

**CONSTITUTION OF THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE  
OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS®**

**ARTICLE I  
Name**

The name of this organization shall be known as The Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, hereinafter referred to in this document as the Dakota Conference, or, the Conference. This Conference is part of the Mid-America Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Lincoln, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as the Mid-America Union Conference, which, in turn, is a part of the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, hereinafter referred to as the North American Division. The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Silver Spring, Maryland, hereinafter referred to as the General Conference, is the world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**ARTICLE II  
Purpose**

The purposes for which this Conference is formed are:

Section 1. The specific and primary purpose is to share the hope of a soon-returning Savior and to teach the everlasting gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14. By becoming His disciples, they will share the unchanging love of Jesus in a changing world.

Section 2. The general purpose is to coordinate Christian ministries including, but not limited to, pastoral, teaching, educational, media, and health care, involving all members of the Conference in mission and continuing effective youth ministries programs.

**ARTICLE III  
Territory**

The territory of the Conference shall consist of the geographic areas of North Dakota and South Dakota.

**ARTICLE IV  
Bylaws**

The voters of the Conference may enact bylaws, and/or repeal them, and such bylaws may embrace any provision consistent with the Constitution of the Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

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**BYLAWS OF THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE  
OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS®**

**ARTICLE I  
Principal Office**

The principal office for the transaction of business of the Dakota Conference (and the Dakota Conference Corporation) is in Bismarck, North Dakota. The location of the principal office may be changed by a majority vote at any constituency meeting. In the event of an emergency, the location may be changed by the Executive Committee on a temporary basis.

**ARTICLE II  
Purpose**

The Dakota Conference is a part of the Mid-America Union Conference, which in turn, is a part of the North American Division. The Conference shall pursue the mission of the church as stated in the 28 Fundamental Beliefs.

**ARTICLE III  
Membership**

**Section 1: Members**

The membership of the Conference shall be composed of all the churches which are, or may be, properly organized within the geographic areas of North Dakota and South Dakota and accepted by vote of the Executive Committee of the Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, hereinafter referred to as the Executive Committee, subject to ratification by the delegates of this Conference, as set forth in Section 2 of this article, at its next session. Such churches shall remain indivisible members of the sisterhood of churches until disbanded by the delegates of the Conference in a properly called constituency meeting of the Conference.

**Section 2: Representation at Constituency Sessions**

The delegates at any constituency session of the Conference shall be regular delegates and delegates at large. All delegates appointed to represent the members of the Conference at any constituency session shall be members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Voice and vote privileges of the Conference shall be the prerogative of:

- A. Such delegates as shall be duly accredited by the organized churches of the Conference.  
Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for the organization, one additional delegate

91 for each twenty (20) members and one additional delegate if the remainder is greater than  
92 ten (10). Delegates shall hold membership in the local church which accredits them. If the  
93 church chooses to elect fewer delegates than its entitlement, only those who are elected and  
94 are present at the constituency meeting may vote.

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96 B. All members of the Executive Committee.

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98 C. All officers and departmental directors of the Mid-America Union Conference.

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100 D. All employees holding credentials or licenses issued by the Conference.

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102 E Two (2) officers from the North American Division and two (2) officers from the General  
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105 F. All members of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee.

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107 **Section 3: Quorum**

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109 At least fifty-five percent (55%) of the delegates authorized herein above under Section 2-A of Article  
110 III of these bylaws must be present at any regular or special constituency meeting to constitute a  
111 quorum for the transaction of business. Once the meeting is declared open, the delegates present shall  
112 constitute a quorum.

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114 **Section 4: Proxy Voting**

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116 All delegates must be present in person at any constituency meeting to be eligible to vote. There shall  
117 be no voting by proxy.

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120 **ARTICLE IV**  
121 **Constituency Meetings**

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123 **Section 1: Regular Meeting**

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125 The Conference shall hold a regular quinquennial constituency meeting at such time and place as the  
126 Executive Committee shall designate. Written notice of the time and place of the session of the  
127 delegates representing the members shall be given in the official publication of the Mid-America  
128 Union Conference, OUTLOOK Magazine, at least six (6) weeks before the date of the session.

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131 In the event of circumstances preventing delegate travel, the Executive Committee has the authority to  
132 postpone the session for one (1) year only. This authority may not be exercised more than two (2)  
133 times. If the session must be postponed, the Executive Committee may convene a session via  
134 electronic means.

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136 **Section 2: Special Meeting**

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138 The Executive Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote may call a special constituency meeting  
139 at such time and place as it deems proper. Written notice of the time and place of special constituency  
140 meetings shall either be given in the same manner as for regularly scheduled constituency meetings or  
141 by written notice to each delegate mailed at least thirty (30) days prior to convening such special  
142 session. The transactions of such sessions shall have the same authority as those of the regularly  
143 scheduled constituency meetings. If it is proposed to amend the constitution or the bylaws of the  
144 Conference at a specially called session of the constituency, notice of such proposed amendment(s)  
145 shall be given in the notice for such special session. In all other respects, including, but not limited to,  
146 the election of officers, directors of departments and Executive Committee members, any specially  
147 called meeting of the constituency may be free to include on its agenda any item that could be  
148 included on the agenda of a regularly scheduled session.

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150 **Section 3: Election and Term of Office**

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152 All officers, directors of departments and members of the Executive Committee who are not ex officio  
153 members shall be elected by the delegates at the quinquennial session of the Conference constituency  
154 and shall fill their offices until the next quinquennial session of the Conference constituency, except  
155 that the Executive Committee shall fill vacancies created by resignations; removal for cause, or other  
156 contingency between quinquennial sessions.

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158 **Section 4: Delegate Kit**

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160 A constituency kit shall be mailed to all elected delegates that shall be postmarked at least twenty (20)  
161 days prior to the session.

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163 The kit shall include the following:

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165 A. A written agenda prepared by administration in consultation with and approved by the  
166 Executive Committee.

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168 B. Explanation of agenda issues on major items as developed under direction of the Conference  
169 administration.

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171 C. Financial reports.

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173 D. Nominating Committee Report

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175 **Section 5: Voting**

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177 Voting for election of officers shall be carried out by secret ballot by either paper or digital means.  
178 The voting on all other matters of business shall be by voice vote unless otherwise determined by a  
179 simple majority of the delegates present, unless otherwise specified.

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**ARTICLE V**  
**Committees**

**Section 1: Appointment of Standing Committees**

Standing Committees include the Executive Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and such other committees that the Executive Committee is empowered to choose between sessions.

No more than fifty percent (50%) of committee members, excluding ex officio members, may concurrently serve on the two major committees. “Major committees” is defined as: (1) Executive Committee and (2) K-12 Board of Education.

**Section 2: Nominating Committee**

The purpose of the Nominating Committee shall be to recommend persons to the session to be elected as President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Finance, members of the Executive Committee, members of the Corporation Board of Trustees, members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and the directors of departments and any other committee members, as needed.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of two lay members and one Conference employee from each territorial region. The President of the Mid-America Union Conference, or appointed designee, shall serve as the chair.

- A. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for apportioning the churches of the Conference into eight (8) territorial regions numerically balanced according to church membership.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall be elected by having the elected delegates from the churches within the territorial regions (see Article III, Section 2-A.) for the actual constituency meeting, come together to their regional meetings. The Conference President or the President’s designee shall chair the regional meetings of the delegates.
- C. The regional meetings shall be completed so that the Nominating Committee is selected at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the quinquennial session.
- D. The Nominating Committee shall commence its work at the call of its chair, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the day of the session.
- E. All information and materials, such as personnel and committees to be filled and the names of the individuals presently serving in these capacities, shall be supplied to the members of the Nominating Committee at least ten (10) days before the Nominating Committee meets.
- F. When called by the President of Mid-America Union Conference, a quorum of the Nominating Committee shall be sixty percent (60%) of the number of elected members.

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G. Following the publication of the Nominating Committee’s report to the delegates of the upcoming session, the Nominating Committee shall meet prior to the next regular session to receive concerns relating to the Nominating Committee report.

**Section 3: Constitution and Bylaws Committee**

Each regularly scheduled constituency meeting of the Conference shall elect a standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee. This committee shall function between the regularly scheduled sessions of the constituency and shall submit its reports and detailed recommendations to the Executive Committee and to the next regular constituency meeting. The Mid-America Union Vice President of Administration or his designee shall serve as an ex officio member. The Conference Vice President of Administration shall serve as chair.

The Nominating Committee of the Conference shall appoint one employee from within the Conference from the credentialed employees of the Conference and four lay persons from North Dakota and three lay persons from South Dakota. These names will be ratified to serve by the delegates at the regularly scheduled constituency meeting.

**ARTICLE VI  
Executive Committee**

**Section 1: Delegated Authority**

The Executive Committee is delegated the authority to act on behalf of the constituents between regular sessions, as hereinafter provided. The Executive Committee shall appoint such committees and shall employ such personnel and distribute its workers as may be necessary to execute its work effectively.

**Section 2: Membership of Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee consisting of 18 members shall be elected at the regularly scheduled constituency meeting and shall include the following members:

- A. Ex Officio Members
  - 1. Conference President
  - 2. Conference VP of Administration
  - 3. Conference VP of Finance
  - 4. Principal of DAA
  
- B. Denominational Employees
  - 1. Two (2) denominational employees from North Dakota and two (2) from South Dakota who have been members of the Dakota Conference for at least one (1) year.

271 C. Lay Members

- 272 1. Ten (10) lay members shall be selected so the following requirements are met:
- 273 a. Such lay member must have been residents of the Dakota Conference for at
- 274 least one year.
- 275 b. Be a member in good standing in a Dakota Conference Church or Company
- 276 c. One (1) member from each of the eight (8) regions.
- 277 d. One (1) at-large member residing in North Dakota
- 278 e. One (1) at-large member residing in South Dakota

279 If the status of an elected member changes during the quinquennium, the remaining members of the

280 Executive Committee shall appoint a new member under the guidelines of this Article VI, Section 2.

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282 **Section 3: Power of Appointment**

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284 The Executive Committee shall have full administrative power to:

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- 286 A. Appoint members of the K-12 Board of Education, Conference Finance Committee and
- 287 such other committees as deemed necessary.
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- 289 B. Fill for the current term any vacancies in its boards, committees, departments/services, or in
- 290 offices, which were filled by Conference elections.
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- 292 C. Grant and withdraw credentials and licenses. The withdrawal of credentials or filling of
- 293 vacancies on the Executive Committee shall require the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the
- 294 remaining members of the Executive Committee.
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- 296 D. Terminate any officer, director, or other elected individual, for cause, upon the consent of
- 297 two-thirds (2/3) of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.
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- 299 E. Fill all positions relating to employment of pastors, teachers, office and camp staff.
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- 301 F. Formulate and/or amend the Conference working policies.
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303 **Section 4: Regular Meetings**

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305 The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly at such times and places as it may select.

306 Executive Committee members will receive a tentative agenda at least 5 days prior to such meetings.

307 Meetings may be conducted by electronic means if deemed necessary or desirable by the chair.

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- 309 A. Suggested agenda items may be added by any constituent by presenting the items to the
- 310 chairman of the Executive Committee at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting.
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- 312 B. Constituents may attend meetings but may be asked to leave if confidential items
- 313 necessitate an executive session.
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315 **Section 5: Special Meetings**

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317 Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time or place by the President or in  
318 the President's absence, by the Vice President of Administration. A special meeting shall also be called  
319 by the Vice President of Administration in response to the written request of a majority of the  
320 members of the Executive Committee. When notice is given, by mail or electronic means, a tentative  
321 agenda shall be provided to each committee member.

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323 **Section 6: Quorum**

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325 A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

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327 **Section 7: Required Attendance**

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329 If an Executive Committee member is absent for two regularly scheduled meetings in succession or  
330 three meetings annually, (including meetings conducted by electronic means), the Executive  
331 Committee shall view the member's absences as a notice of resignation, and, upon 14 days written  
332 notice to the member, may act to replace that member.

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**ARTICLE VII**  
**Officers**

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338 **Section 1: Officers' Titles**

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340 The officers of the Conference shall be a President, a Vice President of Administration, and a Vice  
341 President of Finance. The Vice President of Administration and the Vice President of Finance may be  
342 one individual.

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344 **Section 2: President**

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346 The President, as chief executive officer, shall act as chair of constituency meetings, the Executive  
347 Committee, and work for the positive interest of the Conference as the Executive Committee may  
348 advise. The President shall uphold and promote adherence to the mission and policies of the North  
349 American Division and the Mid-America Union Conference and work in close counsel with the North  
350 American Division Committee on Administration.

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352 **Section 3: Vice President of Administration**

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354 The Vice President of Administration shall act as vice-chair of the Executive Committee. It shall be  
355 the duty of the Vice President of Administration to keep the minutes of the Conference constituency  
356 meetings and the Executive Committee meetings; to furnish copies of these minutes to all members of  
357 the Executive Committee and to the officers of the Mid-America Union Conference; to collect such  
358 data as may be desired by the President or by the Executive Committee; and to perform such other  
359 duties as usually pertain to the office or as directed by the Executive Committee. If the office of the  
360 President is vacated for any reason, the Vice President of Administration shall serve as acting



361 President until the office of President is filled.

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363 **Section 4: Vice President of Finance**

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365 It shall be the duty of the Vice President of Finance to receive all funds, to disburse them in harmony  
366 with the actions of the Executive Committee, and to tender such financial statements at regular  
367 intervals as may be desired by the President of the Conference or by the Executive Committee. Copies  
368 of the Conference financial statements shall be furnished to the officers of the Mid-America Union  
369 Conference. Bank accounts approved by the Executive Committee shall be operated by the Vice  
370 President of Finance and/or such other individuals as may be authorized by the Executive Committee.

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**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Departmental Directors**

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376 **Section 1: Advisory Role**

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378 The directors of departments/services of the Conference shall work under the direction of the  
379 Executive Committee and the President and shall serve in an advisory relationship to the field.

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382 **Section 2: Departments/Services Structure**

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384 Conference departments/services shall be organized in harmony with the departments/services  
385 structure of the North American Division.

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**ARTICLE IX**  
**Subsidiary Ministries**

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391 **Section 1: Corporations and Agencies**

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393 The Dakota Conference may carry on its ministry through subsidiary agencies, organizations, and  
394 institutions that may, where necessary and appropriate, function either as unincorporated or  
395 incorporated entities.

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397 **Section 2: Constituency Meetings of Subsidiaries**

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399 The constituency meetings of the Conference incorporated subsidiaries shall be held in conjunction  
400 with the regularly scheduled constituency meetings of the Conference or as provided by the articles of  
401 incorporation of the respective subsidiary corporation. The election of the board of directors, trustees,  
402 or Executive Committee of these incorporated entities will be in harmony with the statutory laws  
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**ARTICLE X**  
**Finance**

**Section 1: Tithes and Offerings**

The funds of the Conference shall consist of such tithes as it shall receive from the geographic areas of North Dakota and South Dakota, and such gifts, legacies, bequests, direct tithes and other donations as may be made to it.

**Section 2: Policies**

The tithe and all other funds shall be used in harmony with the financial policies of the North American Division, and in the case of donations, their use shall be in harmony with the specifications of the donors and in compliance with Internal Revenue Code.

**Section 3: Bank Accounts**

The funds of the Conference shall be safeguarded in harmony with the financial policies of the North American Division. Monies shall be deposited in the name of the Dakota Conference in regular or special accounts, in such banks or savings institutions, as the Executive Committee shall designate, and shall be withdrawn only by persons authorized by a vote of the Executive Committee.

**Section 4: Financial Statements**

The Dakota Conference shall annually prepare appropriate statements of income and fund balances and shall be responsible for the filing of any financial information directly with the Mid-America Union, the North American Division and/or the General Conference, and to the extent required by law, with any branch of local, state, or federal government.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Budget, Salary Review and Audit**

**Section 1: Budget**

The Dakota Conference shall prepare an annual budget in harmony with the policies of the North American Division.

**Section 2: Salary and Expense Review**

The Executive Committee shall constitute an Employee Remuneration Committee to review annually the salary and expense of all the employees and set salary rates for the subsequent year.

**Section 3: Independent Audit**

451 All accounting records of the Conference shall be audited at least annually by one of the auditors  
452 designated by the General Conference Auditing Service, and the financial records of the Conference or  
453 any of its subsidiaries, agencies, or institutions shall at all times be open to said auditors.  
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456 **ARTICLE XII**  
457 **Amendments**  
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459 **Section 1:** Amendment, Revision and Repeal  
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461 The Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Dakota Conference may only be amended, revised  
462 and/or repealed at any duly called regular or special constituency meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of  
463 the delegates present and voting at any such constituency meeting of the Conference. In addition, at a  
464 special constituency meeting a proposal to amend, revise and/or repeal the Articles of Incorporation or  
465 the Bylaws of the Dakota Conference may only be considered and brought to a vote if notice of such  
466 proposal(s) has been given in the notice(s) for such special session.  
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469 **ARTICLE XIII**  
470 **K-12 Board of Education**  
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472 **Section 1:** Name  
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474 The organization shall be known as the K-12 Board of Education for the Dakota Conference of  
475 Seventh-day Adventists, hereinafter referred to as the K-12 Board of Education.  
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477 **Section 2:** Purpose  
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479 The purpose of this organization shall be:  
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- 481 A. To assume general responsibility for long-range planning of the K-12 conference  
482 educational system.  
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- 484 B. To conform to the North American Division Working Policy and the Mid-America Union  
485 Education Code.  
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- 487 C. To administer the educational program of the Conference pursuant to the constitution,  
488 bylaws and working policies of the Board of Education.  
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- 490 D. To assume, as delegated by the Executive Committee, the responsibility for the  
491 employment, assignment, transfer, retirement, termination or dismissal of personnel in the  
492 Dakota Conference schools in K-12.  
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- 494 E. To develop a plan and formulate procedures designed to evaluate school personnel regularly  
495 and routinely.

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497 F. To arbitrate school-related appeals and grievances.

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499 G. To receive and consider applications from schools desiring to teach secondary subjects.

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501 H. To receive and consider applications from churches desiring to open a church school.

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503 I. To administer an annual budget for schools K-12, as voted by the Executive Committee.

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505 J. To apply salary rates for all educational personnel within the wage scale policy of the Mid-  
506 America Union Conference.

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508 K. To approve annual school calendars meeting State and Union Conference Board of  
509 Education requirements.

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511 L. To evaluate facility needs in terms of pupil population projections and to develop an overall  
512 long-range plan for erecting new facilities, renovating and/or remodeling existing schools.

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514 M. To evaluate recommendations of the Dakota Conference Superintendent(s) of Education  
515 regarding new schools and/or consolidation of existing schools.

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517 N. To appoint subcommittees (standing or ad-hoc) as needed. Subcommittees may include, but  
518 are not limited to, DAA Finance, DAA Personnel & Policies, DAA Building and Grounds,  
519 and DAA Advancement. Dakota Conference Officers and Educational Superintendent(s) shall  
520 be members, ex officio to all subcommittees, with full voting privileges.

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522 **Section 3: Membership and Officers of the K-12 Board of Education**

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524 A. The membership of the K-12 Board of Education shall consist of twenty-two (22) members.

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526 B. Eight (8) Denominational Employees by office

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1. Conference President (Chair)

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2. Conference Superintendent of Schools

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3. Dakota Adventist Academy Principals

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4. Dakota Adventist Academy Vice Principal or Vice President of Finance

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5. Conference Vice President of Finance

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6. Conference Vice President of Administration

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7. Conference Elementary Superintendent of Education

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8. Union Conference Director of Education (or designee)

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536 C. Ten (10) Lay members

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1. These lay members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and both  
538 North Dakota and South Dakota shall be represented.

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- 540 D. Two (2) Pastors  
541 1. One (1) from South Dakota and one (1) from North Dakota  
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543 E. Two (2) Teachers  
544 1. One (1) from South Dakota and one (1) from North Dakota  
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546 F. Advisory and Non-Voting members  
547 1. DAA Development Director  
548 2. DAA Alumni President  
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550 G. All members of office shall be concurrent with the terms of the Executive  
551 Committee members.  
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553 **Section 4: Meetings**  
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- 555 A. K-12 Board of Education meetings shall be held at least four (4) times a year and shall be  
556 called by the chair of the Board of Education. It is recommended that they meet every two  
557 months while a school term is in session.  
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559 B. Notification of the meetings shall include the following.  
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561 1. A notification shall be given at least seven days (1 week) prior to the  
562 meeting.  
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564 2. An agenda.  
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566 C. Suggested agenda items should be in the Office of Education two weeks before the  
567 meeting.  
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569 D. A majority of the members of the K-12 Board of Education shall constitute a quorum.  
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571 **Section 5: Executive Committee (K-12 Board of Education)**  
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- 573 A. The K-12 Board of Education will elect members of its Executive Committee.  
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575 B. The Executive Committee of the K-12 Board of Education shall be composed of the  
576 following personnel:  
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578 Conference President (or designee) - chair  
579 Education Superintendent  
580 Conference Vice President of Administration  
581 Conference Vice President of Finance  
582 Academy Principal  
583 Academy Vice Principal of Finance  
584 Other members as deemed necessary and elected by the K-12 Board of Education  
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586 **Section 6: Rules of Procedures**  
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588 North American Division rules of parliamentary procedures shall be followed in conducting  
589 the business meeting of this board.

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592 **ARTICLE XIV**  
593 **Elementary Schools**

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595 **Section 1: Operating**

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597 A. Each elementary school shall have its own operating committee selected by the  
598 constituency of the school.

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600 B. The Conference Superintendent of Education, Union Director of Education or appointed  
601 designee and the Conference President or appointed designee shall be voting members of  
602 the Elementary Operating Committee.

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606 **ARTICLE XV**  
607 **Dakota Adventist Academy Preamble**

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609 Dedicated Seventh-day Adventist laypersons and workers established Dakota Adventist Academy in a  
610 location that seemed to fit the requirements for a Christian education on the secondary level. Its  
611 purpose is to offer the opportunity for the youth of North Dakota and South Dakota to receive an  
612 education that will enhance the development of the physical, mental and spiritual powers on the  
613 secondary level. This article is to provide an outline for the orderly operation of the school and as a  
614 guide for its officers.

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615 **Section 1: Name**

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617 The name of this academy shall be Dakota Adventist Academy.

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619 **Section 2: Location**

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621 Dakota Adventist Academy, located on property in Burleigh County North Dakota, is owned by the  
622 Dakota Conference Corporation, the legal entity for the Dakota Conference.

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624 **Section 3: Purpose**

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626 The purpose of Dakota Adventist Academy is:

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628 A. To provide a Christian education, within the philosophical framework of Seventh-day  
629 Adventists, without discrimination because of race, gender, color or national  
630 origin; to encourage development of a Christ-like character within its students; to prepare

631 young people to assume responsible roles as church lay members, church leaders, and in  
632 other important fields in order to do their honest part in contributing toward the  
633 betterment of life for their fellow men and the salvation of souls for the kingdom of God.

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635 B. To adopt the North American Division Working Policy and the Mid-America Union  
636 Educational Code.

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639 **Section 4: Dakota Adventist Academy Operations**

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641 A. Dakota Adventist Academy shall be directed by the K-12 Board of Education which  
642 functions by authority of the Conference Executive Committee.

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644 **Section 5: Financial Support**

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646 A. The financial support of the school derived from:

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- 648 1. Tuition and fees charged by the K-12 Board of Education to each enrolled student.
- 649 2. Dakota Conference subsidies
- 650 3. Endowment Fund earnings.
- 651 4. Donations, wills, legacies and miscellaneous income.

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653 **Section 6: Dissolution**

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655 A. The dissolution of this Academy may be effected by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the  
656 delegates present and voting at any regular or special session of the Dakota Conference  
657 constituency, provided that if it is proposed to dissolve the academy at a special session,  
658 notice of the proposal to dissolve shall be given in the call for special session.

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660 B. After all claims against the Academy have been satisfied, any remaining funds or assets  
661 shall be transferred to the Dakota Conference Corporation for distribution to the Dakota  
662 Conference.

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**ARTICLE XVI**  
**Indemnification**

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667 The Conference shall indemnify any person who is serving or has served as a member of the  
668 Executive Committee, any other committees or boards, or officers of the Conference and their  
669 executor, administrator and heirs, against all reasonable expenses, including, but not limited to,  
670 judgments, costs and legal fees, actually and necessarily incurred by them, in connection with the  
671 defense of any litigation action, suit or proceeding, civil, criminal, or administrative, to which they  
672 may have been a party by reason of being or having been a member of the Executive Committee, other  
673 committees or boards, or officer of the Conference, except they shall have no right to reimbursement  
674 for matters in which they have been adjudged liable to the Conference for negligence or misconduct in  
675 the performance of their duties. This right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and no exclusion

676 of, all other rights to which such member of the Executive Committee, other committee or board, or  
677 officer may be entitled.

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## **ARTICLE XVII**

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### **Dissolution**

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683 In the event of the dissolution of the Conference, all assets remaining after all claims have been  
684 satisfied shall be transferred to the Mid-America Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists or its  
685 successors.