

# Gate Breaker Ministries Corporation Meridian, Idaho 07 S7

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#### ARTICLE I

#### **NAME**

Section 1: This Corporation shall be known as Gate Breaker Ministries Corporation.

#### ARTICLE II

#### **PURPOSE**

Section 1:	The purpose of this corporation shall be to propagate the Christian faith and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed through the Holy Scriptures. It is an apologetics ministry, but not limited only to apologetics. Gate Breaker Ministries, known as GBM hereafter, will teach and encourage believers and others to worship and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. If the need arises, it will also carry out any or all of the
	the Lord Jesus Christ. If the need arises, it will also carry out any or all of the
	following:

Section 2:	Preaching, teaching and fostering the growth of the Christian faith in all places.
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- Section 3: License, commission, and ordain ministers to carry on the work of the ministry,
- Section 4: Own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or otherwise gain, dispose of or use such property, real or chattel, as may be required or beneficial for the ministry.
- Section 5: Engage in a ministry through radio, television, books, newsletters, or other sources.
- Section 6: Acquire, operate and maintain schools, bible colleges, counseling centers, churches and other such benevolent and charitable institutions as may be deemed necessary to fulfill the objectives of this organization.
- Section 7: Collect, solicit and accept funds or other subscriptions; to acquire and hold real estate and such other property as the realization of the aforesaid objectives may require.
- Section 8: Be a religious corporation without capital stock and which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profits for its members.

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#### **ARTICLE III**

## **DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

- We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God equally in all parts and without error in its original manuscript, absolutely infallible, and our source of supreme revelation from God, superior to conscience and reason, though not contrary to reason; and it is therefore our infallible rule of faith and practice. (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16-17; 1st Peter 1:23-25; Hebrews 4:12)
- Section 2: We believe in one God who has revealed Himself in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are all co-eternal, all stand equally superior to time, free from the temporal distinctions of past and future.

The Eternal FATHER - Genesis 12:33; Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalms 90:2; Psalms 102:27; 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:17.

The Eternal SON - John 1:1-2; John 8:58; Hebrews 1:8; - 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:2; Micah 5:2; Revelation 1:8

The Eternal SPIRIT - Hebrews 9:14

The Eternal GODHEAD - Romans 1:20

- Section 3: We believe in the pre-existence, incarnation and virgin birth of Jesus Christ who came into the world to reveal the Father, and was the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person; that Jesus Christ was the Creator of all things, for by Him the worlds were made. We further believe that in Christ dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily and that He was very God and very Man. (John 1:1-2 & 14; 1st Timothy 3:16; Acts 7:37-38)
- Section 4: We believe in Jesus Christ's sinless life, miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection and His ascension into Heaven, and acknowledge His Lordship --- that Jesus Christ is Lord over all things in heaven and in earth, and under the earth. (Philippians 2:9-10)
- Section 5: We believe that man was created by a direct and immediate act of God. (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:4)
- Section 6: We believe that man by transgression fell from a state of righteousness and holiness in which he was first created, into total spiritual depravity, a state of death in trespasses and sins in which he is held as a slave of sin and an enemy of God, being

unable to attain divine righteousness by his own efforts, but must be redeemed and delivered by the power of the gospel. (Romans 5:12-21; 1st Corinthians 15:1-4)

- Section 7: We believe that each believer must lay a foundation of Biblical truth and experience upon which he builds his life. These "foundation stones" are: repentance from dead works, faith toward God, doctrine of baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, eternal judgment and perfection. (Hebrews 6:1-3)
- Section 8: We believe that repentance and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ produces the work of justification in the believer. Through faith in the shed blood of Christ, he is justified and made a partaker in the death of Christ. This is the initial step of salvation. (Romans 5:1, 9; Luke 22:20)
- Section 9: We believe that water baptism is an essential and necessary part of the "doctrine of baptisms", (Hebrews 6:2), performed only upon repentant believers in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (which we believe to be the fulfillment of the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and for the remission of sin. (Acts 2:38) This act is to be done by immersion,; and we further believe that it is the means whereby we receive the new covenant sign of "circumcision of heart". (Romans 2:28-29; Colossians 2:9-13)
- Section 10: We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6; that it is the seal of the New Covenant relationship, (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30; II Corinthians 1:22) and that speaking in other tongues is an accompanying sign of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (Mark 16:17) We also hold that the real evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is one's response to the Word of God (John 16:13), a Christ-like life, showing forth Christ's character, nature and experiencing and manifesting the fruit of the Holy Spirit. (John 15:26; 16:14; Galatians 5:22-23)
- Section 11: We believe in the doctrine of the laying on of hands for:
  - 1. The confirming of believers in the faith (Acts 14:22)
  - 2. The confirmation of one's call by the laying on of hands with prophecy (Acts 13:1, 3).
  - 3. The impartation of the spiritual gifts when accompanied by prophecy and the laying on of hands (I Timothy 4:14; II Timothy 1:6).
  - 4. The ordination and official recognition and setting apart of ministry.
  - 5. The impartation of the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:17-18).
  - 6. The ministry of healing the sick (Mark 16:16).
  - 7. The blessing and dedication (setting apart) of children (Mark 10:16).
- Section 12: We believe in the five-fold ministries given to the Church at the ascension of Jesus Christ and that they continue to be needed and should be expected today, that is, ministries of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Working with these ministries will be appointed leadership consisting of elders, deacons, deaconesses, missionaries, and the gifted men and women of the Church. (Psalms

68:18; Ephesians 4:11-12; Philippians 1:1)

- Section 13: We believe and teach the rite of foot washing for all New Covenant believer-priests as the means of removing the defilement of this world from one another. We further believe that all are instructed to do so by the Lord Jesus Christ (John 13:14-15).
- Section 14: We believe in the New Testament order for the local church in its government, structure and worship. Five fold ministries: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. (Ephesians 4:11) Elders (Titus 1:5-9; I Timothy 3:1-7) Deacons (Acts 6:1-7; Philippians 1:1; I Timothy 3:8-13) Helpers, Administrators (I Corinthians 12:28 Amplified). And those able and appointed to lead in Music and Worship (I Chronicles 23:1-5). Pastoral authority (Hebrews 13:17).

Ordination, Commission, or Licensing in this ministry is a separation and recognition of a specific gifting of God. We believe that God calls men into specific ministries as Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. God calls. Man can only recognize the call and acknowledge it. Ordination is on the basis of that recognition of God's gifting. Men called to a specific office by God and ordained, commissioned, or licensed by this ministry will have the right to participate in the traditional sacramental and ordinal functions of ministry such as marriage, funerals, baptisms, and the like. They shall also be expected to function in the spiritual gifting of their office and to demonstrate the reality of their calling.

- Section 15: We believe that "by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not by works lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9) We further believe that the emphasis for a continuous walk in grace should be the emphasis of heart righteousness and purity, believing in the keeping power of God, walking after the Spirit and not after the flesh in a lifestyle that demonstrates the character, standards and convictions of Jesus Christ, not being conformed to the world (Jude 24; Romans 8:25; Galatians 5:16-25; Romans 4:1-5; 12:1-2).
- Section 16: We believe in the practice of worship with one's total being as set forth in the Word of God. (Acts 24:14; Ephesians 5:18-19; Psalms 150)
- Section 17: We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is being manifested in the Church through the fruits, (Galatians 5:22-23 --- graces, ministries and gifts) and we hold that the nine gifts of the Spirit, (I Corinthians 12:8-11) should be and must be operative in the Church today in order for the Church to enjoy the fullness of God. Also, we hold that these gifts are imparted by the sovereignty of the Holy Spirit and only work or operate by this one and self-same Spirit. (I Corinthians 12:11)
- Section 18: We believe in divine healing for the whole man. Healing was obtained through the atonement in Christ's sacrificial death (I Peter 2:24-25; Isaiah 53:4-5) and as practiced by the early church (Acts 4:30; 19:11; Romans 8:11; I Corinthians 12:9; James 5:14).

- Section 19: We believe that we are one body, being members of one another and that the basis of our fellowship is in Christ in the power of the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:13-22; 4:3-6; I John 1:6-7)
- Section 20: We believe that the church is the Body of Christ expressed as the church individual, the church local and the church universal and invisible. As such we believe the church to be more than just a building or a gathering of people. It is a body living in relationship and harmony under the direction of the head, Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 6:15; II Corinthians 1:1; Romans 16:5; I Peter 2:4-5; Ephesians 2:19-22; I Corinthians 12:12-31; Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 4:11-16)
- Section 21: We believe in church discipline administered within the church in a spirit of meekness and confidentiality. The purpose of such discipline is the restoration of the one subject to the discipline and/or the purification of the church. The steps of discipline are one on one private confrontation, private confrontation and witnesses, and finally, exposure to the church, Board of Elders, and or the congregation for judgment leading to restoration or separation. (Matthew 18:15-20; Galatians 6:1; Romans 16:17; II John 9-11; I Corinthians 5; II Corinthians 2:6-8; I Timothy 5:20)
- Section 22: We believe as members of the same body of Christ, baptized by one Spirit into one body that we must endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and as such that we are discouraged from bringing a lawsuit in a civil court against another person who professes to be a Christian or against a Christian ministry. We believe that all such disputes should be resolved within the Body of Christ without taking them before unbelievers for judgment. (1 Corinthians 6:1-8; Ephesians 4:3-6)
- We believe that faith without works is dead. We do not believe, as a matter of the fundamental beliefs and doctrines of this church that any matter can be believed without there being an accompanying and corresponding action. Our faith is an active faith that requires the doing of acts in the world. Our faith is not a passive or complacent system of intellectual belief or assent to doctrine but is an active force in our lives that requires and results in actions being taken. A living, active faith will be manifested not only in belief and mental assent but in actions expressing and based upon that belief. If a belief is truly held it will be acted upon. The act is as much a fundamental aspect of our faith as the belief upon which the act is based. (James 2:14-26; Ephesians 2:8-10; Matthew 7:21; Matthew 7:24-27; Matthew 5:16; II Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 16:27; Revelations 2:23; Revelations 22:12)
- Section 24: We believe that in all matters concerning the Body of Christ, in its direction, discipline, ministry and functioning that specific guidance and instruction, revelation and discernment of truth from falsehood, is available by the leading of the Holy Spirit who enables us to know spiritual things by the spirit and we are confident in basing decisions and actions upon such faith and direction. (Acts 13:1-3; I Timothy 1:18; Romans 8:14; I Timothy 5:22; John 16:13-15; I Corinthians 5:3)

- Section 25: We believe in Christ's bodily ascension into heaven, in His exaltation and His personal return in power and great glory, and in His everlasting Kingdom and dominion. (Acts 1:11; 3:19-21; Daniel 7:14; Revelation 20:4)
- Section 26: We believe that the fearful, the unbelieving, the abominable, whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters and liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. (Revelation 21:8)
- Section 27: We believe that there shall be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwells righteousness. (II Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1)
- Section 28: We believe in the reality and personality of Satan, (Job 1:7; Matthew 4:1-11) and that he was defeated by Christ through His death, burial and resurrection at Calvary (Ephesians 1:19-23; Colossians 2:15) and that Christ has delegated this authority to His body the Church. (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Section 29: We believe a divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry is provided by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, for the two-fold purpose of the evangelization of the world and of the edification and oversight of the body of Christ. (Mark 16:15-20; Ephesians 4:8-13; Acts 20:28)
- We recognize and believe that the Church in these last days is in constant need to Section 30: guard the truths of Christianity against cults, the occult and non-Christian religions. Jesus warned His followers about false christs and prophets (Matthew 24:4-5, 24. Paul warned about those who teach of "another Jesus", "a different spirit", and "a different gospel" (2nd Corinthians 11:4). The Bible has many warnings about false teachings, including these: denying that Jesus came in the flesh (2<sup>nd</sup> John 7); worship of angels (Colossians 2:18); justifying sexual immorality because of the doctrine of grace (Jude 4), exploiting Christians for money (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:3), scoffing about the return of Christ (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:3-4); producing doubt about the resurrection (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:17-18); forbidding marriage or certain types of foods (1st Timothy 4:1-6; believing fables (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:3), embracing demonic doctrines (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:1) and angels of light (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:14); people who follow after false gods (Acts 19:28); and those who practice the occult (Acts 13:8; 16:16). In these days, there is a need to equip and train Christians in order to protect them against these types of deceptions. There is a need to help Christians reach out to the lost with prayer, love, and witness. There is a need for the Church to understand the truth about its history and its glorious future with the Lord Jesus Christ.

**ARTICLE IV** 

<u>ADDRESS</u>

- Section 1: The street address and the mailing address of the registered office is 2508 S. Abaco Way, Meridian, Idaho, 83642.
- Section 2: The registered agent is Stanley F. Fleming.

#### ARTICLE V

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1: GBM is a Christian organization which has members that may participate at different levels:
  - 1. Board of directors: these members have privileges and requirements as expressed below, and they have decision—making privilege as expressed in Article VI.
  - 2. Partner churches: these members have privileges and requirements as expressed below.
  - 3. Partner individuals: these members have privileges and requirements as expressed below.
  - 4. Associates: these are individuals or churches who wish to associate with GBM but are not necessarily partners.
- Section 2: Privileges and Requirements
  - 1. Board of directors:

#### Privileges:

- A. Decision-making authority as expressed in Article VI.
- B. Receive personal reports on the activities of GBM.
- C. Receive newsletters, books, dvds, cds, etc. associated with GBM.
- D. Participate in GBM activities.

#### Requirements:

- A. Be a committed follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- B. Be an active participant in a local church fellowship.
- C. Be in agreement with the articles of incorporation of GBM.
- D. Be consistent financial (monthly or annually) supporters of GBM, as deemed appropriate by the directors at the annual meeting.

- E. Be consistent prayerful supporters of GBM.
- F. Be a participant of GBM meetings.

#### 2. Partner churches:

## Privileges:

- A. Receive newsletters and other things deemed appropriate associated with GBM.
- B. Receive annual reports of GBM financial matters.
- C. Be given discounts on new books, cds, dvds, etc.
- D. Be given opportunity to participate in GBM activities at their own expense.

## Requirements:

- A. Promote GBM activities.
- B. Be a consistent financial (monthly or annually) supporter of GBM.
- C. Be a prayerful supporter of GBM.

#### 3. Partner individuals:

## Privileges:

- A. Receive newsletters and other things deemed appropriate associated with GBM.
- B. Receive annual reports of GBM financial matters.
- C. Be given discounts on new books, cds, dvds, etc.
- D. Be given opportunity to participate in GBM activities at their own expense.

# Requirements:

- A. Be a consistent financial (monthly or annually) supporter of GBM.
- B. Be a prayerful supporter of GBM.
- 4. Associates: These are individuals who are not fulfilling the requirements of being partners or choose not to be members, but who have shown interest or given financially to GBM. They may receive the newsletters and other materials deemed appropriate.
- Section 3: Declining or rescinding membership: The board of directors of GBM maintains the right to decline membership or withdraw membership from any partner institution or partner individual at any time. If this happens, the privileges are rescinded and the requirements eliminated.

#### ARTICLE VI

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Section 1: The original board of directors shall be appointed by Dr. Stanley F. Fleming, the founder, president, and senior minister of GBM. The president will have the authority to appoint new members to the board of directors.
- Section 2: The board of directors shall be composed of Christian individuals who agree with and support Article II, the purpose of GBM, Article III, the doctrinal statement, and who will faithfully uphold the requirements as a member of the board as stated in Article V, Section 2.1.
- Section 3: The board of directors shall be composed of three (3) to seven (7) individuals, the majority of which shall constitute a quorum. At board meetings, the president will seek to gain consensus when transacting business. If a vote is necessary, the majority vote will determine the appropriate action. The corporation does have voting members; these are the board of directors.
- The president can veto an act of the board of directors, if in his / her opinion such an action is contrary to the best interest of GBM. If only the president opposes the action and all of the other board members consider the action necessary and in the best interest of GBM, then upon request of the board of directors, the president shall submit the issue to a council created by the president or to no less than two (2) Christian senior ministers within thirty days. The ministers shall have the right to investigate the matter by interviewing the members of the board. If they agree with the president's veto, it shall stand. If they do not agree, the veto is invalidated.
- Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held at any place, within or without the state, which has been designated from time to time by resolution of the board. In the absence of this designation, the regular annual meeting shall be held in Meridian, Idaho at 10:00 am MST on the third Saturday in April or at any other time as determined by the board. The meeting may be held without notice if all members of the board are present in person, by telephone, or if a signed Meeting Acknowledgement Form is attached to the Minutes, after the meeting, by those not present or represented at said meeting. At same regular annual meeting the election of vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and other business shall be conducted.
- Section 6: The president or not less than two members of the board of directors may call a meeting of the board at any time deemed necessary. No such meeting may be called to order without the presence of the president, unless he agrees or declines to attend.

- Any action of the board of directors may be taken without a meeting if all members of the board individually or collectively consent in writing to this action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board.
- Section 8: The following three areas may be sufficient reason to remove a board member. In certain instances repentance and restoration may be acceptable. These are to be determined by the board of directors. Removal of the president will be based upon Article VIII, section 4.
  - 1. Unscriptural conduct that obscures the truth of God by false teaching or doctrine that departs from the GBM beliefs stated in Article III, sections 1-30.
  - 2. Unscriptural conduct that mars the holy character of God and His Church by unholy, immoral living, action or lifestyle.
  - 3. Unscriptural conduct that hinders the work of God by bringing confusion or division to the members of GBM or the greater body of Christ.
- Subject to limitation of the articles of incorporation or of Idaho law, all corporate powers of the corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business affairs of the corporation shall be controlled by, the board of directors. Without limiting the general powers, the board of directors shall have the following powers:
  - 1. To select and remove all the other officers, agents and employees of the corporation and may ordain evangelists, teachers, prophets, apostles, and pastors for a prescribed or indefinite period of time.
  - 2. To conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of the corporation, and to vote rules and regulations not inconsistent with law, the articles of incorporation, or the by-laws.
  - 3. To borrow money and incur indebtedness for the purposes of the corporation, and for that purpose to cause to be executed and delivered, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, hypothecations or other evidences of debt and securities.
- Section 9: Right of Indemnity: This Corporation shall indemnify its agents, employees, officers, board members, and representatives to the full extent allowed by the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the Idaho Corporation Code.

Insurance: This corporation shall have the right to purchase and maintain insurance to the full extent permitted by law on behalf of its officers, board members, employees, and other agents, against any liability asserted against or incurred by any officer, board member, employee, or agent in such a capacity or arising out of the officer's board member's, employee's or agent's status as such.

- Section 10: Board of Directors and Incorporators: The original board of directors and incorporators are the same. The names and addresses are as follows:
  - 1. Stan Fleming: 2508 S. Abaco Way, Meridian, Idaho 83642
  - 2. Ron Hamel: 246 Silver Birch Lane, Oldtown, Idaho 83822
  - 3. Norm Myers: 29722 N. Brickle Cr. Ln., Spirit Lake, Idaho 83869
  - 4. Larry Starke: P.O Box 522, Priest River, Idaho 83856

#### ARTICLE VII

## **OFFICERS**

Section 1: The officers of the corporation shall be elected from the board of directors. There shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer and such other officers as the board of directors may appoint. One person may hold two or more offices, except the office of president. Until their successors are elected and qualified, the following persons shall hold the following offices:

President:

Stan Fleming

Vice-President:

Norm Myers

Secretary:

Larry Starke

Treasurer:

Ron Hamel

- The Board of directors shall elect all officers of the corporation, except the office of president, for terms of one year, or until their successors are qualified and elected. A board member may succeed himself / herself in office. The exception to this is the president, who shall be a permanent member of the board of directors, according to the term of the president referred to in Article VIII.
- Section 3: A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise shall be filled by the board of directors.
- Section 4: The senior GBM minister shall be the president of the corporation and shall have general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of the corporation. He / she shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors and shall have such powers and duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the board of directors.
- Section 5: The vice-president, secretary, and treasurer will each have certain responsibilities:

- 1. The vice-president shall temporarily assume the responsibilities of the president in the event the president's death, resignation, or removal according to Article VIII, and shall discharge such other duties of the office as prescribed by the board of directors.
- 2. The secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the board of directors and shall discharge such other duties of the office as prescribed by the board of directors.
- 3. The treasurer, or a representative appointed by the board of directors, shall be a signer, along with the president, on GBM bank accounts. He / she shall also discharge such other duties of the office as prescribed by the board of directors.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

## THE SENIOR GBM MINISTER

- Section 1: The final authority in spiritual matters shall be the responsibility of the senior GBM minister of the corporation. This minister shall be considered the spiritual overseer of GBM and its activities. The minister shall be a member of the board of directors, and the president of the corporation, and shall act as chairman of all meetings of GBM. The minister shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and departments created or organized by GBM. The minister shall be responsible for the ministry activities of GBM, including preaching, teaching, scheduling, publications, advertisements, and all other actions deemed appropriate and in accordance with Article II, the purpose. The minister may solicit help and assign ministry responsibilities to the board of directors or other individuals if it helps fulfill the vision and purpose of GBM.
- Section 2: Term of the minister: the minister shall serve until death, resignation, or removal for gross moral failure according to Article VIII, section 4.
- Section 3: Choosing the successor minister:
  - 1. In the event the minister is contemplating resignation, he may nominate his successor which must be confirmed by unanimous consensus of the board of directors. The minister may also recommend a format for securing a new minister which must be confirmed by the board of directors.
  - 2. In the event of the minister's death, incapacity to lead meetings, or being removed from office on the basis of gross moral failure, the vice-president will temporarily step into the role as president until a new minister is selected. The board of directors may look to a GBM council, apostolic leadership, other Christian apologetic ministries, or Ministers Fellowship International for guidance for potential candidates. From these the board of directors will select the new minister.

- (a) If deadlock occurs even after guidance by outside leadership or a period of twelve weeks has passed without resolution then a search committee of five GBM members from partner churches or partner individuals will be selected to propose and interview candidates for the position of minister of GBM. The vice- president of the board of directors will call and lead the meetings of the search committee. This group will determine what steps are necessary to select and evaluate candidates.
- (b) The Board of directors will review the findings and choose the new minister.
- (c) In the event that there is still deadlock or twelve more weeks have transpired without a minister then the board of directors must select three Christian senior ministers from Ministers Fellowship International who will meet and determine the steps necessary for selecting the new minister.

## Section 4: Accusation against the minister:

- 1. The minister can be rebuked or removed from office only in the case of gross moral failure. No evidence may be heard against the minister unless it is brought by at least two reliable witnesses (1 Timothy 5:19-21). The board of directors will hear the accusation/s of the witnesses in the presence of the minister to determine the merit. The minister may request that the accusation/s be submitted in writing as well. The minister is to be informed and invited to all meetings in which the accusation/s will be discussed or decisions made.
- 2. If the board of directors determines that the minister is in gross moral failure and he agrees with their assessment then the minister will be rebuked and asked to repent.
- 3. The board of directors will need to determine if the minister's offense requires him to step down from the ministry or for what length of time. If the offense does not necessarily warrant the minister being permanently removed then the board of directors will determine what steps are required for the minister to take.
- 4. If the minister disagrees with the board's decision regarding the accusation/s, the method of rebuke, or the penalty for offense, he / she can appeal the board's decisions to a GBM council or three senior ministers associated with GBM or Ministers Fellowship International. The GBM council or the three senior ministers will meet and determine what the outcome of the matter should be.
- Section 5: Any accusation or charge against any other ordained, commissioned, or licensed minister associated with GBM, will likewise be handled according to 1 Timothy 5:19-21. Outside advice or decision from other ministry will only occur if the majority of the board of directors is in agreement.

#### ARTICLE IX

## **MEETINGS**

Section 1: The Holy Spirit's order shall govern the conduct of all meetings. A spirit of Christian

love and fellowship shall prevail.

- Section 2: All meetings shall include prayer, and they may include Bible teachings and celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- Besides the annual meeting for the GBM board of directors, meetings shall be called for by the GBM senior minister when deemed necessary for the board of directors, employees, or other members of GBM.

#### ARTICLE X

## **ORDINATION OF MINISTERS**

- Section 1: This ministry, through and by its board of directors, shall have the right to ordain, commission, and license or otherwise credential Christian workers and ministers, including discipline and necessary assistance thereof. All credentials shall be reviewed for renewal annually with a current list maintained in the ministry records.
- Section 2: The purposes of ordination, commission, and licensing are to attain unto the purposes and follow the doctrine and beliefs of GBM as set forth in Articles II and III of this document; to give legal and valid authority to the ministries of the organization; to establish fellowship among Christian workers; to provide for a standardization of doctrine; to encourage the upgrading of ministerial standards; and to provide, through the fellowship and the ministry, education and experience necessary to equip potential ministers.
- All ministers who are ordained, commissioned, or licensed through GBM are to commit in good faith to observe the purposes, doctrines, and beliefs of Articles II and III of this document. These ministers are expected to be honest people of integrity who will uphold Christian virtue and promote the vision and goals of GBM.
- Section 4: The GBM board of directors has the right to determine the standards of qualification, limits to, and distinguishing between the areas of ordination, commission, and licensing of those in GBM ministries.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

## DISTRIBUTION

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III.

- Section 2: The assets of GBM will be the money and property donated to GBM and those properties gained by the donations.
- Section 3: If for any reason the corporation of Gate Breaker Ministries needs to dissolve, the assets of the corporation will be distributed to a non-profit, charitable, Christian organization.
- Section 4: The officers of GBM will determine how and to whom the assets will be distributed.

#### ARTICLE XII

# **ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT**

- Section 1: These Articles shall be in full force and effect upon adoption by vote of the members of the board of directors.
- Section 2: These Articles may be amended or repealed and new by-laws adopted by vote of a majority of the members of the board of directors at any board meeting, except that a by-law fixing or changing the number of board members may be adopted, amended or repealed only upon the vote or written consent of all members of the board of directors.

Signature of incorporators:

Start Fleming

Ron Hamel

Marmon & Myers

Larry Starke