



# FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN AFRICA

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## FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN AFRICA - INTERNATIONAL

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**FCCA-Int**

The FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN AFRICA, abbreviated FCCA is a movement originally birthed by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of a man and a woman that gave others an opportunity to become part of that vision. These men and women have come together in this Fellowship designed to assist them in building relationship with one another around clearly defined principles. The FCCA is called to provide membership and covering to churches and ministries, that function independently of and interdependently with traditional denominational churches.

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

#### **1.1. "The Fellowship"**

An organised body for Churches and Ministries, constituted through membership of the Ministry Members of these Churches and Ministries. The Fellowship is a group of Churches and Ministries of Pentecostal-Charismatic persuasion holding to the interpretation of the Scriptures which is commonly known as "Evangelical" and "Fundamental"

#### **1.2. "The Art 21 Co."**

Fellowship of Christian Churches in Africa is registered as an Art 21 Co. with CIPRO in South Africa Registration No: 2010/006164/21

#### **1.3. "Statement of Faith"**

The Statement of Faith contains the code of doctrine of the Fellowship.

#### **1.4. "The Founding Members"**

The members who initially started the Fellowship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and are still Members of the Fellowship as long as they are available are the Founding Members.

#### **1.5. "The President"**

The President is a founding Member or a person appointed by the Holy Spirit once there are no founding members available to be President of the Fellowship.

#### **1.6. "The Vice-President"**

The Vice-President is a founding Member or a person appointed by the Holy Spirit once there are no founding members available to be Vice- President of the Fellowship.

#### **1.7. "The Members"**

Those men and women with a calling and anointing who subscribe to the Statement of Faith, and have associated with the vision of the Fellowship and joined in the prescribed manner. This does not necessarily mean that a Member must have a pulpit ministry. They must be recognised to function in one of the following groups:

##### **1.7.1. "The Executive Members"**

Founding Members and any Ministry member that serves on the Executive Board, Board of Directors or the National Administration are Executive Members.

##### **1.7.2. "The Ministry Members"**

Ministry Members are Section 1.6 persons who are active committed members of a Church or Ministry acknowledged by the fellowship; who have been ordained by the Fellowship or whose ordination has been formally recognised by the Fellowship and who are eligible to be appointed as marriage officers through their relationship to the fellowship.

##### **1.7.3. "The Disciple Members"**

Disciple Members of the Fellowship is Section 1.6 persons who are in training or needs to

undergo further training, and/or needs to provide evidence of the fruit of his calling to the extent that, after evaluation by the leadership of the Fellowship, his application will be changed from Disciple Member to Ministry Member following his/her ordination.

**1.7.4. "The Honorary Members"**

Honorary Members are persons that the Executive Board feels have contributed significantly to the integrity or spiritual growth of members or has served the Fellowship or the general Body of Christ in a significant way.

**1.8. "The Executive Board"**

The Executive Board consists of the Regional Administration Chairpersons, the Chairperson and members of the National Administration, appointed Members and Co-opted Members as described in this Constitution.

**1.9. "The Board of Directors"**

The Directors and Officers of the registered Art 21 Co. called Fellowship of Christian Churches in Africa.

**1.10. "The National Administration"**

Consists of persons appointed by the President, and ratified by the body, at an annual General Meeting to fulfil an administrative role in the Fellowship.

**1.11. "The Regional Administration"**

Consists of persons, appointed by the President, to fulfil an administrative an encouragement role in the Regions with District Encouragers that builds relationships with members in their districts.

**1.12. "District Encouragers"**

Members appointed by the Executive Board to assist Regional Chairpersons in Regions that are large enough to warrant it.

**1.13. "Fathers in the Fellowship"**

Men and women who will walk closely with the President and the Executive Board concerning the direction the Fellowship is following, teachings that are given and monitoring the stand FCCA-Int makes on purity of the Christian Faith.

**1.14. "Financial Committee"**

Men and women appointed by the President to see that all legal financial requirements of the law are adhered to. The President may never be the Chairperson of the Financial Committee and there must always be an accountant or bookkeeper appointed in the committee

**1.15. "Annual Meetings"**

There are (a) the Regional Annual General Meetings where Regional business is concluded and (b) the National Annual General Meeting where National business is concluded at the National Convention.

**1.16. "Covering Body"**

Providing covering to churches and ministries that are functioning on their own and have become part of the Fellowship.

**1.17. "Ruling Body"**

Managing and overseeing Marriage Officers.

**1.18. "The Body of Christ"**

Includes all those persons worldwide who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour; and who believe in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit with Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God.

**1.19. "Church"**

A group of believers who choose to function under the leadership of a Ministry Member who submits to the calling of the Most High God known in Hebrew tongue as: Yehovah.

**1.20. "Ministry"**

Men and women who attend to the hurt and needs of the greater community from within the calling that God has placed on his / her life as a believer in Jesus Christ known in Hebrew tongue as:

Yeshua.

#### **1.21. "Gender and Number"**

Unless the context indicates to the contrary, the masculine shall include the feminine gender and the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa.

### **2. REGISTERED NAME OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

Fellowship of Christian Churches in Africa is registered as an Art 21 Co. with CIPRO in South Africa, Registration No: 2010/006164/21, abbreviated "FCCA".

All countries where FCCA is planted shall use and adhere to the Constitution of FCCA as determined by the Head Office in South Africa

### **3. OPERATIONAL NAME OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

Operationally the FCCA shall be known as FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN AFRICA - INTERNATIONAL, abbreviated "FCCA-INT", hereinafter referred to as "the Fellowship".

All countries where FCCA is planted shall use the name: "FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN AFRICA" with the addition of their country's name in place of INTERNATIONAL. E.g. FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN AFRICA – NIGERIA

### **4. ADDRESS OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

The Fellowship shall have its offices at 3 Pansy Place, Doornpoort, Pretoria 0186 until such time as the President, or the Executive Board, when the authority is delegated to it, may decide upon a change of address of the registered offices.

### **5. PURPOSE OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

5.1. The primary purpose of the Fellowship is to unite men and women who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and who have received a calling from God to do one or more of the following:

- 5.1.1. To reach out to the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ by all means, including evangelism and missionary activity, to invite the lost into a living relationship with our Heavenly Father.
- 5.1.2. To guide and mentor men and women to a place of spiritual maturity in Christ and so to demonstrate the advantages of submission to His Lordship.
- 5.1.3. To act as a place of meeting for all who desire to be associated in a Christian Fellowship particularly designed to assist them in building relationships with one another around the guiding principles, the vision, the strategic objectives and foundational commitments of the Fellowship.

5.2. The secondary purpose of the FELLOWSHIP is to provide a ruling body under which the members can be managed in good order, which includes, but are not limited to the following:

- 5.2.1. To ordain Disciple or new Members to the status of Ministry Members;
- 5.2.2. To recognise the Ministries, including the churches, they represent;
- 5.2.3. To select Ministry Members to be recommended to the Dept. of Home Affairs RSA for appointment to the office of Marriage Officers.

### **6. GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

The FELLOWSHIP subscribes to the following guiding principles:

- 6.1. The principle of "in the multitude of counsellors there is safety" (Prov. 11:14) and "submit to one another" (Eph. 5:21).
- 6.2. The principle of theocratic leadership and governance. The Fellowship should always build and develop itself around the person and leadership style of our Lord Jesus Christ and not around the personalities of any one or more than its members.
- 6.3. The principle of teamwork within the body of Christ. Every member of the Fellowship should be involved in decision-making and problem-solving processes where and when appropriate through guidance by the Holy Spirit and within the established Membership and organisation structures such as the National and Regional bodies.
- 6.4. The principle of being non-political. The leadership of the Fellowship shall be guided by the Word of God and not by secular political thinking. In this regard, the leadership, from the desk of the

President, shall respond to the political and social questions and issues of the day by opposing what is wrong and supporting what conforms to Biblical principles.

## **7. THE VISION OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

The vision of the Fellowship is to achieve a united body of spiritually mature men and women of God who have a particular calling in ministry.

This vision was birthed by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the founding members of the Fellowship and will be taken forward by the following generations of men and women of God.

The vision of the Fellowship is further to give membership and therefore covering to churches and ministries that are functioning on their own and afford them the opportunity to be in ministry officially.

## **8. THE MISSION OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

The Mission of the Fellowship is to achieve its Vision through:

- 8.1. Leading members to function and fellowship directly under the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the basis of clearly defined biblical principles,
- 8.2. Exposing members to the functioning of the fivefold ministry, as described in Eph 4:11- 13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.
- 8.3. Teachings on topics informed by God through the Holy Spirit at the Fellowship's Conferences.
- 8.4. Training at affiliated and accredited academies and schools of spiritual learning.
- 8.5. Inviting assemblies, churches and ministries to become part of an international body that has a vision that is larger than their own.
- 8.6. Cross-pollination through introducing the various ministries and churches united in the Fellowship to other members of the Fellowship, and through encouraging members to invite other members to minister in their respective ministries and churches.

## **9. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

- 9.1. To bring ministry members and disciple members to maturity in Christ and to help them to be effective in their calling by training, seminars, conferences and fellowship with one another.
- 9.2. To act as a ruling body for Ministry Members who are appointed as Marriage Officers.
- 9.3. To ordain Disciple Members of the Fellowship in the regions, to become Ministry Members, who have a clear calling and anointing from God on their lives and have emerged from and have operated in a local Church or a Ministry for at least two years.
- 9.4. To encourage churches and ministries to preach the gospel strictly according to the Word of God, train believers and care for the poor and needy around them as an outreach and testimony.
- 9.5. To lead Executive Board members to contact fellowship members in the sub-regions allocated to conferences and other Regional meetings arranged.
- 9.6. To support missionary work by organising or financially support ministries who do this in an organised and regular manner.
- 9.7. To promote the ministry of individuals who serve the Body of Christ in specialised fields, by making their ministry known to the Fellowship.
- 9.8. To provide an environment where Ministry Members can get help and advice from father figures, and a plurality of counsellors.
- 9.9. To assist in settlement of disputes between a Ministry, Disciple Member and leadership through mediation where such assistance is requested.
- 9.10. To discourage teachings personal theories and views are not taught to fellow and assembly members, but to encourage Word based teachings.

## **10. STATEMENT OF FAITH**

All members and associates of the Fellowship subscribe to the following collective statements of faith:

- 10.1. The Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments in their original form, is the fully inspired and only infallible Word of God. We accept it as the supreme and final authority in all matters of doctrine, faith and life.
- 10.2. There is only one God, who is self-revealed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These are the three eternal distinctions in one divine being.
- 10.3. The deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth as the only begotten Son of God, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of God the Father, His personal future return to reign in power and glory.
- 10.4. Man was created good and upright in the image of God. But man, by voluntary transgression, fell, and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God.
- 10.5. The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance toward God and faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary. Man is justified by grace alone and this through faith.
- 10.6. They who receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour by faith, are born again by the Holy Spirit and become Children and heirs of God. The New Birth is absolutely essential for personal salvation and eternal life.
- 10.7. The Lord Jesus appointed two sacraments: (a) believer's baptism by immersion in water as a public witness and confession of faith and identification with Christ declaring that we have died with Jesus and have also been raised with Him to walk with Him in newness of life, symbolical of being baptized in one body, and (b) the Lord's Supper is the partaking of the emblems, the bread and the fruit of the vine, in remembrance of His suffering and death and a prophecy of His second coming by all believers "until He come".
- 10.8. The sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a life of righteousness and true holiness.
- 10.9. The baptism of the Holy Spirit with the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives them utterance and the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the edification of the body of Christ.
- 10.10. The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointment for the fulfilment of her great commission. Each Christian believer who is redeemed by Jesus Christ and regenerated by the Holy Spirit is part of that body. In reflecting the greater body of the church, the new birth and a personal confession of Christ are essentials for membership of the local church.
- 10.11. The Redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body - it is the privilege of all believers and as a sign following to confirm the preached Word of God to unbelievers.
- 10.12. The resurrection of the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

## **11. FOUNDATIONAL COMMITMENTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

- 11.1. The Fellowship functions under the direction of the Holy Spirit and under the Headship our Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the commandments and provisions as set forth in the scriptures known as the Word of the Lord God Almighty.
- 11.2. The Fellowship is part of the Body of Christ and is organised to function exclusively for religious, educational, missionary and charitable purposes. The Churches and Ministries, and their Members that are part of the Fellowship subscribe to the Statement of Faith, which is attached hereto. The Statement of Faith describes the fundamental doctrinal position of this Fellowship and cannot be changed or amended.
- 11.3. The Fellowship shall strive to be a prophetic voice to the nation.
- 11.4. The Fellowship shall earnestly contend for the faith as part of the army of God and mobilise itself against the influences of the 'spirits of this age' including, but not limited to, influences exerted by the Inter-faith movement, the New Age movement, the Ecumenical movement, and One World movement in our country and in the church. Any Movement or doctrine in accordance with the

Word of God will be supported and any Movement or doctrine not in accordance with the Word of God will be spoken against and members warned.

- 11.5. The Fellowship is committed to working towards the upliftment of the disadvantaged and to minister to the needs of the poor.
- 11.6. The Fellowship is committed to function in Regions where men and women will build trust in and relate and fellowship with one another. Nationally the Fellowship shall be united to speak with one voice concerning major issues.

## **12. THE MEMBERS**

The Members of the Fellowship will be:

- 12.1. **Ministry Members:** They are persons who are active committed members of a Church or Ministry acknowledged by the Fellowship; who have been ordained by the Fellowship or whose ordination has been formally recognised by the Fellowship and who are eligible to be appointed as marriage officers through their relationship to the Fellowship.
- 12.2. **Disciple Members:** They are persons who are in training or need to undergo further training and/or need to provide evidence of the fruit of their calling to the extent that, after evaluation by the leadership of the Fellowship, their applications will be changed to Ministry Members following their ordination.
- 12.3. **Executive Members:** They are the Founding Members and any Ministry member that serves on the Executive Board, Board of Directors or the National Administration. Executive Membership's term of office can be terminated by the President should the member not function according to the standards of leadership set by the Executive Board.
- 12.4. **Honorary Members:** are persons that are not part of FCCA-Int that the Executive Board feels have contributed significantly to the integrity or spiritual growth of members or have served the Fellowship or the Body of Christ in general in a significant way.

## **13. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- 13.1. To become members of the Fellowship, applicants have to complete and submit the prescribed membership documentation to the National Registration Office.
- 13.2. All the Membership Application documentation shall be processed and kept at the National Registration Office.

## **14. DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS**

- 14.1. Members who do not comply with the requirements of this constitution and the requirements of their membership contract with the Fellowship are deemed to be dismissed as members of the Fellowship.
- 14.2. The dismissal of a member shall first be handled by the member's Regional Leadership and Administration.
- 14.3. The Regional Leadership and Administration shall make a recommendation for the dismissal of a member to the Executive Board of the Fellowship.
- 14.4. The Executive Board of the Fellowship shall consider the Regional Leadership and Administration's recommendation for dismissal and make a consensus judgement for / or against the dismissal of the accused member. The judgement of the Executive Board shall then be submitted to the President for a final decision. Written records shall be kept of all the proceedings.
- 14.5. In the case of members acting in a manner that will harm the Fellowship or its relationships in the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ; the President, after consultation with the Board of Directors and /or the Executive Board, can suspend him / her immediately.
- 14.6. Hearings and meetings conducted at both Regional and Executive levels shall be done in same way as described in this constitution.

## **15. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- 15.1. The Executive Board consists of the Founding Members, the President, the Vice-President, the Regional Administration Chairpersons, Convenors of the Committees appointed by the President, the Admin Manager of the Fellowship and any co-opted members.

- 15.1.1. The role of the Executive Board will be that of determining the national and international business of the Fellowship, whilst the day to day running of the Fellowship will rest with the Management Committee, and the day to day running at regional level will rest with the Regional Administrations.
- 15.1.2. All members of the Executive Board are expected to walk and teach strictly in accordance with the Fellowship's Statement of Faith.
- 15.1.3. If there is any doubt about a particular Board Member's conduct, a presentation must be made to the full Executive Board by at least two complainants/witnesses at the soonest possible date. Accusations against the accused Board Member shall be made in writing and signed by the aggrieved parties prior to the special meeting being scheduled for the Executive Board.
- 15.1.4. The special Executive Board meeting is to be conducted in way that displays brotherly love.
- 15.2. When the Executive Board meets for conducting business, the President of the Fellowship shall act as Chairperson of the meeting.
- 15.3. Should the President not be able to attend an Executive Board meeting, then he shall appoint one of the current members of the Executive Board to act as Chairperson of that Executive Board meeting in his absence.
- 15.4. Proper notice of fourteen days shall be given in writing, by telephonic person-to- person message, a confirmed e-mail or a delivered SMS of all Executive Board meetings.
- 15.5. A quorum shall be one person more than 50% of the total members of the Executive Board.
- 15.6. The Chairperson shall appoint a person as scribe to record the minutes of a particular Board meeting.
- 15.7. The appointed scribe shall be expected to produce and deliver an accurate record of the proceedings of the Executive Board meeting.
- 15.8. Should an Executive Board member successfully claim not to have received notice of a particular Board meeting, and in that instance, not attend that Board meeting, the proceedings of the meeting held in the absence of the particular Board member, shall not be invalidated by the member's non-attendance.
- 15.9. The Board may decide to remunerate any Officer for a specific period of time or task or at an hourly rate for a specific project as the circumstances may dictate. Allowance for petrol, telephone and accommodation may also be decided upon in, out of the ordinary circumstances or when an Executive Board Member has to travel long distance to attend an Executive Board Meeting and it is approved by the President.
- 15.10. The Board shall together with, and under the spiritual leadership of the President always seek the Lord's face in the Fellowship concerning the leadership, direction and operation of the Fellowship and to act as encouragers to the Ministry and Disciple Members of the Fellowship. In this regard Board Members shall lift up the arms of the President and the Founding Members according to the model described in Exodus 17:11-12: "and it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun" and to see that proper provision is made for their living, medical requirements and retirement according to Mathew 10:9-10 '9 Do not acquire gold or silver or copper for your money belts, 10 or a bag for the journey, or two undergarments, or sandals, or staffs, for the worker is worthy of his food', and 1 Timothy 5:18 For the Scripture says, You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain, and again, The labourer is worthy of his hire. [Deut. 25:4; Luke 10:7.] Ampl.

## **16. THE EXECUTIVE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT**

- 16.1 The President will appoint a spiritual son to succeed him as President when the Holy Spirit calls him to step down or move on; the Vice-President will fulfil this role unless the Father lays it on his heart to appoint a different person.
  - 16.1.1. Appoint the members of the Executive Board and determine their term of office, although the term is not necessarily defined at appointment, and will recall them when their services are no longer needed or their term has expired.

- 16.1.2. Appoint the members of the Art 21 Company and determine their term of office, although the term is not necessarily defined at appointment, and will recall them when their services are not needed any more or their term has expired.
  - 16.1.3. Appoint Fathers in the Fellowship and determine their term of office although the term is not necessarily defined at appointment, and will recall them when their season has expired.
  - 16.1.4. Appoint the Chairpersons of the Regional Administrations, the National Administration and determine their term of office although the term is not necessarily defined at appointment, and will recall them when their services are no longer needed or their term has expired.
  - 16.1.5. Will appoint District Encouragers in the Regional Administrations and determine their term of office although the term is not necessarily defined at appointment, and will recall them when their services are no longer needed or their term has expired. The District Encouragers will contact members in his / her allocated district and encourage members.
- 16.2 The President oversees all Governance in the Fellowship but can delegate this power to the members of the Executive Board.
- 16.3 Only the President, or someone nominated by him in writing, can call an Executive Board meeting.
- 16.4 The President will be notified of all meetings of every administration and every committee. He will have the right to attend when any meeting in the Fellowship is held.

## **17. THE FUNCTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- 17.1 To contact and encourage the Ministry Members in his /her region or sub Region allocated to them and to invite them to the conferences held within their reach. The number of people that will attend a conference must be communicated with the Chairman of the National Administration that will inform the President of the final figures.
- 17.2 To appoint all salaried and other workers in the Fellowship. In this regard the Board shall be responsible to negotiate with workers an employment contract and their conditions of service.
- 17.3 To appoint ad-hoc working committees for specialised areas of activities or projects on whose meetings at least one member of the Board will always be present. They can co-opt members as needed and approved by the Executive Board.
- 17.4 To receive and evaluate reports from the various Regional Chairpersons and ratify their major decisions before passing it on the President. Only decisions that are in accordance with the main object of the Fellowship and with guidelines laid down by the Executive Board will be ratified.
- 17.5 To receive and evaluate recommendations from the Members and channel deserving suggestions to the relevant committees.
- 17.6 To make known approved projects and policies to the members and interested parties as is appropriate.
- 17.7 To promote awareness to the public and institutions of the Fellowship and they will always endeavour to display its principle of "the multitude of counsellors" (Prov. 11:14) by representing the Fellowship with at least two or three Members.
- 17.8 All communication made public by the Fellowship may only be made through the office of the President. The rule being that if the President has not signed the release it, then it may not be made public at all.
- 17.9 To be accountable to the Fellowship and to properly implement decisions about policies, plans and projects.
- 17.10 The President will appoint any Executive Board member to attend any scheduled meeting anywhere and anytime.

## **18. THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**

- 18.1 To administer funds through a National Administration office or offices as designated for the national projects but within the limits and guidelines as set out by each Regional Administration for matters that apply to their region.
- 18.2 Proportional amount of 5% will be paid to the Regions from the tithes received from churches in each Region once the expenses of the National Administration have been fully met. Administration fees, gifts and funds for specific projects will be excluded from this.

- 18.3 To give report of the over-all financial situation of the Fellowship to the President and the Executive Board at every Executive Board meeting.
- 18.4 Any member of the Fellowship who requires insight my request in writing from the Executive Board or the Regional Administration. The books will be made available within 15 days after such written notice.
- 18.5 To keep the books of the Fellowship up to date on a monthly basis and will present it as needed by the President.
- 18.6 To present the financial statements to the members at the Annual National Convention.

## **19. FINANCIAL POLICY**

- 19.1 Financially the Fellowship is an independent ecclesiastical non-profit making company; exempted from Income tax, Donations tax, Transfer duty, Stamp duty and Estate duty. In order not to lose this status with the Commissioner for Inland Revenue, all the following points of this financial policy will not be amended without their prior consent.
- 19.2 The Regional Administration as advised by the Financial Committee controls all Regional funds. All national funds submitted from the Regions or directly from the National Administration according to the directives of the Executive Board would be administered by the Financial Committee. Under no circumstances will the financial control be vested in any one person on his own.
- 19.3 The Fellowship will not carry on any form of business such as commercial trade, speculative transactions, and dividend stripping activities.
- 19.4 The Fellowship will be allowed to sell religious material at its meetings as a service to its Members and occasional visitors.
- 19.5 The Fellowship will not acquire shares in any private or public company, other than by way of donation or bequest.
- 19.6 Full-time administration office staff will be paid for services rendered according to the salary scale determined by the Executive Board.
- 19.7 In their capacity as Members of the Board, no donor, Pastor or trustee or any of their relatives will receive any benefit from the funds or the income of the organisation.
- 19.8 No loans will be made to any Board Member (unless such loan is to be used in the furtherance of the objectives of the Fellowship), to any of their relatives or to a private company.
- 19.9 Funds will only be invested with registered financial institutions as defined in section 1 of the Financial Institution Act, 1984.
- 19.10 The Fellowship will not be held responsible for any debts by Members, hired staff, Board Members, or voluntary workers.
- 19.11 Every Ministry, Church of Member is responsible for adhering to the Tax laws of the country in which the operate, for their own tax and legal requirements stipulated by law.
- 19.12 Every Ministry, Church of Member is responsible to have their own financial situation audited as required by the laws of the country they operate in.
- 19.13 All donations made by the Fellowship will be made in accordance with the main object of the Fellowship.
- 19.14 All donations to the Fellowship are irrevocable.

## **20. THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION**

- 20.1 A National Administration will consist of at least three members, appointed by the President, and will operate under the direction of the Executive Board as a service arm to do certain designated administrative tasks for the Executive Board, but will have no power of decisions outside of these given directives to administer the Fellowship.
- 20.2 Members of this Administration will fulfil an administrative role in offices such as to do with Registration, Finances, Editing of Publications, Missions, Publicity, arranging facilities for the conferences and the like. The National Administration may expand itself as the need arises, but may only co-opt more members with the approval of the Executive Board.
- 20.3 The activities of the National Administration resorts under the Executive Board for their approval.

20.4 When a member of the National Administration resigns, this post may temporarily be filled by the consensus of the other members of the National Administration until the next scheduled Executive Board Meeting takes place.

## 21. THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION

- 21.1 The basis of leadership of the Fellowship shall be at a regional level and shall be based on the Christian spiritual function rather than position. It will be the Regional Chairpersons' duty to contact and encourage the Ministry Members in his/her region, and invite them to the conferences held within their reach. The number of people that will attend a conference must be communicated with the Chairman of the National Administration that will inform the President of the final figures.
- 21.2 District Encouragers will be appointed in Regions that are large enough and it is justified by the number of members in the Region. The Encourager will contact and encourage the Ministry Members in his/her portion of the District, and invite them to the conferences held within their reach. District Encouragers will function on the level of New Testament men that will take care of the functional part of the Fellowship in each Region as described in: **Acts 6:3** wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
- 21.3 Each region will have a Regional Administration consisting of at least three members of whom at least two shall be appointed in office, the Regional Chairperson and the District Encouragers, who are appointed by the President or the Executive Board from the Ministry Members of the Fellowship in each region, a Regional Secretary, and one other member may be co-opted. The chairperson of the Regional Administration will be an ex-officio member of the Executive Board.
- 21.4 New Regional Administration Member's names may be put forward (nominated) by the Members.
- 21.4.1. The chairperson will chair the meetings of the Regional Administration, or someone appointed by him from the region represented by him.
- 21.4.2. Regional Administration meetings will be held at least once a quarter and more regularly if the region requires it.
- 21.5 The Regional Chairperson and members of the Regional Administration are appointed for a two year period after which they may only be re-appointed for one further year if approved by the Executive Board. Hereafter resignation is mandatory for at least one year before being considered for re-appointment.
- 21.6 The Regional Administration will receive membership applications from interested persons ministering in their region in their effort to expand the membership of the Fellowship.
- 21.6.1. They will screen the applications for Ministry Membership and Disciple Membership; by passing this information on to the National Registration Office or by not protesting when new members appear on their regional lists, they thereby indicate their acceptance of membership or ordination.
- 21.6.2. This list will then be submitted to the Executive Board for scrutiny and comment.
- 21.7 Membership Certification and Ordination will be effected at any Conference approved and attended by the President. The Membership and Ordination Certificates will not indicate any titles so as not to give the impression that the Fellowship has bestowed any particular title or five fold ministry office upon an ordained member.
- 21.8 All the members of the Regional Administration are deemed equal and all decisions shall be by consensus, the quorum being – the three members and the Holy Spirit.
- 21.8.1. In the case of any dispute within the Regional Administration, which stops the functioning of the Regional Administration, will be 'suspended' until the next normally scheduled Executive Board meeting.
- 21.8.2. The matter is immediately referred to the Executive Board in writing by each of the members of the Regional Administration and no further action is taken until the Executive Board resolves the dispute and tables the results in writing. The decision of the Executive Board is subject to one appeal only.
- 21.8.3. If there is no appeal and the decision of the Executive Board is accepted then the Regional Administration is no longer 'suspended' and may operate normally.

21.8.4. If there is an appeal and the Executive Board decision is again repudiated by the Regional Administration then that Regional Administration is considered “disbanded”.

21.8.5. If a Regional Administration is “disbanded”, the Executive Board will put a new Regional Administration in place at the earliest date possible.

21.9 The National Administration can only declare such a dispute and refer it to the Executive Board. All disputes must be reported to the Executive Board to handle.

## **22. DEMARCATION OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS**

22.1 The Regional Administrations consist of the following regions:

22.1.1. Gauteng North

22.1.2. Gauteng South

22.1.3. East Rand

22.1.4. KwaZulu-Natal

22.1.5. Western Cape

22.1.6. Northern Cape

22.1.7. Southern Cape

22.1.8. Free State

22.1.9. Limpopo

22.1.10. Northern Province

22.1.11. North West

22.1.12. International

22.1.13. Africa – Excluding South Africa

22.1.13.1. Nigeria

22.1.13.2. Ghana

22.1.13.3. Zambia

22.1.13.4. Malawi

22.1.14. Australia

Other international countries will be added as churches and ministries are planted there.

22.2 Regions will be divided in sub-regions when it is deemed necessary by the President who will lay it before the Executive Board for discussion. The sub-regions will be demarcated and confirmed by the President

## **23. SPIRITUAL BOARD**

A Spiritual Board consisting of those proven apostolic and prophetic ministry, will be appointed to carry out specified functions within the Fellowship. This group has no executive or administrative authority and may only function through the office of the President.

## **24. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

24.1 An annual general meeting of the Members will be held nationally within four months after the financial year-end at the end of February. This meeting will be announced in writing, at least four weeks in advance of each meeting. The following reports shall be tabled:

24.1.1. The general work and activities of the Fellowship during the year.

24.1.2. The financial position of the Fellowship, regionally as well as nationally, as reflected in the statements drawn up by an accountant or bookkeeper. These statements will be open for viewing by the Members at this meeting.

24.1.3. Matters relating to its spiritual and social welfare.

24.2 Policies and past activities of the Regions will be analysed to guide the Regional Administrations into the future.

**25. SPECIAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 25.1 Special Annual General Meetings of the Fellowship shall be held only after public notice has been given thereof, which notice shall state the whole of the business to be transacted thereat.
- 25.2 Public notice shall be by way of FCCA-Int's Official website, e-mail and/or sms sent at least 14 days before such meeting when held regionally or 21 days when held nationally.
- 25.3 Only duly admitted Members who have been Members for a period of at least two months may give input in any meeting except in the case of Regional constituting meeting.
- 25.4 Once notice was given in the prescribed manner and there are not 50% plus one members at the meeting and a second meeting is called, the total number of persons attending the second will be deemed a quorum to accept changes of the constitution, and the appointment of new members of the Executive Board that has been approved by the Board of Directors.

**26. PROPERTY**

The Fellowship may purchase, sell and bond property (in order to obtain finance) solely for the immovable property owned or acquired by the Fellowship shall be registered in the name of the Fellowship.

**27. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

- 27.1 The constitution may only be amended at the National A.G.M. or at any other time at a joint Special Annual General Meeting called for this purpose provided that two month's notice is given of the proposed change or resolution. Such meeting shall be convened and constituted in the way prescribed in this constitution. The Chairperson of the Executive Board shall preside over the meeting, minutes of the meeting will be taken and the vote shall be exercised by way of a two-thirds majority.
- 27.2 All future amendments will be submitted to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue for approval.

**28. DISSOLUTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

Should the Fellowship no longer adhere to its principles, the Fellowship shall be deemed to have ceased to exist. The Fellowship may also at any other time be dissolved by the Executive Board as directed by a mandate given at a Special General Meeting by the Members. All funds and property of the Fellowship would then be transferred to an organisation within the Republic of South Africa that propagates like-minded principles, being charitable, educational or ecclesiastical and which is itself exempt from Income Tax and Donations Tax in terms of section 10(l)(f) of the Income Tax Act.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSTITUTION**

We, Members of the Fellowship are in agreement with the constitution as set out above and as may further be explained and interpreted in the Bylaws of this Fellowship.

This Constitution presented and accepted by a National General Meeting held on this date shall replace all previous constitutions of the Fellowship called upon signing below by the elected officials:

President of the Fellowship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full names: Matthys Gerhardus Janse van Rensburg 530926 5017 087

Vice-President of the Fellowship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full names: Magdel Janse van Rensburg 580705 0037 087

Chairperson of the  
 National Administration: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full names: Philip Niemand 740310 5022 080

Acceptance of the new constitution: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_