

# CHURCH OF CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS (CCAN)

Psalm 2 : 8



Ask of Me , and I will give You The Nation for Your inheritance.,,

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## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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## 1. PREAMBLE

The objective of this Christian Organization to assist the body of Christ in general, to discharge the terms of the parting commission of Christ, namely to go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15), particularly to promote the advancement and propagation of the full Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to every creature throughout the whole world.

## 2. NAME

The name of the Christian Denomination shall be

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## 3. DOCTRINE

The members of the Church shall accept and believe in the following doctrines:

- 3.1. The Divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, the Bible.
- 3.2. One God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 3.3. The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, crucified, buried, raised from the dead, taken up into heaven, now appearing at the right hand of the Father, as the Intercessor.
- 3.4. The Devil or Satan, as a real personality, originally a created angelic being who as a result of his transgression was cast down from the presence of God, and is now the enemy of God, man and every true believer.
- 3.5. Sin, the fall of mankind, and his lost estate by nature.
- 3.6. Repentance toward God.
- 3.7. Regeneration or the new birth, and baptism of the believer by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ.
- 3.8. Reconciliation of man to God.
- 3.9. Justification by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3.10. Water baptism of the believer by single immersion.
- 3.11. Restitution.
- 3.12. The believer's confession of sins.
- 3.13. Sanctification and holiness.
- 3.14. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
- 3.15. The baptism of the believer into the Holy Spirit by the risen and exalted Christ, as the promise of the Father for the enduement of power for witness and service.
- 3.16. The initial Scriptural evidence of believers receiving the baptism in/with the Holy Spirit is the physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives them utterance.
- 3.17. The nine fold fruit of the Holy Spirit in the life of every born-again believer.
- 3.18. The nine fold manifestation of the Holy Spirit, and the full Pentecostal equipment of the believer by spiritual gifts for service.
- 3.19. Scriptural healing of the body by Divine Power.
- 3.20. The Lord's Supper.
- 3.21. The Church as the "called-out company" of born-again believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3.22. The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ to meet His resurrected and translated Church in the air.

- 3.23. The Great Tribulation during the closing period of this age.
- 3.24. The millennium reign of the Lord Jesus Christ immediately after the Great Tribulation.
- 3.25. The new heaven and the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.
- 3.26. The eternal punishment of the wicked.

## 4. The Ministry

- 4.1. Apostle: The “Apostle” is derived from the Greek “Apostello” meaning to “send forth”. Its prime idea is that of a messenger fully prepared, fitted, charged, to go on some definite commission, or properly, one sent on a definite mission, in which he acts full authority on behalf of the sender, and is accountable to Him (John 17:18; Matt 10:40; 15:24; Mark 3:4)
- 4.2. Prophets: These men possessed a spontaneous supernatural ministry that was powerful, inspirational and uplifting in its nature. It was the proclamation of the will of God and was instructive and at times predictive in character (Luke 11:49; Acts 11:27,28; 13:1).
- 4.3. Evangelist: They go from place to place and practiced an itinerant ministry where the Gospel had not hitherto been preached Acts 21:8; Eph 4:11; 2 Tim 4:5).
- 4.4. Elders; Greek “presbuteros”. The elder’s responsibilities are therefore to rule/stand in front (1 Tim 5:17, to teach (1 Tim 5:17), equipping others to do the work of the Ministry (Eph 4:11,12) to pray for the sick (James 5:14) and to exhort and refuting dissidents (Titus 1:9; 2 Tim 4:2; Titus 2:15).
- 4.5. Pastors: Is a man called, appointed and set in the Church to feed and care for the flock of God, acting under the Chief Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 4:11; John 10:14; Heb 13:20).
- 4.6. Teachers: The apostles were commanded to teach all their converts (Matt 28:19,20) and that those responsible for the oversight of the flock were to be considered acceptable only if able to teach.
- 4.7. Deacons: Greek “diakonos-a servant, helper or minister (one who ministers) Phil 1:1; 1 Tim 3:8,12.
- 4.8. Deaconess: Rom 16:1; 1 Tim 3:11; Titus 2:3.
- 4.9. Others: 1 Cor 12:28 (governs, helps. Etcetera).

### **Qualifications are:**

- a. A Distinct Call from God.
- b. Sound Knowledge of the Scriptures-Members are encouraged to broaden their knowledge by means of Bible school institutes correspondence or full time courses.
- c. Character reference (Acts 16:2; 1 Tim 3; 7).
- d. Holy Spirit baptism (Act 2:4; 20:46; 19:6).

## 5. Membership

### 5.1. Condition of Membership

- 5.1.1. Have truly repented of their sins (Acts 2:38; 1 Cor 6:10,11).
- 5.1.2. Have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour (2 Cor 5:17).
- 5.1.3. Have taken all reasonable steps to make restitution where possible (Matt 5: 23, 24 ; Col 3:13).
- 5.1.4. Have been baptized in water immersion (Matt 28:18; mark 16:16).
- 5.1.5. Who believes in and are willing to subscribe to the objectives, doctrines and regulations set forth in the Constitution (Rom 13:1; Titus 3:1; Heb 13:17; 1 Peter 2:13).
- 5.1.6. Do not belong to any other Christian organization that could adversely affect their church membership and have been accepted into membership by the local church council. Completing an application form for membership whereby a prescribed membership card will be issued by the secretary of the local church.

### 5.2. Duties of Church Members

- 5.2.1. Attend Fellowship, Lord's Supper, Prayer, Worship and Witnessing (Act 2:24; Heb 10:24,25).
- 5.2.2. Grow Spiritual- setting aside each day some convenient time for Bible reading, meditation and private prayer (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2).
- 5.2.3. Maintaining a conscience of God and men (Act 24:16; 2 Cor 5; 17; Eph 4; 22,-24).
- 5.2.4. Abstinence from tobacco, narcotics, alcohol, active members in secret societies, unchristian entertainment, wearing of immoral or costly apparel and unnecessary jewellery (Eph 5; 11; 1 Tim 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3,4).
- 5.2.5. Family Prayer to be bring their children up in the fear of the Lord (Eph 6:4).
- 5.2.6. Dedication of Children in accordance of Luke 2:22 ; Mark 10: 12-16).
- 5.2.7. Public Service-to testify publicly in service, and witness for Christ in open air meetings, being saved to serve and become soul winners and to spread the message of the Gospel of Christ to others.
- 5.2.8. Financial Support of the Ministry and the Work of God by bringing their tithes and offerings regularly into the treasury where they fellowship ( 1Cor 9:7-14; 16:1; Gal 6:6).
- 5.2.9. Marriage and Divorce-Matt 19:6.
- 5.2.10. Financial transactions "owe no man anything" Rom 13:8.
- 5.2.11. Abstinence from Offences-disloyalty, insubordination, whispering, adverse criticism, backbiting or slandering other members in the church-(Number 12;1 ' Eph 4:29-32; Col 4:6)

## 6. Church Council

### 6.1. Rule Governing Local Church Council Meeting

- 6.1.1. *Chairmanship* lead by Pastor or assistant Pastor in his absence shall call frequency of Meetings monthly and additional meeting as deemed necessary.
- 6.1.2. Monthly Financial Statements required of income *and treasurer* shall present expenditure in writing.
- 6.1.3. Quorum-a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum and all questions shall be decided by a majority vote.
- 6.1.4. The pastor or representative of the pastor shall give notice of meetings-at least 14 days.

- 6.1.5. *The secretary* of the church is reliable and responsible in keeping of records of all office work, minutes and correspondence.
- 6.1.6. *Meetings: The Chairperson will ensure that the church will execute the following meetings:*
- a. Monthly Executive meetings or as determined by the chairperson or church council.
  - b. Departmental 2 monthly meeting with all heads of sections.
  - c. Bi-annual (July and February) General Meeting (Congregation).
- 6.2. **Records of Church Council**
- 6.2.1. **Minute Book/File**: The Secretary shall keep a minute book/File in which shall be entered the resolutions of every meeting.
- 6.2.2. **Financial Records**: A proper system of bookkeeping shall be operated by the treasurer thus reflecting all monthly income and expenditure. Monthly tithes and contributions shall also be submitted at the monthly meeting.
- 6.2.3. **Checking Offerings**: All offering must be counted and receipted by two responsible persons. All monies received must be recorded in a receipt book in duplicate. In cases where individuals do not desire receipts, that such receipts be kept in the receipt book by the Treasurer.
- 6.2.4. **Banking and handling of Funds**: All finances are to pass through a bank or building society and are to operate through those channels under authorized dual signature, the signatories being duly authorized by the church council, provided that the chairman shall at all times be one of the signatories.
- 6.2.5. **Inspection of records**: All books affiliated to various departments within the church be open to inspection by any other member of the church, provided that the application for such inspection has the approval of the church council.
- 6.2.6. **Membership Register**: The Secretary shall keep a proper register of its membership and therefore keep such register thoroughly up to date by the deletion of the names of the members who have resigned, or have disfellowship, or have died and be the addition of the names of new members who have been received into fellowship.
- 6.2.7. **Records of Disciplinary Action**: The church shall keep a record of charges, evidence and findings of each disciplinary case handled.

## 7. Disciplinary Code

- 7.1. **Certain disciplinary rules and powers are essential** in order to maintain New testament standards of Christian deportment and to safeguard and preserve the high spiritual, ethical and moral testimony of the Church (1 Pet 2:9-12; 1 John 2:1-6; Eph 5:8; Phil 2:15; Matt 18:15-18; 1 Cor 5:1-13).
- 7.2. **Proper use of disciplinary authority**: Respective and reverence for the Holy Character of God- 1 Pet 1:13-19; Rev 15:4). A conviction and desire to uphold and defend the standards, dignity and integrity of the Church- Titus 2:10-15; Eph 5:1-21,27). A genuine compassion and love for the offending or erring brother; Gal 6:1,2; James 5:19,20; 1 John 3:1-16).
- 7.3. The offender should be dealt with on biblical principles and in accordance with principles of fairness between Christians, such as always giving the offender the opportunity to present his version, before any decision is taken affecting his or her position.

## 8. Essential Church Activities

- 8.1. The Lord's Day services providing Worship, Lord's Supper, and Evangelism.
- 8.2. Sunday School, Youth Instruction and Family fellowship.
- 8.3. Prayer meeting and Bible Study.
- 8.4. Youth Fellowship.
- 8.5. Ladies Fellowship.
- 8.6. Men's Fellowship.
- 8.7. Valley Community Outreach (Welfare)- to meet the need of the poor and homeless (Food Kitchen/Issuing of Clothes and spiritual needs).

## 9. Property

- 9.1. All property (movable and immovable) purchased by the Church shall be held in the name of the Church Council.
- 9.2. **No property shall be sold** other than in the normal course of business without reasonable and fair payment being received by the Church and being processed through constitutional channels.
- 9.3. **No property shall be transferred** out of the Church that would in any way defraud the Church or deprive it of assets.
- 9.4. The **Fund Raising No.** will be utilize to buy or erect a building, the use of Community outreach Projects and Church Spiritual Activities Programmes.
- 9.5. **Monetary:** All monies, acquired, or owned or belonging to the Church of Christ for all Nations and all monies given or belonging to local Church Council shall at all times be operated in the name of Church of Christ for all Nations, indicating the church body which holds the money. Accounts shall be opened or closed, acting upon a resolution passed by the council board, meeting in formal session, and all **these accounts shall be operated by means of dual signatories** official approved by the Church Council.
- 9.6. **Dividend:** The income and property of the Church of Christ for all Nations, whencesoever derived and whether governed by the Church Council thereof, shall be applied solely toward the promotion of the objectives of the Church as set forth in the preamble of this Constitution. No portion shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members thereof or to any person or persons thereof.
- 9.7. **Dissolution of the Church:** In the event of the church dissolving, the property (movable and immovable), shall be sold and the profit being divided in the following organizations of Ocean View Community:
  - a. Ocean View Secondary High School.
  - b. Ocean View Marine Primary School.
  - c. Ocean View Kleinberg Primary School.

## 10. Amendment of By-Laws

- 10.1. As the fundamental rules set forth the doctrines, laws and regulations of the Church of Christ for all Nations in barest outline, By-Laws covering the details of the Church's activities have been drawn up for the guidance of all ministers and members of the Church.
- 10.2. These By-Laws may be amended from time to time by an ordinary majority of members present and entitled to vote, of the Bi-Annual General Meeting of the Church.

## 11. Conclusion of Constitution

- 11.1. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Church of Christ for all Nations are to be carried out accordingly by its members.
- 11.2. This Constitution in respect of the Biblical Techniques is the whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth for the Ruling of God's Church so help us father, Son and Holy Spirit.