

The Pastoral Medical Association™

Constitution

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We of this mighty western Republic have to grapple with the dangers that spring from popular self-government tried on a scale incomparably vaster than ever before in the history of mankind, and from an abounding material prosperity greater also than anything which the world has hitherto seen. As regards the first set of dangers, it behooves us to remember that men can never escape being governed. Either they must govern themselves or they must submit to being governed by others. If from lawlessness or fickleness, from folly or self-indulgence, they refuse to govern themselves, then most assuredly in the end they will have to be governed from the outside. They can prevent the need of government from without only by showing that they possess the power of government from within, a sovereign can not make excuses for his failures; a sovereign must accept the responsibility for the exercise of the power that inheres in him, and where, as is true in our Republic, the people are sovereign, then the people must show a sober understanding and a sane and steadfast purpose if they are to preserve that orderly liberty upon which as a foundation every republic must rest.

*President Theodore Roosevelt
Jamestown Exposition April 26, 1907*

Preamble

The maintenance of our free ecclesiastical institutions; or the right of believers to administer almighty God's law unimpeded by man's law, and therefore the perpetuity of religious bodies, depend upon the preservation of the right of ecclesiastical self-government. These rights are for naught however if ecclesiastical bodies fail to take the initiative and responsibility to govern themselves, and to do so in accordance with the First Law; blind to secular influences in disharmony with this Supreme Law.

A mere 100 years ago when Theodore Roosevelt made his notable speech in Jamestown, many nations and nation States had not long before invoked the name of almighty God, prayed His blessings over their constitutions and ordained that these nations were founded on His Supreme Law. These great Founders understood the destructive potential of secular government; understood that it is inherent in man, with his arrogance, greed and lust for power to control what is possible to control, and to destroy what is not. Fortunately, these wise Believers of yesteryear made provision in their constitutions to restrain the generations from adjudicating God's law, from impeding His workers, or otherwise controlling the ecclesiastical. While it has now been said that these two; the ecclesiastical and the secular; must be separate just as the day must be separate from the night for they have different purposes, the truth is that "separation" was never the intent;

prohibition of secular control was at the root. It is this effort now toward separate purpose; the displacement of the Supreme Law from secular governance, that inspires the dissonance of Mankind in this new century. Many inquiries that proceed to the superior courts; abortion being one; prayer in school another, have already their answers and are only debated because we have departed from the founding principles and proposed this breach we call separation that allows man to rule as if he is God. Today we egotistically debate whether man may wed man, or woman to woman as if mankind is endowed with the authority to overrule Almighty God. Such is the sin of human ego; such is the ability for mankind to destroy himself, and accordingly; to destroy ecclesiastical institutions founded to protect the First Law. The Almighty's instructions for physical, mental and spiritual health have been cast from the health care system and from the pulpits of today's churches; and this new millennium realizes health care crisis on a scale never afore known. This constitution has as its purpose to restore and protect the availability of the Creators messages for health. We coin this appropriately; Pastoral Science & Medicine.

Bill of Rights & By Laws

Article 1

The founders of this great constitution intend this as non offensive to secular law, for reasonable men respect the need for law that assures an orderly society and that protects its citizens. Such law though must necessarily be restrained from trespass upon the sovereignty granted by the supreme law of the Creator to His people. This restraint is assured in the constitutions of all great nations and shall be as long as we resist a continued departure from the founding fathers wisdom. We therefore as Believers in Almighty God, declare our right to these protections in order that we, as a non-denominational private (non public) Christian ecclesiastical jurisdiction may go about Almighty God's business in peace. We therefore proclaim;

(a) Almighty God created the heavens and earth and all that is; and the Holy Bible is His inspired Word. We as Believers receive the Holy Bible as the Human Instruction Manual from which all law, rights, responsibilities and instructions for the physical, mental and spiritual health and salvation of mankind arise. The right to hold this belief is absolute.

(b) Jesus Christ is the son of God, our Savior. The right to hold this belief is absolute.

(c) The Holy Spirit arises from God the Father and the Son. The right to hold this belief is absolute.

(d) The inspired words, wisdom and instruction of the the Father and Son; written and inferred through the Word as interpreted by this jurisdiction shall be the Guide by which we shall live, interact, serve others and be bound together as members and as admitted visitors in this autonomous ecclesiastical jurisdiction. This Guide therefore; together with all statutes, rules, regulations, policies and ethical standards that may hereafter issue within the Pastoral Medical Association et al; shall serve as the By Laws of this ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Furthermore; sovereignty of dispute remediation is hereby declared. All disagreement in whatever form arising

between members, visitors, communicants, participants [together hereinafter Participants (s)] or otherwise that have sought, entered or otherwise submitted themselves to this jurisdiction in any manner or form shall be bound to these bylaws and to decisions issuing forth from the tribunals of this jurisdiction exclusively; and secular interference, jurisdiction or inquiry is hereby prohibited.

(e) Almighty God's Word is the First Law and He Ordained that mankind shall put this law first. These are also the by laws of this jurisdiction. For Participants within this jurisdiction the by laws shall reign supreme in all inquiry, and Participants in all forms shall not be accountable to any law or rule that amends or offends the by laws; the First Law, the Supreme Law. The forefathers of the constitutions of the great nations recognized the danger of secular control, and whereas man in his lust for control may attempt to compel Participants to follow first, the second law either through legislation, might, trick, subterfuge or incomplete disclosure; Participants shall hold themselves accountable to the by laws; this ecclesiastical law; first in all things. No man, woman or agency shall be authorized by a Participant, in the absence of his or her witnessed mark and profession; to subject him or her self or another Participant to any law, obligation or responsibility not in keeping with the by laws, and this rule shall be absolute and retroactive to the inception of the Participant in this jurisdiction. Be it further resolved that Participants shall not submit to any rule that could endanger his or her mortal soul or distract his or her eye from the truth and goodness of the Savior or the by laws of this jurisdiction. If a Participant is to be cast into hell or subject to secular law; so be it his choice not another's'. Participants shall remain sovereign under Almighty God's First Law; these by laws; and shall retain the Holy right and responsibility of freedom of choice in all work of the Fathers; respecting only such second law as assures an orderly society and is not insult to the Supreme Law.

(f) So it is written, the Holy Word is understood by Participants, and Participants shall not be subject to any interpretation of the Holy Word by the secular or judicial system. Participants shall retain all right to their sincerely held belief in the Holy Word, and shall not recognize or submit to any law or condition that the secular might invoke that in any manner infringes or attempts interpretation of the Holy Word.

(g) It is acknowledged and respected that man created science and secular health care to attend the physical and mental health of man; inclusive of secular counseling, medical care, medications, therapies and surgeries. Man appointed government to establish control over and regulate the application of his health care system. This Constitution respects the secular health care system and acknowledges its importance in the emergencies of mankind.

(h) It is further acknowledged and respected that Almighty God created all that is and gave mankind natural substances and instruction through the divine word to attend physical, mental and spiritual health. *Through Matthew 10:8* Christ appointed believers to go forth and *heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out devils*; this remains a privilege and *responsibility* of the First Law for all generations past, present and future. Participants are therefore divinely appointed to establish control over and regulate the application of the Creators medicine. Further; the Creator proclaimed that following His instruction would assure the health and salvation of mankind, therefore the restoration and pursuit of Pastoral Science and Medicine is the will of the Creator, and His will be done by this jurisdiction.

Article 2

Sec. 1. Sovereignty and Rights;

(a) **Sovereignty:** The PMA is hereby declared established by this constitution and therefore the "bylaws" as a non governmental free and independent Private International Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction operating under ecclesiastical private expressive association and deriving such ecclesiastical power from Almighty God, constitutional protections and superior court precedence. The free and independent power of the PMA to regulate its own pastoral science, medicine and Participants is absolute. The PMA hereby declares sovereignty as the maintenance of our free institutions and the perpetuity of ecclesiastical entities depend upon the preservation of the right of self-government.

(b) **Inherent Power of Self Regulation:** The PMA's Ecclesiastical power and authority for self regulation, and to hold judicial power over its own Participants is inherent in the people under God's rule, just as any free government is founded on the peoples' authority and instituted for their benefit. The faith of the Participants stand pledged to the preservation of this ecclesiastical private expressive jurisdiction, and subject to the listed limitation only, they have at all times the inalienable right to seek to alter, reform or abolish this ecclesiastical government in such manner as they may think expedient. The power of Participants shall be limited only by the power vested in the founding fathers of this constitution to protect the intent of this Constitution and the Pastoral Medical Association; therefore the power and responsibility to approve or veto all decisions affecting this government. Participants holding pastoral practice privileges issued by this ecclesiastical jurisdiction shall be vested with the power to act under this Section and no other type Participant shall be so vested.

(c) **Privacy and Autonomy:** In no event shall this ecclesiastical jurisdiction place itself or any Participant under the reach or authority of any other governmental entity unless such action is ordered on due cause by a court or tribunal authority within this jurisdiction so authorized by the founding fathers in the rules established for the administration of this jurisdiction. To insure ecclesiastical autonomy, Participants shall be prohibited from providing services in a public venue, and shall interface with the general public solely through rules established by this jurisdiction that uphold the high standards expected in His service, and that protect the rights of all people to seek and receive services authorized in the by laws. Likewise, all materials written, recorded, or discussed in conversation are declared "confessional" and no rule of this jurisdiction shall operate to violate the Holy confessional nature of private confession. The PMA is "God's work" and shall remain so in all dealings to assure the rights of all persons.

(d) **Right to Belief;** A Participant in this jurisdiction is not required to give up one belief for another, nor one denomination for another, and is required only one set of beliefs: God is the Father, Jesus Christ is the Son, the Holy Spirit issues forth from the Father; and all natural forms of physical, mental and spiritual healthcare; together with all natural remedies, vitamins, minerals, medicines and foods issue forth from the Father and are declared indigenous to Participants under the Father.

(c) Clergy Status; All Participants presenting for residency and meeting standards for the ecclesiastical practice of pastoral science and medicine, and who are accepted and awarded pastoral privileges by this jurisdiction shall be entitled to clergy status to the full intent and meaning of any law; secular or otherwise. Clergy in this jurisdiction does not automatically confer Ordainment, as that shall be a separate ritual pleasing to the Almighty and may be awarded by this jurisdiction in special ceremony. Clergy status does confer all such authority and privileges as necessary to assure such pastoral practitioners have free unimpeded pass as Ministers of the Word; acting under letter of direction (the by laws) under any and all governing law where they may serve.

Sec. 2. Equal Rights:

(a) All free men under God, when they form a compact, have equal rights, and no man, or set of men, is entitled to exclusive separate emoluments, or privileges; subject only to these by laws.

(b) Equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, creed, national origin or religious preference, subject only to the belief so stated in this constitution and bylaws. This private ecclesiastical jurisdiction shall always and in all cases hold the right to allow or deny Participant status without cause.

Sec. 3. Religious Freedoms:

(a) Religious Tests; No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or Participant status; nor shall any one be excluded from holding office on account of his religious sentiments, provided he or she profess in words and deeds in keeping with the standards of belief so stated in this Constitution and by laws.

(b) Freedom of Worship; All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences. No man shall be compelled to believe a thing he does not believe to come as a Participant to this jurisdiction; But it shall be the duty of this jurisdiction to pass such laws, rules or regulations as may be necessary to protect equally the rights of all Participants that seek this ecclesiastical jurisdiction; subject to all sections of this constitution and by laws.

Sec. 4. Authority to Regulate:

(a) All persons coming to this jurisdiction in any manner as Participants acknowledge submission to the authority of this jurisdiction and its tribunals in all matters that might arise. This ecclesiastical jurisdiction shall forever hold the power and autonomy from secular government to self regulate and enforce the rules of this jurisdiction upon its Participants as declared herein.

Sec. 5. Penalties and Punishment:

(a) Violation Inside This Jurisdiction; This ecclesiastical jurisdiction is charged by this constitution and by laws to assure the highest scriptural standards of character, moral values and performance

of its Participants. All matters coming before this jurisdiction shall be ruled by the by laws. Violation of any rule, policy standard or scriptural ethic of this jurisdiction is repugnant to this constitution and by laws and what they stand for, and must be dealt with justly. Any disciplinary action sentenced must be in keeping with the by laws and equal to the violation as determined by a court or tribunal of this jurisdiction. If punishment is sentenced upon a Participant of this jurisdiction, such Participant shall suffer the punishment or pay the adjudged sentence or penalty, or be banished from this jurisdiction under God. Banishment must be reserved for the most heinous actions against the bylaws of this jurisdiction. This jurisdiction reserves the exclusive right to seek enforcement of tribunal decisions beyond this jurisdiction in private process or through secular courts.

(b) Violations Outside This Jurisdiction; Participants of this jurisdiction shall be held to the same high standards of character, moral values, actions and by laws when in the public, the same as when in this jurisdiction. If, after due process, a Participant is found by this jurisdiction to have committed acts in the public, which if committed within this jurisdiction would be repugnant to this constitution and bylaws; disciplinary actions shall be taken against the Participants just as if the act had occurred against or within this jurisdiction directly. Conversely, if this jurisdiction finds that a Participant has been unjustly accused; this jurisdiction will defend, aid and support such Participant to the full abilities of this jurisdiction.

Sec. 6. Exceptions from Power of this Ecclesiastical Government:

(a) Forever Inviolable; To guard against transgressions of the high powers herein delegated, we declare that everything in this Constitution is excepted out of the general powers of this jurisdiction, and shall forever remain inviolate, and all laws contrary thereto, shall be void.

The secular and the ecclesiastical must work in unison to attend mankind's health challenges. This Pastoral Medical Association shall be charged to go forth and fulfill Matthew 10:8 through establishing Pastoral Medicine as a viable health care system operating not as insult, but in harmony with secular medicine, and assuring that the Creators medicine is delivered efficiently, effectively and in accordance with the divine word.

This constitution of the Pastoral Medical Association was ratified by residents of this jurisdiction holding clergy status on December 12, 2010 in Tampa Florida, and by Participants in absentia.

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