LIVING HOPE: VR Church Est. Aug, 2022

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In Virtual Reality in Meta Horizon Worlds and on Mobile Devices

Mobile Link: LIVING HOPE: VR Church on Mobile

Horizon Worlds Platform

VISION and BYLAWS

Initial Bylaws Inception: 15JUN2023

Mission Statement:

People leading people to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

Vision:

The Bible is our non-negotiable source for ideas regarding what God's vision is. We at **Living Hope: VR Church** (LHVC) are a group of active God followers, pursuing authentic relationships with Him. We are striving to spark revival and change in ourselves and our communities by helping the lost find God and living lives with God at the center of it all.

Board Members as Updated 26AUG2024:

Mike W. (MetaMikey7777) - Lead Pastor Dena K. (Deeenr) - Board Secretary Les P. (Lep777) Andy J. (TxPaps) Steph S. (S1lls) Joe O. (GoodSoldier) Yvonne J. (YvonneJ.701)

Bylaws:

All bylaws have been agreed upon by Board Members as of 15JUN2023 except where noted.

Article I: Name and Purpose

- 1. Name: The name of our church is **Living Hope: VR Church**, located in Virtual Reality on the Horizon Worlds Platform.
- 2. Purpose: The purpose of LHVC shall be to worship God, study and apply the teachings of the Bible, promote the Gospel, and provide spiritual guidance and support to its members and the VR community.

Article II: Membership

- 1. Qualifications: Membership is open to all individuals who profess faith in God as their Lord and Savior and agree to adhere to LHVC's bylaws.
- 2. Rights and Responsibilities: Board Members have the right to vote in LHVC matters and hold leadership positions. All LHVC Members and Board Members have the right to receive spiritual guidance and support. All members and board members are also responsible for upholding the LHVC's beliefs and values.

Article III: Leadership and Governance

- 1. Pastoral Leadership: The church shall be led by a Pastor who is called and appointed by God. The Pastor shall have overall spiritual oversight of the church and its ministries.
- 2. Church Board: The church shall have a board consisting of members from the congregation who will assist the Pastor in making decisions and providing guidance to the church.
- 3. Committees and Ministries: The Pastor, with the consent of the board, may establish committees or ministries to carry out specific tasks or functions within the church.

Any new individual requesting to teach in a LHVC Ministry (Church or Bible Study under the LHVC covering) shall be:

- Subject to our statement of faith and be in agreement.
- Subject to (1) preliminary "test run" with the LHVC Board with the material that will be presented on the first teaching date. (This will take place prior to teaching to the congregation or Bible Study groups).
- Once this "test run" takes place, the Board will meet within 14 days to decide on moving forward or ceasing the individual as a teacher for LHVC.

4. Board Voting: While agreement may be decided in a Board Meeting, all official voting will take place via an online survey which will provide an official record of the vote. Voting will not be anonymous, and majority rule will decide the outcome. In the event of a tie, the presiding Pastor will have the final say.

Article IV: Monies relating to LHVC

1. LHVC will adhere to the principle of not requesting money from members, congregation, or board members for any reason. This includes requesting money for any individual, organization, or group, inside or outside of Horizon Worlds.

Article V: Church Discipline

- 1. Church Discipline Process: LHVC has the responsibility to maintain Biblical standards within the body of believers. If a member is found to be engaging in unrepentant sin or conduct that contradicts the church's beliefs and values, a disciplinary process may be initiated, including counseling, rebuke, or, in extreme cases, removal of membership.
- 2. Restoration: The goal of LHVC discipline is restoration and reconciliation. LHVC shall make efforts to guide and support individuals towards repentance, forgiveness, and restoration to their relationship with God and the church.

Article VI: Board Meetings

- 1. Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings: LHVC shall hold regularly scheduled Board meetings on the last Wednesday of every month at 8pm EST. These meetings will be held in a private instance/location in the LHVC Conference Room and are intended to discuss and address church-related matters, including administrative, personnel and strategic decisions.
- 2. Special Called Board Meetings: In the event of special matters requiring attention, special called Board meetings may be held. Such meetings shall be announced at least 2 weeks in advance if possible. The purpose and agenda of the special called Board meeting should be clearly communicated to all members.
- 3. Emergency Board Meetings: In situations deemed as emergencies by the Board, an emergency Board meeting may be called. For an emergency business meeting to take place, at least 2/3 of the board members must be able to attend and agree that the situation constitutes an emergency. The purpose of an emergency board meeting is to address critical matters that cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Article VII: Amendments

1. Amendments: These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board Members present at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Proposed amendments must be provided in writing to all members at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

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