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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS
THE ASSOCIATION OF
THE SHEPHERD'S ROD SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I--NAME

This organization shall be known as THE ASSOCIATION OF THE SHEPHERD'S ROD SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.

ARTICLE II--OBJECT

The object of this organization is to bring about, among God's people, such a reformation as is called for in the "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 126, and to extend the "Eleventh Hour Call" (Matthew 20:6,7) of "the everlasting gospel to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," gather the saints, make up the kingdom, and thus hasten the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE III--MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this organization shall consist of all persons who subscribe to the whole doctrine of the aforesaid organization. (Acts 2:47.)

ARTICLE IV--OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1.

(a) The regular officers of this organization shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

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(b) The president shall be chosen according to the pattern as found in Exodus, chapter three, verses ten, fifteen, and sixteen; chapter four, verse seventeen; Ezekiel, chapter three, verse seventeen; and Luke, chapter six, verse thirteen.

(c) All other officers of this organization shall be appointed in accordance with the procedure set forth in Numbers, chapter eleven, verses sixteen, seventeen, twenty-four, and twenty-five, and Acts, chapter six, verses one and seven; and Chapter thirteen, verses one to three.

Section 2. The president shall act as chairman of the Executive Council (Numbers 16:12,25-32,) and labor in the general interest of the Association as exemplified in Hebrews, chapter eleven, verses twenty-four to twenty-eight.

Section 3. The vice-president shall assist the president in administering the affairs of the Association, according to the example given in Exodus, chapter seven, verses one and two.

Section 4. The secretary shall keep the proceedings of all meetings of the Association, and perform such other duties as are in keeping with the nature of the office as defined in Second Samuel, chapter eight, verse sixteen (margin).

Section 5. The treasurer shall receive all funds of the Association and disburse them in accordance with the examples recorded in the following Scriptures: Exodus, chapter thirty-six, verse three; Ezra, chapter eight, verses twenty-one, twenty-four to thirty; Acts, chapter four, verses thirty-five to thirty-seven; and chapter six, verse three.

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ARTICLE V--SESSIONS

Section 1. This Association shall hold regular sessions at such time and place as the Executive Council shall designate by a notice published in "The Symbolic Code," the official organ of the organization, in two consecutive issues before the date of the opening of the session.

Section 2. Special sessions may be called in the same manner as that of a regular session, and the transactions at special sessions shall have the same force as those of the regular sessions.

ARTICLE VI--BY-LAWS

The Association, at any session thereof, may enact, amend, or repeal by-laws by such a vote as is called for in "The Acts of the Apostles," pp. 195-196, and such by-laws may embrace any provision not inconsistent with the Constitution.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I--EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. During the intervals between sessions of the Association, the Executive Council, constituted in accordance with the example set forth in Acts, chapter six, verses two to six, shall have full administrative power, with authority to grant credentials and licenses, and fill any vacancies that may occur in its offices, by death, resignation, or otherwise.

Section 2. A majority of the full membership of the Executive Council shall, after due notice to available members, constitute a quorum of the Executive Council.

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Section 3. All meetings of the Executive Council shall be held at the general headquarters, unless otherwise called for by a quorum of the Council.

Section 4. Meetings of the Executive Council may be called at any time by the chairman, or any member of the Council appointed by him.

Section 5. Minority meetings of less than seven members of the Council may be held at the General Administrative office for the transaction of necessary routine business.

ARTICLE II--LABORER'S COMPENSATION

The Executive Council shall have full power to adjust the compensation and expenses of all laborers in the employ of the Association.

ARTICLE III--FINANCE

The funds of the Association shall consist of tithes and offerings.

ARTICLE IV--ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Section 1. Recognizing that the call to the gospel ministry must come from God to the individual; and that in harmony with the Biblical plan (Luke 10:3-8), the one receiving such a call must first prove his calling by going out at his own charges, and also when such a one has proved his ministry according to the standard set forth in First Timothy, chapter three, verses one to seven, the Executive Council, recognizing his fitness to engage in the sacred work of the ministry, shall indicate such by an action authorizing that the one considered be either ordained or licensed, as the case may warrant, to minister according to the instructions set forth in Matthew, chapter ten, verses nine and ten.

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Section 2. All ordained ministers are empowered to perform such usual duties as are set forth in the Scriptures.

Section 3. Licensed ministers are not authorized to perform the duties mentioned in Article IV, Section 2, except on such occasions as warrant the Council's delegating such rights.

NOTE:

The name, "Shepherd's Rod," is borrowed from the publications, known as "The Shepherd's Rod," which, symbolically, are the anti-type of Moses' Shepherd's Rod, and which contain the doctrines that called forth the organization represented in this document.

Therefore, the name, "Shepherd's Rod," was given to this organization in the same way that the name "Christian" was given to the early disciples of Christ. (Acts 11:21-26.) However, the name Shepherd's Rod Seventh-Day Adventist, according to Isaiah, chapter sixty-two, verse two, is only for the time being.