

BYLAWS OF THE
WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

(As officially adopted by the WTS, November 8, 1969, at Marion, IN, and subsequently amended and revised, November 4, 1978).

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be The Wesleyan Theological Society.

ARTICLE II: Relationship to CHA and Purposes

Section 1. Relationship to Christian Holiness Association

This Society shall be regarded as a Commission of the Christian Holiness Association and through its President shall submit a report of its activities to the Annual Convention of the CHA. (This statement is an adaptation of Article V, paragraph 3 and paragraph 1, subparagraph a).

Section 2. Purposes

A. To encourage an exchange of ideas among Wesleyan-Arminian scholars and other persons interested in this area;

B. To accept leadership for the doctrinal seminar program of the Christian Holiness Association;

C. To stimulate scholarship among younger theologians and pastors;

D. To publish a journal consisting of significant contributions to Wesleyan-Arminian scholarship.

ARTICLE III: Doctrinal Statement

(See separate statement as amended, November 4, 1978).

ARTICLE IV: Membership

Section 1. Types and Privileges of Members in the WTS

A. Full Members: Those persons who hold Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy or equivalent degrees; or any persons who, in the judgment of the Membership Committee, qualify for full membership. Full Members are entitled to attend all meetings, to vote and to hold office, to present papers and to receive the Journal upon the payment of annual dues.

B. Associate Members: Those persons who are not eligible for full membership but who, in the judgment of the Membership Committee, are otherwise qualified for membership. Associate Members shall be entitled to attend all meetings, to present papers upon the recommendation of a Full Member and to receive the Journal upon the

payment of annual dues. Associate Members may be transferred to full membership status by action of the Membership Committee at the request of the member, or upon the recommendation of a Full Member.

C. Student Members: Those persons who are currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate studies. Student Members shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Society and to receive the Journal upon the payment of annual dues. Upon the completion of their formal academic training, Student Members must notify the Secretary in writing and elect the type of membership they desire and for which they are qualified.

D. Honorary Members: Those Full, Associate or Student Members who have been active for three or more years in the Society and who, upon formal retirement from their ministry, notify the Secretary in writing, shall be exempted from further payment of dues, with full rights and privileges accorded them in the type of membership they have maintained before retirement.

E. Active Members: Those Full, Associate or Student Members who have not become delinquent in the payment of their dues or who have not requested an inactive status in the Society.

F. Inactive Members: Those Full, Associate or Student Members who have become delinquent in the payment of their dues for two consecutive years or who have requested an inactive status in the Society. Inactive Members shall forfeit all rights and privileges of their membership.

Section 2. Qualifications for Membership

A. All members shall be in accord with the doctrinal statement of the Society, as given in Article III of these Bylaws.

B. Persons who desire membership in the WTS shall complete the membership application form, pay the membership dues for the current calendar year and submit the application to the Membership Committee.

C. All applicants for membership must be recommended by a Full Member of the Society.

D. After having been approved for membership in the Society by the Membership Committee, members may change as desired from one type of membership to another for which they are qualified, at any time by a written request to the Secretary and upon approval of the Membership Committee.

Section 3. Membership Dues

A. Membership dues shall be based upon the calendar year.

B. Membership dues shall be determined annually upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and by a majority vote of the Full Members present and voting at a regular business meeting of the Society.

C. Any member who does not pay dues during a given calendar year will not receive the Journal the following year until the dues are paid in full for the current calendar year as well as for the past year.

D. Members who do not pay their dues for two years or more, up to five years, shall be placed on the inactive list; they may be restored to Active Membership when dues for the current year and the immediate past year are paid in full, whereupon they shall receive the Journal for both years.

E. After five or more years of inactive membership a person must re-apply for membership in the Society.

ARTICLE V: Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, a President-elect, a Secretary-Treasurer and a Promotional Secretary. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee of not fewer than five persons, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall nominate candidates for the offices and committee memberships to be filled at the Annual Meeting of the Society. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot using every reasonable effort to submit at least two names as nominees for each office or committee membership, with additional nominations from the floor permitted before the election.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected for three years. The term of the officers shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.

Section 4. In case of a vacancy in any office except that of President, the Executive Committee shall appoint an eligible person from the membership to fill the unexpired term and/or until the regular election at the Annual Meeting. If the office of the President becomes vacant the President-elect shall succeed to that office and the Executive Committee shall appoint an eligible person to fill the unexpired term of the President-elect.

ARTICLE VI: Duties of the Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all business meetings; he shall serve as chairman of the Executive Committee; he shall present an annual report of the activities of the Society to the Christian Holiness Association at the time of its Annual Convention; and, he shall represent the general interests of the Society whenever possible.

Section 2. The President-elect shall serve as the chairman of the Program and Arrangements Committee to plan and promote the program for the Annual Meeting which occurs during his term of office. He shall fulfill the duties of the President if the latter is unable to serve. He shall succeed to the office of the President when the President's term of office expires or in case of a vacancy.

Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain the records and properties of the Society; he shall collect and disburse its funds; he shall provide for adequate insurance for the properties of the Society in consultation with the Executive Committee; he shall prepare an annual budget and submit it to the Executive Committee for approval before it is

presented to the Annual Business Meeting; he shall present a fiscal report to the membership at the Annual Meeting; he shall submit the financial records to an auditor who is approved by the Executive Committee prior to the presentation of the fiscal report at the Annual Meeting; and, he shall report periodically to the Executive Committee, as deemed necessary, in the interim between the Annual Meetings. Disbursement of funds shall be at the direction of the Executive Committee, except for regular or routine matters.

Section 4. The Promotional Secretary shall strive to increase the Society's membership, sell its Journals, and otherwise promote its general interests.

ARTICLE VII: Meetings

Section 1. The Society shall meet annually on the first Friday and Saturday of November for the prepared program and the business meeting.

Section 2. The fiscal year shall be from November 1, to October 31, to correspond with the Annual Meeting and the term of officers and committees.

Section 3. The place of the Annual Meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee from written invitations submitted by the chief administrator of an institution or other facility.

Section 4. The Active Full Members of the Society who are present at the Annual Business Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Regional meetings may be developed as interest in the Society grows.

ARTICLE VIII: The Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Society and the Chairman of the Editorial Committee.

Section 2. The duties and powers of the Executive Committee shall be:

A. To act in the interim between the Annual Meetings of the Society;

B. To appoint a Nominating Committee of not fewer than five persons from among the Active Full Membership, one of whom shall be named as chairman, with committee members being appointed and notified of their duties no later than September 1, each year;

C. To serve as the Program and Arrangements Committee, with the President-elect as chairman;

D. To determine the place of the Annual Meeting from the written invitations received from the chief administrator of an institution or other facility;

E. To direct the disbursement of funds, except for regular or routine matters;

F. To review and approve the Annual Budget prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer, prior to its presentation for adoption by the

membership at the Annual Meeting;

G. To periodically review the insurance coverage of the Society's properties with the Secretary-Treasurer;

H. To annually review and set the price of the Journal to be sold in single copies or in sets to the various publics and to publicize the same in the Journal;

I. To annually review the amount of the membership dues and to make recommendation to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting;

J. To provide for an annual honorarium for the Secretary-Treasurer from the funds of the Society;

K. To work with the Editorial Committee in determining the content of the Society's publications;

L. To approve the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting and the minutes of the Executive Committee; and,

M. To appoint an eligible person from the membership to fill any vacancy which occurs in the offices or committees of the Society in the interim between the Annual Meetings, except that of President.

ARTICLE IX: Committees

Section 1. A Program and Arrangements Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee, with the President-elect as chairman. It shall secure personnel and complete all arrangements for the Annual Meetings and for all the seminar programs of the Society.

Section 2. A Membership Committee shall consist of three members, each of whom shall be elected for a term of three years, with one member retiring each year. The senior member of the committee shall serve as its chairman. The committee shall review all applications for membership in the Society, as well as requests for change of the type of membership, and approve or disapprove the applications or requests in accordance with the Bylaws.

Section 3. An Editorial Committee shall consist of the Chairman, who shall be elected for three years and who shall serve as the Editor of the Journal, in addition to two other persons, each of whom shall serve for a term of three years, with one member elected or reelected each year. The Committee shall select materials and prepare the Society's Journal for publication; it shall work in cooperation with the Executive Committee in determining the content of the WTS publications.

ARTICLE X: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.

ARTICLE XI: Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws can be amended at any regular business meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the Active Full Members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the members of the Society at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting to which it will be submitted.

STANDING RULES

I. Relating To Membership

A. All new membership applications received at or following the Annual Meeting and subsequently approved by the Membership Committee prior to the publication of the new volume of the Journal shall receive the current issue of the Journal as well as the new volume when it is published.

B. Upon approval by the Membership Committee all new members shall be notified in writing of their acceptance by the Secretary-Treasurer, together with a letter of welcome and the current issue of the Journal.

C. Members who are deceased in any given fiscal year shall be included in the Secretary-Treasurer's annual report.

D. An honor roll of deceased charter members, active at the time of their death, shall be printed in the Journal each year with the date of their death.

II. Relating To Officers, Committees And Procedures

A. The expenses of the Officers and Committee Members shall be paid for everything pertaining to The Wesleyan Theological Society, except for the Annual Meeting expense of travel and entertainment, provided a written, itemized report is presented to the Secretary-Treasurer.

B. The dates of the expiration of Committee Members' term of office on the various Standing Committees shall be carried in the Journal along with the Committee and Officer listings.

C. The Advertising rate in the Journal shall be reviewed periodically by the Executive Committee. It is currently \$50.00 per page or \$30.00 per half page.

D. A cumulative index shall be included in the Journal in the fifteenth year of publication and subsequently updated and included at five year intervals thereafter.