

CONSTITUTION OF WON BUDDHISM

Administration

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PREAMBLE

Won Buddhism was founded by Park Chung-bin, better known by his religious title of Sotaesan Daejongsa, following his great awakening on 28 April 1916 which marks the beginning of the Won Buddhist calendar, under the founding motto: “With this Great Unfolding of material civilization, Let there be a Great Unfolding of spirituality.” in response to the need to create the spirit of Ilwonism. Won Buddhism aims to build a paradise on earth through faith and practice together, wholeness of spirit and body, and study of universal principles and human affairs.

Our founder, Sotaesan, with his nine devoted disciples laid the foundations of Won Buddhism through the establishment of the savings fund, the embankment project to reclaim land from the sea and the Holy Event of Dharma Confirmation. Following their spirit, we shall devote ourselves to our mission of delivering all sentient beings and curing the world by continuing to carry out and develop the three major principles of mission, education and charity.

Therefore, all Won Buddhists whether they be lay or ordained must become leaders and be united in the Il-Won ideology and build a true world of civilization through the ten person edification groups and the system of democratic organization. Accordingly, the Constitution of Won Buddhism made Apr. 26, WBY 33, has been amended four times, and is hereby further amended on the Nov. 15, WBY 84 as follows:

Chapter 1 Overview

Section 1 Principles and Aims

Article 1 [Principle]

Won Buddhism takes the Truth of Il-Won-Sang as its principle, which is the original source of all beings in the universe, the mind-seal of all Buddhas and sages, and the original nature of all living beings.

Article 2 [Aim]

Won Buddhism aims to lead all sentient beings to a vast and immeasurable paradise through the faith in a religion based on truth and training in morality, based on facts under the fundamental principle referred to in the preceding article.

Section 2 Doctrine

Article 3 [Object of Faith]

Il-Won-Sang, the Dharmakaya Buddha, shall be the object of faith and model of practice for Won Buddhism.

Article 4 [The *Yunwon* Buddha]

Sakyamuni Buddha shall be the *Yunwon* Buddha for Won Buddhism, from whom our Dharma originated.

Article 5 [Founder]

Sotaesan Daejongsa is the founder of Won Buddhism.

Article 6 [Lineage]

1. The Won Buddhist lineage originates from Sotaesan Daejongsa.
2. This lineage shall be formed by generations of 36 years each, and shall not be passed onto only a select one but to everyone within Won Buddhism.

Article 7 [Ceremonies]

1. All ceremonies shall be based on truth and facts
2. All ceremonies including regular and special services shall be performed in accordance with the provisions of the Guide to Propriety and Won Buddhist Ceremony.

Section 3 Mission

Article 8 [Scriptures]

The Scripture of Won Buddhism consists of *Chongjon* (The Principle Book of Won Buddhism) and *Daejonggyong* (The Discourse of Sotaesan, the Great Master) which are to be studied together with other published textbooks.

Article 9 [Dharma Teachers]

Won Buddhism shall train men and women from both lay and ordained to become Dharma Teachers and carry out its mission and work.

Article 10 [Temples]

Won Buddhism shall set up temples in areas with a concentration of Won Buddhists and population to serve as places of missionary work for the masses and to cater for the needs of Won Buddhists on a daily basis

Article 11 [Moral Training]

Moral training shall be carried out in accordance with the Special Training and Daily Training

Article 12 [Edification Groups]

Edification Groups each comprising 10 members shall be organized for the effective operation of Won Buddhism's moral training and administration.

Article 13 [Wholeness of Spirit and Body]

Won Buddhists shall be guided to complete their body and spirit through honest and hard work at their occupation and the dual practice of faith and moral discipline.

Chapter 2 Religious Order and Won Buddhists

Article 14 [Order and Won Buddhists]

- 1) Won Buddhism shall be constituted by Won Buddhists who follow the doctrine.
- 2) Those who have become Won Buddhists through an official procedure of initiation shall be referred to as '*Kyodo*', and those who have not undertaken this procedure shall be referred to as '*Sindo*'.

Article 15 [Lay and Ordained]

- 1) Won Buddhists shall be divided into lay members and ministers.
- 2) There shall be no discrimination between lay members and ministers, and qualifications and treatment shall be determined by their respective achievements in their study and work in Won Buddhism.

Article 16 [Basic Rights and Obligations]

Won Buddhists shall have the following rights and obligations:

1. Obligation to pray every morning and evening
2. Obligation to attend services
3. Obligation to help others
4. Obligation to guide others to Won Buddhism
5. Right to vote and to be elected in accordance with the rules
6. Right to participate in the administration of Won Buddhism in accordance with the rules

Chapter 3 The Won Buddhist System

Article 17 [The Won Buddhist Calendar]

The beginning of Won Buddhism shall be referred to as ‘*Wongi*’ and the year of Sotaesan Daejongsang’s great awakening shall be the first year of the Won Buddhist calendar.

Article 18 [*Junmoo-choolshin*]

- 1) Ministers who dedicate themselves to Won Buddhism in accordance with the regulations of the Order shall be referred to as ‘*Junmoo-choolshin*’.
- 2) *Junmoo-choolshin* who remain single and devote their whole lives to Won Buddhism shall be referred to as ‘*Jungnam*’ and ‘*Jungnyo*’.

Article 19 [*Gujinchooljin*]

Lay members who dedicate themselves to Won Buddhism in accordance with the regulations of the Order shall be referred to as ‘*Gujinchooljin*’.

Article 20 [Classifications of the Dharma Rank]

- 1) The classifications of the dharma rank for Won Buddhists shall be divided into the six stages: the Grade of Elementary Faith, the Grade of Special Faith, the Grade of Dharma-*Mara* Struggle, the Position of Dharma Power’s Subjugation of *Mara*, the Position of Transcendence, and the Position of *Tathagata* of Supreme Enlightenment. With the exception of the Grade of Elementary F

each, each dharma rank shall also include a preparatory rank.

2) The respective titles for the members of the above ranks shall be '*Kyosun*' for the Grade of Special Faith, '*Kyojung*' for the Grade of Dharma-Mara Struggle, '*Jungsa*' for the Position of Dharma Power's Subjugation of *Mara*, '*Wonjungsa*' for the Position of Transcendence, and '*Daewonjungsa*' for the Position of *Tathagata* of Supreme Enlightenment'. However, titles for the preparatory stages shall be those of the lower rank immediately preceding the relevant stage.

Article 21 [Classifications for Work]

The classifications to be accorded to Won Buddhists for their work in Won Buddhism shall consist of six levels being Special Level, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4 and Level 5, with provisional levels in between each of the above Levels.

Article 22 [Achievements]

1) The achievements of Won Buddhists shall be determined by taking into account both the stage of their dharma rank and their classification for work.

2) The classifications to be accorded to the followers of Won Buddhism for their achievements shall consist of six levels being Special Level, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4 and Level 5, with provisional levels in between each of the above Levels.

Article 23 [Dharma Titles]

The dharma title for those in the Position of Transcendence, and those who served as the Head Dharma Master shall be '*Jongsa*', the title for *Junmoo-choolshin* of Special Level in achievements shall be '*Daebongdo*', and the title for *Gujin Chooljin* of Special Level in achievements shall be '*Daehobup*'

Article 24 [Rank for Parents]

1) The parents of those in the Position of *Tathagata* of Supreme Enlightenment, those in the Position of Transcendence, and those in the Position of Dharma Power's Subjugation of *Mara*, shall be referred to as '*Daehisa*', '*Joonghisa*' and '*Sohisa*' respectively. In special cases in accordance with the rules, the title of '*Sohisa*' may also be accorded to the parents of those who have made significant contributions to Won Buddhism.

2) *Daehisa* shall be treated as a dharma title with honor.

Article 25 [Special Services]

Special services shall be held at designated times of the year in accordance with the provisions of the Guide to Propriety and Won Buddhist Ceremony, in order for Won Buddhists to pay their eternal respects to Daejongsa, to those on whom dharma titles have been conferred, and to those who have made great contributions to Won Buddhism through the generations of Won Buddhist history.

Article 26 [Yunwon]

Won Buddhists who have a special relationship with other followers by reason of having guided them to Won Buddhism shall be referred to as ‘*Yunwon*’.

Article 27 [Sworn-Family]

Won Buddhists may form a special father-and-son or mother-and-daughter tie together for the purpose of encouraging Won Buddhist studies and work.

Chapter 4 Central Headquarters

Article 28 [Central Headquarters]

- 1) There shall be a Central Headquarters for the purpose of the overall administration of Won Buddhism.
- 2) Central Headquarters shall be constituted by Head Dharma Master, Head Circle Council, the Central Committee of Ministers and Lay Members, the Administration, and Judicial Bureau.
- 3) Won Buddhism may set up offices to carry out the work of the Central Headquarters.
- 4) The management of the offices shall be determined in accordance with the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Section 1 The Head Dharma Master

Article 29 [Role]

The Head Dharma Master shall be the head of Won Buddhism and as such shall represent and lead Won Buddhism.

Article 30 [Acting Authority]

In the event of the passing of the Head Dharma Master, the authority of the Head Dharma Master shall be exercised by the Central members of the Prime Head Circle Council in the following order: first who holds the highest dharma rank, second who has served the longest period in Won Buddhism.

Article 31 [Eligibility for Election]

- 1) The Head Dharma Master shall be elected from those Won Buddhists whose dharma rank is that of *Wonjungsa* (the Position of Transcendence) or above.

2) Besides the above paragraph, age limitation or eligibility for election of the Head Dharma Master shall be determined in accordance to the regulations of the Order. But the candidate's age shall not exceed 7 years after his/her retirement as '*Junmoo-choolshin*'.

Article 32 [Election]

1) The Head Dharma Master shall be elected by the Head Circle Council. The candidates are recommended by the Prime Head Circle Council.

2) In the event that the term of office of the Head Dharma Master is close to expiry, the successor must be elected at least 30 days prior to the date of expiration of the term by a general election of the Head Circle Council.

3) In the event that the office of the Head Dharma Master is vacated, the successor must be elected within 15 days after the event. However, no election shall be held if the term of office still remaining is less than 3 months at the time the office is vacated.

4) In the event that the Head Dharma Master cannot carry out his/her duty for more than 3 months and the succeeding Head Dharma Master cannot work either, then a special election shall be conducted to fill the vacancy through the agreement of at least two thirds of the registered members in the Head Circle Council.

5) The election of the Head Dharma Master shall be determined in accordance with the regulations of the Order.

Article 33 [Term of office]

The term of office of the Head Dharma Master shall be 6 years, and the same person may serve the office for up to 2 terms. However, in the event of a Head Dharma Master having been elected to the office as a result of the office having been vacated by the preceding Head Dharma Master prior to the expiration of his/her term of office, the term of office for the Head Dharma Master elected shall then be the remaining term of office of his/her predecessor.

Article 34 [Inauguration]

The newly elected Head Dharma Master is to be inaugurated at the Central Committee of Ministers and Lay Members within 50 days of election. However, a Head Dharma Master who has been elected to fill the office vacated by the preceding Head Dharma Master prior to the expiration of his/her term of office, shall exercise the authority vested in the office immediately upon being elected.

Article 35 [Mission and Finalization of Textbooks]

The Head Dharma Master shall lead the mission of Won Buddhism and shall finalize Won Buddhist textbooks through resolutions of the Head Circle Council.

Article 36 [Legislation of Regulations]

The Head Dharma Master shall legislate the necessary rules of Won Buddhism through resolutions of the Head Circle Council.

Article 37 [Appointment of Officers]

The Head Dharma Master shall appoint persons to relevant positions to carry out the various affairs of Won Buddhism, and shall also relieve those persons so appointed of the responsibility of their positions in accordance with the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Article 38 [Rewards and Discipline]

The Head Dharma Master shall honor, grant amnesty and order reinstatement to relevant persons through resolutions of the Head Circle Council, and shall reward and discipline relevant persons in accordance with the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Article 39 [Consultation]

The Head Dharma Master shall establish a Committee of Elders comprising members who have served as members of the Head Circle Council or other persons with equivalent qualifications for consultation purposes.

Article 40 [*Sangsa*]

- 1) Head Dharma Masters who have retired from their office shall be referred to as *Sangsa*.
- 2) *Sangsa* shall be accorded the same respect as accorded to the Head Dharma Master in office.

Article 41 [The Office of Head Dharma Master]

- 1) There shall be an Office of Head Dharma Master for the purpose of assisting the work of the Head Dharma Master.
- 2) The regulations governing the Office of Head Dharma Master shall be determined in accordance to the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Section 2 Head Circle Council

Article 42 [Function]

The Head Circle Council is the highest decision-making body and the Prime Head Circle Council is the highest Edification Group of Won Buddhism.

Article 43 [Constitution]

- 1) The Head Circle Council shall be constituted by the Head Dharma Master who shall head the Council, 9 male and 9 female members of the Prime Head Circle Council, members of the *Hobup* Head Circle Council, and *Bongdo* Head Circle Council.
- 2) The number of members of *Hobup* Head Circle Council and *Bongdo* Head Circle Council shall be determined in accordance to the regulations of the Order.

Article 44 [Eligibility for Election]

- 1) The members of the Head Circle Council shall be elected from those Won Buddhists whose dharma rank is that of *Chungsa* (the Position of Dharma Power's Subjugation of *Mara*) or above.
- 2) Besides the above paragraph, age limitation or eligibility for the election of the Head Circle Council shall be determined in accordance to the regulations of the Order. But the candidate's age should not exceed 7 years after his/her retirement of '*Junmoo-choolshin*'.

Article 45 [Election]

The election of the members of the Head Circle Council shall be determined in accordance to the regulations of the Order.

Article 46 [Term of office]

- 1) The term of office for the members of the Prime Head Circle Council shall be 6 years and the member can be reelected to serve one more term.
- 2) In the event of the member having been elected to the office as a result of the office having been vacated, the term of office for the member elect shall then be the remaining term of office of his/her predecessor. In the event that the remaining term is more than 4 years, such period of time shall be deemed to be 1 full term, and in the event that the remaining term is less than 1 year, no election shall be held to fill the vacated position.

Article 47 [Issues for Resolution]

The Head Circle Council shall pass resolutions on the following issues:

1. Election of the Head Dharma Master
2. The legislation, amendment and abolition of the Constitution and regulations of Won Buddhism as well as the finalization of Won Buddhist textbooks
3. Classifications of the dharma rank for the sacred rank of the Position of Dharma Power's Subjugation of *Mara* and higher ranks
4. Authoritative interpretation of the Won Buddhist doctrine

5. Judgments on the Won Buddhist Constitution and regulations
6. Establishment of the overseas headquarters of Won Buddhism
7. The legislation and amendment of the Autonomous Constitution
8. Approval of appointment and dismissal of the Executive Director of the Administration and Executive Director of the Judicial Bureau
9. Appointment and dismissal of important officers
10. Important policies
11. Other issues recognized as being important by the Head Dharma Master

Article 48 [Calling of Meetings]

The annual general meeting for the Head Circle Council shall be called by the Head Dharma Master in November of each year, who may also call special meetings when necessary.

Article 49 [Office-Holders]

- 1) The head of the Head Circle Council shall become the President of the Head Circle Council.
- 2) The vice presidents of the Head Circle Council shall assist the President and shall consist of 1 male and 1 female who are each Central members of the Prime Head Circle Council.

Article 50 [Holding of Meetings and Resolutions]

The meetings of the Head Circle Council shall require the attendance of at least two-thirds of its registered members to be validly held, and its resolutions can be validly passed only if there is an agreement by the majority of its registered members. However, in respect of resolutions for the issues set out in paragraphs 1 to 7 of Article 47 hereof, agreement by at least two-thirds of registered members shall be required.

Article 51 [Office]

- 1) There shall be an Office of the Head Circle Council for the purpose of carrying out the work of the Head Circle Council.
- 2) The regulations governing the office of the Head Circle Council shall be determined in accordance with the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Section 3 The Central Council of Ministers and Lay Members

Article 52 [Function]

The Central Council is a decision-making body of Won Buddhism

Article 53 [Constitution]

- 1) The Central Council shall be constituted of the representatives for lay and ordained in accordance with the rules.
- 2) The regulations governing the Central Council shall be determined in accordance to the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Article 54 [Issues for Resolution]

The Central Council shall pass resolutions on the following issues:

1. Amendments to the Constitution of Won Buddhism
2. Budget and accounting matters
3. Management of important assets of Won Buddhism
4. Important affairs of Won Buddhism
5. Approval of the establishment of overseas headquarters
6. Important policies of Won Buddhism, suggested by the Executive Director of the Administration
7. Other issues recognized as being important by the President

Article 55 [Inauguration]

The Central Council must effect the inauguration of the newly elected Head Dharma Master in accordance with the procedure as set out in Article 32.

Article 56 [Calling of Meetings]

Meetings of the Central Council shall be called as follows:

1. The annual general meeting of the Central Council shall be called by the President of the Central Council in November of each year.
2. Special meetings may be called at the request of the Head Dharma Master or at the request of at least one-third of the registered members of the Central Council.

Article 57 [Office-Holders]

- 1) The Central Council shall have a President and a few vice presidents.
- 2) The President and the vice presidents shall be elected from the members of the Central Council and their term of office shall be 3 years.

Article 58 [Holding of Meetings and Resolutions]

Meetings of the Central Council shall require the attendance of the simple majority of its registered members in order to be validly held, and its resolutions can be validly passed only if there is an agreement by the majority of those members present.

Article 59 [Petitions]

The Central Council may receive and handle written petitions submitted by an individual or an organization with the support of 10 or more members of the Central Council.

Article 60 [Office]

- 1) There shall be an Office of the Central Council for the purpose of carrying out the work of the Council.
- 2) The regulations governing the Office of the Central Council shall be determined in accordance to the Regulations.

Section 4 Administration

Article 61 [Function]

The Administration is the central executive body of Won Buddhism.

Article 62 [Structure and Organization]

- 1) There shall be an Executive Director of the Administration and there may also be Associate Directors to assist the Executive Director.
- 2) The structure and organization of the Administration shall be determined in accordance to the regulations of the Order.

Article 63 [Appointment]

The Executive Director of the Administration shall be appointed by the Head Dharma Master with the approval of the Head Circle Council.

Article 64 [Term of Office]

The term of office for the Executive Director shall be 3 years.

Article 65 [Responsibilities]

The Executive Director shall govern and oversee the operation of all executive departments, Won Buddhist districts, temples, organizations, groups, and associations at the instruction of the Head Dharma Master and shall be responsible for the administration of Won Buddhism.

Article 66 [Orders]

The Executive Director shall announce orders as passed by the resolutions of the Central Board of Administration of the Administration which are necessary for the implementation of the Regulations.

Article 67 [Central Board of Administration]

- 1) There shall be a Central Board of Administration for the purpose of passing resolutions on important issues which fall under the authority of the Executive Director.
- 2) The Central Board of Administration shall comprise of the Executive Director, Associate Directors, Center Chiefs, Directors of each department, directors of each incorporated foundation and a few other members commissioned by the Executive Director.
- 3) The regulations governing the Central Board of Administration shall be determined in accordance to the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Article 68 [Committee for Administration]

The minister edification groups shall discuss important issues regarding the administration of Won Buddhism.

Article 69 [The Great Gathering of Dharma Teachers]

- 1) There shall be a Great Gathering of Dharma Teachers for the purpose of collecting ideas and increasing Won Buddhists' faith, practice, edification and public services.
- 2) All the Dharma Teachers, lay and ordained, shall attend the Gathering, and the management of the Gathering shall be determined in accordance with the regulations of the Order.

Section 5 Judicial Bureau

Article 70 [Function]

The Judicial Bureau is the inspection and disciplinary body of Won Buddhism.

Article 71 [Constitution]

- 1) The Judicial Bureau shall be constituted by the Director, members of the Bureau and disciplinary members.
- 2) There may be Associate Directors for the purpose of assisting the Director. The Associate Directors shall automatically become members of the Bureau.
- 3) The structure and organization of the Judicial Bureau shall be determined in accordance to the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Article 72 [Appointment]

The Director of the Judicial Bureau shall be appointed by the Head Dharma Master with the approval of the Head Circle Council.

Article 73 [Term of Office]

The term of office for the Director and the members of the Judicial Bureau shall be 3 years.

Article 74 [Responsibilities]

The Director shall at the instruction of the Head Dharma Master be responsible for the inspection of Won Buddhism and shall instruct and supervise the head of the Office of Judicial Bureau.

Article 75 [Judicial Committee]

- 1) There shall be an Judicial Committee constituted by the Director and members of the Judicial Bureau.
- 2) The Director of the Judicial Bureau shall also act as the President of the Judicial Committee.
- 3) The Disciplinary Committee shall be constituted by Disciplinary members.
- 4) The Head of the Disciplinary Committee shall be elected from the Disciplinary Committee.

Article 76 [Authority]

- 1) The authority of the Judicial Committee shall extend to the following matters:
 1. Breaches of the rules and orders in Won Buddhism.
 2. Execution of the Constitution, rules and orders in Won Buddhism.

3. Execution of the important resolutions passed by committees of all levels.
 4. Rewarding the good deeds of Dharma Teachers and lay members.
 5. Reexamination of Disciplinary action against Dharma Teachers and lay members for breaches and misconduct.
 6. Inspection of work and auditing.
 7. Other matters falling under the authority of the Judicial Committee by virtue of the rules and orders in Won Buddhism.
 8. Other important matters relating to the administration of the Judicial Bureau.
- 2) The authority of the Disciplinary Committee shall extend to the following matters:
1. Examination of Disciplinary action against Dharma Teachers and lay members for breaches and misconduct.
 2. Other matters falling under the authority of the Disciplinary Committee by virtue of the rules and orders in Won Buddhism.

Article 77 [Resolutions]

- 1) Resolutions of the Judicial Committee and Disciplinary Committee shall be validly passed only if there is an agreement by at least two-thirds of its registered members.
- 2) The resolutions so passed shall be ratified by the Head Dharma Master and be referred to the Executive Director of the Administration for execution.

Article 78 [Office]

- 1) There shall be an Office of the Judicial Bureau for the purpose of carrying out the work of the Bureau.
- 2) The regulations governing the Office of the Judicial Bureau shall be determined in accordance to the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Chapter 5 Overseas Headquarters

Article 79 [Overseas Headquarters]

Won Buddhism can establish overseas headquarters which administrate to a certain area abroad.

Article 80 [Autonomous Constitution]

- 1) Overseas headquarters can have an independent Autonomous Constitution.
- 2) To establish an Autonomous Constitution shall be at the suggestion of the Executive Director of the Administration. The Head Dharma Master proclaims it upon the passing of resolution of the Head Circle Council.
- 3) Autonomous Constitution shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution with necessary modifications depending on the region. However the underlined spirit of the Preamble of the Constitution, shall not be changed along with Chapter One: Overview, Chapter Two: Religious Order and Won Buddhists, and Chapter Three: The Won Buddhist System.
- 4) Autonomous Constitution shall not be restricted by any other provisions except Chapter Five: Overseas Headquarters.

Article 81 [Approval]

Election of Head Dharma Master of overseas headquarters, advancement of dharma rank beyond the Position of Transcendence, Finalization of textbooks, and amendment of Autonomous Constitution, etc. shall require the approval of the Head Dharma Master of Central Headquarters.

Chapter 6 Won Buddhist Districts and Temples

Article 82 [Won Buddhist Districts]

- 1) There shall be Won Buddhist Districts set up for the purpose of facilitating the successful administration of Won Buddhism in the regional and overseas areas.
- 2) The organization and self-government of the Districts shall be determined by the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Article 83 [Temples]

- 1) There shall be temples and other places for the purpose of missionary work.
- 2) The organization of the temples and other places for missionary purpose shall be determined by the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Chapter 7 Organizations and Groups

Article 84 [Organizations]

Won Buddhism may establish organizations such as those of edification work, education, charity, industry, moral training, welfare, culture, press and services and other organizations for special purposes.

Article 85 [Groups]

Lay members and ministers may set up nationally organized groups for the protection of Won Buddhism, various groups for the purposes of relief, scholarship, friendship, spiritual cultivation, as well as youth groups and groups for actualizing Won Buddhist teaching in the society.

Article 86 [Management of Organizations and Groups]

The work of each organization and group shall be carried out under the supervision of the Executive Director of the Administration. However, such work may be made subject to the management of relevant Won Buddhist Districts or temples in the interest of facilitating the administration of such organizations or groups.

Chapter 8 Assets and Accounting

Article 87 [Assets]

- 1) Assets of Won Buddhism refers to all assets owned by the Central Headquarters, all Won Buddhist Districts, temples, organizations and groups, and include all lands, forests, buildings, personal property and donations made by Won Buddhists.
- 2) The Assets of Won Buddhism Order may only be used for the purposes of maintenance and development of Won Buddhism.
- 3) The procedures for the management of the Assets shall be determined in accordance to the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Article 88 [Incorporated Association]

- 1) Won Buddhism shall establish an incorporated association in terms of the Asset.
- 2) The Executive Director of the Administration shall act as the Managing Director of the incorporated association, and manage all the incorporated associations in accordance with the regulations of Won Buddhism.
- 3) The Managing Directors of all the incorporated associations shall maintain and manage the Assets in accordance with the Articles of Association of the incorporated association and the regulations of Won Buddhism.
- 4) All the Won Buddhist Districts can establish incorporated associations in accordance with the rules.

Article 89 [Financial Year]

The financial year for the Won Buddhism shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December of each year.

Article 90 [Budget and Financial Statement]

The Executive Director of the Administration shall arrange for a Budget of estimated income and expenditure and Financial Statement to be prepared each year and shall submit them to the Central Council of Ministers and Lay Members.

Chapter 9 Amendments to the Constitution of Won Buddhism

Article 91 [Amendments to the Constitution]

1) Suggestions for amendments to the Constitution of Won Buddhism may be made by the Executive Director of the Administration or by at least one-third of the members of the Central Council of Ministers and Lay Members in the form of written and signed requests in accordance with the procedures set out in the Won Buddhist legislation.

2) Resolutions for amendments to the Constitution shall require the agreement by at least two-thirds of the registered members of the Central Council of Ministers and Lay Members to be validly passed.

3) Upon the passing of resolutions for amendments to the Constitution, the Head Dharma Master must proclaim such amendments after the resolutions of the Head Circle Council, and in the event of objections, the Head Dharma Master shall return the proposed amendments with a statement of his/her objections attached thereto to the Central Council of Ministers and Lay Members for a second passing.

4) In the event that the Head Dharma Master still holds an objection after the proposed amendments have been passed for a second time as above, the amendment objected to shall be rendered null and void.

Chapter 10 Supplementary Matters

Article 92 [Regulations for Implementation]

The regulations necessary for implementing each provision of this Constitution shall be determined in accordance to the regulations of Won Buddhism.

Article 93 [Measures for Transition]

1) Those officers who were elected to their offices under the system of the constitutional bodies prior to this Constitution coming into effect shall be deemed to have served in those offices in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

2) Those who were members of the Elder Head Circle Council and the Prime Head Circle Council prior to this Constitution shall be deemed to have served as members of Prime Head Circle Council in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

3) Those who were members of the Elder Head Circle Council prior to this Constitution shall become members of a Committee of Elders.

Article 94 [Effect]

This Constitution shall come into effect as from 1 Jan. 1, WBY 85.

Appendix: Chart of the Won Buddhist Order

종법사: The Head Dharma Master

원로 회의: Committee of Elders

국외 총부: Overseas Headquarters

수위단회: Head Circle Council

수위단회 사무처: Office of the Head Circle Council

법무실: Office of Head Dharma Master

감찰원: Judicial Bureau

감찰원 사무처: Office of the Judicial Bureau

감찰위원회: Judicial Committee

징계위원회: Disciplinary Committee

중앙교의회: Central Council of Ministers and Lay members

중앙교의회 사무국: Office of The Central Council of Ministers and Lay Members

교정원: Administration

원의회: The Central Board of Administration

기획실: Office of Planning

교화연구소: Mission Research Center

교화부: Mission Department

총무부: Internal Affairs Department

재무부: Finance Department

교육부: Education Department

공익부: Public Service Department

문화부: Culture Department

국제부: International Affairs Department

부속 단체: Subsidiary Organizations
각 호법단체: Organizations of Dharma Work
각 원호단체: Project Support Organizations
각 장학단체: Organizations of Learning Encouragement
각 친목단체: Organizations promoting Social Gatherings
각 수양단체: Organizations for Spiritual Cultivation
각 사회단체: Other Social Organizations
청소년단체: Youth Organizations

교구: District
지구: Sub-District
교당: Temple
부속단체: Subsidiary Organizations
부속기관: Subsidiary Institute
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각 자선기관: Charity Institutions
각 산업기관: Industry Institutions
각 훈련기관: Retreat Centers
각 복지기관: Welfare Institutions
각 문화기관: Culture Institutions
각 언론기관: Press Institutions
각 봉공기관: Public Service Institutions
각 특설기관: Special Institutions