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## Living Faith Church Church and Pastor's Council

This packet contains all the information needed for any prospective member of the Church and Pastor's Council at Living Faith Church. These requirements and duties are taken from the "Minutes of the General Assembly" which determines the government of the Church of God.

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A message from the Pastor:

When a member stands for the Church and Pastor's Council, it is not to be taken lightly. Each individual should *carefully* and *prayerfully* consider before submitting an application. An individual should also consult and pray with their spouse and family for the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The church today needs Godly individuals who will provide leadership with integrity by standing for the principles of God's Word and standing against the things of the world. Read this whole packet carefully before filling out the application. Take time to pray and fast for God's direction in your life. If you meet the requirements, and you are ready to serve the Lord and the Church, submit the application to myself. I will be in contact with you to give you more information.

I look forward to your input.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Faircloth

# Living Faith Church

## Church and Pastor's Council

### REQUIREMENTS- "Minutes of the General Assembly-1992"

Acts 6:3        *Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we many appoint over this business;*

### **For a member to serve on this council, they must:**

1. Be loyal member of the church abiding by all of the church's teachings as outlined in the "Minutes of the General Assembly" and the booklet, "Discovering Living Faith."
2. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.
3. Be faithful in tithing.
4. Be a regular church attendant.
5. Work in harmony with the local, state and general church's program and reflect a cooperative attitude toward the pastor, staff and progress of the church.
6. Be a member in good standing for a minimum of 6 months.

The pastor shall serve as chairman of the Church and Pastor's Council, shall call all regular monthly or quarterly meetings, and may call special meetings as needed. No meeting shall be called without the permission of the pastor, district overseer, or the state overseer.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The Church and Pastor's Council, under the direction of the pastor, shall promote the general and state outreach programs of the church.
2. The council shall work in harmony with the pastor and assist him, when called upon, in the institution and direction of the local church program in the following areas:

#### **Spiritual**

The council, under the direction of the pastor, shall encourage spiritual growth of the local congregation with emphasis on personal Bible reading, prayer, family devotions, tithing and giving, Christian service, and personal witnessing.

#### **Financial**

The council, under the direction of the pastor, shall approve the disbursement of church funds and be made aware of the financial status of all other department's funds. All major

disbursements must be approved by the church in conference. Each congregation shall determine what amount constitutes a major disbursement.

For the purposes of accountability and advisement, the Council, under the direction of the pastor, will be kept aware of the current church financial situation including funds taken in and disbursements, salaries of all employees and staff, and all debts and mortgages of the church.

The council, under the direction of the pastor, will meet monthly to review and approve the financial statement and fund disbursement and make recommendations for the church program.

### **Physical**

The council, under the direction of the pastor, shall provide and maintain proper building facilities for the congregation and proper residence for the pastor. The council shall see that all church properties are properly insured and tax-exempt, when the state government provides such exemption.

### **PROCESS**

1. All prospective members will fill out a nominating application to be submitted to the pastor.
2. Nominations will only be made on the basis of applications.
3. Nominations will be brought to the church body\* for an acceptance vote. (\*Church body is to consist of loyal, tithe paying members in good standing over 16 years of age.)
4. If a member resigns, is disqualified or is in any other way removed, a replacement\* will be appointed by the pastor and accepted by the church body with a confidence vote. (Where possible, replacement will be the individual who received the next highest number of votes in the last election.)
5. If a member chooses not to live by the Teaching and Doctrine of Living Faith Church, it is expected that they will immediately resign so as not to damage the spiritual health and reputation of the church.
6. An individual may be elected to serve two one-year term for a total of 2 years. An individual must sit out for a one-year period before being eligible to serve again. If an individual is appointed to fill a vacancy, that period will not count against their total 2-year tenure limit.

LIVING FAITH CHURCH  
CHURCH AND PASTOR'S COUNCIL APPLICATION

\* All aspects of this application will be held in the strictest of confidence

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY:**

Marital Status: Married \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_

Is your spouse a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_ Does your spouse attend church? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list their names and ages: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

**SPIRITUAL STATUS:**

Are you saved? \_\_\_\_\_ Sanctified? \_\_\_\_\_ Filled with the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

**SPIRITUAL & PHYSICAL EXAMPLE:**

**I Tim. 4:12**    *“be thou an example of the believers, in word [speech], in conversation [habits], in charity [compassion], in spirit [Christian walk], in faith [faithfulness], in purity [abstaining from immorality].*

**CHURCH:**

What services do you regularly\* attend? (at least 3 times per month)

Sunday school \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Morning Worship \_\_\_\_\_

Family Training Hour \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of this church? \_\_\_\_\_ For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you participate in any church activities? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list them. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a teacher in this church? \_\_\_\_\_ What class? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you participate in special projects for the church? \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL:**

Do you regularly spend time in devotions? \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

Family Prayer? \_\_\_\_\_ Bible reading and study? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you regularly engage in or use any of the following:

Gambling \_\_\_\_\_ Tobacco \_\_\_\_\_ Alcohol \_\_\_\_\_

Drugs \_\_\_\_\_ Pornography \_\_\_\_\_ Profanity \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVING:**

Do you tithe 10% of your salary? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you regularly give for: offering \_\_\_\_\_ building fund \_\_\_\_\_ missions \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH PROGRAM & VISION**

Do you agree with and support the current direction Leadership of Living Faith Church, and can you work in harmony with the church program? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider to be the most important steps that we should take as a church?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

I certify that I have answered these questions conscientiously, truthfully, and to the best of my ability. If nominated and accepted, I will serve our Pastor, and Living Faith Church with self-sacrifice, faithfulness and humility. If I ever choose to live against the Doctrine and Teachings of Living Faith Church, I will immediately resign my position.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_