



CHURCH



CONSTITUTION



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SLCC Preamble

SLCC was created from humble beginnings on the 25th of December 2016, at Mmakau Village.

Your Highness, MmeMookamedi, did not envisage leading a church, thus preferring attending churches that were already formed and alive. She started attending God Spirit Apostolic Church in Zone 1, Meadowland in Soweto, under the stewardship of Arch Bishop Molotsi. MmeMookamedi later attended African Zion Apostolic Church, in Temba, Hammanskraal, under the stewardship of Bishop Mpete.

However, on that fateful day in December, the four founding members decided not to accompany MmeMookamedi to Temba, but rather opted to attend a church at home, in Mmakau. This was the DAY and moment SLCC was formed. They started attending every Sunday and the church rapidly grew in numbers.

The name Saint Lamech, comes from first book of the bible, Genesis. Lamech was the patriarch, in the genealogy of Adam. He is part of the genealogy of Jesus, as stated in Luke 3 verses 36. Lamech is also mentioned in various collections of tales of the prophets who preceded Muhammed of Islam, which mentions him in an identical manner.

Lamech lived for 802 years, when he got a son, NOAH, who built the Lord's ark. Noah means "He will comfort us", this is concerning our work and toil of the lands, because of the ground that God had cursed.

The Father of Lamech was Methuselah, in the genealogy of SETH. In Genesis 5, it is mentioned that NOAH was the grandson of Jareal, whom was the grandson of Keturah, a descendant of ADAM.



Definitions

1. **Robing:** The act of putting on ceremonial clothing. Or wearing a robe, especially for formal occasions.
2. **Preamble:** the introductory part of a constitution or statute that usually states the reasons for and intent of the law.
3. **Letsha process:** Part of “Tsebeletso Ea Kereke”. Cleansing process performed at the river.
4. **Doctrine:** refers to a set of beliefs, principles, or teachings that are held and promoted by a particular group, institution, or individual.
5. **Disrepute:** lack or decline of good reputation: a state of being held in low esteem
6. **Per Family:** Definition to be discussed in terms of contribution of Lekgeto and Matshidiso
7. **Good Standing:** A member is regarded as being in good standing, when ALL annual and adhoc church payments (such as makgetho etc.) are fully paid **before the church year end i.e. ABIBI celebration, regularly attend church service and refrain from putting the church into disrepute.**

Section 1: Name of the church

The name of the church is: Saint Lamech Christian Church hereafter referred to as “*the church and abbreviated as S.L.C.C*”.

The name of the church is inspired by Genesis chapter 5 verses 25 – 29.

Saint Lamech Christian Church was formed on the 25th December 2016 by Your Highness (Mookamedi) Koko Nchafatso aka Mookamedi Pontsho B. Molotsi and its a section 21 registered company, a Non - Profit Government Organization (NPO) Reg. No.:2017/445917/08.

The Church Head Quarters are based in Mmakau Village, Madibeng Municipality in the North West Province. **Google maps:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/rqVnBm3chKQTcWDN7>

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The church will be allowed to form branches with the approval of Your Highness Office. These branches shall be called by their AREA, meaning, SLCC area of the branch (SLCC Randfontein Branch).

Section 2: The doctrine of the church

2.1 The doctrine of the church

- 2.1.1 The doctrine of the church is that of Apostolic Faith in the way it teaches from the Bible.
- 2.1.2 The church advocates prophecy, ancestral spiritualism, Africanism, Badimo and spiritual growth.
- 2.1.3 The church service proceeding are based on the agenda as detailed in “Tsebeletso Ea Kereke” booklet and shall use Difela Tsa Sione as the Hymn Book..

2.2 The general aims of the church

- 2.2.1 The aim of Saint Lamech Christian Church is to spread the gospel to all people and to build herself upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles unto a Holy Church in the Lord Jesus Christ Himself being the cornerstone, by preaching the word of God and by proper administration of the Holy Sacraments.
- 2.2.2 To endeavor to bring closer co-operation between the Apostolic Churches in particular and all other Christian Churches in general.
- 2.2.3 To provide instruction and fellowship for believers, seeking to build them up to the measure and stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

2.3 The church emblem

- 2.3.1 The colours of the church are BLUE, WHITE and YELLOW.
 - 2.3.1.1 BLUE – Our heavenly connection
 - 2.3.1.2 WHITE – Purity (and being cleansed)
 - 2.3.1.3 YELLOW – Unity in spiritual life
- 2.3.2 The three crosses reminds us CALVARY and GETSEMAN at Mount Golgota.
- 2.3.3 The seven lights mean completion, of old and new. Again, Lamech died at the age of 777.
- 2.3.4 Remember 7 is a spiritual symbol.

2.4 The Hymn of the Church

- 2.4.1 The spiritual hymn of the church is form Difela Tsa Sione – Hymn 362, “Lentswe La Hao Ke Lebone”.
- 2.4.2 This word of God and accompanying light is used to illustrate how God’s word provides direction and clarity, helping people make wise choices and avoid stumbling. Like a lamp that provide light in darkness, God’s word offers guidance in a world that can be confusing and challenging.



Section 3: Organizational structures of the church

3.1 Office of Your Highness (Mookamedi)

3.1.1 The composition

3.1.1.1 Your Highness / Mookamedi

3.1.1.2 Lady Mma-Sechaba

3.1.1.3 Archbishop

3.2 Powers of the Office of the Your Highness

3.2.1 The Office of Your Highness is the supreme policy-making organ of the church with administrative, legislative and judiciary powers.

3.2.2 The office shall have the following functions:

3.2.2.1 To give advice, council and help in matters concerning the spiritual life of its congregations.

3.2.2.2 To encourage the preaching of the Gospel among Christians and non-believers.

3.2.2.3 To encourage spiritual guidance to children and youth in the congregations.

3.2.2.4 To assist in taking care of the sick, the aged and the troubled.

3.2.2.5 To provide for the necessary religious and church literature.

3.2.2.6 To manage overall church finances and administration.

3.2.2.7 The Office of Your Highness shall appoint, ordain, transfer, suspend and dismiss members of the church including church workers and church leadership.

3.3 Duties and Powers of Your Highness:

3.3.1 To appoint both the Treasurer and Secretary amongst the church members.

3.3.2 Approve the budget and financial management of the church.

3.3.3 Authorize extra-ordinary projects within the church for special purposes.

3.3.4 To put in place a policy for prophecy and spiritual healing.

3.3.5 To manage and mentor all spiritual leaders of the church

3.3.6 To appoint Lady Mmasechaba and Archbishop including Bishops.

3.3.7 The Office of Your Highness shall meet on an adhoc basis to discuss matters affecting the congregation, prophecy, prophets' programs (mekete) including healing and to think of ways and means whereby the position of the church can be improved.

3.3.8 Approve implementation of a branch, including its bishop and ministers.

3.4 Duties and powers of Lady Mmasechaba

3.4.1 To perform all tasks as per the instructions of Your Highness

3.4.2 To manage and lead Archbishop and Bishops



- 3.4.3 To effectively implement prophecy and spiritual policy.
 - 3.4.4 To assist in the appointment of Bishops, Priests and Deacons
 - 3.4.5 In the absence of lady Mmasechaba, Your Highness Mookamedi will take over the responsibilities.
- 3.5 Meetings of the Office of Your Highness
- 3.5.1 The Office of Your Highness meetings shall be held annually on the Saturday of ABIBI, in August as we mark the anniversary of the church
 - 3.5.2 The Office of Your Highness shall have the right to call special meetings of the office.
 - 3.5.3 The Office of Your Highness shall give a notice about place and proposed agenda which will be sent within a reasonable time by the Secretary before the meeting.
 - 3.5.4 The proposed agenda will include the following:
 - 3.5.4.1 Your Highness opening message
 - 3.5.4.2 The Archbishop's Office's report
 - 3.5.4.3 The Bishop's Office report
 - 3.5.4.4 Secretariat Office Report
 - 3.5.4.5 The Treasurer's financial report
 - 3.5.4.6 The Priest's report
 - 3.5.4.7 Matters arising from the previous meeting
 - 3.5.4.8 Motion(s) arising from the church
 - 3.5.4.9 Delegations (if any)
 - 3.5.4.10 Ordination of Priests (if any)
 - 3.5.4.11 Such other matter relevant from time to time
 - 3.5.4.12 All proceedings shall be entered in the minutes' book and shall be signed by the secretary after approval at the Office of Your Highness.
 - 3.5.5 Quorum
 - 3.5.5.1 Two thirds (2/3) majority of the total membership present, when a meeting proceeds to business, shall constitute a quorum.
 - 3.5.5.2 If a meeting fails to procure a quorum, it shall automatically reconvene at the same time and place seven days later, and the members present shall constitute a quorum, i.e., should the quorum not be formed during the second date, the meeting shall go on as if the quorum is formed and the decisions arrived at shall be binding to all.
 - 3.5.6 Voting
 - 3.5.6.1 Only permanent members, who are in good standing of the office are entitled to vote.



3.5.6.2 Voting shall be by hand.

3.5.6.3 Unless otherwise required in this constitution, all matters shall be decided by majority vote.

3.6 Appointment of Archbishop and Bishop

3.6.1 An Archbishop/Bishop shall be permanent member of the church. The Archbishop/Bishop shall be appointed by the Office of Your Highness.

3.6.2 The appointment of an Archbishop/Bishop shall be as per their spiritual calling.

3.7 Duties and powers of the Archbishop and Mma Archbishop

3.7.1 An Archbishop shall supervise the work of the church and make sure that the directives of the Office of Your Highness are carried out.

3.7.2 To ensure the church members who require robing get assisted.

3.7.3 The Archbishop shall assist the Office of Your Highness when dealing with all matters relating to the litigation of the church and duties of the church structures.

3.7.4 It is the duty of the Office of the Archbishop to see to it that the affairs of the church are carried out in accordance with the constitution of the church.

3.8 Term of office

The Archbishop position is permanent.

3.9 Termination of members of the Office of Your Highness

Membership shall be terminated by the following:

3.9.1 Death.

3.9.2 Terminal illness-if a member cannot perform his duties.

3.9.3 Dismissal due to major and significant misconduct.

3.9.4 Members may be suspended by the Archbishop after consulting with Office of Your Highness

3.9.5 Should a member be unable to carry his or her duties, for any reason?

3.10 The Office of Mma Bishop

3.10.1 Duties and powers of the MmaBishop

3.10.1.1 To organize and lead and lead the Woman's League

3.10.1.2 To implement cleaning policy of the church

3.10.1.3 It must make all the arrangements, in collaboration with the church structures, that there is an annual gathering.



3.11 The Secretary of the Church

3.11.1. Duties of the Secretary (including Office of Your Highness)

- 3.11.1.1 The Secretary shall discharge any duties entrusted to him/her by the Office of Your Highness.
- 3.11.1.2 He/she shall take minutes during ALL the meetings including that of the Office of Your Highness and file all the church statistics.
- 3.11.1.3 It is the duty Secretary to see to it that all records of the church are properly kept excluding finances.
- 3.11.1.4 Keep in detail records of ALL church members from the day they joined the church, got baptized and finally got married, and to which structure does a member belong.
- 3.11.1.5 Keep detailed records of all church functions.
- 3.11.1.6 Record ALL resolutions taken in ALL meetings and ensure the resolutions are followed-up and implemented by the person responsible.
- 3.11.1.7 The Secretary must also keep and manage a visitor's book.
- 3.11.1.8 The Secretary shall be appointed on a rotational basis.
- 3.11.1.9 The Office of Your Highness may appoint Secretaries at the Branches to assist the Secretary, thus forming an Administration Committee.
- 3.11.1.10 The Secretary of the Church shall manage all Secretaries at all branches.

3.11.2 Term of office

- 3.11.2.1 The Secretary of the Church and Deputy Secretaries shall hold office for a period of five (5) years

3.12 Treasurer of the Church

3.12.1 Duties of the Treasurer (including Office of Your Highness)

- 3.12.1.1 The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep ALL monies entrusted to him/her by the church.
- 3.12.1.2 He/she shall be responsible for arranging fund raising activities.
- 3.12.1.3 He/she shall keep an accurate account of income and expenditure and annually submit it to the Office of Your Highness. All finances shall be banked with a registered commercial bank. **To be reviewed i.e. frequency of statement**
- 3.12.1.4 The Treasurer shall record all movable and immovable assets of the church, and clearly record dates of purchase, donation including the person who paid or donated for the asset. If possible, receipts shall be kept.
- 3.12.1.5 All monetary donations shall be recorded to indicate the date, the giver and the amount.



- 3.12.1.6 An internal auditor will be requested to audit all the church records and issue a report to the Office of your Highness. This action shall be completed before the term of the Treasurer ends and appointment of a new one or extension thereof.
 - 3.12.1.7 Perform all banking on behalf of the church. If he/she cannot do the banking, a delegated person will assist.
 - 3.12.1.8 The banking will be done at FNB. A delegated representative was appointed to manage the church FNB banking APP. **Treasury structures?**
- 3.12.2 Term of office
 - 3.12.2.1 Treasurer shall hold office for a period of five (5) years.
- 3.13 Duties and powers of the Priest
 - 3.13.1 The Priest shall be fully acquainted with the work and life of the congregations in his church.
 - 3.13.2 Shall encourage, comfort, give advice and admonish by the word of God.
 - 3.13.3 Shall give spiritual care and guidance to church members.
 - 3.13.4 Shall, in consultation with the Office of the Bishop, recommend transfers and appointments of workers of the church.
 - 3.13.5 Shall examine all church records in his church and regularly report that information to the Office of Your Highness.
 - 3.13.6 Priest shall draw and initiate annual programs for the church. All church programs and special functions shall be approved by the Office of Your Highness.
- 3.14 Appointment of the Priests
 - 3.14.1 The Priest shall be an ordained Deacon or ordained through a prophetic calling.
 - 3.14.2 Candidate Priest will be by spiritual calling or nominated by the Office of your Highness.
 - 3.14.3 He/she shall be appointed by the Archbishop and confirmed by the Office of Your Highness.
 - 3.14.4 He/she shall be responsible to the Bishop and Office of Your Highness.
 - 3.14.5 The Priest shall hold office until the retirement age.
- 3.15 Term of office of the Priest
 - 3.15.1 The Priest shall hold his/her office for as long as he/she is available.
- 3.16 Duties and powers of a Deacon
 - 3.16.1 To preach and teach the word of God, to administer the Holy Sacraments and to take charge of his/her flock.



- 3.16.2 To increase his/her knowledge by reading and discussing spiritual matters with other Priests.
 - 3.16.3 He/she shall prepare himself/herself well for preaching and let him/her not depend on his/her moral knowledge; let him/her show solemnly that he/she is in the holy service.
 - 3.16.4 To give Priestly care to all members of his/her congregation, in particular the sick, the disable, depressed, the poor and the needy.
 - 3.16.5 To look after the dignity and good condition of the church building.
 - 3.16.6 To see to it that accurate records and reports of the congregation are clearly kept. ?
elaborate. Is this task relevant to this position should it not be for the church elders?
Part of the secretarial functions
 - 3.16.7 His/her life should be an example to his/her entire fellow Christians.
 - 3.16.8 To guide the life of the congregation in co-operation with the Office of Your Highness.
- 3.17 Appointments and training of a Deacons
- 3.17.1 The Office of Your Highness will make a recommendation to the Archbishop's Office and Your Highness for the appointment of a Deacon.
 - 3.17.2 In case of dispute, the Office of the Archbishop may appeal to the higher (body) i.e. the Office of Your Highness.
 - 3.17.3 The minimum academic qualification is Grade 10 for the Deaconship candidate.
 - 3.17.4 Training for prospective candidates will be determined by the Office of Your Highness from time to time.
- 3.18 Duties and responsibilities of Church Elders
- 3.18.1 To ensure the church members comply to the constitution and is applied
 - 3.18.2 Liaises with church minister on issues affecting the operational mandate of the church.
 - 3.18.3 Church Elders must try to be informed on the status of our church members, especially those who are not attending. How are we going to monitor attendance? Discuss ways of monitoring attendance.
 - 3.18.4 Ensure that those who cannot attend church due to various reasons, like poor health etc, are contacted and visited.
 - 3.18.5 Make sure there is less movement during church service, and NO one get out of the church yard after being let in.

Section 4: Church organizations

- 4.1 All organizations of the church are subject to the authority of the church.



- 4.2 They must submit their own guiding policies which must be approved by the Office of Your Highness. They are allowed to create their own WhatsApp to communicate. MmaMookamedi will be a member in all church organizations.
- 4.3 The establishment of a new organization in the church requires approval by the Office of Your Highness.
- 4.4 Saint Lamech Christian Church recognizes the following organizations within its structures:
 - 4.4.1 Youth League (Bacha)
 - 4.4.2 Sunday School
 - 4.4.3 Men's League (Bontate)
 - 4.4.4 Women's League (Bomme)
 - 4.4.5 Church Choir
- 4.5 St. Lamech Church Branches
 - 4.5.1 Church branches will not be independent of the main Church in Mmakau (Head Quarters) but will subject themselves to the Office of Your Highness and the constitution of the Church.
 - 4.5.2 The branch will be led by their appointed priesthood, which will report to the Office of the Archbishop or the appointed Bishop.
 - 4.5.3 Each branch will institute their own Branch **WhatsApp** for communication purposes, of which the Archbishop and Your Highness or the delegated person shall be part thereof. **The criteria to follow in choosing an administrator on WhatsApp?**
 - 4.5.4 Sunday collection will be for the branch, to be used to pay for the upkeep of the church and the balance be banked in the church account on a quarterly basis.
 - 4.5.5 Branches cannot arrange and or hold ANY church related functions without the sanctions of the Office of Your Highness.
 - 4.5.6 All Church leaders will belong to a SLCC National Church WhatsApp chat group, which WILL be solely used to communicate church related itinerary.
 - 4.5.7 The Bishops Office shall ensure that ALL branches are fully operational and emanating issues are quickly dealt with.

Section 5: Acquisition, obligations, rights and privileges, termination of membership, trial and appeal

- 5.1. Acquisition of membership
 - 5.1.1 All adults and children are received into the church through baptism.
 - 5.1.2 All members of other Churches transferred according to the regulations of the church.
 - 5.1.3 All baptized people who have been admitted from other denominations after having been fully instructed in the Apostolic doctrine and have expressed their adherence thereto.



- 5.1.4 All new members shall be registered in the church database and be formally introduced to the congregation after been sworn in.
 - 5.1.5 Those who sincerely desire to be saved from their sins through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and show the same in life conduct.
 - 5.1.6 Those who seek Jesus Himself and His people by taking up the duties and privileges of the Saint Lamech Christian Church.
- 5.2 Obligation of church members
- 5.2.1 To abide faithfully in the word of God including to embrace, defend the faith and doctrine of the church.
 - 5.2.2 To lead a Godly life and promote a true edification and growth of the church and to lead non-believers to Him who is the Savior of all.
 - 5.2.3 To observe the rules and regulations of the church.
 - 5.2.4 To bring regularly all contributions and offerings which have been decided upon by the church and to make every effort to support the church financially and otherwise.
 - 5.2.5 Submit if found guilty of an offence in life and doctrine or neglect of duties, to the discipline of the church in accordance with Matt. 18:15-18.
 - 5.2.6 To attend church meetings and related gatherings, unless prevented by reasonable causes.
 - 5.2.7 Support the ministry and maintain the fellowship of the church by:
 - a. prayer,
 - b. regular and sustained attendance of services wherever possible,
 - c. engaging in some specific service,
 - d. conscientious giving as God's provision enables, and
 - e. introducing strangers to the church.
- 5.3 Rights and privileges of the church members
- 5.3.1 Every member is entitled to spiritual care and spiritual instruction, which is the duty of the church.
 - 5.3.2 Members above 18 years shall have the privilege of access to the Lord's Supper. They may act as godparents of children who are brought for baptism.
 - 5.3.3 Every member of the church who is a communicant and brings his/her contributions and offerings regularly has the privilege to participate in deliberations on Church affairs using his/her vote where decisions are taken.
 - 5.3.4 Members who have the right to vote are known to take an active interest in Church affairs, may be entrusted with task within the congregation.



- 5.3.5 An appeal by any individual church member against the decision of the Church in disciplinary cases shall be made to the next higher office.
- 5.4 Loss of rights and termination of membership
- 5.4.1 Anyone who is undergoing church discipline loses the rights and privileges of the church as specified in the church regulations.
- 3.4.2 Anyone who, for two (2) years, has not attended church services, or has not participated in Holy Communion or has failed to bring all required contributions and offerings, loses the right to take part in deliberations and to hold any office of the trust except where valid reason(s) approved by the Office of Your Highness can be shown.
- 3.4.3 A member shall lose his/her membership only after the Office of Your Highness has, in accordance to the regulations, tried to win him/her according to Matt. 18:15-18.
- 3.4.4 When a member is absent for three consecutive months from church activities, on his/her return, he/she shall not be allowed to wear formal church regalia until he/she is washed and blessed by the river. (go through Letsha process)
- 5.5 Intervention / Support for church members
- 5.5.1 Members who create or encourage dissension and strife in the church, continuously rail against the doctrine or discipline, persistently absent themselves from the means of grace, lapse into gross sin or otherwise violate the law of God or of the church shall be admonished by the Office of Your Highness.
- 5.5.2 If the misconduct persists, a charge may be laid with the Priest who shall immediately inform the Bishop in charge or the delegated minister.
- 5.5.3 The Bishop shall consult with the person charged and shall decide whether the charge demands a hearing. If it does, the Bishop shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the hearing, deliver the charge in writing and forwarded in-person or by any convenient electronic media.
- 5.5.4 The accused may choose a member of the church to be a representative in the hearing, but no legal representation.
- 5.5.5 The meeting shall be convened and presided over by the Bishop or his/her delegated representative.
- 5.5.6 In case the accused member refuses or fails to attend, the meeting may proceed with the trial in the member's absence.
- 5.5.7 If the person is found guilty, the Bishop and the Church leadership shall decide the sentence and the accused shall be notified accordingly, given time to lodge an appeal within fourteen (14) days.



- 5.5.8 No sentence of expulsion from membership, or of other discipline, shall take effect until the time allowed for the lodging of an appeal has expired.
 - 5.5.9 If an appeal is lodged, the sentence shall not take effect until the appeal has been dealt with.
 - 5.5.10 If the charge is grossly serious and sentence is heavy, the Office of Your Highness approval is required.
- 5.6 Appeal
- 5.6.1 The accused or members found guilty shall have the right to appeal to the Office of Your Highness.
 - 5.6.2 A written notice of appeal should be lodged with the Office of Your Highness within 7 days of sentencing.
 - 5.6.3 The appeal will ONLY be acceptable if the member is in good standing.

Section 6: Church funds and other property

- 6.1 All church funds are kept in a single account
- 6.1.1 SLCC have a Church Business account @ FNB. All Branches and organizations are expected and required to utilize the same account for banking and expediting purposes. The traceability of funds will be Reference and branch/personal Information, and by keeping a contribution book.
 - 6.1.2 The Treasurer will be assisted by two bank account signatories appointed by the Office of Your Highness.
- 6.2 Church contributions are for:
- 6.2.1 Baptism
 - 6.2.1.1 Children R40
 - 6.2.1.2 Adults R80
 - 6.2.2 Marriage R300 **What does this amount include? eg Registration, counseling**
 - 6.2.3 Holy Communion R20
 - 6.2.4 Annual Harvest (Puno) Any amount
 - 6.2.5 Annual Church-dues (Makgetho) R300 annually **per family ?**
 - 6.2.6 Silver collection (10% of Makgetho)
 - 6.2.7 Sunday Offering / Moneelo
 - 6.2.8 Pledge (Any amount or in kind)
 - 6.2.9 Special Collection / Fundraising/**Robing/Baptism/Wedding Day/ Birthdays**



6.3 Properties of the church

- 6.3.1 All fixed and movable properties shall be registered in the name of the church, under the leadership and ownership of Mookamedi and inventory and assets register shall be kept safely.
- 6.3.2 Any property which may have already been acquired or which may hereinafter be acquired by or for the church and all other bonds and securities in favour of the church shall be made out in, transferred to, and registered in the name of the Church.
- 6.3.3 All properties acquired will be owned by the church under in perpetual ownership and only Mookamedi shall have full right thereto.
- 6.3.4 Church building shall be the property of Saint Lamech Christian Church and may only be used for such purposes which are in agreement with the aims and principles of the Saint Lamech Christian Church.
- 6.3.5 The local congregation using the church building shall be responsible for its maintenance and upkeep.
- 6.3.6 The Office of Your Highness controls the disposal of all properties belonging to the church and shall be vested under Mookamedi acting for and on behalf of the congregation.

Section 7: Church regulations

The Office of Your Highness will make regulations concerning the following:

7.1. Acceptance to baptism in the congregation

7.1.1 Biological parents

- 7.1.1.1 Parents or guardians whose children are to be baptized should submit their request to the Priest in charge.
- 7.1.1.2 Parents or guardians should be taught about baptism and be reminded of their obligations towards their children.
- 7.1.1.3 It should be checked whether such parents are in good standing.

7.1.2 Godparents

- 7.1.2.1 They must be Christians who themselves believe in baptism.
- 7.1.2.2 They are expected to maintain a keen and active interest in the Christian upbringing of the child.

7.1.3 Adults Robing

- 7.1.3.1 Those formally joined the SLCC shall be baptized and be eligible to wear church uniform.
- 7.1.3.2 Robing only happens during Easter period and ABIBI..

7.1.4 Emergency Baptism

- 7.1.4.1 In case of illness or threat of life.
- 7.1.4.2 An infant may be baptized by ordained Priest and or Deacons using the church agenda.



7.1.5 Baptism Service

7.1.5.1 Every person is baptized in the three names of God; namely, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

7.1.5.2 Baptism of member's children is done in the presence of parents or god-parents.

7.1.5.3 For an adult, parents or godparents are not necessary.

7.1.5.4 Baptism can be done by Priests, Arch Bishop, Lady Masechaba and Your Highness.

7.1.5.5 It can be done in an open service using formula from the agenda. ?

7.2 Acceptance to Holy Communion

7.2.1 Invitation to the Holy Communion

7.2.1.1 The priest invites the members to the Holy Communion.

7.2.1.2 Members are advised to celebrate the Holy Communion correctly as the apostle Paul in the letter of the Corinthians commanded in 1 Cor. 11; 22ff.

7.2.1.3 Only those members who are 12 years or older may receive Holy Communion.

7.2.1.4 It is recommended that those who are to receive Holy Communion be dressed in church attire.

There is frequency missing, how one should prepare leading to the event "Boipobolo" and dress code for those who don't have the church attire.

7.3 Marriage

7.3.1 Those who intend to marry must be reminded by the presiding Priest about the dignity of marriage as well as its desirable permanence. They are also subjected to going through the process of marriage counseling for a set period before the wedding day.

7.3.2 The church obeys all the laws which are according to the will of God, but it condemns all laws which limit one's choice of spouse to members of one race.

7.3.3 The church recognizes the couple that is legally married and condemns divorce.

7.3.4 The church blesses marriage as God blesses those who marry. Wedding plans should be announced beforehand on three successive Sundays and this preserves the dignity of marriage and gives the congregation time to pray for those to be married.

7.3.5 The couple should be advised about the holiness of marriage and should keep it holy.

7.3.6 That God calls man and woman to get married.

7.3.7 The marrying couple will be expected to pay an agreed amount for the preparation of the service.

7.3.8 The Couple should be in good standing

7.3.9 Solemnization of marriage



- 7.3.9.1 By Your Highness or her delegate.
- 7.3.9.2 In church building, hall or house.
- 7.3.9.3 Marriage vows be read and taught from the formula in the agenda or using the formula prescribed by the government.
- 7.3.9.4 Married couples must receive continual counseling to arm them against the threat of divorce.

7.4 Divorce

- 7.4.1 All Couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage should consider continual counseling/intervention process before taking the divorce route. Which will be provided accordingly.
- 7.4.2 A divorce will not be accepted in the church until formal and legal a decree of divorce is obtained (1 Cor. 7:1).

7.5 Acquisition of full membership

- 7.5.1 The Office of Your Highness will treat each case on its merit, as cases differ.
- 7.5.2 Members shall have to adhere to the following obligations:
 - 7.5.2.1 To be faithfully in the word of God, make regular use of sacraments, embrace and defend the faith and doctrine of the church.
 - 7.5.2.2 To lead Godly life and promote the true edification and growth of the church.
 - 7.5.2.3 Lead non-believers to Him who is the Saviour of all.
 - 7.5.2.4 Observe the rules and regulations of the church.
 - 7.5.2.5 Bring regularly all the contributions and offerings which have been decided upon by the church. i.e. Lekgetho.
 - 7.5.2.6 Make every effort to support the church financially and otherwise.
 - 7.5.2.7 To submit to the discipline of the church, Matt. 18:15-18, if found guilty of any offence or neglect of duties.

7.6 Appointment of committee members

- 7.6.1 Appointment of committee members shall take place every five years.
- 7.6.2 Appointed members shall be in good standing.

7.7 Behaviour of spiritual leaders

- 7.7.1 Their good behaviour should set as an example to the public.
- 7.7.2 They should see themselves as peacemakers.



7.8 Ordination of church ministers

7.8.1 The Priest shall be a member of the church at least for a minimum of six months.

7.8.2 The Priest shall be ordained by the Office of Your Highness.

7.9 Church discipline in general

7.9.1 If any member is absent from services of the church and /or neglects to comply with any of the privileges and obligations of membership for more than six months without apparent good reason, the Priest together with the responsible Bishop shall make enquiries.

7.9.2 Members of the church who without sufficient reasons persistently absent themselves from the Lord's Supper, from the meetings of Christian fellowship, shall be contacted and or visited by the Deacon and a delegated church member or a **Priest in that order**, through personal persuasion, full opportunity may be offered for their return to the fellowship of the church.

7.9.3 In purely personal matters, members shall be expected to act in accordance with the Lord's injunction as in Matthew 18: 15-17.

7.9.4 The suspension, expulsion or excommunication of any member shall be restored only if all efforts at restoration prove unsuccessful.

7.9.5 No member shall institute legal proceeding for or against the church, any Priest, or any member until all procedures provided for in the laws and discipline of the Church have been exhausted and every effort made to resolve the issue by mediation.

7.9.6 Code of conduct: All sub-structures must formulate their own rules and regulations in line with the constitution of the church.

7.10 Funerals of members

7.10.1 Funeral services conducted by the church should remain the event of the day.

7.10.2 Christians are to remember their departed ones with love and respect, trusting that they are in the hands of LORD.

7.10.3 Prayer services will be held from Wednesday until the day of the funeral, unless arranged otherwise. **(What about visiting the bereaved family Sunday after church to render prayers) Yes/No ?**

7.10.4 Members shall contribute towards Matshidiso/condolences as per family definition

7.11 Induction of members and spiritual leaders

In line with our uniformity- approach and also standardizing of acceptance procedures of a new member; the following measures should be upheld:

- a. The new members should be introduced immediately to the congregation
- b. The new members shall within 3 months be inducted



c. Limited privileges during trial

In a 3 months trialing period with limited privileges, the studying or training is for the following activities:

- a) Read applicable verses from the bible
- b) Apostolic creed. And history of SLCC
- c) Christian ethics in general.
- d) Liturgy & Holy Communion.
- e) Dress code – during official events **and trial**.

f) At the end of trial, members form is signed and accepted as full member in the church. The person will start to have the full privileges and rights and exercise the obligation to the church.

F) Full membership will be attained under the following conditions:

1. 3 Month trail process completed leading to the next robing period/Mokete
2. Registration form completed and signed.
3. Lekgetho paid in full
4. Completed “Letsha” process

Section 8: Church Celebrations

8.1 Easter Celebration

The celebration is on Easter Sunday.

Details will be provided prior to the event.

All members shall contribute towards the planning as per point 4.4 recognized structures.

Robing process of new members.

All members need to complete Letsha processes before attending the celebration

8.2 ABIBI Celebration.

The celebration is held last weekend of August or first week of September

Details will be provided prior to the event.

All members shall contribute towards the planning as per point 4.4 recognized structures.

Robing process of new members.

All members need to complete Letsha processes before attending the celebration

Section 9: Letsha Process

9.1 Rules and Regulations to complete this process



- 9.1.1 Fasting for the period of seven days
- 9.1.2 No consumption of all animal products
- 9.1.3 Allowed food to eat is all plant products
- 9.1.4 No consumption of fizzy drinks and alcohol
- 9.1.5 Abstinence from sexual activities
- 9.1.6 Daily prayers
- 9.1.7 Avoid situations that will lead you to anger, Arguments

Section 10: Amendments of the constitution

Amendments to the constitution will be made by the Office of Your Highness at the recommendation of Your Highness Council. The constitution will be reviewed yearly or as and when the need arise to align it with the church objectives.

Section 11: Coming into operation of this constitution

The constitution shall come into operation on adoption by the start of the Church new year. All members whose forms are missing or misplaced should complete new forms to have the correct database.

Section 12: Interpretation of the constitution

Dispute shall be referred to the Office of Your Highness whose decision on such matters shall be final.

Section 13: Adoption of the constitution

This constitution of St. Lamech Christian Church was adopted by the Office of Your Highness held at Mmakau from the 26th to the 28th August 2019.

Reviewed: August 2025

SIGNED and APPROVED BY:

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