

# DECLARATION OF NEWEARTH TANASI

## **A Declaration of Sacred Stewardship, Natural Rights, Peaceful Assembly, and Ecclesiastical Purpose**

NewEarth Tanasi is founded upon the enduring truth that human rights do not originate from governments, institutions, agencies, corporations, or administrative systems, but arise inherently from the Creator, from Nature, and from the intrinsic dignity, sovereignty, and sacred nature of human life itself.

We affirm that the People are not mere legal abstractions, economic units, administrative subjects, or creatures of the State, but living men and women endowed by the Creator with conscience, reason, ethical agency, and inherent unalienable rights. Human beings possess both material and immaterial dimensions of existence — mind, will, emotion, body, conscience, and spirit — and no just system of governance may rightly reduce human life solely to property, identification, regulation, or administrative classification.

We further affirm that the smallest minority is the individual living man or woman, upon whom all Natural, inherent rights are bestowed. Rights do not originate in the collective, nor are they granted by majority opinion, institutional consensus, political convenience, or administrative decree. The preservation of liberty therefore requires that the inherent rights of the individual never be discarded, diminished, or subordinated in the name of the “greater good,” collective interest, expediency, or temporary public sentiment. Any system of governance which sacrifices the inherent rights of the individual for arbitrary, coercive, or collectivist aims, ultimately undermines the very foundation of liberty, justice, and Natural Law upon which free societies depend.

Among these enduring rights are liberty of conscience, peaceful assembly, spiritual practice, private association, stewardship of land and property, self-preservation, responsible self-governance, the cultivation of health and community, and the freedom to live in harmony with sincerely held ethical and spiritual convictions.

Civil governments exist properly and honorably only insofar as they preserve the peace, protect the lives, liberties, and property of the People, and faithfully uphold the rights which preexist political authority itself. Legitimate authority is not the source of human rights, but the servant of them. The People are not subordinate to government in their origin, dignity, or fundamental rights; rather, government derives its limited and delegated authority from the People and remains duty-bound to exercise that authority with restraint, accountability, and fidelity to justice, never violating the unalienable, inherent rights of the individual.

NewEarth Tanasi therefore stands as a peaceful and lawful expression of those timeless principles from which free societies themselves are derived: that people possess inherent rights and responsibilities; that conscience cannot be delegated to institutions; that stewardship carries sacred obligation; and that communities joined by voluntary covenant retain the natural authority

to govern their internal spiritual, charitable, and communal affairs in accordance with enduring ethical law.

We are a private ecclesiastical ministry and sacred stewardship community devoted to faith, conscience, healing, land stewardship, voluntary covenant, natural living, and the restoration of meaningful relationship between humanity, the Creator, Nature, family, community, and personal responsibility.

We affirm that true liberty cannot survive where authority is presumed to flow downward from institutions detached from the ethical, spiritual, and natural foundation of the People themselves. A healthy society exists only where governance remains limited, restrained, accountable, and fully subordinate to the unalienable rights inherent to human beings by virtue of their creation. All legitimate civil authority arises solely from the consent of the People and is justly exercised only for the preservation of peace, liberty, rights, and property.

Accordingly, NewEarth Tanasi exists to steward land responsibly, cultivate peaceable community, preserve sacred rights and duties, foster human flourishing, and provide a lawful and protected place for worship, gathering, fellowship, restoration, learning, agriculture, charity, and spiritual life.

Our foundation is Natural Law.

Our structure is voluntary covenant.

Our rights originate from the Creator, and our internal stewardship is rooted in conscience, voluntary agreement, mutual responsibility, and covenant among free people. Any exercise of power divorced from consent, ethical restraint, and the lawful protection of life, liberty, rights, and property stands contrary to the principles of a free People and the enduring order of Natural Law.

Our orientation is charitable, constructive, restorative, and peaceable.

And our intent is to live honorably, peaceably, responsibly, and in accordance with conscience while faithfully exercising, protecting, and upholding the inherent rights and responsibilities retained by the People.

# **BILL OF RIGHTS OF NEWEARTH TANASI**

## **PREAMBLE**

We affirm that rights do not originate from governments, institutions, councils, offices, majorities, administrative systems, collective bodies, or political authority.

Rights originate from the Creator and are inherent to the dignity, sovereignty, conscience, and sacred nature of human life itself.

These rights are retained by living men and women and exist prior to political authority, institutional recognition, administrative permission, covenant participation, membership status, or collective approval.

The purpose of this Bill of Rights is not to grant rights, but to recognize, preserve, secure, and protect rights that already exist.

These rights shall remain superior to all policies, procedures, offices, councils, governance documents, administrative practices, covenants, and subordinate authorities established by NewEarth Tanasi.

## **ARTICLE I RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE**

Every living man and woman possesses the inherent right of conscience.

No person shall be compelled to adopt, abandon, profess, affirm, deny, or modify any sincerely held spiritual, ethical, philosophical, religious, or conscientious belief.

Conscience may be informed, inspired, challenged, discussed, or refined, but never compelled.

## **ARTICLE II RIGHT OF SPIRITUAL PRACTICE**

Every living man and woman possesses the inherent right to worship, pray, meditate, observe sacred rites, participate in spiritual practice, or refrain from such practice according to conscience.

No office, council, steward, elder, ordinary, trustee, member, or collective body may compel participation in worship, prayer, ceremony, or spiritual activity.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **RIGHT OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY**

Every living man and woman possesses the inherent right to peaceably assemble, gather, fellowship, communicate, deliberate, celebrate, mourn, restore, and associate with others.

No peaceful assembly shall be prohibited except where necessary to preserve the equal rights of others.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **RIGHT OF PRIVATE ASSOCIATION**

Every living man and woman possesses the inherent right to voluntarily associate or decline association.

Membership, participation, covenant, stewardship, fellowship, and ministry involvement shall remain voluntary.

No person shall be compelled into association against conscience.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **RIGHT OF SPEECH, EXPRESSION, AND INQUIRY**

Every living man and woman possesses the inherent right to speak truthfully, publish, distribute, communicate ideas, ask questions, express opinions, seek understanding, share experiences, and engage in respectful dialogue.

No office or authority within NewEarth Tanasi may suppress truthful expression through coercion, retaliation, intimidation, censorship, abuse of office, or social pressure.

This right carries the ethical responsibility to avoid fraud, slander, malicious falsehood, intentional deception, and violations of the rights of others.

## **ARTICLE VI RIGHT OF PRIVACY**

Every living man and woman possesses the inherent right to privacy, dignity, confidentiality, personal boundaries, solitude, and peaceful enjoyment of private spaces.

Private communications, spiritual guidance, counseling, covenant discussions, personal information, and private affairs shall be respected according to the governing instruments of NewEarth Tanasi.

## **ARTICLE VII RIGHT OF PRIVATE STEWARDSHIP SPACES**

Every living man and woman possesses the inherent right to the peaceful enjoyment, privacy, security, and exclusive control of stewardship spaces, accommodations, quarters, shelters, cabins, temporary dwellings, or other private spaces lawfully entrusted to his or her care, stewardship, or occupancy.

No member, steward, officer, trustee, ordinary, elder, council, committee, guest, ministry body, event organizer, or collective authority may compel a person to surrender, share, house, accommodate, host, billet, quarter, or provide occupancy within a private stewardship space against his or her will.

Participation in ministry events, gatherings, emergencies, stewardship activities, charitable works, or administrative needs shall not, by themselves, create a right of entry, occupancy, lodging, or use of another person's private stewardship space.

Respect for privacy, personal boundaries, peaceful solitude, and the sanctity of private stewardship spaces shall remain fundamental principles of NewEarth Tanasi.

## **ARTICLE VIII RIGHT TO SECURITY OF PERSON, PROPERTY, RECORDS, AND EFFECTS**

Every living man and woman possesses the inherent right to be secure in his or her person, property, papers, records, communications, private stewardship spaces, personal effects, and lawful possessions.

No office, steward, trustee, ordinary, elder, council, committee, member, ministry body, policy, administrative practice, collective authority, or agent thereof may conduct unreasonable searches, inspections, seizures, confiscations, monitoring, surveillance, intrusions, or examinations of a

person's property, records, communications, stewardship spaces, personal effects, or private affairs.

Access to private property, records, communications, stewardship spaces, or personal effects shall occur only through voluntary consent, covenant authority expressly granted by the governing instruments of NewEarth Tanasi, or due process consistent with Natural Law, this Bill of Rights, the Declaration, and the Charter.

The rights secured by this Article shall be interpreted broadly in favor of privacy, dignity, personal security, stewardship, and the peaceful enjoyment of one's lawful affairs.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prohibit the reasonable observation, monitoring, recording, documentation, or security of property, stewardship spaces, structures, entrances, common areas, agricultural areas, trails, gathering spaces, natural resources, ministry assets, or other areas under a person's lawful stewardship, care, occupancy, ownership, or responsibility.

The incidental capture of persons, activities, property, or surrounding areas visible from such vantage points shall not, by itself, constitute an unreasonable search, intrusion, surveillance, or violation of rights, provided such observation or recording is conducted in good faith for legitimate stewardship, safety, security, documentation, accountability, preservation, or operational purposes.

## **ARTICLE IX RIGHT OF PROPERTY**

Every living man and woman possesses the inherent right to acquire, hold, steward, enjoy, use, exchange, gift, inherit, and peacefully dispose of property.

Property shall not be taken, appropriated, impaired, converted, or deprived without consent, covenant, due process, or lawful cause consistent with Natural Law.

## **ARTICLE X RIGHT OF SELF-PRESERVATION AND DEFENSE**

Every living man and woman possesses the inherent right of self-preservation.

This includes the right to preserve life, protect bodily integrity, pursue health, secure nourishment, seek shelter, cultivate wellness, and defend against unlawful aggression.

The right of self-preservation includes the right to acquire, possess, carry, maintain, train with, and use arms, tools, implements, and other means of defense reasonably necessary for the

preservation of life, liberty, property, family, community, and the inherent rights retained by living men and women.

The right to keep and bear arms is recognized as an inherent and inseparable component of the natural right of self-preservation and defense. It is not granted by NewEarth Tanasi, nor may it be revoked, suspended, impaired, conditioned, licensed, or extinguished by any office, council, steward, elder, ordinary, trustee, policy, procedure, covenant, administrative practice, emergency action, collective body, or ministry authority.

The exercise of this right carries the corresponding duty to respect the equal rights of others, to act ethically, and to remain accountable for one's own actions under Natural Law, the Declaration, this Bill of Rights, and the Charter.

## **ARTICLE XI RIGHT OF BODILY STEWARDSHIP**

Every living man and woman possesses sacred stewardship over his or her own body.

No person shall be compelled by NewEarth Tanasi to undergo medical procedures, treatments, injections, therapies, pharmaceutical interventions, health practices, or bodily intrusions against conscience.

## **ARTICLE XII RIGHT OF DUE PROCESS**

No person shall be deprived of rights, privileges, stewardship responsibilities, participation status, property interests, ministry standing, or reputation without due process.

Due process shall include notice, opportunity to be heard, access to relevant information, impartial review where appropriate, presentation of evidence, and good-faith deliberation.

The burden of proof rests upon the party asserting a claim.

## **ARTICLE XIII PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE**

Every person shall be presumed innocent of wrongdoing unless responsibility is established through credible evidence and fair process.

Rumor, gossip, speculation, hearsay, factional pressure, anonymous accusation, unsupported assumptions, collective opinion, or personal animosity shall not constitute proof.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **RIGHT TO FAIR HEARING, COUNCIL, AND DUE PROCESS**

Every living man and woman possesses the right to a fair, timely, transparent, and impartial hearing concerning any controversy, accusation, dispute, disciplinary action, stewardship matter, covenant disagreement, property matter, or claim brought within the jurisdiction of NewEarth Tanasi.

Every person retains the right:

To remain silent.

To be heard.

To present evidence.

To call witnesses.

To challenge evidence presented against them.

To receive notice of claims asserted against them.

To receive a reasonable opportunity to respond.

To know the identity of any person asserting a claim against them, except where disclosure would create an immediate and substantial threat of unlawful violence or retaliation.

To seek counsel, support, advice, advocacy, or representation from persons of their choosing within the ministry.

Proceedings shall be conducted privately, respectfully, and with appropriate transparency to the parties involved while preserving dignity, confidentiality, due process, and the rights of all concerned.

## **ARTICLE XV**

### **RIGHT TO WITHDRAW CONSENT**

Every member retains the right to withdraw from membership, participation, covenant relationships, activities, offices, or associations according to the governing instruments of NewEarth Tanasi.

Consent may be granted voluntarily and withdrawn voluntarily.

## **ARTICLE XVI FREEDOM FROM COERCION**

No office, steward, elder, ordinary, trustee, council, committee, member, policy, covenant, or ministry authority may compel belief, worship, speech, labor, medical action, financial participation, association, silence, or submission through coercion.

## **ARTICLE XVII FREEDOM FROM COLLECTIVE DOMINATION**

The individual living man or woman is the primary holder of rights.

No majority, collective body, office, council, gathering, policy, administrative practice, emergency measure, covenant, or asserted community interest may erase, diminish, subordinate, redefine, or supersede the rights retained by the individual.

## **ARTICLE XVIII RECIPROCAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The rights recognized and protected by this Bill of Rights are inherent, equal, and reciprocal among living men and women.

No person may lawfully exercise a right in a manner that intentionally destroys, impairs, nullifies, or unlawfully infringes upon the equal rights retained by another.

The exercise of rights carries corresponding responsibilities of ethical conduct, good faith, accountability for one's actions, respect for the dignity of others, and adherence to Natural Law.

No provision of this Bill of Rights shall be interpreted to justify coercion, fraud, theft, trespass, violence, abuse, domination, malicious injury, intentional rights violations, or the deprivation of another person's inherent rights.

Rights exist to preserve liberty, not to create privilege, license, or exemption from responsibility.

## **ARTICLE XIX**

### **RECURRING TO FIRST PRINCIPLES**

The preservation of liberty, peace, justice, and ethical self-governance requires continual reference to Natural Law, conscience, truth, individual rights, voluntary covenant, and the foundational principles expressed in the Declaration, this Bill of Rights, and the Charter of NewEarth Tanasi.

No office, policy, council, procedure, custom, convenience, majority preference, emergency condition, or administrative practice shall be permitted to supersede these first principles.

Whenever uncertainty arises concerning the interpretation of any governing instrument, preference shall be given to interpretations most consistent with liberty, individual rights, ethical restraint, voluntary association, and Natural Law.

## **ARTICLE XX**

### **SANCTITY OF CONSENT AND VOLUNTARY COVENANT**

All legitimate authority arises from consent.

Every living man and woman possesses the inherent right to enter into, decline, maintain, modify, or withdraw from lawful agreements, covenants, associations, relationships, engagements, and voluntary obligations according to conscience, good faith, and the governing instruments of NewEarth Tanasi.

Lawful covenants and agreements voluntarily entered into by competent and consenting parties shall be respected and honored according to their stated terms, purposes, and intent.

No office, steward, trustee, ordinary, elder, council, committee, policy, administrative practice, collective body, or subordinate authority may arbitrarily impair, rewrite, nullify, redefine, or interfere with lawful agreements, stewardship arrangements, covenant relationships, or voluntary obligations except through due process, mutual agreement, or authority expressly established within the governing instruments of NewEarth Tanasi.

The mere existence of an office, position, majority opinion, administrative preference, or asserted community interest shall not create authority to alter the lawful agreements of others.

Consent remains the ethical foundation of voluntary association, stewardship, covenant, and governance throughout NewEarth Tanasi.

**ARTICLE XXI**  
**RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

The enumeration of certain rights within this Bill of Rights shall not be construed to deny, diminish, disparage, impair, or exclude other Natural, inherent, and Creator-originated rights retained by living men and women.

All rights not expressly delegated remain retained by the People.

**ARTICLE XXII**  
**SUPREMACY OF RIGHTS**

No office, steward, trustee, ordinary, elder, council, committee, covenant, governance document, policy, procedure, administrative practice, emergency action, amendment, or collective body may violate, diminish, circumvent, redefine, subordinate, impair, suspend, or create exceptions to the rights recognized and protected by this Bill of Rights.

The rights retained by living men and women shall remain paramount throughout the governance and operation of NewEarth Tanasi.

# **CHARTER OF NEWEARTH TANASI**

## **A Charter of Ecclesiastical Stewardship, Natural Law, Voluntary Covenant, and Sacred Governance**

### **PREAMBLE**

NewEarth Tanasi is established as a private ecclesiastical ministry, sacred stewardship community, and covenant body rooted in Natural Law, Creator-originated rights, ethical responsibility, peaceful assembly, land stewardship, and the free exercise of conscience.

This Charter is adopted to define the purpose, structure, jurisdiction, principles, duties, rights, and internal governance of NewEarth Tanasi and to provide a foundational model for all future aligned NewEarth locations in the geographical area known as North America.

NewEarth Tanasi affirms that human beings are not creatures of government, administrative systems, corporate entities, or institutional permission, but living men and women endowed by the Creator with inherent unalienable rights, conscience, reason, ethical agency, and sacred dignity.

The People are the source from which all legitimate civil authority is derived. Rights are inherent and cannot be created, granted, diminished, or revoked by statute. Conscience is not subject to license. Stewardship is not dependent upon administrative permission. Voluntary covenant among free people is a fundamental expression of liberty and self-governance. All legitimate civil authority arises solely from the consent of the People and is justly exercised only for the preservation of peace, liberty, rights, and property.

NewEarth Tanasi therefore exists as a peaceful, lawful, private, ecclesiastical expression of these enduring principles, operating through covenant, conscience, stewardship, and ethical self-governance among free people.

# **ARTICLE I**

## **NAME AND IDENTITY**

### **Section 1. Name**

The name of this ecclesiastical body shall be NewEarth Tanasi.

### **Section 2. Nature**

NewEarth Tanasi is a private ecclesiastical ministry and sacred stewardship community organized for worship, fellowship, restoration, land stewardship, charitable work, spiritual life, natural health, regenerative agriculture, lawful assembly, ethical governance, and the peaceful exercise of Creator-endowed rights.

### **Section 3. Ecclesiastical Standing**

NewEarth Tanasi is not established as a public commercial venue, secular development, entertainment enterprise, subdivision, resort, campground, retail operation, or ordinary business association.

Its purposes, relationships, gatherings, offerings, internal agreements, stewardship arrangements, land uses, and member activities are to be understood within the context of private ecclesiastical ministry, voluntary covenant, sacred stewardship, and protected religious exercise.

### **Section 4. Foundational Declaration**

The Declaration of NewEarth Tanasi shall serve as the philosophical root of this Charter. Natural Law is the foundational seed from which the Declaration derives its authority, principles, and purpose. This Charter exists to give practical form, order, continuity, and governance structure to the principles declared therein.

# **ARTICLE II**

## **FOUNDATION AND SOURCE OF RIGHTS**

### **Section 1. Creator-Originated Rights**

NewEarth Tanasi affirms that all Natural, inherent, and unalienable rights originate from the Creator and are inseparable from the dignity, sovereignty, and sacred nature of human life itself.

These rights are not granted by civil government, administrative systems, political majorities, corporate entities, public opinion, or institutional permission.

NewEarth Tanasi recognizes that members may hold differing views concerning the nature of creation and the origin of existence. For purposes of this Charter, the term "Creator" is used as a unifying expression referring to the originating source from which life, existence, and the inherent dignity of human beings arise. NewEarth Tanasi neither prescribes nor favors any particular theological, philosophical, scientific, or metaphysical interpretation of that source.

### **Section 2. The Individual Living Man and Woman**

The smallest minority is the individual living man or woman.

All Natural, inherent rights are bestowed upon the individual, not the collective. No collective claim, political theory, administrative policy, majority preference, or asserted “greater good” may ethically extinguish the inherent rights of the individual.

Community is sacred only when it honors the sovereignty of each living man and woman within it.

### **Section 3. The People**

The People are not mere legal abstractions, economic units, administrative subjects, or creatures of the State.

The People are living men and women possessing both material and immaterial dimensions of existence, including body, mind, will, emotion, conscience, reason, spirit, consciousness, and ethical agency. Human dignity does not arise from administrative recognition, but is inherent to the nature of human life itself.

No just system of governance may reduce human life solely to identification, regulation, property, economic utility, or administrative classification.

## **Section 4. Natural Law**

Natural Law is the enduring ethical order inherent in creation. It recognizes life, liberty, conscience, property, self-preservation, voluntary association, stewardship, truth, reciprocity, responsibility, and non-aggression as principles prior to political authority.

Civil systems are just only insofar as they recognize and do not violate this order.

# **ARTICLE III**

## **PURPOSES OF NEWEARTH TANASI**

NewEarth Tanasi exists for the following sacred and lawful purposes:

### **Section 1. Worship and Spiritual Life**

To provide a protected place for worship, prayer, sacred ceremony, fellowship, spiritual devotion, healing, restoration, reconciliation, rites of passage, and communion with the Creator.

### **Section 2. Peaceful Assembly**

To provide a private place where members may peaceably assemble, gather, deliberate, celebrate, mourn, heal, grow, transmit wisdom, and strengthen community in accordance with conscience and covenant.

### **Section 3. Sacred Land Stewardship**

To steward land responsibly as sacred ground, not merely as commercial real estate, commodity, speculation, or administrative parcel.

The land shall be used for worship, agriculture, restoration, gathering, natural living, ecological care, member stewardship, and the long-term flourishing of the ministry community.

### **Section 4. Natural Health and Restoration**

To support the restoration of human health, bodily sovereignty, lawful natural wellness practices, clean food, regenerative living, and the sacred duty of self-preservation.

NewEarth Tanasi affirms that the body is not the property of the State, and that stewardship over one's own life, health, conscience, and bodily integrity is among the most fundamental expressions of Natural Law.

### **Section 5. Ethical Governance**

To establish a model of peaceful, restrained, accountable, consent-based internal governance rooted in Natural Law, ethical duty, voluntary covenant, and mutual responsibility.

### **Section 6. Charitable and Community Work**

To provide charitable support, fellowship, restoration, sanctuary, guidance, and practical assistance to members and aligned communities where lawful, appropriate, and consistent with the ministry's sacred purposes.

## **Section 7. Transmission of Wisdom**

To preserve and transmit spiritual, historical, agricultural, constitutional, ecclesiastical, and Natural Law principles through gatherings, writings, mentorship, apprenticeship, sacred guidance, and community practice.

## **Section 8. Future Replication**

To establish a coherent model for future NewEarth ecclesiastical locations throughout the geographical area known as North America, each rooted in the same principles of Natural Law, voluntary covenant, sacred stewardship, ethical self-governance, and Creator-originated rights.

# **ARTICLE IV**

## **ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION**

### **Section 1. Private Ecclesiastical Domain**

NewEarth Tanasi operates in the private ecclesiastical domain among members, stewards, elders, ministers, families, guests, and covenant participants.

Its internal affairs are governed by this Charter, its Declaration, its Bill of Rights, its Member Covenants, its Stewardship Covenants, and its internal ecclesiastical governance framework.

### **Section 2. Internal Affairs**

Matters of doctrine, worship, sacred practice, ministry governance, member discipline, internal stewardship, spiritual guidance, private assembly, ecclesiastical roles, covenant relationships, ministry purpose, internal dispute resolution, land stewardship, resource administration, and covenant interpretation are internal affairs of NewEarth Tanasi and shall be governed according to its Declaration, Charter, Bill of Rights, Covenants, ethical principles, and internal governance processes.

Such matters are to be handled according to the ministry's own sacred processes, ethical principles, covenants, and internal governance. The mere assertion of controversy, complaint, disagreement, offense, unsubstantiated allegation, or alleged harm shall not, by itself, alter the private ecclesiastical character of an internal matter, nor create jurisdiction where none otherwise exists.

### **Section 3. No Waiver of Rights**

No participation in NewEarth Tanasi shall be construed as a waiver of inherent rights, constitutional protections, ecclesiastical protections, property rights, privacy rights, due process, conscience, or any lawful remedy.

NewEarth Tanasi reserves all rights and waives none.

### **Section 4. Relationship to Civil Authority**

NewEarth Tanasi honors peace, justice, lawful process, and the proper protection of rights and property.

Civil authority remains legitimate only where it is limited, delegated, restrained, accountable, consent-based, and exercised for the lawful preservation of peace, liberty, rights, and property.

NewEarth Tanasi does not exist by permission of government. Its rights are recognized and protected by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Tennessee; it exists by Natural Right, by conscience, by voluntary covenant, and by the Creator-originated dignity of the People.

## **Section 5. Standards for Civil Inquiry**

Any civil inquiry, demand, inspection, enforcement action, or administrative claim directed toward NewEarth Tanasi should be grounded in specific law, specific delegated authority, specific facts, specific conduct, and a clear showing of lawful jurisdiction.

Speculation, appearance, assumption, hostility toward unconventional religious practice, or administrative preference shall not be treated as lawful grounds for intrusion into protected ecclesiastical activity.

# ARTICLE V

## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

### Section 1. Nature of Governance

Governance within NewEarth Tanasi shall be ecclesiastical, ethical, consent-based, limited, restrained, accountable, and subordinate to the inherent rights of the individual living man or woman.

No internal office, council, elder, minister, trustee, steward, or administrative body may claim authority superior to Natural Law, conscience, Creator-originated rights, or this Charter.

### Section 2. Offices of Stewardship

NewEarth Tanasi may establish offices of stewardship necessary for the proper care, administration, and protection of the ministry, including but not limited to:

- Presiding Elder
- Ordinaries
- Trustees
- Stewardship Council
- Ministry Officers
- Land Stewards
- Ceremonial Stewards
- Health and Restoration Stewards
- Agricultural Stewards
- Member Relations Stewards
- Ethics Council
- Administrative Stewards
- Security and Peacekeeping Stewards
- Records and Covenant Stewards

All offices are positions of service, not domination.

### Section 3. Presiding Elder

The Presiding Elder shall serve as the primary ecclesiastical steward of the NewEarth Tanasi ministry, charged with preserving alignment with the Declaration, this Charter, the Bill of Rights, the sacred purposes of the ministry, and the Natural Law principles upon which it stands.

The Presiding Elder does not possess arbitrary power, but serves under ethical duty, covenant responsibility, and the foundational rights retained by the People.

## **Section 4. Ordinaries**

Ordinaries are ecclesiastical stewards entrusted with the ongoing care, administration, oversight, and continuity of specific ministries, lands, functions, regions, programs, stewardships, or responsibilities within NewEarth Tanasi.

An Ordinary serves as a guardian of alignment, ensuring that the activities entrusted to his or her care remain consistent with the Declaration, this Charter, the Bill of Rights, Natural Law, and the sacred purposes of NewEarth Tanasi.

The authority of an Ordinary is administrative and stewardial in nature, not sovereign. An Ordinary may coordinate, facilitate, guide, organize, and oversee the responsibilities entrusted to the office, but may not exercise arbitrary power, compel conscience, violate the rights of any living man or woman, or act contrary to the principles established by the governing documents of NewEarth Tanasi.

Ordinaries hold offices of responsibility rather than privilege, and are expected to serve with humility, ethical restraint, accountability, transparency, and fidelity to the rights retained by the People.

Where multiple Ordinaries serve within NewEarth Tanasi, each shall exercise stewardship only within the sphere of responsibility entrusted to that office, while remaining accountable to the Declaration, this Charter, the Bill of Rights, the Presiding Elder, and the sacred purposes of the ministry.

## **Section 5. Trustees**

Trustees shall hold fiduciary and stewardship responsibilities for the protection, care, continuity, and lawful administration of ministry assets, land, records, covenants, and mission.

Trustees shall act in service to the ministry's sacred purposes and may not convert ministry property, offerings, stewardship rights, or community assets to private misuse, self-interested control, or purposes contrary to this Charter.

## **Section 6. Stewardship Council**

A Stewardship Council may be formed to assist with practical governance, land use, membership matters, gathering logistics, internal concerns, operational alignment, resource allocation, and long-term planning.

The Stewardship Council shall operate by deliberation, record, ethical restraint, and alignment with this Charter.

## **Section 7. Ethics Council**

An Ethics Council may be established to review internal disputes, conduct concerns, covenant violations, conflicts of interest, claims of coercion, abuse of authority, misuse of resources, or actions contrary to the principles of NewEarth Tanasi.

The Ethics Council shall serve restoration, truth, accountability, reconciliation, and the protection of rights.

## **Section 8. Limits on Authority**

No officer, trustee, elder, ordinary, steward, council, member, or collective body may:

Violate the inherent rights of an individual living man or woman.

Compel belief, worship, speech, medical choice, financial participation, labor, association, or silence.

Convert ministry governance into domination.

Use the collective to erase the rights of the individual.

Act outside the Declaration, this Charter, the Bill of Rights, or Natural Law.

Claim authority divorced from consent, ethical restraint, and the protection of life, liberty, rights, and property.

# **ARTICLE VI**

## **MEMBERSHIP AND COVENANT**

### **Section 1. Voluntary Membership**

Membership in NewEarth Tanasi is private, voluntary, covenantal, and ecclesiastical.

No person is compelled to join. No person is compelled to remain. No person is compelled to believe, worship, participate, donate, labor, or associate against conscience.

### **Section 2. Classes of Participation**

NewEarth Tanasi may recognize various forms of participation, including but not limited to:

- Members
- Stewards
- Elders
- Ordinaries
- Trustees
- Ministry Officers
- Guests
- Visiting Members
- Supporting Members
- Land Stewards
- Event Participants
- Covenant Families
- Affiliated Ministries
- Future Location Founders

Each class may carry distinct rights, duties, expectations, access privileges, responsibilities, and internal processes as defined by covenant.

### **Section 3. Member Covenant**

The Member Covenant shall define the relationship between NewEarth Tanasi and its members.

Such covenant may include expectations regarding peaceful conduct, respect for land, respect for others, privacy, dispute resolution, stewardship duties, gathering protocols, use of ministry spaces, sacred conduct, offerings, confidentiality, and alignment with the Declaration, this Charter, and the Bill of Rights.

## **Section 4. Consent**

All membership relationships shall be grounded in informed, voluntary consent.

Consent may not be manufactured through deception, coercion, pressure, concealment, retaliation, dependency, or abuse of office.

## **Section 5. Withdrawal**

Any member may withdraw from membership according to the procedures established by covenant, provided that existing stewardship duties, unresolved disputes, property matters, or lawful obligations are addressed in good faith.

## **Section 6. Discipline and Restoration**

Discipline within NewEarth Tanasi shall be restorative wherever possible.

The purpose of discipline is not punishment, domination, humiliation, or exclusion for its own sake, but the protection of rights, restoration of harmony, accountability for conduct, and preservation of the ministry's sacred purpose.

When removal is necessary, it shall be handled with record, cause, fairness, and respect for due process within the ecclesiastical context.

# ARTICLE VII

## RIGHTS RETAINED BY MEMBERS

NewEarth Tanasi recognizes that membership does not create, grant, diminish, or extinguish the inherent rights retained by living men and women. Members retain all Natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, including but not limited to:

The right of conscience.

The right of peaceful assembly.

The right of spiritual practice.

The right to speak truthfully and respectfully.

The right of private association.

The right of self-preservation.

The right of bodily stewardship.

The right of property.

The right of due process within internal ministry proceedings.

The right to peaceful solitude and personal privacy, free from harassment, coercion, social pressure, or unwanted intrusion, except where participation is reasonably required by covenant, stewardship obligations, due process, safety, or the lawful administration of the ministry.

The right to quiet enjoyment of the land and ministry spaces consistent with the rights of others and the peaceful purposes of the community.

The right to decline participation in rites, ceremonies, offerings, activities, or obligations not freely accepted by covenant.

The right to be free from coercion, retaliation, arbitrary discipline, spiritual abuse, financial manipulation, or compelled belief.

The right to raise concerns through internal processes.

The right to withdraw from membership according to covenant.

The right to have internal disputes heard through fair ecclesiastical process.

The right to be treated as a living man or woman possessing sacred dignity, not as a mere administrative unit.

# ARTICLE VIII

## DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Members of NewEarth Tanasi are expected to uphold the following duties:

To honor Natural Law, conscience, responsible stewardship of the land, and the ethical treatment of living beings while preserving the health, safety, rights, property, and well-being of the community.

To respect the inherent rights, dignity, privacy, and sovereignty of others.

To preserve peace and act truthfully, ethically, and in good faith in all dealings with fellow members, guests, neighbors, and the ministry.

To steward land, resources, facilities, and ministry property responsibly and with care for future generations.

To keep covenant faithfully and fulfill voluntarily accepted responsibilities and obligations.

To avoid coercion, fraud, violence, theft, trespass, exploitation, abuse, retaliation, harassment, and other conduct contrary to Natural Law and the principles of NewEarth Tanasi.

To communicate honestly, respectfully, and directly, and to refrain from gossip, rumor, slander, character assassination, malicious speculation, unnecessary disclosure of private matters, faction-building, or other forms of unethical social conduct that undermine trust, dignity, reconciliation, or community harmony.

To respect confidentiality and honor the privacy, peace, and reasonable boundaries of others, including private spaces, sacred spaces, ceremonies, gatherings, stewardship areas, and ministry property.

To resolve disputes through peaceful, respectful, and internal processes whenever appropriate and consistent with the rights of all parties involved.

To protect the rights of the individual living man or woman and to refrain from using the collective to dominate, diminish, or erase those rights.

To contribute to the ministry according to voluntary agreement, capacity, covenant, and good-faith stewardship.

To act in alignment with the Declaration, the Bill of Rights, this Charter, duly adopted Covenants, and other governance documents established in accordance therewith, consistent with the sacred purposes of NewEarth Tanasi.

# **ARTICLE IX**

## **LAND STEWARDSHIP**

### **Section 1. Sacred Ground**

The land of NewEarth Tanasi is sacred ground held for ecclesiastical, spiritual, agricultural, charitable, restorative, and community purposes.

It shall not be treated merely as a commodity, commercial development, speculative asset, or ordinary public venue.

### **Section 2. Stewardship Principles**

Land stewardship shall be guided by:

Reverence for creation.

Regenerative agriculture.

Minimal harm.

Responsible use.

Water stewardship, soil regeneration, responsible forestry, pollinator support, wildlife habitat preservation, and the promotion of ecological balance.

Sacred gathering.

Natural beauty.

Low-impact infrastructure.

Member stewardship.

Restoration of health, community, and relationship.

### **Section 3. Ministry Spaces**

NewEarth Tanasi may establish ministry spaces including but not limited to:

Sanctuary spaces

Gathering halls

Prayer areas

Meditation areas

Fellowship areas  
Agricultural spaces  
Food preparation areas  
Healing and restoration areas  
Steward dwellings, accommodations, and caretaker or support facilities  
Workshops  
Storage areas  
Ceremonial grounds  
Elemental circles  
Formation and Transmission Spaces  
Administrative offices  
Guest reception areas  
Natural health spaces  
Stewardship plots  
Gardens  
Trails  
Water systems  
Off-grid systems  
Portable, temporary, or low-impact structures

All such spaces shall be understood according to their ecclesiastical purpose and not presumed to be public commercial facilities.

#### **Section 4. Stewardship Dwellings and Quarters**

Where appropriate, NewEarth Tanasi may provide or permit stewardship dwellings, quarters, cabins, shelters, temporary structures, movable structures, or low-impact temporary stewardship accommodations for members, stewards, caretakers, ministers, guests, or covenant participants.

Such spaces are connected to ministry purpose, land stewardship, member participation, retreat, restoration, and sacred community life.

#### **Section 5. Low-Impact Development**

NewEarth Tanasi favors modest, natural, low-impact, non-invasive, removable, temporary, off-grid, or minimally disruptive structures wherever feasible.

Light-footprint improvements shall not be presumed to constitute ordinary commercial development merely because they are unfamiliar to conventional administrative categories.

#### **Section 6. Agriculture and Food Sovereignty**

NewEarth Tanasi affirms the right and duty to cultivate food, steward soil, preserve seeds, raise lawful animals where appropriate, support local farmers, and restore a sacred relationship between people, land, nourishment, health, and community.

Food sovereignty is an expression of self-preservation, land stewardship, and Natural Law.

# **ARTICLE X**

## **HEALTH, BODY, AND SELF-PRESERVATION**

### **Section 1. Bodily Stewardship**

Each living man and woman retains sacred stewardship over his or her own body.

The body is not the property of the State, the collective, a medical system, an employer, a corporation, or any administrative authority.

### **Section 2. Health Sovereignty**

NewEarth Tanasi affirms health sovereignty as an expression of Natural Law, self-preservation, conscience, and ethical responsibility.

Members retain the right to pursue lawful natural health practices, decline unwanted interventions, seek restoration, cultivate wellness, and make informed choices concerning their own body and life.

### **Section 3. No Medical Coercion**

No member shall be compelled by NewEarth Tanasi to accept any medical procedure, pharmaceutical product, injection, treatment, therapy, supplement, intervention, or health practice against conscience.

NewEarth Tanasi may provide spiritual support, natural health guidance, restoration spaces, and lawful wellness resources, but individual choice remains sacred.

### **Section 4. Responsibility**

Health sovereignty carries responsibility.

Members are expected to act truthfully, refrain from fraud, respect the rights of others, avoid reckless harm, and make health decisions according to conscience, knowledge, and ethical care.

# **ARTICLE XI**

## **OFFERINGS, DONATIONS, AND STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES**

### **Section 1. Private Offerings**

NewEarth Tanasi may receive offerings, donations, tithes, gifts, grants, stewardship contributions, membership support, land stewardship contributions, and other lawful resources aligned with its sacred purposes.

### **Section 2. Non-Commercial Character**

Offerings and stewardship contributions are received within the ecclesiastical and private covenant context of the ministry.

They are not to be presumed to be ordinary retail purchases, securities, public investments, commercial sales, or speculative financial instruments unless explicitly structured as such under separate lawful arrangement.

### **Section 3. Stewardship of Resources**

All resources entrusted to NewEarth Tanasi shall be held, administered, and applied for the ministry's sacred purposes, including land stewardship, gatherings, infrastructure, restoration, charity, administration, agriculture, member support, future development, and long-term continuity.

### **Section 4. No Private Misuse**

No officer, trustee, ordinary, presiding elder, steward, member, or affiliated party may misuse ministry resources, stewardship assets, offerings, facilities, opportunities, or positions of trust for self-dealing, deception, exploitation, conflicts of interest, personal appropriation, or purposes contrary to the Declaration, the Bill of Rights, this Charter, or the sacred purposes of NewEarth Tanasi.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit reasonable compensation, reimbursement, stipends, stewardship support, ministry-related expenses, or other forms of support that are transparently authorized, ethically administered, properly documented, and consistent with the governing instruments and sacred purposes of NewEarth Tanasi.

## **Section 5. Personal Endeavors and Independent Opportunities**

Participation in NewEarth Tanasi, presence upon ministry property, involvement in ministry activities, or relationships formed through the ministry shall not, by themselves, create any claim of ownership, entitlement, control, or beneficial interest by the ministry over the lawful personal endeavors, independent projects, professional activities, intellectual property, opportunities, relationships, compensation, donations, assets, or resources of any individual.

No officer, trustee, ordinary, presiding elder, financial steward, council, or ministry body may presume that property, assets, opportunities, or compensation belong to the ministry solely because they arose during ministry participation, occurred upon ministry property, involved ministry members, or were connected in some manner to ministry activities.

Ministry resources, offerings, designated donations, and assets intentionally contributed to NewEarth Tanasi shall remain subject to ministry stewardship. Conversely, personal property, independent endeavors, and resources lawfully acquired through the efforts, relationships, labor, creativity, investment, or stewardship of an individual shall remain the property of that individual unless expressly and voluntarily contributed by covenant, agreement, gift, or written designation.

## **Section 6. Records**

NewEarth Tanasi shall maintain appropriate internal records concerning ministry offerings, stewardship contributions, expenditures, covenants, governance actions, minutes, decisions, designated ministry assets, and other matters reasonably necessary for the stewardship, continuity, accountability, and lawful administration of the ministry according to its private ecclesiastical record keeping practices.

The maintenance of ministry records shall not, by itself, create any presumption that personal property, independent endeavors, lawful compensation, private transactions, intellectual property, relationships, opportunities, assets, or resources belonging to an individual constitute ministry property or ministry resources.

No officer, trustee, ordinary, presiding elder, steward, financial steward, council, committee, or ministry body shall use record keeping authority to manufacture claims, create presumptions, infer wrongdoing, assert ownership, initiate disciplinary actions, or otherwise impair the rights, reputation, standing, or property of any individual based solely upon speculation, disagreement, incomplete information, unverified assumptions, or differing interpretations of lawful activities.

Questions concerning stewardship, ownership, compensation, contributions, expenditures, opportunities, or the use of resources shall be reviewed according to principles of good faith, due process, transparency, factual evidence, ethical restraint, and respect for the rights retained by the individual.

The existence of a ministry relationship, ministry participation, ministry office, ministry activity, ministry property, ministry introduction, ministry gathering, ministry event, or ministry record shall not, by itself, create a ministry ownership interest in property, assets, opportunities,

compensation, relationships, endeavors, or resources that have not been expressly designated, contributed, assigned, or transferred to the ministry through voluntary covenant, agreement, gift, or other documented act of conveyance.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **GATHERINGS, CEREMONIES, AND PRIVATE ASSEMBLY**

#### **Section 1. Sacred Gatherings**

NewEarth Tanasi may host private gatherings, ceremonies, assemblies, retreats, seasonal events, councils, fellowships, meals, sacred fires, rites, transmissions, restoration sessions, member meetings, agricultural gatherings, and ministry functions.

#### **Section 2. Private Nature**

Gatherings of NewEarth Tanasi are private ecclesiastical assemblies unless expressly designated otherwise.

Participation may be limited to members, invited guests, stewards, elders, ministers, families, affiliated ministries, or covenant participants.

#### **Section 3. Conduct**

All participants shall conduct themselves with peace, respect, sobriety of purpose, reverence for the land, respect for others, and alignment with the ministry's sacred standards.

#### **Section 4. Safety and Peacekeeping**

NewEarth Tanasi may establish internal peacekeeping, safety, emergency, fire, land-use, health, and gathering protocols to preserve order, protect rights, and prevent harm.

Such protocols shall be exercised with restraint, fairness, and respect for the dignity of all living men and women.

# **ARTICLE XIII**

## **INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

### **Section 1. Ecclesiastical Process**

Internal disputes shall first be addressed through private ecclesiastical processes whenever appropriate, including conversation, mediation, council review, elder review, restorative process, written record, and ethical deliberation.

### **Section 2. Restoration First**

The purpose of dispute resolution shall be truth, restoration, protection of rights, reconciliation where possible, correction of harm, and preservation of peace.

### **Section 3. Due Process**

No member, steward, officer, trustee, ordinary, presiding elder, affiliated party, or participant shall be disciplined, censured, removed, restricted, publicly accused, deprived of ministry privileges, deprived of stewardship responsibilities, or subjected to adverse ministry action without due process consistent with the Declaration, the Bill of Rights, this Charter, Natural Law, and the sacred purposes of NewEarth Tanasi.

Due process shall include fair notice of the matter at issue, a reasonable opportunity to be heard, access to relevant information upon which the matter is based, impartial review where appropriate, written cause, and the opportunity to present evidence, witnesses, explanations, or responses in good faith.

No adverse action shall be based solely upon rumor, gossip, speculation, factional pressure, anonymous accusation, unverified claims, personal animosity, conflicts of personality, disagreement concerning lawful activities, incomplete information, administrative preference, or unsupported assumptions.

The mere assertion of controversy, complaint, offense, alleged harm, financial concern, ownership dispute, covenant disagreement, or suspected misconduct shall not be deemed proof of wrongdoing, nor shall it create a presumption against the individual.

The burden of proof rests upon the party asserting a claim.

No person shall be presumed responsible for wrongdoing absent credible evidence, good-faith inquiry, and fair process consistent with this Charter.

Rumor, gossip, speculation, hearsay, factional pressure, collective opinion, personal animosity, unsupported assumptions, or unverified allegations shall not, by themselves, constitute proof.

All proceedings shall be conducted with respect for privacy, dignity, confidentiality, truth, reconciliation, ethical restraint, and the rights retained by the individual living man or woman.

Whenever reasonably possible and consistent with the protection of rights, the purpose of ministry discipline shall be restoration, clarification, reconciliation, accountability, and the preservation of peace rather than punishment, retaliation, humiliation, exclusion, or domination.

#### **Section 4. Conflicts of Interest**

Any officer, steward, trustee, elder, or council member with a direct conflict of interest in a dispute shall disclose the conflict and may be recused from decision-making.

#### **Section 5. Serious Harm**

Claims involving actual violence, theft, fraud, abuse, coercion, severe rights violations, or material harm may require additional processes, protective action, or lawful remedies beyond ordinary internal mediation.

# **ARTICLE XIV**

## **PRIVACY, RECORDS, AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

### **Section 1. Privacy**

NewEarth Tanasi respects the privacy of elders, ordinaries, members, families, guests, stewards, donors, ministers, and participants.

Private membership records, covenants, spiritual communications, pastoral communications, stewardship records, internal disputes, and personal information shall be handled with care.

### **Section 2. Confidential Communications**

Spiritual guidance, member counseling, internal dispute communications, pastoral communications, and confidential ministry matters shall be respected according to the ministry's internal standards and lawful protections.

### **Section 3. Records**

Records shall be maintained for continuity, accountability, stewardship, and lawful administration.

Records may include charters, covenants, minutes, member records, stewardship agreements, offerings, land records, event records, incident records, decisions, policies, and sacred writings.

### **Section 4. Protection from Unlawful Intrusion**

NewEarth Tanasi is a private ecclesiastical ministry operating through voluntary covenant, private association, and the exercise of rights protected by Natural Law, the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Tennessee. Its internal affairs, records, governance, sacred spaces, member information, stewardship activities, covenants, ceremonies, ministry practices, and ecclesiastical functions shall remain private and subject to the ministry's own governance, stewardship, and record keeping processes.

No allegation, controversy, complaint, disagreement, administrative interest, regulatory preference, speculative concern, or unsubstantiated claim shall, by itself, alter the private ecclesiastical character of the ministry, convert an internal matter into a public one, create jurisdiction where none otherwise exists, or defeat the separation between church and state.

The ministry's records, communications, stewardship activities, internal proceedings, covenant relationships, and ecclesiastical affairs are maintained for private ministry purposes and shall not be presumed subject to public oversight, public administration, public disclosure, or external governance merely by virtue of their existence.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to diminish the rights retained by individuals, the protections afforded by due process, the lawful stewardship of ministry resources, or the ethical obligations of accountability established by the Declaration, the Bill of Rights, this Charter, and Natural Law.

# **ARTICLE XV**

## **ETHICAL LIMITS AND PROHIBITED CONDUCT**

### **Section 1. Abuse of Authority**

No person holding office or influence within NewEarth Tanasi may use that position to dominate, exploit, silence, intimidate, manipulate, coerce, or control another living man or woman.

### **Section 2. Prohibited Conduct**

The following conduct is contrary to this Charter:

- Violence
- Threats
- Theft
- Fraud
- Coercion
- Exploitation
- Retaliation
- Spiritual abuse
- Financial manipulation
- Misuse of ministry resources
- False accusation
- Intentional deception
- Violation of privacy
- Harassment
- Trespass
- Destruction of land or property
- Abuse of office
- Compelled belief
- Compelled medical action
- Suppression of conscience
- Collectivist erasure of individual rights

### **Section 3. Protection of the Individual**

No collective body, council, majority, office, gathering, policy, or asserted community interest may override the inherent rights of the individual living man or woman.

The rights of the individual are not subject to cancellation by popularity, convenience, fear, expediency, or administrative preference.

### **Section 4. Ethical Restraint**

All authority within NewEarth Tanasi must remain restrained by conscience, Natural Law, voluntary covenant, individual rights, truth, due process, and the lawful protection of life, liberty, rights, and property.

# **ARTICLE XVI**

## **RELATIONSHIP WITH NEIGHBORS AND CIVIL COMMUNITY**

### **Section 1. Peaceful Neighborliness**

NewEarth Tanasi shall seek to live peaceably with neighbors and surrounding communities.

It shall endeavor to avoid nuisance, unnecessary conflict, trespass, pollution, reckless conduct, or disregard for the legitimate rights and property of others.

### **Section 2. Good-Faith Communication**

Where questions arise with neighbors, local authorities, agencies, or community members, NewEarth Tanasi shall seek clarity, record, good-faith communication, and peaceful resolution.

### **Section 3. No Hostility Toward Civil Society**

NewEarth Tanasi does not exist to create hostility, disorder, or conflict.

It exists to demonstrate responsible liberty, sacred stewardship, peaceful community, ethical self-governance, and the practical restoration of Natural Law principles.

### **Section 4. Rights Preserved**

Peaceful neighborliness shall not be construed as submission to unlawful intrusion, waiver of rights, abandonment of ecclesiastical standing, or consent to administrative overreach.

NewEarth Tanasi may be peaceful without being passive, cooperative without being submissive, and respectful without surrendering rights.

# **ARTICLE XVII**

## **FUTURE NEWEARTH LOCATIONS**

### **Section 1. Replicable Framework**

This Charter may serve as a foundational model for future NewEarth ecclesiastical locations in the geographical area known as North America.

Each location may adapt operational details to its land, membership, climate, local needs, stewardship model, and lawful context, while preserving the core principles of Natural Law, Creator-originated rights, individual sovereignty, voluntary covenant, and sacred stewardship.

### **Section 2. Local Stewardship**

Each location shall be locally stewarded and internally governed according to its own covenant structure, while remaining aligned with the broader NewEarth principles reflected in the Declaration, the Bill of Rights, and this Charter.

### **Section 3. No Centralized Domination**

No future NewEarth location shall be reduced to a franchise of control, corporate hierarchy, or centralized domination.

Alignment shall be rooted in shared principles, covenant, stewardship, ethics, and consent.

### **Section 4. Mutual Support**

Aligned NewEarth locations may cooperate, support one another, share resources, coordinate gatherings, exchange knowledge, and strengthen the broader NewEarth mission while preserving the autonomy and stewardship responsibilities of each local body.

# ARTICLE XVIII

## HIERARCHY OF GOVERNING INSTRUMENTS

### Section 1. Foundational Authority

Natural Law is the foundational authority from which the Declaration, Bill of Rights, Charter, Covenants, governance documents, policies, procedures, offices, councils, and stewardship structures of NewEarth Tanasi derive their legitimacy, purpose, and ethical foundation.

All governing instruments of NewEarth Tanasi shall be interpreted and administered in a manner consistent with Natural Law, the inherent rights retained by living men and women, the dignity of the People, voluntary covenant, ethical stewardship, private association, ecclesiastical autonomy, and the sacred purposes of the ministry.

### Section 2. Enumerated Hierarchy

In the event of conflict, ambiguity, inconsistency, competing interpretations, or questions of authority among the governing instruments of NewEarth Tanasi, the following order of authority shall prevail:

1. Natural Law
2. Declaration of NewEarth Tanasi
3. Bill of Rights of NewEarth Tanasi
4. Charter of NewEarth Tanasi
5. Duly Adopted Covenants
6. Governance Documents established pursuant thereto
7. Policies, Procedures, Guidelines, Administrative Practices, and Operational Standards

No subordinate governing instrument may contradict, diminish, circumvent, override, impair, or reinterpret a superior governing instrument.

### Section 3. Rule of Construction

The governing instruments of NewEarth Tanasi shall be interpreted according to their stated purpose, plain meaning, context, declared definitions, spirit, and intent.

Whenever multiple interpretations are possible, preference shall be given to interpretations that preserve:

Natural Law.

The rights retained by the individual living man or woman.

Liberty of conscience.

Due process.

Voluntary covenant.

Ethical restraint.

Privacy.

Private association.

Ecclesiastical autonomy.

Stewardship responsibility.

Peaceful resolution of disputes.

The sacred purposes of NewEarth Tanasi.

Interpretations that expand coercion, centralized control, administrative domination, involuntary obligation, presumed jurisdiction, collective supremacy over individual rights, or restrictions upon inherent rights shall be disfavored.

#### **Section 4. Definitions and Interpretation**

The Declaration, Bill of Rights, Charter, Covenants, governance documents, policies, records, and other governing instruments of NewEarth Tanasi shall be interpreted according to the plain meaning, stated intent, context, and definitions established by NewEarth Tanasi within its own governing instruments.

Words, titles, offices, phrases, classifications, designations, and expressions used by NewEarth Tanasi may possess meanings that differ from those employed by governmental bodies, administrative agencies, commercial entities, regulatory systems, courts, private organizations, or other external bodies.

In matters concerning the interpretation of NewEarth Tanasi governing instruments, the definitions, explanations, intentions, contextual usage, and declared meanings established by NewEarth Tanasi shall govern.

No word, phrase, title, office, classification, designation, practice, activity, stewardship function, accommodation, gathering, ministry purpose, or expression used within the ministry shall be presumed to adopt external meanings, classifications, obligations, jurisdictions, legal characterizations, administrative definitions, or regulatory interpretations solely because similar language is used elsewhere.

The use of any word, phrase, title, office, designation, classification, or expression by NewEarth Tanasi shall not, by itself, be construed as consent to external definitions, external classifications, external governance, external jurisdiction, or meanings contrary to those expressly established within the governing instruments of the ministry.

## **Section 5. Protection Against Administrative Expansion**

No policy, procedure, guideline, administrative practice, office, council, committee, steward, trustee, ordinary, presiding elder, ministry body, or collective action may exercise authority contrary to a superior governing instrument.

No lower governing instrument may be used to diminish, suspend, reinterpret, circumvent, or impair rights protected by Natural Law, the Declaration, the Bill of Rights, this Charter, or the inherent rights retained by the individual living man or woman.

Administrative convenience, custom, tradition, majority preference, organizational efficiency, perceived necessity, collective interest, financial considerations, or stewardship concerns shall not, by themselves, justify the infringement of rights protected by superior governing instruments.

No emergency, crisis, perceived necessity, safety concern, administrative burden, or extraordinary circumstance shall suspend the rights protected by the Declaration, the Bill of Rights, Natural Law, or this Charter.

Authority not expressly delegated by the governing instruments of NewEarth Tanasi shall be presumed retained by the People.

## **Section 6. Preservation of Rights**

The rights retained by living men and women, protected by Natural Law, recognized in the Declaration, secured by the Bill of Rights, and acknowledged throughout this Charter, shall remain paramount throughout the governance of NewEarth Tanasi.

No office, covenant, policy, procedure, steward, trustee, ordinary, presiding elder, council, committee, governance document, administrative action, collective body, or future amendment may lawfully exercise authority in a manner that destroys, diminishes, circumvents, redefines, or subordinates those rights.

The individual living man or woman remains the smallest minority and the primary holder of rights. The collective exists to secure rights, not to absorb, erase, redefine, supersede, or become the source of them.

# ARTICLE XIX

## AMENDMENT AND PRESERVATION

### Section 1. Amendments

This Charter may be amended through a process established by NewEarth Tanasi governance, provided that no amendment may violate, diminish, circumvent, redefine, subordinate, impair, suspend, or create exceptions to:

Natural Law;

The Declaration of NewEarth Tanasi;

The Bill of Rights of NewEarth Tanasi;

Creator-originated rights;

The inherent rights retained by living men and women;

Individual sovereignty;

Voluntary covenant;

Ecclesiastical autonomy;

The Hierarchy of Governing Instruments established by this Charter; or

The sacred purposes of the ministry.

No amendment shall be construed to authorize the exercise of power contrary to the rights retained by the People, nor to expand authority beyond the limits established by Natural Law, the Declaration, the Bill of Rights, this Charter, or the Hierarchy of Governing Instruments.

### Section 2. No Circumvention by Subordinate Authority

No covenant, governance document, policy, procedure, guideline, administrative practice, office, council, committee, steward, trustee, ordinary, presiding elder, ministry body, disciplinary process, emergency action, interpretive ruling, or exercise of authority may violate, diminish, circumvent, redefine, subordinate, impair, suspend, or create exceptions to:

Natural Law;

The Declaration of NewEarth Tanasi;

The Bill of Rights of NewEarth Tanasi;

The rights retained by living men and women;

The Hierarchy of Governing Instruments; or

The sacred purposes of the ministry.

No subordinate authority may accomplish indirectly what it is prohibited from accomplishing directly.

### **Section 3. Non-Negotiable Principles**

The following principles shall not be amended away:

Rights originate from the Creator.

The individual living man or woman is the bearer of inherent rights.

The People are prior to government.

Government is servant, not source, of rights.

Legitimate civil authority arises solely from consent.

Coercive power must be restrained by ethical law.

Natural Law is foundational.

Conscience cannot be delegated.

Membership is voluntary.

Internal stewardship is covenantal.

The land is sacred.

No collective may erase the rights of the individual.

No office may become domination.

No ministry resource may be converted to private misuse.

No person may be compelled in belief, worship, medical choice, or association.

### **Section 4. Continuity**

This Charter shall remain in force unless amended in accordance with this Article and consistent with Natural Law, the Declaration, the Bill of Rights, the Hierarchy of Governing Instruments,

and the non-negotiable principles set forth herein.

## **Section 5. Severability**

If any provision of this Charter is found to be unclear, inapplicable, or unenforceable in a particular context, the remaining provisions shall remain intact and shall continue to express the ministry's foundational principles.

## **ARTICLE XX**

### **RATIFICATION**

This Charter is adopted as the governing ecclesiastical framework of NewEarth Tanasi, rooted in the Declaration of NewEarth Tanasi, Natural Law, Creator-originated rights, voluntary covenant, sacred stewardship, ethical governance, and the inherent rights and responsibilities retained by the People.

By this Charter, NewEarth Tanasi affirms its sacred purpose, preserves its private ecclesiastical standing, orders its internal affairs, protects its members, stewards its land, and establishes a lawful and peaceful model for present and future NewEarth locations.

Declared and adopted for NewEarth Tanasi and for all future aligned NewEarth ecclesiastical locations in the geographical area known as North America.

### **SIGNATURES**