



# CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS of the “Anointed Remnant Global Assemblies (ARGA)”

## **Preamble**

**Where as**, God’s purpose concerning his people and the implementation of fulfillment to ensure: Prayer – Love – Support & - Fellowship.

- A.) **offer** a welcoming, fellowship of churches and ministries.
- B.) **provide** the open arms of Christ to progressive and affirming churches of the Judeo-Christian foundation in order to establish local and global reconciliation and restoration in the Kingdom of God.
- C.) **present** leaders, set apart to proclaim the anointed gospel of Jesus Christ, to worship, fellowship, educate, minister, pray and evangelize.
- D.) **afford** bridges of fellowship and education to other traditional and mainstream ministries.

**Where as**, there is an abundant outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon all flesh (Acts 2:17), we would make provision for their care and ministry by:

- A.) **providing** a spiritual foundation in tenets of belief,
- B.) **providing** an environment conducive to holy living,
- C.) **providing** a social climate that encourages and supports monogamous relationships.
- D.) **providing** an atmosphere of Spirit-led and Anointed, Scripturally sound worship.
- E.) **providing** an association unified in purpose to *Evangelize, Educate, and Empower*.
- F.) **providing** a “city of refuge” for healing.

We therefore gladly accept the solemn responsibility that has been committed to us, and assemble ourselves as the “Anointed Remnant Global Assemblies” (ARGA)

## **Article 1**

### **Name**

The official name shall be the “Anointed Remnant Global Assemblies (ARGA)”

## **Article 2**

### **Purpose**

1. Promote apostolic truth, holiness, and Spirit-Filled Worship
2. Spiritual sponsorship
3. Educate through various media
4. Support leaders in personal, family or religious crisis
5. Establish lines of communication and credibility with Judeo-Christian traditional and non-traditional ministries
6. Provide the benefits of a Strong Prayer Based and Ethical Ministerial Alliance
7. Care for the poor, infirmed and outcast
8. Unite our resources for an aggressive global missions program
9. Sponsor an annual Conference
10. Glorify God, Edify the Saints and Evangelize the lost

## **Article 3**

### **Mission Statement**

“Anointed Remnant Global Assemblies,” a recognized instrument of measurement and discipline through Global ministry investment.

## **Article 4**

### **Statement of Faith**

#### **We believe in:**

A. **One True God** who manifested Himself as the Father in creation, Son in redemption, and the Holy Ghost in regeneration. The Father is the fullness of God invisible. The Son is the embodiment of God’s fullness in flesh. The Holy Ghost is the fullness of God in the church by emanation. Deut. 6:4; Isa. 43:10&11; Isa. 45:21; Hosea 13:4; Mark 12:29&32; I Cor.8:4-6; I Tim. 2:5; James 2:19.

B. **Christ’s absolute deity** as the One True, Almighty God manifest in the flesh. Jesus Christ was fully human and fully divine. We believe in his virgin birth, sinless life, miraculous ministry, substitutionary death and bodily resurrection. II Cor. 5:18; Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Heb. 4:15; Acts 10:38; II Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:31&32; John 1:1&14; John 10:30; Col. 2:9; Col. 1:19; II Cor. 4:6; I Tim. 4:10; Titus 2:13; Jude 25.

C. **The Bible** is utterly trustworthy and reliable as the final authority for faith and practice. It is the divinely inspired, inerrant and infallible Word of God and as such must be understood and interpreted correctly, maintaining its original historical and cultural context. We make no contention for a perfect translation but believe that the Bible as we know it today is utterly trustworthy and reliable as the final authority for faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16; Matt 24:35.

D. **A sinful nature** has been inherited by every person who has also sinned of their own volition, making them sinners in need of a Savior. Ps.51:5; Rom. 3:23.

E. **The Salvation** experience is received by grace, through faith in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation is initiated by God and calls for our surrender and acceptance. It is available to all who receive it. God's grace is appropriated through faith, which we demonstrate by obeying the New Testament plan of salvation as preached by the early church. Today and historically, a person is saved/born again by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 10:9), which is evidenced by obediently identifying with His death, burial and resurrection. This is accomplished by the Blood of Jesus Christ through:

1. the death of our "old man" in repentance,
2. the burial of our sinful nature in baptism by total immersion in water, into the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. This act is the New Testament circumcision of the heart that is a sign of God's covenant with those who are called by His Name,
3. our resurrection to newness of life through the infilling/baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial, physical evidence of speaking in other tongues. This birth of the Spirit is for us today and was the expected experience of every New Testament believer.

These serve as conduits of our faith toward God and His grace toward us.

Jn. 3:3&5; Mark 16:16&17; Acts 2:4&38,39; Acts 8:16; Acts 10:46&48; Acts 19:5&6; Acts 22:16; I Cor 14:5,18; Rom. 8:9,11,15&16, I Jn. 5:8, I Cor.15:1-4; Heb 9:22; Rom. 6:4&6; Titus 3:5.

F. **Holiness** unto the Lord and separation from evil and all addictions of the flesh is essential and should characterize everyone who has been spiritually regenerated. We are to flee worldliness and carnality in pursuit of the righteousness of God in our lives. I Peter 1:15&16, I Thess. 5:22; II Cor. 6:17; I John 2:15.

G. **Our Mission** is to make disciples, relieve suffering and minister to those in need. Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8; Matt. 25:35-46; Jas. 1:27; I Cor. 11:23-30.

H. **Healing and deliverance** has been provided by God in the atonement and can be manifested in response to the prayer of faith. Luke 10:9; Mark 16:18; Jas. 5:14-16; I Peter 2:24.

I. **Jesus Christ's imminent return** for His church could be at any moment, and someday all will stand before Him to receive eternal reward or face eternal punishment. There will be a literal seven year tribulation during which time the Anti-Christ will be revealed. Following the Tribulation, the Battle of Armageddon will be fought and will culminate in Christ's victory and His one thousand year reign of peace. Finally, there will be a final judgment where the souls of men and women will be assigned eternal punishment or reward in a literal Heaven or Hell. Matt. 24; I Cor. 15:15,52; I Thess. 4:13-17; Rev. 7:14; Rev 16:16; I Jn.2:18; II Thess. 2:3&4; Rev. 19:1-22:7.

**J. Intimate Relations, Marriage and Divorce** Since we have been baptized into Christ and have put on Christ according to Galatians 3:27-28, there is no longer a distinction between Jew and Greek, bond and free, male and female; we are all one in Christ. And whereas God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). Marriage is a sacred, lifelong covenant between two people (a man and a women) and God. With regard to sexual conduct, we strongly admonish our ministers and members to conduct themselves according to the Bible standard of intimate relations. We acknowledge one standard for all individuals. We believe the only acceptable form of sexual expression between two people is that which takes place within the context of marriage (Heb. 13:4).

## **Article 5**

### **Our Covenant**

We recognize the leading of the Spirit of God in the establishment of this fellowship. Therefore, we willingly enter into this covenant so that this fellowship may reach it's potential in the Kingdom of God.

We Covenant to:

**Embrace:** Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, individually and corporately.

**Educate:** Our members in the Word of God as leaders who desire to understand historically and culturally correct interpretations of the Bible which will provide freedom of prejudice and remind us that God is no respecter of persons. Also, others who desire to know more about our affirming God and His inclusive gospel.

**Encourage:** Leaders in personal, family and religious crisis. Submit to the leading of the Holy Ghost and a Lifestyle of holiness.

**Evangelize:** All people without discrimination, or the fear of rejection or the favor of man.

## **Article 6**

### **Governing Body**

#### **Historical Statement**

- *All staff position will have two assistants*

### **Executive Branch**

#### **Bishop**

A Bishop in ARGA is “a consecrated member of the Fellowship who is entrusted with a position of authority and oversight.” Since its inception, the Anointed Remnant Global Assemblies has not accepted the consecration of other denominations and reformations into the Bishopric. ARGA does recognize that an individual consecrated in another reformation may desire to share in the ministry of “Impacting A Generation.” When a Bishop with a credential from another Reformation approaches the ARGA about joining, for the first-time, they are presented with two options: Option A: joining as a Covenant Partner Pastor or Option B: joining as an Adjunct Bishop to the Assembly, which is a category reserved for individuals credentialed as a Bishop by another Reformation, who desire to be considered for full assimilation into the Bishopric of Anointed Remnant Global Assemblies.

## **Senior International Prophetess**

The position of Senior International Prophet and or Prophetess (SIP) is a ministry gift with functionality in the Church/Assembly. The SIP speaks the message that God gives him/her to speak, which will not contradict what He has said in His written Word. The SIP was vital to God's purposes in the Old Testament and applicable to His purpose in the New Testament. He/she is charged with being spokesperson for the Trinity as significant to the health and wellbeing of the Church/Assembly in order to have the Lord's Word among us.

**SIP** is a celestial assignment and confirming spokesperson: Isaiah 49:1b, Amos 7:14-15, 1 Corinthians 12:28; Titus 1:12 and Acts 11:27, 13:1, 15:32, 21:10

### **SIP Assembly Duties:**

- Tell what will happen in the future: 1 Samuel 10:1-6; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Matthew 24:2; Acts 11:28, 21:11
- Speak of past events: Judges 6:7-10; 2 Samuel 12:7 and 8; Ezekiel 20:1-31; John 4:18.
- Strengthen ("edification" KJV): 2 Samuel 7:8-12; Haggai 2:1-5
- Exhort: 2 Chronicles 15:1-7; Isaiah 35:1-4; Haggai 1:3-12
- Comfort: 1 Samuel 9:20; 2 Chronicles 20:15-17; Jeremiah 45:1-5
- Bless: Genesis 48:20; Deuteronomy 33:1; Joshua 14:13
- Curse: Joshua 8:26, 9:22 and 23; 2 Kings 2:24; Jeremiah 48:10
- Call out kings and ministries: 1 Samuel 10:1, 16:13; 1 Kings 11:29-39, 19:15-19; 2 Kings 9:1-13
- Reprove (sometimes harshly): 2 Samuel 12:1-14; Isaiah 22:15-25; Jeremiah 36:30 and 31; Malachi 2:3; Matthew 16:23, 23:12-36
- Foretell death or disaster: 1 Samuel 2:27-36; 1 Kings 13:20-24, 22:17-37; Jeremiah 28:16, 29:21; Amos 7:14-17
- Direct: Judges 4:4-6; 2 Kings 4:1-7, 5:10, 6:8-10; Jeremiah 32:13-15
- Name (showing God's opinion): 2 Samuel 12:25; Jeremiah 20:3
- Reveal character and what is in a person's heart: Isaiah 9:9 and 17, 29:13, 48:4; Jeremiah 2:21, 5:23; Ezekiel 14:2-4; John 1:47
- Interpret enigmas: Daniel 5:5-29
- Reveal what is going on from a spiritual perspective: 1 Chronicles 5:20; Jeremiah 1:16; Ezekiel 5:11; Daniel 9:11; John 8:42-47

### **SIP Assembly Additional Charge:**

- Have messages for individuals or for entire nations: 1 Samuel 10:1-6, for groups:

- 2 Kings 3:12-19, or Amos 1:11-2:16
- Have given prophecies to people about a third party: 1 Kings 14:7; 2 Kings 1:3
- May deliver the message themselves, or through others: 2 Kings 5:10, 9:1
- May interpret other people's dreams or their own as in Daniel: Genesis 40:8-22, 41:15-28; Daniel 2:1-45, 4:4-37
- May not receive a revelation about a situation immediately: Jeremiah 28:5-17 (especially verse 11), 42:7
- May be called upon by God to act out their prophetic message: Jeremiah 19:1-13, 27:2, 43:8-13; Ezekiel 4:1-3, 9-17, 5:1-4, 12:1-11; Hosea 1:2; Acts 21:11
- May get revelation they do not understand initially: Numbers 12:6-8; Daniel 12:8; Zechariah 1:8 and 9

### **General Board**

The General Board of the Anointed Remnant Global Assemblies is responsible for establishing and executing policies for the membership, as well as sustaining and perpetuating spiritual order within the Church. These 12 bishops, chosen from the Board of Bishops, are voted into office by the General Assembly for a term of four years. Executive decisions made by the General Board are final unless revoked or modified by the General Assembly. The General Board convenes 3 times a year for official meetings in the month(s) of February, September and at the time the presiding bishop deems necessary.

### **Executive Secretary**

The Executive Secretary is responsible for developing and maintaining data pertaining to the Anointed Remnant Global Assemblies and oversees the credentialing of those engaged in the ministry of the Church. In addition, the office certifies delegates to the General Assembly, publishes official documents and certificates, maintains the official record of General Assembly proceedings, distributes pertinent information to the constituents of the Church, plays a pivotal role in church: legal matters, collects and reports church statistics, maintains an accurate database of credential holders, officers, churches and assemblies, and keeps an archive of historical documents from across the church, including, books, national and global records, and photographs and memorabilia of historical value. In addition, the Executive Secretary is an integral part of all ceremonial activities, inaugurals, celebrations and ecumenical services. The Executive Secretary is the official keeper of the ARGA seal, Registered Agent for the Church and signatory on all official documents. The office of Secretary shall be filled by an elected member of the General Board at their request, for a three-year term of service. The office of Secretary may be vacated by resignation or the unanimous request of the General Board. The secretary shall be responsible for all non-financial records, documents, official correspondence, and the preparing of minutes. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held concurrently by one individual, if deemed appropriate by the general board.

### **Executive Administrative Assistant**

Provides executive administrative support to/for Executive Secretary and communicates with all offices, so that the executive and legislative branches can promote the priorities of Anointed Remnant Global Assemblies from without and within. Executive Administrative Assistant is

highly organized, able to prioritize and collaborate with other Assemblies to produce effective and measurable results.

The Executive Assistant demonstrates shared qualities of effectiveness in all work interactions.

### **Legislative Branch**

#### **Director of Adjutants**

The Adjutancy is a team of people who are united and organized to help make ministry work. Some of the responsibilities include but are not limited to: preparation for the consecration and installation of new bishops, the dignified execution of homegoing celebrations for deceased leaders, assisting the Presiding Bishop in the orderly conduction of national ceremonial occasions as well as performing any other duty that the Presiding Bishop may assign.

#### **Director of Training**

Directs training and publishes universal education material for the licensing and credentialing of potential ministry leaders and ministries. The Director of Training provides ministry leaders with quarterly personal and church growth study material and manages all conference training sessions. The Director of Training ensures training material is efficient and aligns itself with the blended learning concepts...keeping in mind the vision, mission, and goals...updated regularly with the general board.

#### **Director of Marketing & Technology**

The Director of Marketing and Technology is in charge of ARGA's marketing efforts and strategies, ensuring that all assemblies are connected via social media, email and have conference call capability. The Director of Marketing will ensure the continuity of church webpages, provide guidance and assistance as needed and market all jurisdictional events. Simultaneously, the Director of Technology will manage correspondence course, refresher training and continuing education which are required for renewal or initial licensing.

#### **Director of Finance**

The Director of Finance oversees all financial operations and directs ARGA's financial planning and structure; coordinates, analyzes and reports the financial performance to the general board and prepares short and long-term financial forecasts of financial performance for use with internal management and external parties. The Director of Finance manages annual audits and tax functions, coordinates activities with outside audit firms and review firms performance; develops, implements and maintains accounting and administrative policies and procedures for a wide-ranging set of activities including financial accounting and reporting, employee relations (hiring/terminating policies) and other assembly policies. Finally, the Director of Finance is responsible for all assembly human resource activities including benefits, retirement plans, insurance and related activities. This includes the coordination of these activities with all satellite churches and ministries.

#### **Director of Operations**

The Operations Director will assist senior leaders in the overall administration of the church. The Operations Director will work closely with the Executive Team and Legislative Board in the area of finance by facilitating the vision of the church. The Operations Director gives direct oversight and leadership to the church and organization of staff departments in the Business/Finance Department, the Global Ministry, Information Technologies, Conferences Committee,

Fundraisers and the Planning and Steering of all departments. Finally, the Operations Director is responsible for the allocation of resources which enables and enhances the effective ministries of Anointed Remnant Global Assemblies (ARGA).

### **Director of Music**

The Director of Music develops and leads the worship music ministry for ARGA, in consultation with the Bishop and other music ministry team members, in a way that is consistent with our mission, values, and theology. He/she is responsible for ensuring all churches have a guide for hiring or developing a musician's competence, creates an outline of responsibilities and qualifications useful for hiring the right person to lead local, national or global music ministry. He/she ensures all assembly sponsored services are coordinated and the necessary persons, equipment, sponsors are available.

### **Director of Youth**

To build young disciples for Christ by developing and implementing a comprehensive approach to youth ministry (in the areas of group building, worship, discipleship, mission, and outreach) while serving as a spiritual leader and role model.

### **Secretary**

The Secretary is accountable to provide administrative support to the legislative branch and management through coordinating and conducting administrative tasks and duties including handling and receiving information. They perform word processing task and maintains records or proceedings on computer spreadsheets. The secretary role may vary contingent on the size of the organization, the sector, and the job level.

### **Treasurer**

The office of Treasurer shall be filled by an elected member of the General Board at their request, for a three-year term of service. The office of Treasurer may be vacated by resignation or the unanimous request of the General Board. The Treasurer shall be responsible for administering the finances of the Fellowship, maintaining accurate records of each ministry offering/giving, and making all bank deposits.

The council of Presiding Presbyters, including the Secretary and Treasurer are elected offices and shall constitute the General Board. The fellowship is administrated by the Chief Presiding Presbyter and secondary by the Assistant- Chief Presiding Presbyter. This board shall serve in an advisory capacity and shall include but not be limited to the secretary, the treasurer, and other officers elected by the fellowship. It is this board that shall advise the Chief Presiding Presbyter regarding policies, standards, salaries, budgets, etc. All members of the board shall share equally in the duties and responsibilities of administrative advisory to the Chief Presiding Presbyter.

### **The General Conference/Business Meetings**

A spring and/or autumn business meeting shall be held for ARGA to receive reports, adopt budgets, elect officers, discuss business, etc. All officers elected at the business meeting shall take office immediately following the Business Meeting of their election. Absentee voting will be allowed for those who physically are unable to attend and others who obtain permission from the governing body. The following order shall be observed for all business meetings:

1. Devotional

2. Reading of minutes from previous meeting.
3. Report of the Treasurer
4. Report of the Presiding Overseer
5. Report of Departmental Officers
6. Unfinished business
7. Confirmation of officers
8. New business
9. Adjournment

A meeting of the General Board may be called for by the Presiding Presbyters and/or the General Board (which must vote unanimously) at least two weeks prior to the desired business meeting. A quorum of 51% of the voting members must be present for the meeting to be official. The purpose for the meeting must be stated when the call for a meeting is considered.

#### **Conducting Business via Email, Postal Mail or Teleconference.**

General Board members as well as ARGA Nation ministers and churches having voting privileges may register their votes via email or by sending a signed statement through the U.S. postal service. In cases where a member votes through the U.S. postal service, the date of the postmark will be considered the date of the vote. All postal votes bearing postmarks dated after the voting deadline are automatically considered invalid.

Meetings or votes may also be conducted via video/teleconference. All rules governing normal business meetings shall apply to meetings conducted via video/teleconference.

If all nominations and/or votes are received before the time allowance has expired, the time requirements for nominations, elections and proposals is automatically waived.

#### **Conducting Business Without a Quorum**

In any ARGA sponsored business meeting or special voting session, whether electronic, postal, video/teleconference or in person, a quorum of 51% of all eligible voting members will be sought. If a quorum is not met at a given meeting or special vote, those in attendance or participation may move to accept a 2/3 majority vote of all those participating in the meeting or vote. This provision will only be valid if all voting members have been given adequate notice of the meeting or vote and the deadlines attached to said meeting or vote. Two weeks shall constitute adequate notice of meetings or scheduled votes.

#### **Article 7**

##### **Finances**

ARGA's fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31. Accurate records and bank deposits into an account authorized by the governing body shall be the weekly responsibility of the treasurer. All single non-budgeted expenditures exceeding 20% of the annual operating budget must have a simple majority of the fellowship approval, including any contract whose lifetime value exceeds the 20% threshold.

An annual budget shall be drawn up by the general board and presented at the annual business

meeting for approval and/or revision.

The fellowship's financial support is the responsibility of every affiliated ministry and church. All Senior Pastors/Overseers are admonished by Scripture to be supportive and are requested to give 10% of their 10% ministerial tithes to ARGA on a monthly basis.

## **Article 8**

### **Ordination and Licensing**

ARGA ministers previously licensed and ordained will maintain their validation and be required to review the training curriculum for future ministry implement. Ordained clergy in good standing shall be authorized to perform weddings, funerals, and perform other such duties as are commonly required of the ministry. All ministers' standing in the fellowship shall be reviewed by the ARGA board annually. To maintain a license, a minister is absolutely required to remain: involved in a regular, tangible ministry, accountable, godly, and supportive of the fellowship financially, cooperative and submissive in the Spirit of Christ, a harmonious worker with other ARGA ministers and in compliance with all scriptural requirements as set forth in I Timothy, chapter 3 and Titus, chapter 1. An ordination or license may be revoked by the ARGA board any time there is a proven just cause. However, this cannot happen without the due scriptural process. The minister in question must be allowed to represent him/herself and present supporting witnesses. Opportunity must be given for correction, discipline (if necessary), repentance, and probation in hopes of full and complete restoration.

A two-thirds vote of the board is required in matters of removal or reinstatement. If a minister does not accept the final decision of the ARGA board, he/she has thirty days to appeal in writing to the board. The matter will be reconsidered with any significant new information. The board will again vote with two-thirds required for a decision to be final in this matter.

**1. MINISTERS IN TRAINING PROGRAM:** Provided for those newly called ministers who are Spirit-filled, living a holy life and are in the process of answering his/her call to ministry. These candidates will be recommended by their pastors who have been observing the candidate's life and obvious call to ministry. The candidate must be in good standing in their own local church and be living an exemplary life. The candidate accepted into this program will be expected to complete a course of study outlined by the ARGA Nation Educational Department and Coordinator. The candidate will be accountable to a ministerial coach or mentor to be assigned by the educational committee. This will be blended learning program, which consist of 3 months of residency work and a maximum of 12 months, to include online training. Progress may merit graduation into the Global Associate Licensing Program. During this time, segmented course material must be completed, and the student must be actively participating in supervised public preaching, teaching or other ministerial activity. Ministers-in-training may not hold an office, nor vote in business sessions.

Qualifications:

- Be baptized in water by full immersion
- Be filled with the Holy Ghost
- Possess affirmation of a call to ministry.
- **Have pastor's approval to enter the program.**
- Complete an application with supporting documents.
- Complete the course of study required by ARGA
- Be approved by the Educational Committee.
- If this person is a minor, have parent's written permission to enter the Ministers in Training Program if application is accepted.
- Pay a non-refundable registration fee.

**2. ASSOCIATE LICENSE:** A Global Associate License is recommended for new ministers living outside the USA, who are Spirit-filled, living a holy life and are in the process of ministering under the supervision of an appointed ARGA ordained minister. Those holding an Associate License may minister freely throughout our fellowship, but may not hold an office, nor vote in business sessions.

Qualifications:

- Be baptized in water by full immersion
- Be filled with the Holy Ghost
- Possess clear evidence of a call
- Provide three satisfactory references
- Complete an application
- Complete a course of study required by the ARGA or show evidence of equivalent ministerial training.
- Be approved by the ARGA Nation board
- Must have read the Bible through in its entirety.
- Pay a non-refundable registration fee

**3. GENERAL LICENSE:** Applicant must have completed the two years ARGA MIT course, unless waived by the ARGA board. They may minister freely throughout our fellowship. The applicant must be in full agreement with the ARGA doctrinal statement. This individual may not hold an office but is free to vote.

Qualifications:

- Be baptized in water by full immersion
- Be filled with the Holy Ghost
- Possess an Associate License or completed the 12-month ARGA MIT course
- Provide three satisfactory references
- Demonstrate clear evidence of an anointed ministry
- Complete additional course of study required by ARGA or show evidence of equivalent ministerial training.
- Be approved by the ARGA board
- Must have read the Bible through in its entirety.
- Pay a non-refundable registration fee.

**4. GENERAL ORDINATION:** Applicant must hold a general license for four years unless waived by the ARGA board. They may minister freely throughout our fellowship. This individual may be elected to an office in ARGA and may vote in business sessions. Ordination is reserved for those ministers who have proven themselves through faithful and successful service to the church in the capacity of pastor, evangelist or teacher. Past or present ordinations may be considered by ARGA Nation board in establishing ministerial credentials with our fellowship.

Qualifications:

- Be baptized in water by full immersion
- Be filled with the Holy Ghost
- Possess a general license for four years
- Provide three satisfactory references
- Demonstrate clear evidence of an anointed ministry
- Demonstrate a proven record of faithful, seasoned ministry
- Complete additional course of study required by ARGA or show evidence of equivalent ministerial training.
- Be approved by the ARGA Nation board
- Must have read the Bible through in its entirety.

- Pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$120.00

### **Emeritus Status**

Ministers who have served the Lord actively and honorably but cannot continue to do so due to health, age or another legitimate reason may request to be deemed Honorably Inactive by the General Board. This will be known as “**Emeritus Status**”. Upon receiving Emeritus Status, these ministers will retain their ministerial credentials and full voting privileges but may not hold official office in ARGA. Emeritus ministers are required to maintain some form of financial support to the fellowship and abide within the criteria required by ARGA to be considered in good standing. They shall be held in highest esteem for their service in the Kingdom of God and to our fellowship.

### **Inactive Status of Ministers and Churches**

A minister holding credentials of any kind with ARGA, may be moved to an **Inactive Status** for the following reasons:

1. If contributions are not received according to set deadlines.
2. If he/she does not respond to contact initiated by his/her presbyter at least once per quarter.
3. If it is deemed that a minister is not actively involved in regular, credible ministerial activity.
4. If an affiliate ARGA church has ceased to hold regular services, or an ARGA church or ministry becomes involved in unscriptural or unethical practices or beliefs.

If a minister or church is deemed by its presbyter to be inactive according to the above criteria, the presbyter will recommend inactive status to the General Board, which will issue one letter of warning. If, within 30 days, the letter of warning is not met with a response letter offering a reasonable explanation or evidence that corrective action has been taken, voting privileges shall automatically be suspended from said minister or church delegate until such time as minister or church is able to come into compliance with the requirements set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws. A letter of adequate explanation received by the Board within the 30-day time frame that demonstrates evidence of corrective measures taken, if needed, will be reviewed by the General Board which in turn will vote on reactivating a “good standing” status.

If no effort is made by an inactive minister or church to regain “active status” for a period of three months from the time they are placed into inactive status, they may be removed from ARGA by simple majority vote of the General Board of Presbyters. A letter of dismissal will be issued. New ministerial or church fellowship license shall **not** be issued to inactive members.

### **Involvement with Non Judeo-Christian Ministries**

Although all ARGA churches and ministries are autonomous, it is requested that Non-Judeo Christian organization affiliated be substantiated immediately via a written/verbal report to the senior area ARGA Pastor for clarification or justifiable evangelism.

### **Intimate Relationships**

As previously expressed in our Doctrinal Statement: "With regard to sexual conduct, we strongly admonish our ministers and members to conduct themselves according to the Bible standard of intimate relations." We acknowledge one standard for all individuals; we believe the only acceptable form of sexual expression between two people is that which takes place within the context of marriage between a man and a woman (Heb. 13:4)."

Although we encourage the preservation of the marriage relationship by all means possible, we do acknowledge that some unions will not endure, as God stated due to a hard heart (s). When dissolution of a marriage is unavoidable, we will seek first to preserve the spiritual integrity of all parties and promote healing between individuals as brothers and sisters in Christ. In such situations, we strongly encourage our ministers and members to seek out counseling from their Pastor, and to maintain close contact with and accountability to their assigned Elder for their own personal benefit, as well as the sake of their ministerial integrity.

### **Article 9**

#### **Affiliating Churches**

Churches desiring to unite with ARGA may apply for membership. Churches can join and or unite the ARGA by voting in an official business meeting of their church or by the expressed will of the Pastor. We require that the church agree by a majority of its voting membership in good standing, if there is no Pastor. The ARGA board reserves the right to deny applications or install an ARGA Pastor after analyzing the ministry. The same judicial process used for ARGA ministers applies to churches as well. All affiliate churches are required to financially support ARGA on a monthly basis.

#### **Proximity of ARGA Churches**

ARGA ministers shall not form an Assembly within the same city as another established Covenant Partner within the Assembly, unless population and logical distance are substantiating factors, and with express written consent of the ARGA Legislative and Executive General Boards.

### **Article 10**

#### **Separation and Removal**

If at any time a separation should occur in this Assembly due to doctrinal differences, or some other point of contention, the property of this Assembly and all of its benefits shall remain with those members, provided there be three or more who shall confess and adhere to the Statement of Faith of this fellowship. All members who, by removal or otherwise sever their connection with this fellowship shall forfeit all their rights and privileges in and claim upon this fellowship and its properties and monies if initial funding was provided. If at any time this fellowship believes that it must sever its relationship and/or affiliations with outside groups, the majority of the members shall rule and shall retain any properties.

### **Article 11**

#### **Accountability Board**

There shall be an Accountability Board made up of no less than three (3) persons and no more than five (5). The Accountability Board shall be made up of individuals nominated by the Legislative Council and approved by the Presiding Prelate (Bishop) and confirmed by a simple majority of the Executive Board after careful consideration. (II Timothy 3:16, 17; Acts 15). The Executive Board shall consider the nominations and vote to have each nomination appointed.

## **Section 1 Purpose**

The purpose of the Accountability Board is to:

1. Provide a spiritual covering by prayerfully giving necessary aid, instruction, guidance, protection and correction as well as counsel, wisdom and fellowship to the Presiding Prelate (II Timothy 3:16, 17; Acts 15) and,
2. To hear accusations against the Presiding Prelate of the organization brought to them unanimously by the Legislative Board excluding any disqualified individuals serving and decide as to whether the Presiding Prelate has committed any of the infractions listed below.
3. The Legislative Board may call the Accountability Board into session to investigate for the following accusations against the Presiding Prelate:
  - A. Adultery
  - B. Embezzlement
  - C. Compulsive Lying
  - D. Sexual Impurity
  - E. Conviction of a felony that is a violation of Scripture.
  - F. The Presiding Prelate not acting in the best interest of the ministry.
4. The Accountability Board may dismiss the Presiding Prelate if they find him guilty of any of the following action:
  - A. Adultery
  - B. Embezzlement
  - C. Compulsive Lying
  - D. Sexual Impurity
  - E. Conviction of a felony that is a violation of Scripture.
  - F. The Presiding Prelate not acting in the best interest of the ministry.

The Accountability Board will determine if the Presiding Prelate is guilty or innocent and whether to discipline or dismiss him from office. The Accountability Board is the only entity that has the authority to dismiss the Presiding Prelate from his position if, after being called into session in accordance with the provisions of this Article and after considering all accusations against him; they determine that it is the best course of action for him and the ministry. The decision of the Accountability Board is final.

## **Section 2 Structure**

Any Member of the Accountability Board may be replaced or removed at any time deemed necessary by request of the Presiding Prelate and confirmation of the Legislative Board of the Assembly, provided that it not be after the Accountability Board has been called to officially meet in accordance with section 3 of this Article.

The representative nominated by the Presiding Prelate and confirmed by the Legislative Board shall chair the Accountability Board.

Future vacancies shall be nominated by the Presiding Prelate and voted on by the Legislative Board.

A record of the current and past Members of the Accountability Board shall be kept in a log under the custody of the official Legislative Board. The log shall clearly list the names of each member and the current chairman.

Any successor of the Presiding Prelate to the founding or current Presiding Prelate shall keep the Accountability Board that was in existence at the time he became Presiding Prelate. He may, after a six-month period, make nominations for replacements of no more than one representative per year. He must follow the procedure set forth in section 2 of this Article.

## **Section 3 Quorum**

100% of the Accountability Board must be present to constitute a quorum. The Accountability Board may only meet if it has been called to do so unanimously by the official board according to the provisions of this Article.

## **Section 4 Determinations**

Any action taken by the Accountability Board is valid by a two---thirds majority.

## **Section 5 Power**

The Accountability Board shall have no innate power or authority as a legal organizational entity, except that which is invested in them by these bylaws. Their decisions, when called together in accordance with the “Purpose” section of this Article, shall be final.

## **Article 12 Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended at a meeting of the fellowship, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing for the fellowship’s inspection. Copies of the proposed amendment(s) to the Bylaws must be given to each member at least two weeks prior to the business meeting, to consider the amendment(s). Proposed amendments must receive a two-thirds majority to be passed. The Statement of Faith may be amended for the purpose of clarification only and the inclusion of any further scriptural truths revealed to us by the Holy Ghost.

Adopted this **10th** day of **December** in the year of our Lord **2015**.

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Officers of the Council of Presiding Presbyters and General Board of the ARGA:

Signature of the Presiding Prelate/Chief Presiding Presbyter: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Administrative Assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Executive Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Amended 11/22/2016 to add Senior International Prophetess description.