

# **AIM KS Constitution**

## **MISSION**

Abortion Is Murder Kansas (hereafter known as AIM KS) is a non-profit ministry whose sole aim is to abolish abortion in Kansas Biblically, that is, immediately without compromise or exception. Established in Spring 2021 under Lighthouse Baptist Church (hereafter known as LBC) in St. George, Kansas, we achieve this aim by:

- Praying and counseling at the places of murder, specifically so-called abortion “clinics,” or wherever abortions are performed.
- Transforming the culture at large by evangelizing, informing citizens, and creating and publishing media.
- Supporting legislation that provides equal protection for the preborn according to the whole counsel of God.
- Partnering with parents spiritually, emotionally, and financially who choose to repent of their murderous desire.

## **DISTINCTIVES**

To achieve our mission, we must allow our lives, laws, and ministries to be completely transformed by God’s Word. We believe what God has to say on abortion can be summed up in these 12 Principles (hereafter called the 12 Principles of loving your preborn neighbor):

1. God’s Glory First
2. The Gospel is Our Best Tool
3. Abortion is Murder
4. Not Ecumenical, but Church Driven
5. Not Compromising, but Principled
6. Not Prejudicial, but Equal Justice
7. Not Vigilante, but Biblical Punishment
8. Not Judicial Supremacy, but Lawfulness
9. Not Weak, but Proportionate
10. Not Delayed, but Immediate Repentance
11. Not Passive, but Urgent
12. Not Burdens, but Blessings

## **ORGANIZATION**

AIM KS is a ministry of LBC, and subject to her elder board, organized with a sub-polity of elected and approved Leaders and approved Members and Affiliate Churches under this federally-agreed-upon Constitution.

LBC, through her elder board, has all authority over AIM KS. This includes, but is not limited to, removal or discipline of AIM KS Members and Leadership in their respective capacities, and the immediate termination of any activity or support that the LBC elder board deems to be unbiblical. All assets of AIM KS are the property of LBC. It is not the desire of the LBC elder board to be present or a part of all that AIM KS does, and thus it is paramount that AIM KS and its Leaders maintain a ministry character of integrity, grace, mercy, and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ. If the LBC elder board begins to see any reason to doubt the presence of these biblical character traits, the elder board will investigate and take appropriate action to call for repentance or disbandment. Everything that AIM KS does is a direct reflection of LBC. This means that the membership and leadership of LBC have an expectation of this high biblical character for AIM KS. It is the desire and hope of LBC that her relationship with AIM KS be mutually God-honoring and God-glorifying until the Lord returns or He accomplishes the aim of this organization and ceases its ministry.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

A Member of AIM KS

1. Has a primary residence in the State of Kansas.
2. Is in good standing with a Christian church in their area, either being a member of it, or accountable to it in a genuine, biblical way.
3. Believes that each Christian should be accountable to a Christian church in their area, either being a member of it, or accountable to it in a genuine, biblical way.
4. Substantially agrees with all of the 12 Principles of loving your preborn neighbor according to Scripture (as more fully described at [aimks.org/12principles](http://aimks.org/12principles)).
5. Believes that God's Word as revealed in the 66 books of the Holy Scriptures is sufficient, inerrant, and perspicuous.
6. Is approved for membership by the Leaders of AIM KS.
7. Consents to continued membership on a yearly basis based on these descriptions.
8. Ceases to be a member failing any of the above descriptions.

### **POWERS:**

### A Member of AIM KS

1. Is approved to represent AIM KS and to join in all delegated duties, activities, and ministry.
2. Can vote in the annual election in person.
3. Has equal voting power to other Members.
4. Has the right to submit any petition to Leadership for their consideration.
5. Can cease to be a Member at will by informing Leadership in writing.

## **LEADERSHIP**

### DESCRIPTION:

#### A Leader of AIM KS

1. Meets all the Membership descriptions.
2. Is an adult male.
3. Is regularly *able* to be physically or virtually present at AIM meetings as often as the leader team decides..
4. Is elected, with his agreement to serve, by a present majority of AIM Members at the annual election and approved by the elder board of LBC.
5. If already a Leader, is re-elected yearly upon the first Member meeting of April according to these descriptions or else ceases to be a Leader.
6. Notifies other Leaders in every case of tardiness or absence beforehand. Failure to do this for 2 or more consecutive times renders a Leader subject to removal pursuant to the powers of the other Leaders of AIM.
7. Does not fail to attend three meetings in a year. Exceptional circumstances include a reason given as sickness, emergency, AIM ministry, occasional work travel, or known familial obligation. In all cases of absence, if possible, communication technology should be used to include the absent Leader.
8. Ensures Leadership is represented at consensually-necessary special or spontaneous meetings with politicians, churches, media, or for emergency administration.
9. Faithfully fulfills the duties deemed necessary by the Leaders of AIM KS to achieve its sole organizational aim of abolishing abortion in Kansas Biblically, that is, immediately without compromise or exception.
10. Will respond in a timely manner to all calls for a vote or other Leadership communication.
11. Agrees to build up and hold accountable the rest of the Leaders to the best of his ability and by the guidance of the Spirit, and have the same done for him.
12. In conjunction with the other Leaders, will provide all financial information needed to the elder board of LBC, including a year-end financial report.
13. Is subject to removal for failing to meet any of the descriptions of a Leader, according to the powers of removal enumerated.

### POWERS:

#### A Leader of AIM KS

1. Can resign at will.
2. Is a Member. A Leader must always be a Member.
3. Has equal voting power to other Leaders.
4. Has purchasing power if consented to by a majority of Leaders, using and/or possessing any purchasing method available to AIM KS.
5. Can change the AIM KS Constitution if consented to by a supermajority (hereafter defined as 2/3rds) of Leaders and approved by the elder board of LBC.
6. Is responsible for all scheduling within his delegated authority, or scheduling outside of that delegation if consented to by a plurality of Leaders. If there is only one Leader, then he can do so with the approval of the elder board of LBC.
7. Is a signer of the AIM KS bank account set up under the LBC account, without any access to the LBC bank account. This includes an ability to view the AIM KS account at will.
8. Has the ability to access any of the AIM KS social media accounts and to edit any post thereon, subject to the scrutiny of other Leaders.
9. Can sell, rent, lend or give away the resources owned by AIM KS if consented to by a plurality of Leaders. If there is only one Leader, then he can do so with the approval of the elder board of LBC.
10. Can approve membership of a Member applicant or rescind membership of a non-Leader Member if consented to by a majority of Leaders.
11. Can deny membership of a Member applicant if consented to by 50% or more of Leadership.
12. Can call for a vote on any regular matter for any reason at any time via any medium.
12. Can hold a special election for leadership if consented to by a unanimity of leaders and if members have been properly notified of the special election with at least one month's advance.
13. Can remove a Leader if consented to by a supermajority of Leaders and agreed to by the elder board of LBC.
14. Can approve affiliation for a church applicant if consented to by all Leaders and by the elder board of LBC.
18. Can deny affiliation for a church applicant.
19. Can endorse politicians and legislation for our organization if consented to by a supermajority of Leaders.

## **AFFILIATE CHURCHES**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

An Affiliate Church of AIM KS

1. Is located within the State of Kansas.
2. Has church leadership that, as a body, agrees with all of our 12 Principles of loving your preborn neighbor.

3. Believes that God’s Word as revealed in the 66 books of the Holy Scriptures is sufficient, inerrant, and perspicuous.
4. Believes that ministry to the preborn is not something to outsource or put off, but is the job of God’s Church and should be sought by her as urgently as the Spirit enables.
5. Is approved for affiliation by the unanimity of Leaders of AIM KS and the elder board of LBC.
6. Consents to continued affiliation on a biennial basis based on these descriptions.

**POWERS:**

An Affiliate Church of AIM KS

1. Can be added to a public directory of churches which support the mission to abolish abortion in Kansas Biblically, that is, immediately without compromise or exception.
2. Is approved to represent AIM KS and to join in all delegated duties, activities, and ministry.
3. Can cease to be an Affiliate Church at will by informing Leadership in writing.

**RATIFICATION**

This Constitution is drafted and published by the first elected Leaders of AIM KS—  
Jared Burdick, Valley Scharping, Jacen Clapp—with approval from the elder board of LBC.