



**Living Faith Hibiscus Coast Trust**

# **Church Constitution**

Trading as Ignite Faith Centre

Chairman: Theuns Myburgh  
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## Article I: Name

The name of this organization is Living Faith Hibiscus Coast Trust, hereinafter referred to as the "Ignite Faith Centre."

## Article II: Purpose and Mission

**The purpose of the Church shall be to:**

1. Equip and send out disciples in alignment with Ephesians 4.
2. Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. Teach and uphold the Scriptures.
4. Foster Christian fellowship and spiritual growth among members.
5. Engage in missionary and charitable activities.
6. Raise up leaders who will influence society in the marketplace

## Article III: Statement of Faith

**We believe:**

1. The Bible is the only inspired, infallible, and authoritative written Word of God.
2. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, vicarious and atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His future personal return to earth in power and glory.
4. In the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming.
5. Salvation is only possible through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.
6. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential for personal salvation.
7. The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in response to believing prayer.
8. The baptism in the Holy Spirit, as described in Acts 2:4, is available to believers who ask for it.
9. In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling enables Christians to live a holy life.
10. In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost—one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.
11. Marriage, as defined in Scripture, is a covenantal union between a man and a woman, established by God for companionship, love, and the foundation of family life (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6).



## **Article IV: Church Membership**

### **Section 1: Qualifications for Membership**

1. A personal commitment of faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.
2. Baptism by immersion following faith in Christ.
3. Acceptance of the Church's Statement of Faith.
4. Willingness to support the Church and its leadership.

### **Section 2: Admission to Membership**

1. Candidates for membership shall complete a discipleship course and attend the church regularly.
2. The Board of Elders will oversee membership applications.

### **Section 3: Rights and Responsibilities of Members**

1. Members shall strive to live in accordance with the teachings of Scripture.
2. Members shall support the Church through regular attendance, service, and financial contributions.

## **Article V: Church Governance**

### **Section 1: The Senior Pastor**

1. The Senior Pastor, as defined by the Senior Leadership of the Church, shall be the spiritual leader of the Church.
2. The Senior Pastor shall preach the Gospel, administer the ordinances, and oversee the ministries of the Church.

### **Section 2: The Board of Elders**

1. The Board of Elders shall provide spiritual oversight and leadership for the Church.
2. The Board shall consist of Elders, including Pastors and Founding Pastors.
3. Elders shall be elected by the Senior Leadership Team for a one-year term and may be re-elected. (Senior Leadership: Founding Pastors and Senior Pastors of all churches planted)

### **Section 3: Appointment of Pastors**

1. The ordination of any Pastor will be subject to prayerful consideration and agreement by the Senior Leaders and Elders. All leadership decisions will be made under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who calls individuals to ministry as stated in Acts 13:2.

### **Section 4: Deacons**

1. Deacons shall assist the Pastor and Elders in ministering to the congregation and community.
2. Deacons (Ministry leaders) shall be elected by the Elders and Pastor.



## **Article VI: Meetings**

### **Section 1: Worship Services**

- The Church shall hold regular worship services on Sundays and at other times as designated by the Pastor and Elders.

### **Section 2: Business Meetings**

1. The Annual Business Meeting shall be held in April to review the past year and plan for the coming year.
2. Special business meetings may be called as needed by the Pastor or Board of Elders.
3. Notice of all business meetings shall be given at least two weeks in advance.

## **Article VII: Finances**

1. The financial year of the Church shall run from 1 April to 31 March.
2. An annual budget shall be prepared by the Board of Trustees and presented to the Elders for approval.
3. Financial reports shall be presented at the Annual Business Meeting.

## **Article VIII: Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended by the Elders and Senior Pastors during a duly called business meeting, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the Leadership at least one month prior to the meeting. The Chairman of the Trust, along with the trustees and Founding Pastors, will hold the final authority to approve and oversee any changes.

## **Article IX: Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution, all assets of the Church shall be distributed to a Pentecostal organization with similar beliefs and purposes as determined by the Founding Pastor and Trustees or the most senior leader in place at the time, in accordance with New Zealand law pertaining to non-profit organizations.

## **Definitions**

- Founding Pastor and chairman of the Trust: Theuns Myburgh.
- **Trustee:** member of the board given control or powers of administration of property in trust with a legal obligation to administer it solely for the purposes specified.



- **Senior Leader:** A member of the Senior Leadership Team appointed by the Senior Leadership Team in the absence of the Founding Pastor.
- **Senior Pastor:** A pastor or pastoral couple elected and ordained by the Founding Pastor or Senior Leadership Team to lead a specific congregation.
- **Lay Pastors:** Individuals or couples ordained for a specific focus and reporting to the Senior Pastor.
- **Elders:** Individuals or couples elected to assist in the leadership and general running of the church for a one-year term, eligible for re-election.
- **Deacons:** (Ministry leaders) Individuals appointed to assist the Pastor and Elders in ministering to the congregation and community, as determined by the Senior Pastor.