

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF (ST LUKE)

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**The Anglican Church (Cyprus) Ltd
The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East
A Province in the Anglican Communion**

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1: THE CHURCH

- 1.1 The Anglican Church of Cyprus and the Gulf (St Luke) is a bona fide entity organised under the authority of The Anglican Church (Cyprus) Ltd which recognises the spiritual authority and leadership of the Diocesan Bishop, based in Cyprus, and is duly formed and registered pursuant to the laws of the United Arab Emirates. The Anglican Church of Cyprus and the Gulf (St Luke) is registered with the Ruler's Court of Ras Al Khaimah under registration nr. 5 and with the Ministry of Community Empowerment under registration nr. NMWP/2026/0012 and has its headquarters at Plot Nr. 5, Church Complex, Al Hamra-Al Jazeerah.
- 1.2 The Anglican Church of Cyprus and the Gulf (St Luke) is hereinafter referred to as "Church".

ARTICLE 2: CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 The Church Council shall publish the conditions to be met by anyone applying for membership on the official(full) membership register.
- 2.2 All persons on the official(full) membership register shall be qualified electors with the right to be nominated and appointed to various offices.
- 2.3 No person shall have his/her name entered into the official(full) membership register during the two weeks preceding the Annual Meeting.
- 2.4 The official(full) membership register shall be revised annually at least thirty days before the date of the Annual Meeting and the names of all persons who have died, who have requested that their names be removed, or who have ceased to be habitual worshippers, shall be deleted from the register.
- 2.5 Any person aggrieved by the removal of his/her name from the official(full) membership register may submit a written grievance to their respective Archdeacon. After appropriate consultation, the Archdeacon's decision shall be final.

ARTICLE 3: ANNUAL MEETING

- 3.1 The Annual Meeting shall be convened each year and held no later than the last day of April.
- 3.2 The Church Council shall publish the list of names on the official(full) membership register to be invited to attend. Such invitation shall also include the date, time and venue of the Annual Meeting along with the agenda and nominations for various offices as per local procedures.
- 3.3 The Annual Meeting shall be validly constituted if attended by more than one half of the members on the official(full) membership register.
- 3.4 If the quorum is not met at the scheduled time, the meeting shall be adjourned to a date not less than seven days and not more than fifteen days from the date of the first meeting.
- 3.5 Resolutions of the Annual Meeting shall be valid and effective if adopted by majority of members present.
- 3.6 The business of the Annual Meeting shall be to consider all matters falling within the purpose of the Church, and in particular:
 - i. receive reports from the Priest and Council on its activities during the concluded year, as well as the programmes and work planned for the coming year.
 - ii. receive reports from other officers, deemed necessary, on the life and mission of the Church.
 - iii. adopt the draft budget for the new year and the final accounts for the ended fiscal year.
 - iv. appoint the external auditor.
 - v. elect members of the Council, or filling of vacancies therein, in accordance with local procedures; and
 - vi. consider any other business raised before the meeting.

ARTICLE 4: CHURCH COUNCIL

- 4.1 In accordance with local procedures, the Church Council shall act as the executive committee and governing body to manage finances, oversee property maintenance, and promote the Church's vision and mission.
- 4.2 Local procedures cited in 4.1 shall include number of council members and term of office, requirements for council membership, the frequency of meetings, and the quorum required to validly constitute each meeting.

- 4.3 The appointment of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer from among its members shall be in accordance with local procedures.
- 4.4 In accordance with local procedures, the Church Council may form committees and working groups to further enhance to the work of the Church.
- 4.5 Extraordinary Church Council meetings may be called as directed by local procedures.
- 4.6 During an interregnum or extended absence of the Priest, the respective Archdeacon shall assume authority for the affairs of the Church insofar as local procedures allow.

ARTICLE 5: CHURCH WARDENS

- 5.1 If local customs and procedures permit, the Annual Meeting shall elect a maximum of two Wardens who shall represent the laity and encourage all members in the practice of true religion and promote unity and peace among them.
- 5.2 If local procedures permit, the Warden(s) may also be elected to the Church Council.

ARTICLE 6: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 The Church Council is responsible for maintaining proper management, oversight, and accountability of financial records and funds.
- 6.2 In accordance with local procedures, the Church Council may form a Finance Committee to assume responsibility for the financial management cited in 6.1.
- 6.3 The practicalities of the responsibility cited in 6.1 must be specified in a relevant policy document.
- 6.4 As a member of the Diocese, the Church shall commit, in accordance with local procedures, to make an annual financial contribution to the Diocesan Central Fund. The specifics regarding the annual contribution shall be communicated with the Diocesan Finance Officer at the beginning of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE 7: EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

- 7.1 The Church Council is responsible for establishing, implementing, and maintaining policies for the promotion of effective governance.
- 7.2 The Church Council shall ensure compliance to all bylaws prescribed by the relevant government authority.
- 7.3 The Church Council shall establish and maintain all Registers prescribed by the relevant government authority.
- 7.4 In addition to the bylaws cited in 7.2, and in accordance with 7.1, the Church Council shall also maintain a HR Policy and a Finance Policy.

- 7.5 The Church Council shall submit, each year, comprehensive answers to the Parish Survey conducted by a diocesan committee.
- 7.6 The Church Council shall publish all relevant policies, including the final accounts for the ended fiscal year.

ARTICLE 8: APPOINTMENT OF PARISH PRIEST

- 8.1 When the office of Parish Priest is vacant or is about to become vacant, the Church Council shall immediately inform the Diocesan Bishop, Archdeacon, and any other relevant authority as per local procedures.
- 8.2 The selection and appointment process of a new Parish Priest shall be in accordance with the relevant diocesan policy document and any prescribed local procedures.
- 8.3 The appointment and/or termination of the Parish Priest, who must be licensed by the Diocesan Bishop, shall remain solely within the authority of the Diocesan Bishop and approved by the relevant government authority.

ARTICLE 9: DISSOLUTION AND CLOSURE

- 9.1 The Church may be dissolved voluntarily upon proposal by the Church Council, subject to prescribed conditions and procedures predetermined by the relevant government authority.
- 9.2 Upon dissolution, all assets and records shall be transferred to The Anglican Church (Cyprus) Ltd, subject to approval by the relevant government authority.

ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS

- 10.1 Amendments to these Articles of Association shall be made as necessary to ensure compliance with any changes to the laws and regulations of the United Arab Emirates.
- 10.2 Amendments cited in 10.1 may not contradict any Federal Laws, Executive Regulations and Bylaws issued by the relevant government authority.
- 10.3 No amendments may be adopted without approval from the relevant government authority and in accordance with prescribed procedures and controls.

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