

The Constitution of the Council of Korean Churches

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I. General Rules

1. Name : The council shall be named "The Council of Korean Churches, The Uniting Church in Australia".
2. Where : The office of the council will be located where the executive committee of the Council of Korean Churches decides.
3. Purpose : The council, following on the example of Christ's love, has as its aims the common development of interest among the Korean churches in regards to mission, education, service and fellowship. Its focus is also on the management of common projects between the churches, and care of the Korean uniting churches in Australia. The council carries out the God's mission in co-operation with the Synod and the Assembly of the Uniting Churches.

II. The Organisation and its members

4. The Council shall be formed by the Korean Uniting Churches in Australia.
5. The number of its members of each church shall be determined in the ratio of the congregation size. 2 members for a congregation of up to 100 people, 3 members for up to 200 people, 4 members for up to 300, and 5 members for beyond.

The minister and an elder appointed by the church shall automatically be members of the council. (In a church which does not have an elder, a layperson appointed by the church shall be member.)

The Chairman, the Vice-chairman and the General Secretary are automatically members of the Council.

The chairwoman or chairman of the Lay People's Associations (Young adults' association, Laymen's association and Laywomen's association) recognised by the Council of Korean Churches, The Uniting Church in Australia shall be a member-in-participation, but they can not participate in voting.

III. The Executive committee

6. The executive committee of the council shall be appointed as follows;

a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, two clerks, two treasurers, two audits and a general secretary.

7. The duties of the executive committee shall be as follows;

- a. The chairperson represents the Council and is responsible for the overall management of the whole affairs.
- b. The vice-chairperson is to assist the chairperson and perform the duties in times of the chairperson's absence.
- c. The clerk is responsible for the management of general documents/records and correspondence..
- d. The treasurer is responsible for the management of financial affairs.
- e. The audit oversees the account of the council and reports it to the general meeting.
- f. The general secretary takes the responsibility of performing duties which are assigned by the council and the executive committee..

8. The members of the executive committee shall be elected from the general meeting in every February. The term of the service of the executive committee shall be one year.

9. When a vacancy occur in the executive committee, the executive committee shall have an appointment to fill the vacancy. And the term of the service shall be the remaining period of ex-member.

IV. Committees and Associations

10. For the purpose of achieving the goals of the council, the following committees and associations shall be established.

- 1) Mission Committee : assigned to actively promote the activities of the national and overseas mission.
- 2) Education Committee : responsible for planning and implementing religious education and training in the church life.
- 3) Social Mission Committee : responsible for carrying out the social concern and work of the church.
- 4) Kong-Dong-Kyu-Jung Committee : is to handle the matters relating to the Kong-Dong-Kyu-Jung.
- 5) Publication Committee : responsible for the matters relating to publication.

The council shall establish young adults' association, Sunday school teachers' association, Lay Women's association and Lay Men's Association. These

associations should be recognised by the council.

11. The Minister's Association shall be established and its responsibility is to manage matters relating to ministry.

V. Meetings

12. The council has general meetings, and the other committee meeting.
13. The general meetings is in two forms; a regular general meeting and a special general meeting.
 - 1) The regular general meetings shall be convened twice a year in February and September by the chairperson.
 - 2) The special general meetings may be called by the chairperson when the executive committee determines or over 1/3 of the council members request them.
 - 3) The general meeting shall have a right to resolve the following; amendments of the constitution, election of the member of the executive committee, consideration of a budget and approval of account, approval of project reception of the reports from each committee and associations, and other important matters.
 - 4) The quorum of a general meeting is constituted by at least one third of the members and the meeting should be noticed two weeks in advance. The quorum of a special meeting is constituted by the number of participants at the time of the meeting.
14. The responsibility of the executive committee.
 - 1) The executive committee shall consist of the members of the committee and its meetings shall be called by the chairperson whenever it is needed.
 - 2) The executive committee shall transact any business and report to the general meeting any proposal made by the committees, and agencies.
15. The organisation and responsibility of other committee or are as following;
 - 1) The members of the committee or agencies shall be elected in the general meeting in February.
 - 2) People, who are not member of the council, can be members of the committee or agencies.

- 3) Committees and agencies shall transact such business as may be commissioned by the general meeting or the executive committee meetings.
16. The constitution of the Council of Korean Churches may be amended with the approval of more than two-thirds of the members of the general meeting.

VI. Finance and Budgeting

17. The council shall establish a fund raised by obligatory contributions from the Korean churches, special offerings and donations.
18. The amount of the obligatory contribution shall be determined by the general meeting on the basis of the previous year's settlement of account of each church.
19. The financial year of the council fund shall be from the general in February to the general meeting in February of the following year.

VII. Appendix

20. The constitution of the council shall be put in force from the day it is passed at the general meeting.

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