

## ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COVENANT CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION

- I. The NAME of this organization shall be the COVENANT CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION (CCA).
- II. STATUS: The Covenant Chaplains Association is a non-profit association of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) and shall operate as a recognized affiliate of the ECC within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.
- III. The PURPOSE of the Association shall be:
  - A. To provide an identity for ministers within the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) serving as chaplains in varied settings.
  - B. To provide fellowship centered around our common vocational interest.
  - C. To provide opportunities for continuing education and mentoring.
  - D. To provide an opportunity to speak with one voice to the ECC Ministerium on the concerns of chaplaincy.
  - E. To function as a forum for information sharing and discussion regarding chaplaincy concerns, training, position openings, etc.
- IV. MEMBERSHIP:
  - A. ECC clergy in chaplaincy ministry and other ECC clergy and students who support the Association with their presence, participation and payment of annual membership dues.
  - B. The amount of annual membership dues will be set by the Association.
  - C. Only members current in their dues may vote at CCA meetings.
- V. The EXECUTIVE BOARD:
  - A. Members shall consist of the following officers:
    1. The Chair - this officer shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association for a three-year term.
    2. The Vice-Chair - this officer shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association for a three-year term.
    3. The Secretary/Treasurer - this officer shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association for a three-year term.
  - B. Officers shall be able to serve on the board for a period of two terms unless there are no other viable candidates as determined by the Nominating Committee.
  - C. Executive Board shall schedule meetings as convenient or as necessary. Meetings may take place in person or by electronic media, so long as all officers are included in the discussion.
  - D. The Chair shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members of CCA other than the current officers. They shall convene in person or electronically to prepare a ballot for elections as necessary and ensure such ballots are sent to all CCA members at least 30 days prior to the CCA annual meeting.
- VI. ASSOCIATION MEETINGS:
  - A. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at the Midwinter Conference of the ECC.
  - B. Other meetings may be held as deemed helpful or necessary.
- VII. AMENDMENTS:
  - A. Proposed amendments to these Articles shall be presented in writing to the Secretary at least ninety (90) days prior to the CCA annual meeting.
  - B. Amendments to these Articles may be confirmed by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Association provided that the amendment has been disseminated to the membership (using the best email distribution lists currently available) for consideration at least thirty (30) days prior to that meeting. The Executive Board is charged with carrying out stated procedures for amendments.