

GENERAL COMMITTEE

127. The General Committee shall be the first governing body to which all Parochial Committees shall report. It shall perform its functions under the superior authority of the Supreme Committee to which it reports and the ultimate authority of the Pastor.

128. The General Committee shall deliberate on all matters referred to it from the Parochial Committees and generally on all matters affecting progress of the Church within the Diocese including the maintenance and interpretation of the doctrinal standard of the Church, the making and custodianship of the Church's Law, the ordering of the total life of the Church and the maintenance of discipline.

Constitution of General Committee:

129. The General Committee in Representative Session shall consist of:

The Pastor (who shall be permanent Chairman)

The Head of the Diocese and his Deputy

Members of the Board of Trustees

All Evangelists of all grades within the Diocese Members of the Parochial Committee of the National or Diocesan Headquarters Church.

Parish Representatives consisting of:

- (i) Pastor's Representative in the Branch;
- (ii) Chairman of the Parochial Committee;
- (iii) Secretary of the Parochial Committee;
- (iv) Treasurer of the Parochial Committee;
- (v) Two other members appointed by the Parish, one male, one female;
- (vi) Such other members as the Pastor may nominate from time to time.

OFFICERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

130. Officers of the General Committee shall consist of:

Chairman (Pastor or his appointee)

Hon. Secretary to the Committee

Hon. Assistant Secretaries to the Committee (2)

Hon. Treasurer to the Committee

Hon. Assistant Treasurers to the Committee (2)

and such other officers as the Committee may from time to time designate.

Secretary to General Committee:

131. The Secretary of General Committee shall normally be elected from among members by popular vote.

132. He shall be elected at the first session of the General Committee at which he is to take office.

133. He shall hold office for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-election thereafter for further period of two years.

134. He shall be responsible for the proper recording of the notes of the meetings and also monitoring the implementation of all decisions of the General Committee.

135. Subject to the provision of clause 131 the General Committee may appoint a member to act as Secretary for any of its meetings where the Secretary and his assistants are absent.

136. Treasurer of General Committee

(i) The Honorary Treasurer of the General Committee shall be elected by the General Committee by popular vote.

(ii) The Honorary Treasurer shall hold office for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-election and shall:

(a) collect and administer such funds of the General Committee as directed by the General Committee;

(b) carry out such other functions concerning finance as may be directed by the General Committee from time to time.

137. Other Officers of General Committee

(i) The General Committee may designate and co-opt such other officers as may be required for proper and due execution of its business from time to time.

MEETINGS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

138. The General Committee shall meet at such time and place as fixed at the preceding meeting or as may be provided for by the Regulative Procedures, provided that:-

(i) If the last General Committee meeting has omitted to fix such time and place or for any other reason it becomes impracticable to meet at the time or place so fixed, the Pastor shall fix a time and place for the meeting of the General Committee. But, in the absence of the Pastor, the Head of the Diocese shall fix a time and place for the meeting of the General Committee.

(ii) Furthermore, if on account of emergency the Pastor considers it necessary, he may summon an extraordinary meeting of the General Committee at such time and place and at such reasonable notice as he shall think fit.

139. The Pastor shall preside at all meetings of the General Committee provided that:

(a) If the Pastor is absent from a meeting of the Representative Session, the Head of the Diocese shall preside or, in his absence, any member nominated by the Pastor or Pastor-in-Council.

b. In all such meetings of the General Committee, where the Pastor is not present, the decisions taken shall always be subject to ratification by the Pastor.

Defect in Qualification or other Irregularity

140. Any defect subsequently discovered in the qualification or appointment of a person who purports to act as a member of the General Committee or the absence from the meeting of the Committee of any person or class of persons or any vacancy among the

membership or the omission to give due notice to any person or any other similar irregularity shall not affect the validity of any vote or proceeding taken at a meeting of the General Committee and the same shall be valid as if the meeting had been duly constituted and all persons purporting to act as members had been fully qualified, subject always to the ratification of such proceeding or decision by the Pastor.

141. Notices, Agenda and Minutes:

(i) Notice of the matters to be considered at a meeting of the General Committee shall be given to such persons and in such manner as Regulative Procedures shall provide.

(ii) The Agenda for the meetings of the General Committee shall be prepared in such form as Regulative Procedures may provide.

(iii) Minutes Book shall be kept, into which shall be recorded all minutes of all business transacted at General Committee meetings and copies of such documents as the Committee may by resolution or by Regulative Procedures require to be recorded therein.

(iv) Entries in the Minutes Book shall be read or laid before the General Committee during its session and shall be verified in such manner as Regulative Procedures shall provide and such verified entry shall be conclusive proof for the proceedings of the meeting of the General Committee to which it relates.

(v) The proceedings of the General Committee shall be published to such an extent and in such manner as the General Committee shall by Regulative Procedures or resolution provide.

(vi) Any defect in the procedures stated in 141 (i) to 141 (iv) above shall not by itself invalidate the proceedings and decisions reached at such meetings provided that such decisions receive the ratification of the Pastor.

REGULATIVE PROCEDURES

142. Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the Pastor or the Pastor-in-Council may provide by Regulative Procedures for any matter relating to the Church and its functions. Such Procedures shall take immediate effect and be obeyed by all members and all Parishes in the entire Diocese.