



BYLAWS OF THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SECTION 1. The Church is to receive tithes as a self-supporting ministry to support the work of the pastor/elder, and the work of evangelism world-wide. It is also to receive offerings to support the day-to-day expenses of the church. The Church is God's Storehouse and giving above and beyond the requirements of God as set forth in **Article 13** of the Statement of Beliefs is to be done according to the unction of the Holy Spirit given to the individual giver. **2Corinthians 9:6, 7.**

SECTION 2. Each subsidiary of the Confederation is also authorized to receive tithes and offerings.

SubSection A: Sister churches that are served by a pastor will dedicate 100% of the Tithe returned by the Pastor to be given to HIS Vine Free SDA Church Treasury. The tithe of members is suggested to be divided between 70% Pastor Salary and 30% to the HIS Vine Free SDA Church Treasury.

SubSection B: Sister churches that are not served by a pastor; 100% of the tithes will be sent to the Church as part of its overall commitment to God to carry on His work in the world. The offerings are retained by each body in order to cover their day-to-day expenses.

SubSection C: Depending on the size of the body in question, all monies may be forwarded to the head office where the records are kept and distribution of those funds made by the head office in accordance with the guidelines established thereto.

SECTION 3. The tithe provided to HIS Vine Free SDA Church has established the following breakdown of all tithes given: 70% Pastor's salary, maximum salary - \$1000.00 a week (Any surplus carried over to following week. At end of year, any surplus distributed to other tithe accounts); 10% tithe to parent organization, if any; 10% to third world evangelism; 5% to local evangelism; 5% to Bible Worker

Fund. All tithe may be directed by the individual to any of the foregoing in any amount as led by the Holy Spirit.

SECTION 4. The standard of the parent organization must be in accordance with the foundation of present truth as established by God and set forth in articles 2-4 of this constitution. Any departure from those truths will cause the parent organization to have any tithe withheld until such time as it returns to those founding principles by which it was established. **Nehemiah 13.**

Subsection A. The tithe returned to the parent organization is to be used to serve the churches under it, particularly the most needy. This includes financial as well as spiritual assistance. Those in leadership of the parent organization must first be called of God as a servant in one of the five-fold offices set forth by Paul in **Ephesians 4:11-16**, and continue to perform that office while holding a position of leadership within the organization. This is necessary to prevent stagnation and cessation of spiritual growth in the leadership. All must ever be growing spiritually and in the knowledge and experience of the Lord Jesus Christ.