

THE HEALING CENTER AT ORKNEY SPRINGS, VIRGINIA: STATEMENT OF INTENT AND BYLAWS 02/05/08

STATEMENT OF INTENT

1. To offer salvation, which includes earthly healing as well as eternal, and to honor and glorify God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in all we do. Jesus instructed us, His faith-filled body on Earth, to preach that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and to heal the sick.
2. To offer to all, traditional, Christ-centered, spiritual healing, based on sound Biblical teaching. To give those in need of healing access to more time, attention and prayer than is afforded at an ordinary healing service in a local church setting.
3. To offer those who would like to learn more about participating in the ministry of healing in the local church an opportunity for observation, teaching, and apprentice practice of the ministry during sessions of public ministry. Seminars will teach and show to interested persons how to convey the healing power of Jesus to the sick and despairing in an atmosphere of love, laughter, joy and hope.
4. The healing of body, soul, and spirit emanates from the love of God through Father and by the Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. All honor and glory must go to Him, and not to any individual or method of healing. The Bible teaches that healing occurs only through the Holy Spirit anointing the spirit of the believer (John 6:63); thus the Healing Center does not focus on psychological, mental or psychic healing, but concentrates upon proven traditional, spiritual, Christian healing methods. We do not heal the sick, but the power of the Holy Spirit through us heals them in the same way as God, healing through Jesus, healed them when Jesus walked the earth.
5. We do not disbelieve in medical or psychiatric methodologies. We do believe that spiritual consideration of the human being must be restored to the mainstream of the medical and nursing areas of the healing endeavor. We firmly believe and affirm that God the Father, God the Son,

and God the Holy Spirit works through physicians, nurses and technicians, and Christian counselors, but He remains the Healer, "for I am the Lord that healeth thee." (Ex 15:26)

ARTICLE I – WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE HEALING CENTER

All who come to the conferences for the purpose of being healed or learning about the ministry of Christian healing are considered members. Although there are registration fees for conferences, no membership dues are charged. Free-will offering will be received during a conference in addition to the nominal registration fee.

Those attending a conference will be expected to follow and, if so desiring, participate in the Healing Center program, but not seek to introduce or impose a teaching or methods of their own.

ARTICLE II –THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Healing Center shall be governed by a Board of Directors numbering 8 to 20 persons. Married couples may serve at the same time as individuals.

ARTICLE III – ELECTION OF AND TERM OF MEMBERS

Board members shall be recommended by and be approved for membership by the existing members of the board. Board members will be expected to serve for 3-year terms. Additional three-year terms will be agreed upon by the whole membership.

All members of the board shall serve at their own expense. Although the board may, from time to time, approve of other forms of compensation at their discretion (i.e. postage, telecommunications, and other miscellaneous items).

ARTICLE IV TIMES AND OCCASIONS OF BOARD MEETINGS

There shall be no fewer than six (6) Board Meetings between each healing conference. Except for the meeting just prior to a conference, these meetings may be by conference call (or polling the membership in times of urgency). No business shall be agreed upon by less than a simple majority of the membership.

ARTICLE V- RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS

Each Board member is asked to remain in touch with the chairman and respond, if possible, to his/her requests for assistance. If a Board member does not communicate in any way or attend conferences for one year, he/she shall be asked whether they desire to reactivate their participation as a member of the Board or to resign.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

Officers shall be elected, selected, or approved of by a majority of Board members, and serve so long as they and the board membership so desire, and shall be headed by a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These three officers will serve as an Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN

The chairman shall coordinate all Healing Center matters, presides over meetings and conferences, and is be an ex-officio member of all committees: communicating with the Board, giving reports, and information on events, and business pertaining to the Healing Center; striving to build an atmosphere of love, laughter and trust as a circle is drawn that counts everyone "in". The chairman of the Board calls for and presides over all Board Executive and Committee meetings.

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The secretary will take minutes of meetings and keep a record of

conferences. These are to be circulated among the Board Members in a timely manner. Normative duties include the writing of Letters inviting leaders, normal correspondence and notification of meetings (see Article II) Said “person” could be two persons: one ”recording” and one “corresponding.”

ARTICLE IX DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The treasurer is responsible for handling all monies, depositing them in the Healing Center's bank account. A report will be furnished to the Board of Directors as soon as possible after each conference. The treasurer is also responsible for making the invitation for the free-will offering to the gathering, collecting it, and putting it into safekeeping. He/she receives all the necessary fees as the conference begins. The Treasurer, with the approval of the chairman and secretary, shall be assisted in collecting and counting funds by no less than two members of the Board.

ARTICLE X – ADDITIONAL BOARD-APPOINTED OFFICERS,

The Chairman of the Board of Directors, with the approval of the Board, may, from time to time and as needed, appoint persons to serve and to perform various duties. Two of which shall be:

- 1) REGISTRAR The registrar shall receive all registrations for the conferences and reply promptly to them, enclosing a receipt, a program and a cordial note expressing our joy at having the registrant with us. He/she shall keep records, notes amounts paid, and mail checks to the treasurer for bank deposit. As persons arrive at the conference he/she will greet them, give them their room assignment and a name tag which he/she has prepared in advance.
- 2) PRAYER HOST The prayer host(s) will assign participants to prayer groups and either prepare, or assign to someone else, the task of decorating the prayer room and preparing various trays, napkins, suitable elements for Holy Communion, and the Service of Blessing on the last day.

ARTICLE XI- AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of members present.

ARTICLE XII- NOT FOR PROFIT

The organization shall not be operated for the personal gain or profit of any individual or group of individuals. There shall be no distribution of cash by ways of interest, dividends or otherwise to any member of this group. Should there be any excess of funds beyond the actual, and necessary expense of operation during any conference, such shall be held and applied to operating costs for subsequent operating periods.