

Great Commission United

Constitution and Bylaws

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Of

Great Commission United

Chaplaincy and Discipleship Academy

Preamble

Great Commission United, Chaplaincy and Discipleship Academy (GCU), is for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a place for fellowship and biblical training. For the study and worship of the Almighty Father, His Son Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit which dwells in all believers according to the Holy Scriptures found in the book of Romans, chapter 8 verse 9. This ministry will meet regularly for worship as well as; train, certify, license, ordain, and send forth laborers into the harvest according to the Holy Scriptures found in the book of Matthew, chapter 28 verses 19 - 20. To do this work GCU will certify and license Branch Charter Ministries. We, whose names appear as members of the Board of Directors, in order to establish and maintain a place for training and worship of the Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, His son Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit do hereby recognize ourselves as a sovereign fellowship and discipleship ministry. We desire to provide Christian fellowship for those of like faith, where worship and training is done in spirit and in truth, according to the word found in the book of John, chapter 4 verse 24. The Holy Spirit is our leader. We will assume our share of the responsibility and privileges required, to develop and maintain the services needed in the ministry of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ both at home and in foreign lands; and for this purpose we do adopt the constitution and bylaws of this fellowship ministry this 29th day of June, 2017 and submit ourselves to be governed by them.

Purpose

The ministry of GCU is to encourage, nurture, feed and lead those sent to this ministry by the leading of the Holy Spirit. GCU will perform all Christian duties including baptisms, weddings, and funerals. GCU will acknowledge those sent to this ministry and seek to encourage them to be good citizens in Kingdom building work associated with true citizens of Heaven. GCU will seek to strengthen them in biblical principles so their fruit will honor and glorify the Lord according to the Holy Scriptures found in the books of John chapter 15 verse 16; and Matthew chapter 7 verses 17 – 20. GAF will train, certify, license, ordain, and send forth laborers into the harvest according to the Holy Scriptures found in the book of Matthew, chapter 28 verses 19 - 20. We will raise monetary funds according to Federal, State, and Local laws to assist in the furthering of this ministry's mission and purpose. All Branch Charter Ministries will do the same. GCU will also support global relief efforts pertaining to the building of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Our assistance can include providing monies or the purchase of schools, training centers, hospitals, orphanages, missions, drilling of wells, owning or giving vehicles such as cars, trucks, boats, or aircraft, or any other items deemed necessary by the Holy Spirit. GCU will have the right to purchase or accept by gift, bequest or otherwise, either directly or as trustee, and to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of any real estate or chattels as may be necessary for the furtherance of it's purposes to include aircraft, transportation vehicles, boats, and containers, all in accordance with it's Constitution and By-laws or as the same may be hereafter be modified or amended.

CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name - Organization

1. The name of this ministry shall be, Great Commission United, Chaplaincy and Discipleship Academy (GCU). All local and international Branch Ministries will include Christian fellowships or assemblies in; Israel, Africa, Canada, Mexico, Europe, North, South and Central America, Asia, Russia, and Australia. And wherever else God sends us or sees fit to connect us with like-minded Christians.

Article II: Prerogatives

1. This fellowship and its Branch Charter Ministries shall have the right to govern itself according to the standards of scripture recorded in the Holy Bible.
2. This Fellowship will have the right to purchase or accept by gift, bequest or otherwise, either directly or as trustee, and to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of any real estate or chattels, to include any type of transportation vehicle such as aircraft, automobiles, trucks, boats, as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes; all in accordance with its Constitution and By-laws or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended.
3. All aircraft purchased or donated to this ministry or any of its branch-chartered ministries are under the direction of MISSION-AIR Support Services which is the overseeing aviation sector of this ministry and all branch-chartered ministries. Mission Air Support Services acts on behalf of GCU as its agent and is a recognized branch-charter ministry of GCU for the sole purpose of providing aircraft for this ministry to fulfill the great commission of Jesus (Yeshua) Christ worldwide.
4. This fellowship will have the right to ordain, certify, license, and / or appoint a Minister, Chaplain, or persons to act as a legal agent or agents on behalf of its furtherance and purposes set forth in its Constitution and By-laws. It is the duty of all licensed Ministers to adhere to the vision of said ministry and to govern their ministry accordingly.
5. A Minister, Chaplain, or licensed agent of said ministry may have their license revoked or suspended if the actions of the licensed Minister are identified as clearly contrary to the Holy Scriptures that are the foundation of this ministry.

Article III: Tenets of Faith

1. We believe in one God, made up of three distinct persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus the Christ of Nazareth is the only begotten Son of the Father who leaving His home in heaven came here to earth putting on the very flesh which He created.
2. We believe that Jesus the Christ was born of a virgin woman named Mary, who was a Hebrew in the land of Israel. We believe that Jesus the Christ is the Word of God made flesh and dwelt amongst mankind to show them the perfect way back to the Father in heaven.
3. We believe that Jesus chose to be a living sacrifice through submitting Himself to the will of the Father who sent Him. We believe that Jesus chose those of the Jewish heritage to become the first disciples fulfilling the Fathers' promise to father Abraham.
4. We believe that Jesus the Christ is the promised Messiah He claimed to be, and that He was openly put to death by way of the cross, willing to lay his life down, and having the power to raise it up again.
5. We believe that Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice required by Father God for the atonement of man's sins. We believe it is the shed blood of Jesus the Christ, on that cross over two thousand years ago that cleanses those who trust in Him from our sinful nature. This is the New Covenant into which we have entered. We have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior. It is this New Covenant that has been ratified on our behalf which exchanges our old life for the new life in Christ Jesus.
6. We believe that Jesus the Christ did rise from the grave after three days and walked the earth for another forty days. He was taken up into a cloud before his disciples' eyes. We believe that Jesus will return to us the same way He left. He told His disciples to make disciples of all nations and peoples; we have entered this service. We are to be about the works of Jesus Christ daily until we die a natural, physical death or He returns to gather us unto Himself.
7. We believe that Jesus the Christ set the truest example of perfect love and forgiveness to all mankind, and that we are to do likewise for each other especially when we have been offended.
8. We believe that Jesus the Christ is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Jesus will judge the living and the dead in the last day. He has been given all power and authority and is sovereign, having promised the Holy Spirit to come to all believers after he ascended back into Heaven fulfilling the blood oath covenant sealing us onto redemption by the Holy Spirit.
9. We believe that there is an enemy of our soul, once known by the name Lucifer who thinking himself equal to the sovereignty of God the Father and leaving his assigned duty and position, was cast out of heaven. This fallen angel is now known as Satan the devil, the accuser of the brethren and conspires against the will of the Holy Spirit for our lives as well as all His creation from the beginning of time.

10. We believe that as believers and disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, we have all dominion over the enemy of our souls as long as we submit ourselves to the will of our Father, His son Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.
11. We believe that the Holy Scriptures not only are from God and inspired by Him but are our everyday means of direction as to how we are to live our lives and give Him glory. The Holy Scriptures are for our training and for correction. We believe it is the duty of all disciples of Jesus Christ to study and show themselves approved by the standards they set for believers.
12. We believe in all the giftings of the Holy Spirit and desire to continually flow in them. We recognize the truth that; faith, hope, and love supersede all gifts given by God. We recognize that love is the power in which all supernatural gifting must operate.
13. We believe that all professing believers and disciples of Jesus the Christ should be water baptized in accordance to the Holy Scriptures. We believe there is another baptism for those believers who desire to have their gifts awakened in their lives. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was first released by Jesus the Christ at the Feast of Pentecost. Jesus the Christ is still baptizing men and women in the Holy Spirit today. He does this sovereignly and through the laying on of hands by those filled with the Holy Spirit, transferring this spiritual power in accordance to the Holy Scriptures.
14. We believe that the Holy Spirit is God and is the witness for all believers and disciples of Jesus Christ. We believe that we have been sealed by the Holy Spirit unto salvation and have been born again of an incorruptible seed. Having a divine purpose here on this earth that is to be fulfilled prior to our natural death or the return of Jesus Christ.
15. We finally attest to the fact that we can only be saved and given a place in heaven with God only after confessing with our mouth and believing in our hearts that Jesus the Christ is the only way back to the Father. We believe that there is no other path in which we may enter heaven and that we are to remain steadfast in the liberty we have through Christ Jesus, not being entangled with those things that cause us to be in earthly bondage. This is in accordance to the Holy Scriptures found in the book of Galatians chapter 5.

Article IV: Ordinances and Practices

1. Baptism by water: Shall be administered to those who have repented of their sins and have believed upon the Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior of their eternal soul. Baptism is accomplished by total immersion of the believer in a body of water. This is done in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, found in the books of, Matthew 28 verse 19; Acts 19 verses 47-48; Romans 6 verse 4; and the book of, Mark 16 verse 16.
2. Baptism of the Holy Spirit: For those believers and disciples of Jesus Christ who desire to serve the Lord Jesus to the fullest, we believe in the laying on of hands for the receiving of the baptism of Holy Spirit to ignite and transform the believer for the work ahead. This is done in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, found in the book of Acts chapter 1 verse 4-5 / 2 verses 1-19.
3. Holy Communion: In observance of the Lord's last meal on earth, commonly referred to as the Lord's Supper, the Fellowship during times of breaking bread will adhere to the Holy Scriptures bringing to remembrance the truth found in the books

of Luke 22 verses 19-20; and I Corinthians 10 verse 16, 11 verses 23-26. We also acknowledge that the Word of God is the bread in which we are to partake of daily.

4. Anointing by Oil: Anointing of oil is administered for healing. If there have been sins committed against Christ or his Body, they are to be confessed. The anointing oil is then administered for both physical and spiritual restoration with the laying on of hands when required according to the books of Mark 16 verse 18; and James 5 verse 14.
5. Marriage: Marriage is a covenant made between man, woman, and God. The marriage covenant requires the married parties to be faithful, loving, and helpful to each other as long as they both shall live. Christians are not to marry unbelievers and are not to be divorced except for adultery or abandonment. Marriage is between a man and a woman of consenting age. Those who God has directed to be joined together shall, after biblical counseling with a Senior Chaplain and or Pastor concerning what God requires of them, be joined in Christian marriage as according to the books of; Genesis 2 verse 24; Malachi 2 verses 13-16; Matthew 5 verse 32; Matthew 19 verses 3-9; Romans 7 verses 2-3; I Corinthians 7 verses 10-15; II Corinthians 6 verse 14; and Ephesians 5 verses 22-23. All licensed chaplains or ministers of GCU are licensed to perform and or facilitate the union / marriage of two consenting adults who are male and female. No licensed GCU chaplain and or minister is allowed to unite in marriage anyone desiring to marry male to male, female to female, Adult to child, human to animal, human to plant life or nonliving entity, human to spiritual or supernatural beings. A licensed GCU chaplain or minister will immediately lose their license with this ministry and will be treated as un-saved.

Article VI: Membership

- 1.) GCU desires that all believers and disciples of Jesus the Christ are meant to be one in the same body. For this reason, we reject traditions of man that hinder a believer in the flow of the Holy Spirit. Membership is freely granted to anyone submitting to the vision of this Fellowship. We welcome anyone who wishes to partner with our mission as stated in the Preamble of the Constitution.

Article VII: Governing of the Fellowship

1. All movements of the Fellowship will be first bathed in prayer by a council of ten. The Council of Ten consists of members to include the governing officers. We will seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as a body through corporate prayer. After praying corporately, we will wait for the Lord to direct us with His answer pertaining to the petition or petitions presented in prayer. Once we understand His direction, we will record what it is and act accordingly.
2. The Officers of GCU will consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and three to six additional members in good standing as overseers of this ministries purpose and execution of said duties.
3. The Officers will serve in their office for a period of three years unless the office is voluntarily vacated then the President will fill the office after having prayed and fasted.

Article VIII: Religious History

1. Our God comes from eternity past, He created the heavens and earth, created man who fell into sin, and has since been working to extricate man from this condition. At the fall of man, He predicted Christs' coming. Jesus (Yeshua) the Christ is the eternal God and the answer to save man. We are of those who have aligned themselves with Jesus (Yeshua) the Christ and thus made peace with Father God. We as disciples of Jesus (Yeshua) the Christ seek others to join us in this fellowship.
2. This ministry was envisioned by its founder and visionary William T. Hodge. William Hodge has been acknowledged by His peers as an Apostle (Sent One) / Elder and that he exhibits apostolic characteristics.
3. The ministry started to meet as a body of believers in the home of now, Apostle / Elder William Hodge, to worship the Lord and to prepare to go out and minister on the streets throughout the Lansing, Michigan area.
4. Apostle / Elder Hodge has continued to gather in his home and homes of others with fellow believers and has established a form of training, to assist others in their pursuit of becoming better Ministers or Chaplains of the Gospel of Jesus the Christ.
5. Apostle / Elder William Hodge has visited and ministered in several countries to include Israel; as well as ministered and taught in several of the States here in the U.S. It has been noted that signs and wonders follow Apostle / Elder Hodge wherever he ministers the Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

BY-LAWS

Article I: Governing of Officers, Directors, and Coordinators' Functions, Annual Board of Directors Meetings

1. For the purpose of conducting business the presiding Apostle/ Elder/ President shall, in an orderly manner, preside over all of the affairs of this ministry. The presiding Apostle / President is responsible to appoint all board members. The Apostle / President will do so only after fasting and praying as the Holy Spirit directs. We believe that the Holy Spirit is our spiritual covering and is our counselor, and teacher of all things, but for the purpose of this organization and its hierarchy this ministry will acknowledge the following offices or positions with specified duties and responsibilities to assist with the infrastructure and everyday functions of this ministry:
2. It is the duty of all Board Members (Executive Council), Senior Ministers, and Chaplains of this ministry to be diligent in praying for and interceding on behalf of those disciples under their care and supervision.
3. A Senior Minister / Chaplain is to encourage and exhort those around them to exercise their gifts and talents for the glory of the Lord our God. It is the duty of all Senior Ministers / Chaplains to prepare those sent to this ministry by the Holy Spirit for the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. Any minister or chaplain candidate that comes out of any correctional institution or halfway facility to include any habilitation program, will be able to train as an Assistant Chaplain under the tutorship of a Senior Chaplain or Senior Minister for a period of one year before being fully licensed as a GCU Chaplain. All chaplain candidates must complete a total of 22 hours of actual training and complete at least 100 hours of service as an assistant chaplain before becoming a licensed and ordained chaplain or minister of GCU Presiding Apostle / Elder – Overseer and visionary of the entire ministry. One who has had signs and wonders follow them. Has had a revelation of the risen Jesus (Yeshua) the Christ. Provides vision for the ministry and cooperates with other Apostles and their visions for their ministry.
5. Council of Ten (Chief Council) – Senior Members / Chaplains in good standing that gather to pray for the ministry of GCU through a discipline of “listening prayer.” Each Council member will pray and then listen for an answer from the Holy Spirit. After writing down what was heard, then will be presented to the rest of the council for reading and clarification. The Council meets as needed throughout the year. The main Council of Ten preside over the entire ministry. Additional Councils of Ten will be established as the ministry grows to be more than 100 ordained ministers in any particular area such as north, south, east, or west of a State or territory that is separated by more than 100 to 150 miles from each other. Each Council once a year will send as their delegate two council members to the annual GCU Council meeting to be held prior to the first annual officers meeting which is held the second Monday of February of every year.

6. The Board of Directors better known as; Executive Council will meet annually every 2nd Monday of February at agreed upon time via phone conference, video streaming, or in person subject to change as needed. GCU believes in a working council that can meet as needed for counsel and prayer to keep the ministry in line with the leading of the Holy Spirit through prayer.
7. Chancellor – Overseer of all training and educational material to include online continues studies of the Great Commission United, Chaplaincy and Discipleship Academy
8. Apostles- Assist in the oversight of the Presiding Apostles vision as well as develop their own ministry. According to the holy scriptures recorded in Acts 20:20-36, Romans 12:4-13, I Corinthians 12:4-12, Ephesians 4:1-14.
9. Prophet(s) – Provide timely words of wisdom and words of knowledge to the ministry.
10. Evangelist(s) – In charge of all outreach crusades and evangelistic training.
11. Pastor(s) – Ministers to those in need of biblical counseling, oversees the teachings of the ministry.
12. Teacher(s) / Instructors – Teaches and Instructs the new believers in the gospel of Jesus Christ and trains them to become ministers. All chaplaincy classes are taught by trained GCU Instructors who are Senior Chaplains of GCU in good standing.
13. Aviation Director – Oversees all aviation components of this ministry through our aviation branch-charter ministry; MISSION-AIR Support Services The director oversees all of MISSION-AIR ministries pertaining to aviation for GCU to include the maintaining of all aircraft purchased or donated to GCU through MISSION-AIR. Said Director also appoints regional MISSION-AIR. directors worldwide to oversee the aviation sector of this ministry. Said director also presides on the Executive Council of GCU
14. Executive Administrator – Oversees the day-to-day functions of GCU. Oversees and implements all making of Identification badges as well as certificates for those chaplains who have completed their training. Oversees the website which is located at: www.gcuacademy.com. Updates all data basis for GCU and their ordained ministers worldwide. Oversees all branch-charted administrators and trains them in the overall functionality and administrations of GCU globally. Answers to the Executive Council
15. Prison / Jail Ministry Director – Oversees all ministry functions to the prisons and jails.
16. Care Ministry Director – Oversees all ministries to the elderly and all hospital visits. Also oversees the needs of visiting ministers to include the housing, feeding and transportation needs of guest ministers to the ministry.
17. Hospitality Director - Oversees scheduling appointments of events of GCU and Branch Chartered Ministries, on a monthly calendar which can be viewed online at the ministries website or subscribed to through email or regular postal mail.
18. Senior Chaplain – One who has successfully taken the one-day class of GCU Chaplaincy training and has had more than two years' experience as a licensed or ordained Christian minister. Senior Chaplains are eligible to serve as Council

Members and or become GCU Chaplaincy Instructors after successfully completing the GCU Instructors course.

19. Chaplain – One who is 18 years or older and has successfully completed the one-day class of GCU Chaplaincy training and has over 100 hours of actual service to others through Christ Jesus.
20. Assistant Chaplain – One who is 18 years or older training to become a licensed and or ordained chaplain with GCU and has completed 22 hours of instruction from any of the classes offered through the GCU Academy to include in person or via phone or online classes.
21. Chaplain Cadet – One who is between the ages of 10 to 17 and desires to be trained for ministry to their peers in and out of their school of attendance and have successfully completed all instruction and training. A Chaplain Cadet is overseen by two Senior Chaplains at any given time. Chaplain Cadets will also assist in all clergy related functions of this ministry to include weddings, funerals, outreaches, preaching, and teaching. Once a Chaplain Cadet reaches the age of 18, the Cadet will then function as an ordained Chaplain if Cadet Chaplain has been active for two or more years prior to becoming 18 serving and training in their gift and calling.
22. International Director- Oversees all international branch-chartered ministries of GCU worldwide. Answers directly to the Executive Council and reports monthly all activities pertaining to ministries worldwide.
23. Regional Directors- Oversee all GCU related training and branch-chartered ministries of GCU in their assigned geographic area located throughout the United States of America and respective countries as the ministry of GCU grows throughout the world and in many nations. Regional Directors meet with Executive Council as needed and report directly to the President and Vice President of GCU at any given time.

Article II: Use of Name

1. Individual branch ministries are required to use the name Great Commission United, Chaplaincy and Discipleship Academy in the following manner:
2. On all letterhead or promotional material of a licensed Branch Charter Ministry, it will provide either the logo of GCU or state under the ministries heading; “a Great Commission United Ministry.” The provisional size of said acknowledgment of GCU on all letterhead or promotional material should be no less that ¼ and no more than the same size as the name of the licensed Branch Charter Ministry of GCU.
3. It is the responsibility of each branch-charter ministry to continue to minister the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world as a nonprofit ministry. They will be free to develop and license chaplains or ministers as it pertains to the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in accordance with these by-laws. Great Commission United, Chaplaincy and Discipleship Academy (GCU) will act as a covering ministry to provide for the Branch Charter Ministries overall benefit as it operates in accordance with GCU Constitution and By-laws. GCU will provide all necessary tools, forms, certificates, applications, training material, classes, for the development and forming of all branch-chartered Ministries. Cost for said services will be

determined accordingly and only to cover the expenses of GCU and its administering of said Branch Charter Ministry.

Article III: Finances and Employment Issues

1. All tithes and offerings given to the Ministry for its advancement will be placed in a financial institution, with the exception of petty cash not to exceed five hundred dollars to be in a locked safe box at the ministry headquarters.
2. Receipts must be kept of all transactions regardless of amount. They will be separated into individual monthly containers and kept for 7 years past the filing date.
3. In the event that the fellowship may need to hire employees to handle administrative duties or services needed to prepare or maintain the fellowships property or properties, all employees will file appropriate tax information and will meet all legal hiring requirements set forth by Local, State, and Federal laws. It will be the duty of the Fellowship to file on behalf of these employees all the appropriate forms and tax information required by Local, State, and Federal law.
4. Every individual licensed branch-charter ministry will be required to file monthly financial documentation to this ministry within 10 days from the end of the reporting month. Great Commission United, Chaplaincy and Discipleship Academy will provide a means for disclosure of all financial transactions. These financial documents will be available for official governmental review and open to reasonable public scrutiny.

Article IV: Dissolution Clause

1. In the event that this ministry is dissolved and is no longer in operation, the Board of Directors or Executive Council of said ministry will determine which ministry or ministries all properties, chattel, and funds shall be liquidated or transferred to.
2. The Board of Directors will consider legitimate like-minded persons or organizations in the determination of transfer of properties and assets.
3. Considered persons or organizations will be involved in the propagations of the Gospel with similar goals and purposes as stated in this Constitution and By-laws.

Article V: Activities of the Ministry

1. The ministry will be active in ministering to those in the community through witnessing the gospel of Jesus the Christ, feeding, and clothing the homeless, visiting those who are in the hospital, jail, or prison. It will be the responsibility of this ministry to raise funds to assist in the ministries that work with those less fortunate to include the homeless, orphans, widows, prisoners, and the poor. This ministry will oversee all branch ministries. It will hold each Branch Charter Ministry responsible for fulfilling all aspects of their financial responsibilities, licensing and ordaining of Ministers and Chaplains. This ministry will be active in street evangelism, foreign missions work, working with troubled youth and struggling families. It is the desire of this ministry to reach out to other communities in the same manner, as well as train and send missionaries to foreign

countries to advance the work of Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures found in the books of Isaiah 58; Matthew 28 verses 19 – 20; Mark, 26 verses 15 – 18.

Article VI: Formal Worship

1. This fellowship has the freedom to assemble at any time to worship the Lord our God and will continue to meet as a body of believers at the main building of this ministry as well as out on the streets or other designated meeting places. The worship services are to be subject to the movement of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship will flow accordingly in their assembly. The singing of songs, playing of instruments, purposeful dance, and the reading of the Holy Scriptures will be encouraged.

Article VII: The Issuance and / or Disbanding of Branch Charter Ministries

1. This Fellowship will have the right to train and issue branch-charters to those who wish to be affiliated with Great Commission United, Chaplaincy and Discipleship Academy, and abide by its Constitution and Bylaws. Each licensed branch-charter ministry will consist of a branch-charter minister administrator / Senior Pastor / Chaplain and will have the right to recruit new Ministers as deemed necessary for the advancement of said branch-charter ministry of GCU with all rights to train, ordain, and license new Ministers or Chaplains.
2. In the event that a licensed branch-charter ministry is unable to function or refuses to abide by this Constitution and By-laws, GCU will then release and disband the branch-charter ministry until reconciliation or agreement has been re-established between GCU and the branch-charter ministry. All properties, assets, documents, holdings, ministry files, of GCU must be returned to GCU within 10 business days of the branch-charter ministries release from GCU.
3. Licensed Ministers / Chaplains of the released branch-charter ministry will be able to restore their rights of licensing only after submitting in writing their intensions and reasons. After review and approval by GCU's Council of their written request to restore licensing, a designated GCU Minister will meet with them personally to assist them in the transition.

Article VIII: New Ministers of Branch Charters

1. All new Ministers of any branch-chartered ministry must have an application on file at both GCU, and the branch-charter ministry headquarters within 30 days of the Ministers' official ordination and licensing ceremony. Copies of credentials and written works of the new Minister will be kept in the Ministers' file at both locations of ministry.

Article IX: Alliance Fellowship Recognition

1. GCU will recognize and credential like faith ministries who share this ministries goals and vision. Like faith ministries can apply for Alliance Fellowship Recognition Credentials by submitting a formal application to the GCU headquarters and then by careful review by the GCU Council, either be granted approval or denied.
2. After approval of a like faith ministries application. GCU will send a certificate of Alliance to the new Alliance Fellowship Ministry.
3. All Alliance Fellowship Ministries are authorized to petition GCU for speaking engagements, ministry partnership missions and assignments, and sit in on all scheduled Board of Directors meetings.

Article XI: Acknowledgment of Apostleship and Succession

1. This Board of Directors (Executive Council) and its ministers acknowledge William T. Hodge as their Presiding Apostle / Elder with all rights conferred upon him. We have witnessed that signs and wonders do follow him, and he has been sent by the Lord Jesus (Yeshua) the Christ into the entire world as a servant to all men. The Board of Directors of Great Commission United, Chaplaincy and Discipleship Academy acknowledges Apostle / Elder William T. Hodge as a servant to the nations and as such provides the vision of GCU. Apostle / Elder William T. Hodge has proven himself in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and has been set aside for the works of our God the Father through Jesus the Christ with the aid of the Holy Spirit, to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ throughout the world until the Lord takes Apostle / Elder William T. Hodge by way of natural death or the Lord returns. In the event of Apostle / Elder William T. Hodge's incapacitation, apostasy, or death, the Board of Directors will then select and appoint someone who's vision closely emulates Apostle / Elder William T. Hodge's previous vision as stated in these Constitution and By-laws.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

RESOLVED: We, the Board of Directors (Executive Council) of this Ministry, Great Commission United, have adopted the following Constitution and By-laws as our governing document and agree to bind ourselves to the provisions contained therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: We have executed our names and signatures and affixed the corporate seal of the above-named corporation this 29th day of June, 2017.

William T. Hodge / President

Terry Montambo / Vice President

Marilyn Arnold / Secretary

Steve Arnold / Treasurer

Ron Edwards / Executive Council

Denise Edwards / Executive Council

Debbie Montambo / Executive Council

Denise Corcoran / Executive Council

Gary Kozicki / Executive Council

Brian McKay / Executive Council