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Preamble and History

The Hunters Hill Congregational Church Property Trust has adopted the following Trust rules in accordance with the provisions of the Hunters Hill Congregational Church Property Trust Act 2013 No 67 ("the Act").

The following provides a brief history of the congregations and ministries of Hunters Hill Congregational Church.

Hunters Hill Congregational Church was established during the 1870s on land bounded by Alexandra, Ferdinand, Madeline and D'Aram Streets in Hunters Hill, New South Wales.

During the 1970s the Hunters Hill Congregational Church Retirement Village was established on part of the above property at Hunters Hill.

In 1977 the Uniting Church in Australia was formed, precipitating the consequent passage through the New South Wales parliament of the Hunters Hill Congregational Church Act 1977 No 30.

In the late 1970s Hunters Hill Congregational Church purchased property at 49 Lodges Road Narellan, on which the Church proceeded to establish Angus Bristow [Retirement] Village and Narellan Congregational Community Services. The properties at 53 and 53A Lodges Road (contiguous to 49 Lodges Road) were subsequently added.

In 1993 the Church purchased land at 18 Borrowdale Close, Narellan (contiguous to 49 Lodges Road), and subsequently constructed a suburban dwelling on it.

The Narellan Community Congregational Church first held its meetings in the community centre at 49 Lodges Road; then in 2010 the Church purchased a large shop at 4/38 Exchange Parade, Smeaton Grange, refurbishing the premises for use as a church building.

In 2013 the Hunters Hill Congregational Church Property Trust Act 2013 No. 67 was given passage through the New South Wales parliament.

On 18 September 2013 (the date of assent of the above Property Trust Act), the Hunters Hill Congregational Church Property Trust became a statutory corporation holding property on behalf of Hunters Hill Congregational Church, a church which at the date of assent (hereinafter referred to as "the date of assent") included two congregations (Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church and Narellan Community Congregational Church) and three ministries (Hunters Hill Congregational Church Retirement Village, Angus Bristow Village and Narellan Congregational Community Services).

The Hunters Hill Congregational Church Property Trust (HHCCPT) has a Trust Board made up of representatives elected by congregations, ministries and the Board itself, providing a platform for the good governance (and where applicable, management) of the various congregations and ministries making up Hunters Hill Congregational Church Group.

On 26 February 2014 the property at 49 Lodges Road Narellan (including 53 and 53A Lodges Road) was sold to BaptistCare NSW & ACT

On 26 February 2014 Angus Bristow Village was sold as a going concern to BaptistCare NSW & ACT.

On 30 June 2014 Narellan Congregational Community Services was transferred by Deed of Novation to BaptistCare NSW & ACT.

On 1 July 2014 the serviced apartment complex of Hunters Hill Congregational Church Retirement Village (including the aged care service within the complex) was leased to Twilight House. A four and a half year lease agreement, as well as ancillary agreements, were signed by both parties. A subsequent

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lease was executed for the period 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2037 (with two 10 year options to extend).

A lease was executed for the Independent Living Unit Complex (not including 1 Ferdinand Street) for the period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2037 (with two 10 year options to extend).

On 2 July 2014 HHCCPT completed the purchase of 18 Alexandra Street Hunters Hill. A suburban dwelling is sited on the property, which was bought to serve as a manse for Hunters Hill Congregation.

On 3 November 2017 a property at 6 Norfolk Boulevard, Spring Farm was purchased by the Trust. At a Board Meeting on 5th March 2019 the Board agreed to "swap" the Norfolk Boulevard property for the Borrowdale Close property. The effect of this decision was that 6 Norfolk Boulevard became Congregational Property of the Narellan Congregation (to function as their manse or rented to provide a housing allowance) and the Borrowdale Close property became General Trust Property. On September 15, 2022 the Borrowdale Close property was sold to BaptistCare to become part of the BaptistCare ministry at Narellan.

1. The making of Trust rules

The Trust must make Trust rules that are not inconsistent with the Act. If a rule should prove inconsistent with the Act, the latter shall prevail.

2. Regarding trust property

Rules for the control, management, administration of, and dealings with, general trust property or congregational trust property, are as follows.

2.1. The following real property was held at the date of adoption of Version 6 of the Trust Rules.

Location	Particulars of Title
20A Alexandra Street, 1 Ferdinand Street, 1A Ferdinand Street, 9 Madeline Street, 8 D'Aram Street and 10 D'Aram Street, Hunters Hill NSW	Lot 1 in DP 1070714 situated in the County of Cumberland Parish of Hunters Hill, being the whole of the land in Folio Identifier 1/1070714.
4/38 Exchange Parade Narellan NSW	Lot 19 in Strata Plan 65316 at Smeaton Grange in the Local Government Area of Camden, being the whole of the land in Folio Identifier 19/SP65316.
6 Norfolk Boulevard, Spring Farm, NSW	Lot 5518 DP 1210462 at Spring Farm in the Camden Local Government Area.
18 Alexandra Street Hunters Hill NSW	Lot A in DP 155234 at Hunters Hill in the Hunters Hill Local Government Area, being property number 678425, Folio identifier: A/155234.

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2.2. Division between general trust real property and congregational trust real property. As at the date of adoption of Version VI of the Trust Rules, the division of the real property listed in 2.1. was (and remains) as follows.

Location	Division between general trust and congregational trust real property
20A Alexandra Street, 1A Ferdinand Street, 9 Madeline Street, 8 D'Aram Street and 10 D'Aram Street, Hunters Hill NSW	In 2010 part of the Hunters Hill property was registered with the Land & Property Management Authority as being used as a retirement village and is recognised by the Trust as general Trust Property. The part of the property being the church building and hall with amenities, not including the office facilities, is recognised by the Trust as congregational property held for the beneficial interest of the Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church. The offices with amenities is recognised by the Trust as general Trust property.
1 Ferdinand Street Hunters Hill NSW (Former manse referred to as 'the stone building')	This part of the property is recognised by the Trust as general Trust Property.
18 Alexandra Street Hunters Hill NSW	This property serves as the manse of Hunters Hill Congregation Community Church and as such is recognised by the Trust as congregational Property held for the beneficial interest of the Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church.
6 Norfolk Boulevard, Spring Farm	This property serves as the manse of Narellan Community Congregation Church and as such is recognised by the Trust as congregational Property held for the beneficial interest of Narellan Community Congregational Church.
4/38 Exchange Parade Narellan NSW	The Trust recognises this property to be congregational Property, held for the beneficial interest of Narellan Community Congregational Church.

- 2.3. Control of congregational trust real property.
 - 2.3.1. The Trust shall deal with congregational trust real property in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

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- 2.3.2. Any direction concerning congregational trust real property shall be addressed to the Chairperson of the Trust Board, who shall arrange for the direction to be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Board.
- 2.3.3. The Board shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the congregational meeting generating the above direction was held according to the rules of the relevant congregation.
- 2.3.4. If the Board is not able to satisfy itself that the above meeting was held according to the relevant congregational rules it may, at its absolute discretion, direct that another meeting be held, with another vote.
- 2.3.5. If the Board is able to satisfy itself that the above meeting was held according to the relevant congregational rules, then after due consideration it shall expedite the execution of the relevant direction.
- 2.3.6. If a congregation recognised by the Trust submits a request to the Trust Board for the purchase of real property in which on acquisition the congregation will have a beneficial interest, the request should be addressed to the Chairperson of the Trust Board, who shall arrange for the matter to be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Board. Among other considerations, the Trust Board must satisfy itself that the congregation is capable of financing the acquisition over a reasonable period of time.
- 2.4. Control of general trust real property.
 - 2.4.1. The Trust shall deal with general trust real property in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
 - 2.4.2. In the Board's dealings with general trust real property, a motion is carried only when eighty per cent or more of the Board members vote for the motion in the affirmative.
- 2.5. Management and administration of trust property, congregational and general, real and non-real.
 - 2.5.1. The Trust Board shall ensure the ongoing existence of a Trust executive capable of maintaining competent management and administration of trust property under the direction of the Trust Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
 - 2.5.2. The Trust Board shall ensure that at all times certificates of title to real property held by the Trust are stored in a secure place known to the Trust Board members.
 - 2.5.3. The Trust Board shall ensure that all trust assets and liabilities are properly accounted for and that Trust financial reports are prepared and presented on a timely basis for consideration at meetings of the Trust Board.

3. Regarding the operation of the Trust

Rules for the operation of the Trust are as follows.

- 3.1. The congregations and ministries comprising Hunters Hill Congregational Church, through their elected representatives to the Trust Board, shall ensure the efficient and ongoing operation of the Trust by means of the following.
 - 3.1.1. Decisions carried by the Trust Board and consequent directions given for execution of those decisions.

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- 3.1.2. The ongoing existence of a Trust executive capable of contributing to the efficient operation of the Trust.
- 3.1.3. Trust functions delegated to specified members of the Trust Board and the Trust executive, in accordance with sections 5 and 6 of the Trust Rules.
- 3.2. The Trust Board shall ensure that decisions it carries are executed in a timely manner.
- 3.3. The Trust Board shall ensure the ongoing existence of a Trust executive capable of contributing to the efficient operation of the Trust.
 - 3.3.1. The head of the Trust executive shall be the Executive Chairperson.
 - 3.3.2. The General Manager/Administration Officer shall attend meetings of the Trust Board.
 - 3.3.3. The General Manager/Administration Officer shall be at liberty to contribute to the deliberations of the Board at its meetings.
 - 3.3.4. The General Manager/Administration Officer shall not have the right to vote at meetings of the Trust Board.
- 3.4. The Trust Board shall hold an annual meeting, normally during December of each year, in accordance with the provisions of the Act. The following matters will be dealt with at the annual meeting.
 - 3.4.1. Recognition of the members of the Board elected by the congregations and ministries, according to the provisions of the Act.
 - 3.4.2. Consideration of the possibility of the Trust Board appointing further members, according to section 5(2) of the Act.
 - 3.4.3. The Trust Board shall elect a Chairperson in accordance with section 8 of the Act. The Chairperson will have the role of Executive Chairperson and assist in the administration of the Board's functions.
 - 3.4.4. The Board shall elect a Finance Committee to be responsible for recommendations regarding the financial investments of the Trust. The Committee to include the Executive Chairperson, General Manager/Administration Officer and at least one Board Member.

4. Trust functions that may be delegated and to whom

The Trust functions that may be delegated – and to whom they may be delegated -- are as follows.

- 4.1. Dealing in real property of the Trust shall only occur consequent to a decision carried by the Board and in which a delegation is included in the minute, such delegation being made to at least two Board members, one being the Chairperson.
- 4.2. Dealing in non-real property of the Trust in which the amount involved in the transaction exceeds \$100,000 (save the repayment of retirement village ingoing contributions) shall be executed by the Board Chairperson along with the General Manager or another Board member.
- 4.3. Dealing in transactions that range in value between \$50,000 and \$100,000 should be effectuated by the General Manager with a Trust bank account signatory.

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4.4. Dealing in transactions the value of which does not exceed \$50,000 shall be effectuated by any two Trust bank account signatories, one of which shall be the General Manager or a Board member.

5. Procedure for recognising that an entity is a Congregation

The procedure by which the Trust recognises that an entity is a congregation for the purposes of this Act is as follows.

- 5.1. The Act recognises that with the passage of time new congregations (and for whatever reason, other congregations) will emerge that will desire to be recognised as congregations of the Church.
- 5.2. If an existing congregation wishes to establish a branch church with the aspiration that this branch church be recognised as a congregation belonging to the Church, the initiating congregation should make an appropriate submission to the Board Chairperson, who will make arrangements for presentation of the submission to an ordinary meeting of the Board. The submission should include the following information.
 - 5.2.1. A detailed outline of the prospective church plant.
 - 5.2.2. An evaluation of the vision and values that will drive the church plant, along with a comparative evaluation of the vision and values of the Trust.
 - 5.2.3. Details regarding the prospective purchase of real property for the church plant, the entity that will (prospectively) purchase the property, and whether the property should be classified as congregational trust property or general trust property.
 - 5.2.4. A best estimation of the sources of income and the expenditure necessary (including insurances) in the conduct of the church plant.
 - 5.2.5. A best estimation of the personnel required to establish and perpetuate the church plant, including remuneration details (if not being totally manned by volunteers), as well as the possible sources of personnel.
 - 5.2.6. If a deficit should occur, which entity will carry the shortfall.
 - 5.2.7. Details of any special conditions such as those required to work with children.
 - 5.2.8. The Trust Board shall consider all aspects of the submission: if the decision to accept the new church is carried, then the congregation should proceed to formulate its congregational rules, according to the provisions of the Act and the Trust Rules.
 - 5.2.9. When the congregation's rules are approved by the Board, from that meeting forward the church plant shall be recognised as a congregation of the Trust. From then on, the congregation is to conduct its affairs according to the provisions of the Act, the Trust Rules and its own congregational rules.
 - 5.2.10. If deemed desirable, a memorandum of understanding between the initiating congregation and the Board may be adopted.
- 5.3. If a Board member -- or group of Board members -- aspire to establish a church plant and have it recognised by the Trust, the same procedure as outlined in 5.2. shall prevail.

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5.4. If an external body or group aspires to have a congregation recognised by the Church, the group shall make its approach to the Board via one or two Board members: then the same procedure as outlined in 5.2. shall prevail.

6. Procedure for recognising that an entity is a Ministry

The procedure by which the Trust recognises that an entity is a ministry for the purposes of this Act is as follows.

- 6.1. The Act recognises that with the passage of time the Trust will close or dispose of existing ministries and that new ministries will emerge and be recognised by the Church.
- 6.2. If a congregation aspires to establish a new ministry and have it recognised by the Church, it should make an appropriate submission to the Board Chairperson, who will make arrangements for presentation of the submission to an ordinary meeting of the Board. The submission should include the following information.
 - 6.2.1. A detailed outline of the prospective ministry.
 - 6.2.2. An evaluation of the vision and values that the ministry will espouse, along with a comparative evaluation of the vision and values of the Trust.
 - 6.2.3. Details regarding the prospective purchase of real property for the conduct of the ministry, the entity that will (prospectively) purchase the property, and whether the property should be classified as congregational trust property or general trust property.
 - 6.2.4. A best estimation of the sources of income and the expenditure necessary (including insurances) in the conduct of the ministry.
 - 6.2.5. A best estimation of the personnel required to establish and perpetuate the ministry, including remuneration details (if not being totally manned by volunteers), as well as the possible sources of personnel.
 - 6.2.6. If a deficit should occur, which entity will carry the shortfall.
 - 6.2.7. Details of any special conditions such as those required to work with children.
 - 6.2.8. The Trust Board shall consider all aspects of the submission: if the decision to accept the new ministry is carried, then the initiating congregation shall form a committee of management to establish and manage the new ministry.
 - 6.2.9. When the committee of management is approved by the Board, from that meeting forward the ministry shall be recognised as a ministry of the Trust. From then on, the ministry is to conduct its affairs according to the provisions of the Act and observe the Trust Rules.
 - 6.2.9. If deemed desirable, a memorandum of understanding between the initiating congregation and the Board may be adopted.
- 6.3. If a Board member -- or group of Board members -- aspire to establish a new ministry and have it recognised by the Trust, the same procedure as outlined in 6.2. shall prevail.
- 6.4. If an external body or group aspires to have a ministry recognised by the Trust, the group shall make its approach to the Board via one or two Board members: then the same procedure as outlined in 6.2. shall prevail.

7. Procedure for the appointment of Board-appointed members

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The procedure for the appointment of Board-appointed members is as follows.

- 7.1. The Act makes provision for the Board, at its annual meeting, to make appointments of Trust Board members. The following procedure must be observed.
 - 7.1.1. At a preceding meeting, the Chairperson should advise Board members that if any wish to nominate a prospective Board-appointed member at the annual meeting, the prospective member should signal in writing their willingness to serve on the Board and their adherence to evangelical Christian doctrines (as outlined in the Trust Rules).
 - 7.1.2. At its annual meeting the Board shall consider prospective members and appoint those it deems suitable, bearing in mind the restriction of section 5(2) of the Act that the majority of Board members are to be congregational representatives.

8. Procedure for meetings of the Board

The procedures for meetings of the Board are as follows.

- 8.1. The procedure for the calling of ordinary meetings, annual meetings and extraordinary meetings on the request of members.
 - 8.1.1. The calling of ordinary Trust meetings. At each ordinary meeting of the Board, members shall foreshadow the date and time of the following three ordinary meetings, while seeking to maintain a regularity of meeting.
 - 8.1.2. The Board Secretary or other member of the Executive shall distribute an agenda of meeting and associated documents at least seven days before the established date of ordinary meeting.
 - 8.1.3. The calling of an annual meeting. The Board Chairperson, in collaboration with the Board Secretary (if existing) and General Manager, shall establish the date and time of the annual meeting.
 - 8.1.4. The Board Secretary (if existing) or Chairperson shall distribute an agenda of meeting and associated documents at least fourteen days before the established date of annual meeting.
 - 8.1.5. The calling of an extraordinary meeting. If a congregation or ministry of the Trust wishes to put a matter before the Trust Board and the urgency of the matter makes it inappropriate to wait for the next ordinary meeting, the congregation or ministry shall make its appeal to the Board Chairperson who, on being satisfied that the matter warrants the calling of an extraordinary meeting, shall proceed to call such a meeting. Correspondingly, any three Board members may appeal to the Chairperson for the calling of an extraordinary meeting in order for an urgent matter to be dealt with expeditiously.
 - 8.1.6. If the Board Chairperson calls for an extraordinary meeting as per 8.1.5. above, the Board Secretary (if existing) or the Chairperson shall make every effort to circulate among Board members documentation that familiarises them with the matter at hand at least twenty four hours before the date and time established for the extraordinary meeting.
- 8.2. The procedure for the conduct of business at meetings.

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- 8.2.1. Whether voting is to be by secret ballot, by show of hands or otherwise. In the normal course of a meeting, Board members shall discuss the matter at hand until each member arrives at a settled view. Discerning this to be the case, the Chairperson shall then put the matter to the vote by sound of voice. If the result of this vote is not clear, the Chairperson may call for a vote by show of hands, or a member may appeal to the Chairperson for a vote by show of hands. On the initiative of the Chairperson, or any other two members, the Board may proceed directly to a vote by secret ballot, to be arranged by the Chairperson and the Board Secretary.
- 8.2.2. Whether members of the Board are entitled to vote by proxy at meetings. Unless consent to a member's vote by proxy is given by the Board at a previous meeting, there shall be no entitlement to vote by proxy. Where the Board gives such consent to a member, the member in question shall submit the details in writing to the Board Chairperson at least twenty four hours prior to the established meeting date and time.
- 8.2.3. The majority required for a resolution of a meeting at which a quorum is present to be carried. A simple majority is required for such a resolution to be carried, save in case of a resolution concerning general trust real property (see 2.4.2. above).
- 8.2.4. Minutes are required to be kept of the proceedings of each meeting, which are to include a record of at least the following.
 - 8.2.4.1 All motions put to the meeting.
 - 8.2.4.2 Amendments to such motions.
 - 8.2.4.3. The names of the movers and seconders of those motions and amendments,
 - 8.2.4.4. The resolutions passed by the meeting.
- 8.2.5. Minutes of the proceedings of all meetings are required to be kept and provided to members of the Board on request.
- 8.3. If considered desirable by a majority of Board members, ordinary meetings may be conducted by electronic means, the means to be determined from time to time by the Board.

9. Procedure for election of committees of management representatives

- 9.1. The procedure for meetings of committees of management at which committee of management representatives are elected is as follows.
 - 9.1.1. Each committee of management shall arrange to hold an annual meeting according to the provisions of the Act. Normally, this meeting shall be held during the month of November each year.
 - 9.1.2. Prior to the annual meeting the Chairperson shall call for nominations for the position of committee of management representative to the Trust Board. Each nomination must be in writing, with the nominated person's signature indicating his/her willingness to be nominated and if elected, his/her agreement to attend Board meetings to represent the interests of the committee of management.
 - 9.1.3. If at the annual meeting there is a multiplicity of nominations, the election of the representative shall be held by secret ballot.

10. Public notice of Trust rules

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- 10.1. The Trust must make the Trust rules, as in force from time to time, publicly available at no cost.
- 10.2. Without limiting the manner in which the Trust rules must be made publicly available, a copy of the rules must be published on the website of the Church.

11. Accountability of Trust: details to be made public

- 11.1. The Trust must publish the following on the website of the Church.
 - 11.1.1. A list of members of the Board and their contact details.
 - 11.1.2. Details of each place of business of the Trust.
 - 11.1.3. Details of where the minutes of proceedings of Board meetings, and records of Board resolutions, can be inspected.
 - 11.1.4. Details of where financial statements of the Trust can be inspected.
 - 11.1.5. A record of any current delegations of the Board's functions, including the persons to whom such functions are delegated.
 - 11.1.6. The Trust rules.
 - 11.1.7. The congregational rules for each congregation.
 - 11.1.8. A list of all congregations and ministries recognised by the Trust for the purposes of the Act.

12. Keeping of minutes of proceedings

12.1. The Board must keep minutes of the proceedings of its meetings, and a record of its resolutions.

13. Access to minutes of proceedings

13.1. The minutes of proceedings of Board meetings, and the records of Board resolutions, are to be made available for inspection by any member of a congregation, at no cost.

14. Keeping of accounts

14.1. The Trust must keep records that correctly record and explain its financial transactions and financial position.

15. Financial statements

15.1. As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, the Trust must cause financial statements for that year to be prepared, being statements that give a true and fair view of the Trust's affairs.

16. Auditing of financial statements

- 16.1. As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, the Trust must cause the financial statements for that year to be audited.
- 16.2. The auditor's report:
 - 16.2.1. must be prepared in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, and
 - 16.2.2. must state whether the Trust has kept such financial records as are necessary to enable financial statements to be prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

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16.3. The audited financial reports are to be made available for inspection by any member of the Church, at no cost.

17. Report to congregations

17.1. The Trust must prepare, and submit to the annual general meeting of each congregation, a report of the Trust's dealings with, and management of, congregational trust property held on behalf of that congregation during the previous financial year.

18. Execution of instruments by Trust: custody and use of seal of Trust

- 18.1. The seal of the Trust is to be kept by the Chairperson and may be affixed to a document only:
 - 18.1.1. in accordance with a resolution of the Trust, and
 - 18.1.2. in the presence of at least two members of the Board (one of whom is the Chairperson), and
 - 18.1.3. with an attestation by the signatures of those members of the fact of the affixing of the seal.
- 22.2. The common seal is to be affixed to such documents as the Trust determines from time to time.
- 22.3. The common seal is to be in such form as the Board determines.
- 22.4. Any instrument relating to any property or matter that, if made or executed by an individual, would by law be required to be in writing under seal may be made on behalf of the Trust in writing under the seal of the Trust.
- 22.5. Any contract relating to any property or matter that, if made between individuals, would by law be valid although made orally only may be made on behalf of the Trust by any person acting under its authority, express or implied.

19. Trust may appoint agents or attorneys to execute under seal

- 23.1. The Trust may, by writing under its seal, expressly empower any person, in respect of any specific matter, to execute any deed or other document on the Trust's behalf as its agent or attorney.
- 23.2. Any deed signed by such an agent or attorney on behalf of the Trust binds the Trust and has the same effect as if it were under the seal of the Trust.

20. Non-profit clause

- 20.1. No business of congregations or ministries of the Church shall be conducted in a manner that transfers profits or assets to any member of a congregation, committee of management, or Trust Board. The non-profit character of the Church's congregations and ministries shall be maintained at all times.
- 20.2. The assets and income of the Trust shall be applied solely in furtherance of its objects outlined in the Act and the Trust Rules and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of congregations, committees of management, or the Trust Board, except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Trust.
- 20.2. The provisions of section 15 of the Act concerning pecuniary interests shall be observed.

21. Transfer of residual Trust property on dissolution

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- 21.1. If the Trust Board should come to the decision that the Hunters Hill Congregational Church Property Trust should be dissolved, the provisions of the Act must be observed.
- 21.2. If on dissolution there is a surplus of assets over liabilities, then the surplus resulting from the dissolution shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.
- 21.3. On dissolution, preference shall be given to the transfer of residual assets to the Fellowship of Congregational Churches (New South Wales).

22. Statement of Christian evangelical doctrines

- 22.1. The Trust understands "Christian evangelical doctrines" (sections 10(4) and 11(3) of the Act) to include the following.
 - 22.1.1. The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture as originally given, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
 - 22.1.2. The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
 - 22.1.3. The universal guilt and sinfulness of man since the Fall rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
 - 22.1.4. Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin, only through the sacrificial death, as our Representative and Substitute, of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God.
 - 22.1.5. The conception of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit and His birth by the Virgin Mary.
 - 22.1.6. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
 - 22.1.7. The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Jesus Christ effective to individual sinners, granting each one repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ.
 - 22.1.8. The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
 - 22.1.9 The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

23. Trust vision and values

- 23.1. The vision of the Trust and Church is as follows.
 - 23.1.1 To contribute to the witness of the Christian Church in the communities where facilities are located or where specific endeavours or ministries are supported.
 - 23.1.4 To affirm human dignity and worth by serving people, irrespective of age, sex, social class, race, political or religious persuasion, after the model of the servanthood of Jesus.
- 23.2. The values of the Trust are as follows.
 - 23.2.1. Bible: respect for the authority of the Bible.
 - 23.2.2 Cross: a focus on the atoning, saving work of Christ on the cross.
 - 23.2.3. Conversion: the belief that humans need to be rescued by Jesus the Savior.
 - 12.2.4. Church: the belief that Christ draws his followers into supportive communities.
 - 23.2.5. Spirit: the conviction that the Holy Spirit is given to Christians to empower them.

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- 23.2.6. Service: the belief that Jesus commissions His disciples to serve their fellow humans.
- 23.2.7. Nations: the belief that the Spirit of Jesus catalyses Christians into wholehearted pursuit of God's purposes for His world.

24. Trust rules can deal with additional matters

24.1. The Trust rules can deal with matters additional to those outlined in the Act, but only in a manner consistent with section 27, subsections (1) and (2) of the Act.

25. Amendment of Trust rules

25.1. A Trust rule may be amended or repealed by a subsequent rule made under Division 6 of the Act.

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