



# ***Constitution***

***(As amended September 21, 2020)***

## ***American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia***

**CONSTITUTION**  
of the  
**AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**  
**OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**ARTICLE I – NAME AND RELATIONSHIP**

The name of this organization shall be the American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia. It shall cooperate with and promote the programs of the West Virginia Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Women's Ministries of the American Baptist Churches USA.

**ARTICLE II – MISSION STATEMENTS**

The mission of the American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia is to encourage all women and girls to:

- Worship God
- Grow Spiritually
- Develop Spiritual Gifts
- Care for One Another
- Reach Out to Others

**ARTICLE III – ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATIONS**

The American Baptist Women's Ministries organization of each association within the Convention shall be affiliated with the American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia.

**ARTICLE IV – RULES OF ORDER**

The rules contained in Robert's Rule of Order, Revised, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and compatible with the Constitution, Bylaws or Policies of this organization.

**ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS**

The Bylaws and Constitution may be amended, upon recommendation from the Executive Board, at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

## **ARTICLE VI – STANDING RULES**

- Officers and coordinators shall use and promote denominational information and approved interdenominational literature and materials available in their areas of ministry.
- Officers and coordinators shall promote only those fund raising projects approved by the Executive Committee of American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia
- The American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia shall function as an auxiliary organization of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.
- When the term "ex-officio" is used, the person designated shall have the right to vote.

## **ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION CLAUSE**

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia will be turned over to the West Virginia Baptist Convention and specifically the scholarship funds in the Hilliard Lyons Investment Account be assigned to the WV Baptist Education Society, or, secondly, to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501(c)3 and 170(c)(2) or to the Federal, State, or Local government for exclusive public purpose.