ARTICLE 1 - NAME

This Association shall be known and distinguished as the WESTERN UNION BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECT

The object of the Association shall be to interchange Christian information and to promote each other, to love and good works; to promote Missionary enterprise through the confines of the Western Union Baptist District Association and in the homes and foreign fields.

ARTICLE 3 - HOW COMPOSED

Section 1. The Association shall be composed of messengers not exceeding four to every hundred members, or fraction thereof, from each church with letter certifying the name, progress and present members of the Church of which they are members.

Revised to Read:

Section 1. The Association shall be composed of Messengers according to the number of members of the registered Churches (i.e., 50-100; 100-150; 200-400; 400-500 +) No Church can have more than 5 (five) messengers to represent them at the Annual Session.

Section 2 Persons in good and regular standing with member churches may become life members of the Western Union Baptist District Association upon payment of $25.00. Voting privileges are extended only when in compliance with Article 9.

Section 3 Only members recorded in the Church letter, officers and life members will be eligible to receive badges and to vote in the Association.

Section 4 The Auxiliaries of this Association shall be known as:

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Section 5. This Constitution shall be the Governing Document for this Association and it’s Auxiliaries. By-laws shall not conflict with this Constitution.

ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS

Section 5. Revised Changes:
Officers and Board Members of the Association shall be:

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<td>23. • Cincinnati</td>
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<td>10. Auditor</td>
<td>24. • Mechanicsburg</td>
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<td>12. Parliamentarian</td>
<td>26. Executive Board Members (3)</td>
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<td>16. Youth Director • Appointed</td>
<td>28. Former Moderators (6)</td>
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New Officers will begin their work following the First Board Meeting
after October 30th and the Annual Session. Officers will be installed
during the Banquet at the Annual Session.

Section 2  Tenure of the Officers will be four (4) years and they will be
elected annually. Following four consecutive years in office, they
may not succeed themselves until another individual has served
one year. This, Tenure of Officers, shall apply to all: Auxiliaries,
subordinate Districts, Counties and Courtesy organizations.

Section 3  Should the Moderator become unable to fulfill his duties
because of incapacitation, the First Vice Moderator should
assume the duties of the office of the Moderator unto the
Moderator is able to resume his duties.

    Should the Moderator, First Vice Moderator or
Second Vice Moderator become incapacitated for any
reason at the same time, then the Executive Board shall
meet an appoint an Interim Moderator to serve until the
nearest Annual Session convenes. The Body will at that
time elect a Moderator.

The above procedures shall apply to all Auxiliaries,
Subordinate Districts, Counties and courtesy organizations.

Section 4  The elected Officers of all Auxiliaries shall be structured the
same as that of the District, the word “President” being used
instead of “Moderator” and shall reflect the make up of the
Western Union Baptist District Association.

ARTICLE 5- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Moderator: The Moderator shall
1. Preside at all meetings of the Association
2. Appoint all standing committees
3. Be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating
   Committee
4. Maintain order and rebuke disorderly members when required
5. Give advice to churches and or Pastors when called upon and
6. Give his Annual report at 7:00p.m. on the Third Day of the
   Association Session.
Section 2  First and Second Vice Moderators: The Vice Moderators shall
1. Preside at meetings in the absence of the Moderators or at his request;
2. Assist in the work of the Association

Section 3  Secretaries: The Recording Secretary shall
1. Keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the Association
2. Keep an accurate record of the Executive Board meetings and
3. Report recommendations and actions of the Executive Board

The Assistant Recording Secretary shall:
1. Assist in keeping an accurate record of all proceedings of the Association
2. Serve as recording secretary in the absence of the Secretary

Corresponding Secretary shall:
1. Handle the necessary correspondence as directed by the Moderator

Section 4  The Treasurer shall:
1. Receive all Moines
2. Issue receipts
3. Make disbursements as authorized by the Association
4. Keep accurate record of all receipts and
5. Give an itemized report of receipts and disbursements

Revised to Read
The Assistant Treasurer shall:

Assist the Treasurer with the functions of this office. In the absence of the Treasurer, he/she will fulfill the duties of the Office of the Treasurer as per the Constitution. The Assistance Treasurer is to keep a record the same as the Treasurer, be with him/her at all meetings, especially the Annual Session, to ensure that our financial records are in order. All Moines of the Association should be received by the Treasurer or in the absence of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer.
Section 5  The Parliamentarian:

1. Furnish information to members on Parliamentary procedures upon request and
2. Interpret the by-laws and the recognized parliamentary authority upon the request of the Moderator or /and the members.

Revised to read:
The body did not accept the position of Assistant Parliamentarian.

SECTION 6  THE PIANIST/ORGANIST SHALL FURNISH THE MUSIC FOR THE ASSOCIATION AS REQUIRED.

Section 7  The Statistician shall keep a record of the number of Churches enrolled in the District - the statistics as reported by the member churches, numerically and financially. This data must be obtained from the Registrar.

SECTION 8  The Auditor shall audit the financial records of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer/Financial Secretary.

ARTICLE 6: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Shall be the Officers and Board Members of the Association in Article 4:

Section 1.  The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Vice Moderators, Secretaries and assistants: (Recording and Corresponding) Treasurer and Assistant, Parliamentarian, Musician(s), Statistician, Auditor, Director of Christian Education, Dean, All Auxiliary Presidents/ Heads, Registrar, Three (3) Board members elected from the Association and three (3) elected Sub-District Presidents: (Cincinnati, Mechanicsburg and Springfield).

Section 2.  All Past Moderators shall serve as Board Members.

Section 3.  The Executive Board shall disburse Moines as required.
ARTICLE 7- COMMITTEES

Section 1 The Moderator shall appoint the following Committees:

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1a: The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer and three other persons: one from each sub-district.

Revised to read: 1a.
The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, Assistance Treasurer and three other persons, one from each sub-district.
- The Moderator will appoint the Youth Director

Section 2.
The Committee on Committees shall meet and appoint the following Committees:

1. Courtesy  5. New Churches
2. Education  6. Temperance
3. Mission  7. Time and Place
4. Resolution

Section 3. The Association shall elect the Committee on Nominations: two from each Sub District, one/Chair by the Moderator.

- Each Auxiliary or Department must meet between May and the Annual Session Business Meeting to elect their officers and submit the slate of Officers written to the Nominations Committee for consideration. Nominations may also come from the floor.

Section 4 The Budget and Finance Committee shall work together as an Allocation Committee, calculating the disbursements to be made by the Treasurer.

Section 5. The Program Committee of the Association should be composed of the Moderator, Vice Moderators, secretary, Pianist and a representative from each Auxiliary and or department.

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ARTICLE 8 – Church Responsibility

All Churches must be responsible and not become corrupt in doctrine or practice, or guilty of gross offense against Baptist rules and regulations such as:

Section 1. Irregular interpretation or practice of doctrines, etc.

Section 2. Participation or recognition in the ordination of Laywomen, and if any one or two member churches or individuals bring such matter to body, a committee shall be appointed to inquire and if no retraction, the church shall be dis-fellowshipped.

Section 3. For each administration there shall be a standing Committee of five persons.

ARTICLE 9: CHURCH REPRESENTATION

Section 1. It shall be the responsibility of the member churches to represent in the Annual Association financially according to the following graded classifications:

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Section 2. All member churches are to report their membership at time of registration. Any member church failing to represent properly at time of registration shall be assessed the proper registration fee. If assessment is not paid the Registration Committee shall notify the Moderator’s office for further action.
Section 3. Payment of Proper Fee
Payment of proper registration fee entitles and includes all fees necessary for the full participation of all Auxiliaries of their Church in the Western Union Baptist District Association during the Annual Session. It does not however, prohibit the charging of a nominal fee for Auxiliaries for special packets or materials not included in materials supplied to messengers by the District.

Section 4. Voting Policy

Each properly registered Church shall be entitled to two (2) votes. Each Church, upon payment of five (5) dollars per person may have 3 (three) additional voting messengers. No Church shall have more than a total of five (5) voting messengers. The names of all voting messengers must appear on the Official Church Registration Sheet.

Section 4. Voting Policy • Revised to read: ✓

Each properly registered church shall be entitled to three (3) votes (refer to Article 3 section 1). No Church can have more than 5 registered votes. The names of all voting messengers must appear on the Official WUBDA Church Registration Form. A fee of $5.00 may be paid for additional messengers on the Church letter or WUBDA Registration Form. No Church can exceed 5 messengers at any time.

ARTICLE 10 - NATIONAL BODIES

The Western Union Baptist Association will represent each year giving $25.00 to each Body:

1. National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.
2. National Baptist Convention of America
3. Progressive National Baptist Convention

Revised to read:
Western Union Baptist District Association will represent yearly with National Bodies as per Budget Permits.
ARTICLE 11- NEW CHURCHES

Churches who wish to become members of this body must be properly organized, sound in faith and submit a letter containing a summary of the same. They must be recognized by at least two sister churches nearest them all of which will be submitted to vote for admission.

Revised to read: Article 11 (submitted Session 2001)

Any Baptist Church wishing to become a member of the W.U.B.D.A. of the State of Ohio must be properly organized, Baptist in Name and practices.

1. The overseer must be a member of a Baptist Church and sent out by his home church for a minimum of 3 months.
2. Upon organizing, it must be by a council of Baptist Pastors, and the church must call the Pastor,
3. The Church must have (2) letters from sister churches recommending their entrance into the W. U. B. D. A.
4. Finally, the church must be sound in Baptist Doctrine according to the Scriptures.

ARTICLE 12: TIME OF MEETINGS

Section 1. The Association shall meet Annually on Monday, before the First Lord’s Day in August, and adjourn on the following Thursday evening.

Section 2. The Western Union Baptist District Association may have an adjourned session with the last quarterly meeting of the Ministers and Deacons Institute.

Section 3. The adjourned session cannot change the action of the Associations Annual Session or initiate any new action conflicting with the Authority of the Body, unless a majority of registered member churches and recognized Auxiliary Presidents are present.

Section 4. The Executive Board shall meet upon the call of the Moderator.

Revised to read - Add Section 5
Section 5: Time of meetings will be according to the recommendation from the Constitution Committee and the approval of the WUBDA Body.
ARTICLE 13 - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual or Adjourned Session, when notice of such alteration or amendment has been offered in writing at the preceding Annual Session, but never so as to interfere with the independence of the churches.

ARTICLE 14 - PROPERTY

When this non-profit Organization shall be dissolved, then all property, real and/or financial, shall be turned over to a like non-profit organization which is exempt under Section 501-C3 of the IRS.

BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. Every member desiring to speak shall rise from his/her seat and address the Moderator. He shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject matter.

2. No member shall speak longer than five minutes at any time, or more than once on one subject, until others have had an opportunity to speak.

3. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover upon consent of the house.

4. No member shall leave the business session without permission from the Presiding Officer.

5. There shall be no whispering, talking, laughing, or other unnecessary noise during the transaction of Business, nor any disregarding or reflection made on any speaker or his/her remarks.

6. All sessions of business shall be opened and closed with prayer.

7. The time of meetings will be 9:00 am until Noon: from 1:30 to 5:00 pm and from 7:00 pm until.
NO CHANGES IN BY LAWS

- Constitution First Reading Session 2000
- Constitution Second Reading Session 2001
- Constitution Final Reading Session 2002

Submitted by: The Constitution Committee

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THE CONSTITUTION – ACTED UPON IN SESSION 2002

JULY 31, 2002  The WUBDA met on this date and approved the above listed Constitution, to be effective at our Annual Session 2003. The Department of Christian Education officers will consist of the officers below:

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(See Article 4 section 4 of the revised constitution adopted July 31, 2002)

The Department of Christian Education shall follow guidelines of ARTICLE 5 - Duties of Officers as indicated in this Constitution.

The above Addendum shall become part of the Revised Constitution approved by the Body on July 31, 2002.

~ Submitted by the Constitution Committee (see above listed names) ~