

California Mission Development

Constitution and By-Laws

Article 1—Name

This association, known as, “California Mission Development,” or CMD, shall be an auxiliary unit of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Armona.

Article 2—Purpose

The purpose of this association shall be to provide an agency through which its members can fellowship together in the financial assistance of church endorsed mission projects. Our purpose is as follows:

- 1. To assist financially in the purchase and improvement of lands where church buildings may be constructed and services held.**
- 2. To assist financially in erecting a new church building for worship.**
- 3. To assist financially in the remodeling of existing buildings for the purpose of worship.**

Article 3—Membership

- 1. Association in this fellowship shall be only with New Testament Churches as defined in Cobb’s Church Manual.**
- 2. All participation in the California Mission Development program shall be voluntary.**
- 3. All participating churches will vote by mail for the first, third and fourth quarter funds. The second quarter meeting will be conducted at the messenger meeting of the California Cooperative Association. Each participating church shall be allowed only two(2) messengers.**
- 4. A church shall be considered a participating church if funds have been given for four(4) quarters of the last six(6)quarters.**

Article 4—Officers

- 1. The Secretary/Treasurer will be selected by the sponsoring Church.**

2. Pastor of the sponsoring church shall act as the moderator of the advisory council. In the event he is absent, the pastor of the host church shall act as moderator for that advisory council meeting.
3. The advisory council may select officers which it feels necessary; however, the selection of officers must be approved by the sponsoring church.

Article 5—Committees

1. A research committee may be sent out upon request of the Advisory Council.
2. All committees shall be subject to the approval of the sponsoring church.

Article 6—Meetings

1. All voting except the 2nd quarter shall be completed by mail.
2. Voting for the 2nd quarter shall be done by advisory council. Each church is allowed only two(2) messengers.
3. The advisory council is only a recommending body; the vote of the sponsoring church is final.
4. A special meeting can be called by the sponsoring church if an urgent need exists.

Article 7—Petitions

1. Petitions shall be presented to the First Missionary Baptist Church of Armona at least thirty days prior to quarterly voting.
2. A mission must have their sponsoring church petition on their behalf.
3. Each church must be in fellowship with the churches of the California Cooperative Association.
4. A petitioning church must be a participating church as defined in article 3, item 4.
5. Each petition shall be heard or read and shall stand or fail on its own merit.
6. Each petition must have a detailed cost breakdown as well as the cost of all permits needed.
7. Funds can only be used as stated in petition request.
8. If a Church or a mission disbands or departs from the faith as defined in the doctrinal statement of the California Cooperative Association minute book, all CMD funds will be returned to CMD. Each petitioner must comply with this ground rule in writing before receiving CMD funds.

- 9. Participating churches may vote to hold, or vote to distribute quarterly funds to one or more petitions as desired. Any exceptions must be approved by the Council and Sponsoring Church.**
- 10. A participating church can petition for a mission work outside the state of California providing the participating church is in fellowship with the Churches of the California Cooperative Association. Likewise a scriptural New Testament Church outside the state that sponsors a mission in the state of California may petition on behalf of the mission if they are in fellowship with the Churches of the California Cooperative Association.**

Article 8—Voting

- 1. Only second quarter voted will be by show of hand. All other voting is by mail.**
- 2. That petition with the highest number of votes will receive quarterly funds.**
- 3. Any change in the article of agreements will be made by 2/3 majority of the advisory council and a majority vote of the sponsoring church.**
- 4. Requirement for a quorum of participating churches can be rescinded by recommendation of the messengers.**

Article 9—Receipts and Disbursements

- 1. The secretary/treasurer shall keep a permanent file of all funds and disbursements. This file will always be available to inspect or audit by any participating church or authorized auditor when requested by advisory council.**
- 2. Quarterly reports will be available on the First Missionary Baptist Church of Armona's website or by request.**

Article 10—Miscellaneous

- 1. The duration of CMD shall be perpetual, or may be dissolved only upon recommendation of the advisory council and vote of the sponsoring church.**
- 2. Upon dissolution or forfeiture of this association, all tangible properties shall be disbursed as directed by the advisory council and sponsoring church.**
- 3. This association, an agency of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Armona, shall always be subject to the sponsoring Church.**