

## **Responsibilities of Church Council Members at WLBC**

### **Spiritual Commitment**

- To support, implement and review the objectives of the vision and mission statements and core values of WLBC.
- To formulate, agree and support any strategy to fulfil these objectives.
- To demonstrate a commitment and support to the life of the church in all its activities.
- To uphold the pastor(s) in prayer and to ensure that their and their families material and welfare needs are met, enabling them to fulfil their calling.
- To demonstrate a mutual commitment of support and encouragement among the Church Council.
- To be positive in support of decisions reached in Church Council meetings (regardless of personal views \*\* see note below) so that the leadership can be seen to be acting in harmony.
- To maintain a duty of confidentiality, for as long as may be necessary, concerning matters discussed in Church Council meetings. (Appropriate arrangements for confidentiality with partner's need to be established.)
- To be accessible to covenant members of the church and to the congregation so as to gain their confidence and hear their concerns.
- To make prayerful, frank and meaningful contribution to discussion at Church Council meetings, recognising our desire to discern the Lord's will.

\*\* Any member of the Church Council opposed to a decision reached should indicate if they intending to speak publicly against it, including church meetings.

### **Spiritual Matters**

- To be committed to Worship Services.
- To be present at Church Council meetings – both Prayer and 'Business' meetings as well as occasional training and retreat days and social activities.
- To be present at Covenant members meetings.
- To be present at the times of prayer held before Worship Services as far as is practical.
- To share in serving at communion services.
- To take initiative with the pastor and elders in praying for any who respond to invitations and challenges given during Worship Services.

## **Pastoral and Administrative Matters for Church Council Members**

- To be welcoming and hospitable to all who come to WLBC especially those who are visiting.
- To keep a prayerful and watchful eye on the members on pastoral lists; noting their presence, but more importantly in many respects, their absence.
- To contact pastoral list members who are absent, probably initially by telephone, and perhaps through a personal visit.  
To inform the pastor of any particular problems or needs that become apparent.
- Where appropriate to keep in contact, through telephone calls and visits where appropriate, with those who are absent for a prolonged period of time for whatever reason.
- Where appropriate to visit and to pray with any on the pastoral list who are ill either at home or in hospital.
- To use pastoral lists for administrative purposes, eg: for distribution of letters and information etc.

In addition to these responsibilities it would be expected that Church Council members would be willing to take on specific tasks and responsibilities as decided through the Church Council meetings.

The Church Council will review periodically the Church Rules and seek to ensure that they are applied consistently and fairly.

Deacons are responsible as Managing Trustees in legal and financial matters.

A copy of the Trust Deed is available from the Church Administrator.

The Church Council will review periodically how the Church Council functions.

## **Summary:**

### **Church Council members will care for the fellowship by:**

- Demonstrating commitment to the life of the church and its activities.
- Showing a prayerful and pastoral concern for covenant members assigned to their pastoral lists.
- Contacting covenant members who are absent from church for any prolonged period.
- Praying regularly for the church.
- Getting to know members of the church and congregation.
- Welcoming visitors to the church.

### **Church Council members will lead in the fellowship by:**

- Seeking through their various responsibilities to support and implement the objectives of the vision and mission statements and core values of WLBC.
- Demonstrating a mutual commitment of support, encouragement and accountability among the Church Council.
- Sharing in the regular prayer and business meetings of the Church Council.
- Serving and Praying at the Lord's Table.
- Using their gifts and talents in the service of the church.