



THE CONSTITUTION OF WORLD MINISTERIAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (Goals and Purposes for Existence)

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be World Ministerial Alumni Association (WMAA) under the auspices of World Outreach Center and World Bible Training Institute.

Article II – Nature of World Ministerial Alumni Association

WMAA was founded in 2009, in Glendale, Wisconsin, as an outreach ministry of World Outreach Center and World Bible Training Institute. The primary nature of WMAA is to provide training and development, fellowship, leadership, and service for active ministers licensed and/or ordained by WMAA.

In recognizing the unity of the entire Body of Christ and specifically the ministry gifts God has set in the Church as described in Ephesians 4:11-12, 1 Corinthians 12:28, and Romans 12:4-8, WMAA declares itself strongly in support of the supernatural ministries and operations of its members.

WMAA is an outreach and assistance organization established to support current and former graduates of WBTI and Ministerial Excellence. WMAA exists to produce strong, capable, and ethical ministerial leadership in the Body of Christ; license and ordain qualified candidates; govern its members; assist churches in locating pastors and qualified personnel; provide associate or affiliate status to qualifying churches, and/or Para-church ministries and missionary organizations; provide information and counsel in various areas of organization such as non-profit law, finances, publications and administration.

WMAA will meet annually for the purpose of providing members an opportunity for fellowship, as well as giving and receiving vision, direction and valuable information leading to more effective ministry.

WMAA leadership will host annual meetings/conferences to evaluate the overall health of the ministry and its leadership.

WMAA adheres to biblical standards of righteousness in ministerial and personal conduct in accordance with the Scriptures: “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.” (Hebrews 12:14)

We foresee that WMAA will ultimately become a worldwide network of ministers and missionaries working together to evangelize, establish churches, teach, organize mission projects, and pursue as many varied areas of ministry as may prove beneficial for the proclaiming of the Good News.

Article III – Nature and Purpose of the WMAA Executive Administrative Board

WMAA shall appoint a Board of Presbyters which will consist of various ordained ministers.

The purpose of the Board of Presbyters shall be:

1. To recognize Jesus Christ as the sovereign Head of the Church and World Outreach Center.
2. To emphasize, encourage, and promote the fulfillment of the Great Commission: The evangelization of the nations .
3. To provide means by which the above objective may be accomplished.
4. To receive, review, and approve all applications from qualified candidates seeking credentials and membership of WMAA.
5. To be responsible for conducting all ordination services as needed in conjunction with the Pastors of World Outreach Center.
6. To be responsible for approving and establishing church plants, para-church ministries, and missionary organizations.

Article IV – Officers

WMAA is governed by the Board of Directors of World Outreach Center. (*Refer to Articles of Incorporation for World Outreach Center, Inc.*)

The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint Regional Directors to assist them in overseeing the WMAA membership. The number of Regional Directors shall be determined by the needs of the membership and the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Each Regional Director must hold valid ordination credentials with WMAA. A Regional Director shall serve the WMAA members in his/her assigned geographical area, performing duties as outlined by the Board of Directors.

Article V – Disciplinary and Restoration Procedures

The Board of Presbyters desires to encourage all members of WMAA to fulfill their ministry in a scriptural and ethical manner. A member's conduct at all times should be as a minister and ambassador of Christ. If, however, a member's conduct falls within the Suspension and Dismissal categories, the organization will take necessary action to provide steps for the complete discipline and restoration of the member.

Restoration of a minister is a process that brings the minister who has erred under discipline until he/she is ready to resume ministerial duties, if possible. Restoration is not a punishment, but a necessary time of mending, using positive, corrective resources for complete recovery.

When situations requiring discipline and restoration arise, WMAA members are to contact and seek the counsel of the National office to facilitate the implementation of the process. However, if such attempts are not pursued and completed, suspension and possible dismissal may occur.

Article VI – Suspension in the Association

Should the occasion arise when unbiblical conduct by a member is made known to the association, the association will begin the process of verifying all allegations. If allegations are confirmed, the member shall be placed within the Suspension Category immediately.

WMAA members placed within the Suspension Category shall willingly submit their license or ordination certificate and clergy card to the National office upon request. Members within the Suspension Category remain legally licensed or ordained, and all ministerial privileges remain intact until an investigation is completed. Reasons for dismissal would include:

1. Proven Spousal or Child abuse
2. Marital Separation (*handled on a case-by-case basis*)
3. Divorce (*handled on a case-by-case basis*)
4. Sexual Misconduct (including pornography)
5. Ethical Violations in Finances
6. Ethical Violations with another church or minister
7. Failing to adhere to the Association's Statement of Faith

Any member refusing to submit and adhere to sound counsel, correction, discipline, and restoration will be removed from membership of WMAA and his/her ministerial credentials revoked.

Reasons for dismissal would include:

1. Failure to submit to and complete the restoration process
2. Violations mentioned in Article VI

Article VII – Statement of Faith

The Statement of Faith of World Ministerial Alumni Association shall be as follows:

HOLY BIBLE

The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible and inerrant (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26).

TRINITY

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and co-eternal (I John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11).

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity. On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin, lived a

sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind and thus, atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory. (John 1:1,14, 20:28; I Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; 1 Timothy 2:5).

VIRGIN BIRTH

Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) in the Virgin Mary's womb; therefore, He is the Son of God (Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:27-35).

REDEMPTION

Man was created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression he fell; his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Gen. 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21).

REGENERATION

For anyone to know God, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential (John 6:44, 65; Matthew 19:28; Titus 3:5).

SALVATION

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ; His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts (Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22).

REPENTANCE

Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Thus, through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation (Acts 2:21, 3:19; I John 1:9).

SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is the ongoing process of yielding to God's Word and His Spirit in order to complete the development of Christ's character in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life (I Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; II Corinthians 3:18; 6:14-18, II Thessalonians 2:1-3; Romans 8:29; 12:1-2, Hebrew 2:11).

JESUS' BLOOD

The Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary was sinless and is 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin. Jesus allowed Himself to be punished for both our sinfulness and our sins, enabling all those who believe to be free from the penalty of sin, which is death (I John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29).

JESUS CHRIST INDWELLS ALL BELIEVERS

Christians are people who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside them by His Holy Spirit. They relinquish the authority of their lives over to him thus making Jesus the Lord of their life as well as Savior. They put their trust in what Jesus accomplished for them when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead (John 1:12; John 14:17, 23; John 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelation 3:20).

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Given at Pentecost, it is the promise of the Father, sent by Jesus after His ascension, to empower the Church to preach the Gospel throughout the whole earth (Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5; 2:1-4, 17, 38-39, 8:14-17; 10:38, 44-47; 11:15-17; 19:1-6).

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the church, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection, and confirm the power of the Gospel.

The Bible lists of these gifts are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of Biblical parameters. (Hebrews 2:4; Romans 1:11, 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:16; I Timothy 4:14; II Timothy 1:6-7; I Corinthians 12:1-31; 14:1-40; I Peter 4:10).

THE CHURCH

The church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of Jesus' Great Commission. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the church as a member of the body of believers. There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23).

TWO SACRAMENTS:

Water Baptism: Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48).

The Lord's Supper: A unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and grape juice (the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross (Matthew 26:26-29; I Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25).

HEALING OF THE SICK

Healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus, and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Jesus' work on the Cross and one of the gifts of the Spirit. (Psalm 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16; I Corinthians 12:9, 28; Romans 11:29).

GOD'S WILL FOR PROVISION

It is the Father's will for believers to become whole, healthy and successful in all areas of life. But because of the fall, many may not receive the full benefits of God's will while on Earth. That fact, though, should never prevent all believers from seeking the full benefits of Christ's provision in order to better serve others.

SPIRITUAL

(John 3:3-11; II Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10)

MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL

(II Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3).

PHYSICAL

(Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; I Peter 2:24).

FINANCIAL

(Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; II Corinthians 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19)

RESURRECTION

Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of eternal damnation (Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21).

HEAVEN

Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for all believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; II Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; I Peter 1:4).

HELL

After living one life on earth, the unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell where they will be eternally tormented with the Devil and the Fallen Angels (Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8).

SECOND COMING

Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His Kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures (Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:15-17; II Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7).

LICENSE

Description

Licensing is available to School of Ministerial Excellence and World Bible Training Institute graduates who are in their first two years of a recognized ministerial position (i.e., Pastor, Traveling Itinerant /Teacher or Evangelist, Missionary, Minister of Youth, Children, Music, Chaplain, Administration, etc.) which can include pulpit type ministry.

WMAA licensing qualifies a member to preach or teach, obtain ministerial entrance into hospitals and prisons, and to perform most, if not all, of the ministerial functions of a church including baptism and communion. As state laws pertaining to the solemnization of marriages vary, it is extremely important for licensed ministers to check with the proper authorities in their state of residence to determine if licensing credentials are sufficient to legally perform marriages.

The WMAA license is recognized by the United States Government as a valid ministerial credential; however, church affiliation, whereby a church and/or parachurch ministry is allowed to operate under the 501(c)3 status of World Outreach Center involves a totally separate and additional application and approval process.

Requirements for Licensing

1. The applicant must be a minimum of 21 years of age.
2. The applicant must be a School of Ministerial Excellence graduate or a degree holder from World Bible Training Institute.
3. The applicant must comply with the annual WMAA membership fee.
4. The applicant must adhere to the WMAA Statement of Faith.
5. The applicant must specifically meet at least one of the following ministry requirements:
 - a. Full-time Ministry: The applicant's ministry position is his/her primary employment and primary source of income.
 - b. Although supplementing his/her income through a secular job, the applicant is officially recognized as a minister and is functioning in that recognized ministerial capacity on a **consistent and continuing basis in or outside of their local church. Evidence of the consistent and continual service must be clearly documented on the application or through supporting documents.** This includes, but is not limited to, administering the sacerdotal duties of the church (i.e., baptism, communion, weddings, and funerals) as requirements of their ministerial position.
 - c. The applicant, if itinerating, (including, but not limited to, evangelists, teachers, missionaries, music ministers, etc.) must have conducted pulpit-type meetings twice a month for the past three months, and must have two meetings a month scheduled for the next three months.

6. The applicant must be or have been an active member in good standing of a local church for the last 6 months.
7. The applicant, if pastoring for less than 12 months, must be conducting official church services and have an average attendance of 10-15 members to be considered for licensing. WMAA recognizes those conducting **house ministries*; in lieu of this, the applicant will be thoroughly considered by the Board of Presbyters.

*House ministry consists of:

- a. Weekly services for a minimum of twelve months
 - b. Applicant must be the recognized pastor
 - c. Consistently collecting tithes & offering
 - d. Granted 501[c]3 status or application pending
8. The applicant, if itinerating, (including evangelists, teachers, missionaries, music ministers, etc.) must have conducted pulpit-type meetings twice a month for the past three months, and must have two meetings a month scheduled for the next three months.

There will be no exceptions to the above requirements unless a waiver is granted by the WMAA Board of Presbyters.

ORDINATION

Description

Ordination is available to WMAA graduates who have been in a full-time, fivefold ministry position for a minimum of two years. Those qualifying for ordination would be pastors, missionaries, traveling itinerants/teachers, associate pastors, etc., whose ministry position is their primary employment and primary source of income. It is understood that in certain cases, such as pioneering a new work, an individual might temporarily supplement his/her income through other means. This would not necessarily disqualify an otherwise qualified candidate from ordination, assuming it was evident that definite strides were being made toward full-time status.

WMAA ordination entitles a member to all the privileges of an ordained minister. This ordination qualifies one to perform all the required ministerial duties of the church, including the solemnization of marriages and conducting baptisms, burials, and Communion.

WMAA ordination is recognized by the United States Government as a valid ministerial credential; however, church affiliation, whereby a church is allowed to operate under the 501(c)3 status of World Outreach Center involves a totally separate and additional application and approval process.

Requirements for Ordination

1. The applicant must be a minimum of 25 years of age. Anyone younger than 25 will need the approval of the Board of Directors.
2. The applicant must be a School of Ministerial Excellence graduate or a degree holder from

World Bible Training Institute.

3. The applicant must be a member of WMAA.
4. The applicant must comply with the annual WMAA membership fee.
5. The applicant must adhere to the WMAA Statement of Faith.
6. The applicant must have been in full-time ministry for two complete consecutive years (24months).
7. The applicant must be in full-time ministry at the time of application for ordination and must have an active pulpit ministry, preaching or teaching in official church or evangelistic services a minimum of twenty-five (25) times per year, and/or administering the sacerdotal duties of the church (i.e., baptism, communion, weddings, funerals) as requirements of their ministerial position.

It is understood that some assistant/associate pastors may not preach 25 times per year, but still may qualify if they are sufficiently involved in other areas of pastoral ministry (counseling, visitation, etc.). There will be no exceptions to the above requirements unless a waiver is granted by the WMAA Board of Presbyters.

Those desiring to be ordained by WMAA must submit an application and be approved by the WMAA Board of Presbyters. **Please allow a minimum of 60 days for processing.**

APPLICATION SUBMISSION/PROCEDURES

Those desiring to receive credentials from WMAA must submit an application and be approved by the WMAA Board of Presbyters. **Please allow a minimum of 60 days for processing.**

All completed applications must include:

1. Two copies of a recent *photograph* of the applicant. These should be suitable for publication purposes, passport-size, front head shot only.
2. The completed *application form*.
3. *Application fee*. Please make check or money order payable to WMAA.
4. *Three completed recommendation forms*. The individuals recommending you are to mail the completed recommendations directly to the WMAA office.
 - a. The Minister's Recommendation form ***MUST*** be completed by the applicant's pastor or leader (someone they've served under). If the applicant is a pastor, the Minister's Recommendation form must be completed by an ordained minister who has known the applicant for at least two years.
 - b. The Relative's Recommendation form may ***NOT*** be completed by the applicant's spouse or by dependent children.
 - c. The Non-Relative Recommendation form may be completed by a friend or someone who knows the applicant well and is familiar with the ministry of the applicant; however, it ***CANNOT*** be the applicant's spouse.

5. Requirements for:

PASTORS: A letter from another minister attesting to the applicant's position and/or level of ministerial involvement; or a letter signed by 3-5 members of your congregation (not from immediate family) attesting to the applicant's position, church start date, location, service time, and schedule.

SUPPORTIVE MINISTERS: A letter from the pastor attesting to the applicant's position and/or level of ministerial involvement.

ITINERANTS: A current schedule showing two church or evangelistic meetings per month for the previous three months and two meetings per month for the upcoming three months. Also include a letter of recommendation from two pastors for whom the applicant has ministered.

MISSIONARIES: A letter from the head of the ministry with which the missionary will be working, or another missionary or responsible individual attesting to the applicant's position and/or level of involvement.

6. Shortly after your application is received by the WMAA office, you will be contacted by the Director for a phone interview. This phone interview must be conducted before your application can be processed. (Please note: This requirement may not apply if the applicant is a missionary with no stateside address.)

Yearly Renewal Procedures

Regardless of the month issued, the expiration date of a WMAA license is December 31st of the year issued. Fees are not prorated.

To renew credentials, it will be necessary to complete the *WMAA Ministerial Credential and Alumni Membership Renewal Form*, accompanied by the annual renewal fee and if applicable, the annual spouse renewal fee. For members/missionaries who reside overseas, the annual membership fee should be sent with the renewal form. If you do not have a stateside office/address, please send this information directly to the WMAA National Office.

It is necessary to maintain active ministry in order to qualify for renewal. In the event that a member does not qualify at renewal time, his/her file will be placed on inactive status with WMAA and his/her credentials (certificate and card) must be returned to WMAA's National office until such time as he/she once again meets all necessary requirements.