

THE **2017** **NAMS** **RULE**



1. A PRAYER FOR NAMS:

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostles grace truly to believe and to preach your Word; grant to us with your Church to love that Word which they believed, and to preach, teach, and live what they taught, to the honor and glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

2. PREAMBLE:

We (NAMS Companions) believe that we have been called by Jesus Christ to band together as an extended global missionary community, under this common rule, in support of pioneer church planting, while being always accountable to one another under God, and His most Holy Word.

3. OUR CHARGE:

We are to preach and teach “Jesus Christ and Him crucified”; to plant new churches wherever God opens the door; always to obey the Holy Spirit; and never to break the Word of God.

4. OUR CONTINUING OBJECTIVES AS A SOCIETY:

- a. We will remain faithful to the Gospel and values of the Kingdom of God in all things, making disciples as we go;
- b. We will build the global society of Companions* sharing our common calling and living our common rule.
- c. We will help plant new Great Commission Congregations* wherever the Lord Jesus sends us.

5. OUR CORPORATE RULE OF LIFE

- a. All Companions:
 - i. Lead (or serve in) a worshiping Great Commission Congregation*;
 - ii. Lead (or be part of) a Great Commission Cell*;
 - iii. Abide daily in the word of Jesus;
 - iv. Pray daily for global mission, remembering NAMS;
 - v. Give generously as faithful stewards where we serve, and for the global work of the Society;
 - vi. Make (at least) three personal “NAMS Retreats*” each year;
 - vii. Remain accountable to those over us in the Lord, ecclesiastically and within the Discipling Structures* of our common Rule and Order.



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b. Married Companions:

- i. Commit to the path of Spousal Discipleship*.
- ii. Ensure spousal understanding and consent to our call as companions, and inviting our spouse to become (as God leads) a “Spousal Companion*” of NAMS.

c. Global Society:

- i. Make one Annual Retreat* with the Society in our Mission Region.
- ii. Attend the NAMS Global Novena*, once every 4/5 years.

6. OUR DOCTRINE:

The “faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” is the doctrine we “contend for,” (Jude 3) and the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are our “rule and ultimate standard of faith.”

7. OUR ECCLESIASTICAL CONNECTION:

We are a global religious society (order) relating to the Anglican Family of “the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic church.” Our ordained Anglican leaders are all canonically resident in an Anglican jurisdiction. We desire to work with, and be in unity with, the faithful church throughout the world. At all times and in all places we seek to serve the church “that submits to Christ.”

(St Francis’ Day - 2016)



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