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Dear Rabbi Lamm:

I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the Nominating Committee of the Union.

The constitutional provisions governing the committee are enclosed.

I know that the orthodox community, as well as I personally, have full confidence that you will measure up to the important responsibilities that are involved.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Moses L. Feuerstein

Rabbi Norman Lamm
Jewish Center
131 West 86th Street
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PREAMBLE

Judaism proclaims the faith in one G-d, the Creator of the universe and the Lord of all its inhabitants, Who has revealed Himself to our Prophets and Who has given the Torah, the Written and the Oral Law, through Moses our Teacher to the House of Israel. This Torah, in keeping with the principles revealed on Sinai and as codified in the Shulchan Aruch, is authoritatively interpreted by the Sages and the Halachic authorities of our people, in unbroken tradition until this very day.

Firm in their belief in the eternal truth and validity of Torah and Mitzvoth, the orthodox Jewish Congregations of America have united in common endeavor to foster the Jewish faith and to secure its transmission to future generations.

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of the organization shall be "UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA." The organization may also be referred to as the ORTHODOX UNION.

ARTICLE II—OBJECTS

The purpose of the Orthodox Union shall be:

1. To maintain and to strengthen the observance of the Jewish faith;
2. To create the facilities and institutions necessary to carry out the precepts of the Torah;
3. To join the forces of Torah Judaism together in a strong union to the end that its members may mutually encourage and aid each other in the acceptance of the historic responsibilities incumbent upon the Jewish people;
4. To speak with one voice and to act with the strength of unity in all issues confronting the American Jewish community;
5. To make its contribution to the welfare of American society.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. MEMBERS

The members of the Orthodox Union shall consist of:

- (a) Orthodox synagogues affiliated with the Orthodox Union as of November 10, 1960;
- (b) Orthodox synagogues subscribing to the principles of the Orthodox

Union whose applications for membership shall be duly approved by the Board of Directors;

(c) *Affiliated Bodies*

There exist, at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, the following affiliated bodies of the Orthodox Union:

1. The Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America

2. The National Conference of Synagogue Youth

3. The Orthodox Union Association

Except as herein otherwise provided, these affiliated bodies shall have none of the rights or duties of a member of the Orthodox Union.

The President of the Orthodox Union shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of each of these bodies.

(d) *Associated Bodies*

Institutions of Jewish learning or other institutions or organizations for the teaching or fostering the principles of Torah Judaism, or any of them, or any association of such institutions or organizations, shall be eligible to become an Associated Body of the Orthodox Union, pursuant to such conditions which the Board of Directors of the Orthodox Union shall determine at the time of such association.

Except as herein otherwise provided, such Associated Bodies shall have none of the rights or duties of a member of the Orthodox Union.

(e) *Sustaining Members*

Individuals who are members of the Orthodox Union Association shall be considered Sustaining Members of the Orthodox Union. Such Sustaining Members shall have none of the rights or duties of a member of the Orthodox Union.

The Chairman and other officers of the Orthodox Union Association shall be designated in the manner provided for the designation of Committee Chairmen of the Orthodox Union.

SECTION 2. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Every organization making application for membership in the Orthodox Union shall submit such pertinent and relative data as the Membership Committee of the Orthodox Union shall require.

SECTION 3. AUTONOMY OF MEMBERS

Membership in the Orthodox Union shall not be deemed to impair or to affect the autonomy of such member congregations or to impose upon them any obligations or liability, financial or otherwise, by reason of any act of the Orthodox Union except, as provided in Article XII, with respect to the fixing and payment of dues.

SECTION 4. VOTING PRIVILEGES

(a) Every organization presently holding membership in the Orthodox Union or hereafter elected to membership in the Orthodox Union shall be entitled to vote through its duly appointed or elected delegates at any Biennial Convention or special meeting of the Orthodox Union.

(b) All members of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to vote at any Biennial Convention or special meeting of the Orthodox Union.

SECTION 5. DELEGATES

(a) Each member shall be entitled to two (2) delegates for each fifty (50) members or major part thereof, except that no member shall have less than two (2) delegates nor more than six (6) delegates. These delegates shall be elected or appointed by each member pursuant to its own regulations.

(b) Each Region of the Union shall be entitled to five (5) delegates to conventions of the Orthodox Union.

(c) Each Affiliated Body shall be entitled to designate delegates to conventions of the Orthodox Union as follows:

1. The Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America shall be entitled to ten (10) delegates;

2. The National Conference of Synagogue Youth shall be entitled to two (2) delegates;

3. The Orthodox Union Association shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each fifty (50) Sustaining Members or major fraction thereof.

(d) Each member, Region and Affiliated Body shall be entitled to designate alternates equal in number to its delegates. Alternates shall be entitled to be present at sessions without the right to vote. An alternate may qualify as a delegate to fill a vacancy in the delegation of which he is a part.

SECTION 6. BALLOT

Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote, and the result of all voting shall be determined by the number of individual votes cast.

SECTION 7. TENURE OF DELEGATES

Each delegate once duly accredited to the Orthodox Union shall continue to serve and function as such and to exercise the right of vote of the member he represents so long as such member has complied with Section 8 of this Article. However, each member shall have the right pursuant to its own regulations to remove or change its delegates and alternates, provided that due notice of such change or removal is given to the Orthodox Union.

SECTION 8. FILING AND ACCREDITATION

Each member and each entity enumerated in Section 5 of this Article shall within thirty (30) days after its annual election each year file in the office of the Orthodox Union a statement containing:

1. Its official mailing address;
2. The names and addresses of its duly constituted officers;
3. The names and addresses of the members of its Board of Directors or other governing body;
4. The number of its members;
5. The names and addresses of each of its duly accredited delegates and of its alternates.

Any member in default of such filing shall not be entitled to vote by any of its delegates or otherwise at any meeting, general or special, of the Orthodox Union.

SECTION 9. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Any membership in the Orthodox Union may be terminated in the event that the activities of such member are not in accord with the objects of the Orthodox Union.

Before any membership is terminated, charges must be filed with the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors of the Orthodox Union which shall thereupon decide whether any further action should be taken upon such charges. If it so decides, the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors shall formulate said charges and set the date of a hearing to be held on such charges either before the Board of Directors or before the Executive Committee or before the Membership Committee of the Orthodox Union. A copy of these charges and of the notice of the hearing shall forthwith be sent to the organization in question which shall be given an opportunity to be heard at said hearing. If said hearing is held before the Membership Committee or the Executive Committee, this committee shall report its recommendation to the Board of Directors as to whether or not the membership of the organization in question should be terminated.

In all events, final decision upon determination of membership shall be made by vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at a meeting, the notice of which shall contain the special action to be considered at such meeting.

ARTICLE IV—MEETING OF THE ORTHODOX UNION

SECTION 1. PLACE

Any or all meetings of the Orthodox Union may be held either in or outside of the State of New York, as determined by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The Biennial Convention of the Orthodox Union shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee on the day or days which they shall designate.

SECTION 3. NOTICE OF BIENNIAL CONVENTION

At least sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed pursuant to Section 2 of this Article, written notice of the time and place of the Biennial Convention of the Orthodox Union shall be mailed to each member, to all Board members, and to the accredited delegates and alternates whose names and addresses have been received by the Orthodox Union at least five (5) days before the mailing thereof.

SECTION 4. AGENDA

The agenda of the Biennial Convention of the Orthodox Union shall consist of the following:

1. Presidential Report;
2. Such other reports as may be required by the Board of Directors;
3. Election of Officers and Directors and their Installation;
4. Transaction of other business;
5. General Welfare;
6. Adjournment.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE ORTHODOX UNION

A special meeting of the members may be called at any time by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee and shall be called by him at the request of one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the Board of Directors. At least twenty (20) days prior to the date fixed for the holding of any special meeting of the Orthodox Union, written notice of the time, place and purposes of such meeting shall be mailed to all Board members, to each member, and to every accredited delegate whose name and address has been received by the Orthodox Union at least five (5) days before the date of the mailing thereof. No business not mentioned in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting.

SECTION 6. QUORUM

Twenty-five (25) duly accredited delegates of members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Orthodox Union.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Officers of the Orthodox Union shall be a President, five (5) Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Financial Secretary. The Orthodox Union may also elect a Chairman of the Board from among its past national Presidents.

SECTION 2. VICE PRESIDENTS FOR REGIONS

There shall be Vice Presidents for Regions of the Orthodox Union now in existence or henceforth to be established by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. ELECTION AND TENURE

All Officers shall be elected by the members of the Orthodox Union through their accredited delegates at its Biennial Convention by plurality vote of those present and voting at such Convention. They shall hold office for two (2) years or until their successors have been elected.

SECTION 4. LIMITATION

After the adoption of this Constitution, no President of the Orthodox Union shall be elected to the same office for more than three (3) successive terms or six (6) years, whichever is longer. No person shall be eligible for the office of President unless he has served as an officer or director of the Orthodox Union for a period of at least two (2) years, such service to have occurred within a period of six (6) years prior to his election.

SECTION 5. HONORARY PRESIDENTS

There may be such Honorary Presidents as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. Honorary Presidents shall automatically become members of the Board with full rights as such.

SECTION 6. PRESIDENT

The President shall be the chief Executive Officer of the Orthodox Union as well as the Chairman of the Executive Committee. In the absence of a Chairman of the Board of Directors, he shall also serve in such capacity. He shall have general and active management of the business of the Orthodox Union

and shall appoint standing and special committees, other than the Executive and Nominating Committees, and their Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen. He shall be ex-officio a member of all committees, except of the Nominating Committee.

SECTION 7. VICE PRESIDENTS

During the temporary absence or disability of the President, the duties of the President shall be performed by one of the five (5) Vice Presidents designated by the Executive Committee.

Each of the Vice Presidents shall assume responsibility for such area of the activities of the Orthodox Union as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be the chief fiscal Officer of the Orthodox Union, shall be the custodian of all monies and securities of the Orthodox Union, and shall keep in books belonging to the Orthodox Union full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. He shall deposit all monies, securities and other valuable effects in the name of the Orthodox Union in such depositories as may be designated for that purpose by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors. He shall disburse the funds of the Orthodox Union in such manner and for such purposes as may be duly authorized, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements. The books of record and the supporting vouchers and checks shall at all times be open for inspection, examination or audit by the Finance Committee and by such representatives as the Board or Finance Committee may from time to time designate in writing. He shall report on the condition of the finances at the Biennial Convention of the Orthodox Union and at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at such other times as the Board may direct. At the expiration of his term of office he shall render his account, which shall be duly audited by a responsible certified public accountant to be designated by the Board of Directors, and he shall deliver all books of account, securities, assets and monies to his successor.

SECTION 9. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings and shall submit the same for approval at each succeeding meeting. He shall conduct the correspondence of the organization through the office which shall always be at his disposal. He shall receive all applications for membership, and submit them to the Membership Committee. He shall notify the members by mail of all the regular and special meetings and perform all such other duties attendant to his office. He shall have custody of the organization's books, records and corporate seal.

SECTION 10. FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Financial Secretary shall render bills, collect dues, and keep records of same and turn over the records to the Treasurer.

SECTION 11. VACANCIES

Any vacancy occurring in the office of any Officer shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the following:

1. Officers of the Orthodox Union;
2. Honorary Presidents of the Orthodox Union;
3. One representative from each of the Affiliated Bodies of the Orthodox Union, designated by them.
4. The Presidents of each of the Regions of the Orthodox Union and two (2) additional representatives of each of the Regions designated by the Regions;
5. No less than seventy-one (71) and no more than one hundred and twenty (120) Directors-at-large, forty (40) of whom shall be at the time of their election Presidents of members of the Orthodox Union.

SECTION 2. TENURE

(a) Directors-at-large shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors have been elected.

(b) If a Director is elected an officer of the Orthodox Union, his term as such Director shall terminate as of the date of his election and thereafter he shall be a member of the Board of Directors by virtue of his office as such newly elected Officer.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES

(a) Any vacancy occurring in the office of any Director-at-large shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

(b) Any vacancy in the office of any Director designated by any Affiliated Body or Region pursuant to Section 1, Subdivision 3 and 4 of this Article, shall be filled by such organization or Region.

SECTION 4. POWERS AND DUTIES

The Board of Directors shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) In the interval between conventions, the Board of Directors shall be charged with review and supervision of the activities of the Executive Committee, with the formulation and promulgation of major policy decisions, and with such other action concerning the business and affairs of the Orthodox Union as it shall deem proper.

(b) The Board of Directors shall be without power to act contrary to a decision made by the Orthodox Union in convention assembled unless two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Directors present at a special meeting called for such purpose determine that a substantial change of condition prompting such convention decision shall have intervened.

SECTION 5. MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held twice a year at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall determine. Notice of such

meetings of the Board of Directors shall be mailed to the last recorded address of each member no less than ten (10) days and no more than thirty (30) days prior to the time of the meeting.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President or by the Executive Committee or on petition of any ten (10) Directors, on five (5) days notice, which may be given in writing, by telephone, or by other means of communication.

SECTION 7. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8. QUORUM

Fifteen (15) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present, a lesser number may adjourn the meeting to a later date.

ARTICLE VII—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION

There shall be an Executive Committee composed of:

1. Officers of the Orthodox Union;
2. Honorary Presidents of the Orthodox Union;
3. Not more than twenty (20) Directors designated by the President, to be confirmed by the Board of Directors;
4. The Chairmen of all Standing or other Committees and Commissions.

SECTION 2. POWERS AND DUTIES

(a) The Executive Committee shall have the duty of effectuating all such measures directed and policies adopted by the Orthodox Union in convention assembled or by the Board of Directors. It shall be charged, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, with conducting the business and affairs of the Orthodox Union in the interval between conventions.

(b) The Executive Committee shall have the power to adopt all such new policies and all such new measures as it may deem proper and expedient to promote the objects of the Orthodox Union and best to protect the interests and welfare of the Orthodox Union. It shall refer to the Board of Directors any such questions of policy as a majority of the Executive Committee feel are best decided by the Board of Directors.

(c) The Executive Committee shall be without power to act contrary to a decision made by the Orthodox Union in convention assembled or by the Board of Directors unless two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the total membership of the Executive Committee determine that a substantial change of condition prompting such convention or Board of Directors decision shall have intervened.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS

The Executive Committee shall meet at least every two months on the date fixed by the President.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called on notice by the President or upon the request of five (5) members of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 5. QUORUM

Ten (10) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present, a lesser number may adjourn the meeting to a later date.

SECTION 6. REPLACEMENT

In the event that any of the members of the Executive Committee designated by the President fails to attend three consecutive meetings without valid excuse, the President shall have the right to remove such member from the Executive Committee and to appoint another member in his stead, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII—NOMINATION AND ELECTION

SECTION 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee shall consist of seven (7) persons designated by the President, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL

The said designees for the Nominating Committee shall be submitted for approval to the Board of Directors at its first regular meeting following the Biennial Convention of the Orthodox Union. Should the Board fail to approve at such meeting any of the persons designated by the President, the President shall then submit additional designees to the Board of Directors as soon as practicable, until seven (7) persons have been approved by the Board.

SECTION 3. TENURE

The Nominating Committee shall hold office until the completion of the election at the Biennial Convention of the Orthodox Union following the appointment of said Nominating Committee.

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(a) The Nominating Committee shall convene within ninety (90) days after its appointment and it shall select its own Chairman, Co-Chairman and Secretary. The Committee shall meet at least once every three months during its term of office and at such other times as may be necessary or as may be fixed by the President of the Orthodox Union, by the Committee Chairman or on petition of any five (5) members of the Committee filed with the Orthodox Union.

(b) During its term of office this Committee at its meetings shall consider the qualifications for office of persons who may come to the attention of the Committee or whose names from time to time may be submitted to it.

(c) This Committee shall nominate the Officers and Directors-at-large to be selected at the next Biennial Convention of the Orthodox Union.

(d) At least forty (40) days prior to each Biennial Convention of the Orthodox Union the Nominating Committee shall file with the Orthodox Union a list of its nominees for office as Officers and Directors-at-large to be voted upon at such Biennial Convention of the Orthodox Union. At least thirty (30) days before the date fixed for the said Biennial Convention, the Secretary of the Orthodox Union shall send to all Board members and to all members and duly accredited delegates of the Convention the slate of nominees prepared by the Nominating Committee with a notice that within ten (10) days thereafter other persons may be nominated, either for Officer or Director-at-large, by filing with the Secretary of the Orthodox Union, within such period of ten (10) days, the names of such other candidate or candidates for the positions to be filled at such approaching Biennial Convention. Such additional nominations to be valid, shall be on the petition of at least twenty (20) delegates representing ten (10) member organizations for all officers other than Directors, and on the petition of at least ten (10) delegates representing at least five (5) member congregations for Directors. If such additional nominations shall have been duly submitted, then the slate of the nominees of the Nominating Committee, identified as such, together with such additional names, also separately identified, shall be sent by the Secretary of the Orthodox Union to all members of the Orthodox Union and their delegates at least ten (10) days prior to the Biennial Convention. No nominations for Officers or Directors, except as above set forth, shall be made or acted upon at such Biennial Convention.

ARTICLE IX—BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION

(a) The Presidents of the members of the Orthodox Union shall constitute the Board of Governors of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The Board of Governors shall be convened at such times as may be directed by the President of the Orthodox Union. At least ten (10) days notice shall be given to all such Presidents whose names have been duly filed with the Orthodox Union, for any meeting of the Board of Governors.

(b) The President may invite for membership in the Board of Governors, with the approval of the Executive Committee, outstanding Jewish personalities who subscribe to the principles and purposes of the Orthodox Union.

SECTION 2. FUNCTION

The Board of Governors shall recommend to the Orthodox Union such measures, projects or policies it deems of value to the Jewish and the general community. Such recommendations shall be placed on the agenda of the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the meeting of the Board of Governors or on the agenda of the Biennial Convention of the Orthodox Union, whichever occurs earlier.

ARTICLE X—REGIONS

SECTION 1. EXISTING REGIONS

There exist, at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, the following Regions of the Orthodox Union:

1. The Atlantic Seaboard Region
2. The Great Lakes Region
3. The Mid West Region
4. The New England Region
5. The North West Region
6. The Pacific Coast Region
7. The South East Region
8. The South West Region

SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONS

(a) Any group of Orthodox Union members located in a given area which desires to organize a Region may apply to the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee for a Regional Charter.

(b) The Board of Directors or the Executive Committee shall have the power to grant Regional Charters except that no new Region shall be granted jurisdiction of an area encompassed within a then existing Region without either the consent of such existing Region or the approval of the Board of Directors of the Orthodox Union.

(c) All charters granted by the Orthodox Union shall be in writing and shall define the geographic area of jurisdiction of such Region.

SECTION 3. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN REGIONS AND THE ORTHODOX UNION

(a) Each Region of the Orthodox Union shall be subject to the general supervision and control of the Orthodox Union and shall perform all its obligations to the Orthodox Union.

(b) The Board of Directors or the Executive Committee of the Orthodox Union shall be empowered to formulate general policies with respect to the obligations of Regions and to exercise such control over Regions with respect to regional constitutions, memberships, finances, activities, and other matters as it may deem appropriate, including the establishment of local Councils of Orthodox Synagogues.

(c) Upon the application of any Region, the Board of Directors of the Orthodox Union shall review any policy, directive or other action of the Executive Committee with respect to regional relationships. The Board of Directors may approve, veto or modify any such action of the Executive Committee brought before it for review or it may substitute a policy, directive or other action of its own, either on application of a Region or on its own motion. Until action is taken by the Board of Directors, any directive, policy or other action of the Executive Committee shall continue in full force and effect.

(d) An annual report covering all activities and finances of each Region shall be presented to the Orthodox Union at such time and in such form as the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee of the Orthodox Union shall direct.

ARTICLE XI—COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

SECTION 1. COMMITTEES

There shall be the following standing committees of the Orthodox Union: Executive, Nominating, Membership, Finance and Personnel.

(a) *Executive Committee*

The composition and function of the Executive Committee are described in Article VII.

(b) *Nominating Committee*

The composition and function of the Nominating Committee are described in Article VIII.

(c) *Membership Committee*

The Membership Committee shall have the responsibility of considering applications of congregations for membership and of institutions or organizations for association, pursuant to the provisions of Article III, Section I, subdivisions (b) and (d), setting up criteria for such membership and association. It shall refer such applications with its recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Orthodox Union.

(d) *Finance and Personnel Committee*

The Finance and Personnel Committee shall have the supervision of the securities, monies, and valuable documents of the Orthodox Union, and shall have charge of the investment and sale of the securities, and the management of any property of the Orthodox Union.

The Finance and Personnel Committee shall have the responsibility of submitting a budgetary proposal for the ensuing fiscal year of the Orthodox Union to the Board of Directors at its last regular meeting prior to the ensuing fiscal year, or to the Biennial Convention provided that such convention is held not later than two months prior to the ensuing fiscal year.

The Finance and Personnel Committee shall have the responsibility of considering matters pertaining to the staff of the Orthodox Union.

SECTION 2. COMMISSIONS

There shall be the following standing Commissions:

Armed Forces, Campus and Torah Tour, Communal Relations, Councils and Regions, Education, Internal Jewish Affairs, Kashruth, New Synagogues, Overseas, Publications, Resources and Development, Synagogue Activities, and Youth.

(a) *Armed Forces Commission*

The Armed Forces Commission shall have the responsibility of promoting the spiritual and physical welfare of Jewish men and women serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and to provide them, as far as feasible, with the facilities for religious observance. It shall also pursue these purposes in co-operation with other Jewish national organizations and agencies.

(b) *Campus and Torah Tour Commission*

The Campus and Torah Tour Commission shall have the responsibility of fostering among the Jewish students of American colleges and universities religious observance and the spirit of Torah Judaism through appropriate

programs of activities. It shall also extend its services to Jewish communities which may request them, or it may offer its services to Jewish communities in such a manner as it may deem appropriate.

(c) *Communal Relations Commission*

The Communal Relations Commission shall have the responsibility of developing a program designed to increase intergroup amity and understanding among the various Jewish groups and between the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. Its further objective shall be the protection of the Jewish community and other groups against any attack on, or infringement of, their civil and religious rights and liberties.

(d) *Commission on Councils and Regions*

The Commission on Councils and Regions shall have the responsibility of coordinating the activities of the Regions of the Orthodox Union, including the scheduling of, and programming for, regional conferences and conventions. It shall extend similar services to local Councils of Orthodox Synagogues. It shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Orthodox Union the establishment of such Regions and Councils wherever it deems such establishment appropriate.

(e) *Education Commission*

The Education Commission shall have the responsibility of advising members and Associated Bodies on all questions of Jewish education and of promoting Torah-true education within the American Jewish community.

(f) *Internal Jewish Affairs Commission*

The Internal Jewish Affairs Commission shall concern itself with intra-Jewish activities, concentrating in the main on the upholding of religious standards in public Jewish life and the prevention of public disregard of the Jewish sanctities. It shall, to this end, establish appropriate sub-committees to deal with specific problem areas such as funeral standards, Meelah, Kashruth in Jewish public institutions, and others.

(g) *Kashruth Commission*

The Kashruth Commission shall have the responsibility of promoting the observance of the Jewish religious dietary laws among the American Jewish community and of supervising and creating the facilities for such observance.

(h) *New Synagogues Commission*

The New Synagogues Commission shall have the responsibility of aiding in the establishment of synagogues in new suburban neighborhoods, city housing projects and outlying communities. It shall provide the necessary technical guidance and consultation and engage in any such other activities as it may deem appropriate for such establishment of new synagogues.

(i) *Overseas Commission*

The Overseas Commission shall have the responsibility of developing programs designed to increase cooperation and coordination of activities between the American orthodox Jewish community and the Jewish communities abroad.

(j) *Publications Commission*

The Publications Commission shall have the responsibility of supervising and handling all of the publications of the Orthodox Union. It shall also have the responsibility of supervising and handling such other publications which the Orthodox Union may undertake jointly with other organizations or indi-

viduals. In addition it shall have the responsibility of devising ways and means of bringing the aims and activities of the Orthodox Union to the attention of the membership and the public.

(k) *Resources and Development Commission*

The Resources and Development Commission shall have the responsibility of recommending to the Executive Committee and to the Board of Directors of the Orthodox Union appropriate programs and functions designed to provide the Orthodox Union with the necessary financial resources for its program of activities, general budgetary needs and expansion.

(l) *Synagogue Activities Commission*

The Synagogue Activities Commission shall have the responsibility of aiding orthodox synagogues in arranging meaningful programs of activities. It shall recommend and provide qualified lecturers and speakers for the educational and social functions of said synagogues. It shall further have the responsibility of counselling said synagogues on administrative and fund raising problems, secure for them the advice and the guidance of qualified architects and other experts they may from time to time require, and also offer them any other services it may deem appropriate.

(m) *Youth Commission*

The Youth Commission shall have the responsibility of developing programs designed to provide activities for orthodox Jewish youth, to stimulate their interest in orthodox Judaism and to promote their affiliation with orthodox Jewish synagogues. It shall also direct and supervise the activities of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth.

SECTION 3. APPOINTMENT

The President shall have the power to appoint and remove the Chairmen, Co-Chairmen and members of all standing and special committees and commissions other than the Executive and Nominating Committees.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The President may appoint any such special committees and commissions as may be approved by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee and he shall have the power to designate and remove the Chairmen, Co-Chairmen and members thereof.

SECTION 5. RULES

Each committee and commission shall formulate the rules and regulations for the conduct of its business, including the designation of times and places for holding regular and special meetings, and the notices therefor. Each committee and commission shall keep minutes of its proceedings. The action of any committee and commission other than the Nominating Committee, shall be subject to the authority and control of the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors. The Co-Chairman of any committee or commission shall have all powers of the Chairman in case of the latter's absence or disability.

SECTION 6. STAFF

Each committee and commission shall have the right to recommend the engagement of staff personnel to the Board of Directors or the Executive Com-

mittee. No personnel shall be assigned to any committee or commission unless by the express approval of such committee or commission. Each committee and commission shall supervise the activities of the staff personnel assigned to it.

ARTICLE XII—DUES

SECTION 1. PER CAPITA

Each member of the Orthodox Union shall pay annually into the treasury of the Orthodox Union, exclusive of any contributions made to the Orthodox Union by its individual members or from other sources, the amount of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) per individual dues-paying member. The amount shall preferably be billed by the member to its individual members as a separate item known as "UOJCA National Affiliation Dues," at the time of its congregational dues billing and simultaneously with it.

In the event the member fails to collect from its individual members at least one dollar (\$1.00) per such individual member, the deficiency shall be paid by the Congregation from the congregational budget or other congregational funds, as the Congregation may determine.

SECTION 2. DUE DATE

Each member shall pay into the treasury of the Orthodox Union its per capita dues not later than in the month of September of each calendar year, for the ensuing Jewish year.

No member shall be entitled to vote through its delegates or otherwise at the Biennial Convention or at any meeting of the Orthodox Union unless it shall have paid the per capita dues prescribed herein.

SECTION 3. CHANGE OF DUES

The amount of dues which each member shall pay may be fixed by the Biennial Convention or by a special meeting of the Orthodox Union provided, however, that these dues be fixed on a per capita basis so that each member pays annually into the treasury of the Orthodox Union an amount proportionate to the number of its individual dues-paying members.

ARTICLE XIII—FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year of the Orthodox Union shall be such as may be determined by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIV—FUNDS AND CHECKS

SECTION 1. DEPOSITS

All funds of the Orthodox Union shall be deposited from time to time to its credit in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may select.

SECTION 2. SIGNATORIES

All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Orthodox Union shall be signed by such Officers, agent or agents of the Orthodox Union and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. TRUST

All funds, securities and other valuables and any other property of the Orthodox Union shall be held, received and accepted in trust for the purposes of this organization as stated in Article II hereof.

ARTICLE XV—AMENDMENT

SECTION 1. NOTICE

This Constitution, except as established under Section 2 of this Article, may be repealed, altered, amended or added to in whole or in part from time to time by:

(a) A two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the delegates present at a convention or a special meeting of the Orthodox Union, provided that at least one day's prior notice is given in writing of the intended repeal, alteration, amendment or addition;

(b) By a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at a regular or special meeting, provided that written notice shall have been sent at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of such meeting to each member of the Board of Directors, which notice shall state the amendment proposed.

SECTION 2. LIMITATION

The Preamble and Article II of this Constitution may not be repealed, altered or amended, in whole or in part, at any time. They may be supplemented according to the procedures hereinabove established, provided that such supplementary material does not contradict, contravene or circumvent their present purpose and intent.

ARTICLE XVI—REPEAL OF PREVIOUS CONSTITUTION

The Constitution and By-Laws heretofore existing and all amendments and additions as heretofore formulated and enacted, and in force and effect at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, are hereby repealed and declared of no further force and effect.

ARTICLE XVII—ADOPTION

This Constitution shall become effective upon the adoption thereof by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the delegates present at the November, 1960 Convention of the Orthodox Union, except Article VIII hereof which shall become effective immediately subsequent to the November, 1960 Convention of the Orthodox Union.