

## **Proposal to amend the constitution of the International Church of Christ-Kenya**

### 1. Quorum

#### **Background**

The constitution states in Chapter 3 Sec 20 that the Quorum for which a meeting convened would be deemed to be quorate is 50% of active Membership. Further, Chapter 3 Sec 22 states that each member (part of the members present and constituting a quorum) is entitled to 1 (one) vote, and further, that a matter that is put to the vote will be approved only if in a quorate meeting, a majority of the members vote for it as opposed to against it.

In the AGMs held in the past, it has always been a challenge to get at least 50% of active membership attend the meetings. By God's grace, we have always managed to achieve quorum but the process has been an administrative nightmare.

In a bid to ensure a smoother and still transparent process, we would like to propose an amendment of what would be a quorum.

#### **Proposal**

We wish to propose adoption of a delegate system that will represent the wider membership, and define the quorum as at least 50% of the delegates. To ensure that the delegates are representative of the entire congregation, we are proposing that the delegates be appointed by each bible talk, the smallest unit of each congregation, and where for some reason a bible talk does not exist, then by the smallest unit of the congregation. The delegate would be exclusively appointed in an equitable manner by a vote of all bible talk members. The appointee will not be prescribed by the leadership and each member will be eligible to participate in the appointment of either themselves or another member. The member with the majority vote within each bible talk would be the delegate for the next meeting. The list of the appointed delegates will then be shared with the secretary of the Board for record purposes.

The change above if approved will be drafted in the constitution as well as references to Member where it pertains to casting a vote for any matter tabled for approval in a meeting as defined in Chapter 3 of the church constitution for purposes of consistency

### 2. Board of Trustees

#### **Background**

Chapter 6 of the church constitution provides for the appointment of 7 church members to the position of Board Trustees as voting members, and 2 other ex officio members, namely The Lead Evangelist and The Secretary to the Board.

**Proposed Change**

We wish to propose a change of Chapter 6 Section 36 (a) to provide for appointment of 9 members to the office of Board Trustees from 7. This has been necessitated by the need to include two elders in the Board of Trustees which will be a good inclusion that will steer the Board of Trustees spiritually.

The change above if approved will be drafted in the constitution along with any other clause that refers to the complement of the Board of Trustees for consistency.