

LIVING WORD WORSHIP CENTRE INCORPORATION

LOCAL CONSTITUTION

PART ONE - PRELIMINARY

CLAUSE 1 - NAME

The name of the Assembly is called Living Word Worship Centre Incorporated

(Herein after referred to as "the Assembly").

CLAUSE 2 - PRINCIPAL OBJECTS

- a) To preach and teach and generally to further the cause of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and advance the Christian Faith in Australia and other Nations and to work for the building up and extension and renewal of the Christian Church.
- b) To meet for the worship of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the preaching and teaching of the Word of God and the administration of the Sacraments mentioned in Clause 5 hereof.
- c) To further propagate the Christian Faith in Australia or elsewhere by conduct and Evangelism or by the establishment of further Assemblies or missionary work with similar objectives.
- d) To develop assistant ministers and to train Christian leaders to function within the Assembly and throughout the world.
- e) To render Spiritual oversight, care and assistance (whether material or otherwise) and such other help as may be deemed appropriate to meet the needs of Assembly members, those associated with the Assembly and as far as practicable, to all persons.
- f) To make donations to assist, undertake the oversight of or in any way co-operate with other churches, organisations, societies or individuals who have similar objects.
- g) To provide some educational or other programmes or institutions as will assist members to live whole and balanced lifestyles and to be a blessing to the society in which they live.
- h) To be co-operative fellowship of the Assemblies of God in Australia as defined in the United Constitution of the Assemblies of God in Australia (Commonwealth Conference) from time to time.

CLAUSE 3 - TENETS OF FAITH

The Assembly shall have such Tenets of Faith as are expressed in the United Constitution of the Assemblies of God in Australia Article 5 from time to time.

CLAUSE 4 - SECONDARY OBJECTS

For the purpose of carrying out the Principal Objects in their spiritual and secular context, the Assembly shall have the further objects and powers set out in the First Schedule hereto.

CLAUSE 5 - SACRAMENTS AND ORDINANCES

- A. The following shall be observed as commanded by the Holy Scriptures:
- a) Baptism by single immersion in the name of the Father, of the Son and the Holy Spirit in respect to all those who have repented and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - b) The Lord's supper or Holy Communion shall be regularly observed.
 - c) The dedication of infants and children.
 - d) Prayer for the sick upon their request with the anointing of oil and laying of hands by the Eldership.
 - e) Ministering the baptism of the Holy Spirit to those seeking the power of God.
- B. The institution of marriage.
- C. Funeral services shall be conducted for the burial of the dead.

PART TWO - MEMBERSHIP

CLAUSE 6 - CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

The board may grant application of membership of the Assembly if such applicant shall:

- a) Be a Born-Again Believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and exhibit positive evidence of a consistent Christian Life.
- b) Be baptised in water in accordance with Clause 5 hereof.
- c) Accept the doctrine basis set out in Clause 3 hereof.
- d) Have obtained the age of 17 years.
- e) Except as herein after provided attend the assembly regularly for a period of three months prior to the date of such application.
- f) Apply in writing to the board.
- g) Express willingness to attend regularly and to support the Assembly in tithes and offerings.

CLAUSE 7 - PROBATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses 6 and 8 hereof. the Board may accept a member subject to such period of probation or other condition as it sees fit. A probational member shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the Assembly.

CLAUSE 8 - STAFF MEMBERSHIP

- a) A full time or part time paid staff appointee or the spouse of such person may be given full membership of the Assembly whether or not the condition imposed by clause 6 (e) has been compiled with.
- b) Any person appointed to the Ministry Team shall immediately be granted membership in the Assembly together with their spouse.

CLAUSE 9 - MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

- a) Upon the receipt of a letter of transfer of a member from one assembly in the fellowship with the Assemblies of God in Australia (Commonwealth Conference). and a written application. the Board may grant membership to such applicant whether or not the condition imposed by clause 6 (e) had been compiled with.
- b) Members of this Assembly in good standing who wish to terminate their membership and affiliate with another Assembly of God shall be entitled to receive a letter of recommendation to that church.

CLAUSE 10 - EVIDENCE OF MEMBERSHIP

Inclusion of the name of the person in the Church Roll shall be prima facie evidence of membership.

CLAUSE 11 - CANCELTION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a) The Board may by resolution, remove the name of a member from the membership roll or endorse such roll to the effect that such membership is probational for such period as it thinks fit or that such membership is otherwise conditional, if it is of the opinion that such member no longer fulfils the conditions of membership in clause 6 hereof, provided always that before so resolving, the Board shall give opportunity to such member to be heard before it after reasonable notice has been given to such member of such hearing.
- b) The Board may by resolution. remove the name of a member from the membership roll if such member has moved place of residence away from the community and no longer attends the Assembly or if in their opinion a member has failed to attend the service of the Assembly without legitimate excuse (in terms of clause 31 (a) for a period of six months).

CLAUSE 12 - OFFICE HOLDERS

No person who is not a member of the Assembly shall be appointed as a Board Member, the Assembly secretary or Treasurer, or as an Elder, Deacon or Departmental Director of the Assembly.

CLAUSE 13 - LEADERS

Leaders of the Assembly are those who have been appointed by the senior minister in consultation with the Board, to lead various wings or departments of the church.

PART THREE - OFFICERS

CLAUSE 14 - APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR MINISTER

- a) The Board of the Assembly shall constitute a Nominating Board for the purpose of recommending a suitable person or persons to fill the position of Senior Minister whenever such vacancies shall occur. The Assembly by secret ballot may choose a Senior Minister from among the nominees or the nominee so recommended at a special general meeting announced to be held no less than fourteen (14) days after the Nominating Board has met to recommend such nominee or nominees.
- b) The board shall negotiate and determine the remuneration and conditions of the Senior Minister's employment.
- c) Should the Nominating Board after due deliberation. refuse to recommend to the Assembly any person proposed as Senior Minister, the Assembly at such special meeting shall be given a satisfactory answer and reason for this decision within three months of the Senior Minister leaving.

- d) The Senior Minister may resign his employment by giving the Board at least three (3) months written notice. A lesser resignation period shall be by the mutual consent of the Senior Minister and the Board.

CLAUSE 15 - POWER AND DUTIES OF SENIOR MINISTER

- a) The Senior Minister shall be responsible to conduct himself with godliness and dignity befitting his position and to be an example. He shall give himself to prayer and the Word of God in order to be effective in preaching and administering the sacraments.
- b) The Senior Minister shall be a person who qualifies for membership of the Assembly and is Baptised with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4.
- c) The Senior Minister shall preside at all meetings of the Assembly and be Chairman of the Board and be entitled to chair all business meetings and every board committee or department meeting as he shall think fit.
- d) No meeting shall be held by any committee board or department without prior notice having been given to the Senior Minister informing him of the time, place and purpose of the meeting. This requirement may be waived by the Senior minister if he shall see fit.
- e) No leader, committee, board or department shall depart from the established policies of the Church without prior consultation with the Senior Minister.
- f) The Senior Minister may vote on any question arising at any meeting of the Church or of any board department or committee with the exception of any voting to set the level and manner of remuneration of the Senior Minister.
- g) The Senior Minister shall be in charge of all meetings of the Assembly with full power, subject to this constitution, to decide who shall participate in them and in what manner.
- h) The Senior Minister may create special groups within the assembly and appoint Departmental leaders for whatever purpose or term in consultation with the board.
- i) The Senior Minister in consultation with the board shall have the power to employ and dismiss staff members and assistant ministries. The board shall set remuneration in all cases.
- j) The Senior Minister shall have such other powers and duties as is set out by this constitution.
- k) The expression "Senior Minister" means the person acting in that position for the time being.

CLAUSE 16 - APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Upon the recommendation of the Senior Minister (but not otherwise) the Board may appoint an Associate Minister. Such an officer shall only be created as the need arises and at the request of the senior minister who shall nominate to the Board of the Assembly a suitable candidate. If the proposed Associate Minister is approved by the Board, the same shall be appointed.

CLAUSE 17 - POWERS AND DUTIES OF ASSOCIATE MINISTERS

Upon the recommendation of the Senior Minister (but not otherwise) the Board may empower the Associate Minister to function in any or all of the responsibilities and exercise any or all of the powers of the Senior Minister as defined in Clause 14.

The associate Minister may not assume any of the powers or responsibilities of the Senior Minister unless first requested to do so by the Senior Minister and approved to do so by the Board.

The Associate minister shall fulfill the conditions as set out in Clause 14 (a) and (b).

CLAUSE 18 - APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT MINISTERS

Upon the recommendation of the senior minister to the board for approval, Assistant Minister shall be selected and appointed to the Ministry Team of the Assembly.

CLAUSE 19 - POWERS AND DUTIES OF ASSISTANT MINISTERS

- a) Assistant Ministers shall function only within the specific portfolio assigned to them by the Senior Minister and shall be responsible directly to him in all matters relating to their ministry.
- b) Assistant Ministers shall have no legal or administrative powers except those specifically assigned to them by the Senior Minister. Notwithstanding, they may be elected to the Board of the Assembly and exercise such powers and duties as are consistent with that office.
- c) Assistant ministers shall fulfill the conditions as set in Clause 14 (a) and (b)

CLAUSE 20 - APPOINTMENT OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

- a) The Senior Minister may with the approval of the Board appoint persons from among the members of the Assembly who are evidently, spiritually mature, and have ability to as Elders or Deacons or Deaconesses to assist in carrying out the spiritual oversight of the Assembly or in the carrying out of any of the objects of the Assembly as the Senior Minister may see fit.
- b) All such appointments shall be for whatever term or upon whatever conditions the Senior Minister together with the Board may specify.
- c) The termination of such appointments shall be at the discretion of the senior minister with approval by the board.

CLAUSE 21 - DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF MINISTERS

- a) Any complaint against the senior minister on the following:
 - i. Moral Failure
 - ii. Doctrine Error
 - iii. Financial misappropriation, mismanagement, or illegalities
 - iv. Behavior unbecoming of the Ministry
 - v. Unfruitful or incompetent ministry

Shall be addressed in writing to the secretary,

- b) Upon receipt of the complaint, the Secretary shall bring the matter before a meeting of the Board in the presence of the Senior Minister and consider whether the grounds have been established, The Senior minister shall not be Chairman of any meeting in which his position is to be decided.
- c) If the Board considers the complaint to be groundless, the Secretary shall notify the complainant accordingly.
- d) Should the complaint be on grounds other than in Clause 21 (a) - (i), (ii), (iii) and the Board consider the grounds upon which the complaint has been made to be established, it shall deal with the matter in its sole discretion. If the Board considers the matter to be of sufficient consequence, it shall be referred to a meeting of members.
- e) The Assembly may terminate the Senior Minister's employment at any meeting of the Assembly providing that:
 - i. Fourteen- (14) days notice of the meeting is circulated to each member in writing.
 - ii. The notice of motion to terminate the Minister's services is contained in the Notice of Meeting.
 - iii. The Board recommends such notice of motion,
 - iv. Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 35 © and the motion to terminate is carried by at least 60 per cent of those holding membership of the Assembly at the time of the meeting.
 - v. Such termination shall be effected three (3) months from the date of the meeting, or the Minister may be dismissed forthwith and received three (3) months salary in lieu of continuing in the Assembly's employment providing that the termination was not for moral failure or financial misappropriation. In such a case the Board in their absolute discretion may terminate the Minister's employment further financial reimbursement.
- f) Should the Board find that a charge against a Senior Minister be substantiated in the terms of Clause 21 (a) - (i) (ii), (iii), they shall refer the matter to the State Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God who shall deal with the in its sole discretion. Should the State Executing Presbytery find the charge against the Minister substantiated, they may:

- i. Remove him. In which case the Board of the Assembly may invoke the provision set out in Clause 21 (e) at its sole discretion.
 - ii. Suspend or remove his credentials in which case the Board shall terminate his appointment forthwith.
- g) If the Senior Minister is aggrieved by the decision of the Board in the matter, he may appeal to the State Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God in Australia by notice in writing to the State Executive Presbytery, In the determining of expenses the appeal shall be met by the Assembly,
- h) In the event of an appeal to the State Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God in Australia the expenses of the said State Executive Presbytery shall be transmitted to the Minister and to the Church Secretary who shall refer the matter to the Board,
- i) Notice of the determination of the question by the State Executive Presbytery shall be transmitted to the Minister and to the Church Secretary who shall refer the matter to the Board
- j) A complaint against any action, decision, or teaching of an Associate or Assistant Minister shall be referred in writing to the Senior Minister who shall deal with the matter at his discretion,
- k) Should a complaint against an Associate or Assistant Minister be in terms of Clause 21 (a)-(i), (ii), (iii), and be substantiated, the Senior Minister shall refer the matter to the State Executive Presbytery for the review of such Minister's credential,

CLAUSE 22 - SECRETARY

The Secretary of the Assembly shall be nominated by the Senior Minister for election by the Assembly at the Annual General meeting to serve for a term of two years.

CLAUSE 23 - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

- a. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Assembly to record and keep on file the minutes of all the meetings of the Assembly.
- b) To keep on file all records of legal transactions such as Deeds, mortgages, and Contracts which have been entered into the Assembly.
- c) To maintain an up to date Roll of Members of the Church.

- d) To write such letter as he is directed to write by the Assembly, retaining duplicate copies for the permanent file and to receive and place on file and correspondence received.
- e) To notify in writing the members of the Assembly of any General Meeting thereof when so instructed.
- f) The records, documents, official stamps and seal correspondence placed in the care of the Secretary of the Assembly are not his personal property nor under his personal control. But are the properties of the Assembly and are under the control of the Assembly as directed by the vote of the Assembly or by the authority of the Board of the Assembly in accordance with this Constitution.
- g) The Secretary of the Assembly shall have no power to act in office without special authority from the Pastor, Assembly or Board except in so far as the provisions of this Constitution provides.

CLAUSE 24 - THE TREASURER

- a) The treasurer of the Assembly shall be nominated by the Pastor for election by the Assembly at the Annual General Meeting, to serve for a term of two years. Provided two years have elapsed since the one last served two consecutive times.
- b) The Treasurer shall have such duties as are set out in Part Six of this Constitution.
- c) The Assembly, on the recommendation of the Board may combine the office of the Secretary and Treasurer.

PART FOUR - MANAGEMENT AND STRUCTURE

CLAUSE 25 - APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD

The Board shall be elected by the assembly at the Annual General Meeting upon the nomination of the senior minister. Board members so elected shall hold office for two years, but may be re-elected.

- a) The Board shall include:
 - i. Senior Minister who is not elected but holds the position of Chairman of the Board by virtue of his office and is first in authority.
 - ii. Other Board Members shall be selected from the:

1. Associate Member/s
 2. Assistant Member/s
 3. Elders (no more than 5)
 4. The Secretary of the Assembly
 5. Such other Assembly members at the discretion of the Senior Minister, who have the qualities to be an elder (as in 1 Tim 3: 1 & Titus 1) but may not be an elder at present
- b) The Board shall consist of a minimum of eleven (11) members and a maximum of thirteen (13) members.

CLAUSE 26 - POWERS OF THE BOARD

- a) Management of the affairs of the church shall be vested in the Board which may exercise all such power and functions as may be exercised by this Assembly other than those powers and functions required by this Constitution to be exercised by the Assembly in General meeting or those required to be exercised by the Senior Minister.
- b) The Board or its nominee shall have power to draw upon the Treasurer for such amount as they shall decide to be necessary for the proper conduct of affairs of the Assembly,
- c) The board may delegate such powers of function as it sees fit from time to time,
- d) Should the Senior Minister be incapacitated by prolonged illness, or insanity (within the current State Mental Health Act) or be otherwise prevented from exercising the oversight of the Assembly. the Board shall be empowered to appoint an Acting Senior Minister who shall be responsible for the oversight of the Assembly until the return of the Senior Minister (providing that his absence was not due to certified insanity) or until such appointment is evoked by the Board.
- e) The Board shall have the Power to fill any temporary vacancy of any official position in the Assembly or make any interim appointment to any office until the next Annual General Meeting in its absolute discretion.
- f) The Board will from time to time invite leaders of the individual wings to discuss their operations.

CLAUSE 27 - MEETING OF THE BOARD

- a) The Board shall meet at least once in every two (2) months to exercise its functions, seven days notice shall be given for all general Board Meetings.
- b) A Special Meeting of the Board shall be convened by the Secretary on the requisition in writing of not less than three (3) members of the Board which requisition shall clearly state

the reason why such Special Meeting is being convened and the nature of the Business to be conducted thereat.

- c) At every meeting of the Board a simple majority shall constitute a quorum.
- d) The Board may meet together and regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit PROVIDED THAT questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided on a majority of votes and in case of equality of votes on any question or at any meeting of the Board the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative
- e) Not less than forty-eight (48) hours notice shall be given to members of the Board of any Special Meeting of the Board Notwithstanding a meeting of the Board may be held at any time providing all members are in agreement to meet.
- f) The Board may conduct its business by memorandum on such conditions as it shall see fit.

CLAUSE 28 - MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

The duly recorded minutes of a board Meeting shall be prima facie evidence of a decision or resolution of the Board, which decision or resolution shall be constituted by a majority vote of those present.

PART FIVE - BUSINESS MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

CLAUSE 29 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the Church shall be held each year at a time determined by the Board after at least seven (7) days notice to the congregation. Accidental omission to give notice to any member shall not invalidate the meeting
- b) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:-
 - i. Reports for the previous twelve (12) months from the Senior Minister, Secretary, Treasurer and from all Departments of the Assembly.
 - ii. To appoint or re-appoint to office for the ensuing two years.
 - A. The Secretary of the Assembly
 - B. The Treasurer of the Assembly
 - C. Other Board members with the exception of the Senior Minister.
 - D. The Auditor
 - iii. To receive the auditor's report upon the books and account of the Assembly for the preceding financial year.

- iv. To attend to all other business set down on the Agenda by the senior minister and Board

CLAUSE 30 - AGENDA

The Agenda for the General Meeting shall be determined by the Senior Minister and the other members of the Board. Any member of the Assembly may submit such matters to the Board for inclusion in the Agenda provided such submission:

- a) Be in writing in the form of a draft resolution.
- b) Include details of the mover and seconder.
- c) Be submitted to the Secretary at least three clear days prior to such meeting.

CLAUSE 31 - EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- a) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be held when considered necessary from time to time by the Board after seven (7) days notice to the congregation or such shorter notice as may subsequently be ratified by resolution by that meeting.
- b) An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called in any emergency as the Senior Minister and the Board may decide, or upon a notice in writing of an appeal against a decision of the Board or upon requisition in writing signed by not less than one third of the members of the Assembly and clearly stating the purpose for which the Extraordinary General Meeting is desired.

CLAUSE 32 - VOTING

- a) Those persons duly enrolled in accordance with Clause 6 hereof and who in the opinion of the Board have attended the services of the Assembly for the majority of Sundays in the three month period prior to any annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the church and have not been suspended or placed on probation shall be entitled to one vote exercised:
 - i. In person, by attendance at the meeting
 - ii. In the case of the equality of voting on a question. the Chairman is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- b. Notwithstanding Clause 31 (a) those members who in the opinion of the Board have been legitimately prevented from the attendance by sickness, family circumstances, or travel or any other reasonable excuse shall be entitled to vote in any business meeting of the church.

CLAUSE 33 - QUORUM

A quorum shall be constituted by one third of the voters entitled by virtue of Clause 33.

CLAUSE 34 - CHAIRMAN

The Senior Minister or his nominee shall preside as Chairman of the General Meetings and Extraordinary Meetings of the Church.

CLAUSE 35 - ADJOURNMENTS

- a. The Chairman with the consent of the properly constituted meeting. may adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place. but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- b. Where a meeting is adjourned for twenty-one (21) days or more the like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting.

CLAUSE 36 - TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

- a. The business of the meeting shall at the discretion of the Chairman be transacted either by motion or by resolution or the motion of the Chairman.
- b. A question may be determined by secret ballot at the sole discretion of the Chairman.
- c. A question (other than the question of the purchase. sale. mortgage. or other dealing with the property) shall be determined on the show of hands by simple majority and a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution or motion has. on such show of hands. be carried or carried unanimously, in the Church Minute Book is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution or motion.

A motion or resolution involving the purchase sale and mortgage or other dealing with real property shall require a three-fifths majority to be carried.

- d. All elections to office in the Assembly be by secret ballot.

PART SIX - INCOME, PROPERTY, AND FINANCE

CLAUSE 37 - INCOME AND PROPERTY

- a. The income and property of the Assembly whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Assembly and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by the way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, howsoever by the way of profit to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Assembly or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them PROVIDED THAT nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith or remuneration to any officers or servants of the Assembly or to any member thereof or other person in return for services actually rendered to the Assembly or for the goods supplied in the ordinary way of business (but not for services rendered as an office bearer) nor prevent the payment of interest on borrowed money, the maximum rate of interest to be not more than the current rate charged by Bank in

the State in similar circumstances or the payment of rent for premises or goods let or hired to the Assembly.

- b. All designated gifts and offerings whatsoever, of money or otherwise shall except with the express permission and consent of the donor of such gifts and offerings, or their personal representative be applied to the purpose or purposes for which they are designated. If, in the opinion of the Board it should prove impossible to effect such designated purpose the Board may refer the matter to the donor or, if the donor is not living to the donor's personal representative and if no personal representative has been appointed, then the Board may apply the gift to a purpose as near as possible to the intention of the donor as the Board may determine.

CLAUSE 38 - ACCOUNTS

True accounts should be kept in the manner determined by the board of all sums of money received and expended by the Church and of the property, assets and liabilities of the Church and proper report are to be delivered to the Board as it shall require.

CLAUSE 39 - FINANCIAL RECORDS

The Treasurer of the Church shall be responsible to keep all financial records in the manner and at such place as determined by the Board

CLAUSE 40 - BANKING

The Treasurer shall ensure that all money received on behalf of the Assembly are accounted for and duly banked as soon as practicable with such bank or banks in the name of the Assembly as the Board from time to time determines.

CLAUSE 41 - SIGNATORIES

The Board shall designate signatories of all banking accounts from time to time and the Treasurer shall notify the bank or banks Accordingly.

CLAUSE 42 - EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

No cheque shall be drawn or a debit in any other manner incurred on the Church's bank account and no expenditure shall be incurred except when authorised by the Board. The Board may by resolution, authorise designated persons to draw cheques to a limit determined by it from time to time.

CLAUSE 43 - FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Assembly shall commence on the first day of July and conclude on the thirtieth day of June following.

CLAUSE 44 - AUDITOR

The Board shall recommend to the Assembly a person or firm as Auditor from time to time which such Auditor shall give an opinion as to the correctness of the accounts and shall report thereon to the Annual General Meeting of the Church.

CLAUSE45-TRUSTEE

By resolution of a duly constituted General Meeting, the Assembly may appoint Trustee or Trustees (whether a corporate body or natural person) to hold in real property subject to trusts approved by the Board and may in the manner cancel or vary such appointment.

CLAUSE 46 - FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Board by resolution may appoint a Finance Committee from among its members or the general membership of the church to:-

- a. Advise the Board concerning the financial administration of the Assembly.
- b. Recommend the level and manner of remuneration of all new staff.

PART SEVEN - GENERAL

CLAUSE 47 - NOTICE

A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Church upon any member either personally, or by sending it through the post by a pre-paid letter addressed to the member at his usual or last-known place of abode, but notice may be given to members generally by announcement from the pulpit in a service of worship or in such bulletin or magazine which the Church may publish weekly or from time to time.

CLAUSE 48 - OTHER BODIES

If the Board so determines from time to time it may establish or join in the establishment of, or promote or constitute such other body (whether incorporated or not) or trust or entity, ancillary to or for the benefit of, or to better carry out or promote the objects of the Church, provided always that the documents constituting such body shall provide inter alia the following:

- a. That upon dissolution of the body in question, the property or assets thereof be applied to or for the benefit of the Church.
- b. That no person who is not appointed by the Board shall hold office or be appointed as a director or be a member thereof.
- c. Any person appointed to hold office pursuant to sub-clause (b) hereof may have such appointment revoked at any time by the Board.

- d. A provision in similar terms to Clause 36 hereof

CLAUSE 49 - BY LAWS

The Board may make By-Laws and amend and vary some from time to time for the administration of the Church or any part or department thereof.

CLAUSE 50 - INDEMNITY

Any Pastor, Board member, Elder, Office holder or any other person acting in any authorised capacity on behalf of the Church are hereby indemnified and saved harmless against any claim or action against such person arising in any way out of the performance of their duties on behalf of the Church which claim or Judgement in any action and the costs thereof shall be paid for and on behalf of such person out of Church assets and funds

CLAUSE 51 - AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

No amendment shall be made to this Constitution except by motion carried by a 75% majority at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting after the text of such amendment has been notified to members with notice of such meeting.

CLAUSE 52 - INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION

The Board shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of this Constitution and regulations made thereunder and a decision of the Board upon any question of interpretation or upon any matters affecting the Assembly and not provided for by this Constitution shall be final and binding on the members.

CLAUSE 53 - AFFILIATION

- a. This Assembly is a member church of the Assemblies of God in Australia.
- b. The United Constitution Commonwealth By - Laws and District Charter of the Assemblies of God in Australia are endorsed and accepted together with all the Commonwealth, State and District Conference decisions until such time as the Assembly's affiliation with the Assemblies of God in Australia is revoked by a resolution carried by not less than three fourths (seventy five per cent) of the current Assembly membership.

CLAUSE 54 - EXECUTIVE ASSISTANCE

- a. The State Executive of the Assemblies of God in Australia may be invited to hold a meeting of members or to assist or advise in the business or affairs of the Assembly by either the Senior Minister, the Board or by one third of the current membership of the Assembly by written and signed request notwithstanding the contrary opinion of any of these.
- b. Such meetings shall be chaired by a member of the State Commonwealth Executive Presbyters appointed by the State Executive.

- c. The meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Clause 31(a). 32, 33, and 34 except that the Agenda shall be set by the State Executive.
- d. All business conducted shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the Assembly. and the State or Commonwealth Executive official of the Assemblies of God in Australia may not institute any rule, take any action, or make any decision effecting the Assembly unless such motions are carried by a majority of the members.

CLAUSE 55 - DISSOLUTION

- a. The Church shall be dissolved if membership shall become less than three persons or the members may at a meeting called only for that purpose, resolve to dissolve the Church if such resolution is carried by three-quarters majority.
- b. If the Church should be dissolved and there be any property or assets after satisfaction of its liabilities, the sum shall not be paid to or distributed among the members or the Church but shall be paid forthwith without demand to the State Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God in Australia. But if such Executive Presbytery is not in existence, or unwilling to receive such payment then to such other organisation with similar objects as the members present at the meeting to dissolve the Church shall determine or in default thereof as determined by the State Supreme Court.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE HEREIN BEFORE REFERRED TO

In addition to the objects in clause 2 of the Constitution, the Assembly shall have the further objects and powers as follows:

- a) To collect and raise money for the purpose of purchasing or otherwise acquiring land and buildings.
- b) To purchase, take on, lease, hire, exchange or acquire by gift or otherwise and manage sell transfer lease, hire mortgage or otherwise dispose of, invest or deal with any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein.
- c) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money for the purposes of the Assembly whether the same shall have been borrowed or is intended to be borrowed on overdrawn account or otherwise in such manner and upon such terms and whether with or without security as may be expedient.
- d) The buying, selling, and/or supplying of and dealing in goods of all kinds.
- e) The construction, maintenance, and alteration of buildings or work necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purpose of the church.
- f) To guarantee indemnify, or receive payment, or act as Trustee on behalf of another body association, company or person for such purpose the Board deems appropriate.
- g) To engage, conduct, and enter into joint venture. partnership or contract with another body, association, company or person for such purpose the Board deems appropriate.
- h) To act as Trustee in respect of any trust as the Assembly in general meeting may deem expedient.
- i) The accepting of any gift whether subject to a special trust or not for anyone or more

- of the objects or purpose of the Assembly.
- j) The taking of such steps from time to time as the Board or Assembly in general meeting may deem expedient for the purpose of procuring contribution to the funds of the Assembly whether by way of donations, subscriptions or Otherwise.
 - k) The printing and publishing of such newspapers, periodicals books, leaflets or other documents as the Board or the Assembly in general may think desirable for the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Assembly.
 - l) The making of gifts, subscriptions or donations to any fund authority or institution or individual as determined by the Board.
 - m) The establishment and support of associations, institutions, funds, trust schemes, conveniences calculated to benefit servants or past servants of the Assembly and their dependants and the granting of pension allowances, or other benefits to servants or past servants of the Assembly and their dependants and the making of payments towards insurance to any of those purposes.
 - n) The establishment and support or aiding in the establishment or support of any other association formed for any of the basic objects of the Assembly.
 - o) Purchase or acquisition and undertaking of all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any church or association with which the Assembly may at any time become amalgamated
 - p) Subject to the provisions of the Current State Trust Act, the investment of any money of the Assembly not immediately required for any of its objects or purposes in such manner as the Board may from time to time determine.
 - q) The doing of all such other lawful thing as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the basic objects.