

**March 5, 2023**

**Dear NPAC members,**

**This document is excerpted from the Articles of Association relating to membership of the newly incorporated “C&MA North Point Alliance Church Limited” for your reference.**

**Thank you for your attention.**

**C&MA North Point Alliance Church Limited**

**\*If there are any discrepancies in English and Chinese version of Article of Association (AA) incorporated on October 5, 2022, the English version AA shall prevail.**

### **Congregation Members**

21. (a) All members on the members register of the Former Church as at the Date of Incorporation who agree to become Congregation Members of the Church by completing the membership registration form prescribed by the Board of Directors shall be admitted as Congregation Members of the Church.
- (b) The pastors of the Church, if not otherwise Congregation Members of the Church, are also deemed to be Congregation Members of the Church during their respective periods of service with the Church.
  
22. A person may be baptized and admitted as a Congregation Member if he -
  - (a) agrees to subscribe to the Doctrinal Statement of the Church, having professed his faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord with heartfelt confession and repentance;
  - (b) signs and delivers to the Board of Directors an application in such form as the Board of Directors shall from time to time prescribe;
  - (c) regularly attends meetings of the Church, and be aged 14 years or above;
  - (d) attends an interview by representatives of pastors; and
  - (e) is approved by the Board of Directors.

23. A person may be transferred from another church and be admitted as a Congregation Member if he -

- (a) furnishes a letter of recommendation from his original church. Where there is no letter of recommendation, the person must attend gatherings of the Church for over one year,
- (b) agrees to subscribe to the Doctrinal Statement of the Church and abide by the Articles of the Church;
- (c) signs and delivers to the Board of Directors an application in such form as the Board of Directors shall from time to time prescribe; and
- (d) attends an interview by representatives of pastors; and
- (e) is approved by the Board of Directors.

#### **Other Provisions Relating to Membership**

24. The rights of a Congregation Member or Registered Member shall be personal and shall not be transferable by his own act or by operation of law, and shall cease upon his expulsion, death, withdrawal or being required to withdraw by the Church.

#### **Duties of Congregation Members and Registered Members**

28. Every Congregation Member or Registered Member shall observe the following duties -

- (a) to pray, study the Holy Scriptures regularly, and obey the Word of God;
- (b) to behave in daily life, pursuing "In the Service of Man, for the Glory of God";
- (c) to be witness of Christ wholeheartedly, lead believers for conversion to Christians;
- (d) to participate regularly in worship services and other nurturing activities; and
- (e) to understand the true meaning of stewardship, that is, to make use of possessions, talents, presence and other resources entrusted to Christians as their offerings to God and to serve Him wholeheartedly.

29. Every Congregation Member or Registered Member shall be bound to further the objects of the Church to the best of his ability and shall observe all regulations and by-laws of the Church made in pursuance of the powers contained in these Articles.

### **Expulsion and Withdrawal of Congregation Members and Registered Members**

30. (a) Any Congregation Member or Registered Member who acts in any way prejudicial to the interests of the Church or fails in the observance of any rules and regulations or by-laws of the Church shall be liable to be expelled from the Church by resolution of three-fourth of the members of a Disciplinary Committee voting at a meeting of the members, at least half of which shall be from the pastoral team. Such Congregation Member or Registered Member shall have 14 days' notice in writing sent to him at his last known address of the time and place of the meeting and he may attend the meeting but shall not be present at the voting or take part in the proceedings otherwise than as the Disciplinary Committee may allow.
- (b) A Congregation Member or Registered Member who disagrees with the decision of the Disciplinary Committee may make an appeal to the Board of Directors in writing within 14 days after the written decision of the Disciplinary Committee is communicated to him. A special meeting of the Board will be set up within 30 days after receipt of the notice of appeal for hearing of the appeal. The Congregation Member or Registered member may attend the appeal and make submission to the Borad, but shall not be present at the voting or take part in the appeal otherwise than as the Board may allow. The decision of the Board by not less than three-fourths of the members of the Board voting at the meeting shall be final.
31. Any Congregation Member of Registered Member may withdraw from the Church by giving one month's notice in writing to the Chairman stating his intention to do so and upon the expiration of such notice, and after payment of any outstanding dues and liabilities (if any) due from such Congregation Member or Registered Member to the Church at the time of his ceasing to be a Congregation Member or Registered Member, he shall cease to be a Congregation Member or Registered Member, as the case may be.

## THE SCHEDULE

### Doctrinal Statement

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- (a) There is one God, who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- (b) Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our great High Priest. He will come again to establish His Kingdom of righteousness and peace.
- (c) The Holy Spirit is a divine person, sent to indwell, guide, teach and empower the believer, and to convince the world of sin of righteousness and of judgement.
- (d) The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.
- (e) Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God; he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The destiny of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment, but that of the believer is everlasting joy and bliss.
- (f) Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men; those who repent and believe in Him are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become the children of God.
- (g) It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly, thereby being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, receiving power for holy living and effective service. This is both a crisis and a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion.
- (h) Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the mortal body. Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil as taught in the Scriptures are privileges for the Church in this present age.
- (i) The Church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church, which as been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations. The local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, for prayer, fellowship, and proclamation of the gospel, and observance of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- (j) There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life; for the latter, a resurrection unto judgement.
- (k) The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal, visible, and premillennial. This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service.