

PROPOSED
CONSTITUTION
of the
WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I: NAME

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

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

The purposes of this Society shall be:

1. To encourage an exchange of ideas among Wesleyan-Arminian scholars and other persons interested in the field.
2. To accept leadership for the ^{DOCTRINE} seminar program of the National Holiness Association.
3. To stimulate scholarship among younger theologians and pastors.
4. To publish a journal consisting of significant contributions to Wesleyan-Arminian scholarship. The Editorial Committee shall have as its primary resources those papers and addresses presented at the annual convention of the National Holiness Association, papers presented at the annual meetings of the Wesleyan Theological Society, and papers presented at regional seminars sponsored by the National Holiness Association.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. Types and Privileges of Members:

The membership of this Society shall be composed of:

- a. Full Members--those persons who hold Bachelor 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, vote, and present papers.

- 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 THE COMMITTEE.
- b. Associate Members--persons 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 and to present papers upon the recommendation of a full member.
 - c. Student Members--persons currently enrolled in Bible colleges, Bible institutes, colleges, or graduate schools of study. Student members shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Society.
- Qualifications for membership
- a. All members must be in full accord with the doctrinal statement of the Society.
- THE SECRETARY SHALL TRANSFER THE NAMES OF STUDENT MEMBERS TO THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS THEY NOTIFY HIM IN WRITING THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR FORMAL ACADEMIC TRAINING.

- b. A full member shall pay an annual membership fee of \$5.00. An associate or student member shall pay an annual membership fee of \$2.00.
- c. All applicants for membership must be recommended by a ^{full} member of the Society.

ARTICLE IV: DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

We believe:

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NEW STATEMENT:

**WE BELIEVE IN THE
PLENARY - DYNAMIC AND UNIQUE
INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE AS THE
DIVINE WORD OF GOD, THE ONLY
INFALLIBLE**

1. ~~That both Old and New Testaments constitute the divinely inspired Word of God, inerrant in the originals, and the final authority for life and truth;~~ **(I.E. "ABSOLUTE & TRUST WORTHY")**
2. That there is one God, eternally existent in the Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each with person-
ality and deity; **AND UNFAILING IN EFFECTIVENESS OR**
3. That the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, manifested in the flesh through the virgin birth, died on Calvary for the redemption of the human family, all of whom may be saved from sin through faith in Him; **OPERATION" - RHD), SUFFICIENT**
4. That man, although created by God in His own image and likeness, fell into sin through disobedience and "so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12); **AND AUTHORITY OF RULE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE.**
5. In the salvation of the human soul, including the new birth; and in a subsequent work of God in the soul, a crisis, wrought by faith, whereby the heart is cleansed from all sin and filled with the Holy Spirit; this gracious experience is retained by faith as expressed in a constant obedience to God's revealed will, thus giving us perfect cleansing moment by moment (I John 1:7-9). We stand for the Wesleyan position.
6. That the church is the body of Christ, that all who are united by faith to Christ are members of the same, and that, having thus become members one of another it is our solemn and covenant duty to fellowship with one another in peace, and to love one another with pure and fervent hearts;
7. That our Lord Jesus in His literal resurrection from the dead is the living guarantee of the resurrection of all human beings, the believing saved to conscious eternal joy, and the unbelieving lost to conscious eternal punishment;
8. That our Lord Jesus Christ, in fulfillment of His own promise, both angelically and apostolically attested, will personally return in power and great glory.

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION

1. Officers (elected at the annual meetings)

The officers of this Society shall be:

- a. President (to serve for one ~~term~~)

The president shall preside at all business meetings,

shall present an annual report of the Society to the National Holiness Association at the time of its annual convention, and shall represent the general interests of the Society.

b. President-Elect (to serve for one ~~term~~^{year})

The president-elect shall serve as program chairman for the annual meeting which occurs during his term of office. Also, he shall fulfil the duties of the president if the latter should be unable to serve. He shall succeed to the office of President when the president's term of office expires.

c. Secretary-Treasurer

The secretary-treasurer shall maintain the records of the Society, and collect and disburse its funds. The latter shall be upon the authorization of the president.

d. Promotional Secretary

The promotional secretary shall strive, through oral and written propaganda, public and private, to increase the Society's membership, sell its Journals, and otherwise promote its general interests.

2. Standing Committees (elected at the annual meetings)

The following standing committees shall serve the Society:

a. An Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Society.

b. A Program and Arrangements Committee

The Program and Arrangements Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee, with the president-elect as chairman. It shall secure personnel and complete arrangements for all seminar programs and annual meetings sponsored by the Society.

c. A Membership Committee (each member to serve for a term of three years, with one member retiring each year). The senior member of this committee shall serve as its chairman. The Membership Committee shall review all applications for membership to the Society and make recommendations thereof within the guidelines established in Article III of this Constitution.

d. An Editorial Committee

The Editorial Committee shall consist of three persons who shall select and prepare the Society's Journal for publication. The Committee shall work in cooperation with the Executive Committee in the selection of materials for publication.

3. This Society is to be regarded as a commission of the National Holiness Association, and shall present an annual report of its activities to the annual convention of the National Holiness Association.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

1. The Society shall meet on the first Friday and Saturday of each November for the prepared program and business meeting.
2. It is possible that regional meetings can be developed as interest in the Society grows.
3. The place of the annual meeting shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

1. Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be sent to the members of the Society at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting to which they will be submitted.
2. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting in a regular business meeting of the Society.