

**CENTRO TEOLÓGICO MINISTERIAL
CONSTITUTION**

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the South Texas District of the United Pentecostal Church International, conscious of the times in which we live and our obligations of reaching the growing Hispanic population in our district, our nation, and other Spanish-speaking nations, deem it necessary to establish an institution with the purpose of providing:

- A place for training individuals for the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- A place of Christian education and theology
- A place of edifying all toward Jesus Christ, His work, His mission, and His kingdom
- A place of unity within the fellowship and district
- A place to define ethics and integrity among the brethren

ARTICLE I

NAME AND INCORPORATION

The name of this institution shall be Centro Teológico Ministerial, and it shall be incorporated in the state of Texas under this name.

ARTICLE II

RELATIONSHIPS

Section 1. Relationship of Centro Teológico Ministerial to the District

Centro Teológico Ministerial shall be accountable to the South Texas District Board and shall be under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors of Centro Teológico Ministerial. The Board of Directors of Centro Teológico Ministerial shall provide an annual financial report to the South Texas District Board for review and approval to be presented for final approval by the annual South Texas District Conference.

Centro Teológico Ministerial shall have a president to lead and direct its effort who shall be accountable to the Board of Directors. The South Texas District Spanish Ministry Board shall nominate the president of the Centro Teológico Ministerial and present the nomination to the South Texas District Board for approval. Upon their approval, he shall be presented to the District Conference of the South Texas District for ratification.

Section 2. Relationship of Centro Teologico Ministerial to Its Ministry and Efforts

Seeing the need to reach an ever-growing Hispanic population, the South Texas District has set in motion a plan to train people of Spanish-speaking cultures worldwide. The district believes that through Christian education and proper ministerial preparation, Centro Teológico Ministerial can, with God's assistance, provide a more effective means of reaching our world.

ARTICLE III

INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENTS

Section 1.

Centro Teológico Ministerial shall consist of three schools or programs of study: the School of Education and Theology, the School of Ministry, and the School of Counseling. Each of these three programs of study shall have a dean or director who is responsible for the operation and promotion of the individual department. These deans or directors shall be chosen by the president and approved by the Board of Directors. Other departments may be added as the Board of Directors deems necessary.

Section 2. School of Education and Theology

The School of Education and Theology shall be a 3- or 4-year program of study for the purpose of training students in the following areas:

1. Christian Education and Ministry
2. Music
3. Theology

Upon the completion of the prescribed course of study, the student shall receive a diploma.

Centro Teológico Ministerial shall seek to become accredited with a nationally recognized regional accrediting association as soon as finances and program structure allow.

Section 3. School of Ministry

The School of Ministry shall be a 2- to 3-month program for the purpose of training licensed ministers who wish to quickly enhance their ministries for the work of the kingdom of God. It shall cover areas of study as follows:

- Ministerial Ethics
- Public Relations
- Pastoral Counseling
- Church Finances
- Principles of Public Speaking
- Homiletics
- Principles of Leadership
- Practical Pastoral Duties (weddings, funerals, communion, baptisms, baby dedications, altar calls, hospital visitation, entertaining)

Upon the completion of the prescribed course of study, the student shall receive a certificate of completion.

Section 4. School of Pastoral Counseling

The School of Pastoral Counseling shall offer a course of study for the purpose of training workers in the principles of Christian counseling. Upon completion of the prescribed course of study, the student shall receive a certification of completion.

ARTICLE IV

ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall consist of all members of the District Board of the South Texas District United Pentecostal Church International.

Section 2. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall have charge of promotion and operation of Centro Teologico Ministerial and shall be accountable to the Board of

Trustees and the South Texas District UPCI by providing a complete financial report annually.

Section 3. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the president, the executive vice president, the director of finance, the director of academics, and the director of student life. The president of Centro Teológico Ministerial shall call for and preside over meetings of this committee. The members of the Executive Committee shall not hold any other district office but may hold a sectional office.

Section 4. Disciplinary Board

The Disciplinary Board shall consist of the Executive Committee and anyone else whom the Board of Directors may deem necessary.

Section 5. Faculty

The faculty shall include all administrators, instructors, a registrar, and a librarian.

Section 6. Staff

The staff shall include all regular employees of the institution not recognized as members of the faculty.

ARTICLE V

OPERATION OF INSTITUTION

Section 1. Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall be the District Board of the South Texas District UPCI and shall hold in trust all property of Centro Teológico Ministerial for the district, in the name of the institution. The Board of Trustees is authorized to sign all legal documents, deeds, and mortgages as trustees of the property.

Section 2. The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the president, the executive vice president, the district superintendent of the South Texas District, the director of Spanish Ministry for the South Texas District, the secretary of Spanish Ministry for the South Texas District, and six ordained ministers of the United Pentecostal Church International who have expertise in or a passion for education and who are appointed by the District Board for a term of two years. One of these six ministers shall

be a member of the South Texas District Board and shall be appointed by the District Board as chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Officers

The officers of Centro Teológico Ministerial shall consist of the Executive Committee and shall be in charge of the daily operation of the institution under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1. Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall meet at least once a year. Special meetings may be called or joint meetings may be held with the Board of Directors. These special meetings shall be called at the discretion of the South Texas District Board.

Section 2. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice per year and for any special-called meetings that may be necessary. Meetings of the Board of Directors are to be called for and presided over by the chairman of the board.

ARTICLE VII

FOUNDATIONAL GUIDELINES OF SUPPORT

Section 1. Support through Gifts

The Board of Trustees is authorized to establish a foundation to receive and administer gifts, endowments, wills, annuities, et cetera for the benefit of the institution.

Section 2. Support through a Monthly Pledge

The Board of Trustees shall direct a monthly financial program to be pledged by individuals or churches in support of the institution.

Section 3. Support through Tuition

Tuition cost shall be set by the Board of Directors and approved by the Board of Trustees. This shall be in support of the institution.

ARTICLE VIII
ARTICLES OF FAITH

The institution fully endorses and adopts the Articles of Faith of the United Pentecostal Church International.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS

Any changes of the Constitution shall require two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors with a quorum of 75 percent of its members. They shall submit their action to the District Conference, where a simple majority vote will be necessary for ratification.