

WORLD PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS FELLOWSHIP

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

The purpose of the World Pentecostal Holiness Fellowship is to create a worldwide fellowship of Holiness / Pentecostal churches engaged in the fulfillment of the Lord's command to evangelize to the lost and make disciples of all peoples.

Objectives of the WPHF include the following:

1. To advance the global ministry and mission of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) in fulfilling the Great Commission;
2. To involve the worldwide fellowship of Pentecostal Holiness Churches in Arise 2033;
3. To partner with other fellowships, encouraging and assisting one another, creating a worldwide fellowship of churches of like faith;
4. To be a voice for religious liberty everywhere, especially in countries where persecution exists or where individual rights and freedoms are compromised for the sake of the gospel;
5. To manifest the compassion of Christ by cooperating in humanitarian efforts worldwide;
6. And to emphasize worldwide prayer networks and coordinated prayer.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the fellowship shall be the World Pentecostal Holiness Fellowship (hereinafter referred to as "WPHF").

ARTICLE II. ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe there is but one living, true and eternal God, of unlimited power, wisdom and goodness.
2. We believe that Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, took the nature of mankind in the womb of the virgin Mary.
3. We believe that Christ arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, where He remains until the time He will return to judge all people.
4. We believe the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son and is of one substance with them in majesty and glory.
5. We believe the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God.
6. We believe that eternal life with God in heaven is a reward of the righteous, and that eternal banishment from the presence of God and unending torture in hell are the wages of those who reject Him.
7. We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the cancellation of our past sins, the restoration of all sinners who repent, and salvation from sin and sinning.
8. We believe that justification before God is by faith alone.
9. We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the cleansing of the believer from all sin and its pollution.
10. We believe that sanctification by faith in Christ is an instant work of grace followed by a life-long process of spiritual growth after conversion.
11. We believe that the Pentecostal baptism of the Holy Spirit is available through faith with the initial evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit speaks through us.
12. We believe that divine healing was made available through Christ's death on the Cross.
13. We believe in the imminent second coming of Jesus Christ.
14. We believe it is the responsibility of every believer to obey Christ's command to spread His message of love and deliverance to every nation.

ARTICLE III. JERUSALEM PROCLAMATION

God is calling the International Pentecostal Holiness Church to become a kingdom of worshiping priests who will worship Him with all their being—spirit, soul, and body. We are to live our lives of worship, giving praise continually unto the Lord. Our churches are to be noted for their praise and celebration. We are to learn a worship lifestyle that will model for the whole world what it means to love God with all our might, mind, and means.

God is calling the International Pentecostal Holiness Church to become a learning community of believers who give themselves to maturing and maximizing the gifts and calling of each member of the community. We commit ourselves to equipping the saints for their work of ministry and teaching them a lifestyle of learning that we may all grow in the knowledge of God and in effectiveness in ministry.

God is calling the International Pentecostal Holiness Church to become an army of witnesses who will live to share the good news. Our whole lifestyle is to be built around the compassion to witness. We are to witness as we travel, study, eat, work and play. We are to choose our vocations, homes, church sites, mode of dress, language, friends, and neighbors in order to better witness to our generation.

God is calling the International Pentecostal Holiness Church to become a unique instrument of world evangelization which will penetrate many unreached peoples of this earth with the gospel. We are to gear up like an invading army to go into the strongholds of the enemy with our lifestyle of worship, learning and witness in order to build the kingdom of God and establish the reign of King Jesus.

First World Conference of Pentecostal Holiness Churches, September 1990.

ARTICLE IV. NATURE AND FUNCTION

The nature of the WPHF is a cooperative body of Pentecostal Holiness Churches and affiliates worldwide. It is not a legislative body but rather a collaborative fellowship of sharing, reporting, strategizing, and training to assist the IPHC in fulfilling her Kingdom potential around the world. The WPHF shall:

1. Uphold one another in prayer;
2. Support and encourage one another in missions and evangelism;

3. Promote Christian fellowship and cooperation among Holiness / Pentecostal people throughout the world;
4. Provide consultation and cooperation among the members, national churches and affiliated denominations;
5. Share mutual concerns and insights relating to any crucial spiritual and temporal issues of the Church;
6. Promote exchange of personnel in special areas of ministry;
7. Disseminate helpful information and up-to-date statistics for the benefit of the Church.

ARTICLE V. STRUCTURE AND MEETINGS

1. The leadership of the WPHF, in consultation with the IPHC Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops (EC COB), shall plan, promote and coordinate a Global Assembly every four years, when financially feasible. All IPHC/WPHF constituencies shall be encouraged to attend the Global Assembly.
2. The WPHF Global Leadership Council shall consist of no more than twenty-four (24), which shall include the IPHC general superintendent, executive director of World Missions Ministries, executive director of Evangelism USA, executive director of Discipleship Ministries, and representatives from each Global Zone or affiliate.
3. The WPHF Global Leadership Council will be appointed by the general superintendent in consultation with the EC COB.
4. The Global Leadership Council shall be responsible for the transaction of all matters as authorized by the WPHF. The Global Leadership Council shall meet at least every two years (or at the call of the chairman) to review and chart the direction and progress of the WPHF.
5. All Global Leadership Council members shall pay their own airfare to attend meetings.
6. The Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the Global Leadership Council of the WPHF with approval of the EC COB (A quorum consists of 50% of the members present at a duly called meeting provided that a written notice is given of the meeting).

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS AND OFFICE LOCATION

1. The IPHC general superintendent shall serve as chairman of the WPHF. The chairman shall provide a recording secretary to keep accurate meeting Minutes.
2. The term of office for Global Leadership Council members shall be four years.
3. The Global Leadership (WPHF) office shall be located in the office of the IPHC general superintendent.
4. Global Leadership officers are to be elected for a **two-year** term (beginning 2019).

ARTICLE VII. FINANCE

1. Each constituency represented on the Global Leadership Council of the WPHF shall make annual contributions to the general fund of the WPHF. Other sources of income may include freewill offerings from local churches and individuals.
2. The General Superintendent, on behalf of the Global Leadership Council, will request the IPHC Finance Committee for an annual contribution to WPHF.
3. The chairman shall have oversight of the financial accounting and reporting of the WPHF. All financial records and minutes shall be properly kept at the general superintendent's office.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Appendix A

Guidelines for International Ministerial Relations and Ethics

Whereas,

The World Pentecostal Holiness Fellowship exists to be a service to its membership and

Whereas,

An increasing number of persons are seeking ministerial opportunities on an international basis,
and

Whereas,

Care should be taken in the screening of persons who we offer permission to minister in our pulpits, and

Whereas,

There does not exist in each country the necessary information to serve our pastors in that regard, and

Whereas,

There is a recognized responsibility of each national fellowship to be ready to care for inquiries regarding ministerial endorsements for those desiring ministries in another country,

Therefore,

Be it resolved that the following procedure be recognized:

1. That the leaders of each national fellowship who are asked to receive the ministry of an unknown person, be it recommended they contact the leaders of the World Pentecostal Holiness Fellowship of his/her country of origin requesting endorsement or other recommendation regarding the same, and
2. That the organizational leaders in every member nation be prompt and factual in their confidential communication regarding the doctrinal and ethical purity of the person seeking acceptance for ministry in another nation, and
3. That attention and promotion be given in each fellowship to sensitize all pastors, as shepherds of the household of faith, as regards the care which they should exercise in determining those who should be allowed to speak in their pulpits.

NOTE: The WPHF may want to consider not having this appendix but rather to have the Commission on Education establish guidelines for this matter and others related to international ministry exchange.