



PRETORIA WEST AND BEYOND PASTORS FORUM CONSTITUTION

1. DEFINITION OF THE ENTITY

- The “**Forum**” means **PRETORIA WEST AND BEYOND PASTORS FORUM**.
- “**Members**” mean **Pastors of churches including their churches duly approved as a member of the forum by the leadership of PTA WEST AND BEYOND PASTORS FORUM**.
- “**Statement of Faith**” means **the statement of Faith articulated on Article No.1 in the Constitution**.
- “**Executive leadership**” means **Pastors elected to take leadership or the office bearers of PTA West and beyond Pastors Forum**.

2. THE NAME OF THE FORUM

- The Forum hereby constituted will be called **PRETORIA WEST AND BEYOND PASTORS FORUM**.
- Its shortened name will be **PTAWPF** (hereinafter referred to as **the Forum**).
- The Forum shall exist in its own right, separately from its members and also shall, continue to exist even when its membership changes and there are different office bearers (Executive Committee).
- Be able to own property and other possessions.
- Be able to sue and be sued in its own name.

3. PREAMBLE

- We, the Pretoria West Pastors Forum, in the City of Tshwane in union with each other do hereby unite to form a pastor’s forum.

- We do so conscious of the fact that every one of us is a member of the Body of Christ (1Corinthians 12:27) and that in this body there are different gifts but the same Spirit, different ministries but the same Lord. We acknowledge that each of us is called upon to offer their particular gift of ministry for the service of the whole body, so that in everything God may receive the glory through Jesus Christ (1 Peter 4:11).
- Finally, aware that Christ has told us that without Him we can do nothing (Jn 15:5); we ask for the guidance of His Holy Spirit so that all our words may be spoken and all our works done in His charity and all our efforts may contribute to the establishment of His reign.

4. **PHYSICAL AND POSTAL ADDRESSES**

Postal Address: P O Box 19286, Pretoria West, 0117

Physical Address: c/o VEK Jubal Congregation, c/o Rod and Inner Crescent Street, Kwaggasrand, Pretoria, 0183

5. **MOTTO**

- The motto of the Forum shall be: UNITY, PEACE, JUSTICE AND CARE.

6. **VISION**

- To unite the body of Christ (churches) in the City of Tshwane and beyond into one body.

7. **MISSION**

- Connecting and uniting God's people in the City of Tshwane and beyond into one vision through prayer, worship, love and care and also by contributing towards the empowerment of all who are spiritually, socially and economically marginalized.

8. **PURPOSE**

- The PTA West Forum exists to give support and encouragement the church leaders to set and uphold biblical standards, and to stimulate development that will enhance effectiveness in ministry and surrounding communities.

9. **OBJECTIVES**

- To support members at all times (trials, tribulations, and joyful moments)
- To promote and build unity and peace amongst the Pretoria West pastors, churches and communities.
- To train and empower pastors and the church on issues of leadership and church management.
- To encourage prayer and network sessions amongst Pretoria West churches.
- Advise the Mayor and Councilors on spiritual issues in the area and the city.
- To work together with communities to develop and improve the socio-economic conditions of Pretoria West in general.
- To promote social cohesion in the communities.
- To ensure the optimal church participation in community development projects.
- To ensure that the church contribute to the economy of the city.
- To promote the use and awareness of the church protocol and structures in the city (Church Councilors – e.g. Elders Forum).
- To seek all-round peace and welfare of the body of Christ and mankind in general.
- To promote good health of our people in conjunction with any voluntary medical organization or government.
- To cooperate with and support our members' churches in their different programs as organization may deem necessary.
- To organize prayer for peace and tranquility of the church, the nation, and the world as a whole annually.
- To promote high moral standard for churches and their members.
- Gatekeepers, Compliance, Registration.
- To promote ministerial ethics with regard to e.g., doom prophets, snakes etc.

9. POWERS

- In order to further and give effect to its objects the Forum shall have the following powers:
- To initiate and promote consultations, negotiations, and joint action by representatives of Churches in South Africa in any matter bearing upon the welfare and witness of the Church.
- To promote fellowship and co-operation among Churches and related Christian organizations by creating opportunities for Christians of different traditions to pray, plan and act together in fulfillment of their common calling to witness in word and deed to justice, truth, and love.
- To promote and encourage the study of all matters pertaining to the unity and mission of the Church.
- To make available information and resources in regard to national, social, and other problems affecting the Church and society.
- To bear witness to Christian principles and standards in matters relating to the welfare of all the people of South Africa, and to take such actions and to make such representations as are consonant with Christian convictions and social responsibility.
- To initiate, encourage and promote evangelistic and educational programmes' and activities, including publishing and broadcasting, in furtherance of the objects of the Forum.
- To receive affiliation fees, donations, grants, and bequests, to raise funds and to use and/or invest all income for the furtherance of the objects of the Forum.

10. FAITH FORMATION

- As a PTA West pastors, we seek to introduce people to Jesus Christ and to nurture their faith through all nation, ages and stages of life.

11. SERVANT LEADERSHIP

- Understanding that the lifelong equipping of leaders is essential for churches and ministries to flourish, we identify, recruit and train leaders to be servants in the Kingdom of God.

12. **ARTICLE No 1: TENETS OF Pretoria West Pastors Forum**

As a Christian Pretoria West Pastors Forum believes in the following biblical truth:

(i) **GOD:**

We believe in one true God, existing in three Persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost (Trinity), each a distinct person – of one essence, nature and attribute (Gen. 1:26; Matt. 3:16; 28:19; John 15:26).

(ii) **BIBLE:**

Inerrancy, and Canon of the Bible as God's holy Word, its supremacy, and unity of both Old and New Testaments (2 Tim. 3:15; Prov. 30:5; Rev. 22:18-19).

(iii) **CHRIST:**

The virgin birth of Christ, His substitutional death, His blood for redemption of man from sin, His resurrection from the grave, His ascension into heaven, and abiding intercession for us. (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Rom. 1:4; 1Pet. 3:18; 1Cor.15:3-4; Heb. 7:25).

(iv) **MAN:**

Man is a direct creature of God, in His image but man fell by sinning and he must be born again and believe in the cleansing blood of Jesus before he can be saved from eternal doom (Gen. 1:26; 3:1-8; Luke 13: 3, 5; 2Thess.1:9; Mark 9:45-47; Eph.1:7).

(v) **SALVATION:**

Is an act of God's Grace. It is a great inclusive word meaning – forgiveness of sin, Redemption, Regeneration, Justification, Sanctification, Adoption, Good health and Glorification (Ps. 32:1-2; Isa.1:18;44:22; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 5:9,10:3-4; Titus 3:5; 2Cor.5:17; Rom. 6:4-11; Heb. 2:11; 1Pet.1:5).

(vi) **HOLY GHOST BAPTISM:**

Baptism in the Holy Ghost is for all believers as it was in the early church (Acts 1:8; 2:17; 2:38; 10:44-46; Luke 24:49; John 7:37-39; Mark 16:17).

- (vii) **GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:** (Charisma) the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for all saints for edification of the church and for evangelism to draw sinners to God (1Cor. 12:1-13; 14:1-40).
- (viii) **ETERNAL SECURITY CONDITIONAL:** We believe in the possibility of falling from grace and consequential restoration upon repentance (Exodus. 32:30-35; Ps.69:27, 28; Rev. 3:5; He b.3:6; 10:24-37; Rev.22:19; Pro 28:13; Ezekiel 18:24, 26, 30; 33:13, 15, 18).
- (ix) **TITHE AND OFFERING:** Tithe and offering are obligation for all believers (Mal.3:8-12; Gen. 28:22; Num. 18:21-24; Matt.23:23).
- (x) **SECOND COMING OF CHRIST/ETERNAL JUDGMENT:** Rapture of the church before the great tribulation, and eternal judgment (1Thess.4:16-18; Matt.24:1-14, 31; Mark 13:27; Rev.9:6; 2Thess. 2:3-12; Jude14, 15; Zech.14:19-20; Rev.20:11-15; 21:8).

13. ARTICLE No 2: MEMBERSHIP

- The Forum will be open for all churches and Bishops, Apostles, Prophet, Evangelist, and Pastors provided they are ministers of proven integrity. Members of the Forum affirm the following statement of faith:
- "We confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior, according to the Scriptures, and therefore seek to enter into fellowship with other Christians, as witness to our commitment to a common ministry to the glory of the one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit."
- One will become a member by filling registration form and payment of registration fee.
- One shall qualify to become a full member by:
 - ❖ Payment of the registration fee of R300 by the Church;
 - ❖ Payment of the registration fee of R200 by the individual pastors from Pretoria West and beyond.

- Should a pastor resign and re-apply again, the Executive Committee shall review his or her application and make some recommendations.
- Friends of Pretoria West Pastors Forum: one shall become a friend of Pretoria West Pastors Forum by accepting our offer and upon payment of R150 and filling a registration form;
- The membership shall be renewed **ANNUALLY**.

14. ARTICLE NO 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of Seven (7) members and function are as:

- The Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson
- The General Secretary
- Treasurer
- Public Relations Officer / Marketing Officer
- Two Additional members.
- Two additional persons, elected by elected Executive Committee shall provide skills in finance, law, management or other areas of expertise vital to the efficient administration of the Forum.

The Executive Committee has the following powers and duties:

- To adopt an annual budget for the Forum and to assist in raising funds to carry out the programmes of the Forum.
- To assume fiduciary responsibility for the Forum's finances.
- To authorize all Forum grants, loans, investments, and bank accounts and ensure that these are managed in accordance with sound financial principles.
- To appoint the Auditors of the Forum's accounts.
- Oversees the development and implementation of programme plans.
- To appoint a General Secretary and, if necessary, a Deputy General Secretary.
- To appoint subcommittees, including any standing subcommittees; to delegate powers and duties to them, and to receive reports from them.

15. ARTICLE 4. FINANCE

- Any money obtained by the Group shall be used only for the Group.
- Any bank accounts opened for the Group shall be in the name of the Group.
- Any cheques issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other nominated official.
- Any funds donated to any organization by the Forum shall be authorized by the Chairperson and Treasure.

16. ARTICLE 5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- The Group shall hold an Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) in the month of November every year.
- All members shall be given at least fourteen days' notice of the A.G.M. and shall be entitled to attend and vote.
- The business of the A.G.M. shall include:
 - Receiving a report from the Chairperson on the Group`s activities over the year.
 - Receiving a report from the Treasurer on the finances of the Group.
 - Electing a new Management Committee; and
 - Considering any other matter as may be decided.

17. ARTICLE 6: SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- A Special General Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee to discuss an urgent matter.
- The Secretary shall give all members ten days' notice of any Special General Meeting together with notice of the business to be discussed.
- All members shall be entitled to attend and vote.

18. ARTICLE 7: AFFILIATION

The forum will be affiliated to the following recognized organization and government structures:

- Gauteng Religious directorate
- South African Council of Churches (SACC)
- Tshwane Mayoral Committee
- PTA West Business Forum

19. **ARTICLE 8: AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

- This constitution may be amended by the vote of two thirds of delegates present at a meeting of the Pastors Forum meeting, provided that particulars of the proposed amendments were included in notice of the meeting given not less than 28 days before the meeting.
- The Pastors Forum shall be empowered to amend the constitution to the extent necessary to bring it into compliance with South African law. Any such changes must be ratified by a vote of two thirds of the delegates present at the next meeting of the Pastors Forum.
- The General Secretary shall submit a copy of any amendment to this constitution to the Commissioner of Revenue and the Directorate of Nonprofit Organizations within 30 days of its adoption.

20. **ARTICLE 9: DISSOLUTION**

- The Council may be dissolved upon the vote of two thirds of the full members at a special meeting of the Pastors Forum called for the purpose of considering such dissolution, provided that notice of such proposed dissolution shall have been given not less than 30 days before the date of such meeting.
- In the event of dissolution, the net assets of the Forum shall be disposed of other organizations or bodies having similar aims and objects to the Forum in such manner as the resolution dissolving the Forum directs.

21. **AUTONOMY**

- The Forum shall be the umbrella body of all affiliated churches. These churches shall be an independent existing on its own right.

- The churches will be free from control by or interference from any denomination or other church professing the same principles and shall manage its own affairs without reference to any outside authority unless it requests the Forum to intervene.
- Affiliated churches will continue to assist and or support the Pastors Forum with any resources (e.g. equipment, finances etc.) until such time is self-supporting. Affiliated churches will continue to assist and support the Pastors Forum by alternating on hosting the Pastors Forum meetings

22. CONSTITUTION MANAGEMENT

ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY
Adoption	Executive Committee
Implementation and changes	Executive committee

23. ADOPTION

- This constitution shall be considered adopted and in immediate effect if and when two- thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting at which the vote is taking shall vote in favor of the same. This vote shall be taken not less than 30 days after formal presentation of the constitution of the forum.
- The Executive committee by virtue of their signature hereby endorses this Constitution and thus become effective from the date of this endorsement.
- We the undersigned, freely and voluntarily subscribe to the basic principles set out in this Constitution and understand and consent to the fact that these principles may not be violated and that we shall be required by the leadership to either accept their counsel and discipline or forfeit the rights of membership of PTA WEST PASTORS FORUM AND BEYOND should they be violated.

SIGNATORIES: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Chairperson

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Deputy- Chairperson

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Secretary

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Treasurer

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Public Relation Officer

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