

PENNSYLVANIA/SOUTH JERSEY BAPTIST NURSING FELLOWSHIP  
GUIDELINES

ARTICLE I

NAME, INCORPORATION

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Pennsylvania/South Jersey Baptist Nursing Fellowship.

Section 2. Affiliation, chapter

This organization voluntarily affiliates with the National Baptist Nursing Fellowship of the Women's Missionary Union.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The purposes of this organization are to

- A. Provide Christian professional fellowship.
- B. Promote continuing professional education and growth for members, nurse missionaries and guests.
- C. Encourage nursing and health care service evolving from a personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives for accomplishing these purposes on a local, regional, national and international basis are:

- A. To empower members through studying the Bible, worshipping, witnessing, and sharing of Christian experiences.
- B. To present and participate in planned nursing and health care programs in a variety of areas of interest to nurses based upon assessed need of the members.
- C. To expand global Christian nursing service and personal involvement through mission support, education and health care activities.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERS

Section 1. REGULAR MEMBERS

- A. Membership is opened to any health care professional as defined by the Baptist Nursing Fellowship. "Any person who is or was educated and licensed in the provision of health care such as nursing, nutrition, pharmacy, medical laboratory technology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, radiation technology, or other health care areas approved by the Executive Committee."
- B. A member becomes inactive when dues are not paid for two consecutive calendar years. Inactive members will be deleted from the membership roll after a period of two years.

## ARTICLE IV

### \*OFFICERS

#### Section 1. TITLES

The elected officers of the organization shall be: (a) President, (b) Vice President, (c) Officers Elect, (d) Secretary/Treasurer and (f) Team Leaders.

#### Section 2. TERM OF OFFICE

- A. The term of office shall be a one year term. A person may be elected to any given office no more than four consecutive terms.
- B. After an absence of at least one term, a person is eligible for nomination to any office again.

#### Section 3. ELECTION AND VACANCIES

- A. The officers shall be active members of the state and national organizations.
- B. A slate of candidates for officers shall be prepared by the Nominating Committee.
- C. Other nominations of eligible candidates must be presented in writing to the Nominating Committee prior to the session of the election of officers.
- D. Officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting with term beginning at final adjournment.
- E. Vacancies in an office shall be filled for the completion of that term by appointment by the president with the approval of the Executive Team.

## ARTICLE V

### EXECUTIVE TEAM

The Executive Team of the organization shall be made up of the elective officers. The State WMU Director shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Team.

- A. The Executive Team shall have the power to act for the organization between regular annual meeting.
- B. The president shall call a meeting of the Executive Team when deemed necessary.
- C. The Executive Team shall have the power to instruct the president to call for a special meeting of the full membership after reasonable notice with the stated purpose of the meeting clearly defined. No matters or topics may be dealt with at any special called meeting that were not clearly stated and indicated in the notice of that same meeting.

## ARTICLE VI

### MEETINGS

Section 1. A meeting of the PA/SJ Baptist Nursing Fellowship shall be held annually.

Section 2. The Annual Meeting shall be an open meeting.

Section 3. Members registered at the Annual Meeting shall vote only in person.

Section 4. Conferences and other meeting shall be held as authorized by the Executive Team.

## ARTICLE VII

### FINANCES

## Section 1. DUES

- A. The organization shall have annual dues set by the Executive Team.
- B. Member who are active or emeritus missionaries are not required to pay dues.  
Honorary members are not required to pay dues

## Section 2. FUNDS

- A. Designated contribution to the organization shall be accepted.
- B. Acting within the guidelines of PA/SJ Convention, the organization is authorized to solicit, receive, administer and disperse unrestricted funds from Foundations, individuals, or organizations that may not be directly related to Baptist Nursing Fellowship.

## ARTICLE VIII

### QUORUM

- A. A quorum shall consist of the members present at the regular annual meeting or those present at a duly authorized called, and notified special meeting.
- B. Only those persons who are members in good standing of the PA/SJ Baptist Nursing Fellowship may vote in transactions brought before the meeting of the State body.

## ARTICLE IX

### PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE:

The rules contained in Robert's rules of Order, Revised shall govern Pennsylvania/South Jersey Baptist Nursing Fellowship in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these guidelines.

### Article X

### AMENDMENTS:

These guidelines may be amended or rescinded at any annual meeting by a majority vote after prayerful consideration and adequate discussion, notice having been circulated in writing at least three months prior to the meeting. Changes in guidelines shall become effective immediately.