

# CONSTITUTION

*Every Nation Society declares its submission and dedication to Jesus Christ and to the leadership and authority of Every Nation Church as well as being submitted to the Bible; the word of God.*

## CHAPTER 1: PREAMBLE

**1. Formal Name:** Every Nation Society

**2. Definition:** Every Nation Society is a branch of the Every Nation Stellenbosch Church which is Christ centered, bible based, Spirit filled, disciple making church.

**3. Vision Statement:** Our vision is to honour God and advance His kingdom through campus ministries, church planting, world missions, and community development. Our heart is to reach every nation in our generation, believing that as we change the campus, we will change the world!

### 4. Our Values:

1. LORDSHIP: Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. We value obedience to God's will and His Word. This is the starting point and foundation of the Christian faith and all spiritual growth.  
*Philippians 2:9-11*

2. EVANGELISM: God's heart is for those who don't know Christ so we seek to reach the lost on our campus and throughout the nations. *John 3:16*
3. DISCIPLESHIP: We value spiritual growth and realise that every single one of us should be in a discipleship relationship and making disciples, training them to know and obey God. *Matthew 28:19-20*
4. LEADERSHIP: We are called to raise up spiritual leaders so we prioritise leadership training, and create opportunities for potential leaders to develop their gifts. *2 Timothy 2:2*
5. FAMILY: Family is the foundation for all ministries. We believe God has called us to be a spiritual family, and choose to walk in covenant, love, respect and unity. *Psalms 127:1,3*

#### **5. Aims and Objectives:**

1. Facilitate and organise social functions geared towards fellowship in the church.
2. Facilitate and organise social functions geared towards creating awareness and interest about Every Nation Church on campus.
3. Create a platform for the purpose of raising up leaders.
4. Support the creation of a forum for ideas and initiative.
5. To provide effective channels of communication between church leadership and student members.

## **CHAPTER 2: MISSION STATEMENT**

*To serve Jesus Christ by uniting people through fellowship and welcoming new members to our family.*

## **CHAPTER 3: GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

1. Fellowship: Interaction between fellow Christians
2. Society: Refers specifically to Every Nation Society
3. Pastoral Leadership: A pastor of the church
4. Lounge Meeting: The meeting, which takes place on the first Thursday of each new term for student leaders within the church.
5. Annual General Meeting: Takes place on the first Friday of the fourth term of the academic year.
6. Let it be noted that terms may be defined in the glossary at a later date if the need arises.

## **CHAPTER 4: MEMBERSHIP**

### **1. Who may become a member?**

Any person wishing to join the society with a sincere interest will be granted the opportunity to join the society as long as 85% are registered students.

### **2. Annual membership fee**

1. Every member is liable to pay the annual membership fee as determined by the
2. executive committee on a year to year basis.
3. If an applicant is not able to pay his/her membership fee, the chairperson needs to
4. approve the applicant's membership.
5. If a member pays the membership fee and during the year terminates membership or is expelled from the society that membership fee is non-refundable.

### **3. Termination of membership:**

1. If a member wants to voluntarily terminate their membership they must notify in writing the executive committee that they no longer desire to be a member of the society.
2. Membership can be terminated according to Chapter 7.

### **4. Responsibilities of members:**

1. Regular participation in meetings and social events.

## **CHAPTER 5: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**1. The role of the executive committee:** To ensure the effective management of the society and the achievement of its respective aims and objectives as stated in the preamble.

### **2. The composition:**

1. Chairperson
2. Vice Chairperson
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary

## 5. Social Co-ordinator

**5.2B** The executive committee reserves the right to appoint more ad-hoc members to its body at its own discretion.

### **3. Responsibilities of the Executive Committee:**

1. Chairperson: 5.3.1.1 Take responsibility for ensuring the effective realisation of the aims and objectives of the Society in context with our mission. 2. Responsible for convening meetings between members of the executive committee. 3. Overseeing the executive committee functions. 5.3.1.4 Responsible for the communication between executive committee, members and pastoral leadership.

#### 2. Vice Chairperson:

1. If by any chance the Chairperson is unable or unfit to fulfil their set duties the Vice-Chairperson will fulfil the role of Chairperson. 2. Responsible for providing administrative support to the Chairperson and to the Society as a whole.

3. Treasurer: 5.3.3.1 Responsible for all financial matters relating to the Society under the supervision of the Chairperson.

4. Secretary: 5.3.4.1 Responsible for internal communication, taking minutes and managing the office. 5.3.4.2 Responsible for general administration under the supervision of the Chairperson. 3. Responsible for keeping a record of all campus and society events.

#### 5. Social Events Co-ordinator:

1. Responsible for overseeing and effectively creating and managing all social events in the context of the aims and objectives set by the society.

## CHAPTER 6: ELECTIONS

### 1. The election of the executive committee

1. Any member of the society is eligible to vote. 2. member is eligible to run for any position on the committee with the pastoral consent of the church leadership. 3. Nominations for the respective candidates must be in by the first day of the fourth term of the academic year. 4. Convening of the elections for determining the future members of the executive committee will be facilitated by no less than two or three existing executive members that are not running for a second term or church leadership. 5. The conveners will appoint a leader before the start of the elections. 6. The elections will be held at the AGM.

### 2. The election of the executive committee

1. The leader of the election conveners will explain the election to all the members present at the AGM. 2. A short introductory speech by each respective candidate for each position available. 3. Candidates must make their intention clear beforehand for what positions they are running, it can be more than one. 4. The conveners can determine if any questions are permitted to the candidates. 5. All members present will be given the chance to participate in the vote. 6. At least 50% of the members must be present to constitute a quorum for the elections. 7. Majority vote will suffice for the determination of the successful candidate. 8. Each position will be voted for individually in the order as stated 5.2. 9. After each position has been voted for, the conveners will determine the result and it will be announced according to 6.4.

### 3. Example of the proposed Ballot sheet:

Position: eg: Chairman No Yes Abstain Names:

Abraham  
Isaac Jacob

**6.4 Announcement of elected candidates:** This will take place after votes have been tallied and the pastoral leadership has consented.

## **CHAPTER 7: DISCIPLINE**

1. Any member of the executive committee can be removed from office by the pastoral leadership.
2. Any member's membership can be terminated by pastoral leadership.
  
3. We submit to the disciplinary procedures in the Student Union Constitution, Societies Constitution and the 'Studente Reglement' and accept any judgement made by the Central Disciplinary Committee.

## **CHAPTER 8: MEETINGS**

### **1. Annual General Meeting:**

1. This will be facilitated by the lounge meeting held on the first Thursday of the fourth quarter of the academic year.
2. The election of the executive committee will take place at the AGM.

### **2. Executive committee Meetings:**

1. Convened by the Chairperson
2. Communicated and recorded by the secretary

### **3. Other Meetings:**

1. Further meetings above and beyond those which specific provision has been made for, can be convened by the Chairperson or pastoral leadership, as the need arises.

## **CHAPTER 9: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

1. The amendment needs to be sent to the Registrar of Societies, who will then send that amendment to the Student Court. Proof of compliance with procedural requirements needs to be attached to the amendment. This amendment will then have to be approved by the Student Court.

2. Procedural requirements as follows:

1. A 2/3 majority of the Executive must agree to a constitutional amendment.

2. This assent to the amendment must be confirmed by a vote in favour thereof by 2/3 majority of the members present at a lounge meeting. 3. Any constitutional amendment made that does not comply with the procedural requirements will not be valid.