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**NAME OF SOCIETY: HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF 100 MILE**

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The name of the Society is HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF 100 MILE

The purposes of the Society are:

**Purpose:** We exist for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a place for the worship of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father; to provide for Christian fellowship for those of like precious faith where the Holy Spirit may be honoured according to our distinctive testimony:

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**ARTICLE 1 NAME:** This local church shall be known as: Hillside Community Church

**ARTICLE 2 DEFINITION - LOCAL CHURCH:** A local church desiring to affiliate with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada shall:

2.1 Assume all financial obligations in providing a place of worship and its operation, and adequate salary for its pastor, together with provision for suitable housing and travel reimbursement. Suitable housing shall be understood to mean an adequate dwelling, together with utilities such as heat, water, hydro and telephone or financial provision for such services.

2.2 Assume responsibility in contributing to the support of the district office or branch conference with which it is affiliated, and to The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada international missions, Bible colleges, and other responsibilities as may be determined by the General Conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

2.3 Have properly qualified leadership of sufficient maturity available for selection, and be able to maintain standards of discipline and doctrine over its members.

2.4 Petition the respective district executive for status as a local church. In order to obtain this status, it is required that a duly called congregational meeting, presided over by the District Superintendent or an appointee(s), be held, in which there shall be:

2.4.1 an adoption of the Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths; and

2.4.2 acceptance of the Local Church Constitution and By-Laws, as approved by the General Conference, together with a decision about the required available options; namely, the size of the church board and the decision concerning who shall be the trustees.

2.5 Ensure that a credential holder of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada is established as pastor of the local church or one whom the district executive officers of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada approve.

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2.6 Be duly registered as a charity under the Income Tax Act.

#### ARTICLE 3 PREROGATIVES

3.1 This local church shall have the right to govern itself according to the standards of the New Testament Scriptures, "endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace ... till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:3, 13).

3.2 This local church shall have the right to govern itself according to the General Constitution and By-Laws and district constitutions and by-laws in force by order of General Conference and district conferences.

3.3 This local church shall have the right to develop policies and procedures which guide its operation as determined by the church board or the congregation.

3.4 This local church shall have the right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequest or otherwise, either directly or as trustee, and to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of any real estate or chattels as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purpose; all in accordance with its constitution and by-laws or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended.

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3.5 This local church shall have the right to borrow any sum or sums of money from a lender upon the credit of the local church either by way of overdraft, discount, loan, line of credit or otherwise, and upon such terms as they may think proper and as security for any money so borrowed or as security for any advances, liabilities heretofore made or incurred or that may hereafter be made or incurred, to hypothecate, mortgage, pledge and give to the lender all or any stock, bonds, debentures, negotiable instruments, in action or other real property of the local church or other assets of the local church as they may see fit, or as may be required by or on behalf of the lender, and it is expressly declared that any security given pursuant to this article may be by way of chattel mortgage or in such other form as the lender may require, or as this local church sees fit.

3.6 The activities of this local church shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other accretions to the organization shall be used solely to promote its objectives, in accordance with its constitution and by-laws or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended.

3.7 In the event of dissolution or winding up of the organization, all its remaining assets after payment of liabilities shall be distributed to The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada for its continuing ministries.

ARTICLE 4 TENETS OF FAITH: We believe most assuredly that the Holy Scriptures are God's final revelation and constitute our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This local church, by virtue of its affiliation with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, shall accept the Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths, as approved by The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, and which is appended to this constitution.

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#### ARTICLE 5 ORDINANCES AND PRACTICES

##### 5.1 ORDINANCES

5.1.1 The ordinance of baptism by immersion in water (Matthew 28:19) shall be administered to all those who have repented of their sins, and have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls, and who give clear evidence of their salvation (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12).

5.1.2 The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be regularly observed as enjoined in the Scriptures (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

##### 5.2 PRACTICES

5.2.1 Dedication of children

5.2.2 Prayer for the baptism with the Holy Spirit

5.2.3 Prayer for the sick

5.2.4 Christian marriage (as defined by the Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada)

5.2.5 Christian burial of the dead

#### ARTICLE 6 MEMBERSHIP

6.1 Persons desiring to become members of this local church shall give credible profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. They shall give evidence of compliance with the biblical standard of Christian practice and manifest spiritual growth by giving evidence of the fruit of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22,23 NIV).

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They shall refrain from "acts of the sinful nature: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like" (Galatians 5:19-21 NIV). Sexual immorality shall be interpreted to mean common-law marital relationships, pre-marital and extra-marital sexual relationships (1 Corinthians 6:15-18; 7:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4), and all forms of homosexual activity, along with other practices deemed inexcusable for Christian conduct, and which place a person under God's judgment (Romans 1:26-2:11).

They shall indicate a desire to live in harmony with this body of believers, shall accept the doctrinal standards as set forth in the Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths, and shall be regular financial supporters of this local church.

6.2 Membership shall consist of the following:

6.2.1 Regular Members. Persons 18 years of age and over who fulfil the requirements of Article 6.1 shall be known as regular members.

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6.2.2 Junior Members. Persons between the ages of 12 and 18 who fulfil the requirements of Article 6.1 may be eligible for junior membership. Such membership does not qualify for voting privileges at congregational business meetings.

## ARTICLE 7 PASTOR AND CHURCH BOARD

### 7.1 PASTOR

7.1.1 Nominations for pastor shall be submitted to the local church congregation by the church board, after consultation with the District Superintendent.

7.1.2 The pastor must be one who holds an active credential in good standing with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada or one whom the district executive officers of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada approve.

7.2 OFFICERS: The officers of this local church shall be the pastor, secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as may be determined by this local church from time to time.

7.3 CHURCH BOARD: The church board shall consist of the pastor and not fewer than three (3) church board members (if more, the exact number and the resolution authorizing the same must be duly recorded in the church minutes). After the setting in order of the church and the creation of the church board, the lay members of the church board shall be selected in accordance with the resolution of this church. The pastor shall act as chair of the church board. When a pastorate becomes vacant, the District Superintendent or the District Superintendent's authorized representative shall be empowered to act in the full legal capacity of the pastor in consultation with the church board. The District Superintendent shall arrange to supply the pulpit with suitable ministry until such time as a new pastor has been duly installed.

7.4 The local church may extend membership privileges to a district leader or another Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada credential holder and invite them to serve on the church board.

## ARTICLE 8 BUSINESS MEETINGS

8.1 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING: The annual congregational business meeting

shall be held in the month of February each year on a suitable date unless otherwise decided by the church board.

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8.2 SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETINGS: Special business meetings may be called by:

8.2.1 The pastor;

8.2.2 The secretary of the church board upon written order of a majority of the church board;

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8.2.3 By petition by no less than one-half (1/2) of the regular members of the congregation. Such petition shall be handed to the church board, whose duty it shall be to give notice of such meeting.

8.3 NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETINGS: Two weeks (14 days) notice shall be given of the annual congregational business and special business meetings with a public announcement in the main service(s) as well as being posted and publicized in the local church. It shall include date, time and purpose of the meeting.

8.4 AGENDA: The agenda shall be prepared by the pastor and church board. An agenda item may be submitted for consideration to the church board by a member of the congregation in good standing. It must be in writing, signed, and in the possession of the church board at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE 9 PROPERTY: All real estate owned by this local church shall be held in the name of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada according to the terms of the Declaration of Trust, or, by the trustees of the local church as a local church of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada or, in the case of an incorporated local church, may be held by the local church in its corporate name as a local church of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

The acquiring and disposal of real property shall be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the eligible votes cast by members present at a duly called congregational business meeting. Where property is placed in trust with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, a 75 percent majority of eligible votes cast by members present at a duly called congregational business meeting shall be required.

In the matter of disposing of any real property of this local church, this congregation shall be subject to the property regulations in force from time to time in the by-laws of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and the district constitution and by-laws, the applicable provincial laws, and the Declaration of Trust, where applicable.

ARTICLE 10 DEPARTMENTS: The departments of this local church may be Christian Education, Youth

Ministries, Men's Ministries, Women's Ministries, and Children's Ministries. The church board shall have authority to institute such other departments of this local church as deemed necessary from time to time.

ARTICLE 11 AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended at any annual congregational business meeting of this local church or at any special congregational business meeting duly called for that specific purpose, provided that a copy of the proposed amendment has been presented in writing to the church board and to the District Superintendent at least 30 days before the date of the congregational business meeting, and providing that notice of said proposed amendment shall have been given in the announcements of the said congregational business meeting.

A copy of the proposed amendment or amendments shall be available to any voting member between the time of the announcement and the time of the congregational business meeting on application to the secretary of the church board

An amendment to be adopted shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting at the meeting. Such amendment shall not be contrary to the regulations of the General Conference or the General Constitution and By-Laws or district constitution and by-laws or Local Church Constitution and By-Laws of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, the

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