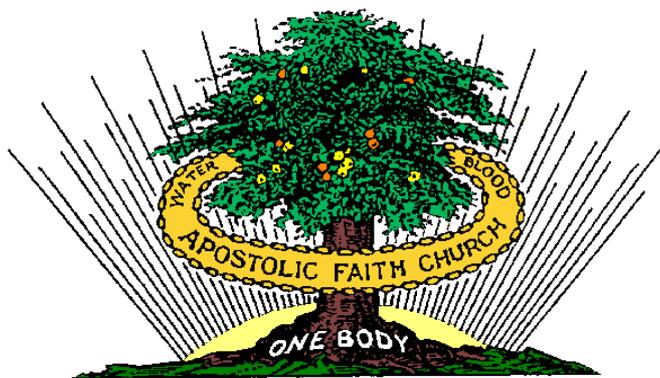


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The Decrees, Doctrine and Administrative Guidelines of the Church

The following message was issued in 2018 by Rev. P. Duncan Lee, International Chief Overseer, upon the third publication of the Decrees, Doctrine and Administrative Guidelines of the Church, giving the Church a renewed direction with a clear vision, mission, goals and objectives for the days ahead.

Beloved Brethren in the Lord, The First Edition of the DECREES OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH was published in 1916 by our beloved Founder and first Chief Overseer Pastor William Oliver Hutchinson. In the same year, he also published the DOCTRINE AND ARTICLES OF BELIEF OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH. In 1948, our beloved second Chief Overseer Pastor James Hutchinson-Dennis published the Second Edition of these governance documents of the Apostolic Faith Church.

It is now 2018 and it has become necessary to publish and issue the Third Edition of the rules, regulations and guidelines for the effective administration and management of all branches of the Apostolic Faith Church worldwide. The Decrees, the Doctrine and Articles of Belief of the Apostolic Faith Church have now been reviewed and published together into one document with additional Governance and Administration guidelines which have also taken into account key administrative needs of the Church in Africa, which were covered under the Revised Constitution of the Apostolic Faith Church for Africa, Issue 4 which my office issued in 2006. One of the objectives of this publication was to make our founding documents easy to use and reference, by numbering the various headlines and paragraphs of the articles. Further, there was also need to breakdown and expand on some of the articles for easy understanding and applicability, while shedding some light on grey areas to make interpretation, implementation and accountability easy and consistent, for both the leadership and the membership of the Apostolic Faith Church, which necessitated some additional guidelines, policy manuals and forms.

This consolidated document of the rules and regulations of the Church will be referred to as the GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT MANUAL OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH. This document supersedes the previous editions of the Decrees of the Apostolic Faith Church, the Doctrine and Articles of Belief of the Apostolic Faith Church, and the Revised Constitution of the Apostolic Faith Church for Africa Issue 4 of 2006. This document takes precedence over all the above individual documents and all local constitutions for the countries. The local constitutions are subsidiary and subject to these rules and regulations, and must be well aligned to this document.

The review of our founding documents, and their amalgamation into these Governance, Administration and Management Guidelines of the Church has been carefully undertaken at the Headquarters Church, with such valuable input and dedication of the late Elder Russel Radford, the then Envoy to my Office, which culminated into the International Overseers Conference that took place at the International Headquarters Church at Bournemouth, England, which was held in May 2017. Every leader and member called into this Apostolic

Faith and Vision and professes membership of the Apostolic Faith Church must not only follow these rules and regulations and the doctrinal articles of faith therein, but must also teach and help others to understand and follow them. These guidelines will provide direction and focus and help maintain order, as we strive to do better in the administration of the Church and the work of the ministry of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Faith and Vision, even the doctrine, have, at the leading of the Lord through the Holy Spirit, been advanced through the years, leading us to greater anointed understanding of the Holy Scriptures. The incredible progress and growth of the Church on the African continent has been very encouraging. This is by grace as a result of years of dedicated service by past and present labourers in this field which is ripe unto harvest (John 4:35). The foundational truths and doctrinal principles have not changed, but added "light" has opened up today's message. The preaching of the Gospel of Salvation by Grace through Faith in the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary unto Justification and Sanctification, the Pleading of The Blood of the Lamb, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Exercising of the Spiritual Gifts, among others remain the bedrock of the Apostolic Faith Church's Doctrine.

A careful guard has to be maintained against the wiles of Satan creeping in with secular doctrine and worldly distortions of the Truth of God's Word. The special anointing given at the laying-on-of-hands by the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ will never change, with the continuous need for the renewal of the mind and living lives in pureness of heart to always be sought and treasured by every generation, offering our bodies as a living sacrifice unto the living God.

May the riches of God's Blessing rest upon all who seek out and treasure the wonders found in the Apostolic Faith and Vision in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Word Come Again,

Rev. P. Duncan Lee