



**DRAFT STATUTES (CONSTITUTION)
OF MORNING STAR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

1. ORIGIN:

- 1.1 Morning Star Alumni Association stands as a response to a felt need among the Priests who studied at Morning Star Regional Seminary, Barrackpore.
- 1.2 An idea emerged to form an Alumni Association by the Alumni, during the Silver Jubilee event at Morning Star on 23rd November, 1993 in an informal way.
- 1.3 The Ex-students of Morning Star gathered at the Jubilee celebration, selected an Executive committee and contact persons from each diocese to set the ball rolling.
- 1.4 After a series of discussion by the Executive Committee and the contact persons and the proposals received from the well wishers, a draft of the proposed constitution was prepared to be finally discussed elaborately in July meeting 1994 (6th and 7th July) in Calcutta by the General Body.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

- 2.1 To keep in touch with one another and to establish a bond of fraternity and solidarity in the mission of Jesus.
- 2.2 To share experiences of the involvement in the personal, spiritual and professional life.

- 2.3 To promote priestly growth within the presbyterium of the local church.
- 2.4 To generate genuine brotherhood and fellowship among the priests.
- 2.5 To enable the Church to respond to the signs of the times in the emerging socio-economic, political and cultural situation.
- 2.6 To take a well-defined stand on the side of the poor and the marginalized and to get involved in people's movements to establish the Kingdom of God.
- 2.7 To help the members to understand their prophetic role and to act effectively in their pastoral ministry.
- 2.8 To promote genuine and relevant priestly and spiritual life for the priests through on-going formation. i.e: Retreat, Seminars, Discussions etc.
- 2.9 To foster and utilize personal capabilities, charism of priests and enhancing the pastoral life of all the priests.
- 2.10 To promote and foster Theology, Spirituality and Liturgy in an Indian context.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

- 3.1 All those who studied at Morning Star Seminary could become the ordinary members, namely either those who completed Philosophy, B.A., or did the course in Theology and both in part or the entire course.
- 3.2 All the Rectors and Professors, residential or visiting, will be the Ex-officio members.
- 3.3 All those who pay subscription regularly will have the right to vote.
- 3.4 All the members, ordinary and Ex-officio will be eligible to attend all the meetings and programmes conducted by the Association.
- 3.5 The members could give their suggestions and advice at the meeting. However, only the subscribing members will have the right to vote and be elected.

4. SUBSCRIPTION:

- 4.1 The membership subscription for the first year will be Rs. 100.00. The fee for the subsequent years will be Rs. 50.00
- 4.2 The Life Membership will be Rs. 500.00
- 4.3 The Life Members and the regular subscribers will be eligible to get New Bulletin, Magazines or any other publications brought out by Morning Star Alumni Association.

5. STRUCTURE:

- 5.1 The Office-bearers will be elected by the General Body for a term of 5 years. The officials can be re-elected for a second term.
- 5.2 Office bearers will consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer and the Liason person in the Seminary.
- 5.3 Every diocese will have a contact person elected by the members of the respective diocese who will, along with the office bearers form the Executive Body.
- 5.4 The duties and responsibilities of the Executive members would be to promote and fulfill the aims and objectives of the Association and to implement its programmes.
- 5.5 The Executive Body with contact persons will meet at least once a year to plan out the programmes of the association for the year.
- 5.6 The Bank Accounts of the Association will be operated jointly by the specified members of the Executive Body.
- 5.7 The annual accounts, details of the activities and the programmes of the association will be circulated to all the members.

6. ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- 6.1 The Association will organize the on-going formation of the members at various levels.
- 6.2 To have the News Letter, News Bulletin, Magazine at least bi-annually by a separate media cell. Media-cell will be selected by the General Body.
- 6.3 To help our priests who are in conflicting situations and problems. To give them timely brotherly support, guidance and encouragement.
- 6.4 A Media Vigilance Cell will monitor and review the News Papers and Magazines and to give a fitting rejoinder promptly to assert the Christian values and to protect the persons and institutions of the Church.
- 6.5 Any other activities which will be in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Association.

7. GENERAL BODY:

- 7.1 The Quorum for the General Body Meeting would be a minimum of 5 members representing at least 6 dioceses.
- 7.2 Any amendment as to the above and the additions according to the needs of the time will be done by the General Body.
