



AMENDED CONSTITUTION

OF THE

**PRIESTHOOD
LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT
INITIATIVE
(PLDI)**

**DATED
25TH OF FEBRUARY, 2023**

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PREAMBLE

We, the members of **PRIESTHOOD LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (PLDI)** a non-political organization do firmly and solemnly resolve to provide for ourselves a constitution and to be governed by the provisions therein contained.

The Priesthood Leadership Development Initiative is founded by Professor Olusesi Michael Obateye (Chairman)

This constitution shall be binding and operative on all PLDI members in any and all countries and Nations, and lands where the PLDI is established and has its structures. To be adopted as acceptable constitution of the PLDI when the organization is being registered in any country. Nobody or group of people shall have the power or right to divert, convert or turn into personal use whatever that belongs to this organization.

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the organization is **☐PRIESTHOOD LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (PLDI)☐**

ARTICLE 2: ADDRESS

The Address of the organization shall be:

4, Igho Osagie Close, Canaan Estate, Lekki-Epe Express Way, Sangotedo, Lekki, Lagos State, Nigeria.

ARTICLE 3: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Priesthood Leadership Development Initiative shall operate and perform according to the stated objectives and aims in this constitution. Locally and globally in each country.

The aims and objectives of the association are:

1. To inspire and encourage members of the society to do the right things at all times by teaching positive values that engender positive contributions in all areas of human life.
2. To provide a veritable platform for building strong character and leadership traits that help build sustainably successful lives, nations, organizations and societies across the world.
3. To help groom World Class disciplined Leaders in every area of influence, and endeavours.
4. To raise funds, mobilize resources, implement projects or carry out any other activity in furtherance of the objectives of the Organisation.
5. To enter into any arrangements that may seem conducive to the Organization's objectives or any of them with any government or authority, and peoples, whether Federal, State, Local or International, and to obtain from any such government or authority any rights, privileges, or concessions which the Organisation may think it is desirable; and to carry out, exercise, and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges or concessions.

1. To create a robust global leadership networking on the bedrock of international best practice, that, which is acceptable in the global village, *i.e* the world
2. To create mental, psychological, emotional, physical and material empowerment, which are ingredients needed for vibrant and result oriented leadership performance.
3. To provide and facilitate theological and secular training for Christian and non-Christian ministers.
4. To promote production, development and research of unorthodox medicine and to facilitate Agricultural research and production.
5. To train and award certification in different arms of Christian ministries.
6. To produce professionals in Christian Counseling, Leadership and Human Resource Management, as well as Church Administration. To Counseling, Training, Research and Development.
7. Local, International Peace and Conflict Resolution, Training and Development.
8. To promote self- sustainable business through multipurpose cooperative society.
9. To provide general/secular education, health education, research, training and development.

10. To initiate and facilitate community development and transformation.

ARTICLE 4: TRUSTEES

(A) The Trustees of **PRIESTHOOD LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (PLDI)** for the purpose of the Companies and Allied Matters Act no. 1 of 1990, shall be elected or appointed at a General Meeting charged with responsibility of selecting the Trustees with 2/3 majority votes of members present.

(B) Such Trustees (Hereinafter referred to as, "The Trustees") shall not be less than three and more than ten in number.

(C) A Trustee may hold office for 4 years or more but shall cease to hold office if he or she;

a. Resigns his or her office

b. Ceases to be a member of the registered Trustees of the body.

c. Becomes insane.

d. Is officially declared bankrupt

e. Is convicted of a criminal offence involving dishonesty by a Court of competent jurisdiction

f. Is recommended for removal from office by a board of

Governors and Trustees majority vote of members present at any General Meeting of the body

g. Ceases to reside in Nigeria

(D) Upon a vacancy occurring in the number of Trustees a General Meeting will be held to appoint another eligible member of the Association, or such be appointed by the chairman.

(a) The Board of Trustees elected or appointed, named and constituted in this constitution shall be the only Board of trustees for this Organization globally, in each country. (b) There shall not be another Board of Trustees in any given Country that PLDI is established or structured, other than the ones named in this constitution.

(c) Board of Trustees functions include a. Policy Formulation b. Advisory

ARTICLE 5:. The Chairman

(a) He is the international supreme head/leader of the organization

(b) He shall have power to create offices, positions, to appoint or elect people in all areas of administration of this organization. Locally and or globally.

(c) He shall have over all power to hire, and power to fire.

ARTICLE 6: COMMON SEAL

(A) The Trustees shall have a Common seal.

(B) Such Common seal will be kept in the custody of the **Chairman** of the organization or his representative, who shall produce it when required for use by the Trustees. Each country may have a seal as necessary and needed.

(C) All documents to be executed by the Trustees shall be signed by such number of them and sealed with the Common seal.

ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS

7.1. For effective administration of the organization there shall be the following meetings:

GENERAL MEETING:

7.1.1 The Organisation shall hold an annual general meeting each year in addition to any other meetings in that year, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it; and not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one annual general meeting of the Organisation and that of the next: Provided that so long as the Organisation holds its first annual general meeting within eighteen months of the incorporation of its Trustees, it need not hold it in the year of its incorporation or in the following year. The annual general meeting shall be held at such times and places, as the Management Committee of the Organisation or the Organisation in general meeting may stipulate.

7.1.2 The Chairman may call general meetings on the requisition of members and shall forthwith proceed to convene an extraordinary general meeting for a date not later than eight weeks after receipt of the requisition.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING:

7.2.1 An annual general meeting shall be called by at least twenty-one clear days' notice. All other extraordinary general meetings shall be called by at least seven clear days' notice but a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed by all the members entitled to attend and vote.

7.2.2 The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted and in the case of an annual general meeting shall specify the meeting as such.

7.2.3 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

7.3: QUORUM AT MEETINGS

7.3.1. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. Four persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted, each being a member, or one tenth of the total number of such persons for the time being, whichever is the greater, shall constitute a quorum.

7.3.2. If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the Management Committee may determine.

7.3.3 The chairman of the Governing Council or in his absence, Vice Chairman or some other Member of the Governing Council nominated by the members shall preside as chairman of the meeting, but if neither the chairman or Vice Chairman or such other member of the Governing Council (if any) be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the members present shall elect one of their numbers to be chairperson.

7.3.4. The chairman may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, at least seven clear days notice shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Otherwise it shall not be necessary to give any such notice.

7.3.5. Any issue put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands

ARTICLE 8: GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Council shall be vested with the responsibility of formulating general policy guidelines, in line with the objectives of the organisation for implementation.

The Governing Council shall consist of at least five members but not more than ten members.

The Governing Council shall consist of persons nominated into its membership by the Chairman or as a result of decision of the simple majority of members at a general meeting for an initial term of three years or more.

A member of the Governing Council on completion of his/her three years term may be nominated for another term of three years or more.

The Governing Council shall elect or appoint from among its members a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman. The International Chairman/Head/Leader of the organization can appoint the Chairman and Deputy of the governing council.

The Chairman or in his or her absence, the Deputy Chairperson, shall preside at the meetings of the Governing Council.

A quorum shall consist of not less than three members of the Governing Council.

In the absence of the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson, the Executive Director shall open the proceedings of the Governing Council, which shall elect a Chairperson, thereafter the elected or appointed chairperson, or such other person as the chairperson may appoint, shall preside at the Governing Council.

The Governing Council shall unless otherwise provided in this Constitution make its decision by a simple majority of votes cast. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairperson shall have a casting vote.

A meeting of the Governing Council shall be convened by a notice issued and duly signed by the Executive Director giving not less than seven days' notice before the date of the said meeting.

The Executive Director in consultation with the chairperson shall prepare the agenda of the meeting of the Governing Council.

A member of the Governing Council shall hold office within his nominated term but shall cease to hold office if such member:

- [a] resigns his/her office;
- [b] is a person of unsound mind, having been so found by a court;
- [c] is an undischarged bankrupt;
- [d] has been convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty within five years of his proposed appointment;
- [e] is recommended for removal from office by a two-third majority vote of the members of the Organisation at a general meeting;

B. Governing council function includes

- a. To be headed by the founder or His Successor
- b. Shall be responsible for the daily administration and other functions of this organization as international Governing Council.
- c. Each Country of PLDI, shall have their National Executive Council which shall be headed by the National Coordinator of the given Country.
- d. Any Country that has in existence international Leader, office holder the international office holder shall be the Chairman/head of the Governing Council of PLDI in that Country. The Council shall be called National Governing Country. This National Council shall report directly only to the international Governing Council.

The Governing Council may set up a committee of its members in such areas of the Organizations activities, as it deems necessary.

The Governing Council may make bye-laws in line with the provisions of this Constitution for the proper conduct of its affairs;

There shall be in existence a Board or council of elders to serve as policy makers and advisers for the National Coordinator and his/her executive council members. National Coordinator shall be a member of such Board or Council of elders.

ARTICLE 9: BY- LAW

There will be by-law which will state functions and details of other offices and areas not mentioned in the constitution. The by-law shall derive its powers and relevance from this Constitution.

The Supreme Power and authority are, vested in the founder, Professor Olusesi Michael Obateye both in operations and Administration of the Priesthood Leadership Development Initiative (PLDI) globally. - The founder can delegate his power and authority and Functions. - Such delegated powers shall have same relevance and potency as original.

ARTICLE 10: NATIONAL COORDINATOR

There shall be a NATIONAL COORDINATOR. Who shall be:-

a. The National Leader/Head of the Administration, Managing Director and CEO of the PLDI in any Country shall be called National Coordinator.

b. The National Coordinator shall have/Lead National Executive Council of dignified people. The executive council shall have as many members as may be needed.

- c. There shall be a Deputy National Coordinator to be appointed by the International Coordinator, [International Leader/Head of PLDI.
- d. There shall be a National Secretary to be appointed by the National Coordinator.
- e. The members of this National Executive Council shall be appointed by the National coordinator.
- f. The national Executive Council shall establish the PLDI in other Lower Strata of government Segments, *e.g* state, country, region, district, mayoralty, local government structures, *e.t.c*.
- g. The National Coordinator shall seek the approval of the International Coordinator for all his appointees. He shall inaugurate the appointees when and after the international coordinator approves the appointees for him.
- h. The national Coordinator in any given country is the extension of the International Coordinator. This means that the National Coordinator in a given country takes his or her briefs from the International Coordinator and reports directly to the International Coordinator.
- i. The National Coordinator shall have the power to hire and fire any of his appointees under the direction and approval of the International Coordinator.

ARTICLE 11: SOURCES OF INCOME

The sources of income for the Association shall include:

1. Contributions, Levies and donations from members.
2. Donations and Grants from government agencies, international organizations, international NGOs
3. Donations from private individuals and corporate institutions
4. Funds generated from patronage of services rendered by the organization.

ARTICLE 12: DISBURSEMENT AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

The funds of the foundation shall be duly disbursed and strictly applied to the advancement of the ideals and objectives of the organization.

ARTICLE 13: KEEPING OF ACCOUNT

There shall be kept Records of Account of the finance of the organization by an Account Officer duly employed or appointed by the organization.

The organization shall ensure the accurate keeping of record of all income and expenditure at all times

ARTICLE 14: APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR(S)

1. Independent qualified Auditors shall be appointed by the general meeting to audit the financial records of the organization annually and submit an audited report to the Annual General Meeting of the organization.

2. The audited financial statements (balance sheet and income and expenditure account) duly certified by independent auditors shall be annexed to the annual returns and file with the Corporate Affairs Commission.

ARTICLE 15: AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

The organization may alter the provision of its Constitution at a General meeting by a resolution passed by a simple majority of its members and approved by the Commission.

ARTICLE 16: SPECIAL CLAUSE

(1) **THE INCOME AND PROPERTY OF PRIESTHOOD LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (PLDI)** shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the aims and objectives of the body as set forth in this **RULES AND REGULATION/CONSTITUTION.**

(2) **PROVIDED** that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith, or reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Association in return for any service actually rendered to the organization:


(3) If in the event of a winding up or dissolution of the corporate body if there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the organization but shall be given or transferred to some other institutions, having objects similar to the object of the Association, such institutions to be determined by the members of the organization at or before the time of dissolution.

(4) If effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provisions, then the remaining property shall be transferred to some charitable object.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2023



Signature of Chairman



Signature of Secretary

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