

# Glossary

## International Federation Church of God (Seventh Day)

**Federation:** An association of Church of God (Seventh Day) conferences united to achieve a common vision, purpose, mission.

**Preamble:** An introductory statement, defining the vision, purpose, mission, and authority of the Federation.

**Vision:** A clear picture of what the Federation will look like if and when all of its major objectives are achieved.

**Purpose:** The Federation's reason for existence and how it serves and benefits its members.

**Mission:** A statement of the Federation's purpose, objectives, and how it will reach those objectives.

**Statement of Authority:** A statement of the Federation's right to exist as an ecclesiastical entity, and its latitude and boundaries in serving its constituent members

**Object:** The purpose and goal of the Federation. The object helps guide the development of the Federation's organizational policies and determination of the allocation of organizational resources.

**General Assembly:** A meeting of the delegates in session, representing the member conferences of the Federation.

**Member:** Any church, association of churches, national conference or council which agrees with the object, theology, and polity of the Federation as stated in the Federation Bylaws, and has been granted membership by the General Assembly in session.

**Provisional Member:** A conference that has been approved by the Federation Board for membership in the Federation and is to be recommended by the Board to the General Assembly for ratification as a full member.

**Delegate:** Each member conference of the Federation shall be entitled to one representative delegate who shall deliberate and vote in the General Assembly on behalf of their conference.

**Alternate Delegate:** Each member conference shall appoint an alternate delegate to represent their conference to the General Assembly in the event their primary delegate is unavailable.

**Officers:** The Federation Officers are the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Policy Board:** A board that provides direction to an organization and its operation through the policies it adopts.

**Executive Team:** The Executive Team consists of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Director. This team is responsible for implementing the policies and directives of the Federation Board.

**Parliamentary Authority:** The standard parliamentary guidelines that the Federation will follow in conducting official business.