

**Revised Articles of Societas Homiletica**  
**Accepted by the General Meeting in Madurai, India, July 30<sup>th</sup> 2014<sup>1</sup>**

**§1 Name and Place**

- (1) The name of the society is Societas Homiletica.
- (2) Its head office is located at the site of the current President.

**§2 Aims and objectives**

- (1) The Societas Homiletica is an international and ecumenical society of researchers and teachers of Christian preaching. Its objectives include the networking and promotion of academic homiletic research, the improvement of corresponding training and further education, and conversation with other theological disciplines and other academic fields of research.
- (2) The society seeks to fulfill these objectives by
  - a) regularly (usually: every two years) organizing international academic conferences for members and guests,
  - b) publishing a series of books ("Studia Homiletica"),
  - c) encouraging by other appropriate means (e.g., website, newsletter) the international exchange of homiletic research.

**§3 Membership**

- (1) There are two options: full or associate membership.
- (2) Full membership is open to anyone who is researching and/or teaching in the field of homiletics and supports the objectives of the Societas Homiletica, including retired homileticians.
- (3) Associate membership is open to anyone who is researching in the field of homiletics as a graduate or post-graduate student and supports the objectives of the Societas Homiletica.
- (4) Applications for membership are addressed to the President or to the International Secretary. Applicants must secure the support of two members of the Societas Homiletica.
- (5) The International Board considers applications, and makes proposals to the General Meeting regarding membership. The General Meeting is responsible for confirming all applicants.
- (6) Members pay an annual fee. The amount of the fee is set by the International Board.
- (7) Membership is terminated by resignation, or death, or if a member no longer supports the objectives of the Societas Homiletica.

**§4 Sponsors**

Sponsors are those individuals or legal bodies endorsed by the International Board that support the pursuit of the purpose and fulfillment of the objectives of the Societas Homiletica personally and/or materially. They are not required to belong to the groups named in § 3 (2) and (3).

**§5 General Meeting**

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<sup>1</sup> Replacing the „Satzung der Societas Homiletica“.

(1) The General Meeting usually takes place every two years in conjunction with the conferences of the SH (§ 2,2 a). The General Meeting consists of all full and associate members present.

(2) The International Board informs members about its work at the General Meeting. This includes information about the finances of the Societas Homiletica provided by the Treasurer and information about the membership development provided by the International Secretary.

(3) The General Meeting confirms new members.

(4) The General Meeting elects new members of the International Board. All members are elected for a six-year-term, with the possibility of re-election for no more than one term. The President, the Treasurer, and the International Secretary are also elected by the General Meeting.

(5) The General Meeting decides the location of the next international conference and decides on amendments of these Articles (by a 2/3 majority) and a dissolution of the Societas Homiletica (by a 3/4 majority).

### ***§6 International Board***

(1) The International Board is chaired by a President; furthermore, it includes the Treasurer, the International Secretary, and the International Webmanager.

(2) In addition to those persons mentioned in §6(1), the International Board consists of at least three other members who represent the international character of the Societas Homiletica.

(3) In the period between the General Meetings, the International Board represents the Societas Homiletica in all matters insofar as they are not restricted by these articles.

(4) Usually the President hosts the next international conference and s/he may nominate a local committee, which supports him/her in this task.

(5) The Treasurer manages the finances of the Societas Homiletica and reports to the International Board and the General Meeting.

(6) The International Secretary maintains the lists of members of the Societas Homiletica and reports on the development of membership to the International Board and the General Meeting.

(7) The International Webmanager is responsible for the website of Societas Homiletica etc.

(8) Decisions by the International Board are made at meetings. Urgent decisions may also be made by conference calls or through other media.

(9) In the period between the General Meetings, at least one meeting of the International Board must be held.

### ***§7 Dissolution***

In case of dissolution of the Societas Homiletica, its assets shall fall to the commission "Faith and Order" of the World Council of Churches.

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