

Our Logo and Statement of Faith



SERVANTS OF THE TRUTH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH:

Sanctify them by means of the truth your, word is truth (John 17:17).

THE PREAMBLE

For the enlightenment of all peoples and bringing the spiritual realization of Jesus as the Christ and for bringing together the lost through reconciliation to Jesus, the Christ and for the benefit of the general welfare of people throughout Kenya and the rest of the world, the betterment of life on planet earth and other spiritual, humanitarian and beneficent purpose, and in recognition of the pioneer, founder, mentors and affiliation, we declare and establish this constitution, to which we voluntarily submit ourselves to.

ARTICLE 1- NAME AND ASSOCIATION

1. Church Name

- a) The official name of this Christian Ministry shall be known as **SERVANTS OF TRUTH CHURCH FELLOWSHIP** (hereinafter '*the Ministry*') having been organized this ...27th day of August 2023 and registered this.....day of2023. (Pending registration)

- b) The Church Board may execute and convey personal property and any interest therein, sue and be sued and conduct any and all the said business of the Church through its Ministries.
- c) The coat of arms, or logo or emblem of the Church shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Church and no one shall be permitted to use it for any purpose personal or otherwise, other than for the Ministry, without the prior approval of the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer.

2. Association

- a) It is expressly declared that the Church is neither a public corporation, profitable business partnership, company, estate, joint stock company, nor trust nor any other form of association but it is created as a separate, lawful, spiritual, non-profit and private entity.
- b) The Church is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of the mutual counsel and cooperation churches that share similar doctrines.

ARTICLE 2 – THE DOMICILE OF THE MINISTRY

- 1. The primary and principal domicile and place of the Ministry shall for the time being be the City of Kisumu on the soil of Kisumu County within the jurisdiction of the Republic of Kenya, until so changed by the Foundational Board and the Board of Advisors & Donors, as they may do upon occasion, with such branch offices and places of businesses as the said Boards may establish not limited to international scope.

ARTICLE 3 – STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE MINISTRY

- 1. Whereas we, being a body of people of like precious faith:
 - a) Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal life through His death and the power of His resurrection.
 - b) Believe the Bible to be God's word and the revelation of His will to man and accept it as our rule for faith and conduct.

- c) Believe Christian fellowship, mutual edification and evangelical effort, in the form of local churches, is God's ordained order for His people.
- d) Believe each church is to assemble together for worship, fellowship, counsel, and instruction in the Word of God, and the work of the ministry.
- e) Believe each church should exercise the gifts and offices provided for in the New Testament to obtain the Christian goal, "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect.
- f) Believe God has called and anointed us to emphasize the fullness of the Gospel through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- g) Believe each Church and the congregation shall have power to cast out demons, lay hands on the sick so they will recover, believe in breakthrough through the authority of prayer, and all to be done in the name Jesus Christ of Nazareth.
- h) Therefore, we have accepted and adopted the following Statement of Fundamental Truths and Constitution. We shall seek, by the grace of God, to be governed by the Constitution as set forth, and will also seek to teach and propagate the doctrines contained in the Statement of Fundamental Truths.

2. Statement of Fundamental Truths

- a) **The scriptures inspired:** The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man, the infallible rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason (2 Timothy 3:15-17, 1 Peter 2:2).
- b) **The one true God:** The one true God has revealed himself as the eternally self-existent, self-revealed "I AM" and has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association, i.e., Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4, Mark 12:29, Isaiah 43:10, Isaiah 11, Matthew 28:19).
- c) **Man, his fall and redemption:** Man was created good and upright for God said, "Let Us make man in our image, after our likeness." But man, by voluntary transgression, fell and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God (Genesis 1:26-31, Genesis 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-21).

d) **The salvation of man:**

- i. **Conditions of Salvation:** The grace of God, which brings salvation, has appeared to all men, through the preaching of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ; the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit, and being justified by hope of eternal life (Titus 2:11, Romans 10:13-15, Luke 24:47, Titus 3:5-7).
 - ii. **Evidence of salvation:** The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation is the direct witness of the spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness.
3. **The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ:** The Deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His resurrection from the dead, His glorified body, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, His personal future return to earth in power and glory to rule over the nations, and He is the only way to the Father to receive salvation. (Rev 19:11-16, John 14:6).
4. **The Salvation of Man:** The salvation of man is wholly a work of God's grace and is not the work of man. Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the son of God. The salvation is received through repentance towards God and Faith towards the Lord Jesus Christ. The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the spirit, and the outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. (Eph 2:8-10, Rom 3:21-26, 9:30-33, Gal 3:1-14, 22-24, Rom 8:16, Eph 4:24, Titus 2:12).
5. **Baptism in water:** The ordinance of baptism by a burial with Christ should be observed as commended in the scriptures by all who have repented and believed in Christ as Saviour and Lord. In so doing, they have the body washed in pure water as an outward symbol of cleansing, while their heart has already been sprinkled with the blood of Christ as in inner cleansing. They declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and been raised with Him to walk in the newness of life (Matthew 28:19, Acts 10:47-48, Romans 6:4).
6. **The Lord's supper:** The Lord's supper, consisting of the elements, bread and the fruit of the vine, is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4), a memorial of His suffering and death (1

Corinthians 11:26), a prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26), and is practiced by all believers regularly, until Jesus Christ returns.

7. **Regeneration:** All people who turn from their sins and put their faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ receive a new birth by which their life is regenerated by the power of God's Holy Spirit (John 3:3-6, Titus 3:5). From that time forth the regenerated person has God's Holy Spirit dwelling within them enabling them to live a holy life (1 Corinthians 3:16, 2 Peter 1:3-4). Also giving them power to be witnesses for Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8).
8. **Baptism of Holy Spirit:** All believers are entitled to the promise of the Father and the baptism in Holy Spirit according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience in the early Christian Church. With it comes a deeper spiritual life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4, 1 Corinthians 12:1-31). This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 10:44-46, Acts 11:14-16, Acts 15:7-9). The baptism in Holy Spirit is many times with the outward evidence of speaking in tongues, and inward evidence of the fruit of the Spirit (Acts 2:1-39, Gal 5:22-24).
9. **Sanctification:** The scriptures teach a life of holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command, "Be holy, for I am holy." Sanctification is the will of God for all believers, and should be pursued by walking in obedience to God's Holy Spirit. Sanctification is experienced in basically three ways:
 12. **Instant or positional sanctification:** This is what happens to every person who puts their trust in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. When we are saved through faith in Jesus, we are sanctified in the eyes of God through the blood of the cross. As God the Father looks at us, He sees the holiness of Jesus, which is imputed to us, and does not see our sin (Hebrews 10:10, Hebrews 14).
 13. **Progressive or practical sanctification:** This is the process by which we strive to live on a day to day basis by considering ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in holy living through the power of God's divine nature within our lives (Romans 6; Philippians 2:12, Philippians 2:13, 2 Peter 1:3, 2 Peter 1:4).
 14. **Final sanctification:** This is when we are totally set free from the presence of sin within our life after seeing Jesus our Lord and being made like Him because of seeing Him as He really is in all His glory (1 John 3:2).

12. **The church:** The church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the spirit with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission.

Each believer, born of the spirit, is an integral part of the church, which is written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22, Ephesians 1:23, Ephesians 2:22, Hebrews 12:23).
With Christ as the Head of the Church.

13. The following practices should be observed by the Church, as shown by the scriptures:

- i. Dedication of the child. (Mark 10:13-16).
- ii. Christian marriage. (Heb 13:4).
- iii. Christian burial of the dead. (Rev 14:13).
- iv. Prayer for the sick. (James 5:13-15, Mark 16:18).
- v. Prayer for baptism of Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:14-17).
- vi. Ordination of commissioning of the Church Ministries and Pastoral offices (1 Tim 5:22, Num 27:18-20, Acts 3:1-3).
- vii. Casting out of demons (Mat 10:1, 7-8, Mark 16:17, 20).
- viii. Dedication of properties and worship places. (Ex 30:25-30).

14. **The ministry and evangelism:** A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the evangelization of the world and the edifying of the body of Christ (Mark 16:15-20, Ephesians 4:11-13).

15. **Divine healing:** Deliverance from sickness is provided for us in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Isaiah 53:4, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 8:16, Matthew 8:17).

16. **The blessed hope:** The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation, together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 1 Thessalonians 4:17, Titus 2:12, 1 Corinthians 15:51, Romans 8:23).

17. **The millennial reign of Jesus:** The revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, the salvation of national Israel, and the millennial reign of Christ on earth are the scriptural promise and the world's hope (2 Thessalonians 1:17, Revelation 19:11-14, Romans 11:26, Romans 11:27, Revelation 20:1-7).

18. **The lake of fire:** The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and whoever not found written in the Book of Life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake, which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Revelation 19:20, Revelation 20:10-15).

19. **The new heavens and the new earth:** We, “according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwells righteousness” (2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21, Revelation 22).

20. **Priesthood of the believer**

We believe in the priesthood of the believer. By the shedding of His blood, Jesus has become the believer’s High Priest and has made it possible for each Christian to have free access to the presence of the Father. In His presence, each one can come to know God and receive from Him (1 Pet. 2:9-10; Heb. 4:14 -16; 10:19 -22).

21. **Apostle’s creed**

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

22. **Life**

We believe God has given His Commandments for our good and when properly administered will bless all of society. The moral relativism and situational ethics of present day culture are often in direct contrast to God’s truth as revealed in the Scriptures. The Word of God teaches us to honor life at every level from conception to old age. Life itself is a gift, and we are called to protect the defenseless and unwanted. We believe both abortion and euthanasia are wrongful and preemptive terminations of life. Likewise, biogenetic engineering which dehumanizes and depersonalizes life into non-human research and “throw-away” parts is of deep moral concern. Scientific advances do not negate God’s glory and the inherent value and stewardship of human life (Psalm 139; Gal. 1:15; Gen. 2:7).

23. **Freedom of conscience**

We believe in freedom of conscience. Each person is responsible for his or her choices and behavior. Pastors and teachers should provide leadership and direction,

but service should be rendered voluntarily, joyfully and from a free conscience (Rom. 14:9-12; Philip. 2:5-8; John 10:14 -18; 2 Cor. 9:6-7).

24. Tithes and offerings

We believe the Church should be supported by the tithes and offerings of those committed to its mission. We further believe that when God's people give with a free spirit, there will be ample financial provision to accomplish God's purpose (Gen. 14:17-20; Mal. 3:6-12; 2Cor. 8:1-7; 9:10-13; Luke 11:42).

25. Identity

We believe our identity is in Christ and it is His Word that is to govern our lives and lifestyles. We believe heterosexual marriage is God's design for sexual relations and procreation. We believe the practice of homosexuality is a behavioral choice that is contrary to the Word of God. Sexual immorality of any kind is grievous to our Creator and we are committed to God's redeeming grace and love which is able to reconcile and restore (Rom. 1:24 -27; Eph. 2:3-4; Gal. 5:19 -23).

26. Christ's return

We believe Jesus Christ will return to earth in a visible way and Christians are exhorted to be watchful and obedient until His appearing. There are diverse viewpoints concerning the timing and circumstances of His second coming and, until He comes Christians should give full attention to obedience. We believe His appearing will occasion the resurrection of the righteous who have died and who are now in the memorial tombs (1Cor. 15:50 -58; Acts 1:11; 1Thess. 4:13 -18).

ARTICLE 4 - THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

1. The Church is organized to glorify God by conducting religious services and teaching and training people in the truth of God's Word, the Bible, calling people to repentance from sin and to faith in Christ, making disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, and edifying the Body of Christ.
2. The Church is established and organized for worship and for educational, spiritual and beneficial purposes.
3. The Holy Bible is the basis and foundation of the faith and practice of our Church and Ministries.

4. To maintain a Centre of Christian life and influence in the community and to support the fellowship of the Churches of Jesus Christ throughout the world.
5. To develop a depth of spiritual knowledge and commitment within the fellowship and proclaim clearly to those outside of the fellowship the love of God offered towards them and in particular the need, truth and assurance of salvation.
6. To benefit the general welfare of people through the word and holistic ministry.
7. Bringing together the lost through reconciliation to Jesus the Christ.
8. The betterment of life on the planet earth and other spiritual, humanitarian and beneficent purpose.
9. The Ministry is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes including, but not limited to, for such purposes, the establishing and maintaining of religious worship, the building, maintaining and operating of churches, parsonages, schools, and any other ministries that the Church may be led of God to establish.
10. For furthering the uplifting and enlightenment of all people throughout the world and holistic ministries for betterment of life on planet earth.
11. To do such things and to have and exercise such rights, privileges and powers conferred by law upon a religious corporation or church as may from time to time seem good to the Ministry Meeting.
12. While recognizing the expedience and privilege of seeking the advice of other Christian Churches and associating with them for mutual advantage and service to others, to remain a free and autonomous body in matters of church governance and not to accept any form of ecclesiastical constitution or authority other than that formed and accepted by the Ministry.

ARTICLE 5 – MEMBERSHIP

1. Qualification for Membership

Membership to the Church shall be open to all persons who:

- a) Give a clear profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
- b) Are willing to abide by the doctrines and the Statement of Faith of the Church.
- c) Are willing to pay the membership dues of the Ministry.

2. Applications for Membership

- a) Anyone wishing to join the Ministry shall make request for membership to a Pastor of the Church.

3. Responsibilities of Members

- a) Each member shall pursue the unity of the faith in cooperation with the other members of the Church, and shall purpose to serve in consideration of the other members.
- b) Set aside time for prayers and private devotions, seeking to grow in Christian stature and faith.
- c) Gather together for worship and prayers regularly.
- d) Support the Ministry prayerfully, materially and practically in every way possible.
- e) Work under the leadership of the Ministry and structure, attempting to strengthen and increase the Kingdom of God on earth.
- f) Attend Ministry meetings regularly.

- g) Upholds the dignity and principles of the Ministry and defend the Ministry where necessary.
- h) Should refrain from judgment, accusation, slander and gossip against the Ministry.

4. Membership Dues

- a) Members of the Ministry shall be required to pay Membership dues on monthly or yearly basis and at fixed amount as would be determined by the Foundational Board and the General Board from time to time.
- b) The amount payable by the members can be reviewed from time to time by the Foundational and the General Board.
- c) A notice of the payable membership dues shall be made available to all members prior to implementation.

5. Removal from Membership

- a) Removal of members from the Ministry shall be at the discretion of the Foundational and General Board and on reasonable grounds.
- b) A reasonable ground includes anything that is: contrary to the statement of faith and the doctrines of the Ministry, the law of Kenya or the United States.
- c) A reasonable ground also includes insubordination, disrespect, or slander against the Ministry.
- d) If an office bearer ceases to be a member of the Ministry, he or she shall automatically cease to be an office bearer.
- e) Any member desiring to resign from the Ministry may submit his or her resignation to the Secretary, which shall take effect from the date of receipt by the Secretary of such notice.