

Statements of purpose and rules of Good Seed Church Incorporated

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Article I. Name & Definition

- i. Name: The name of the incorporated association is *Good Seed Church Incorporated* referred herein as 'the church'
- ii. Definition:
 - a. 'Committee' means the management group of the church
 - b. 'General meeting' means an annual meeting of members of the church convened in accordance with these rules and is held on every 3rd Sunday of November each year
 - c. 'Brethren' means the member of the church
 - d. 'Membership' means the membership of the brethren belonging to the church
 - e. 'Church Business Meeting' means ad-hoc meeting of members of the church convened in accordance with these rules

Article II. Objective & Purpose

- i. Objective
 - a. To Preach the gospel of Christ Jesus to more people
 - b. To teach the bible to the brethren
 - c. To lead the brethren to establish a personal and close relationship with god
 - d. To build up the brethren's spiritual life, to be good and do well, to serve others and the community
- ii. Purpose: The church is not for profit

All the members of the committee and all people who serve in the church are volunteers. The assets and income of the church shall be applied solely in furtherance of the above-mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly and indirectly to the members of the church except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the church.

Article III. Membership

- i. Any person who
 - a. has accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord
 - b. has been baptized
 - c. is received into membership shall be a member of the Church
- ii. Subscription
 - a. There is no subscription fee
 - b. The church accepts the subscription from the brethren in their willingness
- iii. Resignations and expulsion of membership
 - a. Any brethren can cease the membership at any time willingly
 - b. The committee has the right to expel any brethren upon a charge of misconduct detrimental to the interests of the church however, the committee should have firm evidences and over two witnesses to make the decision. It needs approval of more than 75% members of the committee

Article IV. Church Management

- i. The Committees' powers and duties
 - a. The affairs of the church shall be managed and controlled by a committee
- ii. The Pastoral Team Management consists of the Pastors and Elders
 - a. Pastors may be full time or part time and shall serve in such specific or general areas of ministry as may be agreed from time to time
 - b. Such persons shall be appointed by accepting the call of the Church given at a church business meeting at which not less than 75% of the members present and voting support the call
 - c. Each notice of a church business meeting at which the call of a Pastor is to be considered shall include notice that the business of the meeting includes consideration of a Pastoral call
 - d. The terms and conditions of the appointment of a Pastor shall be as agreed from time to time at a church business meeting

- e. Pastors shall not be subject to annual or any other reappointment but shall serve as long as such service accords with the will of God (However, any pastor may be removed from office by decision made with majority of members at a church business meeting)
- f. Each Elder of the church must be a member of the church nominated by existing members of the Pastoral team and elected by not less than 75% of members present and voting at a church business meeting
- g. Each Elder shall be elected for a period of 4 years
- h. Each Elder shall also be eligible for re-election (However any elder shall be removed from office by decision made with majority of members at a church business meeting)
- i. The function of an Elder shall be to assist the Pastor
- j. The Pastoral Team and each of its members shall exercise spiritual leadership and oversight in the life and ministry of the church
- k. The minimum and maximum number of Deacons of the Church shall be decided from time to time by the Church business meeting
- l. Each Deacon shall be elected for two years, the election being arranged so that one half of the Diaconate shall be elected each year
- m. If necessary to give effect to the meaning of this clause, the Deacons shall determine by lot which of their number shall retire in any one year.
- n. Nominations for the Diaconate may be received from any member of Church having attained age 15 years
- o. The nomination shall be in writing, signed by two members and the nominee and must be handed to the Secretary not less than 7 days prior to the date of the Church Business Meeting at which the election is to take place
- p. Deacons shall be elected at the general meeting. In a case where there are no more candidates standing than positions available, a candidate shall not be elected unless not less than 75% of the membership present and voting in favor of that candidate
- q. All voting for the position shall be by secret poll

Article V. Meetings

- i. Annual general meetings: The church management committee shall call annual general meeting in accordance with the act and these rules.
 - a. Generally, annual general meeting shall be held every third Sunday of November a year.
 - b. The procedure of the annual meeting is:
 - a) to review the important events since last annual general meeting
 - b) to summarize the shortage of the last year
 - c) to report the plan of the new year
 - d) to give the financial report of the last financial year
- ii. Church Business Meeting
 - a. The committee may call a special general meeting of the church at any time

- b. The committee may notify the brethren at least one week prior to the date of the meeting
 - iii. Proceeding at general meetings
 - a. There should be at least 50% of the brethren present at any general meetings
 - b. If less than 50% of the brethren present within 30 minutes after the meeting starts, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the same day in the next week, at the same time and place
 - c. Over 50% members of the committee shall present at a general meeting of the church

Article VI. Financial Reporting

- i. Financial year: The first financial year of the church shall be the period ending on the next 30 June following incorporation
- ii. Accounts to be kept: The church should retain such accounting records as are necessary to correctly record and explain the financial transactions and financial position of the church in accordance with the act

Article VI. Winding Up

- i. The church may be wound up in the manner provided for in the act.
- ii. Application of surplus assets : any surplus assets remained after winding up shall be distributed to any organization which has similar objects and has rules which prohibit the distribution of its assets and income to its members

Article VII. Rules

- i. These rules may be altered by the committee of the church as long as the majority of committee members agree
- ii. The registered rules shall bind the church and brethren to the same extent as of they have respectively signed and sealed them and agreed to be bound by all of the provisions thereof