

# **THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIVING WATER EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

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## **ARTICLE I NAME AND AFFILIATION**

The name of this church shall be LIVING WATER EVANGELICAL CHURCH. This church shall maintain its administrative independence and shall be governed only by its elected Board of Deacons (BOD).

## **ARTICLE II CONFESSION OF FAITH**

This church and its congregation believe in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We believe in the saving grace of God through Jesus Christ, the virgin birth, the substitutionary death, the bodily resurrection and the visible return of our Lord. We believe that the Holy Scripture is the Word of God and the perfect rule for faith, creed and conduct.

## **ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose of this church shall be to unite believers with the Lord in worship, fellowship and spiritual edification. Our mission shall be to propagate the Gospel according to the Scripture. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we shall also assume our Christian responsibility in love and charity.

## **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of this church shall be open to all true Christian believers. This church requires that all applicants must first have been received into the Christian Community by baptism before they can be formally accepted as a member.

**ARTICLE V**  
**PLENARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

A plenary membership meeting of this church can be called at any time by the church BOD. A necessary quorum shall be one-half of the registered members with voting right. The plenary membership meeting shall be held at least annually.

The following decisions can only be made in a plenary membership meeting:

1. The appointment or the termination of a church minister.
2. The election and the removal of a member of BOD.
3. The approval of an annual budget.
4. The initiation and the termination of a major financial project, such as a building program.
5. The establishment of a branch church.
6. The adoption and the amendment of the constitution and the by-laws of this church.

The adoption or approval of each of the above decisions requires a two-third majority of members who vote at the plenary membership meeting. Any other items require only a simple majority.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**THE CHURCH BOARD OF DEACONS**

The governing body of this church shall be the church BOD. Board members shall be elected in a plenary membership meeting. All full-time ministers of the church shall be automatically voting members of the board. The duration of service of an elected board member shall be three years.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The advisory committee shall be responsible to formulate long term ministries of the church, to recommend the organization and the structure of the church BOD, to

recommend board candidates for the departments, and to facilitate the understanding of church vision from Jesus Christ.

## **ARTICLE VIII** **CHURCH FINANCE**

This church shall manage its own finance and shall be responsible for its own debt.

The general operating fund of this church shall be administered and budgeted by the church BOD. A financial report shall be prepared annually by the church treasurer, who then shall forward this financial report to the church BOD for review. Next, the financial report shall be reported at the plenary membership meeting.

The church BOD may set-up special funds for various projects and may appoint trustee(s) for each fund.

## **ARTICLES IX** **DISPOSITION OF CHURCH PROPERTY**

Should such conditions arise that the church work cannot be continued. The BOD shall, upon the dissolution of the church and after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the church, dispose of all assets of the church exclusively to such an organization or organizations operated exclusively for maintaining the same fundamental confession of faith, such recipient organizations should of course qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the deacons shall determine.

## **ARTICLE X** **ADOPTION OF BY LAWS**

By-laws not in conflict with God's will and the Church Constitution may be adopted at any time during a plenary membership meeting. Church members shall be alerted to the importance of attending for the proper consideration of such proposed by-laws or amendments to the church constitution.

## **ARTICLE XI** **AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

An amendment of this constitution may be introduced at any plenary membership meeting provided that a written notification of the amendment has been given to the church BOD and an exposure of the amendment has been given to the full church membership at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the duly scheduled meeting.