



THE CONSTITUTION OF THE

SIMBU ADVENTIST

STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

**PART ONE      NAME**

**SECTION 1.**

This document shall be known as the CONSTITUTION OF THE SIMBU ADVENTIST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION.

**SECTION 2.**

The name of the Association shall be THE SIMBU ADVENTIST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION.

## PART TWO

## INTERPRETATION.

### SECTION 3.

In this document, unless the contrary intention appears:-

"absolute majority vote" means 75 percent total vote of all voting members present or their representative basis.

"SDA" refers to the Christendom religion of the SEVENTHDAY ADVENTIST CHURCH.

"year" means the period between one academic year to another academic year.

"General Meeting" means the annual convention or representative meeting of 75 percent of the total financial members.

### SECTION 4.

Where there is any inconsistency or inadequacy between/in the provisions of this constitution, the document shall be read and interpreted with special reference to the Objective(s) and the General Doctrine and Teaching of the SDA Church as enshrined in the Church Manual.

**PART THREE: OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL POWERS**

**DIVISION I.**

**GENERAL POWERS**

**SECTION 5(1).**

The Association shall exercise such powers, functions duties, and responsibilities in its endeavor to achieve the objectives herein setforth in this constitution and so as in the case of the executive committee or that is incidental to the good administration of the Association unless such power is expressly or impliedly excluded by the provision(s) of this constitution or the Spirit of it thereof, as modified from time to time at the Annual Convention.

**SECTION 5(2).**

For the purpose of exercising its powers, functions, duties, and responsibilities and in attaining its objectives, the Association may do all acts or things that are incidental, conclusive or consequential to the attainment of the objectives of the Association hereunder setforth.

**SECTION 6(1).**

The Fundamental Doctrine of the SDA Church as voted by the General Conference in session shall be adopted and supported in all respect.

**SECTION 6(2).**

Any contrary view taken may be pursued in one of more of the following manner(s) by:-

- A) making representation by delegated persons to church leadership, or
- B) making representation by writing to relevant church authorities, or
- C) taking necessary measures as directed by the Executives of the Association as seen fit, proper or appropriate in the light of the prevailing circumstance(s) in relations to the particular subject matter.

SECTION 7.

The Association may accept and hold or manage monies, gifts and donations, monetary or otherwise promissory note and other transferable instrument, both real and personal at LIU and in Equity.

SECTION 8.

Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the Association shall, should need by, actively or passively promote, repress or uphold the rights and views and involvement of persons other than members of the Association.

DIVISION 2.

OBJECTIVES

SECTION 9.

The objectives of the Association shall include the following:-

- A) to afford a recognised means of communication between the SDA students of Simbu Province Collectively, or individually or between the respective groups of each educational institution.
- B) to collectively pursue in acquiring and maintaining, otherwise, due service, care and attention from the Church and its capacity as an Association of Church's future leaders.
- C) to promote a sense of fellowship and belonging amongst students of Education Institution in PNG.
- D) to collectively promote and safeguard the Doctrine of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.
- E) to afford a medium of identifying and involving in or otherwise refraining from activities that is in the interest of, or otherwise not in interest of the Adventist Student; or that is in contravention to or not in contravention to the Doctrine of the SDA Church, as the may be.
- F) to share CHRIST and the ADVENTIST FAITH by co-ordination effort whenever and wherever practicable in the respective insitution or on the broader plan the Simbu Society.
- G) to afford a medium to convert, participate and promote the development of a total human person.

## PART FOUR

## MEMBERSHIPS.

### DIVISION 1.

### ELIGIBILITY.

#### SECTION 10.

Membership of the Association shall comprise of:-

- A) all Simbu Adventist Students groups or societies in any secular or mission institutions in Papua New Guinea subject to terms and conditions governing affiliation of membership.
- B) all members of subassociations by virtue of their membership to their respective subassociation.
- C) member of any other provincial group of similar sort by virtue of their membership to their respective subassociation and subject to terms and conditions governing this Association.
- D) any other subassociation, societies, subgroups or clubs as the case may be, as approved by the Executive of the Association.

#### SECTION 11.

Special provisions for all ex-students of this Association to become full time members upon full payment of their individual affiliation fees determined from time to time.

#### SECTION 12.

A subassociation becomes a member upon full payment of its affiliation fees and other related terms and conditions of membership from one time to another.

### DIVISION 2.

### RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

#### SECTION 13.

A member shall:-

- A) have the rights to cast vote in all meetings.
- B) have the rights to stand as a candidate for any executive post or an office within the association.
- C) have the right to enjoy the benefits brought forth or incidental to the operation of the Association.
- D) have the right to represent the Association in any meetings, seminars, or conventions as the case may be if/when appointed.