This Grace Bible Churches

TGBC All Founding Documents 2026-10-13

Exclusive Office and Order of Succession

Conforming revision | October 17, 2026 | Prepared for authorized adoption

One Order

The Praeceptorium, The Order, and The Circle of the Elders are three names for the same internal teaching and oversight body within This Grace Bible Churches (TGBC).

Exclusive lifetime office

The office and titles of Praeceptorius / Founding Bishop belong exclusively to Wesley Scott Ray for his natural life. Wesley Scott Ray cannot be removed, dismissed, deposed, replaced, suspended from this exclusive office, or voted out of this office by the Praeceptorium, The Order, The Circle of the Elders, any assembly, committee, panel, member, or other person or body within TGBC.

No transfer or indirect removal

This office is personal and nontransferable. It cannot be assigned, inherited, passed on, duplicated, or conferred upon another man. No amendment, resolution, disciplinary decision, credential action, membership action, vote, or administrative measure may directly or indirectly remove Wesley Scott Ray from this exclusive office or transfer it to another man. No co-Praeceptorius or co-Founding Bishop may be created.

Death and historical recognition

Upon Wesley Scott Ray's death, the exclusive office ceases as an active office. It does not become a vacant office to be filled. His historical recognition as the sole Praeceptorius / Founding Bishop remains permanently.

Selection from among the Circle

Upon his death, the remaining admitted members of the Praeceptorium / The Order / The Circle of the Elders shall choose one qualified man from among themselves to serve as Overseeing Bishop of the Circle. The man chosen shall be skilled in the word of God, well taught by the word, faithful to sound doctrine, and able to teach others, holding firmly to the King James Bible rightly divided and TGBC's Pauline Dispensational Doctrine. His qualifications shall be examined under 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 KJB.

Successor responsibility and limits

The Overseeing Bishop of the Circle is the successor in responsibility for oversight after the Praeceptorius's death. He shall preserve the doctrine, teaching, records, and order of TGBC. He does not inherit, receive, or continue the exclusive office or titles of Praeceptorius / Founding Bishop. Temporary or acting service during incapacity does not create permanent succession or transfer that office.

Recorded procedure and an empty Circle

Selection requires at least 14 days' notice, a meeting with quorum, and approval by at least two-thirds of all eligible voting Circle members, rounded up. Record qualification, current Circle admission, the decision, written acceptance, and the effective date. If no admitted member remains, first reconstitute the Circle under the applicable post-death procedure; only the restored Circle may then choose one of its admitted members. Custodians, relatives, deacons, and outside advisers gain no automatic seat or successor right.

Scripture, accountability, and scope

The King James Bible remains the final written ecclesiastical authority. Scriptural counsel, examination of conduct, independent financial review, and lawful protective measures do not confer authority to remove Wesley Scott Ray from or transfer his exclusive lifetime office. This provision does not create personal ownership of TGBC property or change applicable civil obligations.

Application to this instrument

These express provisions apply throughout this revised instrument and its included instruments, schedules, forms, credentials, and registers. They replace contrary wording only on the exclusive lifetime office, removal or transfer of that office, successor title, and successor eligibility and selection. Other provisions retain their stated scope. Preparation and publication do not certify execution or formal adoption.

This Grace Bible Churches

Founding Documents Compilation

Circle of the Elders The Order The Praeceptorium

Bishop Wesley Ray Founding Bishop and Sole Praeceptorius

Compiled October 13, 2026

This packet brings together the naming and identity resolution, the identity statement, all seventeen governing instruments, and the newest located charter of the Circle of the Elders. Adoption dates, signatures, and register references remain blank for the actual authorized action.

Document names and source editions

Circle of the Elders, The Order, and The Praeceptorium identify the same body. Praeceptorius is Bishop Wesley Ray's exclusive personal title. Earlier source editions are reproduced intact and may use PRAECEPTORIUS as a body name or use the word hierarchy. The proposed naming resolution and the October 11 identity statement supply the current terminology; reproduction of an earlier source does not reaffirm its superseded wording.

Adoption status

Compilation does not certify prior adoption or signatures and does not itself amend the Constitution, Bylaws, or other instruments. The principal Constitution remains controlling. Use the adoption and amendment record to identify each approved edition and any conforming changes.

Supporting records

The accompanying complete package contains all 37 administrative forms, 12 ordination and credential records, the Scripture Supplement, certificate templates, and editable source books. These supporting source copies retain their original edition labels and must be read with the current identity statement. The new resolution replaces the earlier Form 02 for proposed adoption.

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Bylaws Articles VIII and IX permit additional temporary oversight and emergency reconstitution during incapacity. Charter Version 7 Articles III, X, and XI reserve founder admission approval and limit emergency reconstitution to after death. These provisions require an express conforming amendment or a recorded determination under the superior instruments; the charter does not silently amend the Bylaws. The Succession Declaration references those Bylaws and must be reviewed with the same changes.

The earlier Constitution and Bylaws describe water baptism as not required; Charter Article I-A prohibits its practice for the Body of Christ. Review the superior doctrinal provisions for express conformity with that charter safeguard. Record the adopted text and actual approval authority. Do not treat this compilation as resolving those differences.

This Grace Bible Churches

Naming and Identity Resolution

Document Number 02 | Circle of the Elders | The Order | The Praeceptorium

Resolved by mutual consent, subject to the principal Constitution of This Grace Bible Churches and its authorized adoption procedures, that the following foundational names, exclusive titles, and organizational identity shall be recorded.

Organizational identity

The principal assembly is This Grace Bible Churches, abbreviated TGBC. Circle of the Elders, The Order, and The Praeceptorium are three names for one and the same internal teaching and oversight body within TGBC. They do not designate separate organizations or separate levels of authority.

Exclusive personal titles

Bishop Wesley Ray is the Founding Bishop of This Grace Bible Churches and the original and sole Praeceptorius. Praeceptorius is his exclusive personal ecclesiastical title within the Circle of the Elders, The Order, The Praeceptorium. Praeceptorium names the Order; Praeceptorius identifies Bishop Wesley Ray personally.

Neither title transfers through admission, appointment, incapacity, death, or succession. Admission to the Circle does not confer the title Praeceptorius. These designations create no third ordained office; bishops/elders and deacons remain the recognized biblical offices.

Membership of the Order

Only qualified bishops or elders expressly selected and admitted under the governing documents may hold membership in the Circle of the Elders. Qualification or ordination alone does not confer admission. Deacons are not members of the Order by virtue of their deacon office.

Doctrinal foundation

Gospel of Christ set forth exclusively in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB.

The Method of Study: Pauline Dispensational Doctrine, strictly and faithfully rightly dividing the word of truth under 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

Record of Formal Adoption

Meeting or Action Date: _____

Place or Method of Action: _____

We, the undersigned, by mutual consent, certify that this resolution accurately records the foundational names, exclusive titles, and organizational identity of the Order under the principal Constitution of This Grace Bible Churches.

Founding Bishop

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bishop Wesley Ray, Sole Praeceptorius

Consenting Member

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Consenting Member

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Internal Clerk Register Reference

Document Number: 02 Register Vol: _____ Page: _____

Attest by Custodian of Records: _____

Date: _____

This Grace Bible Churches

Identity, Gatherings, and Terminology

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Identity and foundation

This Grace Bible Churches is an assembly of saved believers in the Church, the Body of Christ, who hold to the Gospel of Christ, sound doctrine, Pauline Dispensational Doctrine, and the King James Bible rightly divided. Believers gather house to house for instruction, fellowship, prayer, and mutual edification. The Gospel of Christ that saves today is set forth in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB. Right division of the word of truth is expressed in 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

Declared separation

This Grace Bible Churches, the Circle of the Elders (the Order, the Praeceptorium), and Church in Thy House do not identify as a denomination, part of a denomination, a religion, part of Christianity as a religious system, or a Jewish religious body. They do not participate in the corporate American Christian church setup. Their identity rests in Christ, His finished work, and the King James Bible rightly divided.

Church in Thy House and gatherings

Church in Thy House is the mode by which This Grace Bible Churches gathers together: believers meeting house to house. It is not a separate denomination or a separate governing Order. TGBC does not establish religious buildings, statues, baptistries, altars, a pastor office or title, or the religious trappings of institutional Christianity. Bishops/elders and deacons remain the recognized biblical offices. House gatherings serve the believers; the building does not constitute the church.

King James Bible

TGBC uses only the King James Bible: the Authorized Version of 1611, received in its standardized 1769 textual tradition and Pure Cambridge Edition text form. The King James Bible is the final written authority for faith, doctrine, conduct, and assembly order. TGBC will not turn to Greek or Hebrew to change or supposedly correct the King James Bible, and will not authorize corruption of the Word of God. Doctrinal instruction for the Church, the Body of Christ, is understood through Romans through Philemon, with all Scripture studied by right division.

The Circle of the Elders, the Order, the Praeceptorium

These names identify the same internal teaching and oversight Order within This Grace Bible Churches. The Praeceptorium is the name of the Order. Its first governing judgment is fidelity to the Gospel of Christ, sound doctrine, the King James Bible, and Pauline Dispensational Doctrine. Qualification as a bishop or elder does not automatically admit a person to the Circle; express admission is required. Deacons are not members of this Order by virtue of their office.

Founding Bishop and Praeceptorius

Within This Grace Bible Churches, Bishop Wesley Ray is known as the Founding Bishop. Within the Circle of the Elders, the Order, the Praeceptorium, Praeceptorius is his exclusive personal bishop title. Bishop Wesley Ray is the original and sole Praeceptorius. This title does not create a third ordained office and is not conferred by Circle membership, temporary appointment, incapacity, death, or succession. Praeceptorius names the title; Praeceptorium names the Order.

Continuity and document interpretation

The existing charter safeguards for temporary oversight, a named alternate, administrative fallback, incapacity, and succession remain in place. An acting or succeeding bishop does not receive the Founding Bishop title or the Praeceptorius title. The identity and terminology above are the proposed replacement wording wherever an earlier draft describes TGBC as a denomination, a Christian sect, a micro-denomination, a separate religious system, or a pastor-led institutional church. Earlier draft terminology must be read with this clarification. This revision concerns declared doctrinal identity and internal order; it does not amend provisions dealing with civil administration, property, banking, records, or applicable law.

Revision status

Identity and Terminology Revision - 11 October 2026. This is an unsigned draft supplement for authorized adoption through the existing governing process. Publication does not certify adoption, signatures, ordination, appointment, or execution. The pages that follow in supplemented documents are retained source provisions; their earlier edition labels identify the source copy. This supplement updates the stated identity and terminology without certifying that a prior source copy was adopted.

01 Constitution and Articles of Association

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Preamble

We join by mutual consent for a common religious and nonprofit purpose and adopt these Articles for THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES, abbreviated TGBC. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, which is His Body. The King James Bible is our final written authority for faith, doctrine, conduct, assembly order, and ministry. These Articles provide a private organizing instrument for our assembly and its fellowship of voluntarily affiliated assemblies.

Article I Name and unincorporated status

The association name is THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES. PRAECEPTORIUS, The Elders' Circle, and Circle of Elders name its internal ecclesiastical teaching and oversight body. They do not name a separate corporation, trust, or civil entity.

TGBC operates as a private, voluntary, unincorporated religious assembly or fellowship of assemblies without a state certificate of formation. Adoption of these Articles does not incorporate TGBC. When the association consists of three or more members joined by mutual consent for a common nonprofit purpose, Texas Business Organizations Code Chapter 252 applies. A single member of PRAECEPTORIUS does not mean that the association itself has only one member.

Unincorporated status does not establish immunity from applicable civil law, eliminate every filing obligation, or provide a special legal status through the use of an ecclesiastical title. The association preserves all applicable constitutional and statutory religious-freedom protections.

Article II Purpose and ministry

TGBC is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This purpose clause does not state that TGBC has applied for, received, or needs an IRS determination letter.

Our work is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, teach the Word rightly divided, edify the Body of Christ, prepare qualified men for oversight and service, establish Bible and house assemblies, distribute teaching materials, and provide benevolence consistent with our mission. Ministry may take place in homes, by electronic communication, or in other lawfully available settings.

No adoption of this instrument alone authorizes the opening of a bank account, purchase or lease of property, paid employment, borrowing, or collection of organizational funds. Each such activity requires an actual written authorization under the Bylaws and applicable review of resulting obligations.

Article III Scripture and foundational doctrine

TGBC receives the King James Bible, Authorized Version of 1611 in its standardized 1769 textual tradition and Pure Cambridge Edition text form, as its official Bible and final written authority. Human instruments and officeholders remain subordinate to Scripture.

The foundational doctrine includes the Gospel of Christ in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB; salvation by grace through faith apart from works; right division; Paul's distinctive apostleship and ministry; the revelation of the Mystery; the Dispensation of the Grace of God; and the distinction between Israel's prophetic program and the Body of Christ. The Statement of Faith provides the full confession.

TGBC does not impose water baptism as a condition of salvation, membership in the Body of Christ, or fellowship. It does not impose the Lord's Supper as a required ordinance for the Body of Christ. Giving, ordination, and local membership do not confer salvation.

Article IV Offices and PRAECEPTORIUS

TGBC recognizes the offices of bishop and deacon. Within TGBC, elder describes a qualified man recognized for the teaching and oversight work associated with the office of bishop, with Titus 1:5-9 KJB as a doctrinal foundation. Elder is not a third ordained office. Pastor is not established as a separate ecclesiastical office.

Only qualified, recognized bishops or elders may be admitted to PRAECEPTORIUS. A deacon is not eligible by virtue of the deacon's office, ordination, service, or local leadership. A man serving as a deacon must first be separately examined and recognized as a bishop or elder, and then expressly admitted, before becoming a member of PRAECEPTORIUS.

Ordination, ministry assignment, and admission to PRAECEPTORIUS are distinct recorded actions. They may occur on the same date, but no certificate or title substitutes for the required decision.

Article V Founding Bishop

Bishop Wesley Ray, identified in earlier records as Wesley Scott Ray, is the unique Founding Bishop. He is the sole initial member and presiding officer of PRAECEPTORIUS until another qualified bishop or elder is expressly admitted and recorded. His title may be stated as Founding Bishop and Sole Initial Member of PRAECEPTORIUS. This does not mean that he is the only assembly member.

The Founding Bishop title and historical office belong to him for his natural life and may not be transferred, inherited, duplicated, or recreated. No internal vote or subordinate instrument may appoint another Founding Bishop, appoint a co-Founding Bishop, or deprive him of that title or office.

During his natural life, the Founding Bishop directs ordinary ecclesiastical administration, approves recognition and credential actions, admits Circle members, recognizes affiliated assemblies, and approves amendments as provided in the Bylaws. He remains subject to Scripture, the adopted instruments, financial controls, safeguarding duties, and applicable civil law. Protection of his historical office does not authorize misconduct, concealment, self-approved private benefits, or interference with lawful protective action.

Article VI Membership and assemblies

Local fellowship membership is voluntary. Members profess faith in the Gospel of Christ, affirm the foundational doctrine, and accept the assembly's orderly fellowship. Water baptism and financial giving are not prerequisites. A member may withdraw by written notice. Membership in the spiritual Body of Christ is not created or terminated by an administrative entry.

Local assemblies may affiliate by a written agreement. The agreement must identify whether the local assembly is a ministry unit of TGBC or an independently organized affiliated assembly. Affiliation alone does not transfer property, funds, debts, or authority to bind another party. Actual ownership and legal responsibility depend on the applicable instruments and law.

Article VII Ecclesiastical autonomy and civil responsibilities

TGBC determines its internal doctrine, worship, teaching, ordination, ecclesiastical qualifications, fellowship, and spiritual governance through its adopted religious processes. It asserts protections available under the United States and Texas Constitutions and applicable religious-freedom statutes, including Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chapter 110.

These protections do not create a blanket exemption from civil, criminal, safety, property, employment, or tax law. Applicable obligations may attach to TGBC itself as well as to individuals. A religious-freedom objection shall be evaluated through lawful means; this instrument does not declare any government action automatically invalid.

Private governance documents and records need not be filed as corporate formation documents merely because they exist. TGBC will make a filing or disclosure when a specific applicable requirement arises, while protecting religious liberty and legitimate confidentiality.

Article VIII Funds and property if authorized

Any funds or property actually received for TGBC belong to the lawful organizational owner, subject to accepted restrictions. They do not become personal assets of the founder, his family, any minister, or any member by reason of office or custody.

No net earnings may inure to a private individual. Reasonable compensation for actual services, legitimate expense reimbursement, and genuine charitable assistance may be made only when authorized, documented, and consistent with organizational purposes and applicable requirements. Funds shall not be commingled with personal funds as an ordinary practice.

Article IX Tax representations and public activities

Churches and qualifying conventions or associations of churches meeting section 501(c)(3) requirements can be federally tax exempt without applying for recognition and are generally excepted from Form 990 annual reporting. TGBC shall determine its actual qualification and any separate obligations before making a tax representation. Federal church treatment does not automatically establish a Texas sales or property tax exemption.

TGBC shall not undertake prohibited political campaign intervention or substantial lobbying inconsistent with its stated section 501(c)(3) purposes. These provisions do not prohibit scriptural teaching or other lawful religious expression. No title or declaration creates a tax exemption for an individual's personal income.

Article X Succession and continuity

Upon the Founding Bishop's death, his active founding office permanently ceases. Historical reference to him as the Founding Bishop may continue. No successor may use or inherit that title. An Overseeing Bishop shall be selected under the Succession Declaration.

Existing PRAECEPTORIUS members retain their recorded authority and conduct succession. If none remain, the limited reconstitution procedure in the Bylaws and Succession Declaration applies. Deacons do not become PRAECEPTORIUS members or Overseeing Bishop merely because no bishop or elder remains.

Absence or incapacity permits limited interim administration; it does not declare the founder dead, transfer the founding title, or trigger permanent succession. Death or departure of an individual does not by itself dissolve TGBC.

Article XI Amendments and governing order

The Constitution is the principal human organizational instrument. The Bylaws, Statement of Faith, Circle Charter, Succession Declaration, manuals, policies, agreements, and forms must be read consistently with it and with Scripture. Administrative voting does not create scriptural truth.

Amendments require the written text, notice, approval, and record prescribed by the Bylaws. No amendment may create another Founding Bishop, admit a deacon to PRAECEPTORIUS without separate bishop or elder

recognition, authorize private distribution of organizational assets, or silently replace the foundational Gospel or KJB authority.

Article XII Dissolution and severability

Dissolution requires the extraordinary approval prescribed by the Bylaws and a recorded plan to discharge lawful liabilities, safeguard records, and dispose of actual organizational assets. After liabilities are paid or provided for, remaining assets shall pass to one or more organizations qualifying for exempt purposes under section 501(c)(3), or to a federal, state, or local government for a public purpose. No surplus shall be distributed to private individuals.

An invalid or inapplicable provision shall be limited to the extent required by controlling law without unnecessarily invalidating the remainder. This clause does not permit an officer to rewrite the instruments without amendment.

Article XIII Adoption and signatures

These Articles take effect only upon the actual authorized adoption shown below. For an initial association relying on Chapter 252, at least three actual consenting members shall sign. If TGBC already exists, use its controlling amendment process and record continuity; do not falsely declare a new entity or backdate an adoption.

Founding Bishop Wesley Ray signature _____ Date _____

Consenting member name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Consenting member name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Additional consenting members may sign an attached sheet identified with this instrument and edition.

Adoption date _____ Effective date _____ Prior instrument and authority _____

Custodian certification signature _____ Record reference _____

02 Bylaws

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Article I Application and definitions

These Bylaws administer the Constitution. TGBC means the association, assembly member means a person received into a local fellowship, and Circle member means a qualified bishop or elder expressly admitted to PRAECEPTORIUS. These categories are distinct. Deacons, volunteers, donors, and ordinary members do not acquire Circle authority through service or giving.

The Founding Bishop is Bishop Wesley Ray. After his death, the Overseeing Bishop is the qualified bishop selected through the Succession Declaration. The Charter supplies Circle meeting and voting rules; these Bylaws supply the common procedures across TGBC.

Article II Initial administration

The Founding Bishop is the sole initial Circle member. An action within his authority may be documented by a signed written decision identifying its subject, date, reasons, and governing provision. It shall be described as a sole-member action, not as a meeting of nonexistent elders or a unanimous multi-person vote.

The association must separately record its actual consenting members. Having one Circle member does not waive Chapter 252's three-member definition. Before additional qualified leaders are recognized, members may assist in recordkeeping, hospitality, and other delegated work without being called elders or acquiring Circle votes.

Article III Founding authority and delegation

During his natural life, the Founding Bishop directs ordinary ministry, signs authorized ecclesiastical decisions, and presides when able. Admission of additional Circle members does not terminate his founding office. Circle votes during his lifetime require his written concurrence for ordination, affiliation, amendments, extraordinary financial commitments, and decisions reserved to him by the Constitution.

A written delegation shall name the recipient, duties, spending or signing limits, duration, reporting obligations, and revocation method. A deacon may perform delegated administration but may not receive bishop or elder teaching oversight, Circle voting rights, or succession authority through an administrative delegation.

No delegation gives authority to change foundational doctrine, create a founding office, conceal wrongdoing, or act outside applicable law.

Article IV Local membership

Receive applications or documented requests, provide the Statement of Faith, discuss reservations, and record acceptance by the responsible bishop or elder under the governing authority. Membership requires profession of faith in the Gospel of Christ, foundational doctrinal agreement, and acceptance of orderly fellowship. Giving and water baptism are not conditions.

Maintain names, contact preferences, reception dates, local assembly, and current status. Minors may participate in fellowship with appropriate parent or lawful guardian involvement; do not treat their attendance as independent contractual consent.

Members may request care, ask questions, raise concerns, participate in approved service, and withdraw voluntarily. Voting rights exist only where these instruments expressly provide them. Congregational preference does not establish doctrine or appoint Circle members automatically.

Article V Recognition of offices and Circle admission

Examine bishops and elders under 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 KJB. Examine deacons under 1 Timothy 3:8-13 KJB. Follow the Credentialing Manual and document the actual result before issuing a certificate.

Record Circle admission separately, even where ordained recognition and admission occur together. The entry shall identify the bishop or elder qualification decision, appointment date, acceptance, local assembly, and voting status. A deacon remains outside PRAECEPTORIUS unless separately qualified and recognized as a bishop or elder and expressly admitted.

Article VI Meetings and decisions

Use the notice, quorum, voting, conflict, and minutes rules in the Circle Charter. The Founding Bishop may call meetings during his lifetime. Following his death or during a recorded incapacity, the authorized acting leader or any two remaining Circle members may call a meeting; a sole remaining member may act within the limited applicable authority.

Record the number of eligible members, persons present, abstentions, actual votes, required concurrence, and final decision. Written consent without a meeting requires every eligible member's signed consent to the same text, plus any required founder concurrence. Electronic signatures or recorded electronic assent may be used when lawful and reliably attributable.

Article VII Ordinary and extraordinary actions

Ordinary ministry decisions include teaching schedules, fellowship arrangements, routine correspondence, and approved administrative work. The governing leader or authorized delegate may make them within recorded limits.

Extraordinary actions include constitutional or bylaw amendments, Circle Charter or succession changes, admitting or removing Circle members, selecting an Overseeing Bishop, dissolution, borrowing, organizational bank accounts, paid employment, and substantial property commitments. They require the applicable recorded extraordinary approval and the Founding Bishop's written approval while he is living and able.

No bank account, property acquisition, paid worker, or donation program is presumed to exist. Before initiating one, record its need, responsible persons, expected obligations, financial controls, and applicable civil or tax review. Optional forms alone are not authorization.

Article VIII Absence and incapacity

The founder may name a qualified bishop or elder as Acting Ecclesiastical Overseer for a stated period. An administrative custodian or deacon may preserve records and execute existing routine instructions without becoming the overseer or a Circle member.

If no prior delegation covers a material incapacity, remaining Circle members may designate a qualified bishop or elder to handle essential temporary oversight by the extraordinary vote. Document the basis for inability to act and reassess at least every 90 days. Restoration of ability ends the temporary authority unless the founder continues it in writing.

If no Circle member remains able to act, use the limited emergency reconstitution procedure in Article IX. Incapacity does not permit permanent constitutional amendments, dissolution, transfer of the founding office, or founder-dependent decisions unrelated to immediate preservation and protection.

Article IX Emergency reconstitution when no Circle member can act

This procedure applies only after the founder's death, or when he is materially incapacitated and no remaining Circle member can act. A records custodian or at least two adult assembly members may issue 14 days' written notice to all adult local members in good standing recorded before the triggering event. The custodian organizes the process without assuming ecclesiastical office.

Participating adult members may identify qualified, willing bishops or elders from the TGBC fellowship or, if necessary, outside it. Candidates must affirm the TGBC doctrine and be examined by at least two independent qualified bishops or elders invited for that limited purpose. Those examiners are advisors, not automatic TGBC Circle members.

At a meeting with more than half of the recorded eligible adult assembly members present, at least two-thirds of those present and voting must confirm the examined candidate or candidates for interim PRAECEPTORIUS membership. Abstentions do not count as votes; quorum must still be met. The action is limited to reconstituting qualified bishop or elder oversight and preserving continuity. No deacon enters the Circle through this procedure unless separately examined and recognized as a bishop or elder.

Following death, the reconstituted Circle selects the Overseeing Bishop under the Succession Declaration. During incapacity, it provides temporary oversight only, subject to Article VIII. No self-appointed or hereditary successor is permitted. If the required qualification, quorum, or approval cannot be obtained, preserve records and protect persons and actual assets, continue voluntary fellowship where practical, and defer permanent leadership action rather than issue unsupported credentials.

Article X Discipline and review

Use the Code of Doctrine Conduct and Ecclesiastical Discipline for complaints, fair consideration, protective action, written findings, and reconsideration. Good-faith questions and reports are not misconduct. Internal processes never replace lawful reporting or emergency action.

The founder's lifetime office and title remain protected under the Constitution. His conduct and transactions remain open to scriptural examination, independent review, lawful safety restrictions, and civil accountability. A particular financial recusal or protective access measure is not a transfer of his founding office.

Article XI Amendments

Provide the complete proposed text and explanation at least 14 days before an amendment meeting. While living and capable, the Founding Bishop's written approval is required. With more than one Circle member, amendments also require at least two-thirds of all eligible Circle members, rounded up. In the initial sole- member stage, the founder may approve in writing under his existing authority.

After his death, amendments require at least two-thirds of all eligible Circle members, rounded up, with no founder concurrence. If no Circle exists, first complete emergency reconstitution. Proposed changes to foundational doctrinal wording must receive at least 30 days' notice, written KJB reasoning, and unanimous eligible Circle approval; they may clarify doctrine but may not abandon the protected foundational Gospel, KJB authority, right division, or stated Pauline identity.

Record the text, notice, authority, actual approvals, effective date, and superseded clauses. New documents do not retroactively create prior ordinations, decisions, or tax status.

Article XII Dissolution and records

Dissolution requires 30 days' notice, a written plan, and at least two-thirds of all eligible Circle members, rounded up, plus founder approval while living and capable. Emergency reconstitution must precede dissolution if the Circle is empty. This internal procedure does not override an applicable court order or controlling law.

Preserve executed governing instruments, permanent decisions, credentials, succession and affiliation records. Apply the Records Policy to financial and sensitive files. Complete asset and liability handling under the Constitution; record the final custodian and permitted disposition of records.

Adoption

Adopted by _____ Authority and record _____

Founding Bishop or authorized chair signature _____ Date _____

Effective date _____ Custodian signature _____

03 Statement of Faith and Foundational Doctrine

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Scripture

We believe that God inspired and preserved His Word. We receive the King James Bible, Authorized Version of 1611 in its standardized 1769 textual tradition and Pure Cambridge Edition text form, as our final written authority for faith, doctrine, conduct, ministry, and assembly order. No officeholder, institution, tradition, or human document stands above it. All Scripture is inspired and profitable; right division does not discard Scripture. References: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJB; Psalm 12:6-7 KJB; 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

The Gospel of Christ and salvation

We proclaim that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the scriptures. Salvation is God's gift by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work, apart from human works as its basis. Church membership, giving, ordination, ceremonies, and personal merit cannot add to that work. References: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB; Romans 3:24-28 KJB; Romans 4:5 KJB; Ephesians 2:8-9 KJB.

Right division and Paul's ministry

We recognize Paul's distinctive apostleship to the Gentiles and the revelation committed to him concerning the Dispensation of the Grace of God. We study all Scripture in context while receiving Romans through Philemon as the central doctrinal instruction for the Body of Christ. References: Romans 11:13 KJB; Galatians 1:11-12 KJB; Ephesians 3:1-9 KJB; 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

The Mystery and the Body of Christ

We distinguish the Mystery kept secret and later made manifest through Paul's ministry from Israel's prophetic program. The Body of Christ is not Israel's replacement, restoration, or institutional continuation. In Christ, believers are described as one Body, one new man, and a new creature. Institutional affiliation does not create membership in that spiritual Body. References: Romans 16:25-26 KJB; Ephesians 1:22-23 KJB; Ephesians 2:14-16 KJB; 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJB; Galatians 6:15 KJB.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We do not impose water baptism as a required ordinance for salvation, membership in the Body of Christ, or TGBC fellowship. We understand the Spirit's work of placing believers into one Body as central to the one baptism of the Body of Christ. We do not impose the Lord's Supper as a required ordinance for the Body of Christ or as a means of salvation. Biblical passages concerning these matters remain inspired Scripture to be studied in context. References: 1 Corinthians 1:17 KJB; 1 Corinthians 12:13 KJB; Ephesians 4:4-6 KJB; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 KJB.

Assurance and the catching away

The believer's assurance rests in God's grace and Christ's sufficient work. Believers are sealed unto the day of redemption. We distinguish the catching away of the Body of Christ revealed by Paul from the prophetic return connected with Israel and the nations. References: Ephesians 1:13-14 KJB; Ephesians 4:30 KJB; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJB; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 KJB; Acts 3:19-21 KJB.

Offices and qualification

We recognize bishop and deacon as ecclesiastical offices. Elder describes qualified bishop oversight within our order and is not a third ordained office. Pastor is not established as a separate office. Bishops and elders teach and oversee; deacons undertake proved service under assigned authority. Only bishops and elders may be admitted to PRAECEPTORIUS.

Candidates must be examined according to the complete applicable Pauline qualifications. TGBC does not treat a bare history of divorce or remarriage as an automatic universal disqualification without examining present conduct, doctrine, household, testimony, and circumstances. This position does not remove marital faithfulness, blamelessness, or any other qualification. References: Philippians 1:1 KJB; 1 Timothy 3:1-13 KJB; Titus 1:5-9 KJB; 1 Timothy 5:19-22 KJB.

Doctrine and institutional identity

TGBC is a Pauline Dispensational Assembly. It does not claim denominational succession or external ecclesiastical control. Its doctrinal distinctions concern teaching, programs, and institutions and do not establish that every individual associated with another religious system is evil or unsaved.

The unique Founding Bishop designation, Circle procedures, and succession rules are adopted organizational arrangements. They are not presented as phrases or offices expressly named in Scripture. All teaching and conduct remain subject to the KJB.

Affirmation and adoption

I affirm this Statement as the foundational confession of TGBC and acknowledge its relationship to Scripture and the Constitution.

Name and office _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Adopting authority _____ Effective date _____ Record _____

04 Governing Document Hierarchy

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Purpose and supreme written authority

This hierarchy prevents a form, resolution, policy, or isolated sentence from silently changing TGBC's doctrine or government. The King James Bible remains the supreme written authority for ecclesiastical faith, doctrine, conduct, and order. Civil obligations are evaluated under applicable law; the internal hierarchy does not invalidate a civil duty.

Order of human instruments

The Constitution and Articles of Association are the principal human organizing instrument. Next are the Bylaws, followed by the Statement of Faith and Foundational Doctrine. The PRAECEPTORIUS Charter and Founding Bishop and Succession Declaration implement those instruments. The Credentialing Manual and Discipline Code follow. Local assembly agreements, financial and conflict policies, and supplementary ministry policies implement their assigned subjects. Doctrinal position papers explain adopted doctrine. Resolutions, forms, certificates, minutes, and registers document authorized actions at the administrative level.

A doctrinal question must be examined by Scripture and the adopted confession, not resolved merely by ranking documents. An administrative policy cannot redefine foundational doctrine because it appears newer or more specific.

Conflicts and amendments

Read related instruments together where possible. If a lower instrument conflicts with a higher one, the higher one controls and the incompatible lower provision must be corrected through its proper amendment procedure. An amendment resolution changes a higher document only if it expressly identifies that document and satisfies its own amendment requirements.

Every adopted instrument shall have its title, edition, adoption and effective dates, approving authority, and register entry. Preserve superseded versions. Templates remain templates until an actual action is completed and signed; a printed certificate does not establish ordination or membership.

Titles and consistent interpretation

PRAECEPTORIUS means the internal Circle of bishops and elders. The Founding Bishop is its sole initial member. A deacon does not enter the Circle through ordination, committee service, delegated administration, or a certificate heading identifying the issuing body.

Founding Bishop is a lifetime unique historical office. Acting Ecclesiastical Overseer is temporary. Overseeing Bishop is the successor oversight title after the founder's death. No administrative record shall blur these distinctions.

Adoption

Approved by _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Effective date _____ Register reference _____ Custodian _____

05 | Charter of the Circle of the Elders / Praeceptorium

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Revision scope: updated TGBC identity, house-to-house gatherings, adopted KJB text standard, oversight terminology, and voting clarity. Permanent doctrinal and continuity safeguards retained.

Article I-A | Foremost judgment and permanent doctrinal fidelity

The Order, the Circle of the Elders, the Praeceptorium, within This Grace Bible Churches shall remain steadfast in the Gospel of Christ, sound doctrine, the King James Bible, and Pauline Dispensational Doctrine, and shall never depart. Fidelity to these foundations is the number-one judgment of this Order: the first governing criterion by which every teaching, study, appointment, credential, decision, policy, association, and exercise of authority shall be examined.

The Gospel that saves today is the Gospel of Christ set forth in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 in the King James Bible: Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the scriptures. The Order shall preserve and proclaim this Gospel and shall reject its replacement, alteration, dilution, or mixture with a different gospel or religious requirements for salvation.

The King James Bible is the Order's final scriptural authority. The Order shall not go to Greek or Hebrew for its studies, doctrinal determinations, or correction of the English text. No member, teacher, invited advisor, acting appointee, panel, or successor shall attempt to change, revise, supposedly correct, or overrule the King James Bible by appeal to Greek, Hebrew, another translation, scholarship, tradition, or religious authority.

The Order shall uphold sound doctrine through Pauline Dispensational Doctrine and right division of the King James Bible, recognizing the doctrinal instruction for the Church, the Body of Christ, in Romans through Philemon. It shall distinguish Israel's prophecy program from the doctrine and instructions given for the Body of Christ. All scripture shall be studied within that distinction; instructions belonging to Israel shall not be imposed as ordinances or salvation requirements for the Body of Christ.

The Order shall avoid corrupt doctrines and doctrines drawn from what is called Christianity. No doctrine is authorized by the label Christianity, denomination, creed, council, popularity, tradition, or institutional approval. Its teaching shall be established from the King James Bible rightly divided, consistent with the Gospel of Christ and Pauline Dispensational Doctrine. The Order shall avoid the religions of this present evil world and their doctrinal and religious influences.

The Order shall not practice, administer, sponsor, require, or authorize water baptism for the Church, the Body of Christ. Within the Order's doctrine, water baptism belongs to Israel in its prophecy program, in which believing Israel is to become a kingdom of priests and priests wash before serving in their office. Water baptism was never, and is not now, an ordinance for the Church, the Body of Christ. It shall not be introduced as a condition of salvation, fellowship membership, credentialing, or admission to the Circle.

These foundations are permanent limits on every authority created by this Charter. No ordinary or extraordinary vote, unanimous consent, doctrinal clarification, amendment, emergency, incapacity arrangement, reconstitution, or succession may authorize departure. Clarification may explain and apply these foundations but may not revise, weaken, suspend, or contradict them. An action contrary to this Article is unauthorized under this Charter; no officer or member shall implement it.

Every applicant, appointee, admitted member, and successor shall expressly affirm this Article in writing before assuming duties. Proposed teaching and governing actions shall be assessed against it, with the conclusion recorded for admissions, credentials, succession, and doctrinal determinations. An alleged departure requires

prompt examination under Article VIII and the Discipline Code; substantiated departure requires cessation and correction of the contrary teaching and the appropriate separately recorded credential, participation, or membership action. No claim of doctrinal fidelity dispenses with the required fair-review procedures.

Article I | Identity and purpose

The Circle of the Elders, the Order, and the Praeceptorium are three names for one and the same internal teaching and oversight body within This Grace Bible Churches (TGBC). These names do not designate separate bodies, levels of authority, or organizations. Praeceptorius is an alternate title for the Founding Bishop within the Circle of the Elders. Bishop Wesley Ray, Founding Bishop, is the original and sole Praeceptorius. This title is personal and exclusive to him and is not transferred by incapacity, death, temporary appointment, or succession. No Acting or succeeding Overseeing Bishop acquires the title of Founding Bishop or Praeceptorius. The Praeceptorius oversees all affairs within the Praeceptorium, the Circle of the Elders. Praeceptorium names the body; Praeceptorius refers to the Founding Bishop in that body. These are adopted ecclesiastical designations, not a separate legal entity, incorporation status, or third ordained office. The Praeceptorium works to preserve sound doctrine, examine qualified ministry, counsel assemblies, address ecclesiastical disputes, safeguard continuity, and perform the duties assigned by superior instruments.

This Grace Bible Churches is a fellowship of saved believers who rightly divide the word of truth according to 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB and gather house to house. TGBC, its Circle of the Elders / Order / Praeceptorium, and its house-to-house gatherings are not a denomination, part of a denomination, a religion, part of the religious system called Christianity, or a Jewish religious body. They are not part of the corporate American Christian church setup. Church in Thy House names the mode by which TGBC believers gather; it is not a separate denomination or governing order.

TGBC's gathering and teaching order does not establish religious buildings, statues, baptistries, altars, or the office or title of Pastor. Bishops / elders and deacons remain the recognized biblical offices, subject to the qualifications and limits in the governing instruments. The Order shall not corrupt or supposedly correct the word of God. Its adopted King James Bible text standard is the 1769 edition of the 1611 King James Bible, Pure Cambridge Text. This identifies TGBC's adopted text standard; no other translation is authorized for its teaching or studies.

Article II | Exclusive eligibility

No woman may serve as a member of the Circle of the Elders / Praeceptorium. No woman shall hold the office of Bishop, Elder, or Deacon within This Grace Bible Churches (TGBC). These restrictions apply throughout TGBC, including the Circle of the Elders / Praeceptorium. Only men qualified and recognized as bishops or elders under the Credentialing Manual may be admitted. They must affirm TGBC's Gospel, KJB authority, right division, Pauline doctrine, and governing order, and accept accountability for their work. Deacons are excluded from Praeceptorium membership and voting by virtue of their deacon office. A deacon may assist or attend by invitation on a particular matter without becoming a member. A former or serving deacon can enter only after a separate bishop or elder qualification decision and express Praeceptorium admission. Donors, relatives, volunteers, ordinary members, and outside advisors do not gain seats automatically.

Article III | Initial member and appointments

Bishop Wesley Ray, Founding Bishop and sole Praeceptorius, is the sole initial member and presiding officer of the Praeceptorium. His initial decisions shall be signed and recorded as sole-member actions. During his lifetime, the Praeceptorius shall select new members or give final approval to their admission to the Praeceptorium, the Circle of the Elders. No new member may be admitted without his express written approval. Each new member must be a qualified bishop or elder and shall be admitted by written appointment and acceptance identifying the underlying qualification record. After the founder's death, admission requires the extraordinary vote of the existing Praeceptorium. If it is empty, use Article XI, subject to Article XII. At least one current adult local fellowship membership shall be identified for each Praeceptorium member. Keep a controlled roster with dates of admission, assigned work, voting eligibility, changes, and departure. During the founder's incapacity, Article X governs temporary service. Only a contingent appointment expressly approved and signed by him while capable may activate without a further signature. No other person may supply his approval.

The founder may sign a contingent admission identifying a particular qualified bishop or elder, the triggering vacancy or event, any expiration date, and the scope of membership and voting rights. The candidate must accept in writing. At activation, the custodian shall verify the specified event and continued qualification from the credentialing record; where a fresh qualification determination is necessary, the authorized credentialing body must make it before activation. A disputed or unverifiable condition does not activate admission. No blanket delegation to select unidentified members is permitted. The founder may revoke the contingent appointment while capable.

Article IV | Duties and boundaries

The Praeceptorium examines doctrine by the KJB, provides teaching and oversight, reviews candidates, addresses matters under the Discipline Code, and maintains succession readiness. It may appoint recordkeepers and invite specialists or advisors without giving them Praeceptorium membership or ecclesiastical votes. The Praeceptorium cannot replace the Gospel of Christ, abandon KJB authority or right division, create another Founding Bishop, appropriate private property, authorize a member's unlawful conduct, or bind a separate local assembly without applicable authority. It has no power to abolish or transfer the founder's protected lifetime office.

Article V | Notice and participation

Give at least seven days' notice of an ordinary meeting and 14 days' notice of an extraordinary meeting, stating the subject and supplying proposed text. Amendment, foundational doctrine, and dissolution notice periods in the Bylaws control when longer. Every eligible member must receive notice by a reliable recorded method. Members may meet in person, by telephone, or by video with simultaneous participation and verified identity. A member may waive notice in writing. An emergency meeting may use shorter notice only for necessary preservation or protection; record attempts to reach all members and the reason for urgency. It may not bypass required amendment or permanent succession approval.

Article VI | Quorum and votes

For each matter, the eligible voting pool consists of admitted members entitled to vote, excluding validly suspended members and persons recused for that matter. Quorum is the whole-number part of half that pool, plus one; one eligible voter constitutes a quorum of one. A recused person may supply requested factual information but does not count toward quorum or vote on that matter. Recusals, reasons, pool size, quorum, and votes shall be recorded before action.

An ordinary action requires more than half of votes actually cast at a meeting with quorum. Record abstentions and exclude them from votes cast. Ties fail; the chair has no extra casting vote. An extraordinary action requires at least two-thirds of the entire eligible voting pool, rounded up, and a meeting with quorum. At least one disinterested authorized voter must act. No proxy voting is permitted. Written consent without a meeting requires every member of the eligible voting pool to sign identical text and receive the required notice; recused members receive notice but do not sign as approvers. Foundational doctrinal clarification requires the affirmative approval of every member of the entire eligible voting pool, after the required notice; abstention is not approval. Article I-A may not be altered by clarification.

During the founder's lifetime, his written concurrence is additionally required for matters expressly reserved to him. His concurrence is not required to approve his own conflicted transaction, investigate his conduct, or decide his credential or participation status under Article VIII. Those matters require independent procedures and cannot remove him from, transfer, or abolish his exclusive lifetime office or titles. Temporary appointees cannot provide his concurrence. If no eligible voter remains, no Circle decision may be made; Article VII permits only its limited financial-review exception, and Article XI applies only after the founder's death.

An emergency does not reduce voting thresholds or permit permanent succession, foundational doctrinal change, or amendment without the required procedure. The sole eligible member records his decision by signature, without inventing additional votes.

Decision requirements

Decision Approval and notice

Routine authorized ministry Ordinary vote; 7 days

Circle admission during founder's life Express written founder approval; Article III

Admission after founder's death Extraordinary vote; 14 days

Involuntary removal / credential action Article VIII; extraordinary vote; 14 days

Permanent Overseeing Bishop Article IX; extraordinary vote; 14 days

Foundational doctrinal clarification Unanimity; Article I-A cannot be altered

Amendment or dissolution Superior procedure; 14 days; Article I-A binds

Temporary activation / restoration Article X evidence; no succession vote

Conflicted financial transaction Conflict Policy and Article VII

Article VII | Conflicts and independent review

A member shall disclose material conflicts and follow the Conflict Policy for compensation, reimbursements, related parties, and financial decisions. Disinterested members decide disputed recusals; a person does not decide his own conflict. If no disinterested member remains, the limited written financial-review authorization below may be used, or the transaction remains unapproved.

An outside disinterested reviewer may approve a specified financial transaction only under an advance written authorization and the Conflict Policy. The authorization must identify the reviewer, covered transactions, limits, and records required. A conflicted person may supply information but cannot approve the transaction or select a reviewer for that transaction unless a previously adopted policy expressly provides an independent selection method. This administrative exception grants no Circle seat, ecclesiastical vote, credentialing authority, power to appoint a bishop or successor, or power to amend governing instruments.

Article VIII | Member status, credentials, and fair review

Ordinary Circle membership may end by resignation, death, substantial incapacity, abandonment of doctrine, serious misconduct, or removal under the Discipline Code. Involuntary action requires written allegations, reliable notice, at least 14 days to respond unless an existing superior instrument requires longer, a meaningful opportunity to be heard, written findings, and an extraordinary vote of disinterested eligible members. Any urgent interim suspension must be specifically authorized by the Discipline Code and promptly reviewed. No allegation alone creates a suspension.

Wesley Scott Ray cannot be removed or voted out of his exclusive lifetime office of Praeceptorius / Founding Bishop, and neither the office nor its titles can be transferred or abolished during his life. Protection of those titles does not exempt his credentials or exercise of duties from doctrinal and disciplinary review. For persons other than Wesley Scott Ray, Circle removal, credential withdrawal, office disqualification, limits on active duties, and fellowship status are separate decisions and must be separately stated. No such process may remove Wesley Scott Ray from his exclusive lifetime office. Any restriction on the founder's active participation must rest on the Discipline Code and independent findings; it does not create a new Founding Bishop or Praeceptorius.

The subject does not vote or count toward quorum in his own case. Loss or valid suspension of recognized bishop or elder qualification suspends voting and active Circle participation until resolved. Where no disinterested Circle member remains, ecclesiastical findings may be made only by a qualified independent panel expressly designated in advance by the founder and authorized in the Discipline Code. Administrative custodians and financial reviewers cannot substitute. Without that authorized panel, the disciplinary decision remains pending; medical incapacity remains governed separately by Article X.

A deacon cannot fill a vacant seat without separate bishop or elder qualification and express admission. A temporary acting bishop receives neither a seat nor a vote solely from his temporary appointment.

Article IX | Permanent succession and records

Keep controlled records of appointments, acceptances, membership, qualifications, meetings, notices, quorum, conflicts, exact decisions, votes, concurrence, incapacity evidence, and succession. The custodian shall keep an inventory of record locations and authorized access, with a secure recovery copy available to an authorized alternate.

After the founder's death, a nonempty Circle shall choose a qualified and recognized bishop or elder from among its admitted members as Overseeing Bishop of the Circle by extraordinary vote after at least 14 days' notice. Any additional valid requirements in the Succession Declaration apply. If that instrument contains no usable procedure, this procedure supplies the default, subject to Article XII. The appointee must accept in writing; record

qualifications, vote, acceptance, and effective date. No person succeeds automatically by seniority, relationship, wealth, designation as acting bishop, or personal title.

If the Circle is empty, Article XI governs reconstitution before permanent selection. Incapacity does not activate permanent succession. Temporary administrative preservation continues only within separately existing authority pending recorded handover.

Article X | Incapacity and temporary continuity

1. Advance appointments. While capable, the founder may designate a qualified recognized bishop or elder as Acting Overseeing Bishop and another as alternate, and an administrative custodian and administrative alternate. Each must accept in writing. Ecclesiastical designees require documented qualification. The alternate serves only if the primary is unavailable, unwilling, or no longer qualified. Designation gives no Circle seat, vote, exclusive title, or permanent succession right. Blank fields appoint nobody. The founder may amend or revoke appointments while capable.

2. Assessment responsibility. The custodian, or administrative alternate, may request the founder's voluntary declaration or arrange assessment by two independent licensed physicians. Independence means neither physician is a proposed successor, a party to the governance dispute, or financially interested in its outcome. Obtain necessary consent or other applicable authority for examination and access; this charter itself grants no access to medical records. If neither custodian can act, an already authorized recordkeeper may coordinate within existing authority. No coordinator makes the medical determination.

3. Activation. Temporary service begins on the effective date in the founder's signed declaration, or after two independent licensed physicians separately give written findings that illness or injury prevents him from understanding, communicating, or carrying out the relevant responsibilities. Identify the functional limits and effective date. Age, absence, disagreement, or an unpopular decision is not incapacity. Conflicting findings do not satisfy activation; further assessment may be sought, but two independent current findings supporting incapacity remain necessary. Preserve only necessary functional findings. Notify the founder, designees, custodian, and admitted Circle members and record delivery attempts.

4. Acting authority. The available qualified designee may coordinate routine teaching, assembly oversight, existing ministry work, and administration already authorized. Existing voting, conflict, and financial controls continue. He may not admit unidentified new members, supply the founder's reserved concurrence, alter foundational doctrine, amend governing instruments, transfer the founder's protected office or title, appoint a permanent successor, dissolve TGBC, or dispose of major assets. Article III contingent admissions may activate only on their signed conditions. No new bank-signing or contractual authority is created.

5. Administrative fallback. If neither ecclesiastical designee can serve, the custodian, then administrative alternate, may safeguard records and property, maintain communications, coordinate existing commitments, and arrange essential previously authorized payments within separately existing authority. Neither acquires ecclesiastical office, membership, a vote, ordination authority, or successor-selection power. Unassigned ecclesiastical decisions remain suspended. If both administrative appointees are unavailable, only preservation duties already assigned to an existing recordkeeper or trustee continue. This fallback applies even when the founder is the sole member.

6. Review and restoration. The custodian and available acting bishop record a review at least every 90 days of functional status, designee availability, contingent appointments, and necessary preservation work. If the founder activated service himself, his signed recovery declaration ends it. If activation rested on physician findings, his signed recovery declaration plus one independent licensed physician's written finding of restored relevant capacity ends it. An acting appointee has no veto. Temporary authority ends immediately; promptly return control and records and notify members. Prolonged incapacity never converts into permanent succession.

7. Death. Temporary ecclesiastical authority under this Article ends at death. Articles IX and XI govern permanent continuity. Custodians continue only necessary preservation within existing authority until handover. A title, relationship, or possession of records does not create succession authority.

Article XI | Emergency reconstitution of an empty Circle after death

This Article applies only after the founder's death when no admitted Circle member remains. It cannot be used during his lifetime, to bypass his written admission approval, or to remove a living member. The custodian shall verify death and the last controlled roster, preserve the records, and notify all identifiable adult local fellowship members through recorded channels.

First use the founder's signed emergency reconstitution designation: it must name at least two qualified male bishops or elders, their acceptances and qualification references, and their authority to constitute a temporary reconstitution panel. The panel may verify qualifications and admit qualified male bishops or elders solely to restore the Circle under the unchanged doctrinal and eligibility standards. Panel appointment alone creates no Circle seat or successor right. Use a majority of available designated panel members, with at least two participating, and record reasons and admissions.

If no usable designated panel exists, the adult local fellowship membership shown in controlled TGBC records immediately before death may choose a reconstitution panel. Give at least 21 days' notice to all identifiable eligible adults, describe the sole purpose, and verify identity and membership. Quorum is more than half of that recorded adult membership; selection requires two-thirds of votes cast, with at least two participating voters. No proxy votes. Fellowship participation in this emergency selection creates no ecclesiastical office or Circle seat.

The selected panel must contain at least two disinterested male bishops or elders whose qualifications can be established under the existing Credentialing Manual, using controlled records and any duly authorized independent credentialing procedure. A panel candidate does not vote on his own panel selection. If conflicts or insufficient eligible membership prevent a valid selection, or two qualified panel members cannot be established, ecclesiastical reconstitution remains pending; administrative preservation alone continues. No outside person may self-appoint or invent membership or qualifications.

Before admitting anyone, the panel shall unanimously document qualification findings and written acceptance of the unchanged governing doctrine for each proposed member. It shall admit at least two qualified members where available, record their appointments, and deliver the roster and records. Once the Circle is restored, panel authority ends. The restored Circle selects the Overseeing Bishop under Article IX; neither the custodian nor the panel independently appoints the permanent successor. No emergency procedure permits new doctrine, governing amendments, dissolution, major-asset disposal, or inheritance of the founder's exclusive titles.

Article XII | Document priority, adoption, and readiness

Article I-A states the permanent doctrinal limits of this Charter and must be expressly reconciled with the superior instruments at adoption. The Constitution controls; the Bylaws follow; this Charter follows; then duly adopted policies and manuals within their assigned subjects. A Succession Declaration implements the superior instruments and cannot contradict them. A specific valid delegation governs its stated subject only. Maintain an adoption register identifying the title, edition, effective date, and amendment authority of each instrument. An unresolved superior conflict suspends only the conflicting provision; consistent preservation duties continue.

Before adoption, compare this revision with the Constitution, Bylaws, Succession Declaration, Credentialing Manual, Discipline Code, Conflict Policy, and financial authorizations. Record necessary conforming amendments and adopt them through their own required procedures. This charter does not silently amend another instrument or grant bank, property, contractual, or medical authority.

Before treating continuity arrangements as ready, record accepted primary and alternate appointments, any contingent admissions, the emergency panel designation, record-access arrangements, separately established payment and signing authority, and any independent discipline panel. Maintain an unresolved-items list. Blank

appointments or missing external authority must be identified explicitly; adoption alone does not fill them.

Appointment schedule and adoption

Enter actual selections and retain signed acceptances and qualification records. Blank entries appoint nobody. Additional signed schedules may be attached and identified by date and record reference.

Primary Acting Overseeing Bishop

Full name: _____

Bishop / elder qualification record: _____

Acceptance date: _____ Record reference: _____

Alternate Acting Overseeing Bishop

Full name: _____

Bishop / elder qualification record: _____

Acceptance date: _____ Record reference: _____

Administrative custodian

Full name: _____

Acceptance date: _____ Record reference: _____

Administrative alternate

Full name: _____

Acceptance date: _____ Record reference: _____

Emergency reconstitution panel (at least two qualified male bishops or elders)

1. Name: _____ Qualification: _____ Acceptance date / record: _____

2. Name: _____ Qualification: _____ Acceptance date / record: _____

3. Name: _____ Qualification: _____ Acceptance date / record: _____

Supporting authorizations and adoption

Doctrinal affirmation (all appointees and admitted members)

I affirm Article I-A, including the Gospel of Christ in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB, King James Bible authority, Pauline Dispensational Doctrine, the restrictions on Greek and Hebrew studies and Bible correction, and the prohibition of water baptism for the Body of Christ. I accept its permanent limits on my duties.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Role: _____ Date: _____

Separate schedules and authorizations

Contingent Circle admissions (names and activation conditions):

_____

Independent discipline panel authorized by Discipline Code:

_____

Records, recovery access, financial limits and signing authorizations:

_____

Governing-document adoption register and conforming amendments:

_____

Founder's designation

I designate the persons entered above for the specified temporary and emergency roles, subject to their written acceptances, qualification requirements, and the limits of this Charter. No designation transfers my personal titles or creates permanent succession rights.

Wesley Ray, Founding Bishop and sole Praeceptorius

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Adoption

Authorized adopting person / body: _____ Signature: _____ Adoption date: _____ Effective date: _____ Adoption record and conforming-amendment references: _____ _____

Initial roster entry: Wesley Ray, Founding Bishop and sole Praeceptorius, sole initial member of the Praeceptorium.

06 Founding Bishop and Succession Declaration

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The unique founding office

Wesley Scott Ray, also identified in ministry records as Bishop Wesley Ray, is the one Founding Bishop of TGBC. His historical office and title belong to him for his natural life, cannot be transferred or duplicated, and permanently cease as an active office upon his death. Historical recognition of him may continue thereafter.

He is the sole initial member of PRAECEPTORIUS until a qualified bishop or elder is expressly admitted. Later admissions do not terminate his founding title or founding authority. Deacons do not become members through ordination or service.

Continuity preparations

Keep current governing instruments, signed Circle admission records, local membership rosters, any lawful asset and liability records, credentials, and emergency access instructions. The founder may identify qualified potential successors for examination, but a personal nomination is not an automatic election or an inheritance of office.

TGBC assets remain with their lawful organizational owner and do not pass to the founder's heirs merely because he dies. Personally owned assets remain subject to their own lawful ownership and estate arrangements; church custody or use alone does not make them TGBC property.

Temporary absence or incapacity

Follow the Bylaws' temporary oversight procedure. A qualified bishop or elder may act within a recorded temporary mandate. Deacons or custodians may perform assigned preservation and administration without ecclesiastical succession or Circle membership. Reassess incapacity at least every 90 days and restore the founder's ordinary administration when ability returns.

No person may use incapacity to claim the founding title, permanently install an Overseeing Bishop, or pass an unrelated founder-dependent amendment. Lawful safety duties and actual civil orders remain applicable.

Succession after death

Document the death and notify recorded Circle members. They shall convene as soon as practical, ordinarily within 30 days, with 14 days' notice where feasible. Existing qualified members constitute the succession body. If no members remain, first use the Bylaws' emergency reconstitution procedure; deacons do not automatically fill the Circle.

The Circle shall invite nominations and examine candidates under the Credentialing Manual. A candidate must qualify as a bishop or elder, affirm the TGBC foundational doctrine, accept the Constitution, recognize the permanent end of the founding office, and agree to preserve organizational records and proper stewardship.

Selection and acceptance

Selection requires a meeting with quorum and at least two-thirds of all eligible voting Circle members, rounded up. This edition uses that full-membership threshold for succession so that absence alone does not lower the required approval. A candidate's eligibility to vote follows ordinary membership and conflict rules; record any direct material conflict separately. No vote may be bought or inherited.

If no candidate reaches the required approval, continue deliberation and later ballots without installing a plurality winner. During the vacancy, the Circle authorizes limited interim oversight and administration. A sole remaining qualified Circle member may make the required recorded succession decision but must first obtain written examination and advice from at least two independent qualified bishops or elders; they have no automatic Circle votes.

The chosen man signs acceptance of the title Overseeing Bishop of the Circle. Record examination, notice, roster, quorum, ballots, decision, acceptance, date, scope, and credential reference. Prior admission to the Circle must be established and recorded before a candidate is selected.

Authority and later vacancies

The Overseeing Bishop administers doctrine, ministry, recognized assemblies, and the governing order within the powers assigned by the Constitution and Circle. He has no founding title, lifetime founding protection, inherited ownership, or power to replace foundational doctrine. He remains subject to qualification and discipline.

A later vacancy caused by death, resignation, disqualification, or substantial incapacity invokes the same selection principles. Temporary incapacity may be addressed by an acting assignment. If the Circle is empty, use emergency reconstitution before permanent selection.

Declaration and acceptance by the founder

I accept the unique Founding Bishop office and my initial sole membership in PRAECEPTORIUS. I acknowledge Scripture, the governing instruments, independent financial review where required, safeguarding duties, and applicable civil law. I affirm that no title confers personal ownership of TGBC property or immunity from lawful accountability.

Wesley Ray signature _____ Date _____

Adoption authority _____ Effective date _____ Record _____

Witness name and signature _____ Date _____

07 Bishop Elder and Deacon Credentialing and Ordination Manual

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Purpose and offices

This Manual governs examination, recognition, ordination, credentials, review, and records. It recognizes bishop and deacon offices; elder denotes the qualified bishop oversight described in the Constitution. Ordination recognizes proved qualification and does not confer salvation, manufacture spiritual fitness, or establish apostolic succession.

PRAECEPTORIUS membership is restricted to bishops and elders expressly admitted. Deacon ordination never confers Circle membership. Administrative assignment and Circle admission require their own decisions.

Qualification for bishop or elder

Examine the complete requirements in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 KJB: blameless conduct, marital faithfulness, vigilance, sobriety, good behaviour, hospitality, teaching ability, sound household oversight, maturity, good report, faithful stewardship, freedom from greed and violence, patience, and holding fast the faithful word to exhort and convince by sound doctrine.

TGBC's adopted interpretation of husband of one wife requires careful examination of the man and present qualification rather than automatic universal exclusion from a bare history of divorce or remarriage. It does not excuse unfaithfulness, exploitation, disorder, or failure to meet the full qualifications.

Qualification for deacon

Examine 1 Timothy 3:8-13 KJB, including gravity, truthfulness, sobriety, freedom from greed, holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience, prior proving, blameless service, marital faithfulness, and household responsibility. Assign practical service duties with explicit limits. A deacon does not become an elder merely because he serves faithfully or can teach in an authorized setting.

Application and doctrinal examination

Receive the candidate's identity, contact information, testimony of salvation, office sought, study and ministry history, household matters relevant to qualification, prior credentials, restrictions, references, and doctrinal affirmation. Collect no unrelated sensitive data. An application confers no office.

Examine KJB authority, the Gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB, grace through faith apart from works, right division, Paul's ministry, the Mystery, Israel and the Body of Christ, assurance, the catching away, and TGBC's positions on ordinances and offices. Record reservations, answers, supporting Scripture, and evidence rather than merely ticking an approval box.

Examiners and decision authority

During the founder's life, he appoints qualified examiners and approves the recognition or ordination decision. In the initial sole-member stage he may conduct the examination and invite qualified outside bishops or elders for advice. Such assistance does not automatically admit anyone to PRAECEPTORIUS. Additional independent examination is required for a sole remaining Circle member's permanent succession decision under the Succession Declaration.

After the founder's death, the Overseeing Bishop and Circle administer the process; bishop or elder recognition and ordination require extraordinary Circle approval. A deacon recognition may be approved by the Overseeing

Bishop within a written Circle delegation; otherwise obtain recorded Circle approval. No candidate may approve his own qualification or certificate.

Findings and record

The decision shall identify the candidate, exact office, examiners, evidence considered, qualifications established, unresolved concerns, result, assigned work, limits, and effective date. Defer or decline when qualification is not established. Approval for examination, ministry assistance, ordination, credentials, and Circle admission must not be conflated.

Use a permanent record number and retain the application, doctrinal answers, reference review, recommendation, approval, and actual ordination record. Recognition of another body's ordination requires examination and a distinct TGBC recognition decision; do not redate or claim TGBC performed the earlier act.

Ordination and certificates

Conduct the approved ordination or formal recognition in an orderly manner. Record the actual date, location, presiding officer, participating persons, Scripture used, decision reference, and limits. The certificate must match that actual record.

Issue a bishop or elder certificate for bishop oversight and a distinct deacon certificate for service. PRAECEPTORIUS may appear as the issuing body on a deacon certificate, but the certificate shall expressly state that it does not admit the recipient to PRAECEPTORIUS. A ministry credential records current authority; it does not independently prove a separate ordination.

Scriptural charge and continuing fitness

Use the applicable Pauline charge: 1 Timothy 3:1-13 KJB; Titus 1:5-9 KJB for bishops and elders; 1 Timothy 5:21 KJB; 1 Timothy 6:9-21 KJB; 2 Timothy 4:1-2 KJB; and Titus 2:1-5 KJB for sound teaching and conduct as applicable. The Scripture Supplement preserves the full charge passages for use with certificates.

Review current doctrine, conduct, assignment, and any limitations at least annually. The review date is administrative and does not erase the historical fact of ordination. Qualification may be reviewed earlier on substantial evidence. Do not promise lifetime credential validity regardless of later conduct.

Suspension withdrawal and restoration

Use the Discipline Code for notice, fair examination, temporary protection, findings, and reconsideration. Record the effect separately on ordination recognition, current credentials, assignments, Circle membership, and fellowship. A suspended bishop or elder does not vote in the Circle during a valid suspension. Restoration requires an affirmative decision and, where needed, renewed proving; time alone does not restore status.

Keep historic ordination facts while stating present status truthfully. A withdrawn credential may not be represented as current. Protect sensitive records and lawful reporting. The founder's unique lifetime office remains governed by the Constitution, with no exemption from safety or civil duties.

Adoption

Approved by _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Effective date _____ Credential register custodian _____ Record _____

08 Code of Doctrine Conduct and Ecclesiastical Discipline

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Purpose and standards

This Code protects sound doctrine, persons, ministry, and records, and provides fair correction and restoration. It is not a means of retaliation, coercion, financial advantage, suppressing sincere questions, or declaring salvation lost through an administrative decision. The KJB and adopted foundational doctrine supply the ecclesiastical standard.

Leaders and workers shall act honestly, faithfully, without partiality, with proper boundaries and stewardship. No office permits threats, exploitation, violence, sexual misconduct, fraud, theft, falsified records, or misuse of confidential information. Ordinary disagreement, correctable mistakes, and personality differences are not automatically disqualifying misconduct.

Grounds and receipt of concerns

Substantial doctrinal departure, another saving message, serious misconduct, financial misuse, abuse of authority, false credentials, significant safety breaches, or persistent destructive conduct after correction may warrant review. Receive a description of the actual issue, persons involved, dates, witnesses, and available evidence. Anonymous information may supply a lead, particularly for safety, but seek reliable corroboration before an adverse final ecclesiastical finding.

Apply 1 Timothy 5:19-21 KJB carefully to accusations against elders. Its evidentiary instruction must not be used to prevent a person from reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities, receiving a disclosure, preserving evidence, or taking necessary protection. Distinguish the internal finding from a person's legal reporting duty.

Preliminary examination and conflicts

An authorized bishop or elder shall determine jurisdiction, the governing provisions, seriousness, available evidence, conflicts, and immediate safety needs. Close a plainly unsupported or resolved matter with a brief recorded reason. Refer matters outside TGBC authority appropriately without claiming power over an unrelated organization.

A reviewer shall disclose material personal, family, or financial conflicts. The person accused shall not determine the finding against himself. Seek disinterested qualified bishops or elders for independent examination if the only internal leader is involved. Their written advisory findings do not automatically give them Circle seats or transfer the founder's protected office.

Protective action and reporting

When immediate danger exists, contact emergency services and make applicable civil reports without waiting for internal approval. Preserve evidence and avoid investigative questioning of a minor or vulnerable person. Never promise secrecy about abuse or threats.

Authorized protective steps may restrict particular premises access, contact with vulnerable persons, financial access, or custody of records while a matter is reviewed. Such steps are not a final finding of guilt. They do not by themselves transfer the Founding Bishop title or protected office. Any title protection remains subject to lawful civil orders and safeguarding duties.

Notice response and evidence

Give written notice of the substantial issues, the process, and proposed review date, ordinarily allowing at least 14 days to respond unless immediate protection requires earlier action. The affected person may provide Scripture, explanations, documents, and witness information. Refusal to respond does not prevent a determination based on reliable available evidence.

Consider supporting and contrary evidence, context, admissions, firsthand accounts, and lawfully available records. Protect private information and maintain a written account of material proceedings. Do not purchase a favorable outcome or favor a person because of title, family, wealth, or popularity.

Authority and outcomes

During the founder's life, he approves ordinary final ecclesiastical decisions within his authority; Circle-member removal requires the extraordinary process. After his death, the Overseeing Bishop handles delegated matters and the Circle determines extraordinary credential, office, Circle, and affiliation actions. The accused person does not vote on his own status.

Findings may close the matter, provide counsel or correction, require clarification of teaching, establish an accountability plan, restrict a duty, withdraw current credentials, remove an eligible nonfounder from the Circle, or suspend or terminate affiliation. Each affected status must be named expressly, with effective dates and conditions. A certificate cannot impose a decision that was never authorized.

The founder's lifetime office and title may not be removed or transferred by this Code. Concerns about his doctrine, conduct, or transactions remain subject to truthful independent examination, scriptural counsel, recorded findings, appropriate access controls, and lawful civil action. The founding protection does not require concealment or obedience to an unlawful instruction.

Restoration and reconsideration

Seek restoration in the spirit of Galatians 6:1 KJB when appropriate. Fellowship restoration does not automatically restore an office, credential, financial authority, safeguarding clearance, or Circle membership. Specify renewed examination, demonstrated conduct, duties, and review dates.

An affected person may request reconsideration in writing within 30 days after notice, identifying material new evidence, procedural error, or a scriptural or governing issue. Later genuinely new evidence may still be considered. The disinterested authorized reviewer shall record whether further review is warranted; a request alone does not stay protective measures.

Records confidentiality and nonretaliation

Keep permanent final decisions and restricted supporting files. Share only with persons having legitimate duties, subject to lawful disclosure. Do not destroy evidence or conceal wrongdoing. Good-faith reports and truthful participation are protected from retaliation. Deliberate fabrication may itself be examined, but an unproved allegation is not automatically a knowingly false one.

Adoption

Authority _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Effective date _____ Record reference _____

09 Local Assembly Charter and Affiliation Agreement

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Parties and relationship

TGBC and the local assembly identified below enter this voluntary ecclesiastical agreement. It begins only when both parties have authorized and signed it. It governs doctrine, recognized ministry, use of the TGBC name, records, and withdrawal.

Local assembly name _____ City and state _____

Meeting location _____ Responsible bishop or elder _____

Contact _____ Recognition record and date _____

Relationship type: [ ] Ministry unit of TGBC [ ] Independently organized affiliated assembly

Civil or organizational owner of local funds and property _____

Attach the local organizing instrument or written description of the relationship, actual ownership, and authority. Do not leave the relationship type unresolved when recognition is issued.

Doctrinal agreement

The local assembly affirms the adopted TGBC Statement of Faith: KJB authority; the Gospel of Christ in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB; grace through faith apart from works; right division; Paul's ministry; the Mystery; Israel and the Body of Christ as distinct; and TGBC's stated positions on ordinances and offices. It receives current governing instruments and does not present contrary doctrine as TGBC's official teaching.

Local leadership and PRAECEPTORIUS

Recognized bishops and elders must meet the applicable qualification and credential requirements. Deacons serve under stated assignments and remain outside PRAECEPTORIUS. Local leadership or affiliation does not automatically admit a bishop or elder to the Circle; separate express admission is required.

The local assembly recognizes Wesley Ray as the unique Founding Bishop and his initial sole Circle membership. Succession follows the adopted procedure after his death, with no transfer or duplication of the founding title.

Ministry and civil responsibilities

The local assembly may arrange teaching, prayer, fellowship, care, and authorized service consistent with the instruments. It shall obtain actual permission to use facilities and address applicable safety, property, worker, and tax duties. Private or unincorporated identity does not create an exemption from every applicable civil requirement.

A separately organized assembly cannot bind TGBC to debt, leases, employment, contracts, or property obligations without express written authority. A TGBC ministry unit also operates only within its documented delegation. Actual legal liability is determined by applicable law and facts, not by this agreement's labels alone.

Property funds and identity

Affiliation alone transfers no property or funds. Ownership follows title, donor restrictions, and actual written instruments. Identify any assets placed in TGBC custody on an attached schedule and state whether ownership, a

loan, or permission to use is intended. The founder, local leaders, and their heirs do not obtain personal ownership by holding office.

Current recognition permits the agreed use of the TGBC name, approved logo, and truthful affiliation statement. It does not grant ownership of the name or authority to issue unauthorized credentials. A seal is ecclesiastical identification, not a governmental certification.

Records care and concerns

Maintain current local membership and leadership contacts, actual recognition decisions, financial records where funds are held, and appropriate safeguarding and privacy practices. Notify TGBC of material leadership changes, serious doctrinal disputes, misuse of its name, or matters requiring inter-assembly review. Share sensitive information only with appropriate responsibility and lawful authority.

Use the Discipline Code for correction and review. Good-faith reports to civil authorities need no approval from TGBC. TGBC may impose necessary temporary limits on affiliation representations while a substantial concern is examined.

Withdrawal suspension and termination

Either party may end voluntary affiliation by written notice. The local assembly may withdraw without penalty for leaving fellowship, subject to actual lawful commitments already undertaken. TGBC ordinarily provides notice, an opportunity to respond, and a reasoned decision before termination, with immediate protective suspension permitted where necessary.

On termination, discontinue current TGBC affiliation claims and unauthorized use of its identity. Truthful historical references may remain. Return property actually owned by TGBC and agreed records or controlled access; independently owned property is not forfeited merely because affiliation ends. Complete outstanding lawful commitments and record the effective date.

Changes and execution

TGBC shall provide material updated governing terms. A change to actual property ownership, debts, or other civil commitments requires express agreement or applicable legal authority; it is not accomplished by publishing a new ecclesiastical form.

Local representative name and authority _____

Signature _____ Date _____

TGBC authorized representative and office _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Effective date _____ Attached schedules _____ Permanent record _____

10 Financial Stewardship and Internal Controls Policy

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Scope and conditional operation

This policy governs any organizational money or assets actually received or administered. It does not establish a bank account, donation program, employment arrangement, property ownership, or paid ministry. Those activities remain conditional on a separate authorized decision. Personal voluntary expenses must be distinguished from gifts to or liabilities of TGBC.

Stewardship is faithful service: 1 Corinthians 4:2 KJB; 2 Corinthians 8:20-21 KJB. Funds actually given to TGBC belong to the lawful organizational owner and must serve its religious, charitable, and educational purposes. No title or family relationship establishes private ownership.

Authority before commitments

A written authorization shall identify the activity, responsible persons, signing authority, spending limits, expected recurring obligations, and review arrangements. Opening an account, borrowing, paid employment, and substantial property commitments require extraordinary approval under the Bylaws. Do not infer authority from possession of a form.

Any future account shall use the actual organizational name and any legitimately issued identifier required by the institution. No EIN, tax determination, or account is invented or presumed by these documents. Maintain organizational funds separately from personal funds; an exceptional temporary custodial arrangement requires a separate ledger, written authorization, and prompt resolution.

Receipts gifts and restrictions

Record date, amount or property description, source where known, purpose, and any accepted donor restriction. Deposit funds promptly into an authorized organizational account when one exists. Use two persons to count substantial cash where feasible, or a documented independent check when staffing is limited. Keep contribution records private.

Accept restrictions only when consistent with the mission and practical capacity. Distinguish a donor preference from an accepted binding restriction. Return or resolve an incompatible restricted gift lawfully rather than silently divert it. No gift purchases leadership, ordination, favorable discipline, or teaching control.

Acknowledgments must state actual facts and avoid unsupported tax claims. Describe noncash property without assigning the donor's deduction value. Contributions for a specified private individual require separate review before any charitable-deduction representation.

Expenses compensation and reimbursement

Approve legitimate ministry expenses before commitment where practical. Keep invoices, receipts, dates, purpose, amount, payee, and payment confirmation. Reimburse only the genuine ministry portion of mixed expenses. Do not use blank signed checks, undisclosed accounts, or unsupported cash withdrawals.

A person shall not approve his own compensation, reimbursement, or material related-party benefit alone. Use the Conflict Policy's independent approval, including a limited disinterested reviewer during the sole-member stage. Compensation must be reasonable for actual services and separately authorized. Worker status and any applicable payroll or reporting obligations must be reviewed before payment; describing work as ministry does not decide its tax treatment.

Controls reconciliation and reports

When funds are active, keep a transaction ledger with receipts, payments, balances, restrictions, and outstanding commitments. Reconcile bank or payment accounts monthly where statements are available. A person other than the primary processor should review monthly transactions and balances; in a small assembly, use a recorded independent periodic review at least quarterly.

Give oversight persons accurate reports of receipts, spending, balances, restrictions, and obligations. Document errors and corrections. Adopt a budget only when useful; a budget does not replace signing authority or the approval of a particular extraordinary commitment.

Assets security and continuity

Inventory material property with lawful owner, acquisition source, custodian, location, condition, and permitted use. Review transfers or disposals before action and update ownership records. Officeholders gain no personal title by use or custody.

Protect accounts and records through individual access, strong passwords, multifactor authentication where available, backups, and timely removal of access. Maintain lawful recovery instructions for incapacity or death without transferring ecclesiastical titles. Never publish passwords or recovery codes in the document package.

Benevolence and suspected misuse

Authorize assistance for genuine need, available resources, and organizational purpose. Document amount, payee, restrictions, and conflicts; protect recipients' private details. Assistance is not payment for joining or staying in fellowship.

Report suspected theft, fraud, or significant unexplained loss to an appropriate disinterested responsible person. Preserve records, protect remaining assets, and make lawful reports to institutions, insurers, or authorities where applicable. A title does not shield a transaction from review. No retaliation for a good-faith concern is permitted.

Retention and tax duties

Follow the Records Policy and any longer applicable legal, contractual, tax, or dispute requirement. Maintain legal holds. Federal church exemption and Form 990 exceptions do not establish that no other return, wage report, unrelated-business obligation, or state exemption process could apply. Review actual activities before making filing or tax statements.

Adoption

Approving authority _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Effective date _____ Independent review arrangement _____

Record reference _____

11 Conflict of Interest Policy

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Persons and interests covered

This policy covers the Founding Bishop, Overseeing Bishop, Circle members, bishops, elders, deacons, workers, and anyone influencing TGBC decisions. A material conflict is a personal, family, financial, employment, property, or business interest capable of affecting impartial judgment. Relationships are not automatically wrongdoing; undisclosed control over a private benefit is the concern.

Disclose compensation, ownership, related vendors, household benefits, loans, commissions, gifts, and other substantial interests before deliberation. Update a disclosure when a new matter arises. Do not require unrelated private details.

Independent consideration

The interested person may explain facts but shall not alone approve his own benefit. Disinterested authorized reviewers shall consider mission purpose, comparable terms, alternatives, reasonableness, actual authority, and potential restrictions. Record the disclosure, recusal, reviewers, evidence, decision, and reason.

A transaction must be declined or deferred if it cannot be justified or independently approved. A family connection does not automatically prohibit fair services or genuine benevolence, but cannot excuse false invoices, unreasonable compensation, preferential misuse, or diversion of restricted resources.

Sole initial Circle member

Because the founder initially is the only Circle member, a material transaction benefiting him or his related interest requires a disinterested adult reviewer with written limited administrative authority, provided under this policy. The reviewer may be an ordinary assembly member or qualified outside professional, with no stake in the transaction. Obtain at least one reviewer; use two for significant or recurring benefits where feasible.

Approval under this policy delegates only that transaction review and does not ordain the reviewer, admit a deacon or other person to PRAECEPTORIUS, confer doctrinal oversight, amend the Constitution, or select a successor. Retain the written delegation and independent decision. If no disinterested reviewer is available, do not proceed with the benefit.

Ecclesiastical conflicts

Use disinterested qualified bishops or elders to examine a doctrine or credential concern when internal decision makers are materially conflicted. Outside advice does not automatically confer Circle authority. Apply the Discipline Code, founder provisions, and succession requirements without pretending that an administrative reviewer may appoint an ecclesiastical leader.

A particular recusal does not remove or transfer the Founding Bishop's lifetime office. His transactions remain subject to independent review and his conduct to applicable law and safeguards.

Prohibited influence and remedial action

Do not solicit or accept a material benefit intended to influence a TGBC decision. Modest hospitality may be acceptable; disclose substantial benefits tied to pending business. Do not use ministry credit, cash, equipment, or property for undisclosed personal purposes.

When nondisclosure is suspected, notify the person and seek an explanation. Correct defective approval, recover improper payments where appropriate, and consider discipline for knowing material violations. Do not retaliate against good-faith disclosures or concerns.

Periodic disclosure and adoption

Persons with decision authority shall review their relevant interests annually and disclose new matters promptly.

Name and responsibility _____ Reporting period _____

Material interests or NONE _____

Disclosure signature _____ Date _____

Approving authority signature _____ Effective date _____ Record _____

12 Doctrinal Position Paper Series

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Authority and use

These thirteen papers explain the foundational confession. The KJB remains final written authority. The series becomes official teaching only through actual adoption and does not independently amend the Constitution, Bylaws, or Statement of Faith. Study references identify passages for examination and are not presented as full quotations.

Paper 1 Inspiration preservation and KJB authority

TGBC believes that God inspired and preserved His Word and receives the King James Bible in its stated textual tradition as its official Bible. Doctrine and conduct must be tested by Scripture rather than personal authority, ecclesiastical tradition, or commentary. Historical English Bible study may include Tyndale, Coverdale, Matthew, Great, Geneva, Bishops', and King James texts, while TGBC's adopted teaching authority remains the KJB. Study: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJB; Psalm 12:6-7 KJB; Matthew 24:35 KJB.

Paper 2 The Gospel and grace through faith

The Gospel of Christ declares His death for our sins, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is received by faith in His finished work, not earned through law, giving, rituals, membership, or personal achievement. Faith receives God's gift and is not another meritorious payment. Assurance rests in Christ's sufficiency. Study: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB; Romans 3:24-28 KJB; Romans 4:5 KJB; Ephesians 2:8-9 KJB.

Paper 3 Rightly dividing the word of truth

All Scripture is inspired and profitable, but not every instruction addressed to every biblical people is imposed identically on the Body of Christ. Right division considers God's distinctions in people, promises, covenants, administrations, prophecy, and Mystery. It preserves Scripture's context rather than discarding books. Paul's epistles supply central instruction for the present Body. Study: 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB; 2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJB; Romans 15:4 KJB.

Paper 4 Paul's distinctive apostleship

TGBC recognizes Paul's ministry to the Gentiles and his revelation of the Dispensation of the Grace of God. His gospel was received by revelation of Jesus Christ. This distinction is important to understanding the present Body of Christ while leaving the rest of Scripture inspired and profitable. Study: Romans 11:13 KJB; Galatians 1:11-12 KJB; Ephesians 3:1-9 KJB; 1 Timothy 1:15-16 KJB.

Paper 5 The revelation of the Mystery

The Mystery kept secret and later made manifest concerns God's present purpose in Christ and His Body. TGBC distinguishes it from the program spoken by the prophets since the world began. Paul's gospel and preaching of Jesus Christ according to the Mystery are central to the believer's stablishing. Study: Romans 16:25-26 KJB; Ephesians 3:1-9 KJB; Colossians 1:25-27 KJB; Acts 3:19-21 KJB.

Paper 6 Israel and the Body of Christ

Israel's prophetic national and kingdom program and the present Body of Christ must not be treated as one institutional program. TGBC does not teach that the Body replaces, restores, or continues Israel's national

covenant identity. Inspired passages concerning each are studied in their own contexts. Study: Romans 9:3-5 KJB; Romans 11:1-2 KJB; 1 Corinthians 12:13 KJB; Ephesians 1:22-23 KJB.

Paper 7 One Body one new man and new creature

Believers' identity is grounded in Christ and His work: one Body, one new man, and new creature. The cross reconciles believers unto God in one Body. Spiritual unity does not depend on denominational succession or one organization's membership roll. Study: Ephesians 2:14-16 KJB; Ephesians 4:4 KJB; 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJB; Galatians 6:15 KJB.

Paper 8 Water baptism and the Body of Christ

Water baptism is not required for salvation, spiritual Body membership, or TGBC fellowship. TGBC gives doctrinal weight to Paul's statement that Christ sent him to preach the gospel rather than baptize and to the Spirit's work in one Body. No water rite adds merit to Christ's completed saving work. Study: 1 Corinthians 1:17 KJB; 1 Corinthians 12:13 KJB; Ephesians 4:4-6 KJB; Colossians 2:10-12 KJB.

Paper 9 The Lord's Supper and ordinances

TGBC does not impose observance of the Lord's Supper as a required ordinance for the Body of Christ or a condition of salvation, standing, membership, or fellowship. Passages concerning the meal, remembrance, and assembly conduct remain Scripture for contextual study. No element or ceremony imparts saving merit. Study: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 KJB; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 KJB; Colossians 2:16-17 KJB; Galatians 5:1 KJB.

Paper 10 The catching away and prophetic return

Paul reveals the resurrection of the dead in Christ, the change of living believers, and their catching away to meet the Lord in the air. TGBC distinguishes that Pauline revelation from the prophetic return concerning Israel and the nations. These teachings are examined under right division rather than compressed into an undifferentiated program. Study: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJB; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 KJB; Acts 3:19-21 KJB.

Paper 11 Bishops elders deacons and PRAECEPTORIUS

Bishops and elders must be proved for sound teaching and oversight; deacons must be proved for faithful service. Elder identifies bishop oversight within TGBC's order rather than a third ordained office. Pastor is not a separate instituted office. PRAECEPTORIUS is the adopted Circle of qualified bishops and elders only, with express admission required. Deacon ordination or practical administration never creates a Circle seat. Study: Philippians 1:1 KJB; 1 Timothy 3:1-13 KJB; Titus 1:5-9 KJB.

Paper 12 Husband of one wife and complete qualification

TGBC examines marital faithfulness within the whole Pauline standard. It does not make bare divorce or remarriage history an automatic universal disqualification without considering conduct, household, doctrine, testimony, and circumstances. This interpretation does not waive blamelessness, faithfulness, maturity, or proving. Careful evidence must replace both careless exclusion and careless approval. Study: 1 Timothy 3:2 KJB; 1 Timothy 3:12 KJB; Titus 1:6 KJB; 1 Timothy 5:19-22 KJB.

Paper 13 Distinct ecclesiastical identity

TGBC gathers around the Gospel of Christ, the Mystery, grace through faith, and the Pauline identity of the Body of Christ. It does not claim denominational succession or institutional continuity with Israel's kingdom program. Its critique of religious systems concerns doctrine and practices, not an automatic verdict that every person associated with another system is evil or unsaved.

TGBC understands the mystery of iniquity as including doctrinal corruption contrary to sound teaching while recognizing the prophetic context of 2 Thessalonians 2 concerning the man of sin. This is TGBC's stated ecclesiastical interpretation, not a legal finding about another institution. Study: Romans 16:25-26 KJB; Ephesians 2:14-16 KJB; 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJB; 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 KJB.

Series adoption

Paper numbers adopted _____ Authority _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Effective date _____ Record _____

13 How to Be Saved by Grace Through Faith

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The need for salvation

All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The wages of sin is death, while eternal life is God's gift through Jesus Christ our Lord. Personal improvement or religious performance cannot supply God's righteousness. Read Romans 3:10 KJB; Romans 3:23 KJB; Romans 5:12 KJB; Romans 6:23 KJB.

The Gospel of Christ

God commended His love toward us in that Christ died for us while we were sinners. Paul declares the Gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB: Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the scriptures. The saving work is His. Read Romans 5:8-9 KJB; Romans 1:16 KJB; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB.

Faith apart from works

The sinner is justified freely by grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus. Believe on Him who justifies the ungodly; do not offer works as payment for salvation. Church membership, water baptism, giving, ordination, a ceremony, or repeating a prescribed prayer cannot replace trust in Christ and His finished work. Read Romans 3:24-28 KJB; Romans 4:5 KJB; Galatians 2:16 KJB; Ephesians 2:8-9 KJB.

Assurance and a new life

Believers are sealed with the holy Spirit of promise and unto the day of redemption. In Christ they are new creatures. Good works are the result of God's work in the saved believer, not the price of obtaining the gift. Growth follows through Scripture rightly divided, sound teaching, prayer, and fellowship. Read Ephesians 1:13- 14 KJB; Ephesians 4:30 KJB; 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJB; Ephesians 2:10 KJB; 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

Invitation to study

Simply believe the Gospel of Christ. This teaching outline uses Paul's epistles, Romans through Philemon, for salvation in the present Dispensation of the Grace of God. Its administrative use does not permit TGBC to declare salvation granted or revoked by a membership decision.

For Bible study or fellowship contact Bishop Wesley Ray at (903) 827-6211 or circleoftheelderstgbc@gmail.com.

Teaching approval _____ Date _____ Record _____

14 General Adoption Resolution

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Action to be recorded

The undersigned authorized body adopts only the complete instruments listed on the attached approved schedule, each bearing edition 2026 10 03 R2 or another expressly identified edition. A blank form or certificate is approved as a template only; it does not establish a prior or future appointment, ordination, affiliation, account, tax status, or executed agreement.

Identity and government affirmed

THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES remains a private, voluntary, unincorporated religious assembly or fellowship of assemblies operating without a state certificate of formation, with applicable civil obligations and religious-freedom protections. No declaration that it is outside every regulation or filing requirement is adopted.

PRAECEPTORIUS is the internal Elders' Circle for bishops and elders only. Bishop Wesley Ray is its sole initial member until an additional qualified bishop or elder is expressly admitted. Deacons do not enter the Circle by ordination or service. The unique lifetime Founding Bishop title remains nontransferable; succession after his death uses the title Overseeing Bishop.

Effect and prior authority

The actual effective date below governs. Where an existing adopted instrument requires approval, comply with that procedure before recording this resolution as effective. This resolution does not cure missing authority or retroactively certify action. Identify the exact prior editions and clauses superseded; preserve those records.

The adoption of conditional financial or property policies does not authorize their underlying activities. No bank account, paid worker, property transaction, organizational fundraising program, or government filing is initiated by this resolution alone.

Permanent adoption record

Meeting or written-action date _____ Place or method _____

Adopting authority and prior governing provision _____

Instrument schedule attached _____ Prior editions superseded _____

Eligible voting members _____ Present _____ Required threshold _____

Votes for _____ Against _____ Abstaining _____ Conflicts _____

Founder's written concurrence if required _____ Date _____

Adoption date _____ Effective date _____ Minutes or action reference _____

Founding Bishop or authorized chair signature _____

Custodian name and certification signature _____ Date _____

15 Master Governing Document Register

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Custody and purpose

This register identifies actual current instruments, adoption authority, effective dates, superseded editions, and storage of signed originals. Drafting and printing do not establish adoption. Enter dates only from the actual executed action. Keep governing records permanently and restrict access to sensitive attachments.

Register fields

For each instrument record: number; title; edition; internal authority category; adoption date; effective date; approving authority; resolution reference; superseded edition or clauses; custodian; signed-original location; status. Use additional signed register sheets as required.

Instruments for this edition

01 Constitution and Articles of Association

02 Bylaws

03 Statement of Faith and Foundational Doctrine

04 Governing Document Hierarchy

05 PRAECEPTORIUS Charter of the Elders Circle

06 Founding Bishop and Succession Declaration

07 Bishop Elder and Deacon Credentialing and Ordination Manual

08 Code of Doctrine Conduct and Ecclesiastical Discipline

09 Local Assembly Charter and Affiliation Agreement

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12 Doctrinal Position Paper Series

13 How to Be Saved by Grace Through Faith

14 General Adoption Resolution

15 Master Governing Document Register

16 Supplementary Ministry Administration Policies

17 Implementation and Formation Record Guide

Separately register the forms book, ordination packet, bishop and elder certificate, deacon certificate, and Scripture Supplement as supporting instruments. An executed local agreement is recorded separately from the approved standard template.

Entry sheet

Document number and title _____

Edition _____ Authority category _____ Status _____

Adoption date _____ Effective date _____ Approval reference _____

Prior edition or clauses superseded _____

Responsible custodian _____ Signed original location _____

Entered by and signature _____ Date _____

Status changes and certification

Record later amendments, replacement of templates, withdrawal, and restoration of an official edition. Preserve the audit trail instead of overwriting prior dates. Document corrections with the reason and certifier; never backdate them.

Register established by _____ Signature _____ Date _____

16 Supplementary Ministry Administration Policies

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Records retention and control

Designate a custodian for executed instruments, notices, minutes, Circle and assembly membership, credentials, affiliations, any funds or property, and official teaching. Limit access by responsibility and provide approved public copies without sensitive attachments. Back up electronic records, test recovery, and protect signed originals.

Keep adopted governing instruments and amendments, significant decisions and minutes, final credential and disciplinary determinations, succession, affiliations, property title, and dissolution records permanently. Preserve superseded versions with effective dates.

Retain routine financial and compensation support for at least seven years after the relevant year closes and routine correspondence for three years as internal minimums. A longer applicable legal, insurer, contractual, tax, or safeguarding requirement controls. Keep safeguarding and minor-related records under a specifically reviewed retention arrangement; do not apply routine disposal periods blindly.

Immediately place a hold on records relevant to an actual or reasonably anticipated claim, investigation, audit, or dispute. No destruction occurs until the authorized custodian releases the hold after appropriate advice. Record permissible destruction by class, dates, authority, method, and responsible person.

Membership and fellowship administration

Local membership is voluntary and does not create salvation or membership in the spiritual Body of Christ. Receive a profession of faith in the Gospel, discuss the Statement of Faith, record acceptance, and maintain useful contact and care information. Neither giving nor water baptism is a membership condition.

Record transfers and withdrawals truthfully, with minimal private information. For minors, obtain appropriate guardian involvement. Assembly membership never automatically creates Circle membership; only qualified bishops and elders expressly admitted enter PRAECEPTORIUS. A deacon's service record is separate from the Circle roster.

Benevolence administration

Use assistance only for genuine needs consistent with mission and available resources. Record the request, urgency, amount, purpose, decision, restrictions, payee, and any relationship to a reviewer. Follow independent review for material conflicts and keep private details restricted.

Assistance is discretionary and is not exchanged for attendance, donations, membership, silence, or service. Where useful, pay a provider directly. Do not promise deductibility of a donor payment earmarked to a private individual or publish a recipient's circumstances without separate consent.

Child and vulnerable person safeguarding

Designate a safeguarding contact and an alternative contact. Before assigning access to children or vulnerable persons, screen workers according to the actual role, check relevant references, provide training, and obtain appropriate consent for any separate background check. No office or title exempts a person from safeguarding rules.

Use observable settings and two screened adults where feasible. Avoid isolated contact, secret communications, sexualized conduct, corporal punishment, unauthorized photography, or transport without permission. Maintain

appropriate activity consent, emergency contacts, attendance, and authorized pickup arrangements. If adequate supervision cannot be provided, change or postpone the activity.

Receive a disclosure calmly and record the person's words without conducting an amateur investigation. In immediate danger, contact emergency services. Make applicable civil reports directly and promptly; internal reporting does not replace a person's legal duty. Do not delay for a Circle vote or insist on internal evidentiary thresholds before reporting suspected abuse.

Protect persons and evidence, limit access where needed, and avoid retaliation. Restoration to fellowship does not automatically restore access to vulnerable persons. Record an appropriate independent review before changing safeguarding restrictions. Applicable civil orders and reporting obligations remain controlling.

Privacy prayer communications and media

Collect only information needed for legitimate ministry. Secure paper and electronic files and share sensitive care, medical, family, disciplinary, and financial details only with legitimate responsibility and applicable lawful authority.

Ask whether a prayer request is private, for designated care leaders, or for public sharing. Do not publish a minor's identifying details or sensitive allegations as ordinary announcements. Obtain separate optional consent for images, recordings, testimony, channels, and attribution; declining publicity does not prevent fellowship.

Honor withdrawal of consent prospectively and remove controlled online material where practical. Explain that distributed print copies and third-party copies may be unrecoverable. An official TGBC statement requires express authority. State adoption, credentials, affiliation, and tax status only when the actual records support them.

Facilities property and volunteers

Obtain the actual owner's permission before using a location. Address relevant occupancy, access, safety, transport, lease, and local requirements before committing to a facility. A mailing address is not proof that a location is a meeting facility or owned property.

Inventory any actual organizational property and distinguish ownership from loans or donated use. Record volunteer duties, supervisor, access, training, limits, and policy acceptance. A volunteer assignment does not establish employment, ordination, or Circle membership; any paid arrangement requires separate authorization and classification review.

Continuity and implementation

Keep responsible contacts, lawful recovery arrangements, authorized delegations, and the current roster accessible to those with a legitimate need. An administrative custodian or deacon may preserve records under an assigned mandate without becoming an elder or successor.

Review active policies annually and when actual activities change. Apply conditional policies only to the relevant activity; their presence does not require TGBC to begin banking, collecting donations, acquiring property, or hiring workers.

Policy adoption schedule

Policies adopted by this action _____

Approving authority _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Effective date _____ Custodian _____ Record reference _____

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Confirm actual identity and consenting members

Use THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES consistently in the adopted organizational instruments. PRAECEPTORIUS is its internal Circle, not a new civil organization. Record actual consent of at least three members when relying on Texas Chapter 252. Distinguish those members from the founder's initial sole Circle membership.

Identify any existing signed association instruments, prior legal names, identifiers, actual accounts, contracts, property, and affiliations before treating this edition as a new formation. Use an amendment of the existing association where appropriate rather than inventing a separate entity. The package does not itself make a name filing, incorporation, EIN application, exemption application, or government registration.

Adopt the coordinated instruments

Review the complete text, especially the lifetime founder provisions, bishops and elders only Circle, independent transaction review, notice and voting thresholds, and emergency reconstitution. Apply the current authorized adoption process, complete the General Adoption Resolution and schedule, and retain signed instruments, approvals, and minutes. Record actual dates in the register.

Establish the initial roster

Enter Bishop Wesley Ray as Founding Bishop and sole initial member of PRAECEPTORIUS. List other actual assembly members in a separate membership record. Do not list a deacon as a Circle member or describe an unrecorded elder ordination as complete. Record future qualification and Circle admission as distinct actions.

Operate the private fellowship

Arrange teaching, fellowship, care, and approved meeting locations with appropriate permission and safety. Keep sufficient private records for orderly government. Operating without state corporate formation does not eliminate the association's possible civil obligations. Do not describe TGBC as beyond government jurisdiction or free from every filing.

Use financial and civil forms only when needed

The existence of a banking, contribution, property, or compensation form does not initiate that activity. If a future activity is proposed, first obtain the separate recorded authority required by the Bylaws and review applicable obligations. Use only actual identifiers and institution requirements. Do not apply for an EIN, account, or state exemption merely because this guide includes a conditional pathway.

Review tax claims carefully

Federal churches and qualifying associations of churches meeting section 501(c)(3) requirements can qualify without an IRS determination application and are generally excepted from Form 990. This is not a universal exemption for every religious group or from every type of filing. Verify actual federal qualification and activity-specific requirements. State sales and property exemption processes are separate.

No issued tax determination, EIN, account, registration, or ordination is certified by this package. Authorized future acknowledgments must reflect actual contributions and goods or services provided, using current requirements.

Keep succession practical

Preserve the actual Circle and assembly rosters and qualified leadership records. Identify temporary administrative custodians separately from bishops or elders. If the founder dies with no other Circle member, use the specific emergency reconstitution procedure before selecting an Overseeing Bishop. Do not permit a deacon or family member to assume that role automatically.

Official legal and tax reference record

Reference review date: 3 October 2026. These sources explain the civil framework; they do not adopt TGBC doctrine or certify its status. Check current provisions for any actual civil transaction.

Texas Secretary of State, Nonprofit Organizations, unincorporated associations and Chapter 252: https://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/nonprofit_org.shtml

Texas Business Organizations Code Chapter 252, including membership definition, property and liability provisions: https://tcss.legis.texas.gov/resources/BO/htm/BO.252.htm

Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chapter 110, religious-freedom protections and limitations: https://tcss.legis.texas.gov/resources/CP/htm/CP.110.htm

United States Constitution Annotated, Free Exercise overview: https://constitution.congress.gov/browse/essay/amdt1-4-1/ALDE_00013221/

IRS, Churches integrated auxiliaries and conventions or associations of churches: https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/churches-integrated-auxiliaries-and-conventions-or-associations-of-churches

IRS Publication 1828, Tax Guide for Churches and Religious Organizations: https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1828.pdf

Implementation record

Custodian _____ Actual adoption reference _____

Initial member consent record _____ Circle roster reference _____

Activities authorized separately _____

Review completed by _____ Signature _____ Date _____