

By-Laws and Constitution of One New Man Gospel Ministries, Incorporated

Purpose

In these prophetic times that we are living in, it is imperative that we, the body of Messiah, having many members are one body (I COR 12:20). There should be no schisms in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another (I COR 12:25).

Further, this ministry will provide an apostolic oversight of leaders and congregations that will speak the truth in love and give discipleship and aid to ministers and ministries so that we may all grow up into our head, the Messiah, all serving the Lord our God and each other. We will see growth as we build up one another in His love and His truth.

We, the bride of the Messiah, must get ready for our bridegroom's return (MATT 25:1-13; REV 19:6-9). Yeshua (Jesus) is preparing His one true bride that has come from every kindred, tongue, people, and nation, to be glorious before Him (EPH 5:27).

By establishing an Apostolic and Prophetic overseeing body that will help build up and maintain those who share in this vision, the life and Glory of the Messiah will be manifested on this earth until His return (ISA 40:1-5; JOHN 14:18-23; JOHN 17:20-26; PHIL 2:12-16; I JOHN 4:17-21).

Ephesians 2:1-22 states:

¹And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sin, ²in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Messiah (Christ) (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus), ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus).

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus) for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

¹¹Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh – who are called uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands – ¹²that at that time you were without Messiah (Christ), being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³But now in Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus) you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah (Christ). **¹⁴For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinance, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.**

¹⁷And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) Himself being the chief cornerstone, **²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²²in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.**

It is evident that these scriptures, as with many others, conclude that all mankind, Jewish and Gentile, need the redemption that is found in the Messiah Jesus (Yeshua) alone (JOHN 14:6).

Articles

1. The name of the organization shall be: One New Man Gospel Ministries Incorporated.
2. The organization shall have a common seal stating the name of the organization.
3. The principal office of the organization shall be 241 Eleventh Street, Schenectady, NY, 12306, and is subject to change.
4. The fiscal year for the Corporation shall be January 1 through December 31.
5. To establish a Holy Bible based interdenominational fellowship of Elders (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) and congregations.
6. To incorporate as a 501C-3 religious corporation, having authority to license and ordain leaders and give a covering to congregations, all which are in full agreement with the vision, by-laws and constitution of the Corporation.
7. To train, instruct and maintain the One New Man reason for being.
8. To establish a financial base through ministerial and congregational dues and offerings for the purpose of running the ministry and distributing aid to those in need under the guidelines of the Board of Trustees.
9. To establish a web site and all other venues necessary for the purpose of the presentation of communications, training, advertising, etc.
10. To establish a board of officers, trustees, counselors and a credential committee.
11. To own/rent buildings, rooms, property, vehicles, etc.
12. The Board of Trustees will conduct all the business of the Corporation (setting salaries and benefits, distribution of benevolence, and all other financial oversight of the Corporation). A majority vote is required to ratify.
 - a. President of the Corporation shall be the founder, Steven H. Feldman; the President will act as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He will have the authority to cast the deciding vote in case of a deadlock. This position is for an indeterminate amount of time.
 - b. The Board will have three members including the Chairman. They shall be appointed by the Chairman for an indeterminate amount of time. One shall serve as the Vice President and one shall serve as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Corporation as appointed by the majority of the Board.
 - c. Board members must be in agreement with the by-laws and constitution of the Corporation.
 - d. The Board will meet monthly unless otherwise directed by the President.
 - e. In the event that a board member resigns or is removed, the other board members will appoint a replacement to be ratified by the Chairman.
 - f. If the Chairman should resign or be removed, the membership, by means of a letter of correspondence, will offer candidates to the Board to be ratified by the Board of Trustees at a specially called meeting.
 - g. Any board member being removed for unscriptural behavior or in violation of these by-laws and constitution will have a right to appeal their case before the Board within thirty days of the dismissal. The decision of the Board thereafter will be final.

Membership

1. All credential holders of the Corporation ministries.
2. All congregations and para-ministries in fellowship with the Corporation.
3. An annual meeting/conference will be held as determined by the Board of Trustees, to exhort and inform the membership of the testimonies and fiscal activities of the Corporation.

Credential Committee

A Credential Committee will be established by the President to examine those individuals seeking credential, and congregations seeking to participate in the fellowship; also, for counsel, support and discipline of members. The final decision will be that of the President.

Benevolence Foundation

A Benevolence Foundation will be established by donations and overseen by the Board of Trustees. In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, all remaining assets, after the fulfillment of all debts, will be distributed to 501C-3 religious corporations as determined by the Board of Trustees.

Tenets of Faith

We believe:

- I. The Bible, both Old Covenant and New Covenant are the inspired, infallible Word of God. The Scriptures are the sole authority for faith and conduct (II TIM 3:16, 17; I PET 1:20, 21; I THES 5:21).
- II. There is only one true God and infinite Spirit, the Creator of heaven and earth. God exists as a triunity (*Echad*), consisting of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each are equal in divine perfection, but operate in distinct yet harmonious offices in the great work of redemption and perfection of the believer (EXO 20:23; DEUT 6:4-15; MATT 28:19; II COR 13:14; JOHN 14:16, 17).
- III. Yeshua (Jesus) is the Son of God and is co-equal with the Father. Yeshua is the foundation stone of our faith.
 - a. He has always existed and was intimately involved in the creation of the world (JOHN 1:1-3; 8:58; 10:30).
 - b. He entered the world as a human being through the virgin birth (ISA 7:14; MATT 1:23; JOHN 1:14).
 - c. Yeshua lived a sinless life, taught the Kingdom of God, and displayed the life of the Father through a supernatural ministry (HEB 4:15; LUKE 4:43; ACTS 2:22).

- d. Yeshua offered His life as the sacrificed Lamb, thereby making atonement available for all Jews and Gentiles (ISA 53; JOHN 10:17, 18; HEB 10:10-14).
 - e. Yeshua was crucified as a punishment for man's sins, was resurrected by the Father, and ascended to the right hand of the Father where He now sits (I COR 15:3, 4; ACTS 2:23-26).
- IV. Man is a sinner both by birth and by deed. Salvation is needed by man and is attainable only by faith in Messiah Yeshua, (ROM 3:23; ACTS 4:12; EPH 2:8, 9; JOHN 14:6) being Born-Again from above by God's Spirit (JOHN 3:3-7; I PET 1:18-25).
 - V. Man can by grace through faith enter into the new creation and then enter the Body of Messiah. The Body of Messiah in one unit composed of both Jews and Gentiles who have come to saving faith (II COR 5:17; EPH 2:11-16).
 - VI. Satan and his fallen kingdom of darkness are a literal reality. He operates as the enemy of God and His people. However, the children of God have been given both authority and ability to live victoriously! (LUKE 4; EPH 6:12-18; LUKE 10:19)
 - VII. Immersion in water is the Biblical mandate after salvation (MATT 28:19, 20).
 - VIII. Immersion in the Spirit is a privilege given by God along with the accompanying gifts of the Spirit (ACTS 1:5; ACTS 2:1-4; I COR 12-14) with the outward confirmation of speaking in other tongues (ACTS 2:4, 10:44-46, 19:6).
 - IX. There will be a literal second coming of the Messiah which will include the gathering of the Body, the salvation of Israel, the establishment of His millennial reign on earth, the eventual establishment of the new heavens and earth. We believe that God has a lasting covenant with physical Israel (ACTS 1:6-11; I THES 4:13-18; I COR 15:51-58; JER 31:31-34; EZEK 36:26-28, 37:1-5).

God's Remedy (The New Creation)

We must understand how the Lord our God sees us, not how we see ourselves. We are His temples (I COR 6:19-20), we are not our own, God has bought us with His own blood (ACTS 20:28). We are His sheep (PS 100:3; JOHN 10:12-18) one fold with one Shepherd. We are His love-bond slaves (EXO 21:5-6; I COR 7:22-24). We are His priesthood (NUM 3:6-13; I PET 2:4-10). We are His dwelling place (II SAM 7:12-16; JOHN 14:15-27; EPH 2:19-22; COL 1:26-29). We are His children and heritage (ROM 8:14-18; ISA 60). We are vessels of His life (JOHN 10:10), His love (ROM 5:5), His peace (JOHN 14:27), His Joy (JOHN 15:11), His righteousness (II COR 5:21), His authority and power (EPH 1:18-23; II PET 1:3-4). We are His betrothed bride (HOSEA 2:19-23; EPH 5:23-33; MATT 25:1-13; REV 19:6-10). We are ambassadors and witnesses in a dark and perverse world (ISA 43:4-15; ACTS 1:7-8; II COR 5:18-20; PHIL 2:13-16).

The One New Man

When a person is born again from above by the Holy Spirit (JOHN 3:3-7, EZEK 36:22-24, DEUT 30:6) he/she becomes a new creation, a species of human that had not previously existed (II COR 5:17). The Hebrew word for create is “BAH-RAH” meaning to bring into existence. This new creation is God’s own workmanship created in the Messiah Jesus (EPH 2:10). This new being that we have become, by the grace of God, is neither Jew nor Gentile, but new, previously non-existent and unprecedented (GAL 6:15). God is miraculously within us (JER 31:31-33; JOHN 14:15-23; I COR 6:19-20; COL 1:27) and personally, we are new.

We have also been placed into a new living organism, the body of Messiah (I COR 12:12-27; EPH 4:1-8; ROM 12:3-5). This body is described as being one. The Greek refers to that which has been joined together into one (EPH 2:14-22), a new, mystical habitation of God. Even as the Lord our God is One (DEUT 6:4) He has manifested His deity and character through the distinctive personalities of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This new creation body that we are a part of individually, is neither Jew nor Greek, circumcised nor uncircumcised, bound nor free, male nor female, but are all one in the Messiah Jesus (GAL 3:11; COL 3:28).

While we are all unique in our ethnic and cultural backgrounds, those distinctions should not separate us, but bring a greater beauty to the Bride of Messiah.

Reason for Being

The One New Man gospel ministry is dedicated to:

1. The glorification and pleasure of the Creator of the Universe, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
2. Preaching, teaching and living the uncompromised, rightly divided, Word of God (old and new covenants).
3. The unity of the body of Messiah as we are all being conformed to the image of God’s Son.
4. Establishing and supporting saints and congregations to worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth.
5. To teach and maintain the prophetic Jewish roots of the Gospel.
6. To pray for and support Israel.
7. To evangelize the world (Jew and Gentile equally).

Distinctiveness of a One New Man Congregation

1. All participating congregations (synagogues and churches) are required to keep at least one biblical Sabbath service a week – Friday night and/or Saturday morning. We encourage Sunday services to continue, if you desire to do so (ISA 56:1-8).
2. The biblical feasts of God (LEV 23) are to be taught and practiced along with their prophetic basis and new covenant fulfillments.
3. The Hebrew names of God are to be taught and included in service (not exclusively, but inclusively) (JOHN 17:6-12).
4. Ministers and the congregation are to be tithers (GEN 14:17-20; GEN 28:18-22; MAL 3:6-12; HEB 7:4-10). Participating congregations will be required to support this fellowship with a minimum of 10% of the congregational tithe based on the annual gross income of the ministry (\$1,000 of every \$100,000 with a minimum of \$600/year paid quarterly).

Doctrines Disapproved

Ministers and/or congregations that continue in doctrinal error after receiving correction will be disfellowshipped.

1. The replacement of natural Israel by the Church (ROM 11:all; ISA 60:all).
2. The hyper-faith doctrine: materialism, self gods, quantum-faith and all doctrines that negate the sovereignty of God (LUKE 12:13-21; JAMES 4:13-17; JER 9:23-26; I TIM 6:3-10).
3. Negating the Deity of the Messiah, Jesus.
4. Casting Satan or demons out of true, born-again believers. True believers can become oppressed or ensnared and are in need of biblical deliverance, but the indwelling of the demonic in a spirit-filled believer is unscriptural (I JOHN 4:4, I COR 5:6-8, II TIM 2:25-26, I THES 5:23-24).
5. Once saved, always saved or the eternal security doctrine (MATT 7:21-23; REV 3:5, 22:18; MATT 22:1-14; MATT 6:12-15; MARK 11:25-26).
6. New Age mysticism and the exaltation of angels (HEB 1:all; COL 2:13-19; DEUT 13:1-8).
7. Preaching and/or teaching against the gifts of the Holy Spirit (i.e., speaking in other tongues, healing, etc.) (I COR 12-14; MARK 16:14-20; ACTS 2:1-4; ACTS 10:44-47, ACTS 19:6).
8. Disagreement with the vision, purpose, by-laws and/or constitution of One New Man gospel ministries.
9. Legalism: setting unscriptural requirements for salvation and/or membership in this ministry (i.e., physical circumcision, keeping kosher, wearing religious clothing, the leaven of the Pharisees) (MATT 16:6-12; ROM 2:23-29; ROM 3:23-31, 14:17; HEB 7:11-19; GAL 5:1-18).

Requirements for Credentials

1. Be in complete agreement with the vision, reason for being, by-laws and constitution of the One New Man Gospel Ministries.
2. Give witness to having been born-again according to the scriptures.
3. Give proof of a Divine call to the Gospel Ministry.
4. Have been in full-time or part-time ministry for a minimum of three years.
5. Give a resume of theological education: Seminary or congregational training.
6. Supply written support from at least two ordained ministers.
7. Have a good report amongst the family of God.
8. If divorced and remarried, you must show that the divorce was scriptural.
 - a. It happened before your born-again conversion.
 - b. You were the victim of sexual infidelity.
 - c. You were unequally yoked to an unbeliever.
 - d. There may be other scriptural reasons that may be considered during an interview with the credential committee.
9. Be a faithful tither to a local body or other fellowship ministry.

Participating Congregations and Ministries

An already established religious corporation having Federal 501C-3 tax status, can submit themselves to the covering and unity of fellowship of the One New Man Gospel Ministries by officially agreeing with all of the tenants, principles, by-laws and constitution of this fellowship. (More information will be supplied in the application process.)