

**PRAYERS BEYOND
BOUNDARIES MINISTRIES**

**“PBB MINISTRIES
TEMPLE”**

CONSTITUTION

2014

1. NAME, VISION AND MISSION

1.1 The name of the Church is “**Prayers Beyond Boundaries Ministries**” (PBB Ministries) herein after referred to as “The Church”

1.2 **Preamble:**

Whereas, as it is express purpose of God, our heavenly Father , to call out of the world a people who shall constitute the body, the Church of Jesus Christ, build and established upon the foundation of Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone and whereas, the member of the body, the mission, are enjoined to assemble themselves together for worship, fellowship and instruction in the word of God the work of the ministry, and for the exercise of the spiritual gifts and offices provided for in the new testament.

Resolved, that we, **Prayers Beyond Boundaries Ministries**, recognize ourselves as a corporate fellowship of believers, and endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, until we all come into the unity of the faith to the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:3-16) and for this vision was this church so established.

Belief: “All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

1.3 **Our Vision;** Transformed Nations and their leaders through Prayers by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

1.4 **Our Mission:** To mobilize individuals, families, leaders and nations to have a prayerful lifestyle by organizing regular prayer meetings and events. We shall endeavor, with the help of God, to fulfill the great commission of mankind through His atonement on the cross, Baptism in the Holy Ghost, Healer, Lord of Lords and King of Kings. We shall also endeavor to teach sanctification and maturity of Christians in the Church, able to teach and service in all good things.

2. **OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1 The Church will be non- political and not profit making
- 2.2 To preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ locally and internationally.
- 2.3 To organize : Open air prayer crusades, overnight Prayer meetings ,Evangelistic missions, Christian camps, Prayer conventions and Seminars,
- 2.4 To practice Christian love to the less privileged members of the society, financially, materially and spiritually giving hope to the hopeless.
- 2.5 To execute pastoral duties, e.g. celebrating marriages, conducting funeral services, baptisms, ordinations etc.
- 2.6 To accept any form of gifts and donations of any kind from members, non-members and organizations within and without the country for the furtherance of the gospel of Jesus Christ subject to approval by the relevant committee.
- 2.7 To establish, maintain and operate Churches, institutions of learning, and institutions of Developments and Social Welfare Activities in furtherance of Christianity.
- 2.8 To be a community based church to meet not only the spiritual needs of the society but also basic needs of the people.
- 2.9 Establish compassionate ministries including orphanages, care
- 2.10 For the aged, health care and rehabilitations of the less fortunate.

3. **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

As a constituency of new testament believers, we the Church subscribe to the following declarations of things which are surely believed among us **(Luke 1:1)**, praying that there be no harm nor divisive difference of belief to the injury of any, nor the disturbance of the peace and harmony of the church, and that we may be all of the same mind and same.

Key Doctrinal Pillars of the Church;

- 3.1 WE BELIEVE that salvation is made possible through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and through Holy Spirit conviction of sin. Salvation is the gift of God to man separate from works and the

law, and is made by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to god (**Ephesians 2:8**).

3.2 WE BELIEVE, that born again, blood washed saints constitute the true Church of Christ, built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ (**1 Corinthians 3:11, Ephesians 2:20**), his body (**1 Corinthians 12:27, Romans 12:5**) him Christ being the head (**Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 1:22**) born again of the spirit (**John 3:6**) and out of the word (**1 Peter :23**), who are living an overcoming Christian life (**Ephesians 5:27; Revelation 21:27**).

3.3 WE BELIEVE, that those who personally confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are entitled for baptism in water by immersion, as a direct and an un-optional commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ (**Mark 16:16, Mathew 28:19**).

The following recommendation regarding the water baptism formula is adapted for the sake of convenience: “on confession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God and by His authority. I baptize you in the Name of God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, Amen”.

3.4 WE BELIEVE, that the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire (**Mathew 3:11**) is a gift from God, as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all the believers in this dispensation and is received by faith subsequent to the new birth (**Acts 1:8, 2:4, 38; 10:44-48; John 14:17**). The baptism of the Holy Ghost is accompanied with speaking in other tongues as the spirit himself gives utterance, as the initial physical sign and evidence (**Acts 2:4**).

3.5 WE BELIEVE, that the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper is a commandment of our Lord and being a memorial to his death and resurrection is strictly limited to Christian believers (**1 Corinthians 11:27**). The frequency of its observance is left to the discretion of each congregation (**1 Corinthians 11:26**) preferable not less than once a month.

3.6 WE BELIEVE that healing is for the physical illness of the human body and is brought about by the power of god, through prayer of faith in Jesus name, and by the laying of hands. It is provided for the atonement of Christ, and is available to all who believe. (**Isaiah 53: 4-5, Psalm 103:3**)

- 3.7 WE BELIEVE, that the Bible promise, “This same Jesus shall come in the like manner” (**Acts 1; 11**). His coming back is imminent; when he comes,”the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we who are alive and remain shall be caught together with them in the clouds to meet the lord in the air”.(**1 Thessalonians 4: 16, 17**).
- 3.8 WE BELIEVE that the one who physically dies in sin without Christ is helpless and eternally lost in the lake of fire, and therefore has no further opportunity of hearing the gospel or for repentance (**Hebrew 9:27**). The lake of fire is real (**Revelation 19:20**). The term “eternal’ and “everlasting “used in describing the duration of the punishment of the damned (**Mathew 25:41-46**) in the lake of fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence, as used in denoting the duration of joy and ecstasy of saints in the presence of God.
- 3.9 WE BELIEVE, that it is a scriptural duty for all our members, ministers, and workers to pay tithes of their income and fruits of their labour as the Lord have commanded in (**Hebrew 7:8; Malachi 3:7-16**). Tithing is not an option but a commandment of the Lord and each believer is obligated to personally subscribe the tenth of his/her income to his local church.

4. **BRANCHES AND MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1 PBB Ministries shall progressively establish PBB assemblies in major towns and regions that will be referred to as “**PBB Ministries Temple**”
- 4.2 **Membership:** All persons who have been born again and have become children of God by faith in Jesus Christ and willingly subscribe to the practice and beliefs of the Church shall be eligible for membership in the Church subject to the following;
- 4.2.1 Each member must willingly subscribe to the practices and beliefs of the Church.
- 4.2.2 Each member shall be required to support the church financially and materially in accordance with one’s ability by tithing and offering.

4.2.3 Every member of the church shall be expected to fully participate in all activities of the church unless on special limitations. Such limitations must be known and accepted by the pastor.

4.2.4 Must have attended Church services in any Branch for at least six months.

4.2.5 Any member desiring to resign from the society shall submit his resigning in writing to the Church Administration and it shall take effect from the date of receipt by the Church Administrator of such notice.

4.2.6 The Central Executive Board with the specific endorsement of Founder PBB shall have the power to terminate membership of any member on the following grounds;

- Voluntary withdrawal by any member
 - Continuous absence from regular services for over 4 months without a valid reason
 - Voluntary transfer to another Church
- Immoral Acts, behaviour and conduct which at the Church sole discretion is grossly not in line with the Church vision, mission and core values.

5. OFFICE BEARERS; CENTRAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

The PBB Founder/Overseer may constitute a C.E.B (Central Executive Board) to support her in the day to day running of the church with the following members;

- PBB Founder/Overseer
- Senior Pastors
- Church Administrator
- Assistant Church Administrator
- Finance Manager
- Elected Elders

6. FOUNDER OF PBB MINISTRIES/OVERSEER

- 6.1 The Founder of PBB Ministries shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry who will serve until voluntary retirement in writing.
- 6.2 All office bearers, notably Senior Pastors, Pastors and administrative personnel will be appointed by the PBB Ministries Founder.
- 6.3 All such appointments of office bearers by the Founder/ Overseer shall be officially confirmed after six months of fruitful service and training under the Founder. A certificate of merit may be awarded by the Founder in the assembly of PBB Members after these six months.
- 6.4 All such appointments will be subject to a 3 months' termination notice or payment of 3 months' salary in lieu of notice.
- 6.5 The PBB Founder shall review any additional vacancies required in the Church from time to time.
- 6.6 Such appointments will be for a period of 3 years, renewable at the discretion of the Founder / Overseer based on the individuals Pastor/staff performance and commitment to the vision of PBB Ministries.
- 6.7 The Founder / overseer, unless prevented by illness or other sufficient cause, will do the following:
- She shall be the spiritual leader of PBB Ministries handling all issues of Ordination and other spiritual matters.
 - She shall endeavor to teach the contents of the constitution.
 - She shall preside over all meetings of the general council.
 - The overseer shall try to settle any disputing pastors before presenting the same to the CEB.
 - She shall be the representative of the Church in local and international forums.
 - She shall prepare the Agenda for the General Meetings
 - She shall be the chairperson of C.E.B
 - She will be facilitated from Church funds to carry out her responsibilities.

6.8 The Founder/ Overseer shall be the spokesman of the church in matters related to policies and legal affairs.

7. CHURCH PATRON

There shall be a church Patron appointed by the Founder who shall be the honorary Supervisor of all church projects and notably expansion of the Church, co-ordinating, CSR programmes of the church and strategic mobilization of funds locally and internationally. This will be a person of undoubted Moral and Spiritual integrity and highly committed to the Vision, Mission and Core Values of PBB Ministries.

The church Patron will be at liberty to attend any Church meeting or gathering and will be facilitated from Church funds to carry out the activities.

8. SENIOR PASTORS

8.1 The PBB founder will appoint key men and women of Demonstrated commitment and vision to the core values of PBB Ministries, and overall Evangelistic call of the Church to be senior Senior Pastors who will be principal assistants of the PBB founder and will provide critical spiritual growth of the Church and particularly head the PBB outreaches/PBB Temples in major towns and regions.

8.2 In her absence, the PBB Founder will assign in writing any Senior Pastor to carry out her responsibilities including chairing any Church meetings.

8.3 Senior Pastors will be supported by pastors with designated responsibilities on various Ministries of the Church

9 CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

- Be in charge of day to day administration of the church affairs under the direction of the Founder.
- Shall Co-ordinate the activities of all ministry departments.
- Be the recording secretary of all the executive committee and conference.
- Be the advisor to the executive committee and council on all matters of technical nature. And where the advice is not taken recorded in minutes.
- Be the official custodian of the seal of the PBB Temple.
- With the approval of the Founder, formulate a suitable personnel's policy and work out terms and condition of service for all employee, save for those directly under branch temples.
- Work together with the Finance Manager in budget working process.
- Cause to be deposited in a bank account all monies received in the course of his/ her duties.
- Be answerable to the Founder/ C.E.O in financial matters and shall furnish her with such records, vouchers, receipts and other document as will enable the Finance Manager to discharge his/her constitution responsibilities.
- Perform any other duties that may be delegated by PBB Founder from time to time.
- In day to day performance of duties, the administrator shall report to the Founder of PBB.

10. ASSISTANT CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

He/ She shall serve under the Church Administrator.

He/ She shall issue notices convening all meetings of the church and shall be responsible for keeping minutes of all such meetings and for preservation of all records of the church and the Board.

11. FINANCE MANAGER

The Finance manager-shall;

- Ensure that all monies collected have been deposited in the church account.
- Make a monthly report to the executive meeting.
- Assist in the preparation of the budget
- Help in developing of fundraising plans
- Make the financial report available to executive board and the public.
- He/She shall receive and also reimburse under the direction of the Founder all monies received by him and preserve vouchers for all monies paid by him.
- He shall report to the PBB Founder, and should ensure proper books of Accounts of all monies received and paid by the church are well documented, preserved, and available for inspection, with regular reports to the Central Executive Board.

12. ELDERS

The church shall have elders who will support in the day to day running of the church and will be members of the central executive board. The elders will be nominated by the PBB Founder from the leadership of the various ministries in the church. The PBB Founder where necessary could request for a voting via casting of votes by members of departments. There shall be a minimum of 4 elders.

13. THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

QUALITIES OF MEMBERS OF C.E.B (CENTRAL EXECUTIVE BOARD)

- They must be registered members of **PBB Ministries**, born again, Spirit filled, of good reputation and committed to the work of God.
- They must be recruited by the Founder/ Overseer who is the overall leader of the Church.
- They must comply to the standard and quality as stipulated by the Bible (Timothy 1: 1-16, Acts 6, 3, Titus 1-7-10)

14. QUORUM FOR CEB MEETINGS/SUB COMMITTEES

- 14.1 The quorum for meetings of the CEB committee shall be 1/3 of the members required to attend the meetings.
- 14.2 The CEB Committee may form any sub-committees as may be necessary to carry out Church business.

15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 15.1 No member, pastor, or official of the Church shall take any matter or dispute involving a member, pastor, official, organ of the church or the church to a court of law or any other tribunal without first exhausting the dispute resolution machinery provided in this constitution.
- 15.2 All members of the church are encouraged to follow the scriptural pattern found in Mathew 18:15-16 before bringing their complaint to any dispute resolution committee.
- 15.3 All disputes will be referred to the C.E.B.

16. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 16.1 Annual General Meeting; shall be held every year in the months of October. An announcement of the Annual General Meeting shall be made at each Church service held in PBB Temples on the two Sundays preceding such meetings and a copy of the notice and agenda shall be made available to members prior to the meeting.

SMS communication will be done for final notices two weeks before the AGM.

Statement of accounts shall be available for inspection on request prior to the date of the Annual general meeting.

Members shall approve the following year budget.

16.2 Procedures at the AGM meetings

The Founder shall preside over the Annual General Meeting of the Church.

16.3 Quorum

Quorum at the General meeting shall be at least 100 (one hundred members) drawn from PBB Temple Churches.

16.4 The AGM agenda shall consist of the following;

- Prayer and Devotion,
- Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting,
- Accounts reports,
- Notification of appointed Leaders; Elders, Pastors etc
- Matters raised by a member which should be with the Church secretary at least one week before the AGM and,
- Appointment of the Auditor
- Any other business.

16.4 Any Agenda item that requires voting shall require simple majority of members in attendance.

- If the number does not meet the quorum, the meeting shall be postponed for two weeks the same day of the week.
- If it does not meet the quorum again the members present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum.

17. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Special meetings may be called by Founder of PBB Ministries. Agenda for the special meeting will be set by the PBB Founder in consultation with the ECB.

18. DEPARTMENTS

In pursuit of attaining its objectives, the Church shall establish departments.

These departments shall endeavor to propagate PBB vision and mission and perform the functions of PBB Temple/ church and may include the following;

- PBB Academy
- PBB Home Care
- Men ministries Department
- Women ministries Department
- Youth ministries Department
- Christian Education Department
- Missions and Outreach Department
- Music Ministry Department
- Subordinates Ministries (Ushers, logistic, security, church development committee, counseling, hospitality and any other legal department).
- Home Cells Ministries Department
- Intercessory Ministries Department
- Children Ministries Department

Each department or institution shall be co-ordinated by a department head appointed by the PBB Founder/Overseer.

19. FUNDS

PBB Ministries shall maintain Bank accounts for all Church activities, and the funds thereof shall be used for such purposes as determined by the PBB Founder/Overseer and/or the Central Executive Board. Such activities would include the following;-

- General expenses
- Evangelistic activities\Pastors and staff salaries
- Benevolence activities
- Outreach and crusades.
- Proper bank mandates will be availed to the appointed commercial Banks.

20. CHURCH RECORDS

The Church Administrator shall ensure that the following records are kept up-to date:

- Membership roll
- Register of children dedications
- Baptisms
- Death
- Inventory of church property
- Register of important documents.

21. CHURCH PROPERTY

- All church properties shall be registered under the name of Prayers Beyond Boundaries Ministries and shall not be diverted from its original intended use, which is for the benefit of PBB Ministries' members.
- Immovable Property, buildings or any given property to Church shall be held by the Trustees.

22. INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS AND LIST OF MEMBERS

The books of accounts and all documents relating thereto and a list of members of the society shall be open to any officer or member of the society on giving not less than (14) days in writing to the society.

23. CONSTITUTION AMMENDMENT

The PBB Founder/Overseer will have overall responsibility to ensure that this Constitution is in line with the growth of the Church, presenting any amendments to the General Meetings, and may seek the recommendations of the Central Executive Board.

24. DISSOLUTION

24.1 The Church shall not be dissolved except by a resolution passed at a General Meeting for members by a two thirds majority vote of all registered members.

24.2 Notice of this meeting shall be given to all members by notice and announcement signed by the PBB Founder in all church meetings and displayed on church notice board at least 14 days before the date of the meetings.

Signed by:

PBB Founder/Overseer: -----

Date: -----

Church Administrator: -----

Date: -----