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PROMULGATION & PURPOSE

This Vade Mecum - Book of Order is the ecclesiastical operating code of United Deliverance Churches in America, Inc. It is designed to place in one volume the rules of connectional order, episcopal protocol, ministerial discipline, worship standards, leadership responsibilities, administrative procedures, and ministry safeguards that guide UDCA's common life. It supplements, but does not replace, the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

ORDER OF AUTHORITY

Where provisions conflict, the following order controls: applicable law; the filed Articles of Incorporation; the Bylaws; this Book of Order; duly adopted Executive Council policies; duly promulgated ecclesiastical protocols; and department or regional manuals. Religious doctrine and ecclesiastical determinations remain subject to the protections applicable to religious corporations.

THE COVENANT PRINCIPLE

UDCA is connectional without becoming a property-holding judicatory over affiliated congregations. Local churches remain autonomous in governance, property, finances, pastoral selection, membership, worship, and local mission except where a separate lawful written agreement expressly provides otherwise. Connectional discipline may affect UDCA recognition, office, credentials, appointments, or participation, but does not by itself transfer control of a local congregation.

USE OF THE TERM “CANON”

In this Book, a canon is an adopted ecclesiastical rule of UDCA. The term does not claim Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, or civil-law jurisdiction. UDCA's canons govern the internal religious and connectional affairs of UDCA to the extent permitted by its corporate documents and applicable law.

LEGAL & ECCLESIASTICAL REVIEW NOTE

This first-edition draft is intended for formal review by the Executive Council, Board of Presbyters, General Secretary, and qualified South Carolina nonprofit/church counsel before adoption and promulgation. It should be conformed to the final filed Articles and adopted Bylaws.

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BOOK I

FOUNDATIONS, AUTHORITY & INTERPRETATION

CANON 1 - Nature of the Connection

UDCA is a national covenant connection of autonomous Deliverance, Holiness, and Spirit-filled churches, ministries, clergy, and leaders. Its connectional life is spiritual, relational, developmental, missionary, and administrative rather than proprietary over local congregations.

CANON 2 - Sources of Ecclesiastical Order

The governing sources are the Holy Scriptures as received by UDCA, its adopted Affirmation of Faith, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, this Book of Order, and duly adopted policies and ecclesiastical acts. No subordinate manual may contradict a superior governing source.

CANON 3 - Interpretive Principles

Canons shall be interpreted to advance the religious mission of UDCA, preserve local church autonomy, protect due process, promote integrity, and avoid unnecessary concentration of corporate authority.

Questions of corporate law shall be referred to the Executive Council and counsel; questions of doctrine and ecclesiastical order shall be referred to the Presiding Bishop and Board of Presbyters within their respective authority.

CANON 4 - Definitions

“Connection” means UDCA nationally. “Affiliate” means a church, ministry, or leader received into connectional standing. “Episcopal office” means a bishopric or episcopal appointment recognized by UDCA. “Credential” means UDCA-issued or UDCA-recognized ministerial standing. “Corporate Board” means the Executive Council when serving as the Board of Directors.

CANON 5 - Local Church Autonomy

No canon shall be construed to vest UDCA with ownership or control of an affiliated church’s property, accounts, membership, pastoral office, employees, or governing documents merely by affiliation. Voluntary written agreements remain enforceable according to their terms.

BOOK II

THE PRESIDING BISHOP & CHIEF SERVANT

CANON 6 - Office and Character

The Presiding Bishop & Chief Servant is the senior ecclesiastical officer, chief servant-leader, principal national voice, and chief executive leader of UDCA, exercising authority within the Articles, Bylaws, this Book of Order, approved budgets, and lawful Board reservations.

CANON 7 - Spiritual and Ecclesiastical Authority

The Presiding Bishop sets national spiritual emphasis; issues calls to prayer, fasting, worship, and mission; presides over consecrations and installations or designates a presiding prelate; provides interpretation of connectional vision; and safeguards the unity and religious identity of UDCA in consultation with the Board of Presbyters.

CANON 8 - Executive Authority

The Presiding Bishop directs ordinary national operations, supervises implementation of approved strategy, coordinates national officers, establishes temporary task forces, authorizes ordinary-course actions within approved policy and budget, and executes instruments within delegated authority.

CANON 9 - Appointment Authority

The Presiding Bishop appoints or commissions Executive Bishops, State Bishops, District Elders, national chairs, special advisers, protocol officers, chaplains, and other ecclesiastical leaders as provided by the Bylaws and this Code. Corporate Board seats or compensated employment require the separate approvals applicable to those roles.

CANON 10 - Reserved Limitations

The Presiding Bishop shall not alone amend the Articles or Bylaws, approve personal compensation, divert restricted gifts, dissolve or merge the Corporation, sell substantially all corporate assets, incur material unapproved debt, or exercise ownership/control over autonomous local church property solely by reason of affiliation.

CANON 11 - National Address and Official Voice

The Presiding Bishop is the principal ecclesiastical spokesperson of UDCA. National doctrinal, pastoral, crisis, and major public statements shall be issued by the Presiding Bishop or an expressly authorized spokesperson. Legal-risk communications should be reviewed by counsel when practicable.

CANON 12 - Succession and Incapacity

A written succession protocol shall identify an Acting Presiding Bishop during temporary incapacity and a process for filling a permanent vacancy. In a vacancy, the Executive Council and Board of Presbyters shall discharge their respective corporate and ecclesiastical responsibilities without allowing a single officer to assume permanent authority by custom alone.

BOOK III

EPISCOPAL, PRESBYTERAL & REGIONAL ORDER

CANON 13 - Board of Presbyters / Covenant Council

The Board of Presbyters is the senior ecclesiastical council for spiritual counsel, doctrine, episcopal accountability, ministerial standards, prayerful discernment, reconciliation, and serious clergy ethics review. It is distinct from the corporate Board unless a person separately serves on both bodies.

CANON 14 - Executive Bishops

Executive Bishops lead assigned regions, implement national strategy, convene regional fellowship, mentor State Bishops and District Elders, support church development, coordinate regional pastoral response, and report to the Presiding Bishop and General Secretary.

CANON 15 - State Bishops

State Bishops cultivate connectional life within their state, maintain relationships with affiliates, convene state gatherings, identify ministry needs, support onboarding, and report through the Executive Bishop. They have no inherent control over local church property, budgets, or pastoral selection.

CANON 16 - District Elders

District Elders provide pastoral and administrative coordination to assigned districts, encourage prayer and fellowship, visit affiliates, assist training, and elevate material concerns through the episcopal chain.

CANON 17 - Episcopal Conferences

The Presiding Bishop may convene the College/Conference of Bishops for prayer, counsel, formation, strategic alignment, and episcopal fellowship. Such a gathering does not replace the Executive Council's corporate authority or the Board of Presbyters' defined disciplinary role.

CANON 18 - Episcopal Visitations

An official visitation is pastoral and connectional unless a separate agreement provides otherwise. Visiting bishops shall respect local pastoral authority, property, worship customs, and governance. Findings requiring national action shall be documented and transmitted through proper channels.

BOOK IV

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, OFFICERS & CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

CANON 19 - Executive Council

The Executive Council serves as UDCA's corporate Board of Directors and exercises fiduciary and reserved corporate authority, including annual budgets, material contracts, borrowing, banking authority, corporate real estate, compensation governance, audit/review oversight, and major risk decisions.

CANON 20 - General Secretary

The General Secretary is the chief records and governance-administration officer, maintains the corporate book, minutes, notices, rosters, appointment records, resolutions, official calendar, and authenticated copies, and coordinates required filings with appropriate officers and counsel.

CANON 21 - General Treasurer

The General Treasurer is responsible for stewardship, custody, reporting, and disbursement controls for UDCA funds under Board policy. No person may approve payment to himself or herself.

CANON 22 - Chief Financial Officer

The CFO leads budgeting, accounting systems, financial planning, internal controls, reconciliations, financial reporting, restricted-fund tracking, and audit/review preparation. The Treasurer and CFO roles may be combined only with adequate segregation of duties.

CANON 23 - General Counsel

General Counsel advises the Corporation on governance, contracts, disputes, safeguarding, employment, intellectual property, real estate, regulatory matters, and risk. Counsel represents UDCA as an entity unless a separate engagement states otherwise.

CANON 24 - Records and Authentication

Minutes shall reflect actions, recusals, votes where required, and material resolutions. The General Secretary may certify records and resolutions only from duly authorized acts. Electronic records and signatures may be used as permitted by law and policy.

BOOK V

CHURCH AFFILIATION, MEMBERSHIP & CONNECTIONAL STANDING

CANON 25 - Pathway to Connection

The ordinary pathway is inquiry, orientation, application, review, covenant affirmation, approval, onboarding, and active participation. No applicant is entitled to affiliation merely by submitting an application.

CANON 26 - Rights of Affiliates

Affiliates may participate in worship, training, fellowship, development programs, directories, regional life, and leadership opportunities according to eligibility. Corporate voting rights exist only when expressly granted by the Articles or Bylaws.

CANON 27 - Duties of Affiliates

Affiliates shall represent UDCA truthfully, honor the covenant, maintain ethical ministry, cooperate with reasonable connectional reporting, safeguard vulnerable persons, respect intellectual property, and fulfill any voluntarily accepted financial commitments.

CANON 28 - Good Standing

Good standing ordinarily requires current covenant status, no active suspension, responsible representation of UDCA, and compliance with applicable connectional obligations. Financial hardship alone should not automatically terminate spiritual fellowship; accommodations may be established by policy.

CANON 29 - Withdrawal

An affiliate may withdraw by written notice. Withdrawal does not transfer property, extinguish valid debts or contracts, or authorize continued use of UDCA credentials, marks, titles, or representation after the effective date.

CANON 30 - Suspension or Termination

Serious covenant breach, abuse, fraud involving UDCA, persistent public misrepresentation, or material ethical misconduct may result in suspension or termination after notice and fair review. Corporate affiliation and ecclesiastical credentials shall be treated as distinct interests when appropriate.

BOOK VI

MINISTRY, CREDENTIALS, ORDINATION & CONSECRATION

CANON 31 - Ministerial Categories

UDCA may recognize licensed ministers, ordained elders/ministers, pastors, chaplains, evangelists, overseers, elders, bishops, and other ministry offices consistent with its doctrine and policy. Titles alone do not create corporate authority.

CANON 32 - Credential Standards

Applicants for UDCA-issued credentials shall demonstrate Christian character, doctrinal compatibility, ministry calling, appropriate preparation, references, safeguarding compliance, and any education or experience established by policy. Background screening may be required where lawful and appropriate.

CANON 33 - Licensing and Ordination

Licensing recognizes developing or defined ministry authorization; ordination recognizes mature ministerial setting apart according to UDCA standards. Each process shall include application, review, examination or formation as required, recommendation, approval, public rite, and entry in the official register.

CANON 34 - Episcopal Selection and Consecration

A bishop-designate shall meet spiritual, ethical, ministerial, leadership, and formation standards established by UDCA. The process may include nomination/appointment, documentary review, examination, presbyteral consultation, public announcement, consecration rite, installation/assignment, and registration.

CANON 35 - Transfer and Recognition of Credentials

UDCA may recognize credentials issued by another church body without surrendering the right to establish its own standards for UDCA office. Recognition does not imply legal responsibility for the prior body's acts.

CANON 36 - Credential Renewal and Status

Credentials may be active, inactive, retired, emeritus, suspended, restored, or withdrawn. Renewal requirements may include annual affirmation, contact information, training, good-standing verification, and reasonable fees approved under policy.

CANON 37 - Clergy Records

The General Secretary or designated credential office shall maintain secure credential records, dates of licensing/ordination/consecration, status changes, and official actions, with access limited according to confidentiality and legal requirements.

BOOK VII

WORSHIP, ORDINANCES & CEREMONIAL PROTOCOL

CANON 38 - Worship Principle

UDCA worship shall be Christ-centered, Spirit-led, biblically grounded, orderly, participatory, and consistent with the dignity of Christian ministry. Local churches retain their own worship customs unless participating in an official UDCA service.

CANON 39 - Baptism and Holy Communion

Official UDCA resources may provide recommended forms for baptism and Holy Communion/Lord's Supper. The theological meaning and authorized ministers shall be governed by UDCA's adopted faith and local church practice where applicable.

CANON 40 - Ordination, Consecration and Installation Rites

National rites shall follow an approved order including presentation, examination/affirmation, prayer, laying on of hands where appropriate, charge, vesting or symbols of office, declaration, and registration. The Presiding Bishop determines ceremonial adaptations for official episcopal rites.

CANON 41 - Funerals, Memorials and Homegoing Services

UDCA may provide model rites emphasizing Christian hope, pastoral care, dignity, and respect for family wishes and local church authority. Official honors for bishops and national officers shall be coordinated through Episcopal Affairs/Protocol.

CANON 42 - Order of Precedence

At official national events, precedence is determined by office and function rather than personal celebrity. The Presiding Bishop has first ecclesiastical precedence, followed by designated senior episcopal and national officers according to Appendix B.

CANON 43 - Vesture and Insignia

Official vesture, tippets, seals, pectoral crosses, rings, croziers, robes, and insignia shall be used according to UDCA protocol and shall not imply an office not actually held. The Presiding Bishop may issue ceremonial standards in consultation with the Board of Presbyters.

BOOK VIII

DEPARTMENTS, CENTERS, COLLABORATIVES & COMMISSIONS

CANON 44 - General Charter Rule

Every department, center, collaborative, commission, and ministry shall have a written charter stating purpose, authority, leadership, reporting line, budget responsibility, records, safeguarding duties, and limits. No such body is a separate legal entity unless expressly incorporated.

CANON 45 - Church Development Centers

The Church Connection Network, Church & Leadership Development Center, Church Health & Growth Center, and Next Generation Center exist to strengthen churches and leaders through onboarding, assessment, training, strategy, mentoring, and generational development.

CANON 46 - Kingdom Collaboratives

Collaboratives may include Women in Ministry, Men's Leadership, Music/Worship/Sacred Arts, Marketplace/Entrepreneurship, and Communications/Media. They convene peer networks and develop resources but may not bind UDCA contractually without authorization.

CANON 47 - Impact Commissions

Commissions may include Community Transformation, Evangelism & Missions, Justice/Advocacy/Civic Engagement, Health & Wellness, Education & Scholarship, and Economic Empowerment & Workforce. Public advocacy must comply with UDCA policy and applicable tax-law limitations.

CANON 48 - Spiritual Life Ministries

National Prayer & Intercession, Evangelism & Deliverance, and Biblical Formation & Doctrine ministries operate under spiritual oversight and shall maintain appropriate training, pastoral accountability, follow-up, and safeguarding practices.

CANON 49 - Annual Ministry Accountability

Each national body shall submit an annual plan and year-end report covering objectives, outcomes, finances, risks, safeguarding matters as appropriate, leadership roster, and recommendations.

BOOK IX

ETHICS, SAFEGUARDING, DISCIPLINE & RESTORATION

CANON 50 - Ministerial Ethics

Leaders shall avoid abuse of spiritual authority, sexual misconduct, harassment, exploitation, fraud, retaliation, coercive fundraising, humiliation, discrimination prohibited by applicable law, and misuse of confidential information. Leaders shall maintain appropriate boundaries and fiduciary integrity.

CANON 51 - Safeguarding

UDCA programs involving children, youth, vulnerable adults, or dependent persons shall use screening, training, supervision, reporting, response, and recordkeeping appropriate to the activity and law. Mandatory reporting obligations supersede internal confidentiality expectations.

CANON 52 - Responsible Deliverance Ministry

Deliverance ministry shall be voluntary, dignified, pastorally supervised, nonviolent, noncoercive, and free of humiliation or financial pressure. It shall not substitute for emergency, medical, mental-health, legal, or protective services where those are appropriate. Physical restraint, deprivation, dangerous practices, or interference with prescribed care are prohibited except lawful emergency safety actions.

CANON 53 - Complaints and Intake

Complaints should be documented and routed to the appropriate authority. Immediate safety concerns shall be referred promptly to emergency services, law enforcement, protective agencies, insurers, counsel, or qualified professionals as circumstances require.

CANON 54 - Due Process

Before adverse connectional action, the respondent ordinarily receives notice of the concern, a meaningful opportunity to respond, impartial review, and written disposition. Interim protective measures may be imposed where safety, evidence preservation, or serious organizational risk requires immediate action.

CANON 55 - Ecclesiastical Discipline

Possible ecclesiastical outcomes include pastoral counsel, admonition, training, supervised restoration, limitation of ministry, suspension of UDCA credentials/appointment, withdrawal of recognition, or removal from a UDCA ecclesiastical office. Corporate employment/directorship consequences require their own lawful process.

CANON 56 - Restoration

Where appropriate, restoration shall be structured, documented, accountable, and centered on repentance, safety, restitution where applicable, formation, and demonstrated readiness. Restoration to fellowship does not automatically require restoration to office.

CANON 57 - Conflict and Recusal

A leader who is the complainant, respondent, close relative, material witness, or otherwise materially conflicted shall recuse from adjudicative decisions. Complaints involving the Presiding Bishop shall be handled by an independent process chaired by an uninvolved senior presbyter or designated panel.

BOOK X

FINANCE, PROPERTY, RECORDS & COMMUNICATIONS

CANON 58 - Stewardship and Budget

UDCA shall operate under an annual budget approved by the Executive Council. Budgeted ordinary expenditures may be administered under delegated thresholds; material unbudgeted expenditures require Board-level approval according to policy.

CANON 59 - Banking and Disbursements

Accounts shall be titled to UDCA. Banking authority is established by the Executive Council. Dual controls, segregation of duties, timely reconciliations, documentation, and prohibition on self-approval shall be maintained.

CANON 60 - Restricted Gifts and Benevolence

Restricted gifts shall be used consistently with lawful donor restrictions. Benevolence shall be administered under written criteria, appropriate documentation, confidentiality, and conflict controls.

CANON 61 - Corporate Property

Purchase, sale, mortgage, lease, or other material disposition of UDCA-owned real property requires the approval stated in the Bylaws and Board policy. This canon does not grant UDCA authority over property owned by an autonomous affiliate.

CANON 62 - Official Records

The corporate book, minutes, policies, financial records, credentials, contracts, safeguarding records, and required filings shall be retained under an approved schedule. Access is subject to law, privilege, privacy, safeguarding, donor restrictions, and personnel confidentiality.

CANON 63 - Name, Seal and Intellectual Property

UDCA's name, seal, logos, official publications, curricula, marks, digital assets, and ceremonial designs are protected connectional assets. Affiliates receive only the permission granted by policy and must cease unauthorized use after withdrawal or termination.

CANON 64 - Communications and Media

Official national statements are issued by the Presiding Bishop or authorized spokesperson. Departments and regions may communicate within their remit but shall not announce doctrine, legal positions, national policy, major financial commitments, or crisis conclusions without authorization.

BOOK XI

HOLY CONVOCATION, ASSEMBLIES & ELECTIONS

CANON 65 - Holy Convocation

Holy Convocation is UDCA's principal national gathering for worship, formation, fellowship, reports, episcopal sessions, mission, community impact, ceremonial rites, and such business sessions as are duly noticed.

CANON 66 - Business Sessions

A worship gathering or convocation does not automatically constitute a corporate member meeting. Any statutory business session shall be separately identified, noticed, credentialed, and conducted under the Articles, Bylaws, and applicable law.

CANON 67 - Credentialing of Delegates

Where delegates or voting members are authorized, the General Secretary shall oversee credentialing and maintain the official roll. Challenges to credentials shall be resolved before the affected vote when practicable.

CANON 68 - Rules of Deliberation

The presiding officer shall maintain fairness, decorum, relevance, and reasonable opportunity for authorized participants to be heard. UDCA may adopt parliamentary rules as a procedural guide where they do not conflict with its governing documents or religious order.

CANON 69 - Elections and Appointments

Offices filled by election shall follow nomination, eligibility, voting, certification, challenge, and vacancy procedures established in the Bylaws or election code. Offices filled by appointment remain subject to the appointing authority and any confirmation requirement.

CANON 70 - Minutes and Promulgation of Acts

The General Secretary shall record official actions and certify adopted resolutions, elections, and amendments. Ecclesiastical acts of broad application shall be published or otherwise communicated in a manner reasonably calculated to notify affected leaders.

BOOK XII

AMENDMENT, INTERPRETATION, EMERGENCY ORDER & PROMULGATION

CANON 71 - Amendment of the Book of Order

The Executive Council may amend corporate-administrative canons within its lawful authority. Material doctrinal or episcopal-order canons should receive formal consultation with the Board of Presbyters and Presiding Bishop. No amendment may contradict the Articles, Bylaws, or applicable law.

CANON 72 - Dispensation and Temporary Exceptions

The Presiding Bishop may grant a written temporary ecclesiastical dispensation from a ceremonial or administrative protocol when no superior law or Board-reserved matter is violated. A dispensation may not waive safeguarding, fiduciary, legal, or due-process requirements.

CANON 73 - Emergency Ecclesiastical Order

During catastrophe, civil emergency, mass disruption, or inability to assemble normal leadership, the Presiding Bishop may issue temporary operational directives necessary for worship continuity, safety, communications, and ministry coordination, subject to emergency bylaws and prompt Board reporting where corporate powers are implicated.

CANON 74 - Authoritative Interpretations

The Presiding Bishop, after consultation with the Board of Presbyters, may issue ecclesiastical interpretations. The Executive Council may issue corporate-governance interpretations. The General Secretary shall maintain an official register of interpretations and amendments.

CANON 75 - Promulgation and Effective Date

Upon adoption, this Book shall be signed by the authorized officers, entered in the official records, assigned an effective date, and distributed to national and regional leadership. Later editions shall identify revision dates and superseded provisions.

APPENDIX A

DECISION AUTHORITY TABLE

This table summarizes default authority. The Articles, Bylaws, law, and duly adopted Board resolutions control if a conflict arises.

Matter	Final/Primary Authority	Controls / Consultation
National spiritual vision / pastoral address	Presiding Bishop	Consult Presbyters on major doctrine
Day-to-day national operations	Presiding Bishop	Within approved budget/policy
Annual strategy	Executive Council	Presiding Bishop recommends
Annual budget	Executive Council	Treasurer/CFO + Presiding Bishop recommend
Executive Bishop appointment	Presiding Bishop	Presbyteral consultation; Board confirmation if corporate seat
State Bishop / District Elder	Presiding Bishop	Executive Bishop recommends
Doctrine / ministerial standards	Presiding Bishop + Board of Presbyters	Corporate implementation by Executive Council as needed
Credential discipline	Ecclesiastical process	Due process; separate corporate/employment action if needed
Official corporate records	General Secretary	Authenticates duly authorized acts
Banking / borrowing / material contracts	Executive Council	Finance/counsel review; delegated thresholds allowed
Regional programs	Executive Bishop	Within national policy/budget
Local church pastor/property/finances	Local church only	No UDCA authority solely by affiliation
Bylaw/Articles amendments	As Bylaws/law require	General Secretary notices/certifies; counsel review
Crisis response	Presiding Bishop + authorized team	Board/counsel/safeguarding involvement as appropriate

APPENDIX B

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE & PROTOCOL

1. Presiding Bishop & Chief Servant
2. Former Presiding Bishops / Presiding Bishop Emeriti, when officially recognized
3. Executive Bishops
4. Members of the Board of Presbyters / Covenant Council
5. General Secretary
6. General Treasurer / Chief Financial Officer
7. General Counsel, when serving in official capacity
8. State Bishops
9. District Elders
10. National Department/Center/Commission/Collaborative Leaders
11. Pastors and credentialed clergy
12. Delegates, guests, and partner representatives

Precedence is ceremonial and does not itself confer corporate voting authority, employment supervision, ownership rights, or authority over an autonomous local church. The Presiding Bishop or Chief of Protocol may adjust seating and procession order for pastoral, ecumenical, governmental, international, accessibility, or event-specific reasons.

Protocol Standards

- Official invitations should identify the correct ecclesiastical title and function.
- The host pastor retains authority over the local worship setting unless an official UDCA rite has been placed under national ceremonial direction by agreement.
- National seals, episcopal insignia, and titles shall not be reproduced or used commercially without authorization.
- Consecrations, installations, ordinations, and national memorial honors require coordination with the Office of the Presiding Bishop and Protocol/Episcopal Affairs.
- Public introductions should be dignified, accurate, concise, and free from titles not formally held.

APPENDIX C

FORMS, REGISTERS & REQUIRED RECORDS

- Affiliation Application and Covenant
- Church Autonomy Acknowledgment
- Clergy Credential Application
- Credential Renewal / Status Form
- Episcopal Appointment Instrument
- State Bishop / District Elder Appointment Instrument
- Ordination Record
- Episcopal Consecration Record
- Official Visitation Report
- Complaint / Incident Intake Form
- Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure
- Safeguarding Acknowledgment and Training Record
- Department/Commission Charter
- Annual Ministry Report
- Regional Bishop Report
- Executive Council Resolution
- Board of Presbyters Ecclesiastical Determination
- Restricted Gift Acknowledgment
- Expense / Reimbursement Authorization
- Contract Review and Approval Sheet
- Official Event / Convocation Credential Form
- Withdrawal / Termination of Affiliation Notice
- Restoration Covenant / Ministry Reentry Plan
- Emergency Action Record
- Register of Canons, Amendments, and Authoritative Interpretations

ADOPTION & PROMULGATION

We, the undersigned authorized officers of United Deliverance Churches in America, Inc., certify that this Vade Mecum - Book of Order, Volume I, was duly adopted and promulgated according to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Corporation.

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