

**FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL  
USA**



**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
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## Articles of Incorporation of A Kansas Religious Corporation

ONE: The name of the corporation is:

**FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL - USA, Inc.**

Business Entity Number: 9037060

TWO: The purpose of this business entity is: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which the entity may be organized under the laws of Kansas. This Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes; to promote, further and maintain fellowship among men who believe in the Full Gospel of the Grace of God, as taught by Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels, and by the writers of the Epistles of the New Testament; to promote, encourage, and maintain good works by the cooperative efforts of men who believe the Full Gospel; to assist in the organization, establishment and maintenance of local groups of men who are believers in the Full Gospel, and to render advice and assistance to such groups; to assist, promote and further the work of Full Gospel Missions in the United States and foreign countries; to attain its purposes by the publication of Christian literature of any and all kinds, the promotion of evangelism, the promotion and maintenance of specialized organizations for various age groups, the establishment and maintenance of means for Bible study, circulation of Full Gospel literature of all kinds, and by any and all other means; to encourage personal evangelism and tract distribution; to attain its objectives either by the direct efforts of itself and its affiliate local groups, or by rendering aid and assistance to all kinds of other organizations or groups; and to assist in the founding and activities of Full Gospel Churches.

THREE: The initial street and mailing address of the Corporation shall be, MBS, Inc., 601 N. Mur-Len Road Suite 16, Olathe, KS 66062

FOUR: The name & address in the State of Kansas of the corporation's resident agent for service of process is Michael L. Postlewait, 10101 W. 126th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213

FIVE: This Corporation will not have the authority to issue stock. The conditions of the membership are set in the bylaws

SIX: Corporation Effective date: Upon filing. The existence is Perpetual. The Tax closing month is December.

SEVEN: (a) This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

(d) The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes in Article Two hereof and no part of the net income or assets of this Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

(e) On the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational and/or religious purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

EIGHT: The name and address of the Incorporator and the person appointed to act as the Initial Director of the corporation is:

Name

Address

Michael L. Postlewait 10107 W. 12 Street, Overland Park, KS 66213

Date:

5/24/2018

Michael L. Postlewait

Michael L. Postlewait, Incorporator

I, the above-mentioned initial director of the corporation, hereby declare that I am the Incorporator. I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

5/24/2018

Michael L. Postlewait

Michael L. Postlewait, Initial Director



# **FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL - USA, Inc.**

## ***CONSTITUTION***

**PREAMBLE:** The FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL-USA, (a Kansas Not-For-Profit Corporation) establishes itself in agreement with the Constitution and the By-Laws of the FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL (a California Not-For-Profit Corporation). While since there are, already, many national and international organizations for the furtherance of Christian fellowship among men, and cooperative action in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are led by the Holy Spirit to establish, by His enabling grace, to belong to an international fellowship organization of men who are "Full Gospel" believers, as defined in this Constitution.

Some of the needs which FGBMFI-USA, Inc. is designed to meet are: to supply means for spiritual fellowship in Christ, not now available elsewhere, among full gospel believing men; to promote effective cooperation of such men in gospel work; to unite in the Lord's fellowship and work, groups of men characterized by more complete responsiveness to the moving of the Holy Spirit; to establish an organized work which will strengthen Full Gospel churches **and to encourage reconciliation among all Full Gospel Business Men in the United States and the rest of the world.**

It is to these objectives that FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL – USA, Inc. is dedicated. By faith, we commit this work unto the Lord in full confidence that, according to His promise, our "thoughts shall be established."

### **ARTICLE I DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

#### **SECTION 1. Nature of Doctrinal Statement.**

Our doctrinal statement is not a "creed." In a sense, the whole Bible is our creed. We recognize the existence of many differences in interpretation among genuine Christians. We are, however, convinced that to avoid a looseness which might result in the admission to our Fellowship of unbelievers or even of Christians who are unprepared to cooperate in the Fellowship and work to which God has called us, certain minimum biblical doctrinal tests must be established, the rejection of any of which shall be grounds for ineligibility for membership. These essential doctrinal statements follow in Section 2.

#### **SECTION 2. The Statement.**

- 1. We believe in one God, Maker of all things and being in Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe HIS BANNER OVER US IS LOVE.**

2. We believe that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, became incarnate, was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
3. We believe the Bible, in its entirety, to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and conduct.
4. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the eternal happiness of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the lost.
5. We believe in personal salvation of believers through the shed blood of Christ.
6. We believe in sanctification by the blood of Christ, in personal holiness of heart and life, and in separation from the world.
7. We believe in divine healing, through faith, and that healing is included in the Atonement.
8. We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit, accompanied by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance, (Acts 2:4) as distinct from the new birth, and in the nine gifts of the Spirit, listed in I Corinthians 12, as now available to believers.
9. We believe in the Christian's hope - the imminent, personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
10. We believe in intensive world-evangelism and missionary work in accordance with the Great Commission, with signs following.

### SECTION 3.

The acceptance of the ten doctrinal points stated above in Section 2 of this Article is essential to membership in the International and in the USA Chapters, and while we recognize the obligation of maintaining spiritual love and union toward all true Christians who may not accept all of these doctrinal points, and welcome them to our Fellowship gatherings, they are not permitted any voice in the conduct of our activities and are ineligible to membership in the International or in the Chapters within FGBMFI-USA.

## ARTICLE II RELATIONSHIPS

### SECTION 1. Church Relationships.

We recognize The Church - the Body of Christ - as "the pillar and ground of the truth." Our Fellowship has no right to exist if it is merely a man-made organization. It should, and is, designed to be an agency for building up the Body of Christ - His Church - and should be in harmony with, and a part of the work of the Holy Spirit as the Executor of our Lord's Church program for the present day. We also recognize the existence and divine origin of local 'churches' or 'assemblies.' **Our Fellowship is not a substitute nor is it a competitor with any local church or denominational church group. Through the enabling Grace of God, it will, however, be a helper of all local churches and denominational groups, to the extent that they are in the will of God.**

### SECTION 2. Other Men's Fellowship Groups.

Without compromising our calling to witness to, and practice, the privileges of Christians in the Full Gospel - and especially in claiming by faith and exercising the benefits of divine healing and the other eight gifts of the Spirit - we propose to maintain loving, cooperative relationship with all other Christian men's organizations and groups on the common basis of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. **Full Gospel men are free to belong to other Christian men's fellowships, and such outside affiliations shall not render them ineligible to membership in our fellowship.**

#### SECTION 3. Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries, and other full time Gospel Workers

We regard the calling of separation to 'the ministry of the Word and to prayer' as the highest calling. We also recognize as true, that "God hath ordained that they that labor in the gospel shall live of the gospel." **Full time gospel workers are welcome in our Fellowship and eligible to membership. They may not, however, hold leading official positions, nor direct the activities of the organization.** Recognizing their high calling, and the trials and sacrifices of all true full time workers, it should be our practice to help, encourage and support them in every possible way.

#### SECTION 4. Official Organ.

The official organ of FGBMFI is the Full Gospel Business Men's *Voice*. This magazine is included as a membership benefit.

### ARTICLE III ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

#### SECTION 1.

Supreme authority over our Fellowship and all its activities is vested in The Lord Jesus Christ and exercised by the Holy Spirit. This truth must be recognized and practiced.

#### SECTION 2. The International.

Humanly, the International shall be the center of our Fellowship and shall be incorporated. It shall have sole authority in granting or rejecting applications for affiliation by chapters, in canceling affiliation for any causes deemed by it sufficient, and subject to the superior authority of the International Convention, and all other matters except local matters and matters internal to the chapter.

#### SECTION 3. International and National Conventions

International and National Conventions shall be convened annually at dates set by the Directors, and shall be composed of delegates, appointed or elected by the chapters in such procedures as may be established by the Bylaws, which may also establish systems of regional representation. All Christians, and the public generally, are welcome to attend our Conventions, but voting at business sessions shall be confined to authorized delegates. All members of the chapters whose names, addresses, and occupations are

filed with the International, and who have expressed adherence to the Doctrinal Statements, are members of the International. In the main, it is intended that International and National Conventions shall have the powers exercised by the Early Church in the Councils of Jerusalem, Nicaea, Constantinople and Chalcedon, and such other powers as may be conferred by the Constitution and By-laws.

#### SECTION 4. Regional Organizations.

To facilitate the work generally, and provide for regional gatherings and cooperation, the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International – USA may establish and modify regional districts.

#### SECTION 5. Local Chapters.

The great work of the entire Fellowship will undoubtedly be done through its Chapters. Following biblical precedent, the responsibility and authority for all decisions as to projects to be undertaken, as to matters of local discipline and all other purely internal matters is vested in the Chapters, which also are empowered to determine their forms of organization and procedures generally. **Local Chapters should, however, welcome, and give serious consideration to all recommendations and advice of the International and its individual members.**

### ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIPS

#### SECTION 1. Membership to the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship -USA, Inc. Board of Directors

The authorized number of directors may be increased or reduced, and vacancies filled as provided by the Bylaws and by amendments thereto, as provided in the General Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Kansas. **It is intended that the initial number of one (1) director shall be increased to nine (9) directors soon after the incorporation to insure adequate representation of the body of Full Gospel believing men.**

These 9 Directors are:

- Larry DeNofio RI (only if the International Fellowship accepts the KS entity to represent FGBMFI in the United States)
- Paul Lai HI
- Gabe Jacquez CA
- Bob Nations MO
- Mike Postlewait KS
- Neil Nelles TX
- George Segersbol TX
- Joel Swallow FL
- Ron Weinbender CA



Further increases and rotation in office may be provided for in the Bylaws and amendments thereto.

## SECTION 2. Members of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International - USA

Initially, the Directors of FGBMFI-USA are also its members. **Upon the affiliation of a Chapter, all of its members, present and future, whose names, addresses and occupations are filed with the International and who adhere to the ten-point doctrinal statement, automatically become members of the International and FGBMFI-USA.** Chapters may attach such conditions to local membership as they see fit, providing they are in harmony with the Constitution.

## SECTION 3. Membership of Chapters.

The Chapters themselves may provide their own methods of electing or appointing their local members, **provided however, that no man shall be eligible to membership in any chapter who does not adhere to the Doctrinal Statement,** and the International may prescribe such tests as it may deem proper to assure compliance on the part of Chapters with Section 3, Article 1 of this Constitution.

## ARTICLE V DEFINITIONS

As used in this Constitution, and in the Bylaws, the term “**International**” means Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (a California Not-For-Profit Corporation). The acronym “**FGBMFI-USA**” means this organization, Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International - USA, Inc. (a Kansas Not-For-Profit Corporation) The word “**Chapter**” means any Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship regularly affiliated with the International and FGBMFI-USA, and the term **Business Men's** or **Business Man** has a liberal meaning including primarily, all men of any secular occupation as well as farmers, laborers, and employees.

## ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended only as follows:

A notice of the proposed amendment shall be mailed each director of FGBMFI-USA at least 30 days prior to a regular annual meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose of considering said amendment and acting thereon. Said notice shall contain a complete copy of the proposed amendment. If two-thirds of the total number of Directors agree in recommending the adoption of the proposed amendment, it shall be submitted to the International at the next convention after 30 days prior notice to all FGBMFI-USA chapters, and shall become operative only if it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire number of FGBMFI-USA affiliated chapters within three months after its submission upon receiving, which, it shall immediately become operative.

**FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL  
USA**

***BYLAWS***

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of this Corporation is:  
**"Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International – USA, Inc.**

**ARTICLE II  
LOCATION OF OFFICES**

**SECTION 1.**

Its principal office, subject to change by the F G B M F I - U S A Directors, shall be in Johnson County, Kansas.

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1.**

**The members shall be all those who have been previously received into membership and are currently active members of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International within the United States of America and those who shall be admitted from time to time in the future according to rules and procedures established by the FGBMFI-USA Board of Directors.**

**SECTION 2.**

The members may, by amendment of these Bylaws, or by resolution adopted at any Annual Convention, create different classes of membership, and define the privileges and characteristics of each.

**SECTION 3.**

No one shall be eligible for membership who is not fully qualified under all the requirements of Article I of the Constitution as well as any provision of these Bylaws that defines the requirements for membership. The FGBMFI-USA Directors shall adopt effective means to secure assurance of such qualification.

#### SECTION 4.

**The International Officers shall have exclusive control of all international records at the International Headquarters, including, but not limited to, members' names, addresses, emails, telephone numbers, voting rights, minutes, accounting books and records. No member of the Fellowship shall be entitled to inspect, copy or use such records without written consent of any two International Officers. As used herein, "International Officers" shall be defined to include the President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Any violation of these restrictions by a member without such consent shall be grounds for immediate revocation or suspension of membership.**

### ARTICLE IV

#### **DIRECTORS / INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS**

#### SECTION 1.

There shall be initially nine (9) FGBMFI-USA Directors of the corporation, which number may increase or decrease based on need. These 9 Directors are:

- Larry DeNofio RI (only if the International Fellowship accepts the KS entity to represent FGBMFI in the United States)
- Paul Lai HI
- Gabe Jacquez CA
- Bob Nations MO
- Mike Postlewait KS
- Neil Nelles TX
- George Segersbol TX
- Joel Swallow FL
- Ron Weinbender CA

#### SECTION 2.

The FGBMFI-USA Board of Directors shall annually send an official census of the nation's current dues-paying members and chapters computed as of August 31 following each Annual International Convention. The census shall be in writing and certified by two officers of FGBMFI-USA. The census shall be delivered to the International office in care of the International Secretary not later than August 31 of each year.

#### SECTION 3.

The International Secretary shall compute the number of International Directors who shall be representatives to the International Board allotted to each nation for the coming year, commencing at the World Convention following the August 31 census. The International Secretary shall send a written notice to FGBMFI-USA officers by

October 31 advising them of the number of positions they may fill and of any term limitations which may be required in order to provide for the election of approximately one-third of the International Board members each year.

#### SECTION 4.

The FGBMFI-USA President shall select the FGBMFI-USA's representatives to the International Board from the FGBMFI-USA Board of Directors or its Directors-at-Large subject to ratification by an election of the FGBMFI-USA Board of Directors.

#### SECTION 5.

The names and qualifications of the representatives, so selected, shall be certified by the FGBMFI-USA President and Secretary and delivered to the International Secretary by March 31, following the notice from the International Secretary provided for in Section 3 above. The notification shall also designate wherever applicable which representative is filling each position where longer and shorter terms are provided to bring about a staggered election of International Directors.

#### SECTION 6.

Each International Director may serve three years. One-third of the International Directors shall be elected each year. International Directors may serve an indefinite number of terms, provided they are duly nominated and approved pursuant to this Article IV of these Bylaws. In the event the FGBMFI-USA gains or loses one or more International Directors' positions due to the annual reapportionment, it shall be the responsibility of the FGBMFI-USA President subject to ratification of the National Board to alter the term of their International Director(s) accordingly, and to provide notice to the International Secretary as provided above.

#### SECTION 7.

One National Representative may be appointed by the FGBMFI-USA President if the FGBMFI-USA is unable to qualify for representation on the International Board of Directors. The National Representative shall not be entitled to vote, but shall be entitled to attend meetings of the International Board of Directors.

#### SECTION 8.

International Directors-at-Large may be appointed by the International President to attend meetings of the International Board of Directors. They shall have the right to participate in the meetings, but shall not have the right to vote. They shall serve a one-year term.

#### SECTION 10.

Past Directors and Officers of the corporation may be appointed Honorary Directors by the FGBMFI-USA President for a one (1) year term in recognition of past services subject to the recipient's approval. They shall have the right to participate in the meetings, but shall not have the right to vote.

#### SECTION 11.

In determining the presence of a quorum, only voting members shall be considered.

### **ARTICLE V ANNUAL CONVENTIONS AND BOARD MEETINGS OF USA MEMBERS AND NATIONAL DIRECTORS**

#### SECTION 1.

There shall be an Annual Convention which, except as otherwise determined by the National Directors, shall be for two consecutive days or more. At any regular or special meeting, the National Directors, by majority vote, may alter the duration of any Convention and Convention dates.

#### SECTION 2.

The location, program, agenda and all preliminaries of and arrangements for the FGBMFI-USA Annual Convention shall be entirely under direction and control of the National Directors, who may delegate such duties in respect thereto as they may deem proper to the chapter of the convention city and to special committees appointed by the Board of Directors. The primary purposes of the Annual Convention are spiritual, the strengthening of fellowship in Christ, the increase of effectiveness of the Chapters, the edification of those who attend convention sessions, and solution of problems which may have arisen in connection with the movement.

#### SECTION 3.

The FGBMFI-USA members shall be represented at the annual and special members' meetings by delegates. Each chapter shall be entitled to designate two delegates to serve one (1) year terms, and such delegates shall be subject to removal by their chapter at any time. Each FGBMFI-USA Director shall also serve as a delegate during his term of office. The authority of each FGBMFI-USA Director to serve as a delegate shall cease when he is no longer a Director.

#### SECTION 4.

The FGBMFI-USA members' annual meeting can be held during the International Annual Convention when the World Convention is held in the United

States. The members' annual meeting is authorized to consider and act upon proposals for the amendment of the Bylaws, or any other business of the corporation which may be brought before the meeting.

## SECTION 5.

Special meetings of the members may be convened upon call of the FGBMFI-USA President, and approved in advance by a majority of the directors. Thirty (30) days' advance notice of any such special meeting shall be given by the FGBMFI-USA President or Secretary to all chapters and to all FGBMFI-USA Directors, by emailing or mailing to the address of record of each chapter and to each Director, a notice of the call which shall state the time and place set for the special meeting and the matters to be considered and acted upon.

## SECTION 6.

Annually, the FGBMFI-USA President shall appoint from the Board of Directors the officers for the FGBMFI-USA Board to serve with him for the coming year, as the officers of the Corporation. There shall be one Executive Vice-President, one Secretary and one Treasurer and as many additional Officers as the President shall designate. Such additional Officers shall be Vice Presidents or Regional Directors. The Officers shall serve for one year, or until the next Annual Convention, or until replaced by their successors. They shall have such duties as are designated by the President or otherwise provided in these Bylaws. In conjunction with the Annual Convention, the FGBMFI-USA President shall announce his appointment of officers to hold office until the next Annual Convention and until their successors have been appointed by the President. The Officers shall constitute the FGBMFI-USA National Cabinet. The function of the National Cabinet shall be to formulate policy and submit such policies to the FGBMFI-USA Board of Directors for ratification. **The new Board shall hold its first meeting immediately prior to the opening of the USA Annual Convention, or during the World Convention when the convention is held in the United States.** The newly appointed FGBMFI-USA Directors shall be installed in office at the beginning of the meeting.

The personal presence of a majority of the FGBMFI-USA Directors shall establish a quorum at all FGBMFI-USA Directors' meetings. In the absence of a USA Director, a Director at Large from USA, will be seated as a National Director for that meeting. He will have the rights and privileges of a National Director including the right to vote. In the further absence of a majority a quorum will be established by two thirds of the USA Directors present in person or by proxy.

Except when otherwise required by these Bylaws, all actions approved by a majority vote of the Directors present and voting where a quorum has been established shall be valid. Only the President shall be entitled to receive proxies from absent Directors.

## SECTION 7.

All delegates present at a duly called special meeting of members, as well as the

members' Annual Meeting, shall establish a quorum. Each delegate, in order to exercise the right to vote, must be present in order to cast his vote at the Annual Meeting.

#### SECTION 8.

For purposes of notice, each chapter shall notify the FGBMFI-USA Secretary in writing of the name, email and address of each chapter president and secretary, as well as any changes thereto.

#### SECTION 9.

For delegate purposes:

- 1) A chapter is one which has signed the charter agreement and is approved by the International Headquarters and an official chapter number has been assigned by the International Headquarters and is currently in good standing.
- 2) A member is one recognized by FGBMFI-USA and/or the International as a member.
- 3) A delegate must be a member in good standing.
- 4) Each chapter is authorized a maximum of two delegates.
- 5) A delegate must have a delegate letter or certification showing the chapter number, and signed by one of the following: Chapter President, Chapter Secretary or a National Officer.

### **ARTICLE VI TASK FORCES**

There shall be no standing Committees. The FGBMFI-USA President may, from time to time, however, appoint a task force for a specific purpose not to exceed one year.

### **ARTICLE VII ELECTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT & SELECTION OF OFFICERS**

#### SECTION 1.

Election of a National President. The election of a National President shall be held at the Annual Convention of the Fellowship every three (3) years or as the position shall fall vacant. **The FGBMFI-USA National President shall be elected by a majority vote of the USA National & International Directors and USA Chapter Delegates (2 delegates per chapter) by secret ballot where a quorum has been established. The first ballot shall be a nominating ballot unless a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot. The first President will be selected by the 9 Directors who are listed in the Constitution Article IV, Section1 as the Holy Spirit leads.**

#### SECTION 2.

The FGBMFI-USA President shall have the powers and duties specified in these Bylaws and, in addition, he shall have such general powers and duties as are conferred and imposed on presidents of similar organizations. The FGBMFI-USA President shall preside at all FGBMFI-USA conventions and meetings of the Members and the FGBMFI-USA Board of Directors. He shall have general oversight over all affairs of the FGBMFI-USA Fellowship and general authority in the hiring and dismissal of employees.

**The FGBMFI-USA President may also serve as one of the FGBMFI-USA International Directors if he chooses to do so.**

#### SECTION 3.

The FGBMFI-USA Executive Vice-President, as well as all other FGBMFI-USA Officers appointed by the FGBMFI-USA National President, shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned by the FGBMFI-USA National President.

#### SECTION 4.

The FGBMFI-USA Treasurer shall have general oversight of the financial interests and affairs of the FGBMFI-USA Fellowship.

#### SECTION 5.

The FGBMFI-USA Secretary shall take and record minutes of all meetings and have such additional powers and duties as may be assigned by the National President.

#### SECTION 6.

The number of FGBMFI-USA Vice-Presidents or Regional Directors shall be determined by the President, and they shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned by the National President.

### **ARTICLE VIII REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (USA PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES)**

#### SECTION 1.

The FGBMFI-USA President shall from time to time designate Regions of the country and the President may appoint Personal Regional Representatives. A region may consist of one or more states.

#### SECTION 2.

Regional Representatives shall be appointed by the FGBMFI-USA President for a one



(1) year term expiring automatically at each Annual Meeting. Each Regional Representative shall serve as the personal representative of the President, at his pleasure.

### SECTION 3.

#### ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE FGBMFI-USA NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The Advisory Council to the FGBMFI-USA President shall consist of the FGBMFI-USA President's Personal Regional Representatives.

## ARTICLE IX NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONVENTIONS

### SECTION 1.

**Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International USA, Inc. has adopted a Model Constitution and Bylaws that must be approved by the International. The Constitution and Bylaws adopted provide for the election of a FGBMFI-USA National President in a democratic manner that is similar to the process in which the International President is elected.**

### SECTION 2.

**Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International - USA, Inc. has applied for affiliation with the International. Upon approval of affiliation by the International Board, such FGBMFI-USA Organization shall be subject to the superior authority of the International Board in all matters except purely local matters and matters internal to the FGBMFI-USA Organization. The FGBMFI-USA Organization shall be operated in harmony with the policies adopted from time to time by the International Board.**

### SECTION 3.

The FGBMFI-USA National President shall appoint as many Regional Directors as shall be required for the ministry of the Fellowship in the United States. The appointment of each Regional Director shall be ratified by the vote of members in the appointee's state or area through mail or email ballots. The Regional, National and USA International Directors shall comprise the USA National Board. Each National Director shall serve a three (3) year term. One-third of the National Directors shall be elected each year. **The FGBMFI-USA National Board of Directors will have authority for the United States, subject at all times to the superior authority of the International Board of Directors.**

### SECTION 4.

The FGBMFI-USA National President shall be entitled to appoint non-voting

Members-At-Large to serve on the Board of Directors. Members-At-Large shall serve one year terms.

#### SECTION 5.

The FGBMFI-USA National President shall appoint the appropriate officers for the work of the Fellowship in the United States. The exact duties of National Officers shall be determined by the National President. Each National Officer shall serve a one (1) year term except the National President who shall serve a three (3) year term.

#### SECTION 6.

The FGBMFI-USA Regional Directors shall be entitled to appoint one or more Personal Regional Representatives (Regional Coordinator) to assist the Regional Director by undergirding, encouraging and strengthening the Fellowship in a particular Region. Regional representatives shall have a one (1) year term. They shall have no legislative authority, but shall engage in the ministry of helps.

#### SECTION 7.

The FGBMFI-USA President shall be an Ex Officio member of all Boards, Task Forces and similar bodies which are made up by members from more than one region.

#### SECTION 8.

The purpose of this Fellowship is to extend the Kingdom through the work of this ministry. There shall be no restraint by one chapter or area on the work or ministry of any other no matter where it takes place.

## X LOCAL CHAPTERS

#### SECTION 1.

Any local group of Spirit-filled men may organize a local Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International Chapter, and apply for affiliation with the International. **Each such application shall be made on forms approved by International Directors,** and shall contain, with any other terms stipulated by the International Directors, the following:

- a. All members of the applying group believe in and adhere to all points of the Doctrinal Statement of the Constitution, and no future members will be admitted who do not so adhere.
- b. The group adopts a resolution requesting affiliation with the International.

- c. A list of all initial members, stating occupation, email/home address of each.
- d. An agreement on the part of the local group that, should its application for affiliation be denied, or should its affiliation be subsequently canceled, it will discontinue the use of the name "Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International", "FGBMFI-USA", or "Chapter," or any other name so similar as to be misleading, specifically including but not limited to, any and all trademarks of the International Fellowship.
- e. **Each chapter shall be known as Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International - \_\_\_\_\_. (Each chapter is chartered by the International.) The Charter to each chapter shall read only that way. Also, all stationery for the chapter shall clearly identify that chapter as Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International or FGBMFI-USA.**

## SECTION 2.

**The International, after such investigation as it may deem desirable, may either reject or grant any such application for affiliation.**

## SECTION 3.

The International Directors are fully empowered after such investigation as they may deem advisable, to cancel the affiliation of any chapter for such action; however, they are enjoined to proceed with all due fairness, meekness and love, in the spirit of the exhortation of the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul in Galatians 6:1, which spirit should characterize all other proceedings which are punitive or disciplinary in nature.

## SECTION 4.

While the chapters are advised to consult the central officers on difficult questions which may arise, **the responsibility for decision of all local matters remains with the chapter**, which may decide whether or not to incorporate, what officers to have, (any officer of a chapter must have the baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4), all other purely local organizational matters, all matters relative to discipline of members, and concerning local projects and activities.

## SECTION 5.

For delegate purposes:

- 1) A chapter is one, which has signed the Charter Agreement and is approved by the International Headquarters and an official Chapter number has been assigned by the International Headquarters and is currently in good standing.
- 2) A member is one recognized by his chapter and his nation and/or the International as a member.
- 3) A delegate must be a member in good standing.
- 4) Each chapter is authorized a maximum of two delegates.

- 5) A delegate must have a delegate letter or certification showing the chapter number, and signed by one of the following: The Chapter President, Chapter Secretary, or a National Officer.

## **ARTICLE XI FINANCES AND DUES**

### **SECTION 1.**

**Except as otherwise provided in this Section, each chapter member shall pay dues to the International Fellowship,** at a rate to be determined by the International Board of Directors, payable with the initial application, and with each annual renewal thereafter. **The intent is that each FGBMFI-USA member is a member of the International.** The International Board of Directors shall establish the amount of annual dues to be paid by members in each nation on the basis of a percentage of each nation's average annual income as determined through reliable governmental sources or through reliable international organizations. The International Board of Directors is empowered to increase or decrease the amount of the annual dues. The funds of the Fellowship shall be used to pay expenses which may include, without limitation, the costs of maintaining offices, or a periodical or periodicals, of distribution of other literature, for necessary traveling expenses of officers and employees and all other proper expenses of the work. It is anticipated that the Fellowship will employ persons whose salaries and other expenses may be met. **International Directors and International Officers, as well as National Directors and National Officers, undertake their responsibilities largely on a volunteer and sacrificial basis. Any exceptions to this standard must be authorized by the International Officers.** It is also agreed that cumbersome, expensive and complicated organization is to be avoided.

### **SECTION 2.**

FGBMFI-USA National and local expenses and the costs of all Regional, National and other Conferences are the responsibility of the FGBMFI-USA and chapters concerned.

## **ARTICLE XII RESIGNING AND EXPULSIONS: FILLING VACANCIES**

### **SECTION 1.**

Any International Director, National Director or National Officer may resign by delivering a signed, written resignation to an officer other than himself, or by mailing it to the principal office of the corporation. Resignations shall become effective when accepted by the FGBMFI-USA Board of Directors or the FGBMFI-USA National Officers.

## SECTION 2.

Except where this action is in conflict with these Bylaws, any FGBMFI-USA Director may be removed by action of two-thirds of the FGBMFI-USA Board of Directors. Any FGBMFI-USA Officer may be removed by the National President. The President, or the Board of Directors may, prior to any removal, make such investigation of any charge against an Officer, as he deems proper.

## SECTION 3.

Vacancies occasioned by the death, inability to act, removal or other disqualification of any FGBMFI-USA Director or Officer, may be filled for the unexpired terms of such vacancies by the National President.

## SECTION 4.

Suspension or revocation of membership including all rights and privileges. When the FGBMFI-USA Delegates or Directors are not in session, a Membership Task Force (all Membership Task Forces must be appointed by the FGBMFI-USA President) may be appointed to consider and resolve issues arising regarding suspension or expulsion of members. This Task Force shall receive recommendations for action from the FGBMFI-USA President and initiate an investigation to determine the appropriate action. The decision of the Membership Task Force by two thirds of the vote cast in regards to admonishment, suspension or expulsion will be final. Those who have been suspended or expelled will not receive a refund of their membership dues. Members who have been expelled may apply to the Membership Task Force after one year.

Following the suspension or expulsion, the former member must reapply for membership to the Membership Task Force.

**If any Member causes a chapter to leave the International that action will be the basis for the revocation of said person(s) membership in the Fellowship.**

## **ARTICLE XIII FISCAL YEAR ELECTORAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of this Corporation is the calendar year from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The electoral year for service of officers and directors and for the planning and carrying out of ministry activities shall be from Annual International Convention to Annual International Convention.

## **ARTICLE XIV THE CONSTITUTION**

### SECTION 1.

The Corporation's Constitution is incorporated by reference and made a part of these Bylaws. For all purposes relative to the provisions of the Corporation Code of Kansas the two may, together, be treated as a single Code of Bylaws.

## SECTION 2.

In case of conflict between these Bylaws and any provision of the Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail, and conflicting Bylaws shall be deemed altered or modified, only, however, to the extent of the necessary conflict.

## **ROBERT'S RULES**

Where not in conflict with other provisions of these Bylaws, *Robert's Rules of Order*, latest edition, shall be the model for established procedure for all meetings of anybody provided for in these Bylaws.

The Chairman shall reject all motions which are in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws.