



Member Nomination for Church Council Annual Elections

NewHope is served by a committed leadership Council comprised of seven elected volunteer members each serving a 2 year (renewable) term, and two senior staff members. At our annual AGM we appoint new and continuing Council Members. The Council Members who take executive roles (Council Chair, Finance Director and Church Secretary) are elected to these roles by the assembled members.

The Council exercises an important role in the discernment process and seeks expressions of interest on an ongoing basis. Please feel comfortable to reachout to any member of Council for a conversation. We would appreciate receiving a letter and your CV.

The discernment process:

- Prayerfully discern how God could use you in the leadership of NewHope
- Speak with the Chair of Church Council, the Senior Pastor or a member of Council as you explore the opportunity and seek God's direction
- Review recent NewHope vision and mission publications, the Leadership Handbook and the Constitution(s).
- Submit an expression of interest to Church Council or gather signatures of three members and use the nomination form below.

People nominated for Church Council should be:

- Qualified — see Acts 6: 1-7, 1 Timothy 3:8-13
- Committed — to Christ and NewHope
- Gifted — good business/organisational acumen
- Relational — get on well with fellow workers
- Servant — leadership implies servanthood
- Proven — should have a good track record
- Responsible — there will be much work
- Positive — not resistant to progress or change
- Balanced — able to weigh up differing inputs

Responsibilities:

The responsibilities of individual members of Council include the following:

- Maintain a strong relationship with God (sign the Leaders Code of Conduct)
- Director of 2 incorporated associations (NewHope Community Care Inc., NewHope Custodian Inc.) and 1 Company Limited by Guarantee (NewHope Services Ltd)
- BUV Delegate
- Attend 11 regular meetings + annual retreat + members meetings



- NewHope Leadership gatherings e.g. Leadership dinner
- Read and prepare for meetings
- Regular engagement with NewHope church life
- Commitment to advancing NewHope's Vision & Mission & Values
- Understanding and accepting the legal and moral responsibilities. See the ACNC's [Guide for Charity Board Members](#).
- The responsibilities of the Church Council are set out in the [NewHope Constitution](#) (sec. 7.1)

Council members are required to obtain a Director ID, a police check and a working with children check as part of their induction. Company directorship laws require attaining the age of 18.



NewHope Baptist Church Council Nomination Form

We, the undersigned members of NewHope Baptist Church hereby nominate for election to Church Councillor:

Please print the first and last name of the nominee on the above line

Nominated by:

1.

Please print your name

Please sign

2.

Please print your name

Please sign

3.

Please print your name

Please sign

In giving my consent to the nomination, I acknowledge the Lordship of Christ in my life.

I have engaged in a discernment process and I ask that my name be presented to the members meeting as a nominee for election to a vacant position.



I have attached a brief biographical statement (200 words) introducing myself to members.

I understand the legal and moral responsibilities of a Council member and a company director, and I will undertake to fulfill all these obligations, duties and responsibilities.

Nominee to sign

Date

Note: This form is not an expression of interest, it is a formal instruction to the Church Council to present your name at an upcoming members meeting as a nominee for election to a vacant position.