

-Introduction

- ✚ The Church need to continuously be reminded of her core mission in the world; which is, “making disciples of all nations as they go, baptize and teach”. The go aspect is both centripetal and centrifugal mission meaning that the Church must draw followers to herself and reach out to where they are, extending her influence outwards. History has shown that there are periods when the Church became reluctant of this mandate; hence other religious groups gain ground. LCPN was born out of the realization of this reluctance seeking to awaken the Church to its core mandate of bringing transformation in the lives of individuals, communities, nations through Church planting and leadership development in both Church and society.

Background

- ✚ Gospel-centered Churches’ responds to growing cities, emerging leadership challenges and to the overall task of planting churches in the world was viewed with concern by Church leaders at a conference held in Zimbabwe in the year 2016. Reasons cited for such irresponsiveness include; lack of sound leadership training, lack of resources for church planting, concentrating too much on maintaining assets acquired over time such as; buildings, furniture, musical instruments, concentrating on caring for existing Church members, focusing on management meetings and short-sightedness. The result is that the Church became unwilling to sacrifice resources towards church-planting and leadership development – these amounts to willful disobedience to the Great Commission. Further to this, the Church seems to be ignoring leadership challenges within and in society. Capitalizing on the Church’s weakness, cultic sects continue to spread like wild fire making their presence felt everywhere. Therefore, gospel-centered Church leaders agreed to establish a Leadership and Church Planting Network (LCPN) for the purpose of helping the Church reignite the spirit of Church planting and leadership development, encouraging established Churches to equip themselves for church planting and leadership development work within nations, emerging city suburbs, rural communities across the world, looking forward to send church planting and leadership development missionaries where they are needed most. Since its establishment, LCPN has a number of church planters planting churches across Southern Africa and has managed to carry out several leadership training workshops in Africa equipping leaders who have become transformational agents in Church and society, planting churches where churches are needed most; targeting unreached communities. LCPN looks forward to do more through networking and mission partnership.

VISION

- ✚ Equip transformational leaders involved in planting Christo-centric, Mission-oriented churches in partnership with the Church.

MISSION

- ✚ Work with gospel-centered Evangelical Churches in planting churches and equipping transformational leaders for church and society.

GOALS

- ✚ To promote and support the planting of mission oriented gospel-centered churches
- ✚ To equip Church Plant Churches and develop mission leaders.
- ✚ To create a networking platform for Church planters across the world.
- ✚ To be the Church's sending arm for gospel-centered church-planting missionaries.

VALUES

- ✚ Christo-centric
- ✚ Discipline Mission
- ✚ Transforming leadership
- ✚ Church planting
- ✚ Accountability

BASIS OF FAITH

The Basis of Faith upon which LCPN is founded is as follows and shall be binding on the organization and all subsidiary Bodies.

- ✚ LCPN believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Key Scriptures - Matt 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... (NIV), 2 Cor. 13:14, "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (NIV).
- ✚ LCPN believe in the divine inspiration and authority of the scriptures.

The above stated bases of faith mean;

- ✚ The Bible is the very word of God, originally written by authors who were under the guidance of the Holy Spirit making it the fundamental guide for faith and practice. Key Scriptures - Tim 3:16-17 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work"(NIV). 2 Peter 1:21 "For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (NIV).
- ✚ LCPN believe that man was created in the image of God; that after falling into the sin of disobedience, human beings separated from God through sin which brought total depravity and incurred the consequences of physical and spiritual death of which all humans are born under and with the same sinful nature. Gen 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (NIV). Gen 3:11 "...Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"(Gen 2:16-17)(NIV). Rom 5:12, "Therefore, just as sin entered

the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned”(NIV).

- ✚ LCPN believe in the reality and personality of Satan; that he is the enemy of God and man; that he seeks to discredit and dishonour God and to deceive all mankind. Isaiah14:12-17; Rev 12:9 “the great dragon was hurled down — that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray”(NIV), Isa 14:12-14, “How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations... I will make myself like the Most High”(NIV).
- ✚ LCPN believe that Jesus was begotten by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true man. Matt 1:18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit (NIV). John 10:30 I and the Father are one”(NIV). Phil 2:5-8, “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!”(NIV)
- ✚ LCPN believe that the Lord Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice. We believe that salvation is only in Christ and His blood, and that this salvation is a gift of God, receivable through faith alone, apart from any works on the part of the recipient, whose works up till the time of salvation have been “dead” and “wicked” works. Eph 1:7, “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace” (NIV). Heb 9:14, “How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, c so that we may serve the living God!”(NIV). Col 1:21-22, “Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of f your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation (NIV).
- ✚ LCPN believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension to heaven, and in His present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate. Matt 28:6, “He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay” (NIV). Acts 10:41, “He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen — by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead” (NIV).
- ✚ LCPN believe that all who by faith and repentance receive the lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Spirit of God, and thereby become children of God. John 1:12-13, “Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, c nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God”(NIV). Rom 5:8-10, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for

us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!" (NIV).

- ✚ LCPN believe that it is necessary for all believers to maintain good works and provide things honest in the sight of all men; however, not in order to be saved, but because we are saved. Titus 3:8, "This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone". Rom 12:17-19, "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord"(NIV)
- ✚ LCPN believe in the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to give the Gospel to every creature, planting churches in both its worldwide and local emphasis. Matt 28:18-20, "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"(NIV). Mark 16:15-16, "He said to them, "Go into the entire world and preach the good news to all creation" (NIV).
- ✚ LCPN believe in that blessed hope, the personal and visible (bodily) return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to this earth, where He will rule and reign. Acts 1:11"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven"(NIV). Rev 20:6 "Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years" (NIV).
- ✚ LCPN believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, to the everlasting joy of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost. 1 Cor. 11:31-32 But if we judged ourselves, we would not, "come under judgment. 32 When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world" (NIV) 1 Cor 15:16-17, "or if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either." (NIV). Rev 19:11-12, "I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war" (NIV).
- ✚ LCPN believe that Christ left two ordinances for his Church to practice, namely, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the Name of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - symbolizing the believer's union by faith with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a symbolic memorial feast by which we look back in faith to the cleansing blood of the Cross, we look up in love to our Heavenly Father as we feast upon the virtues (efficacy) of His Son, showing the Father what we have found in the Son, and we look forward in hope to our Lord's promised return. 1 Cor 11:23-26, "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus,

on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me"(NIV). Matt 28:18-20, "Then Jesus came to them and said, ... Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"(NIV).

LCPN ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNERS

LCPN works with several Churches and Organizations that have willingly decided to partner LCPN mission, and the core accountability partner being the Gospel Coalition of Zimbabwe (GCZ) which also works hand in hand with the Gospel Coalition of Australia.

Their contact information is as follows:

 **The Gospel Coalition of Zimbabwe**
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Conduct person: Rev B. Chitumba

CHURCH PLANTERS

 LCPN network of Church planters is growing every year. Resources for the support of Church planting work is unveiled through LCPN's supporting partners. Through their affiliation with LCPN some Churches/Denominations and Church Planters have started gaining confidence that they can also commit themselves to take the gospel to the 10/40 window with the assistance of LCPN as the facilitator. All Church planters recruited into Church planting by LCPN come through the approval of their Churches and denominations. The denominations pledge to work with LCPN in supporting the work of which after agreed number of years in this partnership the Church/denomination take full responsibility in nurturing and supporting the new born Church. The Church planter might choose to move to another place to start a new Church plant, and it is the responsibility of the Church or denomination to agree with LCPN on a new working arrangement.

Conduct information:

 Leadership and Church planting Network
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Web: [www//:leadchurchplant.com](http://www.leadchurchplant.com)

Church agreement & Information sheet

Having understood the core mandate of LCPN, As a Church/Denomination we pledge to work with LCPN in the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ planting churches where churchplants are needed most.

DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE CHURCH DINOMINATION/CONGREGATION

Name of Church/Denomination

Office Address

Phone Number.....

Email address

SIGNATURES OF RESPONSIBLE CHURCH LEADER

Name and surname of Church leader

Designation

Signature

Conduct number/s.....

Email



LCPN CO-ORDINATOR'S SIGNATURE

Name and surname –

Designation -

Signature –.....

Conduct number/s.....

Office Address.....

Email -

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Member Church Registration form

N a m e o f C h u r c h / D e n o m i n a t i o n	
P h y s i c a l a d d r e s s	
C o u n t r y a n d C i t y	
T e l e p h o n e N u m b e r / s	
E m a i l A d d r e s s	
We commit ourselves to the mission of planting churches and developing mission leaders in partnership with LCPN.	
As a Church/Denomination, we pledge to pay our commitment fee of US\$30 as set by LCPN: tick below your payment method option	
1. we will deposit in LCPN bank ac <input type="checkbox"/>	2. Cash Payment at LCPN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •Specify date of payment: <input type="text"/>
L C P N O f f i c i a l r e c e i p t w i l l b e i s s u e d .	

Leadership Church Planting Network (LCPN)

Nostro FCA: NMB Bank Account Number: 0000021147044. Branch: Joina City, Harare, Zimbabwe

Please note that this is an FCA USD account hence you can only deposit bankable foreign currency only

Correspondent Bank Name: ODDO BHF Bank

SWIFT Code: BHFBDEFF

Account Name: NMB Bank Limited

NMB Bank Account Number at BHF Bank: DE13500202000100735100

NMB Bank Swift Code: NMBLZWHX

Leadership Church Planting Network (LCPN)

RTGS\$: NMB Bank Account Number: 0000021216027. Branch: Joina City, Harare, Zimbabwe

Please note that this is an RTGS\$ account hence you can only deposit bankable Zimbabwean dollar currency only

Signatures LCPN..... Church Rep.....

Name, Designation and ID

Pastor

Name Designation and ID