

HWAPP # 9874 GWSU

WAIVER AND RATIFICATION

The undersigned, being Directors of the Worldwide Church of God, hereby waive call and notice of the meeting held on February 27, 1974

The undersigned consent to the holding of the meeting and hereby ratify and approve the action taken and minutes of said meeting, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein.

Date: 2/27/74

Herbert W. Armstrong
Herbert W. Armstrong

Garner Ted Armstrong
Garner Ted Armstrong

Shirley Armstrong
Shirley Armstrong

Benjamin R. Chapman
Benjamin Chapman

Ronald L. Dart
Ronald L. Dart

Raymond F. McNair
Raymond F. McNair

Norman A. Smith
Norman A. Smith

NB - Such a waiver happened often enough for a fill-in-the-blank form to have existed?

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Worldwide Church of God was held on February 27, 1974. at Pasadena, California, pursuant to the call of the Chairman of the Board, with notice thereof having been waived, and a signed waiver, which is attached, made a part of these minutes.

The following Directors, constituting a quorum, were present: Herbert W. Armstrong, Garner Ted Armstrong, Ronald L. Dart, and Benjamin R. Chapman.

Mr. Frank Brown, acting as Secretary of the meeting, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to amend certain portions of the By-Laws regarding dismissal of members, so that the same were more in accord with Biblical standards as the Church has come to understand and practice them over the years. That it would be more consistent with the character of Divine order to have the By-Laws set forth the actual rules and practices of the Church as they have been followed since at least January 1, 1958.

Copies of the Amendments were distributed, read, and discussed. The other Directors definitely concurred in this view.

After such reading and discussion, on the affirmative vote of all the Directors present, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, the Worldwide Church of God, in accordance with its doctrinal position of obeying the Bible as supreme authority, and in accepting new knowledge as God sees fit to reveal it from

the Bible, has adopted certain rules and practices of conducting corporate affairs since at least January 1, 1958, and

"WHEREAS, as it is the further doctrinal provision of the Church to do all things in proper order, it is deemed appropriate to amend a portion of the By-Laws retroactively, as of January 1, 1958, to conform to the rules and practices followed.

"RESOLVED, that Article III, Section 3, of the document entitled 'Constitution and By-Laws,' dated October 24, 1948, of the Worldwide Church of God, is hereby revoked.

"RESOLVED, that the following is hereby adopted as Article III, Section 3, of the By-Laws of the Worldwide Church of God corporation, retroactively, effective as of January 1, 1958:

"Article III, Section 3. Dismissal of Members: We are warned in the New Testament that even of our own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to cause division and draw away disciples after them; and that 'wolves' in 'sheep's clothing,' making an appearance and pretense of being true disciples or ministers, will enter in among God's true Christians for greedy purpose. We are commanded, and the authority therefore vested in the Church, if the same be deemed expedient for the protection or other benefit of the Church, to mark them that cause divisions and offenses contrary to the teaching of the Bible, to make a full statement of the reasons to the congregation for doing so, and/or disfellowship such persons and avoid them. The determination as to which remedial procedure is to be invoked, and whether or not the same is 'deemed expedient,' shall be within the sole and subjective discretion of the ministers duly authorized by the Church to make such a determination."

Mr. Brown also submitted to the meeting the proposition of amending the By-Laws so as to add a provision authorizing the Board of Directors to appoint a ministerial membership committee for the purpose of carrying out the rules and practices of the Church regarding suspension, disfellowship, and reinstatement of Church members in accordance with the direction of the Board of Directors.

The Biblical instructions regarding the same were reviewed as well as the customs and practices of the Church.

On the affirmative vote of all the Directors present, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED, that Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws, dated October 24, 1948, of the World-wide Church of God, be amended so as to add 'The Board of Directors shall be vested with authority to appoint a ministerial membership committee and adopt procedures for it. Such committee, however, shall have no authority to suspend, disfellowship, or reinstate a Church member who is also a corporate member.' "

Mr. Frank Brown then proposed that a ministerial membership committee be established for the purpose of carrying out the rules and practices of the Church regarding suspension, disfellowship, and reinstatement of Church members in accordance with the direction of the Board of Directors and the customs and practices of the Church. The Biblical instructions regarding the same were reviewed as well as the customs and practices followed by the Church.

On the affirmative vote of all the Directors present, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED, that a committee entitled the 'Ministerial Membership Committee,' is hereby appointed with Messrs. Norman A. Smith, David Jon Hill, Raymond F. McNair, Benjamin R. Chapman, Charles V. Dorothy, Clint C. Zimmerman, and Frank Brown, as the members thereof, with Mr. Raymond McNair as Chairman, Mr. Frank Brown as Secretary, and Messrs. Stanley R. Rader and Robert L. Kuhn as advisers.

"Said committee to remain active, and said officers and members to serve, until the committee is dissolved or the individual officer or member is removed, with or without cause, by either Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, or by the Board of Directors.

"Said committee may adopt rules for its own government and procedures not inconsistent with the customs and practices of the Church or By-Laws or this or other resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors.

"The committee shall be vested with authority to review decisions to suspend, disfellowship, or reinstate Church members who are not corporate members.

"The Ministerial Membership Committee shall convene upon the call of either the Chairman or any two members. Such call need not be in writing and only a minimum of fifteen minutes' notice need be required. Four members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. Any decision shall require an affirmative affirmation of the majority of the quorum to pass. In the event of a majority failing to agree, the decision of the President or the Executive Vice President of the Church shall resolve the same and be determinative of the decision.

"Any Church member who is not a corporate member may be suspended, disfellowshipped, or reinstated by any local elder, or minister of preaching rank or above, who is authorized to exercise said authority by the Board of Directors or by the rules and practices of the Church. Neither lay Church members nor co-workers, individually or collectively, shall have any authority to suspend, disfellowship, or reinstate.

"As the basis and reasons for disfellowship are spiritual in nature, and in many cases may consist strictly of subjective attitudes, unaccompanied by even words or acts, and therefore ascertainable only by spiritual discernment, the decision to suspend, disfellowship, or refuse to reinstate, shall be within the absolute and sole discretion of the authorized person, and his decision shall be absolute and final, except as provided herein. Such decision shall not require oral or written evidence as its basis, and shall not be subject to review by any secular authority.

"Without limitation upon the generality of the foregoing, the authorized person may suspend, disfellowship or refuse to reinstate for fomenting strife or division; for continuing in the breaking of any of the commandments of God; persisting in a spirit of opposition, competition, or dissension; disloyalty to the Church, its mission, work, or any of its institutions; or for any other act or attitude deemed contrary to Scripture, or in any manner whatsoever

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else to be guilty!

No evidence
required.

detrimental or threatening to the spiritual unity of the congregation or the spiritual welfare and growth of any of its individual members or prospective members.

"When the authorized person concludes that a member should be suspended, disfellowshipped or not reinstated, he shall so inform the member. He may do so orally or in writing as he, within his sole discretion, may elect. He shall inform the member of the basic reason, or reasons, in general terms, but shall not be required to delineate any of the evidence or information upon which his decision is based. The authorized person may then inform the Ministerial Membership Committee of his decision, in writing, within a reasonable time, giving the basic reasons. He shall have the right to delineate the evidence or information upon which his decision is based if he should, within his sole discretion, choose to do so; but he shall do so if requested by any member of the Ministerial Membership Committee.

"The suspended or disfellowshipped member, or member who has been refused reinstatement, shall have the right to appeal to the Ministerial Membership Committee, within fifteen days from the date he is informed of being suspended, disfellowshipped, or his reinstatement refused, by submitting to it, in writing, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, his reasons as to why he feels he should not be suspended, disfellowshipped, or his reinstatement refused. Should the suspended, disfellowshipped member whose reinstatement is refused for any reason not so appeal, the authorized person's decision shall be deemed conclusive and final, subject to reconsideration only upon a request for reinstatement, submitted by said member to the authorized person making said decision or his replacement.

"The Ministerial Membership Committee shall then consider all the information submitted to it, any other information that it may solicit from other sources, or any personal knowledge it may have of the situation, and decide to affirm or reverse the authorized person's decision. The Ministerial Membership Committee shall not be required to submit to or inform either the member or the authorized person as to any of the information considered by it.

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EVER KNOW
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"Upon arriving at a decision the Ministerial Membership Committee need only inform the member, and the authorized person of its decision, and need not set forth any reasons therefor. The notice may simply state: 'In regard to the subject of _____ being suspended or disfellowshipped from or being refused reinstatement to the Worldwide Church of God, the Committee has decided to (affirm/reverse) the decision to (suspend, disfellowship or refuse reinstatement) (from/to) membership.'

"In the event the Ministerial Membership Committee should affirm the authorized person's decision, the member shall have the right to appeal to the President of the Church, within fifteen days from the date he is informed of being suspended, disfellowshipped or refused reinstatement, by submitting to him, in writing, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, his reasons as to why he feels such action should not be taken. Should said member for any reason not so appeal, the Ministerial Membership Committee's decision shall be deemed conclusive and final subject to reconsideration only by said member submitting a request for reinstatement to the authorized person who initially made such decision or his replacement.

"The President of the Church, or any such person or persons to whom he shall delegate such responsibility, shall then consider all the information submitted to him, any other information that he may solicit from other sources, or any personal knowledge he may have of the situation, and decide to affirm or reverse the Ministerial Membership Committee's decision. The President of the Church, or his delegate, shall not be required to submit to or inform either said member, the authorized person or the Ministerial Membership Committee, as to any of the information considered by him.

"Upon arriving at a decision, the President of the Church, or his delegate, need only inform the member, the authorized person, and the Ministerial Membership Committee of his decision, and need not set forth any reasons therefor. The notice may simply state: 'In regard to the subject of _____ being (suspended, disfellowshipped from, or refused reinstatement in) the Worldwide Church of God, the President of the Church has decided to

(affirm/reverse) the decision to (suspend, disfellowship, or refuse reinstatement) from membership.'

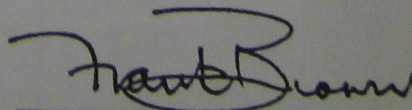
"Neither the disfellowshipped member nor the authorized person shall have a right to appear in person, or to have anyone appear on his behalf, before the Committee, or the President of the Church, or his delegatee, either before, during, or after their decision. However, either the Committee or the President of the Church may invite the member who was suspended, disfellowshipped, or refused reinstatement, or the authorized person, or any other witness to appear before them. No notice of their election to call or not to call witnesses shall be required. Their decision whether to have anyone appear and, if so, whom, shall be within their absolute and sole discretion, and such decision shall be conclusive and final.

"Pending review by the Committee or the President of the Church, the decision of the authorized person shall be deemed correct and remain in full force and effect, and the status of the member shall be that of a suspended or disfellowshipped member until such decision is reversed by either the Committee or the President of the Church as provided herein.

"Said request for reinstatement may be made no more often than annually, except that the authorized person may entertain a request for reinstatement any time he, within his sole discretion, may elect.

"The procedures set forth in this resolution, or rules of the Committee, or any practice now in force concerning suspension, disfellowship or reinstatement, or hereinafter adopted, amended or repealed, shall be binding on all members without notice thereof."

The meeting was then closed.


FRANK BROWN, Secretary

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