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Preface

The New Apostolic Church International (hereinafter referred to as NACI) is an independent association under Swiss law. NACI incorporates as its members the active Chief Apostle as well as all active District Apostles and Apostles from all countries of the world. NACI forms, together with all New Apostolic District Churches – by safeguarding their legal independence - a Church as a whole with a global presence and uniform doctrine, under the leadership of the Chief Apostle as its supreme spiritual instance.

The New Apostolic Church sees itself as Church of Jesus Christ in the same sense as the apostolic congregations at the time of the first Apostles. Its doctrine is based on the Holy Scripture. The goal of faith of the New Apostolic Doctrine is to prepare the faithful for Christ's Return to attain eternal communion with God.

Article 1

Name and Domicile

- 1.1 Under the name of "New Apostolic Church International" (NACI) there exists an Association within the meaning of Article 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code (SCC).
- 1.2 The Association is registered with the Commercial Register of the Canton of Zurich (Switzerland).
- 1.3 Permanent domicile of the Association is Zurich (Switzerland).

Article 2

Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the New Apostolic Church International is to cultivate, foster and preserve the spiritual unity of all Apostles of the New Apostolic Churches in all countries of the world with the Chief Apostle and among themselves.
- 2.2 NACI promotes the unity of all New Apostolic District Churches as part of a globally active Church as a whole.
- 2.3 NACI endeavours to ensure the economic viability of the various District Churches and to contribute to their development including support of financially weak District Churches.
- 2.4 NACI pursues charitable objectives, either directly or indirectly via the District Churches worldwide.
- 2.5 NACI may take any measures suitable to achieve its purpose.

Article 3

Functions

- 3.1 The cultivating, fostering and preserving of the unity of the Apostles (Art. 2.1) is, in particular, effected by the following:
 - 3.1.1 District Apostles' Meetings.
 - 3.1.2 Delegates' Meetings.
 - 3.1.3 Apostles' Meetings.
 - 3.1.4 Travels of the Chief Apostle to the various District Churches for the purpose of conducting divine services and cultivating fellowship.

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- 3.1.5 Inviting District Apostles and Apostles at regular intervals to attend Divine Services conducted by the Chief Apostle.
 - 3.1.6 Regular communication between the Chief Apostle and the District Apostles and Apostles.
- 3.2 The promoting of the unity of the District Churches (Art. 2.2) is, in particular, effected by the following:
- 3.2.1 Providing inspiration for a development of the Church as a whole, both inside and outside.
 - 3.2.2 Safeguarding a uniform Doctrine, preparing guidelines on all matters pertaining to the Church and dealing with present-day issues.
 - 3.2.3 Drawing up guidelines and ordinances conducive to spiritual, organisational, and international cooperation between the District Churches.
 - 3.2.4 Directing the project and work groups set up by the Chief Apostle.
 - 3.2.5 Protecting the unity of the New Apostolic Church against disruptive or undermining activities.
 - 3.2.6 Promoting the interests of the Church as a whole and representing the latter in public.
 - 3.2.7 Devising and promoting a church strategy for the Church as a whole.
 - 3.2.8 Devising and promoting a financial strategy for the Church as a whole.
- 3.3 The supporting of financially weak District Churches (Art. 2.3) is, in particular, effected by the following:
- 3.3.1 Complying with the church strategy.
 - 3.3.2 Complying with the financial strategy.
 - 3.3.3 Receiving and analysing the annual financial statements from the various District Churches.
 - 3.3.4 Assisting the administrations of the District Churches in achieving optimal coordination of all administrative tasks and in utilising available synergies.
 - 3.3.5 Assisting the various District Churches in obtaining state recognition.
- 3.4 The pursuing of charitable objectives (Art. 2.4) is, in particular, effected by the following:
- 3.4.1 Rendering development aid.
 - 3.4.2 Supporting the needy (e.g. by financial donations, delivering medication and making allowances to hospitals and homes).
 - 3.4.3 Rendering assistance in case of disasters (e.g. by financial donations, supplying food and clothing).

- 3.4.4 Promoting the school system in missionary areas (e.g. financial support in the form of grants and allowances).
- 3.4.5 Promoting musical education (e.g. contributions for buying instruments, training and schooling).
- 3.4.6 Making allowances to other charitable institutions.
- 3.5 NACI archives church-relevant documents in paper form (books, dossiers, records, etc.) and/or in electronical, visual or in any other form.
- 3.6 NACI supervises the church products of the Publishing House Friedrich Bischoff Ltd. Publications for the Ministers, teaching material, the church magazine "Our Family" and comparable publications as well as music products for use in Divine Services require NACI's approval. The magazine "Our Family" is an organ of publication of the Church providing current information and instruction and also serving the strengthening of the faith of New Apostolic Christians.

Article 4

Membership

- 4.1 Members of NACI are: the active Chief Apostle and all District Apostles and Apostles in the active service of the New Apostolic Church throughout the world.
- 4.2 Membership is acquired by being ordained as an Apostle or District Apostle.

The District Apostles and Apostles are ordained by the Chief Apostle. The Chief Apostle may commission a District Apostle to carry out an ordination in his stead. This commission must be given in written form.

If an Apostle is to be ordained, the responsible District Apostle proposes to the Chief Apostle a Minister out of his District Apostle's Area. The Chief Apostle may also get in contact with other District Apostles in order to appoint an appropriate Minister to the Apostle ministry, also from another District Apostle's Area. The Chief Apostle decides on the ordination.
- 4.3 In the case of new ordinations, District Apostles (when first being ordained into the Apostle Ministry) and Apostles will take the following vow in the presence of the Chief Apostle or his representative prior to their ordination:

"Before God, the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit I vow to love the Almighty God, the Creator of all things, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my being, and with all my strength; also to love my neighbour as myself.

It is my holy duty to proclaim Jesus Christ's Doctrine, especially the redeeming power of His sacrifice and His return, and to let me guide alone by the Holy Spirit in order to fulfil the commission received in Jesus' name honestly, diligently, conscientiously, and uprightly. I want to serve in humbleness and conduct myself worthily and honourably before God and man.

I acknowledge the Chief Apostle as the highest Minister and promise him my full support. I declare my support for the unity with the Chief Apostle and the District Apostles and Apostles of the New Apostolic Church that are united with him, whose highest duty is obedience in faith, whose highest honour is being faithful to God's work, whose greatest goal is completion in Christ.

In discharging this leading Ministry of the New Apostolic Church, I shall unequivocally take responsibility for this profession of faith and live in accordance with the Gospel as an Apostle of the New Apostolic Church."

- 4.4 Only after having taken this vow and having signed the Articles of Association personally (which must be countersigned by the Chief Apostle and the responsible District Apostle) can the prospective District Apostle or Apostle be ordained. The Articles of Association must be signed in triplicate. Copies go to the Chief Apostle, the responsible District Apostle, and the newly ordained Minister.
- 4.5 In their capacity as representatives of the New Apostolic Church it is expected of the members that they conduct themselves at all times in line with the vow they have taken (Art. 4.3). The members are obliged to actively promote the continuing viability and development of the New Apostolic Church and to stand up for the doctrine of the New Apostolic Church.
- 4.6 The members avail themselves of their respective civic rights and duties. A political activity can only be exercised upon prior agreement with the District Apostle as well as the Chief Apostle's approval.
- 4.7 Each member has the right to being informed. The Chief Apostle and the District Apostles are obliged to inform the Apostles about the main activities of the Association, in particular about the topics dealt with by the governing bodies of the Association as well as the resolutions passed by them.
- 4.8 During the leave of absence of a District Apostle or Apostle, which may be pronounced by the Chief Apostle in the event of a weighty reason pertaining (e.g. sickness-related, family-related, marital, or personal), all membership rights are suspended. The Chief Apostle may appoint a representative.

4.9 The membership of the District Apostles and Apostles with NACI terminates based on the following occurrences:

4.9.1 Death.

4.9.2 Retirement.

When reaching the age of 65, each District Apostle and Apostle is entitled to go into retirement. Retirement commences with the Act of Retirement, pursuant to Art. 7.7.2.

In the event of particular circumstances, the Chief Apostle may, with the consent of the person concerned, extend the period in office of a District Apostle or Apostle.

With the Chief Apostle's approval, each member is entitled to take early retirement, i.e. before reaching the age of 65, or else be placed into retirement, particularly when his state of health so requires.

4.9.3 Dismissal from office

Dismissal from office may be effected by the Chief Apostle in the event of a weighty reason pertaining. The member concerned is given the opportunity to inform the Chief Apostle of his position with respect to the reasons given for his dismissal within a period of two weeks.

4.9.4 Resignation from office

Each District Apostle and Apostle can resign from office at any time subject to submitting to the Chief Apostle a written declaration to this effect. The office will expire with the Chief Apostle's respective confirmation.

4.10 The Chief Apostle's membership in NACI ends with his death, with the ordination of a successor, with his resignation from office as made known to the District Apostles' Meeting, with his definitive disability to serve, or with his being voted out of office.

4.11 With the termination of the membership, all signature rights and powers granted by NACI will lapse.

4.12 Upon request, each member must provide the Chief Apostle - even after termination of his membership - with information regarding his official activities and give an account of them. The obligation of confidentiality vis-à-vis third parties is in force both during the term of office as well as after termination of the membership.

4.13 Each member must exercise due care that, after his membership terminates, all objects belonging to the New Apostolic Church, plus all writings, documents, databases, files, books, inventories, movables, etc., as well

as all other assets belonging to the District Apostle's Area in question that are of relevance to ministerial and business management, are passed on to the responsible representative and that they are not misused. If applicable, the Chief Apostle may designate a responsible representative.

- 4.14 For the purpose of assisting the Chief Apostle or a District Apostle, Helpers can be commissioned (Chief Apostle Helper, District Apostle Helper). The Chief Apostle determines who is to obtain such a commission, and he defines content and duration of the commission. As a rule, he himself gives the commission, but he can also delegate a District Apostle to carry out the commissioning. The delegation must be given in writing.

Article 5 Finances

- 5.1 Subject to the applicable legal provisions (Art. 7.7.6), the various District Apostles' Areas resp. District Churches allocate funds to NACI.
- 5.2 NACI waives a membership contribution.
- 5.3 The funds are used by NACI for the following purposes:
- 5.3.1 covering the administrative costs;
 - 5.3.2 performing charitable activities of international significance;
 - 5.3.3 supporting financially weak District Churches;
 - 5.3.4 subsidising selected products of the Publishing House Friedrich Birschhoff Ltd. or other Church products;
 - 5.3.5 settling all other activities of NACI;
 - 5.3.6 accumulating reserve funds.
- 5.4 The funds of NACI are exclusively used according to the Chief Apostle's directives. The Chief Apostle takes steps to assure an orderly bookkeeping and annual financial statements that are in compliance with the recognised rules of business accounting.
- 5.5 Members - including those who have resigned or have been dismissed and/ or former members who are in retirement - have no claim to NACI assets.
- 5.6 The liability of NACI is restricted to its assets.
A personal liability on the part of the members of NACI is excluded.

- 5.7 For the purpose of devising and promoting a financial strategy, the District Apostles shall forward to NACI within a period of six month after the end of each business year, without being asked to do so, the signed annual financial statements together with the business reports and the Auditor's reports, namely separately for:
- 5.7.1 the District Apostle's Area (either separately for the different District Churches or in form of a consolidated business report);
 - 5.7.2 the charitable bodies;
 - 5.7.3 the foundations;
 - 5.7.4 the church-owned economic enterprises.
- 5.8 Business year of the Association is the calendar year.

Article 6

Organisation and Governing Bodies

- 6.1 The Chief Apostle, the District Apostles and the Apostles are the leading ministries of the New Apostolic Church.
- 6.2 A District Apostle's Area is headed by a District Apostle. A District Apostle's Area comprises one or several District Churches which, as a rule, are legally independent institutions of the respective country.
- 6.3 Governing Bodies of NACI are:
- 6.3.1 The Chief Apostle.
 - 6.3.2 The District Apostles' Meeting.
 - 6.3.3 The Delegates' Meeting.
 - 6.3.4 The Apostles' Meeting.
 - 6.3.5 The Statutory Auditors.

Article 7

The Chief Apostle

- 7.1 The Chief Apostle is appointed by his predecessor (Art. 7.7.10). In the absence of such an appointment, or if the Chief Apostle has been voted out of office, the new Chief Apostle is elected at a District Apostles' Meeting (Art. 8.12) resp. an Apostles' Meeting (Art. 10.3.2) from the ranks of the members of NACI.
- His Ministry commences with his ordination. The ordination follows the death of the previous Chief Apostle, or his ascertained definite unfitness for work, or his entry into retirement, or his resignation from office or his having been voted out

of office, as per appointment by his predecessor or as per election at a District Apostles' Meeting resp. an Apostles' Meeting.

The ordination of the new Chief Apostle is performed by the retiring Chief Apostle resp. by the longest-serving District Apostle. It shall be announced without delay to all New Apostolic Congregations around the world.

- 7.2 Upon reaching the age of 65, the Chief Apostle is entitled to retire. However, he should not continue in office beyond his 70th year of life.
- 7.3 In the event of a weighty reason, if the relationship of trust is undermined and his remaining in office would be unreasonable, the Chief Apostle may be dismissed through proceedings to vote him out of office (Art. 8.13).
- 7.4 It's within the commission of the Chief Apostle to continually and conscientiously proclaim the Doctrine of Jesus Christ and to preserve its purity. As the supreme spiritual authority of all New Apostolic District Churches on earth, he directs the Church as a whole in all matters spiritual.
- 7.5 The Chief Apostle has the right and duty, within the competences that these Articles of Association endow him with, to attend to all matters pertaining to NACI. He has single signature power.
- 7.6 The Chief Apostle may, at any time, delegate his functions to representatives; also confer and revoke authorisations.
- 7.7 The Chief Apostle has sole decision-making power concerning all NACI-related matters that are not, by these Articles of Association or by binding legal provisions, assigned to another organ.

He is, in particular, responsible for:

- 7.7.1 Appointing and ordaining District Apostles, Apostles, and Bishops.
- 7.7.2 Placing in retirement and dismissing District Apostles, Apostles and Bishops.
- 7.7.3 Suspending District Apostles, Apostles and Bishops for a specified period of time.
- 7.7.4 Fixing and altering the boundaries of District Churches and setting up new District Apostles' Areas as well as reassigning areas to District Apostles for pastoral and administrative purposes.
- 7.7.5 Drawing up the annual budget of NACI.
- 7.7.6 In consultation with the responsible District Apostle: Determining the financial contribution to be made to NACI (Art. 5.1).

With respect to District Churches where it is illegal to make contributions to a foreign organisation, or where such contributions would entail

legal or fiscal disadvantages for the District Church or its members, NACI waives the remittance of such contributions.

- 7.7.7 Decision-making power over NACI expenditures and managing its assets. He has single power to represent NACI in court and outside court, including legal transactions of real estate.
- 7.7.8 Drawing up and devising the annual report of NACI.
- 7.7.9 Mediating in cases of differences of opinion among the members of NACI.
- 7.7.10 Appointing his successor from the ranks of NACI members. To this effect, the Chief Apostle will deposit a document in the safe of NACI. A corresponding note and an authorisation for disclosing this document are deposited with the Administration of NACI.
- 7.7.11 Provision for the Chief Apostle being presumed temporarily prevented from holding his office and exercising his functions: To this effect, the Chief Apostle will deposit a document in the safe of NACI. A corresponding note and an authorisation for disclosing this document are deposited with the Administration of NACI.
- 7.7.12 Decreeing regulations and ordinances in matters of the Church as a whole.

7.8 Regulations and ordinances of the Chief Apostle are to be implemented in all District Churches, subject to conflicting and compulsory legal provisions and in consideration of their legal independence.

7.9 Should the Chief Apostle be presumed temporarily prevented from holding his office and exercising his functions due to serious sickness or any other serious event (if applicable, certification from two independent physicians is required here), the Administration of NACI shall invite, after a period of two weeks upon the event occurring, the three longest-serving District Apostles to appear within seven days at the domicile of NACI.

In the event that the three District Apostles jointly ascertain a temporary unfitness for work, then, in the presence of all, pursuant to Art. 7.7.11, the safe and the document deposited therein – "In case I am presumed to be temporarily unfit to discharge my duties" – are to be opened and the measures stipulated therein are to be implemented without delay.

7.10 In the case of the Chief Apostle being definitely unfit to discharge his duties and functions due to serious sickness or any other grave event (in the case of sickness, certification from two independent physicians is required here), the Administration of NACI shall, within seven days upon receipt of the medical certification or the grave event occurring, convene a District Apostles' Meeting.

In the event that the District Apostles' Meeting pursuant to Art. 8.10 has decided that the Chief Apostle is definitely unfit to discharge his duties, then during

the Meeting and in the presence of all, the safe and the document deposited therein – "In case I am definitely unfit to discharge my duties" – are to be opened pursuant to Art. 7.7.10. The measures stipulated therein are to be implemented without delay.

In the event that it was decided at a District Apostles' Meeting to wait a certain time before declaring the Chief Apostle to be definitely unfit to discharge his duties, the procedures pursuant to Art. 7.9 may be adopted.

7.11 In the case of the Chief Apostle's death, Art. 7.10 applies accordingly.

7.12 The Chief Apostle heads a permanent Administration at the domicile of NACI. The Administration deals with all administrative matters of NACI and supports the Chief Apostle in implementing his directives and the resolutions passed at the District Apostles' Meeting.

7.13 The Chief Apostle can define details of the organisation of the Administration in a regulation. Signature powers may be granted by the Chief Apostle to the Manager of the Administration and to additional staff members.

Article 8

The District Apostles' Meeting

8.1 The District Apostles' Meeting (DAM) is composed of the active Chief Apostle as well as all active District Apostles. District Apostle Helpers (Art. 4.14) participate in the District Apostles' Meeting (without electoral sessions), however without having a right to vote.

8.2 The District Apostles' Meeting advises and assists the Chief Apostle in all ecclesiastical matters and, together with the Chief Apostle, bears the responsibility for the unity of all New Apostolic District Churches.

8.3 The following responsibilities are in particular incumbent on the District Apostles' Meeting:

8.3.1 Deliberating on issues presented by the Chief Apostle, by District Apostles, Apostles, and/or work/project groups.

8.3.2 Passing resolutions concerning matters submitted for decision by the Chief Apostle and the work and/or project groups commissioned by him; as far as these decisions have financial impacts on NACI, an explicit approval of the Chief Apostle is required.

8.3.3 Enacting regulations and ordinances in matters pertaining to the Church as a whole and which are subject to the Chief Apostle's approval.

- 8.3.4 Discussing and passing resolutions on matters pertaining to the District Churches.
 - 8.3.5 Electing and voting the Chief Apostle out of office (electoral sessions).
 - 8.3.6 Passing resolution on the Chief Apostle's definite unfitness to discharge his duties.
- 8.4 The District Apostles' Meeting convenes ordinary and extraordinary sessions under the chairmanship of the Chief Apostle. As a rule, its ordinary sessions are held twice a year on invitation of the Chief Apostle. A minimum of 2/3 of the members entitled to vote may submit a motion to the Chief Apostle requesting an extraordinary session. Invitations are issued in writing one month in advance and include the agenda. Documents are delivered in advance. Resolutions, including rules for corresponding implementation, are recorded in minutes to be signed by the Chief Apostle and the Secretary of Record.
- 8.5 Electoral sessions of the District Apostles' Meeting are held if a new Chief Apostle has to be elected (Art. 8.12) or if a motion has been tabled to vote him out of office (Art. 8.13).
- 8.6 The District Apostles' Meeting constitutes a quorum if at least 3/4 of its members entitled to vote are present or legally valid represented. A District Apostle may appoint another NACI member to represent him by written authorisation. Such representation is subject to approval by the Chief Apostle.
- 8.7 Unless otherwise provided for by these Articles of Association, the resolutions at District Apostles' Meetings are passed with a 3/4 majority of the members present or legally valid represented. The Chief Apostle has one vote, and each District Apostle has one vote.
- 8.8 Resolutions at District Apostles' Meetings can also be passed by way of correspondence, provided no District Apostle requests that a session be convened for discussion purposes.
- 8.9 Resolutions passed at District Apostles' Meetings are to be implemented in all District Churches, subject to conflicting and compulsory legal provisions and in consideration of their legal independence.
- 8.10 The District Apostles' Meeting decides on draft resolutions concerning the Chief Apostle being definitely unfit to discharge his duties (Art. 7.10).
- Invitations to such a meeting are issued by the Administration of NACI in writing including the agenda. The meeting is to be chaired by the longest-serving District Apostle.
- Such a District Apostles' Meeting constitutes a quorum if - apart from the Chief Apostle - all District Apostles are present or legally valid represented. A District

Apostle may appoint another District Apostle to represent him by written authorisation. Art. 8.8 does not apply.

The resolution must be passed unanimously. The Chief Apostle has no voting right.

- 8.11 Electoral sessions of the District Apostles' Meeting are held without the Chief Apostle being present.

Invitations to an electoral session containing the agenda are issued in writing by the longest-serving District Apostle. Sessions should be convened within seven days following the invitation. They are to be chaired by the longest-serving District Apostle.

In electoral sessions, the District Apostles' Meeting constitutes a quorum if at least 9/10 of its members are present or legally valid represented. A District Apostle may appoint another District Apostle to represent him by written authorisation. Each District Apostle has one vote. Art. 8.8 does not apply.

- 8.12 An electoral session of the District Apostles' Meeting for the purpose of electing a new Chief Apostle is required when the previous Chief Apostle has not designated his successor, when the said designated successor is not available, or when the Chief Apostle was voted out of office.

The Chief Apostle is elected by secret ballot.

The resolution is deemed to have been passed when 2/3 of the District Apostles present or legally valid represented could agree on a successor.

Electoral sessions of the District Apostles' Meeting for the purpose of electing a new Chief Apostle shall be carried out within seven days at the most. If after this time no Chief Apostle has been elected, the election is delegated to the Apostles' Meeting (Art. 10.5).

- 8.13 An electoral session of the District Apostles' Meeting for the purpose of voting the Chief Apostle out of office is required when a motion stating reasons by at least 1/4 of the members of NACI has been tabled (Art. 7.3).

The resolution to proceed with voting the Chief Apostle out of office is taken in secret.

The said resolution must be passed with 9/10 of the District Apostles present or legally valid represented.

No more than one ballot is to be held. Should the necessary majority not be obtained, the motion is deemed to have been rejected. Should the necessary majority be obtained, the Chief Apostle is deemed to have been voted out of office; the procedure set out in Art. 8.12 must immediately follow.

- 8.14 The Chief Apostle may invite the District Apostles of a certain region to attend meetings for the treatment of regional issues (DAM Europe, DAM Asia, DAM Africa etc.). The rules for the District Apostles' Meeting shall apply by analogy.

Article 9

The Delegates' Meeting

- 9.1 It is the function of the Delegates' Meeting to represent the interests of the members of NACI.
- 9.2 The Delegates' Meeting is composed of the delegates.
- 9.3 The delegates are elected for a period of four years. For each District Apostle's Area an Apostle or District Apostle shall be elected as delegate. Delegates can be re-elected.

The Chief Apostle has the right of first proposing for an election. His proposal for election has to be communicated in writing to the District Apostle and the Apostles of a District Apostle's Area. These may submit to the Chief Apostle additional proposals for election in writing within four weeks following the announcement. Nobody can propose himself for election. At least 20% of all NACI members of a District Apostle's Area must have signed the proposal for election.

If no further proposals for election are submitted, the delegate proposed by the Chief Apostle is deemed to have been elected in silent voting.

If additional proposals for election are submitted, the Chief Apostle shall give due notice to the District Apostle and the Apostles of the District Apostle's Area of all members of NACI standing for election, and within a period of 8 weeks he shall carry out an electoral procedure. Elected is the member of NACI securing the largest majority of votes (relative majority). In the event of equality of votes, the delegate proposed by the Chief Apostle is deemed to have been elected.

Should a delegate retire during his term of office (Art. 9.3, para.1) or otherwise withdraw as a member of NACI, a by-election is to be carried out. In such a case, the newly elected delegate shall take over the term of office of his predecessor.

- 9.4 The Delegates' Meeting convenes ordinary and extraordinary sessions under the chairmanship of the Chief Apostle. On invitation of the Chief Apostle, an ordinary Delegates' Meeting will be held at least once a year. A minimum of 1/2 of the members may submit a motion to the Chief Apostle requesting an extraordinary session. Invitations are issued in writing at least one month in advance by indicating the agenda.

- 9.5 The Delegates' Meeting is responsible for administrative and financial affairs of NACI. The following functions are, in particular, to be performed:
- 9.5.1 Discussing and passing resolutions on all affairs presented by the Chief Apostle.
 - 9.5.2 Electing the Statutory Auditors for one year at a time.
 - 9.5.3 Approving the annual financial statements and the annual report.
 - 9.5.4 Granting discharge to the Chief Apostle.
 - 9.5.5 Passing resolution on amendments to the Articles of Association (Art. 14.1).
 - 9.5.6 Passing resolution on dissolution of the Association without liquidation (merger or change of legal form); in any case, this requires an amendment to the Articles of Association (Art. 14.1).
 - 9.5.7 At the request of the Chief Apostle: Passing resolutions on applying for dissolution of the Association with liquidation to the attention of the Apostles' Meeting (Art. 10.3.3).
- 9.6 The Delegates' Meeting constitutes a quorum, if at least 3/4 of the delegates are present or legally valid represented. Each delegate may appoint another delegate to represent him by written authorisation.

Resolutions of the Delegates' Meeting are passed with a 3/4 majority of the delegates present or legally valid represented. Each delegate has one vote.

Article 10

The Apostles' Meeting

- 10.1 The Apostles' Meeting is composed of all members of NACI.
- 10.2 The Apostles' Meeting convenes ordinary and extraordinary sessions under the chairmanship of the Chief Apostle. On the Chief Apostle's invitation, it convenes ordinary sessions. A minimum of 1/2 of its members may submit a motion to the Chief Apostle requesting an extraordinary session. Invitations are issued in writing at least one month in advance by indicating the agenda.
- 10.3 The following responsibilities are incumbent on the Apostles' Meeting:
- 10.3.1 Discussing and passing resolutions on all matters submitted by the Chief Apostle.
 - 10.3.2 Election of the Chief Apostle (Art. 8.12).
 - 10.3.3 Passing resolution on the dissolution of the Association with liquidation (Art. 15.2-15.4).

10.4 The Apostles' Meeting constitutes a quorum if at least 3/4 of the members are present or legally valid represented. Each member may appoint another member to represent him by written authorisation.

Resolutions of the Apostles' Meeting are passed with a 3/4 majority of the members present or legally valid represented. Each member has one vote.

10.5 The Chief Apostle is elected (Art. 10.3.2) as follows:

10.5.1 Electoral sessions of the Apostles' Meeting (Art. 8.12) are held without the Chief Apostle being present. Invitations containing the agenda are issued in writing by the longest-serving District Apostle. The sessions are to take place without delay. They are to be chaired by the longest-serving District Apostle.

10.5.2 In electoral sessions the Apostles' Meeting constitutes a quorum if at least 3/4 of its members are present or legally valid represented. Each member can represent no more than 5 other members subject to their written authorisation.

10.5.3 The Chief Apostle is elected by secret ballot. Each member of the Apostles' Meeting has one vote. The resolution is deemed to have been passed when 3/4 of the members present or legally valid represented were able to agree on a successor.

10.6 The Chief Apostle may invite the Apostles of a certain region for an exchange of experiences and the discussion of regional issues (Regional Apostles' Meeting). The regulations applying to Apostles' Meetings apply accordingly.

Article 11

The Statutory Auditors

11.1 A reputable and internationally active auditing company, recognised in circles of experts, shall be elected as Statutory Auditors.

11.2 The Statutory Auditors are to be elected annually by the Delegates' Meeting.

11.3 The Statutory Auditors shall audit the annual financial statements and issue a report to the Chief Apostle to the attention of the Delegates' Meeting.

Article 12

Interlinking District Apostles' Areas with NACI

- 12.1 Each District Apostle is obliged to deposit with the Chief Apostle a copy of the valid Articles of Association (Constitutions) and regulations concerning the District Churches under his jurisdiction, as well as all associated economic enterprises and charitable bodies and foundations.
- 12.2 Decisions concerning new and revised Articles of Associations (Constitutions) and new and revised regulations of the District Churches, shall only be taken subject to the Chief Apostle's prior written consent. Should such consent not be refused within a period of three months following receipt of the relevant documents, it shall be deemed granted.

Article 13

Data protection

Data compiled, processed, and utilised by NACI for church purposes are deployed according to data protection guidelines laid down by the Chief Apostle and also according to the directives given by the data protection commissioner appointed by him.

Article 14

Amendments to the Articles of Association

- 14.1 Amendments to the Articles of Association may be proposed by the members of NACI. Upon the Chief Apostle's statement the Delegates' Meeting resolves on the application. Amendments to the Articles of Association must be communicated to all NACI members without delay.
- 14.2 Amendments to the Articles of Association come into immediate effect upon resolution by the Delegates' Meeting unless a coming into effect is otherwise determined in the resolution.
- 14.3 Amendments to the Articles of Association are to be registered by the Chief Apostle with the Commercial Register at the domicile of NACI.

Article 15

Duration and dissolution

- 15.1 The duration of NACI is unlimited.
- 15.2 On request of the Chief Apostle and the Delegates' Meeting, the Apostles' Meeting may decide with a 3/4 majority of all members to dissolve NACI with subsequent liquidation.
- 15.3 The liquidation is carried out by the Chief Apostle. The Chief Apostle may appoint particular liquidators for this purpose.
- 15.4 In the event of the dissolution of NACI, its members have no claim to any portion of its assets. The liquidation results are to be transferred to the District Apostles' Areas – if applicable to successor areas - in the proportion of the funds allocated to NACI over the last three years (Art. 5.1).

Article 16

Final provisions

- 16.1 In addition, the provisions of the Swiss Civil Code (SCC) and the Code of Obligation (CO) shall be applied.
- 16.2 Place of jurisdiction for any disputes arising in connection with the Association is Zurich.
- 16.3 The present Articles of Association replace the previous ones dated May 13, 2005 and shall come into force on May 21, 2010.
- 16.4 The original version of these Articles of Association is formulated in the German language. It will be translated into other languages. In case of lack of clarity and possible differences, the German version shall prevail.
- 16.5 A complete copy of these Articles of Association will be filed with the Commercial Register of the Canton of Zurich.

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**Acceptance of Articles of Association
Confirmation of Membership**

The Apostle to be ordained consents to being a member of NACI, he accepts the present Articles of Association and confirms the vow he took in compliance with Article 4.3.

Place and date:

The Apostle to be ordained:

The Chief Apostle hereby confirms the future Apostle's membership as recommended by the responsible District Apostle.

Place and date:

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The Chief Apostle:

The responsible District Apostle:
