

BYLAWS OF
THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE JOINT MEDIA COMMITTEE
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

A California Nonprofit Religious Corporation – 95-4349945

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

1.1 Name. The Christian Science Joint Media Committee of Southern California (JMC) is a joint committee of the Branch Churches of Christ, Scientist, and Christian Science Societies in Southern California.

1.2 Nonprofit Corporation. The Committee is a California Nonprofit Corporation qualified under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, enabling the Committee to receive tax deductible contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations, and other interested parties.

1.3 Purpose. The primary purpose of this Committee is to publicize “Christian Science” in a way that will attract, bless, and heal mankind. This is done on behalf of Branch Churches and Societies by jointly sponsored advertising, electronic broadcasts, meetings, online communications, and other types of promotion of Christian Science which are not feasible for Branch Churches and Societies to maintain individually.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Members. All Branch Churches and Societies in Southern California shall be considered Members of the Joint Media Committee.

2.2 Representation. Each participating Christian Science Branch Church or Society shall be entitled to annually appoint one Representative and one Alternate to the Committee. The appointed Representative or Alternate is entitled to vote on behalf of their Branch Church or Society.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.1 Responsibilities of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for establishing, overseeing, and administering a program of activities designed to fulfill the Purpose of the Committee, including directing Committee initiatives and determining their content. The Board is also responsible for securing and managing adequate resources to carry out the Committee’s work.

3.2 Membership of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of not less than 4 nor more than 17 individuals.

3.3 Election of Directors. The Directors shall be elected annually from the pool of Branch Church Representatives. A nominating ballot will be sent to the Representatives. When nominees receive a majority of the votes cast, they shall be declared elected. The term of office for all Directors shall be one year. Directors shall be eligible for re-election.

3.4 Election of Officers. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected following the election of Directors.

3.5 Board of Directors Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly or as otherwise needed.

3.6 Quorum. A minimum of three (3) Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors for the transaction of business.

3.7 Attendance at board meetings. Duly appointed Representatives are encouraged to attend meetings of the Board of Directors. Other individuals who are members of any Branch Church or Society in Southern California may also attend as observers.

ARTICLE IV DUTIES

4.1 Duties of Representatives. It shall be the role of all Representatives to:

- A. Support the activities of this Committee with regular metaphysical work.
- B. Respond to Committee communications and attend meetings.
- C. Share activities of the Committee with their respective Branch Church or Society.

4.2 Duties of the Board of Directors.

- A. Determine suitable media and promotions, set funding requirements, and raise funds to achieve the Committee's goals.
- B. Establish subcommittees or working groups, as needed, and appoint individuals to serve on these subgroups.
- C. Select a Secretary and a Treasurer for the ensuing year and determine the salaries. One person may fill the offices of Secretary and Treasurer at the same time.
- D. Designate the financial institutions(s) for the deposit or investment of the Committee's funds.
- E. Approve all contracts, including those for radio, television, print media, online marketing, and electronic communication..
- F. Examine monthly financial reports.
- G. Provide for an annual review of the Treasurer's books.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

The officers of the Board of Directors shall be a Chairperson, Vice Chair- person, Secretary and Treasurer.

- A. Chairperson. The Chairperson shall have the authority and responsibility to:
 - Preside at all meetings.
 - Call special meetings of the Board or Committee when necessary.
- B. Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall have the authority and responsibility to:
 - Perform the duties of the Chairperson in their absence.
 - Assist the Chairperson when requested.
- C. Secretary. The Secretary shall have the authority and responsibility to:
 - Handle all official communications of the Committee and its Board of Directors.
 - Maintain a complete and accurate record of all meetings.

- Perform any other duties usually required of this office including the signing of financial instruments and contracts authorized by the Board of Directors.
- D. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall act as the Chief Financial Officer of the Committee and shall have the authority and responsibility to:
- Have custody of the funds of this Committee.
 - Have current signature cards on file at the financial institutions.
 - Pay all bills with the approval of the Board of Directors.
 - Keep an orderly, itemized account of all receipts and expenditures.
 - Render monthly financial statements to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI INDEMNIFICATION

The Committee, to the maximum extent permitted by the California General Nonprofit Corporation Law, shall have the power to indemnify each of its agents against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually or reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding arising by reason of fact that such person is or was an agent of the Committee,

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or upon written request of a Member. Proposed Bylaw amendments will be sent to all Representatives with a request for a response within fourteen (14) days. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Representatives. Unless otherwise specified in the amendment, an amendment shall become effective immediately.

ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

8.1 Dissolution shall require a two-thirds vote of the Members. Prior to a vote on dissolution, notification of such a pending vote shall be sent to each Member Church or Society at least fourteen (14) days prior to such a vote.

8.2 In the event of dissolution of the Committee, all debts shall be paid and all remaining assets shall be given to one or more active joint committees, Branch Churches or Societies in Southern California to be determined by a 2/3 vote of Representatives at the time of dissolution.

ARTICLE IX PARLIAMENTARY ORDER

Except when inconsistent with these Bylaws, the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern the conduct of the meetings of the Committee, its Board of Directors, and Subcommittees.

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