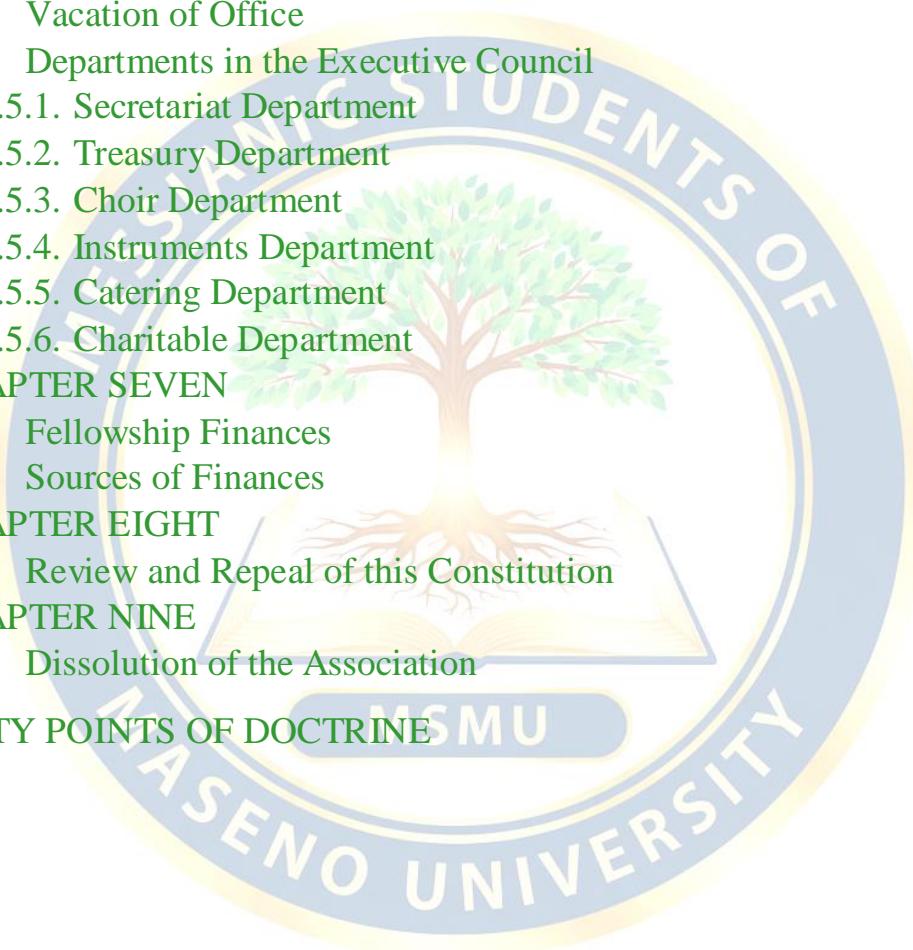


# **MESSIANIC STUDENTS OF MASENO UNIVERSITY (MSMU) CONSTITUTION**

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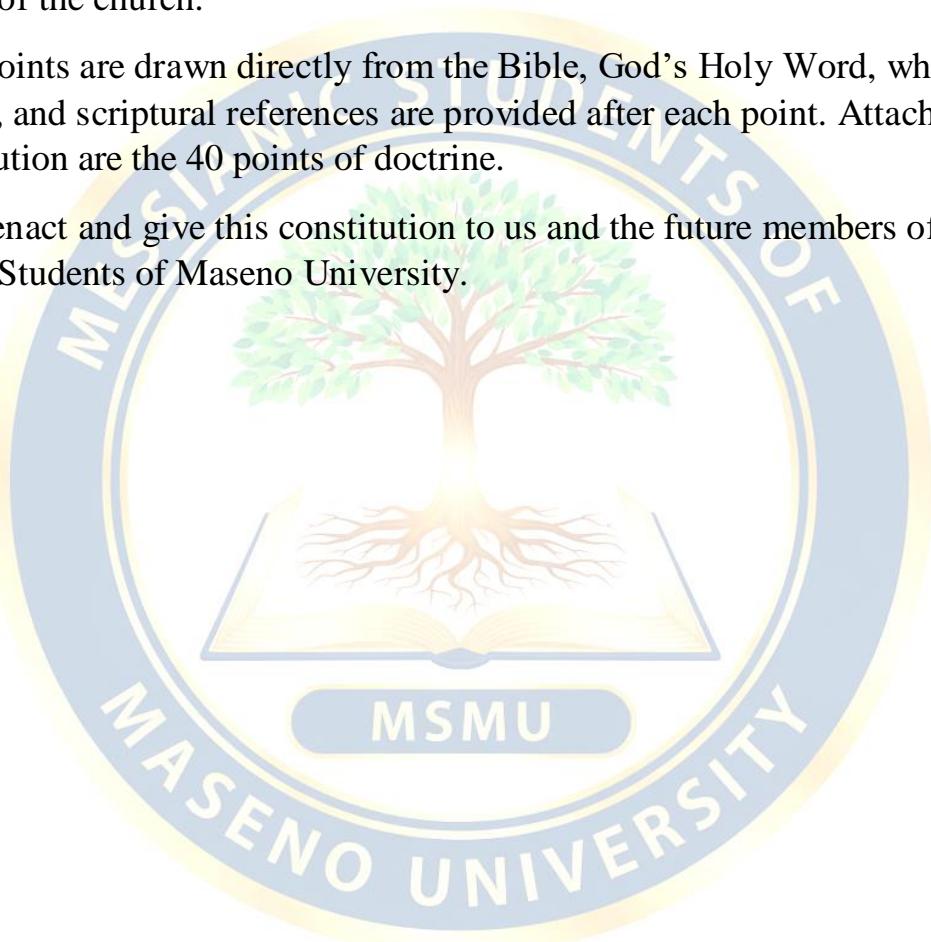
## THE FORTY POINTS OF DOCTRINE

## PREAMBLE

We the members of Church of God believe in 40 Points of Doctrine, which have been prepared and cover the principle teachings of the church. These 40 Points of Doctrine represent the lifetime and years of study of the scriptures on the path of dedicated men of God who devoted their lives to “rightly dividing the word of truth”. They are and have been the teachings of the Church of God for generations, and are in harmony with the doctrine as taught by Messiah and the apostles in the early days of the church.

All these points are drawn directly from the Bible, God’s Holy Word, which is our only guide, and scriptural references are provided after each point. Attached within the constitution are the 40 points of doctrine.

We adopt enact and give this constitution to us and the future members of Messianic Students of Maseno University.



## **1. CHAPTER ONE**

### **1.1. Sovereignty of Members and Respect to the Constitution**

- The power to make decisions belongs to the members with regard to Biblical teachings.
- The members may exercise their power through their elected representatives as per the university statutes.
- The constitution is the supreme authority of the association and binds all members and committees at all levels of the association.



## 2. CHAPTER TWO

### 2.1. The Association

- The association shall be named **Messianic Students of Maseno University (MSMU)**.
- The association is founded under the word of God, love, trust and concern for others well-being.
- The association consists of all registered members who are members of the university belonging to this faith.
- The association's assets are part of the association.
- The association's meetings shall be held every week or otherwise agreed.
- Communication shall be in English or Kiswahili.

### 2.2. The Association's Logo



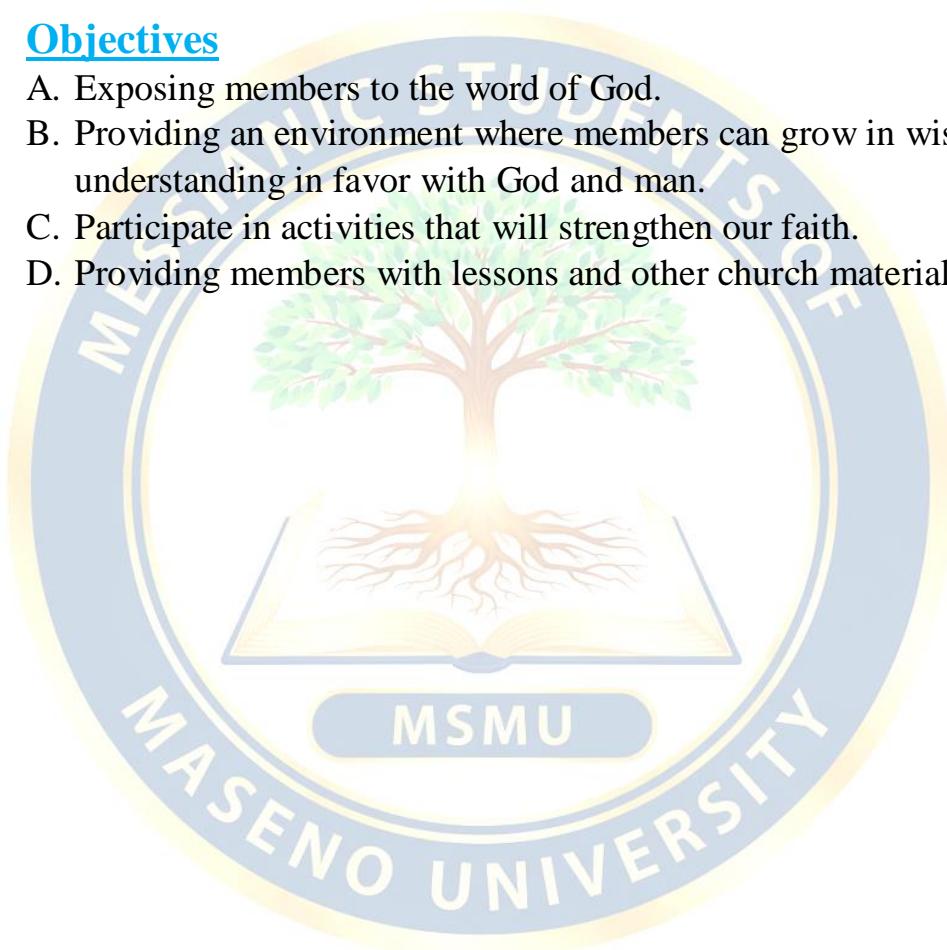
### **3. CHAPTER THREE**

#### **3.1. Mission**

- A. To be good ambassadors of Messiah while in the university by ensuring that we live a life that would be a good example to others, a life of consecration unto God.
- B. To promote individuals' development through encouraging, challenging and correcting each other.

#### **3.2. Objectives**

- A. Exposing members to the word of God.
- B. Providing an environment where members can grow in wisdom and understanding in favor with God and man.
- C. Participate in activities that will strengthen our faith.
- D. Providing members with lessons and other church materials.



## 4. CHAPTER FOUR

### 4.1. Activities

- Activities shall be proposed by the officials and passed by the members as guided by the 40 Points of Doctrine. The activities must be in agreement with the association's mission and in line with the university's rules and regulations.
- The activities include but not limited to:
  - (i) **Weekly Meetings**
    - (a) Wednesday Mid-Week Prayers Service: 18:30 - 19:30 EAT
    - (b) Friday Sabbath Opening Service: 18:30 – 19:30 EAT
    - (c) Sabbath Main Service: 08:30 EAT – Time Agreed by Members
  - (ii) **First Semester**
    - (a) Welcoming of First Years
  - (iii) **Second Semester**
    - (a) Finalists Farewell
    - (b) Outreach Programs

## **5. CHAPTER FIVE**

### **5.1. Membership**

- Membership shall be open to Maseno University believers unconditionally.
- Membership is voluntary.
- Membership shall be open to students and staff.

#### **5.1.1. Members' Rights and Responsibilities**

- ✓ Support the fellowship by their presence in the meetings.
- ✓ Elect their leaders and give them support.
- ✓ Support fellowship contributions to finance the association's activities.
- ✓ Cooperate with other members by working together.
- ❖ Right to access all financial reports and equipment of the association.
- ❖ Right to be informed of all fellowship activities on time.

#### **5.1.2. Deprivation of Membership**

The association shall disassociate itself with a member who:

- (i) Is often defiant to the Word of God and constantly refuses correction.
- (ii) Is involved in gross misconduct i.e. activities that break the university rules and regulations.

#### **5.1.3. Disciplinary Action**

Any case of indiscipline shall be reported to the officials who will decide the best way to discipline the member. If the case is beyond their power, it shall be forwarded to the patron.

## **6. CHAPTER SIX**

### **6.1. Office Bearers**

These shall be leaders of the association:

#### **6.1.1. The Patron**

- Shall be a member of the Maseno University staff.
- Shall be the association's chief adviser.
- Facilitator of all the association's activities including its plans and invitation of visitors.

#### **6.1.2. The Officials**

Shall follow the principles of leadership and integrity, which include:

- Selection based on integrity and suitability in a democratic way.
- Serve the association selflessly based on the Word of God.
- Practice collective responsibility.
- Be disciplined and committed in serving members.
- Be strong in faith.

### **6.2. Duties of the Officials**

#### **6.2.1. Chairman**

- (i) Chair all the association's official meetings and annual general meetings.
- (ii) Is a signatory of all association's finances.
- (iii) Oversee all the association's activities.
- (iv) Sign all the association's official documents.
- (v) Is the association's spokesman and gives the association's official position.
- (vi) Solve disputes among the members.
- (vii) Come up with solutions to departmental needs in the office where the vice chairman is unable to.
- (viii) Any other duty pertaining the betterment of the association.

#### **6.2.2. Vice Chairman**

- (i) Help the chairman in carrying out his roles.
- (ii) Ensure that everything is running smoothly at the departmental levels of the office.
- (iii) Lead in coming up with solutions to departmental needs in the office as reported by the departmental heads.

- (iv) Take the leadership of the fellowship in the absence of the chairman.
- (v) Any other duty requested by the patron or members.

#### **6.2.3. Secretary**

- (i) Take minutes of all the meetings.
- (ii) Signatory to all the association's financial documents.
- (iii) Give report of all the association's activities.
- (iv) Collaborate with the organizing secretary in conducting the constitution review and repeal processes.
- (v) Chair the secretariat department.

#### **6.2.4. Treasurer**

- (i) Keep all association's finances and financial records.
- (ii) Custodian of the association's property.
- (iii) Signatory to all the association's financial documents.
- (iv) In charge of all the purchases.
- (v) Chair the treasury department.

#### **6.2.5. Organizing Secretary**

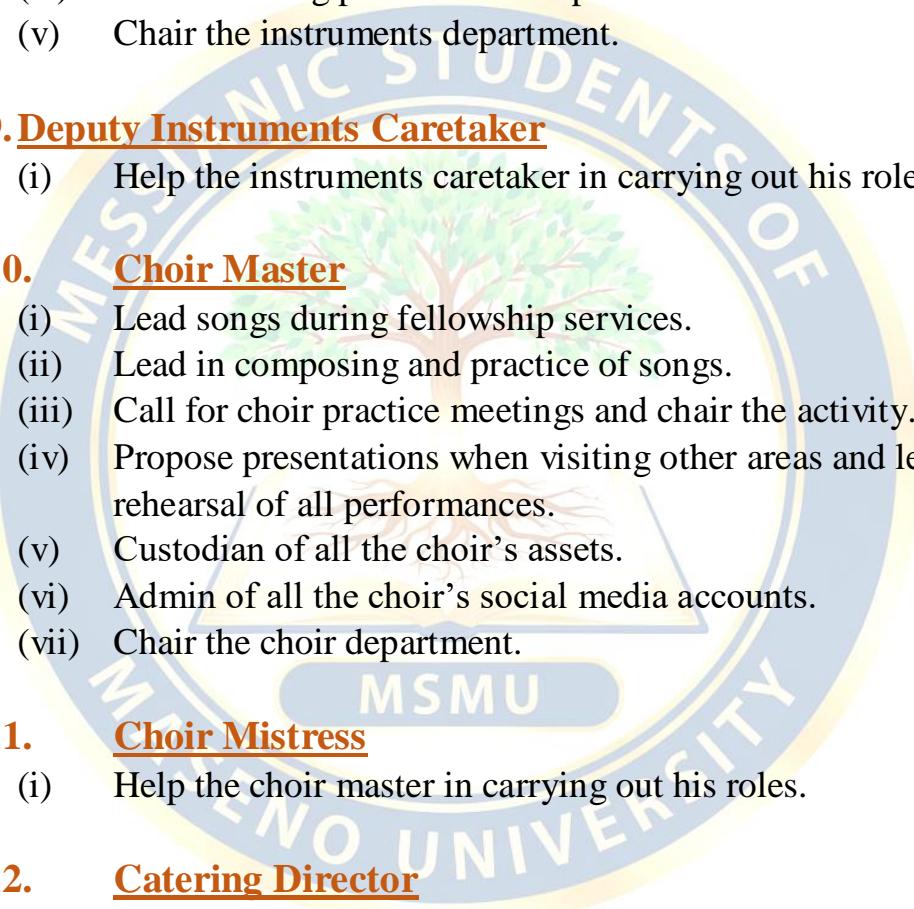
- (i) Ensure order during all meetings.
- (ii) Liaise with the secretary to apply for meeting rooms and other facilities.
- (iii) Take care of meeting rooms, chairs, tables and other facilities.
- (iv) Lead in drafting of programs to run the association's services.
- (v) Chair all committees formed within the association.
- (vi) Collaborate with the secretary in conducting the constitution review and repeal processes.

#### **6.2.6. Vice Secretary**

- (i) Help the secretary in carrying out the secretary's roles.
- (ii) Take and keep attendance records of members every main Sabbath service meeting.

#### **6.2.7. Charitable Chair**

- (i) Take member's request for financial, material or any other assistance.



- (ii) Gather funds and materials to support members.
- (iii) Organize and lead visits to check on the members' wellbeing.
- (iv) Chair the charitable department.

#### **6.2.8. Instruments Caretaker**

- (i) Ensure all musical instruments are in good working condition.
- (ii) Ensure proper storage of all musical instruments.
- (iii) Ensure availability of musical instruments when needed.
- (iv) Present during purchase and repair of instruments.
- (v) Chair the instruments department.

#### **6.2.9. Deputy Instruments Caretaker**

- (i) Help the instruments caretaker in carrying out his roles.

#### **6.2.10. Choir Master**

- (i) Lead songs during fellowship services.
- (ii) Lead in composing and practice of songs.
- (iii) Call for choir practice meetings and chair the activity.
- (iv) Propose presentations when visiting other areas and lead in rehearsal of all performances.
- (v) Custodian of all the choir's assets.
- (vi) Admin of all the choir's social media accounts.
- (vii) Chair the choir department.

#### **6.2.11. Choir Mistress**

- (i) Help the choir master in carrying out his roles.

#### **6.2.12. Catering Director**

- (i) Ensure the smooth running of the lunch program.
- (ii) Custodian of the cutlery and other catering department's assets and avail them when needed.
- (iii) Lead in the purchase of utensils and meals for the services.
- (iv) Lead in preparation of meals to be taken during main Sabbath services and other events hosted by the association.
- (v) Keep records of all transactions conducted in the catering department.
- (vi) Chair the catering department.

### **6.2.13. Assistant Catering Director**

- (i) Help the catering director in carrying out his roles.

## **6.3. Election of Officials**

Elections shall be held by members:

- ❖ When there is vacant position in the office.
- ❖ After the annual general meeting is held.
- ❖ Annually on the second Sabbath of the second semester and shall be chaired by the patron.

### **6.3.1. Candidate's Qualifications for Election**

- (a) Must be a Maseno University student or staff.
- (b) Must have stayed for a full semester in the school.
- (c) Must be an active member and willing to serve in the position.

### **6.3.2. Election Process**

The method used to conduct election shall be:

- ✓ Proposal by members.
- ✓ Secret ballot voting method by members.

### **6.3.3. Solving Election Disputes**

- ❖ A committee of five members from the association shall be set to investigate the cause of the dispute.
- ❖ The patron shall chair the committee.
- ❖ Casting lots (Acts 1:26, Proverbs 16:33).

*Note: Members of the investigation committee must not be from the proposed candidates.*

### **6.3.4. Tenure of Office**

One shall serve in the office for an academic year and shall qualify to be re-elected.

## **6.4. Vacation of Office**

All members shall vacate office or assumed to have vacated office when:

- (i) New office bearers are elected.
- (ii) An official fails to attend three consecutive official meetings without giving notice to other officials.
- (iii) An official is involved in gross misconduct.
- (iv) An official submits a resignation request.

## **6.5. Departments in the Executive Council**

### **6.5.1. Secretariat Department**

The function of this department shall be record keeping and ensuring effective communication within the association and externally.

#### **Members**

- 1. Secretary (Chair)
- 2. Vice Secretary
- 3. Organizing Secretary
- 4. Treasurer
- 5. Chairman
- 6. Vice Chairman

### **6.5.2. Treasury Department**

The function of this department shall be managing finances in the association and ensuring funds are allocated appropriately and in a transparent manner in the association.

#### **Members**

- 1. Treasurer (Chair)
- 2. Chairman
- 3. Vice Chairman
- 4. Secretary
- 5. Any other member appointed into the department with the approval of the treasurer.

### **6.5.3. Choir Department**

The function of this department shall be ensuring the association is progressing in matters to do with music.

### **Members**

1. Choir Master (Chair)
2. Choir Mistress
3. Choir Members
4. Instruments Caretaker
5. Deputy Instruments Caretaker
6. The Organizing Secretary
7. The Treasurer
8. Chairman
9. Vice Chairman

#### **6.5.4. Instruments Department**

The function of this department shall be ensuring the welfare of all the musical instruments in the association.

### **Members**

1. Instruments Caretaker (Chair)
2. Deputy Instruments Caretaker
3. Choir Master
4. Choir Mistress
5. Treasurer
6. Organizing Secretary
7. Chairman
8. Vice Chairman

#### **6.5.5. Catering Department**

The function of this department shall be to ensure smooth running of all catering and hospitality services in the association.

### **Members**

1. Catering Director (Chair)
2. Assistant Catering Director
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. Chairman
6. Vice Chairman

### **6.5.6. Charitable Department**

The function of this department shall be to check on the welfare of all the members in the association that is financially, mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

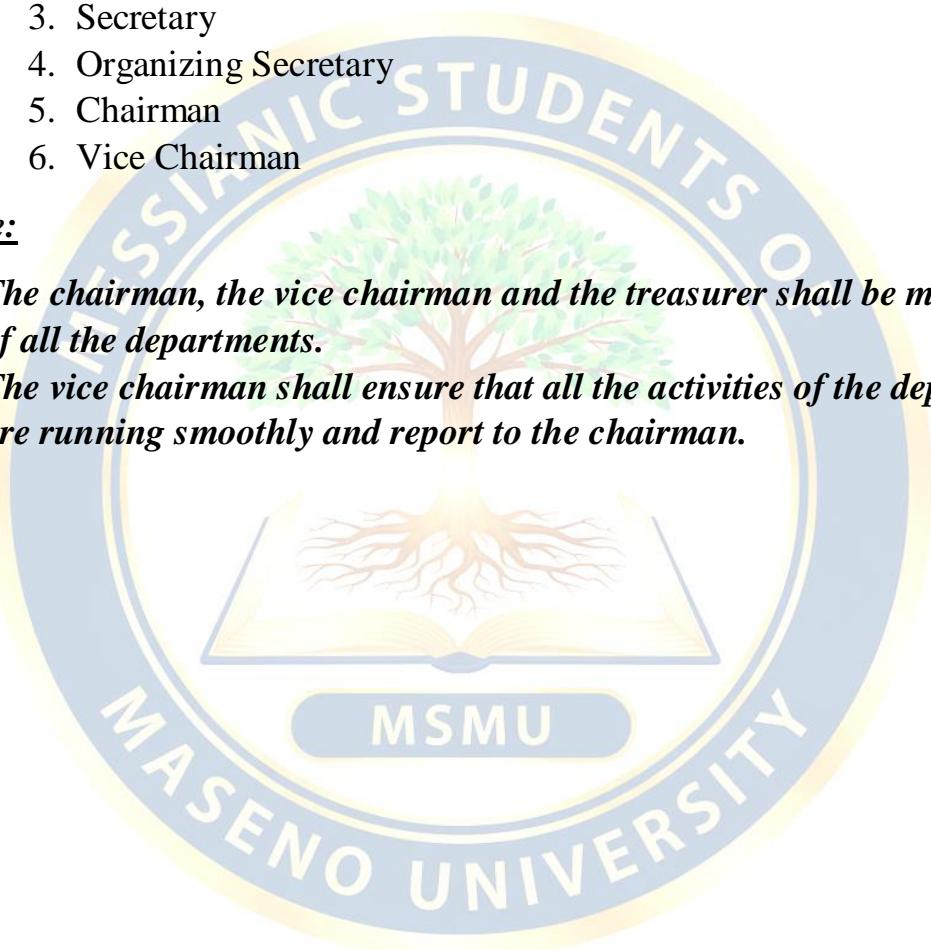
#### **Members**

1. Charitable Chair (Chair)
2. Treasurer
3. Secretary
4. Organizing Secretary
5. Chairman
6. Vice Chairman

#### **Note:**

*(a) The chairman, the vice chairman and the treasurer shall be members of all the departments.*

*(b) The vice chairman shall ensure that all the activities of the department are running smoothly and report to the chairman.*



## **7. CHAPTER SEVEN**

### **7.1. Fellowship Finances**

- There shall be no allowances or benefits when carrying out the association's activities.
- Any expenditure has to be authorized by officials and patron.
- Signatories of the association's finances are exclusively:
  - 1) Chairman**
  - 2) Treasurer**
  - 3) Secretary**
  - 4) Patron**
- The treasurer shall be allowed to hold a maximum amount of KES 10,000 petty cash.
- The provident of the meetings shall be catered for through members' contribution.

### **7.2. Sources of Finances**

- Annual subscription fee by members where each member shall be required to contribute KES 100/= at the second semester of the academic year.
- Contribution from members.
- Support from the affiliated churches.
- Projects as proposed by the members.

## 8. **CHAPTER EIGHT**

### 8.1. **Review and repeal of this constitution**

The constitution shall only be repealed or reviewed when majority of the members are in agreement.



## 9. CHAPTER NINE

### 9.1. Dissolution of the Association

The association shall be dissolved when all the members in the annual general meeting resolve to dissolution.



## **THE FORTY POINTS OF DOCTRINE**

- 1) God, Yahweh, the Heavenly Father, is the creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein. ***Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24; Hebrews 1:10***
- 2) The Bible - both the Old and New Testaments - is the inspired Word of God; and is complete, and infallible, and expresses God's will to mankind. ***Deuteronomy 8:3; Luke 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21***
- 3) The Seventh Day of the week is the Sabbath of Yahweh, and is to be observed from even to even, from sunset to sunset. ***Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11; Acts 13:42-44, 18:4; Matthew 28:1; Hebrews 4:4-11; Mark 1:32***
- 4) Jesus of Nazareth (in Hebrew, Yahshua), our Savior, is the only begotten Son of God; born of the virgin Mary, conceived of the Holy Ghost; with God the Father, before the world began. He is our living Messiah, our High Priest and Mediator before the throne of God. ***Matthew 1:20-21; John 3:16; John 17:5. I Timothy 2:5***
- 5) Jesus proved His Messiahship by remaining in the tomb exactly 3 days and 3 nights; being crucified in the midst of the week (the fourth day, Wednesday), and rising from the dead in the end of the Sabbath (Saturday). ***Matthew 12:40; Daniel 9:27; Matthew 28:1-6***
- 6) The Christian's life must be patterned after the example of the perfect man, Christ Jesus. ***I Peter 2:21-22***
- 7) Repentance and remission of sins through the shed blood of Jesus must be preached. ***Acts 2:38***
- 8) Conversion is necessary in order to be saved. ***Acts 3:19***
- 9) We must be baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. ***Acts 2:38; Mark 1:9-10***
- 10) Sanctification and holiness is commanded for the people of God. ***Acts 20:32; Hebrews 12:14; I Peter 1:15-16***
- 11) There is power in the prayer of the righteous. ***James 5:16; John 14:13-14***
- 12) The prayer of faith and anointing with oil will heal the sick. ***James 5:14-15***
- 13) The laying on of hands is to be practiced. ***Acts 8:17,6:6***
- 14) The Holy Spirit is the comforter, which abides in the believer, and is manifest by power and the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Manifestations regulated according to ***I Corinthians 14. Acts 2; Galatians 5:22-26***
- 15) Satan is a personality, and as the devil is an adversary of God and the children of God. ***I Peter 5:8; I John 3:8; Jude 9; Matthew 4:1-11***

16) Man was created perfect, but through disobedience fell, bringing imperfection, death, and God's wrath upon mankind. *Genesis 3; I Corinthians 15:21-22*

17) The Lord's Supper is to be observed annually at the beginning of the 14th day of Nisan (Hebrew month), Jesus being our example. *Luke 22:7-20; I Corinthians 11:23-26*

18) The washing of the feet is to be observed in connection with the Lord's Supper. *John 13:4-5*

19) The paying of tithes on all increase is a continued obligation. This portion of our earnings belongs to Yahweh, and should be placed in his work. *Malachi 3:10; Matthew 23:23*

20) The Law of God, the Ten Commandments, should be taught and observed. *Romans 3:31; James 2:8-11; Revelation 22:14*

21) Sin is the transgression of the law. *I John 3:4*

22) Justification from sin is through Christ Jesus alone. *I Corinthians 6:11; Romans 4:25, 5:16-18*

23) A Christian should dress modest, and should refrain from all worldliness. *I Timothy 2:9; I Corinthians 11:7,14-15; I John 2:15-16*

24) All carnal warfare and the participation therein is condemned by the Lord. *Matthew 5:38-39; 2 Corinthians 10:4; Exodus 20:13*

25) The law of the clean and the unclean meats is to be observed. *Leviticus 11*

26) The use of intoxicating liquors, alcoholic stimulants, tobacco, or any habit forming or mind-bending drug is forbidden. *I Corinthians 3:16-17; Proverbs 20:1*

27) Jesus condemned divorce and re-marriage as being sin and adultery. A man is permitted to have only one living wife, and a woman only one living husband. *Luke 16:18; Romans 7:2-3; I Timothy 3:2*

28) There is a final regathering of the dispersed of Israel back to their own land, one that is taking place now. *Jeremiah 16:14-15; Amos 9:14-15*

29) The third angel's message is a present day message, and will continue to the advent of Jesus. *Revelation 14:9-11*

30) The seven last plagues are future and literal. *Revelation 16*

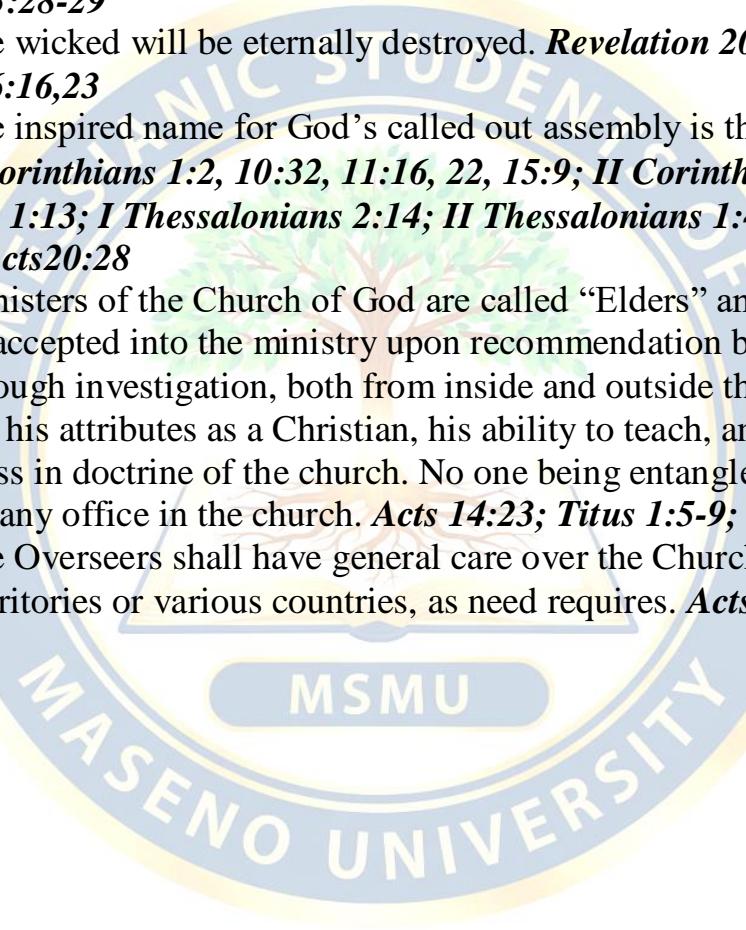
31) The return of Jesus will be literal, visible, personal, and is imminent. *Matthew 24:27; Revelation 1:7*

32) The institution of the Kingdom of Heaven is at the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the throne of David will be established at Jerusalem in the person of Jesus Christ. *Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:32-33*

33) Christ will return and fight in the battle of Armageddon. His coming will bring peace to the earth, and He will rule the world from Jerusalem

during the 1,000 years of restoration (the Millennium). ***Zachariah 14; Revelation 20:4-6; Micah 4:3-7***

- 34) The righteous dead will be resurrected and rewarded at the coming of Jesus. ***I Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 22:12***
- 35) The meek shall inherit the earth and dwell therein forever. ***Matthew 5:5; Proverbs 10:30***
- 36) After the 1,000-year restoration period, Christ will deliver the kingdom to God, the Father. It is then that the wicked will be resurrected to final judgement. ***I Corinthians 15:22-24; Revelation Chapters 20, 21 and 22; John 5:28-29***
- 37) The wicked will be eternally destroyed. ***Revelation 20:11-15; Romans 6:16,23***
- 38) The inspired name for God's called out assembly is the "Church of God". ***I Corinthians 1:2, 10:32, 11:16, 22, 15:9; II Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:13; I Thessalonians 2:14; II Thessalonians 1:4; I Timothy 3:5, 15; Acts 20:28***
- 39) Ministers of the Church of God are called "Elders" and are those disciples accepted into the ministry upon recommendation by an ordained Elder, through investigation, both from inside and outside the church, as to character, his attributes as a Christian, his ability to teach, and his faithfulness in doctrine of the church. No one being entangled in adultery may hold any office in the church. ***Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5-9; I Timothy 3:1-5***
- 40) The Overseers shall have general care over the Churches whole, in States, territories or various countries, as need requires. ***Acts 20:28***



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