

Proposed LHC Constitutional changes

- Whereas the Council of Elders has deemed necessary and useful for the Constitution to be updated
- Whereas a committee has been appointed to elaborate such updates
- Whereas the appointed committee has diligently worked on elaborating amendments and has presented them to the Council of Elders
- Whereas the Council of Elders has discussed and approved these amendments
- The Council of Elders recommends the following amendments to the LHC constitution and presents them for ratification to the voting members of Living Hope Church.

Note: proposed amendments highlighted in **bold blue**

Article VIII - Section 2

(a) Elders shall be active members of Living Hope Church. **Candidates should be chosen by the Senior Pastor and the Vice Chairperson of the Council of Elders, with the input of the other Elders and the Officers of LHC.** (c) Quorum: The majority present **or virtually connected** at any meeting of the Council of Elders shall constitute a quorum, provided all members were contacted to be present **or virtually connected**.

Article VIII - Section 3

(a) There shall be a Board of Deacons consisting of seven active members into whose hands shall be committed the temporal management of the church with the consultation of the Pastor. This Board shall consist of the Secretary and the Treasurer, together with five other members. They shall demonstrate faithfulness to the Tenets of Faith of the church. Deacons must be people who, as much as possible, meet the intent of the Scriptural qualifications found in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. **Additionally, the Officers of the LHC Corporation shall vet the qualifications of the candidates to the position.**

(d) Quorum - A majority present **or virtually connected** at any meeting of the Board of Deacons shall constitute a quorum, provided all the members have been notified to be present **or virtually connected**.

Article IX - Section 5

Quorum. No record of any special or regular business meeting of the church shall be made unless one-quarter or more voting members sign the roster on the day of the meeting to constitute a quorum; **alternatively online voting may be permitted, provided an adequate voting platform is adopted, and proper announcements are made. For clarification purposes, members voting online are counted as members in attendance of meetings.**

Article XII

All property of the church shall be deeded to the church and held in its corporate name. No property of the church shall be sold, leased or mortgaged or otherwise alienated unless such action has been recommended by a vote of at least two-thirds of the voting membership who are in attendance at a regular business meeting or a special meeting of the church which has been called for the consideration of the proposal. The President and the Secretary of the corporation shall certify in such conveyance, lease or mortgage, that the same has been duly authorized and recommended by the vote of the church. Such certificate shall be held to be the conclusive evidence thereof. It shall be the duty of the officers of this corporation, President, Secretary and Treasurer, to sign such documents necessary to sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise control or dispose of the real property of the corporation. **Assets gifts from supporters of Living Hope Church to Living Hope Church are excluded for a period of 12 calendar months, after which, if not liquidated in accordance with the Board of Deacons Investment Policy, they become property of the church, and shall be deeded to the church and held in its corporate name.**