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### **Invitation to become a Voting Church Member of Faith Church (Sunshine Coast) Limited**

It has taken some time and effort, however, we are delighted to advise that the company which operates Faith Church (Sunshine Coast) Limited is now fully operational. We have acquired:

1. An ACN – 665 810 551;
2. An ABN – 21 665 810 551;
3. A PO Box – 1332 Mooloolaba;
4. Appropriate insurance cover;
5. A child safe policy and compliance program; and
6. A bank account – BSB: 014210 AC: 331 645 014, with EFTPOS application approved.

The company's constitution has been designed to be governed by its Voting Church Members. We therefore encourage you to prayerfully consider becoming a Voting Church Member which will enable you to actively participate in decisions made by our church going forward. This is your opportunity to be part of what the Lord is doing in the body of Christ here where you live.

Those who would prefer to be Non-Voting Church Members, that is, if you regularly attend church, however, do not wish to participate in voting, please advise if you are happy to have your name on our membership roll, as a non-voting church member.

We've attached a copy of the Constitution of Faith Church (Sunshine Coast) Limited and there is a hard copy available at church. Also attached is the Jerusalem Declaration, which is a statement of belief endorsed by the Diocese of the Southern Cross to which our church is an affiliate member.

We've attached a Membership application form and hard copy forms are also available on Sundays, as are members of the Church Council to answer any questions you may have regarding membership applications.

We look forward to embracing our future together.

Church Council  
14 April 2023

**Schedule 1: Voting Member Application Form**

**Faith Church (Sunshine Coast)  
Application to be a Voting Church Member**

I make this application to be a Voting Church Member of Faith Church (Sunshine Coast) Limited ACN 665 810 551 (the **Company**).

I confirm that I meet all the requirements to be a Voting Church Member as set out in the Constitution of the Company (the **Company Constitution**):

*The requirements are set out in clause 3.2(a) of the Company Constitution. Please tick every box*

I am over 18 years old

I have been baptised and am a regular attendee for worship services at the Church

My application is recommended to the Church Council by another Voting Church Member or the Pastor of the Church.

*[insert other criteria (if any) set by the Church Council - see clause 3.2(a)(iii) of the Company Constitution]*

I confirm that I have read the Company Constitution and:

*Please tick every box*

*[retain only if Company is a Member Church of the Diocese of the Southern Cross]* I understand that the Church is/will be a Member Church of the Diocese of the Southern Cross

*[retain only if Company is a Member Church of the Diocese of the Southern Cross]* I commit to the Doctrine of the Church (See clause 3.2(a)(v)(A) of the Company Constitution)

I consent to be a Voting Church Member (See clause 3.2(a)(v)(B) of the Company Constitution)

I acknowledge that I will only be a Voting Church Member when my name is entered in the Roll of the Company. (See clause 3.3(d) of the Company Constitution)

I agree that my membership as a Voting Church Member will be terminated by the Church Council or Voting Church Members in a members' meeting of the Company if I take any action or step (or omits to take any action or step) or engages in conduct (including making any statement or failure to make a statement) which in the opinion of the Church Council or Voting Church Members is:

- an indication that I can no longer meet the criteria for such membership; or
- prejudicial to the interests of the Company (including its Object and Charitable Purpose) *[[retain only if Company is a Member Church of the Diocese of the Southern Cross] or the Church]. (See clause 3.6 of the Company Constitution)*

I provide the following information about me and confirm that should there be any change in any of the following, I will inform the Company with 14 days of the change (see clauses 3.4(a) and 3.4(c) of the Company Constitution):

Full name:	Given names: Family name:
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Address:	Street address: Postal address (if different from the above): <i>Notices under the Company Constitution will be sent to this address or the email address provided below.</i>
Email address:	<i>Notices under the Company Constitution will be sent to this address or the street or postal address provided above.</i>
Phone number:	

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pastor / Voting Church Member *Delete as applicable*

## **Schedule 1 - The Jerusalem Declaration**

*In the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit:*

*We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, have met in the land of Jesus' birth. We express our loyalty as disciples to the King of kings, the Lord Jesus. We joyfully embrace his command to proclaim the reality of his kingdom which he first announced in this land. The gospel of the kingdom is the good news of salvation, liberation and transformation for all. In light of the above, we agree to chart a way forward together that promotes and protects the biblical gospel and mission to the world, solemnly declaring the following tenets of orthodoxy which underpin our Anglican identity.*

- 1. We rejoice in the gospel of God through which we have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Because God first loved us, we love him and as believers bring forth fruits of love, ongoing repentance, lively hope and thanksgiving to God in all things.*
- 2. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God written and to contain all things necessary for salvation. The Bible is to be translated, read, preached, taught and obeyed in its plain and canonical sense, respectful of the church's historic and consensual reading.*
- 3. We uphold the four Ecumenical Councils and the three historic Creeds as expressing the rule of faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*
- 4. We uphold the Thirty-nine Articles as containing the true doctrine of the Church agreeing with God's Word and as authoritative for Anglicans today.*
- 5. We gladly proclaim and submit to the unique and universal Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, humanity's only Saviour from sin, judgement and hell, who lived the life we could not live and died the death that we deserve. By his atoning death and glorious resurrection, he secured the redemption of all who come to him in repentance and faith.*
- 6. We rejoice in our Anglican sacramental and liturgical heritage as an expression of the gospel, and we uphold the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as a true and authoritative standard of worship and prayer, to be translated and locally adapted for each culture.*
- 7. We recognise that God has called and gifted bishops, priests and deacons in historic succession to equip all the people of God for their ministry in the world. We uphold the classic Anglican Ordinal as an authoritative standard of clerical orders.*
- 8. We acknowledge God's creation of humankind as male and female and the unchangeable standard of Christian marriage between one man and one woman as the proper place for sexual intimacy and the basis of the family. We repent of our failures to maintain this standard and call for a renewed commitment to lifelong fidelity in marriage and abstinence for those who are not married.*
- 9. We gladly accept the Great Commission of the risen Lord to make disciples of all nations, to seek those who do not know Christ and to baptise, teach and bring new believers to maturity.*
- 10. We are mindful of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation, to uphold and advocate justice in society, and to seek relief and empowerment of the poor and needy.*

11. *We are committed to the unity of all those who know and love Christ and to building authentic ecumenical relationships. We recognise the orders and jurisdiction of those Anglicans who uphold orthodox faith and practice, and we encourage them to join us in this declaration.*
12. *We celebrate the God-given diversity among us which enriches our global fellowship, and we acknowledge freedom in secondary matters. We pledge to work together to seek the mind of Christ on issues that divide us.*
13. *We reject the authority of those churches and leaders who have denied the orthodox faith in word or deed. We pray for them and call on them to repent and return to the Lord.*
14. *We rejoice at the prospect of Jesus' coming again in glory, and while we await this final event of history, we praise him for the way he builds up his church through his Spirit by miraculously changing lives.*

AMEN.