



# LIVE FREE CHURCH

Membership

A community that  
is identified  
and driven  
by the gospel.

## **What is Church membership?**

When we accept Christ into our lives we are united with Christ. Out of this union to Christ we join together with other believers to live in community. We have a new identity and become a part of a new family centered around Jesus.

Church membership is the physical expression of a spiritual reality of a new life in Christ. Without Church membership Christianity looks like a place driven by consumers rather than a community that is identified by and driven by the gospel.

## **What's the difference between a participant and a partner?**

The difference between a participant and a partner is deep commitment and ownership.

While a participant can benefit from proximity to a Church, a partnership looks like radical ownership. It's not attending a church, it's being the Church in Kelowna. In the Bible it speaks of conversion to Christ as "the Lord adding to the church" (Acts 2:47).

It looks like being a member of Live Free Church.

## **Why Church Membership?**

Membership in a church is not like membership in other organizations. Attending church is not like attending a meeting or club. It's definitely not like a Costco membership.

In those cases, members are consumers and audience members and the organization exists to serve them.

The church is completely different.

## **Membership means...ministry and service.**

Going from being a consumer to becoming a provider of God's love and care to others in our Church and those around us. The church isn't for ourselves, it's for others.

**Here are a few Biblical reasons to consider joining Live Free Church:**

- You are not ashamed to identify with Christ or His people (Mark 8:38)
- You need to stop being an independent Christian, we are called to community. (Matthew 18:15-17, Hebrews 13:17)
- You wish to participate in a stronger, more unified effort of God's people. (John 17:21)
- You have greater opportunities to use spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4)
- You want to openly demonstrate the reality of the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:27)
- You want to encourage new believers to make a commitment to the local body (Hebrews 10:24)

## **What does a member of Live Free Church look like?**

### **Free people are disciples.**

We are daily walking with Jesus, being shaped by him. (Matt 22:36-40)

### **Free people are shaped by the gospel.**

We continually read and study the word of God. (Ephesians 2: 1-10)

### **Free people live in community**

Partners for the journey of life. To share in the highs and lows of our walk with Jesus. (1 Cor 12:27)

### **Free people free people**

We are people praying for and pursuing people who are far from Jesus. (Rom 3:23)

### **Free people are servants**

We are a people who use the gifts that God has given us to serve others. (Rom 12:4-5)

### **Free people are accountable**

We are a people who forgive each other, and walk alongside each other in sin and brokenness.(Colossians 3:13)

### **Free people are generous**

We are a people who give freely because we have been given to freely. (John 3:16)

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## **Vision:**

We are a church in pursuit of the unchurched.

## **Purpose:**

### **Gospel**

We believe that God redeems us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We are a people changed by this message, it affects the way we live, work and play.

### **City**

The city has the potential for human flourishing and human idolatry. We minister using the gospel to both redeem and restore the culture we live in.

### **Movement**

We are a church on mission to reach as many people possible at all costs. Our message is the gospel that is contextualized to those we live, work, and play alongside us.

# Live Free Churches Statement of Faith

## I. OF THE SCRIPTURES

We believe the Holy Bible to be that collection of sixty-six books from Genesis to Revelation which, as originally written, was objectively the very Word of God; that it was written by men supernaturally moved; that it is verbally and plenary inspired; that it is truth without any admixture of error; and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the age, the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to men; the true centre of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

## II. OF THE TRINITY

We believe that there is one, and only one, living, eternal and true God; an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the Creator and the Supreme ruler of Heaven and earth inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honour, faith and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection, executing distinct and harmonious offices in the work of redemption.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God; that He is truly and eternally God, equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit; that for our redemption He took upon himself the nature of unfallen man; that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit in a unique and miraculous manner, and was born of Mary, a virgin; that in the one Person of Christ there are two natures, the Divine and the human, each distinct, and indissolubly united; that being tempted in the flesh He lived a sinless life; that He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; that the third day He arose bodily from the tomb and manifested Himself for forty days to His disciples; that in His glorified body He ascended to the Father; that as High Priest He ever lives to make intercession for His own; that according to His promise He will come again in person, visibly, with power and great glory.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine Person, equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in creation; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; that He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel in preaching and in testimony; that He is the agent of regeneration; that He dwells in every believer from the moment of his conversion; that every believer is baptized in the Spirit by Christ; that He fills the believer as control is yielded to Christ; that the evidence of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the life.

## III. OF THE DEVIL, OR SATAN

We believe that Satan is a person; that he is the malignant prince of the power of the air, and the unholy god of this world; that he is man's great tempter, the enemy of God and His Christ, the accuser of the saints; that he is the author of all false religions, the inspirer of all apostasy, and the chief of all the powers of darkness; that he with his principalities is overcome by our appropriation of Christ's victory on Calvary; that he along with his hosts is destined to final defeat at the hands of God's Son, and to suffer eternal punishment in a place prepared for him and his angels.

#### IV. OF THE CREATION

We believe in the Genesis account of creation, and that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness; that man's creation was not by evolution or change of species or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms; that all animal life and vegetable life were effected by special creation, and God's established law was that they should bring forth only "after their kind".

#### V. OF THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created in innocence under the law of his Creator, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state; in consequence of which all men are now sinful, and all are sinners not only by constraint but of choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse; that man in his fallen state is in a condition of total depravity by which is meant his utter incapacity to receive the things of the Spirit of God apart from the quickening grace of the Holy Spirit.

#### VI. OF THE ATONEMENT FOR SIN

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly by grace; that it is through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, Who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin, honoured the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full and expiatory atonement for our sins; that His atonement consisted in the voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place bearing the penalty of God's Holy Law, shedding His precious blood; the Just dying for the unjust, Christ the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; that having risen bodily from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven, and is in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Saviour.

#### VII. OF ELECTION

We believe that election is the eternal act of God's sovereign grace by which He chooses, calls, justifies and glorifies sinners; that it is effectuated by the Holy Spirit through God's Word in drawing sinners to Christ so that their wills are freely brought into compliance with God's elective purpose; that it excludes all human boasting; that it is demonstrated in believers by their personal faith in Christ, their love to God and their desire for holiness; that it is the ground of the believer's assurance and promotes humility and service.

#### VIII. OF THE NEW CREATION

We believe that in order to be saved a sinner must be born again through personal faith in Jesus Christ; that the new birth is a new creation; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life as the gift of God; that such is kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation and shall never perish; that the new birth is brought about in a miraculous manner above man's comprehension wholly and solely by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth; that its proper evidence appears in the fruits of

repentance, faith, and newness of life.

#### IX. OF JUSTIFICATION

We believe that justification is the great blessing by which God accepts, accounts and declares man as righteous; that it includes pardon from the guilt and condemnation of all his sin, the gift of eternal life on principles of divine righteousness; that it is bestowed by grace through faith solely upon the grounds of Christ's perfect life, and expiatory death whereby the righteousness of Christ is imputed to the believing sinner.

#### X. OF SANCTIFICATION

We believe that sanctification is primarily the believer's position in Christ by the grace of the new Testament sealed to the believer by the blood of the everlasting covenant whereby he is set apart unto God as the recipient of all heavenly perfections; that it is also a process by which the believer sets himself apart from sin to God in the gradual attaining of moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in his heart and in obedience to the Word of God; that it will culminate in the glorious and eternal state of entire sanctification at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### XI. OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

We believe that the church is a congregation of individuals baptized as believers upon profession of their faith, organized according to the New Testament pattern, associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the Gospel, and observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws, and exercising the rights, and privileges invested in it by His Word; that its officers are pastors (or elders or bishops) and deacons, whose qualifications and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures; that the true mission of the church is found in our Lord's commission, namely: to evangelize, to baptize, and to teach believers to observe all that the Lord commanded; that the church has absolute right of self-government free from any outside interference, and that the one and only superintendent is Christ, acting through the Holy Spirit in harmony with the Word of God; that in all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline or benevolence, the will of the church is final, that it is Scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in the furtherance of the Gospel and in contending for the faith, and that each church is the sole and only judge of the measure and method of its co-operation.

#### XII. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; that it is the direct command of Christ; that it shows forth the believer's union with the crucified, buried and risen Christ, and his death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a condition of church membership and according to the Scriptural order baptism should precede the observance of the Lord's supper in which believers by the use of bread and the cup after solemn self-examination are to commemorate together the death of Christ.

#### XIII. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil government is divinely appointed for the interests and good order of society; that the individual should fulfill faithfully his responsibilities as a good citizen; that magistrates should be conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the revealed will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience; that the church should remain distinct and separate from the state, and that there should be no intrusion of the one into the affairs of the other.

#### XIV. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

We believe that there is an essential difference in the nature, belief and practice of the righteous and the wicked; that those who through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and set apart by the Spirit of God, are truly righteous in God's esteem, and those who continue in impenitence and unbelief are wicked in His sight and under the curse; that this distinction holds even after death, that the righteous depart to be with Christ, and are in a state of conscious blessedness awaiting the resurrection of the just and the receiving of their glorified bodies; that the wicked depart to Hades where they are in conscious torment until the final resurrection and judgment; at which time the righteous enter into everlasting felicity in Heaven and the wicked into everlasting conscious suffering in Hell.

# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF LIVE FREE CHURCH

## CONSTITUTION

1. NAME: The name of the society shall be “Live Free Church” hereinafter referred to as “the Church.”

2. PURPOSES: The purposes of Live Free Church shall be:

2.1. To advance religion by teaching the religious tenets, doctrines, and observances associated with the Christian faith.

2.2. To advance religion by preaching the teachings, and religious tenets, doctrines and observances, associated with the Christian faith.

2.3. To advance religion by establishing and maintaining a house of worship with services conducted in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of the Christian faith.

2.4. To advance religion by establishing a facility to be used for religious programs, workshops, music, and Bible studies.

2.5. To contribute to registered Canadian charitable organizations locally, nationally, and internationally, which carry out activities that are consistent with the purposes of the Church.

## PART 1 – INTERPRETATION

1. In these bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.1. "Bylaws" means the bylaws of the Church;

1.2. "Society" means the society known as Live Free Church;

1.3. "Leadership Team" means the members of the Leadership Team of the Church who are elected by the members and who for all purposes serve as the directors (as defined and required by the Societies Act) of the Church for the time being;

1.4. "Officers" means those persons appointed by the directors from among their number to positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary, and the Treasurer;

1.5. "Special resolution" means a resolution as defined in the Societies Act of the Province of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it, as being a special resolution;

1.6. "Business meeting" means the Annual General Meeting and any duly called Extraordinary Business Meeting;

1.7. "Societies Act" means the Societies Act of the Province of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it;

2. The definitions in the Societies Act on the date these bylaws become effective apply to these bylaws.

3. Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa, and words importing a male person include a female person, but no reference to a person includes a corporation.

## PART 2 – MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership Requirements – Those who desire to become members of the church must meet the following requirements:

1.1. Trusted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

1.2. Publicly expressed faith in Christ through baptism.

1.3. Agreement with the Statement of Faith of the Church.

2. Membership Responsibilities – Members of the Church will strive to live out these responsibilities:

2.1. To continually be taking next steps on their spiritual journey (Gal 5:22-26).

2.2. To express Jesus' love in deeds and words, in the world in which they live (Mat 28:19-20).

2.3. To meet regularly with the church family (Psa 150:1, Eph 5:19-20).

2.4. To support the Church financially (2 Cor 9:6-15).

2.5. To be responsive and supportive to the leadership of the Church (Heb 13:17).

2.6. To love, encourage, support and pray for one another (Rom 12:10).

2.7. To grow as a servant (Mk 10:45).

3. Reception

3.1. Applications for membership must be made through the Leadership Team, with the exception of pastors and their spouses who have consented to be employed by the Church, and who, by nature of their call and subsequent approval by the vote of the membership are granted membership.

3.2. All applicants for membership shall be interviewed by two members of the Leadership Team or by such members as are duly appointed by the Leadership Team as to their willingness to abide by the Church's Statement of Faith, constitution and bylaws as a basis for their membership.

3.3. Upon a satisfactory interview, the interviewers shall make a recommendation to the Leadership Team regarding their acceptance into membership.

3.4. Upon unanimous approval by the Leadership Team, the names of the prospective members will be published or posted for at least two consecutive Sundays for the Church to consider, after which, assuming there are no objections, the applicants will be declared to be members. In the event of unresolved objections, a vote by the Church shall be required.

#### 4. Membership Roll

4.1. The church membership roll shall be in two sections:

4.1.1. The Resident Roll – consisting of all members resident in the area who participate with frequency and support regularly the program and work of the church; and

4.1.2. The Non-Resident Roll – consisting of all members not resident in the area who for reasons acceptable to the Leadership Team wish to maintain their identification with the church. Non-resident members are not permitted to vote.

4.2. The church membership roll shall be reviewed annually by the Leadership Team who shall be responsible to see that all members who have not demonstrated their support of the church for a period of one year be contacted. If no satisfactory response is received, the members shall cease to be in good standing. This annual review shall also be used to encourage those who are on the Non-Resident Roll to

join with a church of like faith in their area.

4.3. Placement on the Resident or Non-Resident Roll may be done by the Leadership Team.

4.4. All members are in good standing except:

4.4.1. A member who, in the opinion of the Leadership Team, has failed to remain active in the Church, provided that such inactivity shall arise only where a member is absent from the normal activities of the Church for a period of a year or more and does not communicate an interest in remaining a member of the Church;

4.4.2. A member who is under discipline or suspension.

## 5. Care and Discipline

5.1. The care of the members will be the particular concern of the Leadership Team and pastors. It should be understood that for this reason the lives and testimony of this local body of believers in Christ shall be of continual interest to the Leadership Team and pastors. They may, therefore, from time to time elect to counsel members personally to more active service, to remind members of their responsibilities within this church family, or encourage members in areas of self-discipline which will strengthen their testimony and that of the church. This being done in the spirit of love and concern, it is to be received in a spirit of appreciation and self-examination.

5.2. When further discipline of church members is necessary, as an expression of the members' care for one another and for the body of Christ, its object shall be the correction and leading of individual members to repentance with a clear view to their full restoration to fellowship within the body and the protection of the spiritual life and testimony of the corporate body of the church within the community.

5.3. In the event of a difference arising between members, the responsibility for reconciliation is incumbent upon both. The procedure to be followed is basically outlined in Matt 18:15-22 and the attitude in Matt 7:1-5; 1 Cor 6:1-11; 2 Cor 5:11-21; Gal 6:1.

## 6. Termination

6.1. A person shall cease to be a member of the Church:

6.1.1. By requesting in writing that his (or her) name be removed from the church membership roll;

6.1.2. On being expelled;

6.1.3. On having been a member not in good standing for twelve consecutive months;  
or

6.1.4. On death.

6.2. The Leadership Team may by special resolution expel, suspend or otherwise discipline any member who in their opinion is guilty of conduct which is improper or unbecoming for a member of the Church or is likely to endanger the interests or reputation of the Church or is in breach of these bylaws, but the Leadership Team shall first notify the member and give the member an opportunity to be heard. From time to time, by special resolution, the Church may provide for a process of discipline, expulsion and suspension, as well as dispute resolution between the Church and any member, or between or among any members, which process or processes shall be communicated to all members of the Church and thereafter be binding on all members.

6.3. Any person who ceases to be a member of the Church forfeits all rights, claims, privileges or interest arising from membership in the Church.

## PART 3 – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

1. Annual General Meeting – The Annual General Meeting shall be held within sixty days of the fiscal year end for the purpose of conducting the following business:

1.1. Report on and celebration of what God has been doing in and through the ministry of the Church

1.2. Election of the Leadership Team

1.3. Election of the treasurer

1.4. Election of the Leadership Team Nominating Committee

1.5. Acceptance of the financial statements

1.6. Approval of the budget for the ensuing year

1.7. Other business as needed

2. Extraordinary Business Meetings

2.1. Extraordinary Business Meetings may be called by the Leadership Team as needed.

2.2. The Leadership Team must call an Extraordinary Business Meeting upon receiving a written request signed by at least ten percent of the resident members in good standing, with a specific statement of the purpose of the meeting and the business intended to be conducted.

2.3. Every business meeting, other than an Annual General Meeting is an Extraordinary Business Meeting.

2.4. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of a notice by, any of the members entitled to receive notice does not invalidate proceedings at that meeting.

### 3. Notice of Meetings

3.1. Written notice of the date, time and location of an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary Business Meeting must be sent to every member at least 14 days before the meeting. Notice of a meeting is deemed to have been sent if notice of the date, time and location of the meeting has been sent, to every member who has provided an email address to the church, by email to that address, and

3.1.1. is announced for two successive weeks during the worship services of the church, or

3.1.2. is posted, throughout the period commencing at least 21 days before the meeting on the church's website.

### 4. Rules of Order

4.1. The current version of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall apply for all business meetings.

### 5. Quorum

5.1. Twenty five percent of the total resident voting membership shall form a quorum at any business meeting of the Church.

5.2. No business, other than the election of a chair and the adjournment or termination of the meeting, shall be conducted at a business meeting at a time when a quorum is not present.

5.3. If within thirty minutes from the time appointed for a business meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be terminated; but in any other case, it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, and if, at the adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within thirty minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall constitute a quorum, providing there is never less than three members present at all times.

## 6. Voting

6.1. Only members eighteen years of age or older are eligible to vote at any church business meeting.

6.2. Contested offices shall be filled by ballot vote.

6.3. Proxy voting is not permitted.

## 7. Vacancies

7.1. In the event of a resignation of a church officer the Leadership Team may appoint a member to fill the vacancy in this position until the next business meeting.

## PART 4 – LEADERSHIP TEAM

1. Except as set out in these bylaws, the Leadership Team may by majority vote exercise all the powers and do all acts and things that the Church may exercise and do, and which are not by these bylaws or by statute or otherwise lawfully directed or required to be exercised or done by the Church in a business meeting, but subject, nevertheless, to:

1.1. All laws affecting the Church;

1.2. These bylaws, and

1.3. Rules, not being inconsistent with these bylaws, which are made from time to time by the Church in a business meeting.

2. Each member of the Leadership Team must be a member in good standing and must meet the spiritual requirements set out in 1 Tim 3:8-13.

3. Members of the Leadership Team will serve for a term of three years. The nominees for election as members of the Leadership Team shall be selected by a nominating committee comprised of five members of the church, two of which are appointed by the Leadership Team and three of which are elected by the members present at a business meeting.

4. A person is eligible for election as a member of the Leadership Team for a maximum of two consecutive terms, after which a period of one year must pass before that person is eligible for reelection.

5. Leadership Team members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by special resolution of the members present.

6. The election of Leadership Team members shall be by ballot vote.

7. The term of a member of the Leadership Team shall terminate:

7.1. On the effective date specified in their notice in writing to the registered address of the Church resigning their position pursuant to the relevant section of this Article or on the date they are deemed to have resigned pursuant to the relevant section of this Article;

7.2. If they are found to be incapable of managing their own affairs by reason of mental infirmity;

7.3. If they are an undischarged bankrupt;

7.4. If they are convicted within or without the Province of British Columbia of an indictable offence or felony and the other Leadership Team members resolve to remove them; or

7.5. If they cease to be a member in good standing.

8. A member of the Leadership Team may resign by delivering a notice in writing to the registered address of the Church.

9. Any member of the Leadership Team who is expelled from membership in the Church or who ceases to be a member in good standing is deemed to have resigned as a member of the Leadership Team.

10. The members, by majority ballot vote, may remove a member of the Leadership Team before the expiration of their term of office, and a successor to complete the term of office may be elected by special resolution at a business meeting.

## PART 5 – PROCEEDINGS OF LEADERSHIP TEAM

1. The Leadership Team may meet together at the places they think fit to dispatch business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings.

2. The quorum necessary to transact business shall be a majority of the Leadership Team then in office.

3. The chair shall be chairperson of all meetings of the Leadership Team, but if at a meeting the chair is not present within thirty minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the vice chair shall act as chairperson; but if neither is present the Leadership Team present may choose one of their number to be chairperson at that meeting.

4. A member of the Leadership Team may at any time, and the chair, on the request of a member of the Leadership Team shall, convene a meeting of the Leadership Team.

5. Questions arising at a meeting of the Leadership Team shall, unless otherwise prescribed in these bylaws, be decided by majority vote, recognizing that all decisions should be made, to the extent possible, by consensus.

6. A resolution passed in writing, signed by all the members of the Leadership Team and placed with the minutes of the Leadership Team is as valid and effective as if regularly passed at a meeting of

the Leadership Team.

## PART 6 – OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

### 1. Officers Appointed by the Leadership Team

1.1. The Leadership Team shall appoint such persons from within their number as they see fit to hold the offices of chair, vice-chair and secretary, and such offices are to be held for terms of one year.

1.2. The chair, vice-chair and secretary shall retire from office at each Annual General Meeting and their successors shall be appointed following the Annual General Meeting.

1.3. A retiring officer is eligible for re-appointment.

1.4. The chair, or failing him the vice-chair, shall preside at all meetings of the Leadership Team.

1.5. The secretary shall carry out or cause to be carried out the:

1.5.1. Conduct of the correspondence of the Church;

1.5.2. Issuance of notices of meetings of the Church and Leadership Team;

1.5.3. Keeping of minutes of all meetings of the Church and Leadership Team;

1.5.4. Custody of all Church records to be kept or secured; and

1.5.5. Maintenance of the membership roll.

1.6. In the absence of the secretary from a meeting, the Leadership Team shall appoint another person to act as secretary at the meeting

## 2. Officers Elected by the Members

2.1. The treasurer shall be a member in good standing and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

2.2. The treasurer shall be responsible for proper administration of church funds. The treasurer will be responsible to administer, with integrity, the financial processes and records of the Church.

## 3. Employees

3.1. Except for the position of Lead Pastor, the Leadership Team shall have exclusive power to appoint and promote all employees of the Church and to suspend or terminate the employment of employees of the Church, and may delegate those powers in the manner determined by the Leadership Team from time to time in writing.

3.2. The Leadership Team shall have exclusive power to fix the remuneration of all employees of the Church, and may delegate that power in the manner determined by the Leadership Team from time to time in writing.

3.3. The Lead Pastor shall be accountable to the Leadership Team.

3.4. All employees of the Church shall be accountable to, and come under the leadership of, the Lead Pastor.

3.5. The Lead Pastor shall have the qualifications and be appointed (and their services terminated) as set out below:

3.5.1. He shall be a man prepared by God who clearly possesses the qualifications given in 1 Tim 3:1-13.

3.5.2. He shall be in harmony with the Church's Statement of Faith. If at any time he is at variance with it, he shall resign.

3.5.3. He shall be charged with the duties of ruling (1 Tim 5:17), shepherding the flock (1 Pet 5:2), defending, preaching and teaching the truth of God's Word (Tit 1:9), setting a Christ-like example (1 Pet 5:3), administering the ordinances of baptism and communion, and prayer (Acts 6:4).

3.5.4. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Church except the Leadership Team and the nominating committee.

3.5.5. He shall become and remain a member in good standing.

3.6. Calling and Dismissal of the Lead Pastor

3.6.1. The calling of a Lead Pastor shall be done in all cases upon the recommendation of the Leadership Team to the Church, and approved by the members at a business meeting by special resolution by ballot vote.

3.6.2. The dismissal of a Lead Pastor shall be upon the recommendation of the Leadership Team to the Church, and approved by the members at a business meeting by a majority ballot vote.

## PART 7 – BORROWING

1. The Church may from time to time, raise or borrow any sum of money for the purpose of the Church by resolution of a business meeting of the Church provided that such sums so raised or borrowed are not secured.

2. The Church may by special resolution from time to time, raise or borrow and secure the payment of any sum or sums of money for the purpose of the Church and for that purpose may execute mortgages, debenture or bonds or give or execute any other form of security whatsoever of real property of the Church or any part thereof.

## PART 8 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Affiliation – The Church will be affiliated with the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in British Columbia and Yukon, as well as with the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in

Canada.

2. Doctrinal Statement – The Statement of Faith of this Church shall be that of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in British Columbia and Yukon as of the date these bylaws come into

effect. Changes to that statement shall not change the Church's statement without a special resolution.

3. Books and Records – With the exception of the personal giving records of donors,

all the books and records of the Church may be inspected by any member during normal business hours at the place where the records of the Church are kept, but the Leadership Team may determine that no member

may inspect minutes of a meeting of the Leadership Team.

4. Amendments – No alterations shall be made to the constitution or these bylaws except by special resolution at a business meeting called for that purpose. All amendments shall be presented to the Secretary, and notification given to the membership, in writing at least fifteen days in advance of the meeting.

5. Charitable Purposes – The Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used for promoting its purposes. The directors shall serve without remuneration, and the directors shall not receive, directly or indirectly, any profits from their positions as directors but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

6. Organic Division – In the event of organic division within the membership, the assets will belong to those members who abide by the constitution and Statement of Faith and bylaws of the Society. In the case where two or more parties claim to abide by the constitution and bylaws, the Leadership Team will request that the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in British Columbia and Yukon (or its successor by name change) arbitrate the dispute and its decision will be final.

7. Dissolution – Upon dissolution of the Society the assets remaining after payment of all costs, charges and expenses properly incurred in the dissolution, and after payment to the employees of

any arrears of salaries or wages including severances, and after payment of any other debts of the Society, shall be distributed to the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in British Columbia and Yukon (or its successor by name change), a charitable organization registered under the

provisions of the Income Tax Act.

Membership Application:

Name:

Date:

Email:

Address:

Phone Number:

How long have you been attending Live Free?

Tell us about how you came to know Jesus?

Have you been baptized as a believer by immersion? When? (Circle one)

Yes / No

Do you hold current membership of another church?

Yes / No

I have read the information for membership for Live Free Church.

Yes / No

Signature:

Date:

Interviewed by: (Names & Signatures)

Name:

Signature:

Name:

Signature:

Date:



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