

# **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP BRIDGE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY A NON-PROFIT SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

## **ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the Society shall be "The Fellowship Bridge International" Society.

## **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Society shall be to teach the whole counsel of God as found in the Old and New Testament Scriptures of the Holy Bible, for the perfecting of the saints, the work of the ministry, the edifying of the Body of Christ and to be a place of authentic intimate worship unto God, resulting in an evangelistic and missionary passion that reaches out locally, nationally and internationally.

## **ARTICLE III ACTIVITIES**

The activities and purpose of the Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members, and any income, profits, or other accretions to the Society shall be used in promoting the purposes of the Society. This Article is unalterable.

## **ARTICLE IV WINDING-UP**

In the event of winding-up or dissolution of the Society, all of the funds and assets of the Society remaining after the payment or satisfaction of all liabilities of the Society shall be distributed to registered charities which have purposes similar to those of the Society. This Article is unalterable.

## **BYLAWS ARTICLE I PRINCIPAL OFFICES**

### **SECTION 1.1**

The principal office of the Society for its transaction of business shall be located in the Province of British Columbia.

### **SECTION 1.2**

The Board of Directors is granted full power and authority to change the principal office from one location to another within this province. Any such change in location shall be noted by the Secretary but shall not be considered an amendment of this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE II MEMBERS**

The Servant Directors shall be considered the Members, and all Servant Directors shall be considered Members. Members shall be in good standing until they are no longer members. (Eph 4:1-16, John 3:3, Psalm 133, Acts 6:3, 1 Tim 3:8-13, 1 Cor 9:17-18, Matt 18:15-17, 1 Cor 5:11-13.)

## **ARTICLE III DIRECTORS**

### **SECTION 3.1**

The Society shall have a minimum of (3) Directors and a maximum of (8) Directors. Collectively, the Directors shall be called the Servant Directors.

### **SECTION 3.2 QUALIFICATIONS**

The Servant Directors shall be people of good report according to (I Timothy 3, Acts 6:1-3, Ps133:1, Eph 4:3, 1Cor 9:17-18)

### **SECTION 3.3 COMPENSATION**

The Servant Directors shall serve without compensation for their services as Servant Directors, except they shall be allowed and paid their actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending called meetings. (Acts 20:33-35)

### **SECTION 3.4 APPOINTMENT**

Servant Directors shall be appointed (Titus 1:5) by the Members as necessary to fill vacancies. This clause does not prohibit a Director from being remunerated in his capacity as an employee. (1Cor 9:9)

### **SECTION 3.5 REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

No Servant Director may be removed without a cause. If there is an accusation brought against a Servant Director, the person or persons presenting the accusation must first follow the procedure found in Matthew 18:15-17. Failing this, the majority of the un-accused Servant Directors shall determine, based on all available information, whether or not to remove the accused Servant Director (Deuteronomy 17:6, 19:15; I Timothy 5:19). Finally, all things are to be done decently and in order. (I Corinthians 14:40).

### **SECTION 3.6 FILLING VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF SERVANT DIRECTORS**

Vacancies among the Servant Directors exist upon death, resignation, or removal of any Servant Director. Vacancies may be filled through appointment by the remaining Servant Directors when necessary. (Matt 20:26)

## **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 4.1 NUMBER AND TITLES**

The Officers of the Society shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and such other Officers with such titles and duties as shall be determined by the Servant Directors and as many as may be necessary to enable it to sign instruments. (Matt 20:26)

#### **a) PRESIDENT**

The President shall bear the responsibility of guiding and directing the meetings of the Society. (Matt 20:26)

#### **b) SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept at the principal office of the Society, or such other places that the Servant Directors may order, a Book of Minutes of all the meetings of the Servant Directors. The Secretary shall keep the Seal of the Society and affix it to such papers as may be required in the regular course of business. He shall make service or required notices, necessary or proper, shall supervise the keeping of the records of the Society, and shall perform such other and further duties as may be required by law, or as may be prescribed or required from time to time by the Servant Directors. (Matt 20:26)

#### **c) TREASURER**

The Treasurer of the Society shall keep and maintain in written form or in any other form capable of being transferred into written form, adequate and correct books and records of accounts, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses. The books and records of accounts shall at all times be open to inspection by any Servant Director of the Society. The Treasurer shall deposit all the money and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the Society with such depositories as may be designated by the Servant Directors. The Treasurer shall disperse all funds of the Society ordered by the Servant Directors and shall render to the Directors on request, an account of all such officer's transactions as the Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Society. The Treasurer shall perform such other further duties as may be required by law or as may be prescribed or required from time to time by the Servant Directors. (Matt 20:26)

### **SECTION 4.2 SERVANT PASTORS**

The officers of the Society President, Secretary & Treasurer will be chosen from the among the servant pastors. The servant pastors are to preach & teach the Word of God, to be ready in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine (II Timothy 4:2). They are to give themselves to prayer and to the study of God's Word (Acts 6:3-4). They are to oversee the business affairs of the church according to (Titus 1:5-13). The environment of leadership shall be a brotherhood of servant leaders who will work together as a band of equals. (Acts 15:25-28) (Matt 20:26)

### **SECTION 4.3 RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

Any Officer may resign at any time on written notice to the Society without prejudice to the rights, if any, of the Society under any contract to which the Officer is a party. (Matt 5:37)

## **ARTICLE V CALLING OF MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 5.1 CALLING OF MEETINGS**

Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings of the Servant Directors may be called by any (1) Director. All members must receive a 14 day advance notice of the Annual General Meeting in writing, including an agenda. (1Cor 14:40)

### **SECTION 5.2 QUORUM**

(3) Members of the Servant Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors for the transaction of business. (1Cor 14:40)

### **SECTION 5.3 VOTING RIGHTS**

Each member shall have (1) vote. Matters & decisions must be approved by unanimous consent of the Servant Directors in its entirety, subject to the society Act. (Psalm 133)

### **SECTION 5.4 ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING**

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Servant Directors may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Servant Directors consent to such action as recorded in the Minutes of the proceedings of the Servant Directors. (Psalm 133)

### **SECTION 5.5 RECORDS**

The Secretary, or in his absence, an appointee, shall keep or cause to be kept, minutes of each meeting of the Servant Directors. Transcripts of these minutes shall be presented for approval at the next meeting. (Hab 2:2)

### **SECTION 5.6 CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

The President, or in his absence, any Servant Director selected by the Directors present, shall preside at the meeting of the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the Society, or in his absence, any person appointed by the presiding officer, shall act as the Secretary of the Board. Members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting through use of a telephone or similar communication equipment so long as all members participating in such meetings can hear one another. Such participation shall constitute personal presence at the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI FINANCES AND RECORDS**

### **SECTION 6.1 BANKING**

#### **a) SIGNING AND EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS**

All cheques and documents must be signed by two directors and / or a director and staff member appointed by the directors for that purpose. (2Cor 13:1)

#### **b) BORROWING**

Purchase, and lease of real property, and borrowing of money by means of personal loans, demand loans, bank overdraft or promissory notes must be approved by unanimous consent of the Servant Directors in its entirety, subject to the society Act. (Psalm 133)

#### **c) TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

The tithes and offerings are to be counted by at least (2) tellers authorised by the Servant Directors. (Gen 14:20)

### **SECTION 6.2 PROPERTY RIGHTS**

All property, real or personal, shall be taken and held in the name of the Society. (Psalm 89:11)

### **SECTION 6.3 DEFINITION**

In these Bylaws, "Church" is the equivalent of "Society", and "Servant Directors" are the equivalent of "Board of Directors" as used in the Societies Act. Where the male gender is used in these Bylaws, the female equivalent shall also apply. (Gal 3:28)

### **SECTION 6:4 AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be amended by a special resolution as provided by the Societies Act.

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Dated May 12, 2006	