

# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

### Missionary Society of The Methodist Church.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1883.

#### I.—NAME.

THIS Society shall be known as "The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church."

#### II.—OBJECT.

The object of the Society is the support and enlargement of the Indian, French, Domestic, Foreign, and other Missions, which are carried on under the direction of the Conferences of the Methodist Church.

#### III.—MEMBERS.

Every person paying annually the sum of Four dollars and upwards, and every person collecting annually Ten dollars and upwards, for this Society, shall be deemed a member, and entitled to a copy of the Annual Conference Report. And any person paying annually Twenty-five dollars, or collecting for the Society Thirty dollars or upwards, shall also be entitled to a copy of the General Report.

#### IV.—AUXILIARY AND BRANCH SOCIETIES.

The Methodist Missionary Societies within the bounds of any Annual Conference shall collectively be entitled "The Auxiliary Missionary Society" for that Conference; and severally shall be entitled "Branch Societies" of such Auxiliary. Missionary Societies formed in our Sunday-schools shall be entitled "Juvenile Branches" of the Conference Auxiliary.

#### V.—TREASURERS.

1. Each Annual Conference may appoint a Treasurer, through whom all remittances from the General Treasurers may be sent. In case any Annual Conference does not make such an appointment, then all remittances to and from the Mission Rooms shall be made through the Superintendents of Districts of such Conference.

2. The Superintendent of a Circuit or Mission shall be Treasurer of the Branch Society of his Circuit or Mission.

#### VI.—REMITTANCES.

The money raised on any Circuit or Mission shall be transmitted, as soon as collected, to the Superintendent of the District, deducting only what has been disbursed for incidental and local expenses; and the District Superintendent shall, in turn, remit promptly to the General Treasurer, through the Conference Treasurer, or directly if there be no Conference Treasurer.

#### VII.—CIRCUIT LISTS.

The Superintendent of each Circuit or Mission shall prepare annually, not later than the first day of the Annual District Meeting, a list of all subscribers, of Two Dollars and upwards, also the aggregate of all collections and sums under Two Dollars; such lists to be sent without delay to the Conference Treasurer or District Superintendent, who shall forward them to the Mission Rooms, together with a statement of the gross receipts, local disbursements, and remittances.

#### VIII.—GENERAL BOARD.

1. There shall be a General Missionary Board for the management of the Missionary Fund, which shall meet annually at such time and place as it may appoint.

2. This Board shall be composed of the General Superintendents, the Officers of the Missionary Society, one minister to be chosen annually by the ministers of each Annual Conference, one layman to be chosen annually by the laymen of each Conference Missionary Committee, and eighteen other persons—one half of whom shall be laymen—to be appointed by the General Conference, and to continue in office four years.