

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH SOCIETY ACT

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1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the New Jerusalem Church Society Act.

2. Establishment of Society

(1) There is established for the purposes of this Act the New Jerusalem Church Society.

(2) The Society shall be a body corporate.

(3) Service of process on the Secretary or Chairperson shall be equivalent to service on the Society.

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4. Members of Society

Any person of age who is elected by a majority of members present at any meeting of the Society called for the despatch of its business, and who subscribes an engagement to abide by the regulations of the Society, shall be a member of the Society.

5. Election of office bearers

(1) The office bearers of the Society shall be members of the Society and consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, a Vice-Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall—

- (a) be called the delegates of the Society;
- (b) be elected once every year at a general meeting held for that purpose; and
- (c) hold office until the election of their successors.

(2) (a) The death, absence or resignation or incapacity to act of one or more office bearers or delegates for any cause shall not invalidate or diminish the powers of those who remain in office.

(b) The remaining office bearers or delegates shall call a meeting of the Society as soon as possible in order to elect a successor or successors to the delegates or office bearers who have died, resigned or become incapacitated.

(3) The election of the office bearers shall be subject to the approval of the President.

[S. 5 amended by Act 48 of 1991.]

6. Objects of Society

The objects of the Society shall be to—

- (a) promote the interests of the Society, and do everything that the Society thinks necessary for the purposes of this Act;
- (b) do everything that the members in a general meeting of the members of the Society determine or think necessary for the interests of the Society;
- (c) provide for the support and maintenance of their ministers, and grant, if necessary, pensions to them, their widows or families;
- (d) purchase or erect, and contribute towards the purchase and erection of, places of worship, schools or buildings for the residence of their ministers or for charitable purposes.

7. Income and property of Society

(1) The income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society, and no portion of the income or property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise by way of profit, to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society, or to any persons claiming through them.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Society or to any member of the Society or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

8. Power of office bearers

All the property of the Society shall vest in the members, who may on its behalf administer the property without selling or mortgaging it, unless authorised to do so by a resolution of the general meeting of the Society.

9. Account of receipts and payments of Society

An account of all sums received and disbursed by the Society up to 31 December in each year, signed by the Chairperson and the Treasurer of the Society, shall be filed in the Registry of the Supreme Court in the following January.

10. Meetings and regulations

The Society shall hold its meetings at the seat of the Society, or in such other convenient place as the members may determine, and may make regulations for—

- (a) the calling of its meetings, and the determination of their time and number;
- (b) the appointment of its office bearers, the fixing of the amount of subscriptions to be paid by the members;
- (c) the keeping, disposal or investment of the funds of the Society by the Treasurer; and
- (d) the laying down of the duties of the Secretary, the manner of voting and other matters for the proper conduct of the business of the Society.

11. Resignation or expulsion of members

(1) Any member may resign his membership.

(2) Any member who is guilty of misconduct may be excluded from the Society by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting specially called for the purpose after notice of the meeting and an opportunity of being heard upon the motion for his exclusion has been given to him.
