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OF THE
CHRISTIAN REVIVAL
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1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1. The Christian Revival Church of _____ has been raised up by God as a community of Affiliated Churches and Ministers who work together in co-operation and fellowship which is based on mutual love and respect under God. The Christian Revival Church of _____ is also associated and working together in co-operative fellowship with the CRC Churches International, currently having its head office in Australia.
- 1.2. The Christian Revival Church of _____ acknowledges the link to the CRC Churches International via the appointed Field Supervisor and the role the Field Supervisor has in helping establish the Vision and Values in line with the call of God and the Charter of CRC Churches International.
- 1.3. The Christian Revival Church of _____ at a national level has expression through a fellowship of Churches and Ministers who are Affiliated and formally recognised by the Christian Revival Church _____.
- 1.4. These Affiliated Churches and Ministers are co-ordinated and represented by the Executive of the Christian Revival Church of _____.

2. THE NAME

- 2.1. The name of the organization is: Christian Revival Church of _____, trading as "CRC Churches _____," hereinafter referred to as the "CRC".
- 2.2. Any Church or Ministry in Affiliation with the CRC shall be required to incorporate the following name: "Local Name" plus Christian Revival Church of _____ into any documentation they produce. They may also use other local language name as well, if desired.
- 2.3. The Executive shall offer the use of the name: Christian Revival Church of _____ and "CRC Churches _____" and "CRC _____" and "CRC" to churches and ministries in Affiliation.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution, and unless a contrary intention is apparent:

"Affiliated" – means a Pastor or a Church who has entered an agreement with the CRC.

"Allied" – means a new group has been introduced to another CRC Church or CRC Ministry to work with them before they can be affiliated to the CRC.

"Annual General Meeting" or "AGM" - means the meeting of the Members of the Organisation.

"Associate / Associate Minister" - means persons holding a credential but not leading a

Church or Ministry

“Certificate” – means a graduation acknowledgement granted by the CRC Churches International Bible College

“Chairman” – means the one who have been elevated to administrate and chair the Executive

“Charter” and “Charter of the CRC Churches International” - means the document that sets out the Vision, Mission, Values, Ministry Focus, Ethics and Beliefs of the Organisation.

“Church”- means a community of Christian believers\ “Christian Revival Church of ” and “CRC Churches of ” and “CRC of ” and “CRC” are all names given to this Organisation

“Constitution” means the Rules of the Organisation.

“Council” means the collective of all the Members of the Organisation.

“CRC Churches International” – means the Movement of Churches firstly founded in Australia.

“CRC Churches International Bible College” – means a Biblical training arm of the CRC.

“Credential” – means the acknowledgment that the person has a Call of God and the CRC has recognised it by granting a Pastor/Ministers authority.

“Credential Issuing Authority” – means the Executive and the function they perform granting Pastors/Ministers Credentials.

“Declaration of Reliability” – a declaration a Pastor or Church signs before becoming part of the CRC, identifying the commitment to the CRC.

“Diploma” – means a graduation acknowledgement granted by the CRC Churches International Bible College.

“Executive” - means the Management Committee of the Organisation.

“Field Supervisor” – Means the representative from CRC Churches International who is working with CRC

“Itinerant Ministry Credential” – means a recognition to someone without voting rights but functions as a Pastor/Minister within the CRC.

“Members” - means persons holding a Minister’s Credential.

“Membership” means the status of Members.

“Ministry Gifts” – means the gifts identified in the Bible that are used for Gospel Ministry.

“National Minister’s Credential” – Means a Pastor/Minister of the CRC with voting rights.

“Mother Church” or “Mother Ministry” – “Mother” – means the overseeing and supporting Church or Ministry to assist another Church or Ministry.

“Provincial Ministry Credential” – means a recognition to someone without voting rights but functions as a Pastor/Minister within the CRC.

4. PRINCIPLES, OBJECTIVES AND POWERS

The CRC accepts the principles and objectives set down in the "Charter of the CRC Churches International" (hereinafter referred to as the 'Charter') and calls on the CRC Churches International Field Supervisor to oversee that the principals and objects and powers within the CRC are maintained.

4.1. Our Vision

Our vision is to help expand the kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth by creating Bible-based, contemporary Churches and Ministries (Acts 1:8)

4.2. Our Mission

Our Mission is to exalt Jesus Christ in all that we think, say and do, and to extend his influence throughout the world by:

- 4.2.1. Proclaiming Christ's Gospel with the expectation that supernatural signs will follow as the normal New Testament pattern (Mark 16:15-20);
- 4.2.2. Planting Christ-centred churches that are autonomous, interdependent and self - propagating (Acts 14:21-28);
- 4.2.3. Promoting Christ-glorifying Christian communities which outwork the miraculous and character transforming ministry of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:42-47) and who also contribute to caring for people in genuine need, and in community development.
- 4.2.4. Producing Christ-following disciples who seek to obey the Great Commission (Matthew 22:36-40; 28; 18-20).

4.3. Declaration of Faith

- 4.3.1. The CRC believes in and presents the following basic truths:
- 4.3.2. The Bible is the inspired Word of God;
 - 4.3.2.1. The true and living God is the creator of heaven and earth, who has revealed Himself in the persons of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit;
 - 4.3.2.2. In the Divinity and sinless Humanity of Jesus Christ, and in His miraculous ministry, His suffering and death on the cross as the only saviour for the sins of the world, and His resurrection from the dead;
 - 4.3.2.3. That Jesus will return to the earth as its final judge of the living and the dead;

- 4.3.2.4. That all people fall short of God's perfect standard and can only find forgiveness through faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ;
- 4.3.2.5. That all people who have put their faith in Jesus Christ will witness transformation in their lives, exemplified by repentance and holiness of conduct;
- 4.3.2.6. In Christian Baptism, by full immersion in water, of those who have personally placed their faith in Jesus Christ;
- 4.3.2.7. In regularly celebrating the Lord's Supper, remembering Jesus Christ's saving work;
- 4.3.2.8. In the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the normal initial evidence of speaking in unknown languages;
- 4.3.2.9. In the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit;
- 4.3.2.10. That God heals the sick today through active faith in His grace;
- 4.3.2.11. In the power of prayer;
- 4.3.2.12. In God's community of believers, the church, and its responsibility to spread the message of the Gospel to all people and nations.

4.4. The Council

- 4.4.1. The Council is all the CRC Affiliated Pastors and Ministers of
- 4.4.2. The Council accepts the Vision, Mission, Values, Ministry Focus, Ethics and Beliefs set down in the Charter.
- 4.4.3. The assets and income of the CRC shall be applied as a not-for-profit solely in furtherance of the principles and objectives and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the Members of CRC except as confirmed and agreed compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of CRC.

4.5. The Executive

- 4.5.1. The Executive is elected from the National Credentialed pastors within the CRC Council and shall be deemed with the responsibility of being directors of CRC.
- 4.5.2. From time to time the Executive may develop documents such as guidelines, these documents collectively will be referred to as "CRC Ministerial Guidelines".

5. MINISTERS WITHIN THE CRC

5.1. Ministry Gifts

- 5.1.1. The CRC recognises that various Ministry Gifts (i.e., men and women gifted by God who are exercising significant ministries) are given to the Body of Christ to enable it to function effectively.
- 5.1.2. These Ministry Gifts may have various levels of maturity and expression and are duly recognised according to the nature of their function.

5.2. Applications for Credentials.

- 5.2.1. The procedures to be followed in applying for ministry Affiliation, granting of credentials, setting of fees, etc. are defined in the current "CRC Ministerial Guidelines" by the Executive.

5.3. Classification of Ministry

The following credentials may be issued to people who are recognized as Ministry Gifts within the CRC:

5.3.1. Provincial Ministry Credential (Provincial Pastor)

This Credential is issued by the CRC Executive and endorsed by the CRC Council for the purpose of giving official recognition to a person who holds a minimum theological training of Certificate within the CRC Churches International Bible College or equivalent; and have signed and agreed to the CRC Declaration of Reliability and:

- 5.3.1.1. Fulfils regular pastoral, ministry and platform responsibilities in a church or ministry as a minister or minister in training, or
- 5.3.1.2. Has been given responsibility for an outreach church or ministry under the auspices of another CRC church or ministry, or
- 5.3.1.3. Is pioneering a church with the objective of it becoming a recognised CRC Church or Ministry, or
- 5.3.1.4. Is fulfilling a viable form of ministry and is obviously a developing Ministry Gift, or
- 5.3.1.5. An Assistant / Associate Minister continuing to perform an effective ministry related to a particular church or ministry, or
- 5.3.1.6. The Senior Minister of a Church or Ministry.

5.3.2. Itinerant Ministry Credential (Itinerant Pastor)

This Credential is issued by the CRC Executive and endorsed by the CRC Council for the purpose of giving official recognition to a person who holds a minimum theological training of a Certificate in CRC Churches International Bible College or equivalent; and have signed and agreed to the CRC

Declaration of Reliability; and have entered into a:

- 5.3.2.1. In a specialised area of ministry under the auspices of a CRC Church or CRC Ministry, or
- 5.3.2.2. As an itinerant minister under the auspices of the CRC or a CRC Church or CRC Ministry, or
- 5.3.2.3. Operates as Missionary under the auspices of the CRC or a CRC Church or CRC Ministry
- 5.3.2.4. As an effective minister of the Gospel, and is not covered by other credential classifications.

5.3.3. National Minister's Credential (CRC Pastor)

This Credential is issued by the CRC Executive and endorsed by the CRC Council for the purpose of giving official recognition to a person who holds a minimum theological training of a Diploma in CRC Churches International Bible College or equivalent; and have signed and agreed to the CRC Declaration of Reliability and:

- 5.3.3.1. Have functioned for four (4) years as a lead or senior pastor of a church or ministry, or
- 5.3.3.2. Have functioned for two (2) years as a lead or senior pastor holding a Provincial CRC pastors credential and working in a CRC Church or CRC Ministry, or
- 5.3.3.3. Have functioned for six (6) years as an Assistant / Associate pastor of a Church or Ministry, or
- 5.3.3.4. Have functioned for four (4) years as an Assistant / Associate pastor holding a Provincial CRC pastors credential and working in a CRC church or ministry.

5.4. Credential Conditions and Expectations

The conditions and expectations pertaining to each of these classifications of a CRC Ministers Credential and defined by documents endorsed by the Executive:

- 5.4.1. they are members of an Affiliated CRC Church or a CRC Ministry or a Mission acceptable to the Executive;
- 5.4.2. have the requisite proven natural and spiritual qualifications of an Elder as described in:
 - 5.4.2.1. 1 Timothy 3:1-13
 - 5.4.2.2. Titus 1:5-16
 - 5.4.2.3. 1 Peter 5:1-10;

- 5.4.3. have shown competence in the relevant CRC Ministry competencies;
- 5.4.4. demonstrate stability, wisdom and spiritual maturity in their Christian walk;
- 5.4.5. express a Ministry Gift in accordance with Ephesians 4:11 etc.;
- 5.4.6. show integrity, loyalty and commitment to the CRC; and the Charter; and the CRC Churches international; and indorse the function of the CRC Churches International Field Supervisor;
- 5.4.7. agreeing to abide by the requirements of the Charter; and this Constitution of the CRC;
- 5.4.8. have successfully completed the CRC Churches International Missions Bible College in Theology and Ministry or Executive deemed equivalent at a Certificate level for a Provincial or Itinerant Ministers (Pastor) Credential or Diploma for a National Ministers (National Pastor) Credential;
- 5.4.9. signed a declaration of reliability and commitment to CRC that identifies:
 - 5.4.9.1. any financial or in-kind contribution of personal funds, property, buildings, equipment, intellectual property, made by an individual for the use of the Church or Ministry;
 - 5.4.9.2. the names “CRC” or “CRC _____” or “CRC Churches” or “CRC Churches _____” or “Christian Revival Church of _____”;
 - 5.4.9.3. a committed and reasonable of leader within a CRC Church or CRC Ministry.

5.5. Marriage, divorce and remarriage

- 5.5.1. The Biblical Model of marriage is a life-long, monogamous legally performed marriage between a man and a woman, in which there is constant love, continual care, mutual respect, Godly order, submission and sexual intimacy. In such a context, children may be born and raised in an atmosphere of loving care, godly training and discipline.
- 5.5.2. Fornication, adultery, de facto relationships, homosexuality or any other forms of sexual deviation condemned by Scripture are deemed unacceptable and consequently, no recognition for any area of CRC ministry and its local Church leadership or ministry can be given to such persons who continue in, or disregard as acceptable, such practices.
- 5.5.3. Divorce, where an applicant has been divorced, the Executive will carefully consider the principles outlined in the current "Guidelines on Divorce and Remarriage".

5.5.4. Remarriage, recognition is also given to the validity of remarriage for a person whose spouse has died or a divorced person who;

5.5.4.1. Satisfies the requirements of the Authority, who have given due consideration to the current "Guidelines on Divorce and Remarriage".

5.6. Disputes between Credentialed Ministers.

Ideally all disputes should be resolved on the basis of the following Scriptures:

- Matthew 18:15-20; 5:23-26
- Galatians 6:1-5

If this fails, then the matter shall be referred to the Executive whose decision shall be final.

5.7. Movement of Ministers

When an Affiliated CRC Minister proposes to re-establish themselves in a new location, then such a move shall be made in conjunction with:

- The Executive and;
- The Oversight of each CRC Church or Ministry which may be affected.

5.8. Suspension or Forfeiture of Credential

5.8.1. The Executive shall have the power to suspend any ministerial credentials and requires immediate relinquishment of the person's leadership duties in CRC Churches and CRC Ministries, pending an investigation and judgement by the Executive.

5.8.2. The Executive may take action when they determine that a suspension is appropriate, given the circumstances of the case, notwithstanding that the person concerned may not at that time have had sufficient opportunity to respond to the allegations.

5.8.3. In the event of a Minister of CRC having their Credential suspended, they shall:

5.8.3.1. be required to surrender their CRC Credential immediately;

5.8.3.2. be required to resign from the leadership of any CRC Church or CRC Ministry immediately;

5.8.3.3. be required to resign from any leadership position held within the CRC;

5.8.4. On such Suspension;

5.8.4.1. all rights to use the names "CRC" or similar cease immediately;

5.8.4.2. any chattels that were owned or purchased for the use of a CRC

Church or CRC Ministry shall within seven (7) days be made available to CRC to be administered by the Executive;

5.8.4.3. any property or chattels purchased in the name of a CRC Church or a CRC Ministry remains exclusive owned by the CRC, and the Executive are to administrate;

5.8.4.4. any financial or in-kind contribution of personal funds, property, buildings, equipment, intellectual property, made by an individual for the use of the CRC Church or CRC Ministry, and cannot be claimed back and remains the property of CRC to be administered by the Executive;

5.8.4.5. be required to accept a reasonable period of restoration and rehabilitation as prescribed by the Executive if they desire and are accepted to return to future ministry within the CRC;

6. CRC CHURCH AFFILIATION

6.1. Churches may apply to the CRC Executive for Affiliation with the CRC, where the membership of the Church comprises a minimum number of one hundred (100) adults, being persons eighteen (18) years and over; is properly governed as described in these rules; and accepts the Charter; this Constitution of the CRC; and the role of the CRC Churches Field Supervisor.

6.2. All applications for Affiliation shall be submitted in writing in a form approved from time to time by the Executive.

6.3. The National Executive may accept or reject each application on being satisfied with the suitability of the Church or Ministry's Constitution and other documentation; the good faith and integrity of the applicants; being led by a CRC Minister; displaying spiritual maturity within the constituted Oversight; and that the applicant Church will have no affiliation with any other denomination upon Affiliation into the CRC.

6.4. The Executive shall reserve the right to approve any changes to a Church or Ministry Constitution so long as those changes do not violate the spirit or requirements of an Affiliated Church or Ministry.

6.5. Upon acceptance of a Church or Ministry by the Executive, the Executive shall issue to the Church or Ministry a "*Certificate of Affiliation*" showing the acceptance of the Church or Ministry as an Affiliate of the CRC.

6.6. If any Church is below or falls below the required number of one hundred (100) members, eighteen (18) years of age and over, it shall revert to an Outreach Status and the Executive, in discussion with the existing leadership, may appoint an appropriate

'CRC Mother Church' to assist and guide the Church into growth and development or rescind the Affiliation.

- 6.7. If a Ministry fails to have a functioning board or oversight; or fails to show financial stability; or operates in a way that is not clearly supporting the aims and purposes of CRC, the Executive, in discussion with the existing leadership, may appoint an appropriate 'CRC Mother Church' or 'CRC Mother Ministry' to assist and guide the Ministry into growth and development, or rescind the Affiliation.

6.8. Outreach Affiliation and Allied works

6.8.1. Allied works

- 6.8.1.1. An outreach work or small church or ministry wanting to come into association with the CRC would be required to become an Allied CRC Work with a CRC Mother Church or CRC Mother Ministry or have two (2) CRC Pastors anointed by the Executive to help with understanding the workings of the CRC.
- 6.8.1.2. This application would be done after consultation with the Outreach work leadership team.
- 6.8.1.3. It would be required to remain as an Allied work for at least eighteen (18) months before applying to become an Affiliated Outreach of CRC with a CRC Mother church or a CRC Mother Ministry.

6.8.2. Affiliated Outreach

- 6.8.2.1. An Outreach work established through a CRC Church or CRC Ministry may lodge to be recognized as an Affiliated Outreach of CRC via its CRC Mother Church or CRC Ministry or associated Executive member.
- 6.8.2.2. This application would be done after consultation with the Outreach work leadership team.
- 6.8.2.3. it is deemed necessary that a CRC Outreach work would function for at least twelve (12) months as an Allied work before lodging for an Affiliation.
- 6.8.2.4. Leaders of an Affiliated or Allied outreach works may attend Members Meetings of CRC but do not have voting rights.
- 6.8.2.5. A minimum of one hundred (100) active adult members are required before it can qualify for recognition as a Church Affiliated with the CRC.
- 6.8.2.6. The name "CRC" or "CRC " or "CRC

Churches” or “CRC Churches” or
“Christian Revival Church of” cannot be
used by an Allied Outreach work until such time as the Executive
has granted it official recognition as an Affiliated Outreach of the
CRC, unless it is operating as an outreach of an existing CRC
Church or CRC Ministry, and is led by a CRC Minister.

6.9. Termination of Church or Ministry’s Affiliation

- 6.9.1. The Executive shall have the right to terminate the affiliation of any Church or Ministry if such Church or Ministry is considered to have violated the Charter or this Constitution.
- 6.9.2. When the Executive proposes to consider terminating the Affiliation of any Church or Ministry, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - 6.9.2.1. The Executive shall give the Church or Ministry thirty (30) days’ notice in writing of the proposal to consider terminating its affiliation with CRC, and such written notice shall provide general particulars of allegations concerning the Church or Ministry.
 - 6.9.2.2. The Church or Ministry shall have the right to make written submissions responding to the concerns, which written submissions must be received before the expiration of the thirty (30) days’ notice.
 - 6.9.2.3. The Executive shall, in consideration of the written response, make available a meeting with the Executive, and the Executive may call upon the CRC Churches International Field Supervisor for assistance with making a determination.
 - 6.9.2.4. The decision of the Executive shall be recorded in writing and a copy thereof provided to the Church or Ministry concerned.
- 6.9.3. **On such termination,**
 - 6.9.3.1. all rights and privileges of affiliation shall immediately cease, including the right to use the names “CRC” or “CRC” or “CRC Churches” or “CRC Churches” or “Christian Revival Church of”;
 - 6.9.3.2. any chattels that were owned or purchased for the use of a CRC Church or CRC Ministry shall within seven (7) days be made available to CRC to be administered by Executive for the use of a future Church or Ministry;
 - 6.9.3.3. any property or chattels purchased in the name of the Church or

- Ministry remains exclusively the property of the CRC and to administrated by the Executive on behalf of the Church or Ministry;
- 6.9.3.4. any financial or in-kind contribution of personal funds, property, buildings, equipment, intellectual property, made by an individual for the use of the Church or Ministry cannot be claimed and remains the property of CRC to be administered by the Executive for the use of a future Church or Ministry;
- 6.9.3.5. the Executive has the right to establish a new or future Church or Ministry at or near to the area of the terminated Church or Ministry to fulfil the Great Commission using all or part of the residual funds, property, buildings, equipment, intellectual property as it sees fit.

6.10. Rules and Regulations

Each Affiliated Church or Ministry has authority and power to make Rules and Regulations to administer its local affairs, provided they are not contrary to this Constitution or the Charter.

6.11. Disputes between Churches/Ministries

- 6.11.1. Disputes between Affiliated Churches or Ministries shall be settled, if possible, between the Churches and/or Ministries concerned. If this fails then an impartial mediator acceptable to both parties may be called upon to help resolve the dispute. In the absence of agreement over the choice of a mediator, the Executive shall appoint a mediator.
- 6.11.2. If the Church or Ministry deliberations fail to resolve the dispute by mediation, then the matter shall be discussed with the Executive or its representatives.
- 6.11.3. The decision of the Executive shall be recorded in writing and a copy thereof provided to the Church or Ministry concerned.

6.12. Disputes between a Church/Ministry and the Executive

- 6.12.1. Disputes between an Affiliated Church or Ministry and the Executive shall be settled, if possible, between the parties concerned. If this fails then an impartial mediator acceptable to both parties may be called upon to help resolve the dispute.
- 6.12.2. In the absence of agreement over the choice of a mediator, the Executive shall request the assistance of the CRC Churches International Field Supervisor for help.
- 6.12.3. If still no agreement is found then the Executive will seek advice from the CRC

Churches International Field Supervisor to make a final ruling.

6.13. Withdrawal from Affiliation

6.13.1. Any Church or Ministry Affiliated with the CRC may withdraw from the CRC provided that the following requirements are met:

- 6.13.1.1. the Oversight/Board of the Church or Ministry has voted with a three-fourths majority for such a withdrawal;
- 6.13.1.2. a properly convened Special General Meeting of the Members of the Church or Ministry Board has been called to discuss the proposed withdrawal;
- 6.13.1.3. formal notice has been given to the Members of the Church or Board Members of a Ministry, stating the nature, date, time and place of such meeting at least eight (8) weeks prior to the scheduled meeting;
- 6.13.1.4. notification of the nature, date, time and place of such meeting has been given in writing by the Oversight or board to the Executive at least eight (8) weeks prior to the scheduled meeting;
- 6.13.1.5. right shall be granted so a representative of the Executive may attend and address the Oversight/Board prior to such a meeting to resolve the reason for withdrawal before the scheduled meeting;
- 6.13.1.6. at such meeting, a four-fifths (4/5) majority of the currently registered Members of the Church or Board of a Ministry must be in agreement with any motion to withdraw.

6.13.2. Upon such withdrawal;

- 6.13.2.1. all rights and privileges of affiliation shall immediately cease, including the right to use the names "CRC" or "CRC" or "CRC Churches" or "CRC Churches" or "Christian Revival Church of";
- 6.13.2.2. any chattels that were owned or purchased for the use of a CRC Church or CRC Ministry shall within seven (7) days be made available to the Executive to be administered for the use of a future Church or Ministry;
- 6.13.2.3. any property or chattels purchased in the name of the Church or Ministry remains exclusive to CRC to be administrated by the Executive;
- 6.13.2.4. any financial or in-kind contribution of personal funds, property, buildings, equipment, intellectual property, made by an individual

for the use of the CRC Church or CRC Ministry cannot be claimed and remains the property of CRC to be administered by the Executive for the use of a future Church or Ministry;

- 6.13.2.5. the Executive has the right to establish a new or future Church or Ministry at or near to the area of the withdrawn Church or Ministry to fulfil the Great Commission using all or part of the residual funds, property, buildings, equipment, intellectual property as it sees fit.

7. Council Membership

7.1. Membership of the Council

- 7.1.1. Membership in the CRC Council comes through holding a CRC Minister's Credential.

7.2. Voting Rights

While it is felt consistent with Scripture that there should be total unity in the passing of resolutions and in appointments to office, for the purpose of this Constitution and unless otherwise stated, the following procedures shall apply:

7.3. General Business

- 7.3.1. It shall be deemed sufficient that two-thirds of the Members present at the meeting concerned shall be agreed.
- 7.3.2. A Quorum shall be the total of the gathered National Credentialed Ministers at a properly convened meeting that has been dually announced in line with this Constitution and not being less the one-third (1/3) of the total number of National Credentialed Ministers.

7.4. Election to Office within the Executive

- 7.4.1. Nominations of candidates for election as Executive Members shall be made in writing, signed by two (2) National Credentialed Members of the CRC and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate, not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual or General Meeting.
- 7.4.2. Nominations of candidates for election as Chairman of the Executive shall be made in writing, signed by two (2) National Credentialed Members of the CRC and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate, not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual or General Meeting.
- 7.4.3. Any Member of CRC holding a National Minister's Credential is eligible for nomination to the Executive.

- 7.4.4. Members holding a National CRC (pastors) Minister's Credential are eligible to vote and may cast one vote.
- 7.4.5. If insufficient nominations or equal number of nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Executive and Chairman Role, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- 7.4.6. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a simple vote of the National Ministers present at the convened meeting will cast the vote.
- 7.4.7. The office of the Chairman of the Executive will be made by vote of all the National Ministers present by two-thirds (2/3) majority from ones nominated for the Role of Chairman of the Executive.
- 7.4.8. All other Offices within the Executive will be made by two-thirds (2/3) majority by the elected Executive.

7.5. Annual General Meeting

- 7.5.1. The Executive is to call a properly convened Annual General Meeting of Members, where formal notice shall be given in writing at least eight (8) weeks prior to the said Meeting.
- 7.5.2. Business
 - 7.5.2.1. The following items shall be considered at such a meeting:
 - 7.5.2.1.1. an audited statement of income and expenditure and balance sheet of that year shall be presented;
 - 7.5.2.1.2. reports from the Executive and other Office bearers shall be presented;
 - 7.5.2.1.3. appointments shall be made to the Executive as applicable;
 - 7.5.2.1.4. Office Bearers shall be confirmed in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.
 - 7.5.2.1.5. Various recommendations may be made to the Executive, and action may be taken regarding other items.
 - 7.5.2.1.6. Various recommendations may be made from the CRC Churches International Field Supervisor for consideration.

7.6. Extraordinary Members Meetings

- 7.6.1. Extraordinary Meetings may be called by the Executive to meet an urgent need that cannot wait for the AGM. The Secretary will give notice to the members.
- 7.6.2. The National Executive may invite others to give advice on the specific matter but such persons shall have no voting powers.

7.7. Authority

- 7.7.1. The Executive, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, has authority and power to raise finance, to form departments, to purchase, lease or rent properties, to establish trusts or other such entities to achieve its objectives, to manage and dispose of all monies and to make rules and regulations to administer its affairs.

8. EXECUTIVE

- 8.1. The Council shall have expression through the Executive which shall comprise:
 - 8.1.1. A minimum of five (5) to a max of fifteen (15) Eligible Council members including the Chairman and any other compulsory Officer and are elected by two-thirds (2/3) majority at a properly convened meeting of eligible National Credentialed CRC Ministers each two (2) years and attendance all Executive meetings.
 - 8.1.2. The Executive Chairman is to be elected by the Council by two-thirds (2/3) majority at a properly convened meeting each five (5) years and lead or appoint to lead all Executive meetings.
 - 8.1.3. The other appointed Offices will be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the elected Executive.
 - 8.1.4. Inability to serve - Should an Executive member, by reason of death, voluntary resignation, termination of membership or some other reason make an Executive Member incapable of carrying out their leadership responsibilities, the remaining Executive may appoint an eligible replacement from the Council Membership to for fill the remainder of the elected time only.
 - 8.1.5. The Executive can additionally appoint persons to assist them, such as an Administrator and Secretary, in a non-voting capacity to fulfil specific roles as required.
 - 8.1.6. The Executive shall:
 - 8.1.6.1. serve to set the spiritual direction and faith goals of the CRC and ensure that these are compatible with CRC Core Values;

- 8.1.6.2. meet at least twice a year by whatever means possible;
- 8.1.6.3. develop guidelines of operation and specific strategies to achieve the CRC Vision, Mission and Ministry focus;
- 8.1.6.4. maintenance of CRC standards of ethics;\ inform, report and liaise with the CRC Churches International Field Supervisor;
- 8.1.6.5. convey CRC Churches International Field Supervisor's recommendations to the Council;
- 8.1.6.6. training and recognition of pastors and ministry's;
- 8.1.6.7. act as the Credential Issuing Authority for National Ministers, Provincial Ministers and Itinerant Ministers;
- 8.1.6.8. the promotion of home and overseas mission in the planting and the recognition of outreach churches and ministries through governing or sponsoring churches;\ implement decisions made by the Council at its Meetings;\ have authority to accept applications for membership to the CRC by churches and ministries;
- 8.1.6.9. organise the Conferences, General Meetings, the Annual General Meeting and other authorised CRC functions;
- 8.1.6.10. ensure that a copy of the minutes of each authorised Meeting, Annual General Meeting and Executive Meeting are available to all Members of the CRC;
- 8.1.6.11. the provision of services and departments such as youth and children, etc., to work with Churches and Ministries;\ the representation of the CRC in other forums including representation on other bodies where there is a common interest such as interdenominational bodies and events;\ appoint Ministry Leaders who are not credentialed ministers; and establish such other departments, trusts, committees, etc. as it deems necessary to achieve its objects;
- 8.1.6.12. the promotion and support and establishment of other groups and organisations such as Christian schools, Bible Colleges, Bible societies, Missions societies, Mercy ministries, Charitable bodies etc.;\ co-operation with secular organisations with a public interest resonating with the Christian cause or ethics;\ to raise whatever resources and assets which may be required to sustain the current and future needs of the Council in whatever capacity it may be able

and may so determine in fulfilling these purposes.

- 8.1.6.13. establish a "Missions Board" to effectively recognise, assist, support and co-ordinate personnel who are available to serve in both Home and Overseas Missions;
- 8.1.6.14. establish a "Ministry College Board" to provide an advanced teaching faculty to develop and train prospective ministers, missionaries and other ministries;
- 8.1.6.15. establish an "Academic School/College Board" to provide develop and train to future generations;
- 8.1.6.16. establish a "Projects Board" to provide for development and sustainability;
- 8.1.6.17. honouring of all civil governing authorities;

9. FINANCE AND PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

- 9.1. The Executive shall have the powers to determine the level of financial contribution that Credentialed ministers shall contribute to CRC.\ Churches and Ministries within CRC shall be self-funded by means of Tithes; Offering; Contributions; Memberships; Inheritances; investments, transactions and self-funding projects.\ The Executive shall have power to purchase, own, lease, and rent and manage properties on behalf of the CRC for its Churches and Ministries.
- 9.2. In the event of the winding-up or dissolution of the Association, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, there remain any property or funds whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed among the members of the Association. The remaining Executive at the time of wind-up or dissolution, in consultation with the CRC Churches international Field Supervisor, shall transfer or donate to another organization which has similar objectives; and prohibits the distribution of its income and property among its Members.\ The obligation of a Member of the Association to contribute toward the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association or the costs, charges and expenses, of the winding-up or dissolution of the Association is limited. It is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the Member in respect of any fees or charges owing to the CRC by that Member.

10. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

10.1. Alterations, additions to, or repeal of any provisions of this Constitution shall be made as follows:

10.1.1. at a properly convened General or Annual General Meeting; notification of proposed changes to the Constitution to be advised to all Members and the CRC Churches International Field Supervisor, sixty (60) days before the proposed Meeting; a four-fifths (4/5) majority of all the CRC Members present at the meeting required to carry the vote;

10.1.2. not having less than 50% of all the CRC Members be in attendance;

10.1.3. have an endorsement for the change from the CRC Churches International Field supervisor;

11. COMMON SEAL

11.1. The Council shall have a Common Seal, which shall be kept by the Executive.

11.2. The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any deed or instrument except by resolution of the Executive. The affixing of the Common Seal shall be attested by the signatures of any two (2) members of the Executive authorised to do so.

11.3. Upon the agreement of the Executive, those authorised to execute any deed or instrument shall comply with the decision and affix the Common Seal the Constitution.