

**Seventh-Day Remnant Church of [your country]**  
**CONSTITUTION**  
**AND BYLAWS**  
Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

# **PREAMBLE**

This Constitution and Bylaws are made to:

- Preserve and secure the principles of our faith
- Ensure freedom of action of independence from any religious body or organization
- Provide for orderly conduct of internal affairs

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be  
**Seventh-Day Remnant Church of [your country]**  
(hereafter referred to as SDRCyC).  
[yc is the first letter of your country name, i.e. Z for Zambia]

## **II. BUSINESS LOCATION**

The address of the principal office of this organization shall be

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## **III. PURPOSE**

The purposes of Seventh-Day Remnant Church of [your country] are:

- To spread the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
- To establish unity among Seventh-day Remnant churches
- To provide representation of local churches in [your country]
- To do any and all things related to and in connection with the carrying out of the object and

purposes herein above set forth

These purposes are achieved through the following areas:

**A. UNITY**—Uniting groups of believers together into local Seventh-day Remnant churches which are organized, established and functioning under gospel order, and helping these churches spread the gospel message of present truth.

**B. REPRESENTATION**—The SDRCyC provides representation of local organized Seventh-day Remnant churches for registration purposes. Each local group of believers comprised of more than six (6) members, who all believe the same Biblical doctrines listed in the SDRCyC Statement of Faith (See Section IV), who choose to become organized as a Seventh-day Remnant Church, and who desire the SDRCyC to represent them as a legal established church before the [your country] Government, submits an application to the SDRCyC requesting official recognition. The SDRCyC shall establish an Application and Oversight Committee to oversee this application and requesting process from groups of local believers (see Section VII, paragraph A).

**C. FINANCES**—Because the church needs to “provide for the support of the ministry, for carrying the work in new fields, for the protecting of both the churches and the ministry from unworthy members, for holding church property, for the publication of the truth through the press, and for many other objects” (RH 10/12/1905), the handling of some finances by the SDRCyC is necessary.

**D. ORGANIZATION**—The SDRCyC is established to function only under a congregational framework of organization in order to facilitate the purpose. Any alteration or adoption of rules which deviate from a congregational framework of organization, or which would establish a hierarchical framework of organization, is automatically void, invalid and disallowed.

## IV. STATEMENT OF FAITH

**A. FIRST ANGEL’S MESSAGE**—“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” Revelation 14:6-7. A warning message to the world: to fear God, our Creator to worship only Him, and give glory to Him by reflecting His character, for the hour of investigative judgment (first for the dead and then for the living) has come, and to proclaim the Everlasting Gospel, which involves the plan of redemption, and salvation from all sin through Jesus Christ the only Mediator between God and man. (For further study: Genesis 1:1; Exodus 20:3-6; 1 Kings 8:60; Psalms 19:9; Proverbs 2:5; 3:19; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Matthew 5:16, 28:19; John 1:3, 14:6, 17:3; Acts 1:8, 14:15, 17:24-25; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Timothy 2:5; Spirit of Prophecy, vol 4, p 199, 222-229, 231; Testimonies, vol 6, p 19.)

**B. SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGE**—“And there followed another angel saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” Revelation 14:8. Babylon fallen represents the moral fall of all Protestant Churches by 1844, because they rejected the light of truth sent to them from heaven as proclaimed in the First Angel’s Message. This message is still a call for all Christians to separate from their fallen churches. (For further study:

Isaiah 28:7, 48;17-20; Jeremiah 50:6, 51:6, 8, 51:44-45; Ezekiel 21:3,4; Zechariah 2:6-7; Matthew 24:15-16; Mark 13:14; Luke 21:20-21; Acts 15:14; Revelation 11:8, 16:19, 17:18, 18:1-5; Testimonies, vol 8, p 118; Patriarchs and Prophets, p 124; Great Controversy, p 383, 606; SDA Bible Commentary, vol 7, p 984-985; Spirit of Prophecy, vol 4, p 230-33, 421, 424-425; Selected Messages, book 2, p 118; book 3, p 405; Fundamentals of Christian Education, p 362; Testimony to Ministers, p 61, 117, 265; Upward look, p 277; Kress Collection, p 124; Review and Herald, October 31, 1899; July 5, 1906; Manuscript Releases, book 12, p 248.)

**C. THE HEAVENLY TEMPLE, ARK, AND IMMUTABLE LAW OF GOD**—“And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments therefore, even so shall ye make it.” Exodus 25:8-9. “And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.” Revelation 11:19. “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. There is a temple in heaven of which the earthly sanctuary was a pattern. This heavenly sanctuary is composed of two apartments; the first is the holy place, the second the most holy place. In the second apartment is found the ark of God containing His immutable law perpetually embodied in the ten commandments which is a transcript of His character. God’s divine principles, His moral requirements, are binding upon all men in all ages and constitutes the basis of His covenant with His people and the standard of character in the final judgment. (For further study: Numbers 14:18; Proverbs 28:13; Jeremiah 32:19; Ezekiel 18:30, 33:20, 34:17, 20; Daniel 7:9-10; Matthew 22:1-14; Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; All of the book of Hebrews; James 4:12; 1 Peter 4:5; Jude 14-15; Revelation 5:1-9, 11:18, 22:14-15; Great Controversy, p 428, 412.)

**D. CHRIST’S MINISTRY IN CLEANSING THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY**—“And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Daniel 8:14. “...I have appointed thee each day for a year.” Ezekiel 4:6. Christ’s first apartment (holy place) ministry began at His ascension and continued until October 22, 1844, at the end of the 2300 days/years when He entered into the second apartment (most holy place) to begin His final mediatorial work of intercession, atonement, and investigative judgment to cleanse the heavenly sanctuary as our High Priest. (For further study: Leviticus 16, 23:27-32; Numbers 14:34; Hebrews 6:19-20, 9:3, 7, 11-15, 12:24; Great Controversy, p 352, 409, 412-22, 428, 480, 647-48; Spirit of Prophecy, vol 4, p 265-270, 431, 440; Early Writings, p 36, 54-56, 256; Testimonies, vol 6, p 364; vol 5, p 86, 575; Counsels to Writers and Editors, p 78; Testimony to Ministers, p 37, 445; Manuscript Releases, vol 12, p 392; Selected Messages, book 1, p 124-126, 232, 344; Notebook Leaflets, p 99, col 1; Battle Creek Letters, p 116-117; Review and Herald, January 21, 1890.)

**E. THE SABBATH**—“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy god: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.” Exodus 20:8-11. God Himself, after six days of creationary work, blessed, sanctified, and rested on the seventh day as His only Sabbath (Genesis 2:2-3). This fourth commandment of God’s written holy law requires all of His true followers to devote the seventh day of each week, beginning at sunset Friday

through sunset Saturday, to the worship of God as their Creator. Thus it is a sacred day of rest requiring abstinence from all unnecessary labor and secular work, and the performance of sacred and religious duties. This Sabbath commandment contains God's official seal which includes His name—"Lord thy God;" His official position—"Creator;" His domain—"heaven and earth." Therefore the seventh day Sabbath is the seal of God's creative and sanctifying power which is exercised through the Holy Spirit in the lives of His obedient people. (For further study: Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31, 2:2-3; Nehemiah 13:19; Isaiah 8:16, 58:12-14; Ezekiel 20:12; Daniel 7:25; Matthew 5:17-19; Mark 1:32, 2:27-28; Luke 23:54-56, 24:1; Ephesians 4:30; Hebrews 4:4-10; James 2:10-11; Revelation 12:17, 14:12; Spirit of Prophecy, vol 4, p 279-281, 395-96, 457; Testimonies, vol 1, p 116; vol 6, p 349-368; vol 8, p 117; Patriarchs and Prophets, p 336.)

**F. THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE**—"And the third angel followed them saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:9-12 "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." Revelation 18:1-5. A solemn invitation is given to every truly repentant sinner to accept the righteousness of Christ by faith, which is imputed in justification and imparted through sanctification, enabling them to keep all of God's commandments, overcoming all sin through His grace and strength, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. It also warns all mankind against worshipping the beast (Roman Catholicism), or his image (apostate Protestantism), or receiving the mark of Catholicism (which is submitting to Sunday worship), lest they receive the wrath of God poured out in the seven last plagues. It also warns all of God's people to willingly separate themselves from all unclean apostate, harlot churches of Babylon—including the Seventh-day Adventist Church - or become partakers of her sins and receive her plagues. (For further study: Genesis 19:24; Exodus 20:6; Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Samuel 2:6; Psalms 92:7; Ezekiel 22:31; Daniel 3:5-29; Luke 17:29; Acts 2:27; 1 Corinthians 6:15-16, 19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Amos 3:3; Isaiah 52:11; James 4:12; 2 Peter 3:10; Jude 7; Revelation 12:17, 13:1-18, 14:11-12, 15:2, 16:2, 19:10, 20:10, 14-15; Spirit of Prophecy, vol 4, p 278-279, 281, 356, 362-363; Great Controversy, p 444-45, 449, 536, 605; Early Writings, p 219, 221; Testimony to Ministers, p 133; SDA Bible Commentary, vol 7, p 976, 979-980; Manuscript Releases, vol 12, p 248, 250; Word to the Little Flock, p 12.)

**G. NON-IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL (State of the dead)**—"For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun... for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, 10. Death is a state of

silence, inactivity, and entire unconsciousness, referred to in the Bible as “sleep.” Therefore the scriptures clearly confirm that all apparitions of those who have died, including the Virgin Mary, are the spirits of demons working miracles to deceive, if possible, God's people (see Revelation 16:14). The investigative judgment determines whether the dead will awaken at Christ’s second coming being raised in the first resurrection to inherit everlasting life, or remaining in the grave until the second resurrection to be consumed in the lake of fire which is the second death. (For further study: Job 14:21; Ezekiel 18:4; Matthew 22:30; John 11:24-25; Acts 2:29, 34; Colossians 3:4; 1 Corinthians 15:22-23; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; Revelation 14:13, 20:5, 21:4; Hebrews 9:24; Isaiah 26:14; Ecclesiastes 3:20; Desire of Ages, p 527; Early Writings, p 262; Acts of Apostles, p 289; Testimony to Ministers, p 457.)

## **H. BIBLICAL INTERPRETATIONS REGARDING DANIEL AND REVELATION**

**1. ADVENTIST PIONEER INTERPRETATIONS OF DANIEL**—We concur along with our Adventist pioneers, including Ellen White, that the correct interpretations of the major prophecies of Daniel are as follows:

### **a. DANIEL 2**

- The 4 metals of the image (gold, silver, brass, iron) represents the 4 world kingdoms (Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome.)
- The feet and toes of iron and clay represents the 10 divisions or kingdoms of Europe.
- The stone cut out of the mountain without hands represents the second advent of Christ.
- The stone which grew into a great mountain represents God's eternal kingdom

### **b. DANIEL 7**

- The first beast, being a 2-winged lion, represented Babylon.
- The second beast, being a bear, represented Medo-Persia.
- The third beast, being a 4 winged leopard, represented Greece.
- The fourth beast, being dreadful and terrible, represented pagan Rome.
- The 10 horns on the fourth beast represents the 10 divisions/kingdoms of Europe.
- The 3 horns uprooted represented the Heruli, Vandals, and the Ostrogoths.
- The little horn represented the Papacy.
- The 3 1/2 times represented 1260 years of Papal supremacy - from 538-1798 AD.
- The final scenes represents the judgment which began October 22, 1844.

### **c. DANIEL 8**

- The 2-horned ram represented Medo-Persia.
- The he goat represented Greece.
- The great notable horn represented Alexander the Great.
- The 4 notable horns represented the 4 generals who each ruled 1/4 of the Grecian Empire after Alexander's death.
- The little horn waxing exceeding great represented papal Rome.
- The daily represented paganism.

- The 2300 days represented 2300 years - from 457 BC - 1844 AD.

#### **d. DANIEL 9**

- The 70 weeks were "cut off" from the first part of the 2300 years.
- The 70 weeks represented 490 years - from 457 BC - 34 AD.
- The 70th or last week represented 7 years - from 27-34 AD.
- In 27 AD Jesus Christ was anointed as Messiah the Prince.
- In the midst of this last week Christ was crucified in 31 AD, which brought to an end all sacrificial, ceremonial, and feast rituals and types connected with the earthly sanctuary.
- In 34 AD Stephen was stoned which ended this 70 week prophecy.

#### **e. DANIEL 11**

- The scope of this prophecy covered the histories of Persia, Greece, and Rome in both pagan and papal forms.
- The willful king represented the Papacy.
- Ellen White indicated that most of Daniel 11 was already history (see Manuscript Releases, vol 13, p 394 - Letter 103, 1904), and that it "has nearly reached its complete fulfillment" (Testimonies, vol 9, p 14).

#### **f. DANIEL 12**

- The 3 1/2 times represented 1260 years of Papal persecution - from 538-1798 AD.
- The 1290 days represented 1290 years - from 508-1798 AD.
- Not only was Ellen White in agreement with the above, even stating that "the 1335 years were ended" (see Manuscript Releases, vol 5, p 203 - Letter 28, November 7, 1850), but also stating that Daniel was already standing in his lot thus signifying that all these times prophecies were ended (see Testimony to Ministers, p 115; Manuscript Releases, vol 17, p 10).

**2. ADVENTIST PIONEER INTERPRETATIONS OF REVELATION**—We concur along with our Adventist pioneers, including Ellen White, that the correct interpretations of the major prophecies of Revelation are as follows:

#### **a. REVELATION 6 & 7**

- The 4 horses, or first 4 seals, represented the Christian era, with the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th seals representing the progressing apostasy and corruption of the early church.
- The 6th seal represents signs of the end.
- Ellen White was in agreement with the above, even stating that the rider of the white horse in the first seal represented Christ (Gospel truth) going forth "conquering and to conquer" through His followers after His ascension (see Acts of Apostles, p 23; Sons and Daughters of God, p 358; SDA Bible Commentary, vol 4, p 1146). Also Ellen White indicated that both the 3rd and 4th seals were already history stating that this "history shall be repeated" (see Manuscript Releases, vol 9, p 7 - Letter 65, August 23, 1898).

#### **b. REVELATION 8 & 9**

- The first 4 trumpets represented the various barbarian groups which attacked pagan Rome.
- The 5th trumpet represented the Mohammedans.
- The 5 months represented 150 years - from 1299-1449 AD.
- The 6th trumpet represented the Ottoman Turks.
- The hour, day, month, and year represented 391 years and 15 days - from 1449-1840 AD.
- Ellen White was in agreement with the above, even stating that the 6th trumpet represented the turks, and the hour, day, month, and year ended in 1840 (see Great Controversy, p 334; Maranatha, p 152).

#### **c. REVELATION 10**

- Reveals the history and experience of the Advent Movement of 1840-44.
- The little book open represents the sealed book of Daniel being opened and understood.
- Ellen White agreed with the above, even declaring that the open book was the book of Daniel (see Manuscript Releases, vol 17, p 6, 8; Selected Messages, book 2, p 107-108; Testimony to Ministers, p 115).

#### **d. REVELATION 11**

- Reveals the history of the French Revolution.
- The 2 witnesses represent the Old and New Testaments.
- The 1260 days represented the 1260 years of Papal persecution - from 538-1798 AD.
- The seventh trumpet represents 1844 and afterwards.

#### **e. REVELATION 12**

- The woman represented the true church.
- The child represents Christ.
- The dragon represented Satan through Pagan Rome.
- The 1260 days represented the 1260 years of Papal persecution - from 538-1798 AD.
- The 3 1/2 times represented the 1260 years of Papal persecution - from 538-1798 AD.
- The remnant represents those who keep God's commandments and follow the Testimony of Jesus which is the Spirit of Prophecy (see Revelation 19:10).

#### **f. REVELATION 13**

- The first or leopard-like beast represents the Papacy.
- The 10 horns represent the 10 divisions/kingdoms of Europe.
- The 42 months represented the 1260 years of Papal persecution - from 538-1798 AD.

- The 2-horned beast represents the USA.
- The 2 horns represent the principles of Republicanism and Protestantism.
- The image of the beast represents apostate Protestant churches.
- The mark of the beast represents submitting to worship on Sunday instead of the seventh-day Sabbath.

**g. REVELATION 14 & 18**—Please see Paragraphs A, B, and F above.

## V. CHARACTER

The government of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation, which are common among Seventh-Day Remnant churches.

## BYLAWS

## VI. ADMINISTRATION OF AFFAIRS

**A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**—The affairs of the SDRCyc shall be administered by a Board of Directors (herein after called BOD).

1. Members to this BOD shall consist of representatives and others specially elected by local recognized Seventh-day Remnant churches to serve.
2. Each recognized Seventh-day Remnant church has the option, and is to be encouraged, to elect at least one of its members to serve on the BOD as its representative.
3. At no time is the majority of the BOD membership ever to consist of elected representatives and others from just one local Seventh-day Remnant church.
4. The BOD shall consist of not less than nine (9) members.
5. One of these members shall be chairman.
6. If the membership falls below nine (9), the BOD cannot take any action other than to ask for the local Seventh-day Remnant churches to send more representatives to make up the minimum.

### B. MEETINGS

1. All business and affairs of the SDRCyc shall only be conducted or approved through BOD meetings wherein a quorum of its members are present.
2. *Robert's Rules of Order* (revised edition) is adopted as the authority for parliamentary rules of procedures for all business meetings of this organization, including committee meetings. Where

there is a conflict between Robert’s Rules of Order and this constitution, then this constitution takes precedence.

3. The first order of business of each BOD meeting will be to elect a chairman.
4. The second order of business of each BOD meeting will be to elect a secretary.
5. The third order of business of each BOD meeting will be to elect a treasurer as necessary.

**C. THE QUORUM**

1. The BOD forms a quorum if at least 2/3 of the members are present at the start of the meeting.
2. No action can be taken by the BOD unless there is a quorum.

**D. VOTING**

1. Each decision shall be made by simple majority unless otherwise designated in the bylaws.
2. Every member shall have one vote.
3. Only in case of a tie will the chairman be allowed to vote to break the tie.
4. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

**E. MEMBERSHIP**

1. FIRST BOD MEETING—In its first meeting, members of the BOD shall consist of the following: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. BOD members shall serve for one year.
- b. BOD membership lasts up to the beginning of the first meeting after their term expires.
- c. BOD members can be reelected.

3. NEW MEMBERS

- a. A potential BOD member must be in full agreement with the beliefs of the Seventh-day Remnant Church of [your country]. (See section IV)
- b. A potential BOD member must be in good standing in his or her local recognized Seventh-day Remnant church.

c. Acceptance onto the BOD is accomplished by at least a 2/3 majority vote from among their local Seventh-day Remnant Church members.

#### 4. ATTENDANCE

- a. BOD members are expected to attend each and every meeting.
- b. A person's membership is terminated if the member fails to respond to two consecutive BOD meetings unless BOD action is taken.

#### 5. TERMINATION

- a. No member of the BOD can be given a notice of termination without a two-thirds (2/3) BOD majority vote except as noted in Item 4.b above.
- b. Any BOD member knowingly seeking to enforce such rules deemed to be invalid under this Constitution, Section III, Paragraph D, is to be immediately terminated.

### **F. BOD OFFICERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### 1. THE CHAIRMAN

- a. The period to serve as chairman is from one BOD meeting to the next.
- b. The first order of business of each BOD meeting will be to elect a chairman.
- c. A chairman previously elected can be re-elected.
- d. The current chairman serves until the next one is elected.
- e. Duties of the chairman:
  - (1) The chairman is responsible to notify all BOD members of upcoming meetings and the agenda.
  - (2) The chairman will keep all BOD members informed of all business pertaining to the SDRCyc.
  - (3) The chairman will be in charge of each meeting to conduct it decently and in order (see Section VI, Paragraph B, Item 2).
  - (4) If the BOD membership ever falls below nine, it is the duty of the chairman to apply for new members from the local recognized Seventh-day Remnant churches, who then vote new members onto the BOD by a 2/3 majority vote from their local church members, until the minimum number of BOD members is achieved.
  - (5) The chairman is also to keep on hand a list of current Seventh-day Remnant churches being represented by the SDRCyc.

#### 2. SECRETARY

- a. The period to serve as secretary is from one BOD meeting to the next.
- b. The second order of business of each BOD meeting will be to elect a secretary.
- c. The current secretary serves until the next one is elected.
- d. Duties of the secretary:
  - (1) The major function of the secretary is to keep all current and previous BOD meeting minutes at hand for each meeting.
  - (2) The Secretary is also to forward a copy of the minutes of each BOD meeting to every local Seventh-day Remnant Church currently Represented by the SDRCyc.
  - (3) The secretary is also to keep a current the list of Seventh-day Remnant churches being represented by the SDRCyc at each meeting.

### 3. TREASURER

- a. The period to serve as treasurer is for the term of one year.
- b. The third order of business of each BOD meeting will be to elect a treasurer as necessary.
- c. The current treasurer serves until the next one is elected.
- d. Duties of the treasurer:
  - (1) The treasurer is responsible to the BOD for funds collected and spent and takes no financial action except as directed by the BOD.
  - (2) The treasurer must keep accurate financial records.
  - (3) The treasurer must give regular reports of all financial transactions and current financial status to the BOD.

## **VII. COMMITTEES**

### **A. APPLICATION AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

1. The Application and Oversight Committee is responsible to the BOD.
2. This committee is to personally work with those local groups of believers who are seeking to become an established Seventh-day Remnant church and who have applied to the SDRCyc requesting official recognition.
3. This committee is to verify compliance of requirements
4. This committee is to help in areas where compliance is lacking.
5. This committee is to recommend to the BOD those local churches considered worthy of having the SDRCyc recognize and represent them.
6. This committee has oversight over all officially recognized Seventh-day Remnant churches.

7. This committee is to provide a current list of all recognized churches to each member of the BOD.
8. This committee is to provide a current list of all recognized churches to every recognized Seventh-day Remnant church.
9. This committee is also to provide a current list of all local groups applying for recognition, to each member of the BOD.
10. This committee is to keep in regular contact with each recognized church:
  - a. Encouraging them to remain faithful.
  - b. Encouraging them to continue to spread the present truth
  - c. Edifying them for continual growth in grace and in knowledge of present truth.
  - d. Counseling those who have any areas of need.
11. This committee is also responsible to recommend before the BOD any recognized Seventh-day Remnant church needing to be placed on probation who are in danger of apostasy from Bible truth or needing to have their recognized status revoked due to complete apostasy from the faith.

#### **B. OTHER COMMITTEES MAY BE SPECIFIED IN THE FUTURE**

## **VIII. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **A. REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOGNIZED STATUS**

1. All members of the local Seventh-day Remnant church are in complete agreement with the SDRCyc statement of faith (see section IV).
2. The Local Seventh-day Remnant church has six (6) or more members.
3. They have covenanted to call themselves by the name Seventh-day Remnant Church.
4. They have organized themselves into a local church body.
5. They desire their local church to be officially recognized by the SDRCyc and have done so by a two-thirds (2/3) voting majority of their members.
6. They have applied to the SDRCyc requesting representation with an official letter of application.

#### **B. ACCEPTANCE**

1. A letter of application is received by the Applications and Oversight Committee from the church that desires to be officially recognized by the SDRCyc.
2. The Applications and Oversight Committee approves the application and submits the application to the BOD.
3. The BOD must approve the applicant church by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

### **C. PROBATION OR REVOKING**

1. The Application and Oversight Committee determines that an officially recognized church is to be put on probation or revoked because of violation of one of the requirements and makes that recommendation to the BOD.
2. The confirmation of this recommendation shall only be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the BOD.

### **D. REMOVAL REQUEST**

1. A Recognized Seventh-day Remnant Churches may voluntarily request that they be removed from being officially represented by the SDRCyC.
2. A request to be removed from the recognized status must be made by submitting an official letter of removal from representation by the SDRCyC to the Application and Oversight Committee.
3. This request must have been voted on and passed by the local Seventh-day Remnant church with a two-thirds (2/3) majority.
4. Once the Application and Oversight committee has verified that the removal request is valid, the BOD shall regrettably grant such request, officially remove that church from being represented by the SDRCyC, and send an official letter stating that this has been done.

## **IX. VETO POWER OVER BOD DECISIONS**

- A. The local recognized Seventh-day Remnant churches themselves have veto power and can overrule any decision made by the BOD within a 1 year/365 day period of that decision.
- B. Members of a recognized local Seventh-day Remnant church must officially meet with at least two-thirds (2/3) of its voting members present and take a vote against accepting the particular BOD decision at issue.
- C. Then that local church shall mail a copy of their official decision to the chairman of the BOD as well as a copy to each one of their sister Seventh-day Remnant Churches represented by the SDRCyC.
- D. As soon as two-thirds (2/3) of all local Seventh-day Remnant churches Represented by the SDRCyC shall have been found to have officially voted against accepting the same particular BOD decision at issue, then that BOD decision is overruled and made of none-effect, and the chairman shall officially declare it void at the next BOD meeting.
- E. In cases where the BOD decides to revoke the recognized status of any local Seventh-day Remnant church, that particular local church named in the decision cannot vote against, or exercise veto power over, that BOD decision themselves.

## **X. DONATIONS**

The SDRCyc has the right, as means to realize the purpose mentioned above, to receive donations and gifts. Under no circumstances is it to serve as a central clearing house of church funds.

## **XI. DISFELLOWSHIPING**

The BOD shall have no authority to disfellowship individual Seventh-day Remnant church members. Each local Seventh-day Remnant church is responsible to govern its own affairs.

## **XII. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments and changes to this constitution are only valid with a unanimous vote of the BOD. The following items cannot be changed, amended, or removed:

Section III, paragraph D

Section VI, paragraph A, all items

Section VI, paragraph C, all items

Section VI, paragraph E, all of item 3

Section VI, paragraph E, all of item 5

Section VI, paragraph F, all of item 1

All of Section IX

All of Section XI

All of Section XII