This Grace Bible Churches

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Exclusive Office and Order of Succession

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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 Identity and House to House Assembly

Statement dated October 11, 2026

Our identity

This Grace Bible Churches, the Circle of the Elders (the Order, the Praeceptorium), and Church in Thy House are not a denomination, are not part of a denomination, are not a religion, and are not part of Christianity. They are not Jewish and are not Catholic. They are not corruptors of the Word of God.

Our assembly and practice

We are not part of the "corporate" American Christian Church setup. We have no religious buildings, statues, baptistries, altars, or pastors, and none of the trappings of the religion known as Christianity.

Saved believers gathering house to house

This Grace Bible Churches consists of true saved believers who rightly divide the word of truth and meet house to house. Church in Thy House is the mode by which This Grace Bible Churches gathers together. The Gospel of Christ that saves today is found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB. Our standard for rightly dividing the word of truth is 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

King James Bible only

We use only King James Bibles: the 1769 edition of the 1611, Pure Cambridge Text. The King James Bible is our final written authority. We do not change, supposedly correct, or corrupt the Word of God.

The Order and the Bishop title

The Circle of the Elders, the Order, and the Praeceptorium name the same internal teaching and oversight body within This Grace Bible Churches. Praeceptorius is the Bishop title within that body. Bishop Wesley Ray is the original and sole Praeceptorius; admission to the Circle does not confer that title. Within This Grace Bible Churches, Bishop Wesley Ray is known as the Founding Bishop.

Document terminology

This statement supplies the identity, assembly practice, Bible standard, and title definitions for the accompanying documents. In earlier text, a collective reference to "Praeceptorius" means the Praeceptorium; a personal reference to Bishop Wesley Ray as Praeceptorius retains its personal meaning. These definitions do not create an additional ordained office or confer the founder's exclusive title upon another person. Governing amendments remain subject to the adoption procedures of each instrument.

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 _____