

AI ETHICS COLLECTIVE SAMPLE BYLAWS



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Preamble

The AI Ethics Collective for Churches (the Collective) is a pioneering initiative that exists to address a vital need at the crossroads of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Christian faith. The central purpose of the Collective is to identify how AI can be leveraged to further the Great Commission, advancing the gospel and the mission of the Church.

Article I: Members

1.1 Membership

Any church or Christian organization that aligns with the values, mission, and purpose of the AI Ethics Collective for Churches (the "Collective") as stated in the Charter, and is committed to working to ensure AI is used ethically, responsibly, and in accordance with our Christian beliefs, all to the glory of God, can become a member.

1.2 Member Responsibilities

Various types of memberships support the Collective, including Board members, Collective members, and volunteers. All members are expected to respect and uphold the Collective's ethical standards in their use of artificial intelligence (AI), and to strive towards the advancement of the Collective's mission and purpose. Board members carry additional responsibilities including a minimum term of service, attendance at a quarterly virtual meeting, and regular participation and discussion via private channels established by the Collective.

1.3 Membership Fees

There are no membership fees or dues to join the Collective.

1.4 Termination of Collective Membership

- Collective Membership may be terminated by the Member at any time. The Collective may terminate a church's membership if the Member fails to uphold the Collective's values, does not meet their responsibilities, breaches confidentiality, behaves inappropriately, or is involved in a conflict of interest that they fail to disclose or manage appropriately.

Article II: Board of Directors

2.1 Board Composition

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Collective will consist of 15 members, representing a diverse group of Christian leaders from various denominations and sectors.

2.2 Terms of Office

Board members shall serve for a period of two years, and can be re-elected by the remaining board members for subsequent terms. Elections shall take place (when necessary) in the month of September.

2.3 Duties and Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for establishing the strategic direction of the Collective, making key decisions, developing initiatives that drive to reaching the Collective's goals, and addressing emerging ethical issues related to the intersection of AI and Christianity. The Board is also tasked with upholding the Collective's core values, mission, and purpose.

2.4 Meetings

The Board shall convene virtually on a quarterly basis to discuss Collective matters. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairperson as necessary. Meeting minutes will be available on the Collective's website for Collective Members to view.

Article III: Officers

3.1 Appointment

The officers of the Collective, comprising a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer shall be elected by the Board from amongst its members. Officers serve a two-year term, and can be re-elected at the will of the Board.

3.2 Duties

The duties of the officers of the Collective are key to the smooth operation of the Collective.

- The Chair shall preside over Board and Collective meetings, represent the Collective in external engagements, and ensure that the Collective's goals and objectives are met.
- The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair and acts in their stead if the Chair is unavailable, or steps down for any reason.
- The Secretary shall manage the administrative tasks of the Collective including the preparation and maintenance of minutes, records, and correspondences.
- The Treasurer shall function as the financial liaison to the Collective, responsible for the budget and maintenance of accounts.

Article IV: Amendments

4.1 Majority Vote

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board, provided that the proposed amendments do not conflict with the Collective's Charter.

4.2 Communication of Amendments

Members shall be notified of any changes to these Bylaws in a timely manner. Amendment updates will be available on the Collective's website for Collective Members to view.

Article V: Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Collective, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

The Bylaws herein shall take effect upon ratification by the Board of the Collective. In witness whereof, the undersigned, being the duly elected and acting officers of the AI Ethics Collective for Churches, have executed these Bylaws as of the date first above written.