

Constitution

of

The North American Pacific/Asian Disciples

Preamble

We, the members of the North American Pacific/Asian Disciples of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, affirm the cultures and heritages of Pacific/Asian peoples within the historic and living Christian faith.

As part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we join with other Disciples in the total mission of the church, to recognize and promote the gifts and presence of North American Pacific/Asian Disciples in the life and work of the Church.

Article 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be the North American Pacific/Asian Disciples of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. The organization will be referred to in this document as the North American Pacific/Asian Disciples (NAPAD).

Article 2 - Purpose

The purpose of NAPAD:

- A. To participate in God's mission through the various manifestations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.
- B. To enhance the unity of NAPAD within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.
- C. To act as a liaison, on behalf of all North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, to the related groups within and beyond the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.
- D. To share with the larger Church the cultures and gifts of North American Pacific/Asian Disciples.

Article 3 - Membership

The members of NAPAD shall be participating members of North American Pacific/Asian Disciples congregations, and member congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada who have particular interest in advocacy concerns for North American Pacific/Asian Disciples.

Article 4 - Biennial Convocation

- A. NAPAD shall hold a Biennial Convocation alternating with the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. The Convocation shall promote the purposes listed in Article 2.
- B. Only registered members may vote at the Convocation.
- C. The Convocation shall elect members to the Executive Council and confirm officers to the Council.

Article 5 - Officers

The officers to serve on the Executive Council shall be elected by the Biennial Convocation. The membership of the Executive Council shall consist of a Moderator, a Moderator-Elect, a Secretary/Treasurer, a Newsletter Editor, and five members-at-large. The Executive Pastor for the North American Asian Ministries and the immediate past moderator shall serve as ex-officio members on the Executive council with voting privileges.

Article 6 - Executive Council

The Executive Council shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. Develops and implements program priorities and strategies.
- B. Acts on behalf of the Biennial Convocation between meetings when necessary.
- C. Plans the Biennial Convocation and determines the date and plans.
- D. Be liaison to the related groups within and beyond the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- E. Develops and adopts the biennial budget and supervision of expenditures.
- F. Nominates American Pacific/Asians to various board memberships of the General Units and regions of the Church.
- G. Prepares activity reports to be presented to the Biennial Convocation.
- H. Prepares and presents a Financial Report to the Biennial Convocation.
- I. Participate in the search, call, and evaluation of the Executive Pastor and staff.
- J. Assist and advise the Executive Pastor and staff regarding program development and materials (e.g., NAPAD Ministry Week, Kagiwada Sunday).

Article 7 - Relationship with Homeland Ministries (DHM)

- A. North American Pacific/Asian Disciples will work in a covenant relationship with Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- B. The Executive Pastor for the North American Asian Ministries will serve as staff liaison between North American Pacific/Asian Disciples and Homeland Ministries.
- C. The Executive Pastor may participate in the search, call, and evaluation of program and administrative staff for Pacific/Asian Disciples.

Article 8 - Committees

North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, either through the Executive Council or at the Biennial Convocation, shall establish committees as needed to expedite the goals of North American Pacific/Asian Disciples. These committees shall be governed by applicable rules in the By-Laws.

Article 9 - Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the voting members at the Biennial Convocation, provided that a written notice of the proposed change has been presented to the Moderator and the participating members of the North American Pacific/Asian Disciples.

Ratified at the 9th Convocation of NAPAD on July 26-29, 1996
Amended at the 12th Convocation of NAPAD, August 2, 2002

By-Laws

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The North American Pacific/Asian Disciples (NAPAD)

Chapter 1 - The Executive Council

Article 1 - Duties of the Officers

Section 1 Moderator

- A. The moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Biennial Convocation and the Executive Council.
- B. The moderator or his/her designee, shall represent North American Pacific/Asian Disciples to the boards and agencies of the church, other denominations, and ecumenical bodies.
- C. The moderator shall submit an annual report to the Biennial Convocation.
- D. The moderator shall appoint a chairperson and members of committee(s) as needed.
- E. The moderator shall compose and chair the nominating committee.
- F. The moderator shall serve as an ex - officio member of the Executive Council after his/her term expires.

Section 2 Moderator - Elect

- A. The moderator-elect shall, in the absence or incapacity of the moderator, perform all duties of the moderator.
- B. The moderator-elect shall be a part of the nominating committee and bring a slate of candidates before the Biennial Convocation
- C. The moderator-elect shall become the moderator at the end of his/her term.

Section 3 Secretary/Treasurer

- A. The secretary /treasurer shall distribute the minutes and a financial report at least one month prior to the meetings of the Biennial Convocation and the Executive Council.
- B. The secretary /treasurer shall conduct correspondence of the Executive Council as necessary.

Section 4 Newsletter Editor

- A. The Newsletter Editor shall publish North American Pacific/Asian Disciples newsletters on a semi-annual basis *or as needed*.

Section 5 Members - at - Large

- A. The members-at-large shall serve as committee chairs for NAPAD program/mission areas. The Moderator in consultation with the Executive Pastor shall assist the members-at-large in composing and setting the agenda for these committees.

Article 2 - The Executive Council

Section 1 The Executive Council shall be composed of nine members with staggered periods of office for four years maximum. The immediate past moderator and the Executive Pastor will serve as ex-officio members.

Section 2 In forming the Executive Council, NAPAD will seek to be inclusive of men and women, youth and young adults, senior adults, clergy and laity, regions of the country and national ancestry groups.

Section 3 Each member of the council, except the moderator, may serve a period of four years. A moderator cannot serve more than one two-year term; but the past moderator can serve up to 1 ½ additional periods. A council member may serve another period in a different capacity and shall not serve more than two consecutive periods (eight years).

Section 4 A quorum shall be five members present at a duly announced meeting with one of the members being the moderator or moderator-elect.

Article 3 - Selection of the Executive Council

Section 1 Composition of the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee shall be composed of at least two members of the Executive Council. The moderator shall chair the nominating committee.

Section 2 Election of Officers

Officers are nominated by the nominating committee. Such nominations must be confirmed by the Executive Council prior to the election by the Biennial Convocation.

Article 4 - Terms of Office

The term of office for the officers shall be two years and shall commence at the conclusion of the Biennial Convocation at which they were elected.

Term of office: 2 years

Period in one capacity or office: 4 years (2 terms)

Maximum years: 2 periods

Article 5 - Vacancies

When a vacancy occurs by resignation, the moderator shall, in consultation with the Executive Council, appoint a person to fulfill the remaining term. Such person(s) shall serve the unexpired term of the vacancy and will be eligible for election to a full term (providing the remaining term on the Executive Council is two years or less).

Chapter 2 - Delegates, “Quorum” for Biennial Convocation

Article 1 - Requirements of Voting Delegates

All voting delegates shall be members (See Constitution) of the North American Pacific/Asian Disciples. They must be appropriately registered in the records of the Biennial Convocation in order to be able to vote and to establish a “quorum.”

Article 2 - Status of Non - members

All non-members shall be considered as “observers.” They may participate in the business session of the Convocation without vote.

Article 3 - “Quorum”

Quorum for the Convocation shall be constituted by one-half plus one of all voting delegates.

Article 4 - Parliamentary Procedures

Parliamentary conduct will follow Roberts Rules of Orders as determined by the Executive Council prior to the Biennial Convocation.

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