

The Macleay Island Community Church

Constitution and
Statement of Faith.



“Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)

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1. This Church, the Macleay Island Community Church is hereafter referred to as the Church. The members of the Church are in accordance with Scripture - the Body of Christ, that is the Church on earth.
2. The Church declares obedience and adherence to the Holy Bible.
3. The Church declares the Holy Bible to be the authoritative, infallible and incorruptible Word of God.
4. The Church consists of Members who are born again as described in the Gospel of John 3. Their names are recorded in the membership roll of the Church and in the Book of Life according to Scripture.
5. The Members of the Church declare under the Grace of God their Salvation by way of the atoning sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God in whom they live and whom they declare to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit the message of the Gospel of Christ Jesus.
6. Membership of the Church is determined by the Eldership and Pastor in accordance with Scripture. There is no partiality male or female, child or adult, colour or race as described in Scripture. The declaration or confession of all new members must only be in accordance with the Statement of Faith attached hereafter.
7. Leadership of the Church and the election or appointment of leadership (Pastor-Elder-Deacon-Teacher) must be in accordance with Scripture, and be confirmed by a simple majority of the membership at a general or special meeting. (75% of members must be present.)

- 8.** The day to day administration of the Church is to be by the way of a management committee. The management committee is to be duly elected by a simple majority of the membership of the Church at a General Meeting of the Membership for a period of twelve consecutive months or until a special General Meeting is called.
- 9.** Separation of powers shall follow these lines ~ *Oversight pastoral team, Pastor, Elders, Teacher* - Doctrinal matters, counselling, preaching, oversight of evangelistic outreaches, religious education and instruction, Baptism and any official media statements, Holy Communion arrangements.

Deacons - Hospitality, day to day duties as directed by the oversight, Sunday arrangements, layout of meeting room and directives from the oversight/pastoral team.
- 10.** Holy Communion shall be dispensed as often as the Church desires. The Pastor or any member of the Church he chooses shall lead the congregation around the communion table and dispense the elements.
- 11.** The Church shall maintain a neutral position concerning denomination, be protestant in its doctrine, welcoming all who should visit or attend worship services. Visiting or guest preachers must be Protestant in denomination. The Holy Spirit must be the author of all Church activities and the gifts of the Holy Spirit encouraged in the members' daily lives.
- 12.** We, The Macleay Island Community Church shall be encouraging and prayerfully supportive of all and any Christian works of God that may operate on Macleay Island and the adjoining islands.
- 13.** The Church shall maintain balanced and audited financial books available at reasonable notice for members to view on written request to the secretary.

- 14.** Funds sufficient for budgeted expenses must be maintained in the Church bank account at all times. The Treasurer must administer the Church finances in a way directed by recorded minutes of a management committee directive and all payments must be made by way of a cheque signed by no less than two members duly authorized by the Management Committee and recorded in the minutes. No payments of accounts are to be paid in cash unless they are paid from a properly audited petty cash fund. At no time is the Church bank account to be in credit by less than \$100.00, and never to be in a debit situation.
- 15.** All disputes or grievances must be reported to the Pastoral ministry team and recorded in a dispute book as an accurate record. The Pastor and Elders shall prayerfully and justly resolve any recorded grievance and keep confidential all matters protecting the rights of all involved. Any matter raised which is contrary to the law of the land (common law) must be duly and promptly reported to the proper administering authority providing all necessary details required or requested by that authority relevant to the matter.
- 16.** Any matter that is raised in regard to clause 15 that cannot be resolved by the Pastoral team within 21 days must be reported to a special meeting of the membership for consideration and resolution by secret ballot. A simple majority vote of no less than 75% of the membership is required to resolve the matter. Should any matter fail to be resolved in this manner, an outside Church oversight can be called to adjudicate.
- 17.** Should the membership decide by a 75% majority secret ballot of all members at a Special General Meeting to dissolve the Church, funds and Church possessions shall be distributed pro rata among the Christian organizations normally supported by the Church.

18. Church funds will not be used to support secular organizations or be administered by other than a properly recorded member of the Church. All money received or given to the Church is considered Church funds and must be deposited in the Church bank account and duly recorded as such.
19. Amendments to this Constitution and Statement of Faith must be made at a General Meeting by secret ballot of 75% of the full membership by a simple majority.
20. General Meetings must be held on Macleay Island and be announced in three consecutive Church Sunday bulletins immediately preceding the proposed meeting. Any Constitutional or Statement of Faith amendments proposed at that meeting must accompany the announcements in writing. As in clause 19/ amendments require 75% of Church members to be present for a quorum.



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Statement of Faith...

I believe the Holy Bible to be the inspired word of God in its entirety in accordance with the scripture 2 Timothy 3:16 & 17.

I believe there is one God present in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in the atonement for our sins and sicknesses through His trial, death and resurrection, in His resurrection to the right hand of the Father, and in His return in power and glory on the last day.

I believe in the filling of the Holy Spirit available to every believer according to the various accounts recorded in Scripture.

I believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life and empowered to do the greater works that Jesus said we could do.

I believe in the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit and the importance of fruit of the spirit as confirmation.

I believe all Christians must be yielded to the Holy Spirit, to see an increase in the anointing, to draw daily from the Word and prayer, and continually give God the glory for what He has done.

I believe the Church is the body of Christ on earth and must always endeavour to promote the unity of faith, hope and love, and the institution of the Lord's Supper according to 1 Corinthians 11: 24-26.

I accept the pastoral leadership of the Church as God's appointed shepherd over my life at this time and submit to their authority over me in this Church.

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