

LifeChurch Panania Constitution



Who we are

Our Name

Our church name is LifeChurch Panania.

Our People

Our church members are those who believe and practice our Core Beliefs, and have been accepted into membership of our church.

Our Association

Our church is a member of the Association of Baptist Churches.

What we believe

Our doctrines

Our Core Beliefs are Baptist doctrines as expressed in a separate document.

Our plans

Our church may make plans and function in ways that align with our Core Beliefs.

Our policies

Policies that are in alignment with our Core Beliefs may be adopted or deleted.

Our organisation

Our structure

Our church is self-governing within our Association of Baptist Churches.
Our members are the decision makers for all matters regarding our church.

Responsibility and accountability

Our church may delegate responsibilities for the function of church activities to groups or individuals who remain accountable to the church.

Our leadership

Pastor

A Pastor may be invited to become a member and leader of the church.

Council

A Council of leaders, chosen from among our members, undertake the routine management of church business.

Leaders

Additional leaders may guide various ministries under supervision of our Pastor &/or our Council

How we make decisions

Meetings

The Pastor, Council, or majority of members may call a meeting of the church.

Notice

Meetings which are called to share information require no prior notice.
Meetings where a decision is to be made require 2 weeks prior notice.

Quorum

When a decision is to be made by the church, at least 50% of the church members must be present at that meeting.

Voting

Every member has one equal vote.
Questions are decided with a simple majority of votes cast.

Finances

Income

All money directed to our church will be held in a bank account under our church's name.

Expenditure

Our Treasurer is authorised to pay all accounts incurred by our church. Payments will have 2 authorised signatures.

Property / real estate

All property purchased by the church will be held in Trust according to the *Baptist Churches of NSW Property Trust Act 1984*, and dealt with in accordance with that Act. To comply with the *Baptist Churches of New South Wales Property Trust Act 1984 No4* decisions relating to property held in trust will be confirmed by a quorum of 20% of members.

Changing this Constitution

Changes to this Constitution require:

- Two weeks prior notice
- A written statement of the change/s
- A quorum of at least 50% of members
- A vote of more than 50% in agreement with the change/s.

Dispute resolution

In the event of our church being unable to resolve any dispute, the Baptist Association will be requested to appoint a Moderator to guide our church to a resolution.

Winding up

In the event of our church being dissolved, all debts and liabilities will be paid out, and all remaining assets will be transferred to the Baptist Association.