

The Twelve Apostles Church in Christ Students Organisation



THE CONSTITUTION



University of Zululand

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Preamble

We, the students of the University of Zululand under the “**The Twelve Apostles Church in Christ (The TACC)**”, are realizing the increase in the number of students under this church. We therefore commit ourselves to build and combine the students under who fall under the above mentioned church forming, “**The Twelve Apostles Church in Christ Students Organisation- UniZul Branch (The TACCSO – UniZul Branch)**”. So then we adopt this constitution as a binding document that shall guide us to achieve our missions and objectives.

1. DEFINITIONS

This constitution involves the following:

- 1.1 University: means the University of Zululand (UniZul).
- 1.2 Society/ Organisation: means the The Twelve Apostles Church in Christ Students Organisation (The TACCSO).
- 1.3 Religious: means religious society The Twelve Apostles Church in Christ.
- 1.4 Student: means a registered student of the University of Zululand.
- 1.5 A.G.M.: means the Annual General Meeting of the society.
- 1.6 HOD: means the Head of Department of a particular portfolio in the executive committee.
- 1.7 Members: means the registered students under the society.
- 1.8 S.R.C.: means the Students Representative Council of the university.
- 1.9 Testifier: means any new member accepted by the priest or any other authorized church officer and awaiting to be baptized by the Holy Spirit through a living Apostle.
- 1.10 Alumni: means any former member of the society.

2. NAME

- 2.1 The name of the organization shall be the The Twelve Apostle Church in Christ Students Organisation – UniZul Branch (hereinafter referred to as Society or Organisation).

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 To promote teachings, doctrines and articles of faith of Christianity as applicable to the THE TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH IN CHRIST.
- 3.2 To establish congregation for the promotion of the said teachings, doctrines and articles of faith.

- 3.3 Recruiting more students to the society and encouraging students to be Christians under the The TACC.
- 3.4 To facilitate better communication and relationship between students and Christianity.
- 3.5 To promote higher and further education within the entire church, especially in the youth.
- 3.6 To ease access to tertiary institutions for church members.

4. MISSION

- 4.1 To promote the teachings, doctrines and articles of faith Christianity as applicable to the The Twelve Apostles Church in Church throughout local and international students.
- 4.2 To promote Christianity of the University students preaching the gospel, organizing religious concerts and music competitions.

5. AFFILIATION

- 5.1 The society shall be affiliated to the students' religious societies inside the University.
- 5.2 The society shall also be affiliated externally to an organization (The TACC and The TACCSO Council) having similar interest and objectives.
- 5.3 The society shall not be affiliated politically.

6. MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1 The membership shall be opened to any student of the University.
- 6.2 Any registered student is allowed to join the society without any discrimination.

7. VOTING RIGHTS

- 7.1 Only testifiers and members with active student numbers and whose names appear on the register of the organization are eligible to vote.
- 7.2 Voting procedures may be conducted by show of hands or by poll, depending on the majority of the house.

8. SERVICES

- 8.1 The society shall hold services every day from Monday to Sunday.
- 8.2 The services should be spread evenly depending on the day:
 - 8.2.1 Monday should be the service for only the brothers and sisters of the society.
 - 8.2.2 Tuesday should be music practice.
 - 8.2.3 Wednesday should be the service for all members of the society.
 - 8.2.4 Thursday shall be services for junior testify in other ways be a youth day for all sisters of the society and in the evening a service for evangelical brothers.

- 8.2.5 Friday should be special services, where external members of the society will be invited or a music practice.
- 8.2.6 Saturday shall be the music practice for all small gospel groups of the society and for evangelical brothers after a gospel service in the morning.
- 8.2.7 And finally, Sunday shall be the original service for all members of the society including the external members.
- 8.2.8 The society shall also hold special services at any time through the word of the Deacon.

9. MEETINGS

9.1 Annual General Meeting

- 9.1.1 An AGM shall be held not later than third week of September each year.
- 9.1.2 Notice of the AGM shall be given at least five days in advance and the agenda shall accompany the notice.
- 9.1.3 A quorum at an AGM shall not be less than 40% of the total number of members of the society.
- 9.1.4 An Alumnus can sit at an AGM Meeting as an observer who is not part of the quorum and subsequently with no voting rights what so ever.

9.2 General Meetings

- 9.2.1 The society shall hold at least two meetings per term and may freely hold any further meetings during the term as deemed necessary.
- 9.2.2 Notice of the general meeting shall be given two days in advance and it does not need to be accompanied by agenda.
- 9.2.3 Quorum should be 25% of the total members of the society.
- 9.2.4 Any registered student who is a member of the organisation (i.e. including an executive committee member) can raise a vote of no confidence at a branch general meeting to any executive committee member(s) in leadership during a term of office deemed necessary.
- 9.2.5 The adoption of the provision of section 9.2.4 shall be in accordance with provisions of section 9.4 Of chapter 9.

9.3 Ruling when a quorum is not present

- 9.3.1 In the event when the quorum is not present, the chairperson shall postpone the meeting.
- 9.3.2 The very same meeting shall be called on the following week at the same time and venue.

9.4 Resolutions

- 9.4.1 Resolution may be adopted only at the meeting and then by majority vote only.
- 9.4.2 Also the resolution may be adopted with the majority of at least 50% of members available at the meeting.
- 9.4.3

10. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

- 10.1 The executive committee shall consist of:

Chairperson
 Deputy Chairperson
 General Secretary
 Treasurer
 Project Coordinator
 HOD: Education
 HOD: Music
 HOD: Sports
 One Additional Member
 Two Richards Bay Campus Coordinators

10.2 Duties of the Executive Members

10.2.1 Chairperson

- The principal leadership shall vest in the Chairperson
- In the case of emergency where the committee cannot meet timorously the Chairperson may act independently and his decisions are valid subject to ratification by the committee at a subsequent meeting.
- The Chairperson shall compile a written report at the end of each year and forward it to the Religious Council.
- The Chairperson shall have a casting as well as a deliberate vote.
- The Chairperson together with the General Secretary and the Treasurer, are the official signatories of the organisation.
- To draft the AGENDA in conjunction with the secretary.

10.2.2 Deputy Chairperson

- Shall assume powers at the request of or in the absence of the Chairperson.
- Shall head the disciplinary committee voted for amongst all the members of the church.

10.2.3 General Secretary

- The General Secretary together with the Chairperson and the Treasurer, are the official signatories of the organisation.
- General Secretary should draw up, distribute and keep the AGENDA; keep proper minutes; receive letters of apology in cases where an executive member fails to attend a meeting.
- Shall be present at all meetings of the Organisation.
- Is responsible for all incoming and outgoing letters of the Organisation e.g. invitations, proposals, etc.
- All documents of the Organisation shall be filled by the General Secretary.
- Shall compile a written report at the end of each year and forward it to the Religious Council.

10.2.4 Treasurer

- Shall in conjunction with the Chairperson subject to the constitution, be responsible for the control of the financial matters pertaining the Organisation.
- The Treasurer together with the Chairperson and the General Secretary, are the official signatories of the organisation.
- Shall compile a written financial report for his/her whole term of office and present it just before the AGM.
- The treasurer or any executive member is not allowed to personally access the finance of the Organisation in any form (i.e. lending or borrowing).

10.2.5 Project Coordinator

- Plan all the events and projects i.e. should calculate the project costs, scheduling of the day, time management, speakers, refreshments and other relevant requirements.
- Shall be responsible for approaching relevant sponsors for the funding of the project and submit the reports to the Executive Committee.
- Plan the programmes that are enlisted in the programme of action in advance and provide feedback from time to time.
- Responsible for notification to all members of the meetings.
- Shall book venues for services and meetings.

- Responsible for marketing the Organisation.
- Responsible for organization external services and ensuring communication with other branches and organizations.

10.2.6 HOD: Education

- Shall ensure that objectives 3.5 and 3.6 are met.
- Shall execute the provision of career guidance and life orientation to potential students from the church community.

10.2.7 HOD: Music

- Organise the music competitions or concerts to be conducted by all the institutions.
- Encourage the sub-ordinate music officers to organise and participate in such music competitions or concerts.
- Shall be responsible for facilitating the code of conduct of such organized music events or competitions.
- Organise a music workshop for all relevant members of the organisation in order to uplift the standard of music in church and the organisation.

10.2.8 HOD: Sports

- To encourage physical health within the organisation and the external community to encourage humanity, discipline and respect.
- To organize the provincial sports activities of the organisation and to discover new talents that will urge the members to participate on various programmes.
- Organise events whereby various cultural groups will expose their indigenous cultural practices in order to revive forgotten cultural practices and doctrines.
- Organise any other recreational projects that will help students mentally, physically and morally to cope with the tertiary life.

10.2.9 Additional Member

- Should assist when there are auxiliary tasks that arise or in the absence of any executive member.

10.2.10 Richards Bay Campus Coordinators

- Shall lead the organisation in Richards Bay campus.

- Shall delegate duties and functions to any of the Richards Bay campus members of the society.
- Shall coordinate the affairs of the society at Richards Bay campus.
- Shall gather and submit agenda issues on behalf of the Richards Bay campus to the meetings of the entire executive committee.
- Ensure that students at Richards Bay campus receive all notices and agendas pertaining to members interests.

11. ELECTIONS

- 11.1 Every registered member should qualify to stand for elections provided that he/she has accepted by the branch officer or been baptized through the Holy Spirit.

12. FINANCE

- 12.1 The bank account of the Organisation shall be operated by Executive Committee.
- 12.2 The pin code for the bank account shall only be known to the Treasurer and the card shall only be in the hands of the Chairperson.
- 12.3 Monies of the Organisation shall only serve the interests of the Organisation.
- 12.4 The Organisation shall submit a financial year plan (program of action) to the Student's Society Council or to the Societal Administrator.

13. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

- 13.1 The constitution shall be amended utmost once per term of office of the executive.
- 13.2 The constitution should be amended during the year as it deem necessary but only by proxy of 75% of the members agree to amend.

14. Promulgation

- 14.1 Once adopted and endorsed, this constitution shall:
- 14.1.1 Nullify all other existing constitutions of the organisation under the University of Zululand branch.
- 14.1.2 Come into immediate effect.