

# CONSTITUTION

## Article I – Name

The organization shall be called the Macon County Ministers' Council, hereinafter known as the Council.

## Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to facilitate cooperation of churches, ministers, and ministries in meeting the needs of the community by fostering a commitment to unity and teamwork in addressing the unique and multifaceted issues of Macon County. We intend to do this through regular meetings of ministry leaders in which fellowship, spiritual formation, communications, and coordination of ministry efforts will be encouraged. It is also our intent to provide leadership for community activities and corporate acts of ministry and worship that lead to a greater sense of unity and a greater quality of life.

The purposes for which the Council is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, and educational, within the meaning of IRC 501(c)(3), or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under IRC 501(c)(3), or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

## Article III – Duration

The organization shall be perpetual in duration.

## Article IV-Membership

Membership in this Council shall be open to all Christian churches, ministries, para-church ministries, and licensed and/or ordained ministers of the Gospel who reside or serve in Macon County, upon payment of the annual dues.

## Article V - Officers

The officers of the Council shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer will each assist the other in their respective duties.

## Article VI - Elections

The officers of the Council shall be elected annually. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed at the first meeting in November and the committee shall report at the last meeting in November, at which time the

election shall take place. Those elected shall take office on January 1<sup>st</sup> following the election.

## Article VII - Duties of Officers

The duties of the officers of the Council shall conform to duties contained in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

## Article VIII - Meetings

The Council shall meet each Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m., except in the month of July. A special meeting may be called by the President in conformity with *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

## Article IX – Committees

The Council may create such standing committees as it deems necessary for its operation.

## Article X - Quorum

For the transaction of business of the Council, at least one-quarter of those eligible to vote at the time must be present.

## Article XI – Amendments

The Articles of this Constitution may be changed or amended by a two-thirds vote of those members in good standing present at a meeting of the Council for which there is a quorum present, provided written notice of such change or amendment shall be presented and read into the minutes of the Council at least thirty days prior to such meeting.

## Article XII – Dissolution

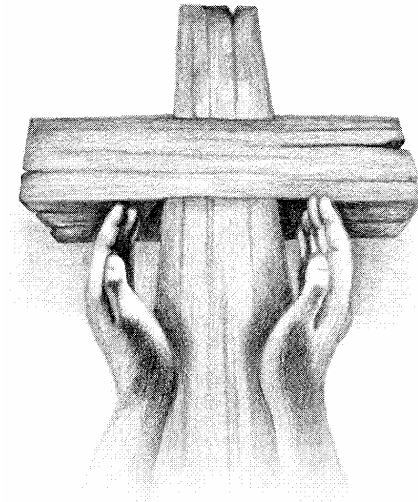
Upon the dissolution of the Council, assets will be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to Federal, State, or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Council is then located, exclusively for such purpose.

## By-Laws

1. Dues shall be \$50.00 annually.
2. In order to involve a broader base of the faith community in the activities of the Council, a meeting of laity representatives, consisting of up to 5 representatives (duly appointed or elected by each participating Christian church, ministry, or para-church ministry) shall convene at least quarterly. This group will serve as a mechanism for coordinating current ministries and providing an exchange of ideas for future cooperative efforts.
3. The Council shall approve any and all official releases to the news media.
4. Standing Committees shall make reports to the Council as required by the body.
5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep an accurate account of all monies raised or paid through the Council. Expenditures shall be made only by the order of the Council. Financial reports shall be made to the Council at least monthly.
6. The meeting of the Council shall begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. and the general agenda shall be as follows:
  - a. Prayer
  - b. Devotion
  - c. Reading and adoption of the minutes
  - d. Transaction of business
  - e. Intercessory Prayer
  - f. Adjournment
7. All meetings of the Council shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

# Macon county Ministers' Council

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**Serving Christ and the Community,  
*Together!***

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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