

Changing Lives Chapel International (CLCI)



Constitution

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

Changing Lives Chapel International

1.1 The organisation hereby constituted will be called Changing Lives Chapel International

1.2 Its shortened name will be CLCI. (Herein after referred to as the organisation).

2. FOUNDATION

2.1 The church believes and humbly professes that:

2.2 It has its origin, continued existence and destiny from God;

2.3 It is a revelation of the Church of Jesus Christ, governed by Him as Head, according to the enunciation of the Holy Scriptures, the working of the Holy Spirit and the ministrations instituted by Him.

3. CONFESSION OF FAITH

3.1 WE BELIEVE in God eternal, triune, almighty creator, sustainer and ruler of all creation.

3.2 WE BELIEVE in God the Father, the author of creation and salvation.

3.3 WE BELIEVE in Jesus Christ the only Son of God the father, true God who for the sake of humanity and its salvation, descended from heaven and became flesh; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born by the virgin Mary; who lived on earth and was crucified, died and was buried, who rose from the dead and ascended to heaven, where He is seated at the right hand of the Father.

3.4 WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, true God proceeding from the Father and the Son, who convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgement and leads in all truth.

3.5 WE BELIEVE that the Bible is the word of God, written by men as the Holy Spirit inspired them. We believe that it authoritatively proclaims the will of God and teaches us all that is necessary for salvation.

3.6 WE BELIEVE that all human beings are created in the image of God; due to their sinful rebellion, this image is marred, that all have sinned before God and it is the will of God that all people should receive salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

3.7 WE BELIEVE in the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues as promised to all believers. We believe in the manifestation of the gifts and fruit of the Spirit in the life of a Christian. We believe that a Christian should be a disciple of Jesus Christ living a consecrated and holy life.

3.8 WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church which is constituted by the Holy Spirit and consists of born again believers. The Church is responsible for the proclamation and demonstration of the gospel and God's will to all people. As a charismatic community they fellowship with and edify one another.

3.9 WE BELIEVE that the believer's baptism, by immersion and the Lord's was instituted by Jesus Christ to be observed by the church

3.10 WE BELIEVE that the believer's baptism, by immersion and the Lord's Supper instituted by Jesus Christ to be observed by the Church

3.11 WE BELIEVE that at the time appointed by God, Jesus Christ will come to take away his Church.

3.12 WE BELIEVE in a day of judgement when Jesus Christ will judge the living and the dead. We believe in the resurrection of the body and eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked. We believe in the new heaven and the new earth where God will reign in glory.

4. Body corporate

The organisation shall:

- Exist in its own right, separately from its members.
- Continue to exist even when its membership changes and there are different office bearers.
- Be able to own property and other possessions.
- Be able to sue and be sued in its own name.

5. Vision, Mission and Objectives

5.1 Mission statement

To change and influence lives positively through the preaching and teaching of the unadulterated word of God and the full ministry of the Holy Spirit.

5.2 Vision

5.2.1 Building a family of God towards heaven

5.2.2 The great commission (To preach the unadulterated and infallible word of God to all nations)

5.2.3 Changing lives through the power and ministry of the Holy Spirit

5.2.4 Youth transformation (To organize effective programs and activities that will bring positive transformation and attitudes into our youth)

5.2.5 Community transformation (Organize activities and programs that will bring positive transformation in every community we find ourselves)

5.3 Mission

5.3.1 To worship God passionately and present Jesus Christ in a relevant, contemporary settings where the positive, practical word of God is understood and applied, to experience the amazing grace and presence of Jesus Christ and see lives change through his mercy, kindness and love

5.3.2 To reach the unchurched people and continually grow our churches in both size and depth. To keep reaching, helping and influencing people through everything we do in every way and everywhere

5.3.3 For all members /partners to be connect to the changing lives family and support one another in every way they can as they enjoy life together in all godliness

5.3.4 To help each member / partner to discover their purpose, spiritual gifts and potentials, so that they are empowered to serve the purposes of God in their lives and others

- 5.3.5 To train and equip every member to deepen their relationship with God and mature in spirituality as well as for leadership and ministry. Every member is a change agent and a minister of God
- 5.3.6 To develop leadership and strong sense of spiritual responsibility in our young people so as to sustain a strong, influential church for the generations
- 5.3.7 To reach, influence, motivate and inspire right living
- 5.3.8 To add thriving campuses and “Change Agents” across the nations of the world to affect and influence a dying world positively

5.4 Objectives

- 5.4.1 To build and enhance strong Christian families and family relationship
- 5.4.2 To create ministries that will influence the community positively
- 5.4.3 To build church for members to function at their maximum capacity
- 5.4.4 To develop and support missions and to train members to be disciples in their immediate area of influence.
- 5.4.5 To establish churches in communities
- 5.4.6 To build healthy relationships with churches of all denominations and community leaders for the betterment of the communities we are located and the nation at large
- 5.4.7 To organize programs and activities geared towards community transformation
- 5.4.8 To equip members to become leaders in all spheres of life

5.5 Our Values

- 5.5.1 The word of God
We believe that the bible is the inspired word of God and is relevant and necessary for practical godly living and success
- 5.5.2 The Holy Spirit
We believe that the an essential part of living a successful and victorious Christian life is being baptized, filled and led by the Holy Spirit.
- 5.5.3 The presence and touch of God on everything we do
We value the tangible presence of God in our lives as a source of God’s grace, comfort and refreshing. We believe that there should be a distinct touch of God on our services and ministries. God must be at the center of all our service and actions.
- 5.5.4 Spirit filled praise and worship
We value, honor and make great the name and character of our God through exciting, dynamic, energetic, contemporary and spirit filled worship and praise
- 5.5.5 Fruitful relationship building
We value all people on the basis of the great commandment –
 - a. To love our neighbor as we love ourselves
 - b. We value relationships that unite people regardless of race, age, gender, social standing or economic level
 - c. Sexual purity in romantic relationships is essential for building responsible and godly marriages

- d. We encourage members to make friends with each other, supporting one another to enjoy the Christ-like life
- e. Everyone should be plugged into church life through family life and relationships, not programs.
- f. We should cultivate friendship with non-believers so as to reach and love our communities.
- g. We encourage and value respectful relationships between people and their leaders as one of the keys to a healthy united church

5.5.6 Character and integrity

We believe that character is more important than gifting, and that a godly life brings honor and respect to the church of God, and increase influence in the world. True believing should affect behavior, and believers should be people of the highest Integrity, Honesty and Trustworthiness in Family, Business and Social Spheres

5.5.7 Prayer lifestyle

Prayer is communication with God, means of empowering ourselves and pulling the hand of God down to earth to accomplishing his will on the earth. We have prayer meetings, prayer groups, regular monthly all-nights and prayer as a lifestyle that permeates every activity of life.

5.5.8 Excellence

We believe that the child of God should excel in every aspect of his or her life because our father (God) is an excellent God.

We believe in doing our best for God in every aspect of our lives and ministry. God's people and facilities should reflect the God of excellence that we serve. Punctuality is also a value that reflects excellence (there cannot be excellence without punctuality)

5.5.9 The Family

We believe in strong marriages and healthy families, as they are the foundation of a godly people and nation. We provide relevant and solid preoperational foundation to prepare couples for successful marriages. We help strengthen and restore families and marriages through preaching, teaching, pastoral counselling, effective pre-marital counselling and prayer. We provide help, spiritual support and encouragement for single parents and those in broken homes

5.5.10 Non-racial, non-sexist community

Changing Lives Chapel is a non-racial, non-sexist, full intergraded one body church. We believe that true church should include all nationalities and race groups, and have both men and women serving in ministry

5.5.11 Financial Partnership

We believe that all members should be faithful financial partners with their local church so as to empower and equip

Church growth and health

We believe that our church should be both large and healthy. Our goal is to reach and help as many as possible, integrating them as totally committed Disciples of Christ who have made a partnership commitment. One of the signs good health is growth and increase. The church that is not reaching out, is passing out. We have a sense of warmth. Community is an attitude and a value, rather than a product of a small church

6. Income and property

- 6.1 The organisation will keep a record of everything it owns.
- 6.2 The organisation may not give any of its money or property to its members or office bearers. The only time it can do this is when it pays for work that a member or office bearer has done for the organisation. The payment must be a reasonable amount for the work that has been done.
- 6.3 A member of the organisation can only get money back from the organisation for expenses that she or he has paid for or on behalf of the organisation. Receipts must be produced for this.
- 6.4 Members or office bearers of the organisation do not have rights over things that belong to the organisation.

7. Membership and General Meetings

- 7.1 The members of the church shall be composed of persons:
 - 7.2 who are born again and have received the believers baptism;
 - 7.3 who are recognised members of a Joint assembly, and
 - 7.4 Who adhere to and accept the "Confession of Faith" "Mission and Vision" as stipulated 3,5 and 6 of this constitution.

8. PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

- 8.1 Receive visit, spiritual counsel and help from the pastor.
- 8.2 Taken part in the activities in the church
- 8.3 Be eligible for an office in the church, if qualified
- 8.4 A church member will receive church participation and possible financial assistance when and where necessary especially in social functions such as engagements, weddings, naming ceremonies, bereavement.

9. Management

- 9.1 A management committee will manage the organisation. The management committee will be made up of not less than 6 members. They are the office bearers of the organisation.
- 9.2 Office bearers will serve for 1 years, but they can stand for re-election for another term in office after that. Depending on what kind of services they give to the organisation, they can stand for re-election into office again and again. This is so long as their services are needed and they are ready to give their services.
- 9.3 If a member of the management committee does not attend three management committee

meetings in a row, without having applied for and obtaining leave of absence from the management committee, then the management committee will find a new member to take that person's place. The management committee will make the decision on the proposed candidates. [Not more than 3.]

- 9.4 The management committee will meet at least once a month. More than half of members need to be at the meeting to make decisions that are allowed to be carried forward. This constitutes a quorum.
- 9.5 Minutes will be taken at every meeting to record the management committee's decisions. The minutes of each meeting will be given to management committee members at least two weeks before the next meeting. The minutes shall be confirmed as a true record of proceedings, by the next meeting of the management committee, and shall thereafter be signed by the chairperson.
- 9.6 The organisation has the right to form sub-committees. The decisions that sub-committees take must be given to the management committee. The management committee must decide whether to agree to them or not at its next meeting. This meeting should take place soon after the sub-committee's meeting. By agreeing to decisions the management committee ratifies them.
- 9.7 All members of the organisation have to abide by decisions that are taken by the management committee.
- 9.8 An advisory board shall be nominated by the management committee to a maximum of 3 people.

10. Powers of the organisation

The management committee may take on the power and authority that it believes it needs to be able to achieve the objectives that are stated in point number 2 of this constitution. Its activities must abide by the law.

- 10.1 The management committee has the power and authority to raise funds or to invite and receive contributions.
- 10.2 The management committee does, however, have the power to buy, hire or exchange for any property that it needs to achieve its objectives.
- 10.3 The management committee has the right to make by-laws for proper management, including procedure for application, approval and termination of membership.
- 10.4 Organisations will decide on the powers and functions of office bearers.
- 10.5 Members or office bearers do not become liable for any of the obligations and liabilities of the

organisation solely by virtue of their status as members or office bearers of the organisation.

10.6 Office bearers are not personally liable for any loss suffered by any person as a result of an act or omission which occurs in good faith while the office bearer is performing functions for or on behalf of the organisation.

10.7 The functions of the organisation is to fulfil the objectives set out in clause 2.

11. Meetings and procedures of the committee

11.1 The management committee must hold at least two ordinary meetings each year.

11.2 The chairperson, or two members of the committee, can call a special meeting if they want to. But they must let the other management committee members know the date of the proposed meeting not less than 21 days before it is due to take place. They must also tell the other members of the committee which issues will be discussed at the meeting. If, however, one of the matters to be discussed is to appoint a new management committee member, then those calling the meeting must give the other committee members not less than 30 days notice.

11.3 The chairperson shall act as the chairperson of the management committee. If the chairperson does not attend a meeting, then members of the committee who are present choose which one of them will chair that meeting. This must be done before the meeting starts.

11.4 There shall be a quorum whenever such a meeting is held.

11.5 When necessary, the management committee will vote on issues. If the votes are equal on an issue, then the chairperson has either a second or a deciding vote.

11.6 Minutes of all meetings must be kept safely and always be on hand for members to consult.

11.7 If the management committee thinks it is necessary, then it can decide to set up one or more sub- committees. It may decide to do this to get some work done quickly. Or it may want a sub-committee to do an inquiry, for example. There must be at least three people on a sub-committee. The sub-committee must report back to the management committee on its activities. It should do this regularly.

12. Annual general meetings

The annual general meeting must be held once every year, towards the end of the organisation's financial year.

The organisation should deal with the following business, amongst others, at its annual general meeting:

- Agree to the items to be discussed on the agenda.
- Write down who is there and who has sent apologies because they cannot attend.
- Read and confirm the previous meeting's minutes with matters arising.
- Chairperson's report.
- Treasurer's report.
- Changes to the constitution that members may want to make.
- Elect new office bearers.
- General.
- Close the meeting.

12. Finance

- 12.1 An accounting officer shall be appointed at the annual general meeting. His or her duty is to audit and check on the finances of the organisation.
- 12.2 The treasurer's job is to control the day to day finances of the organisation. The treasurer shall arrange for all funds to be put into a bank account in the name of the organisation. The treasurer must also keep proper records of all the finances.
- 12.3 Whenever funds are taken out of the bank account, the chairperson and at least two other members of the organisation must sign the withdrawal or cheque.
- 12.4 The financial year of the organisation ends on 30 June.
- 12.5 The organisation's accounting records and reports must be ready and handed to the Director of Nonprofit Organisations within six months after the financial year end.
- 12.6 If the organisation has funds that can be invested, the funds may only be invested with registered financial institutions. These institutions are listed in Section 1 of the Financial Institutions (Investment of Funds) Act, 1984. Or the organisation can get securities that are listed on a licensed stock exchange as set out in the Stock Exchange Control Act, 1985. The organisation can go to different banks to seek advice on the best way to look after its funds.
- 12.7 Funds may be used for materials, equipment, furniture, curtains, hire of materials and equipment, salaries for work done, payment of treatment for individuals, sponsorship for individuals.

13. Changes to the constitution

- 13.1 The constitution can be changed by a resolution. The resolution has to be agreed upon and passed by not less than two thirds of the members who are at the annual general meeting or

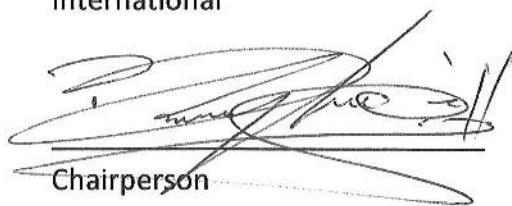
14. Dissolution/Winding-up

14.1 The organisation may close down if at least two-thirds of the members present and voting at a meeting convened for the purpose of considering such matter, are in favour of closing down.

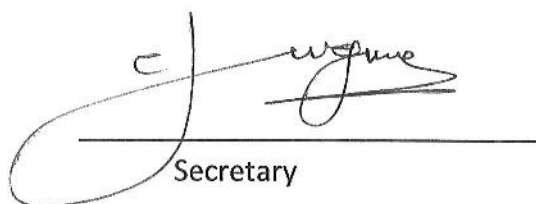
14.2 When the organisation closes down it has to pay off all its debts. After doing this, if there is property or money left over it should not be paid or given to members of the organisation. It should be given in some way to another nonprofit organisation that has similar objectives. The organisation's general meeting can decide what organisation this should be.

15. Adoption of the constitution

This constitution was approved and accepted by foundational members of Changing Lives Chapel International



Chairperson



Secretary