



# RELEVANT SELECTIONS OF THE LOCAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

For the purpose of Church Membership

***The membership of our assembly is comprised of committed believers who work in harmony with other another, faithfully support the ministry of the assembly with both time and tithes, and adhere to the local constitution (Constitution: Article VII. Membership Sections 1-4).***

Constitution: Article VII. Membership

### Section 1. Eligibility

- A. Membership for this Assembly shall be open to all those who give evidence of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- B. Of the age of 18 years or over.
- C. Regular and consistent financial support of the Assembly through tithes and offerings.
- D. To attend regularly the services of the church.
- E. Subscribes to the doctrinal standards as set out in this Constitution.
- F. Harmonious living with fellow believers in the Assembly.
- G. Attendance in this Assembly for a minimum of six months after making a confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- H. Presentation of a letter of transfer from another Assembly within the Fellowship or other affiliated Fellowship.
- I. Full acceptance of the Assembly's Constitution and By-Laws.

### Section 2. Categories of Membership

This Assembly offers two categories of membership:

- A. Regular Membership held by those meeting the qualifications given in Section 1 of this Article.
- B. Junior Membership held by persons who meet the qualifications of Section 1 of this Article with the exception that they be between the ages of 12 and 18. These members do not enjoy voting privileges in respect of Assembly business.

### Section 3. Related Membership Matters

- A. Regular membership in this Assembly is transferable.
- B. Members are subject to disciplinary action when just cause is established.
- C. Membership in this Assembly can be terminated, for just cause, by the Church Board.
- D. All those who associate themselves with this Assembly and are not members are deemed to be "adherents."

### Section 4. Waiver of Claim

Notwithstanding all the provisions stated in connection with the granting of membership in this Assembly, it is a further condition that acceptance of membership by an applicant constitutes acceptance of the condition that suspension of a member, and withdrawal of membership according to the provisions of this document, shall not give the suspended member cause for legal action against the pastor or any member taking part in the suspension proceedings.

Acceptance of membership shall constitute acceptance of waiver by a member. All rights of legal action, causes of action, and all claims and demands against this Assembly, or any member or officer of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador by virtue of suspension proceedings and withdrawal of membership or fellowship in this Assembly under the foregoing provisions, are waived.

***There are a number of standards and duties that are expected of those who become members. These are not regimented rules; rather, traits and duties that are evident in a faithful member (By-Laws: Article V. Section 1, 7, 9-10).***

By-Laws: Article V. Membership

### Section 1. Standard of Membership

The standard of membership of this Assembly shall be:

- A. Evidence of a genuine experience in regeneration (the new birth). John 1:12, 13; 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:18-25.
- B. Evidence of a consistent Christian life. Romans 6:4; 8:1-4; 13:13,14; Ephesians 4:17-32; 5:1,3,15; 1 John 1:6-7
- C. Fully subscribe to the tenets of faith as set forth in the Constitutional rules of order adopted by the Assembly.
- D. Willingness to contribute regularly to the support of the Assembly through tithes and offerings accordingly.

### Section 7. Duties of Members

The duties of members to:

- A. Live a consecrated life and not contaminate oneself with the world (2 Peter 1:4-8; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Acts 8:4).
- B. Win souls for Christ (Acts 8:4).
- C. Honour, respect and support the Pastor (1 Thessalonians 5:12,13; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Corinthians 9:12-14).
- D. Contribute to the support of the work with tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:10; Matthew 23:23).
- E. Attend regularly the services of the church.
- F. Observe Sunday as the Lord's Day.
- G. Establish a family altar at home, as conditions permit.
- H. Vote in the business sessions of the Assembly, seeking God's guidance for every decision.
- I. Respect and submit to the authority and procedures of the church as expressed in the Constitution and By-Laws.

### Section 9. The Member's Responsibility to Other Members

- A. To visit the sick, help the needy, comfort those in trouble and strive to maintain harmonious relationships with all (1 Thessalonians 5:14; Hebrews 12:14; James 1:27; Matthew 25:35-40).
- B. To pray for a member overtaken in a fault (1 John 5:16).
- C. To withdraw from those who cause divisions (Romans 16:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:6,7; 3:16).

### Section 10. The Member's Responsibility Toward The Unconverted

The member's responsibility toward the unconverted are to:

- A. Live a holy life and give witness to the power and grace of God (1 Peter 2:9, 12, 15; 1 Thessalonians 5:22; Matthew 5:13-16).
- B. Present the Gospel to the unsaved and pray for their salvation (2 Corinthians 5:18; 1 Timothy 2:1-7).
- C. Manifest the love of Christ (Matthew 5:43-48).

***There are a number of privileges that members should expect. These are not regimented rules and guarantees; rather, recognized characteristics of a faithful assembly (By-Laws: Article V. Section 8).***

By-Laws: Article V. Membership

## Section 8. The Privileges of Members

The privileges of Members

- A. To receive the ministry of the Word from the Pastor (Acts 20:27, 28).
- B. To receive visits from the Pastor.
- C. To take part in the activities of the Assembly.
- D. To participate in ordinances of the Assembly.
- E. The eligibility of appointment or election to Assembly offices.
- F. To receive the benefits of all the ministries of the church.
- G. To freely express opinions, ideas, suggestions, criticisms, etc., insofar as this constitution and the limits of good Christian attitude and conduct allow.