Ghost Lord.*
18. *And yet not three Lords: but one Lord.*
19. *For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity: to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord;*
20. *So are we forbidden by the Christian Religion: to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.*
21. *The Father is made of none: neither created nor begotten.*
22. *The Son is of the Father alone: not made, nor created, but begotten.*
23. *The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.*
24. *So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.*
25. *And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;*
26. *But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together, and co-equal:*
27. *So that in all things, as is aforesaid: the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.*
28. *He therefore that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity.*
29. *Furthermore, it is necessary to Everlasting Salvation: that we also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
30. *For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;*
31. *God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds: and Man of the substance of His mother, born into the world;*
32. *Perfect God, and perfect Man: of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.*
33. *Equal to the Father, as touching His Godhead; and inferior to the Father, as touching His Manhood.*
34. *Who although He be God and Man: yet He is not two, but one Christ.*
35. *One, not by conversion of the Godhead into human flesh: but by taking the Manhood into God.*
36. *One altogether; not by confusion of Substance: but by Unity of Person.*
37. *For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man: so God and Man is one Christ;*
38. *Who suffered for our salvation; descended into hell [Hades], rose again the third day from the dead.*
39. *He ascended into heaven; He sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty:*
40. *From whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*
41. *At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies:*

42. *And shall give account for their own works.*

43. *And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting: and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire.*

44. *This is the true Christian Faith, which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.*

Section 11. Denominational and Local Church Individuality (December 15, 1996)

Each denomination and local Church will display its own unique structure, form of worship and polity. This is in accordance with the freedom that we have to examine the scripture for ourselves. These areas are not the areas that define our unity. Each group of believers has the freedom to build upon the foundation of Christ and it is Jesus who will test each man's work, not any ecclesiastical organization. The Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Protestant Churches will remain unique until the return of Christ. Yet this in no way denies our unity in the preceding creeds.

Section 12. The Jews and the Nation of Israel (December 15, 1996)

First we must state that over the years Christians have often done a disservice to the Jews, by placing the death of Jesus solely upon them as a group and not upon the whole human race (Jews and Gentiles). The death of Jesus was for all sinful men. The Gospel was first sent to the Jews, those who should have received it. The rejection of that generation did not indicate that God rejected the Jews from His eternal plan. God's hand is upon the Jewish people. The adoption of the gentile nations into the family of Abraham does not make these nations Jews. The Jews will always have the literal covenants and promises which include; the Temple Service, circumcision and the land that was promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

It can be seen that God is still actively working with the Jews as He has fulfilled His word literally concerning them. Note the following events: the second gathering of the Jews from all over the world; the Jewish nation was brought forth in a single day; the Jews once again are controlling Jerusalem after their exile in 70AD. Each of these events speaks to the continued hand of God upon the Jews. These events should give the Christians the assurance that God is faithful to His word.

Isaiah 11:11-12

Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the islands of the sea. And He will lift up a standard for the nations, And will assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

Isaiah 66:8

"Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day? Can a nation be brought forth all at once? As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons.

Luke 21:24

and they [the Jews] will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Romans 11:25

For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in;

We as Christians have to often failed to clearly acknowledge our roots in Judaism and declare the permanent covenant relationship that God has with the Jews.

Matthew 22:32

'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living. "

We Christians have been adopted and grafted into a root that was here before us, and the root is clearly Jewish.

Romans 11:17-24

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; for if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will He spare you. Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again. For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more shall these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

Christians have received the Jewish Messiah. The nations placing their faith in the Jewish Messiah do not break the covenant relationship that God has with the Jews.

Romans 9:4-5

who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

We at His Love Ministries:

i. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

ii.Support the Jews in their right to the promise land.

iii.Lovingly and patiently introduce them to their Messiah who is Jesus the LORD.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Section 13.Concerning future amendments (March 29, 2014)

His Love Ministries Board reserves the right to make necessary and appropriate changes to these By-laws to meet any changing conditions. All changes MUST be made by a unanimous decision of the entire Board.

