Oahu Baptist Network
CURRENT Constitution

Preamble

Recognizing our unity under the Lordship of Christ and our common mission, we members of Southern Baptist Churches on Oahu hereby establish and maintain this Network.

ARTICLE I-Name

The Oahu Baptist Network

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of the Oahu Baptist Network is to resource churches, through networking, to achieve the Great Commission and the Great Commandment; to build up the Body of Christ and consequently the Kingdom of God.

ARTICLE III - Composition

The Oahu Baptist Network (hereinafter referred to as the Network) shall be made up of churches on the island of Oahu who are part of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention (hereinafter referred to as HPBC).

ARTICLE IV - Theological Basis

The theological basis for the Network grows out of the concept of the body of Christ in the New Testament. According to 1 Corinthians 12 the body is made up of many parts, each having its own function yet contributing to the health and progress of the whole. (1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4) It is God who has brought the body together. As a family of churches we believe that by networking our different gifts, talents and abilities, the Network will have a greater impact on the island of Oahu and the HPBC than each could separately.

Our desire and focus is to reach Oahu and the world to fulfill the Great Commission. (Matt 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 45-49, Acts 1:8.)

ARTICLE V - Philosophical Basis

The Primary function of the Network is the networking of churches and ministries to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. While it is an autonomous body, it will have no ecclesiastical authority over any participating church and will seek to complement and coordinate with the work of the HPBC. It has no reason to duplicate efforts of sister organizations.

ARTICLE VI - Annual Meeting

The Network shall meet annually in general session at a time designated by the Network Leadership Council. The Annual Meeting shall be composed of duly elected messengers from affiliated Southern Baptist Churches and presided over by the officers of the Network.

ARTICLE VII - The Network Leadership Council

The Network Leadership Council shall be made up of fifteen (15) members from participating churches, elected by the Annual Meeting of the Network. They shall serve three-year rotating terms, with one third rotating off each year. They have full authority to govern the Network between Annual Meetings. The same officers shall serve both the Annual Meeting and the Network Leadership Council.

ARTICLE VIII - Officers

The officers of the Network are: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. They shall be persons who have been elected to the Network Leadership Council and shall be nominated by the Nominating Task Force and elected at the Annual Meeting. If vacancies occur between Annual Meetings the NLC shall have the authority to replace any officer. From time to time other officers may be added upon the recommendation of the NLC and election at the Annual Meeting. They shall serve one year terms renewable up to two years.

ARTICLE IX - Organization

The Network may create such ministry programs and structures that will accomplish its purpose.

ARTICLE X - Rules of Order

Biblical principles and Roberts Rules of Order (most current edition) shall be used as rules of Order for the Network.

ARTICLE XI - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of messengers present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided that the amendment has been presented in writing at a previous session of the Network Leadership Council, and communicated with churches by mail and or electronic means.

ARTICLE XII - Dissolution

If at any point this organization should dissolve and cease to exist all assets including cash, properties and equipment shall be passed to the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

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OAHU BAPTIST NETWORK
CURRENT BY-LAWS

Article I
Composition and Affiliation

The Oahu Baptist Network (hereinafter referred to as the "Network.") shall be made up of churches on the island of Oahu who are part of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention (hereinafter referred to as HPBC.)

Article II
Membership

Messengers to the Network Annual Meetings shall be elected by each affiliated church on the following basis: Five messengers for the first 50 members, not to exceed a total of fifteen messengers. No person shall serve as a messenger of a church of which he or she is not a member. A list of messengers and alternate messengers shall be certified by the church clerk and provided at or before the meeting.

In the event that special sessions are necessary, the messengers to the last preceding Session shall constitute the membership of the special session, except in cases in which new messengers are certified by the churches.

Article III
Sessions

The Network shall hold such meetings (sessions) as deemed wise for the purpose of the work.

Annual Meeting: The Network Leadership Council shall be responsible for setting the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the Network. Messengers present at all regular Sessions shall constitute a **quorum**.

Special Sessions: The moderator or the Network Leadership Council may call a Special Session of the Network. Notice of called sessions must be communicated to the churches by mail and/or electronic means a minimum of seven days prior to the called meeting. A **quorum** shall be reached at such meetings when 20% of the affiliated churches are represented.

Minutes: A record of the proceedings of each session (annual or called) shall be printed and distributed to all affiliated churches.

Article IV
Officers

The officers of the Network shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. Note: a separate document "Policy and Procedures of the Network" shall describe their duties and responsibilities. These persons shall be elected by the general annual meeting

but may be replaced by the Network Leadership Council as needed between called meetings.

These officers shall be nominated from within the Network Leadership Council by the Nominating Task Force, elected at the Annual Meeting and assume office at the conclusion of such meeting.

The officers shall not serve as Team Leaders. The moderator and vice-moderator shall not serve more than two consecutive years in that respective office. In the case that a moderator or vice-moderator shall be elected to a term beyond their previously assigned term on the Network Leadership Council, they shall continue to serve on the Network Leadership Council until the conclusion of their term in office.

Unexpired terms of officers shall be filled by the Network Leadership Council. All persons serving in elected positions for the Network shall be members of affiliated churches.

Article V

Network Leadership Council

The governing body of the Network between annual sessions shall be the Network Leadership Council.

Composition: The Network Leadership Council shall be made up of fifteen (15) members from across the Network whose responsibility includes strategic planning. vision casting, resourcing, guidance and oversight of the individual Advisory Groups, Ministry Teams, and Task Forces at work throughout the Network. To preserve the ability to maintain stability and continuity of the Network Leadership Council members shall serve three years on a three year rotation. One third shall rotate off each year.

The Network in session or the Network Leadership Council may enlist and empower Ministry Team Leaders, Task Forces, and Advisory Groups as they deem wise. A Ministry Team will have responsibility for an ongoing function. A Task Force will be responsible for a single purpose or event and then be dismissed. An Advisory Group will give oversight to an ongoing ministry of the Network involving personnel and budgets

Article VI
Ministry Teams

Ministry Team Leaders:
These are persons who have passion for the assignment of that team and leadership ability to enlist and lead a team of persons to carry out ongoing functions of the Network.

Ministry Teams:

These teams will be composed of persons who have an interest and passion for the team's assignment, and enlisted by the Team Leader. These teams will submit proposals and budget to the Network Leadership Council and then shall be fully responsible to carry out the task on behalf of the Network. Team Leader may choose to invite appropriate HPBC staff to meet with them to enhance the cooperative efforts of the Network and the HPBC. All requests for funding from the HPBC and/or NAMB will be first treated by the appropriate team and then approved by the Network Leadership Council.

Article VII
Advisory Groups

An Advisory Groups is composed of at least six (6) persons (but may have more) who are on three year rotating terms. Since these will give oversight to personnel, they will be fully elected by the Network in annual meeting or by the Network Leadership Council in the interim. They will have a president and secretary at least and may choose other officers when necessary. They will meet regularly to give oversight encouragement and advice to the appropriate personnel and minutes will be kept and shared with the Network Leadership Council. They will have full authority to expend appropriate budget amounts assigned by the Network or the Network Leadership Council. The Facilitator will serve ex Officio on all Advisory Groups of the Network.

Article VII
Task Forces

These are groups enlisted and empowered by the Network Leadership Council which are responsible for a single purpose or event and then dismissed. The Network Leadership Council will name a chairperson for such groups and clearly define its task and the time frame for accomplishing the task. These persons may or may not be part of the Network Leadership Council, but must be members of affiliated churches.

Article VIII
Network Staff

The Network may from time to time employ such staff as are deemed wise to accomplish the purpose of the Network.

Network Facilitator: The chief employed leader of the Network shall be called the Network Facilitator (hereinafter referred to as "the Facilitator.) He shall lead the Churches to discover their mutual and individual resources and network them for maximum effectiveness in carrying out the Great Commission.

He will provide overall leadership and oversight to the ministries of the Network. He shall report to the Network Leadership Council and shall have the option of participating in any of the Teams and Task Forces. He will serve ex-officio on all

Advisory Groups established by the Network. It is the intention of the Network to free this person to be mobile and relational rather than administrative and office bound.

In its autonomy, the Network makes a choice to employ this person in partnership with The North American Mission Board (NAMB) and the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention (HPBC.) This three way partnership includes, significant funding coming from NAMB, HPBC and the Network. Therefore it involves the following relationships with NAMB and HPBC.

1. The Facilitator will be selected and elected by the Network in consultation with the Executive Director of HPBC. He will be appointed as a missionary of the NAMB and the HPBC and therefore must meet appointment requirements for NAMB and be approved by the HPBC. He will be accountable to the Network Leadership Council for position responsibilities and will make regular reports to HPBC and NAMB regarding the progress of his work.
2. Because of the unique geographical relationship between the Network and the location of the HPBC office, he shall serve as Liaison to the staff of the HPBC, attending staff meetings as deemed appropriate by the HPBC Executive Director, interpreting the need of the churches on Oahu to the staff and communicating the issues of the convention to the churches. He will encourage the involvement of the HPBC staff in the process of the network and their work with the various Ministry Teams.

Administrative Staff: The Administrative assistant shall be employed by the Network Facilitator within the budget and guidelines set up by the Network.

Article IX
Amendments to the By-Laws

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of messengers present and voting, provide that the amendment(s) has been presented in writing a minimum of thirty days prior to the session of the Network.