AUXILIARY MINISTRIES

Great Commission Women (GCW)

Great Commission Women National Policy

I. Name
This auxiliary ministry shall be known as *Great Commission Women of The Christian and Missionary Alliance*.

II. Mission
Great Commission Women, an auxiliary ministry of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, exists to glorify God as devoted Christ followers of all generations, empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the Word, do the work, and reach the world.

III. Values and Goals
The **Core Values** of Great Commission Women shall be *active commitment to*:
1. Effective Fervent Prayer
2. Immersion in the Word
3. Intentional Spiritual Formation
4. Spirit-Led Giving
5. Faith-Filled Risks
6. Heart for Reaching the Lost
7. Spiritual Heritage Emergence

The **Goals** of Great Commission Women shall be to:
1. Enlist every fully devoted Christ follower of all generations in effective fervent prayer.
2. Encourage Christ followers to seek an intimate relationship with Him through intentional spiritual formation.
3. Engage in reaching the lost.

IV. Relationship
Great Commission Women is an auxiliary ministry of The Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) and is amenable to the Board of Directors through the vice president for Church Ministries. It is the parent ministry of the District, Area (where
applicable), and Local organizations of Great Commission Women, and includes those who are participants in Great Commission Women of the C&MA.

V. Structure

Section 1. Teams/Committees.

a. **National Executive Team (NET).** The NET shall provide direction for Great Commission Women and shall be comprised of the following officers: the National Director, National Assistant Director, Secretary, Treasurer, three Members-at-Large, such others deemed necessary by the National Leadership Team (NLT) and the C&MA president’s wife shall be an ex-officio member.

b. **National District Director Team (DDT).** The DDT shall be comprised of the District Directors or representatives of Great Commission Women as appointed by the district superintendent and shall serve in an advisory capacity for the NET.

c. **National Leadership Team (NLT).** The NLT shall be comprised of the District Directors Team and the National Executive Team. The vice president for Church Ministries or his designee shall be an ex-officio member.

d. **Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee (NC) shall be selected by the Great Commission Women National Leadership Team (NLT) the year prior to elections at the spring NLT meeting. Six names shall be submitted to the vice president for Church Ministries for approval. The NC, which shall also serve as the Search Committee, shall place one name in nomination for each open office. The structure of the Committee shall be as follows:

1. A chairperson shall be appointed from the Great Commission Women NET on a rotating basis based on tenure.

2. Two members shall be appointed from the NLT selected on a rotating basis based on tenure, not currently serving on the NET and having served a minimum of two years as a District Director (DD).

3. Two members shall be appointed from Great Commission Women lay persons, such as a district superintendent’s wife (not currently serving as a DD or on the NET), member of a District Executive Team, or general lay person (not serving in the same district as any other member serving on the Nominating Committee) and must be available to attend spring NLT training meetings.

Section 2. Elections. The election of members for the Great Commission Women NET shall be conducted at the annual meeting of the NLT as set forth in the Operations Manual, Election Procedures. Nominations from the floor may be made following the second reading of the NC report and elections shall take
place on the final full day of the annual meeting. All officers shall be persons of good Christian character and members in good standing of a C&MA church.

a. New officers with the exception of Treasurer will assume duties at the next national Executive Team meeting following the annual business meeting at which they are elected. The Treasurer will assume duties at the beginning of the fiscal year following her election.

b. The Great Commission Women National Executive Team shall, upon approval of the vice president of Church Ministries, have the authority to fill the unexpired term of an elected officer other than the Director, in case of resignation or death.

Section 3. Officers

a. Director. The Director shall be responsible for carrying out the objectives of the organization and preside at all meetings of Great Commission Women NET and NLT. The term of office shall be four years and not more than two consecutive terms.

b. Assistant Director. The Assistant Director shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Director and fulfill specific responsibilities as delegated by the Director. In the event of the resignation or death of the Director, the Assistant Director shall fill the vacancy until the regular election of the Director. The term of office shall be four years and not more than two consecutive terms. The Assistant Director shall be elected the year following the election of the Director.

c. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of Great Commission Women NET and NLT and shall conduct the correspondence as directed by the NET. The term of office shall be four years and not more than two consecutive terms. The Secretary shall be elected two years following the election of the Director.

d. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep a complete and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements and shall disburse funds as authorized by the NET. The term of office shall be four years and not more than two consecutive terms. The Treasurer shall be elected three years following the election of the Director.

e. Members-at-Large. The Members-at-Large shall be responsible to perform such duties as designated by the Director or by the NET. The term of office shall be two years and not more than three consecutive terms. There shall be three Members-at-Large, and such others as deemed necessary.

Section 4. Records of Officers. The official records of all officers and departments are the property of National Great Commission Women. All financial records shall be audited annually or as requested by the vice president for
Church Ministries. In the event of the death or resignation of the incumbent, or upon the election of her successor, the current records necessary for fulfilling the obligations of the office shall be passed on to the newly elected officer.

VI. Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the National Executive Team. The Director, in consultation with the vice president for Church Ministries, shall call a meeting of the NET as needed.

Section 2. Meetings of the National Leadership Team. The Great Commission Women NLT shall meet in conjunction with General Council of the C&MA, or on alternate years at an annual training meeting, led by the NET to accomplish its objectives.

VII. Finance

Section 1. Reimbursement of Expenses. The work of the Great Commission Women NET and NLT shall be considered a service to Christ and the Church and expenses related to this ministry shall be reimbursed.

Section 2. National Ministry Fund. An annual contribution to the ministry fund of the NET shall be requested from each Great Commission Women Local group. Such expenses are subject to the approval of the vice president for Church Ministries.

Section 3. Projects. All appeals for funds shall be approved by the vice president for Church Ministries.

VIII. Amendments

These policies may be amended by the vice president for Church Ministries with the approval of the Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

IX. Operating Procedures

Operating procedures not in conflict with these policies may be adopted at any regular meeting of the Great Commission Women NLT by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Proposed operating procedures shall be submitted to the vice president for Church Ministries or his designee for approval.
Great Commission Women District Policy

I. Name
This auxiliary ministry of the ________________ District shall be known as Great Commission Women of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

II. Mission
Great Commission Women, an auxiliary ministry of the ________________ District of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, exists to glorify God as devoted Christ followers of all generations, empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the Word, do the work, and reach the world.

III. Values and Goals

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2. Immersion in the Word
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3. Engage in reaching the lost.

IV. Relationship

Great Commission Women is an auxiliary ministry of the district and is amenable to the district superintendent. It is part of Great Commission Women National ministries and is related to the Area (where applicable) and Local organizations. It shall include those who are participants in Great Commission Women in the district churches of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.
V. Structure

Section 1. Teams/Committees

a. **District Leadership Team.** A Leadership Team shall meet for the purpose of considering items of business and programs pertinent to the development of Great Commission Women District ministries. This team shall be elected as per Section 2b or appointed by the district superintendent and DEXCOM as per Section 2c.

b. **Ex-Officio.** The district superintendent, the wife of the district superintendent, and if applicable, the wives of other district officers recommended by the district superintendent, as well as any current member of the National Executive Team of Great Commission Women residing in the district, shall be ex-officio members of the District Leadership Team. The District Director shall serve as a member of all standing and special committees.

c. **Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the District Leadership Team. It shall be comprised of a minimum of three members—one member from the District Leadership Team and two or more members from the district membership-at-large. The Nominating Committee shall place one name in nomination for each office to be filled except the office of Director. In those districts in which the Director is chosen by election, the Nominating Committee may recommend a candidate for Director to the Committee on Nominations at District Conference.

Section 2. Elections/Appointments

a. **District Leadership Team.** The District Leadership Team shall be elected or appointed as specified in the operating procedures of the district.

b. **Elections.** If the district chooses to elect officers, the election process shall be as follows:

1. **District Director:** The District Leadership Team shall place a name in nomination for the position of District Director to the District Nominating Committee. The election will then follow the election procedures set by each district.

2. **District Executive Team:** The election of the District Executive Team shall be conducted at the Great Commission Women District Annual Meeting. Members of the Leadership Team shall be persons of good Christian character and members in good standing of a Christian and Missionary Alliance church. After nominations are presented by the Nominating Committee, further nominations may be made from the floor assuming prior permission has been granted by each individual nominated. Election shall be by ballot except in cases where only one nomination is presented.
c. **Appointments.** If the district chooses to appoint officers, the appointments shall be as follows:

1. The Great Commission Women Director shall be appointed by the district superintendent and approved by the District Executive Committee. The Director shall be a person of good Christian character and a member in good standing of a Christian and Missionary Alliance church.

2. All other positions may be appointed by the Great Commission Women District Director with the approval of the district superintendent and her present Leadership Team. The officers shall be persons of good Christian character and members in good standing of a Christian and Missionary Alliance church.

**Section 3. Officers**

a. **Director.** The Director shall be responsible for carrying out the objectives of the organization and shall be amenable to the district superintendent. She shall preside at all meetings of Great Commission Women District meetings.

The elected or appointed term of office shall be four years. The Director is eligible for not more than two consecutive terms in this office.

b. **Assistant Director (if applicable).** The Assistant Director shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Director and shall fulfill specific responsibilities as delegated by the Director. In the event of the resignation or death of the Director, the Assistant Director shall fill the vacancy until the regular election or appointment of the Director.

If elected or appointed, the term of office shall be four years. The Assistant Director is eligible for not more than two consecutive terms in this office.

The Assistant Director shall be elected the year following the election of the Director.

c. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Great Commission Women District business meetings, the District Leadership Team, and District Executive Team and shall conduct the correspondence as directed by the District Executive Team.

If elected or appointed, the term of office shall be four years. The Secretary is eligible for not more than two consecutive terms in this office.
d. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall keep a complete and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements and shall disburse funds as authorized by the District Executive Team.

If elected or appointed, the term of office shall be four years. The Treasurer is eligible for not more than two consecutive terms in this office.

**Section 4. Records of Officers.** The official records of all officers and departments of District Great Commission Women District ministries are the property of Great Commission Women District ministries. All financial records shall be audited annually or at any time on order of the district superintendent and/or the District Executive Committee. In the event of the death or resignation of the incumbent, or upon the election of her successor, the current records necessary for fulfilling the obligations of the office shall be passed on to the newly elected officer.

**VI. Meetings**

**Section 1. Great Commission Women District Meetings.** Events may be held by Great Commission Women District ministries to accomplish its objectives. Such meetings shall be the responsibility of the District Leadership Team, and the program shall be approved by the district superintendent. Any business pertinent to the organization may be conducted on these occasions.

**Section 2. Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting of Great Commission Women District ministries shall convene at a district event or district conference to consider essential matters of business.

**Section 3. District Leadership Team or District Executive Team Meetings.** The District Leadership Team or District Executive Team shall meet as needed at the request of the Director or the district superintendent.

**VII. Finance**

**Section 1. Reimbursement of Expenses.** The work of the District Leadership Team shall be considered a service to Christ and the Church. Expenses related to this ministry shall be reimbursed.

**Section 2. Ministry Fund.** The District Leadership Team shall determine the Great Commission Women District funding with the approval of the district superintendent, and shall be designated in the Great Commission Women District Operating Procedures.

**Section 3. Projects.** District Great Commission Women District ministries are expected to support the projects established by National Great Commission
Women National ministries. All other district-wide appeals for funds shall be approved by the district superintendent.

VIII. Amendments

These policies may be amended by the vice president for Church Ministries with the approval of the Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

IX. Operating Procedure

Operating procedures not in conflict with these policies may be adopted at any regular meeting of Great Commission Women District ministries by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Proposed Operating Procedures shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the district for approval.

X. Great Commission Women Area Ministries

Any district using the Area structure shall use the District Policies with the following adaptation:

a. The Great Commission Women Area ministries shall have an Area Leadership Team or representative as determined in Article V, Section 2, or as appointed by the District Leadership Team. This team shall meet for the purpose of considering items of business and programs pertinent to the development of the ministries of Great Commission Women Area ministries.

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Great Commission Women Local Policy

I. Name
This auxiliary ministry of the ____________________ Church shall be known as Great Commission Women of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

II. Mission
Great Commission Women, an auxiliary ministry of the _________________ Church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, exists to glorify God as devoted Christ followers of all generations, empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the Word, do the work, and reach the world.

III. Values and Goals
The Core Values of Great Commission Women shall be active commitment to:

1. Effective Fervent Prayer
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The Goals of Great Commission Women shall be to:

1. Enlist every fully devoted Christ follower of all generations in effective fervent prayer.
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3. Engage in reaching the lost.

IV. Relationship
Great Commission Women is part of the National, District, and Area (where applicable) Great Commission Women and shall include those who are participants in Great Commission Women in the local churches of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. It is an auxiliary ministry of the local church and is amenable to the pastor and governance authority of the church.
V. Structure

Section 1. Leadership Teams/Coordinators

a. Leadership Team. This ministry shall have a Director (elected, appointed, or hired in accordance with the local church constitution and operating procedures) and a support team to fulfill the vision, mission, values, and goals of Great Commission Women. The Director shall serve as ex-officio of all standing and special committees.

b. Ministry Coordinators. Each Great Commission Women Local ministry may have Coordinators to oversee various ministries that clearly fulfill the objectives of Great Commission Women.

c. Term of Office. With the exception of a hired Director, the terms of office shall be no more than eight total consecutive years for Director and any leadership team member.

Section 2. Relationship to Great Commission Women National/District

a. Opportunities to participate in Great Commission Women projects and ministries shall be provided by the National and District Leadership Teams.

b. Each local church auxiliary ministry shall submit an annual report of its ministries and activities to the Great Commission Women District Director.

Section 3. Records

a. The official records of all team members are the property of Great Commission Women Local ministries. All financial records shall be audited annually or at a time designated by the pastor and/or the governance authority of the church.

b. In the event of the death or resignation of the incumbent, or upon the election/appointment of her successor, the current records necessary for fulfilling the obligations of the team member’s position shall be passed on to the newly elected/appointed team member.

VI. Meetings

Section 1. Great Commission Women Meetings. Great Commission Women are encouraged to meet regularly. Such meetings shall be the responsibility of the Director and her Leadership Team with the approval of the pastor. Any business pertinent to the organization may be conducted on these occasions.
Section 2. Meetings of the Local Leadership Team. The Local Leadership Team shall meet as needed at the request of the Director or the pastor.

VII. Finance

Section 1. Team Members. The ministry of the Local Leadership Team shall be considered a service to Christ and the Church and shall be without financial remuneration beyond expenses incurred. The exception to this model would be if the Director is a paid staff member of the church.

Section 2. Ministry Fund. The Local Leadership Team shall determine the Great Commission Women Local Funding with the approval of the governance authority of the church, and shall be designated in the Great Commission Women Local Operating Procedures.

Section 3. National Expense Fund. Each Great Commission Women Local ministries shall be requested to make an annual monetary contribution to the Great Commission Women National Operating Expense Fund to provide for the ministry functions of the National Executive Team.

Section 4. District Expenses. Each Great Commission Women Local ministries shall be requested to make monetary contributions to the expense fund of the District Great Commission Women Leadership/Executive Team, to the funds used for district overseas workers, and to any other approved district projects.

Section 5. Projects. Great Commission Women Local ministries are requested to support the projects established by the Great Commission Women National Project. Other church-wide appeals for funds shall be approved by the governance authority of the church.

VIII. Amendments

These policies may be amended by the vice president for Church Ministries with the approval of the Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

IX. Operating Procedures

Operating procedures not in conflict with these policies may be adopted at any regular meeting of Great Commission Women Local ministries by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Proposed Operating Procedures shall be submitted to the governance authority of the church for approval before being adopted.

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