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This *Manual* contains the Articles of Incorporation and the Amended and Restated Constitution and Bylaws originally adopted by the 1993 General Council and ratified by the 1994 General Council. It also contains Auxiliary Constitutions and Regulations of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, supplemented by other legal actions, and is designed to reflect as fully as possible the actions of the General Council and Board of Directors. This *Manual* reflects dated revisions made by General Council and Board of Directors by each section as revised.



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### **STATEMENT ON THE DEFINITION OF CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY**

**T**he term “constituted authority” is a biblical concept (Romans 13:1) applied to organizational principles within The Christian and Missionary Alliance. While the term itself cannot be found in Holy Scripture, the principles by which Alliance churches govern themselves and their relationships to one another are rooted in God’s Word. These principles include, but are not limited to, such biblical ideas as servanthood (Matthew 23:11), submission to one another (Ephesians 5:21), and respect for and obedience to those who are over us in the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:12, Hebrews 13:17).

The various constitutions, regulations, policies, procedures, and guidelines of The Christian and Missionary Alliance incorporate the biblical principle of constituted authority. They regulate relationships between churches as well as the relationships between denominational officers, district superintendents, and other licensed personnel in order to achieve The Christian and Missionary Alliance’s common goals and objectives in ministry. Therefore, those who serve Christ in The Christian and Missionary Alliance agree to do so in submission to these authorities and documents.