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## Bylaws of ITEST

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### I. Statement of Purpose

The Institute for Theological Encounter with Science and Technology (ITEST) is a Christian association of professional people and scholars of all faiths, dedicated to an interdisciplinary search for human responsibility and values in the context of present cultural upheaval. ITEST is directed to the cooperation of competent and committed Christians to the end of making significant contributions to the emerging new culture. The objectives of ITEST are: (1) the development of our own awareness of and concern with the effects of rapid cultural change; (2) the communication of this awareness and concern to other segments of the university communities, churches and society; (3) the arrangement of situations in which methodological approaches <sup>MAY BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON</sup> ~~to and modes of solution of~~ problems with theological significance, <sup>THESE PROBLEMS</sup> which arise from modern technological advance <sup>and</sup> ~~and which demand~~ <sup>theology and</sup> expertise from <sup>the</sup> various sciences and related disciplines, <sup>thus</sup> ~~may be probed~~. ITEST is ~~also~~ directed to the establishment of a national organization <sup>to</sup> and to bring Christian tradition into fruitful contact with the contemporary situation, to aid those who lead the People of God to fully appreciate "the signs of the times" and to provide a focus for the Christian scholar <sup>and</sup> or professional person in his role as priest.

### II. Membership

A. Qualifications: ITEST is open to those persons or

institutions whose profession or concern is the creation, transmission and criticism of knowledge.

B. Dues: annual dues is \$1<sup>0</sup>0.00 for individuals, \$100.00 for corporate membership. Payment of dues is not a requisite for formal individual membership in the Institute; only dues-paying members, however, are eligible to hold office or committee positions and to vote.

C. Credentials Committee: this, the only standing committee of ITEST, is to be composed of four members, elected every two years, by the voting membership. The chairman of this committee may not be an officer or member of the Board of Directors.

### III. Officers

A. The officers of ITEST are the Director, the Vice-Director and the Secretary-Treasurer.

B. Term of Office: The Director and Vice-Director are elected for a six-year term and may be re-elected once. The Secretary-Treasurer is elected for a two year term and may be re-elected twice.

C. Election of Officers: Nominations are to be made by an ad hoc nomination committee after a poll of the voting membership. Officers are to be elected by a simple majority.

D. Any further offices may be established by a two-third majority vote of the Board of Directors subject to the approval of a simple majority of the voting membership. The first term of the Vice-Director will terminate four years from the date of incorporation. Thus there will not be a change of all the officers simultaneously.



#### IV. Board of Directors

A. Composition: The Board of Directors is composed of the officers (ex officio) and three elected members. The elected Board members will serve a six-year term on a rotating basis.

B. Procedures: The procedural rules governing the work of the Board of Directors will be established by the Board.<sup>1</sup>

C. Veto: The decisions of the Board on substantive matters may be nullified by a two-thirds majority of the total voting membership.

#### V. Committees

A. Standing Committees: only the credentials committee is to be (regarded as) a standing committee.

B. Ad hoc Committees: these committees are to be established to meet specific needs. Once the immediate function of a committee is ended the committee is ipso facto disbanded. Committee chairmen are consultants to the Board of Directors and may vote in Board decisions at the discretion of the Board.

<sup>1</sup> On what basis? Simple majority? Consensus. Should be subject to review by membership. This is not likely to be demanded, but procedure can be determinative + it could reassure members to know they have review power if necessary. The Veto provision does not hit this.