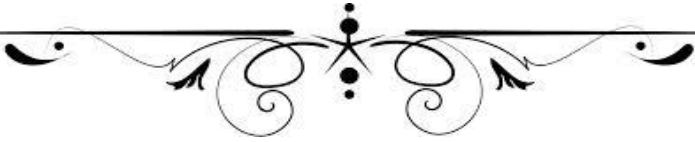


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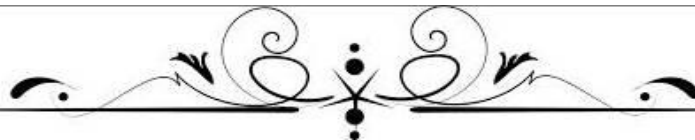
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AI TUKUTUKU TAUMADA

E raica Iesu na lotu Wesele na nona tauyavu ki na i lawalawa mai na Univesiti ko Okosivote ka a tauyavu ena 1730, kei nai Soqosoqo Tabu nei Jone kei Jalesi Wesele na nodratou vakasaqara na bula savasava vaka i Vola Tabu, ki na tauyavu ni soqosoqo ka vakatokai na Mecodisi, na bula vakai vakarau ka ra curuma ko ira era vinakata mera curu ki na Mata Siga me vukei na nodra bula ni masumasu, bula vaka i vakarau, veitokani kei na veiqaravi ki na kena tauyavu na Lotu Wesele mai Peritania ni oti e vitu na yabaki mai na nona mate ko Jose Wesele. Na Lotu Wesele e Viti e tiki ni vuvale levu ni Lotu Wesele e vuravura taucoko ka sivia e 80.51 na milioni na lewena e vuravura taucoko.¹

Na kena mai tauyavu e Viti ena 1835, oya ena nodrau yaco mai na Daukaulotu mai na Wesleyan Missionary Society mai Peritania, ko Viliame Korosi kei Tevita Kakili ka rau dewa mai Toga ka yaco yani ki Tubou mai Lakeba, Lau. E rau a sala vata voli mai na Daukaulotu kei Josua Mateinaniu na turaga ni Vulaga ka tiko na nona veiwekani e Lakeba kei Toia na Matanivanua nei Tui Toga, ka kauta tiko mai e dua nai tukutuku nei Taufaaahau vei Tui Nayau. Na nodratou a tama mai ena kena i valavala vaka turaga ka vakavuna na nodratou ciqomi mai vei ira na mataivalu ka ra veitavaki yani e matasawa. A mai wili taumada ko Viti me dua na Tabacakacaka mai Toga. A sa mai tauyavu e dua na i Wasewase vakataki koya ena i ka 27 ni Janueri, 1838. E rau a veisau me rau lotu ko Adi Vatea kei Ratu Ilaitia Varai ena 1845, ka tarava na Tui Nayau ko Roko Taliai Tupou ena 1849 kei Ratu Seru Cakobau ena 1854. Sa vukea vakalevu na tete ni lotu na nodra sa tekivu lotu mai na Turaga kei na marama bale kei Viti.

Mai na 1855, sa toki kina na kena lewai ka qaravi na lotu e Viti ki na Lotu mai Ositerelia. Ni sa tauyavu na nodra Koniferedi yadudua na vei Yasana mai Ositerelia kei Niu Siladi, sa vagolea na Lotu e Viti me sa dua na i Wasewase ni Koniveredi ni lotu Wesele mai Niu Sauca Welesi.

Ena 1892, sa tekivutaka kina ra qaravi na Idia e Viti raraba, ka ra kau mai mera mai cakacaka saina ena ruku ni veiliutaki ni Koloni ko Viti

Ena i ka tinikadua ni Jiulai 1964, era sa cokoti vata na vei Sinoti vakavavalagi, vaka Viti kei na vaka Idia ki na dua ga na Koniveredi ni Lotu Wesele e Viti ena veivakadonui ni Koniveredi Cokovata ni Lotu Wesele e Ositerelesia. A buli e dua na Yavu ni Vakavulewa ka me dau dikevi Iesu ena vei ya 10 na yabaki.

Na lewa ni Lotu Wesele mai Ositerelia me sainitaka e dua na Veidinadinati ni Cokovata kei na rua tale na vei mata lotu me ratou bulia na mata lotu vou na Lotu Cokovata tiko mai Ositerelia ena 1977 sa kenai balebale na nodra sa gutuvi laivi na vicovico ni vei Lotu Wesele e na Pasivika mai na veisusugi ni Lotu mai Ositerelia. Sa mai yaco kina me dua na Lotu tu vakai koya na Lotu Wesele e Viti ena dua na Deed of Trust ka sainitaki enai ka 26 ni Feverueri 1979 ka tukuna kina na Qase Levu ni:

- Na Koniveredi ni Lotu Wesele e Viti, e tu kina na kaukauwa kei na lewa kece me baleta na Lotu Wesele ena vanua ko Viti; ka
- Soli na kaukauwa ki vei iratou na Trustee ni Lotu ka digitaki mai na Bose ko Viti.

PREAMBLE

The Methodist Church in Fiji traces its origins to the Oxford University society established in 1730 by John and Charles Wesley, their pursuit of Biblical holiness, the formation of the Methodist Societies, class membership by those who wish to live a life of prayer, discipline, fellowship and service, and finally to the formation of the Methodist Church in Great Britain seven years after the death of John Wesley. The Methodist Church in Fiji is part of the Methodist family worldwide with over 80.5 million members in 133 countries throughout the World.

The formal establishment of Methodism in Fiji dates from 1835, when Reverend William Cross and Reverend David Cargill of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, sent from Tonga, arrived in Lakeba, Lau. The missionaries were accompanied by Josua Mateinaniu of Vulaga who had ties with Lakeba as well as Toia, the herald of the Tui Tongan who carried a message from Tautuaahau to the Tui Nayau. Their presence and tama, the traditional greeting ensured a safe reception from an apparently hostile crowd. Fiji became part of a Circuit of Tonga. A separate Fiji District was constituted at Lakeba on 27 January 1838. Ratu Elijah Varani and Adi Vatea converted to Christianity in 1845, followed by the Tui Nayau in 1849 and Ratu Seru Cakobau in 1854. The progress of the mission was assisted once chiefly men and women started to convert.

From 1855, the oversight and support of Methodist work in Fiji passed to the Church in Australia. When separate Conferences were established in the Australian States and New Zealand, the Methodists of Fiji were organized into a district of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference of New South Wales.

In 1892, Methodist work was commenced among the Indian people brought to Fiji under the colonial indenture system.

The separate Fijian, Indian and English-speaking Synods were amalgamated and the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Fiji was established as a Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia by the authority of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia on the 11th July 1964. A Constitution of the Methodist Church in Fiji was authorised by its first Annual Conference in 1964 with a review to be undertaken after every 10 years.

The decision of the Australian Methodist Church to enter into a Deed of Union with two other Churches to form the Uniting Church in Australia in 1977 meant the cutting of the umbilical cords of the Pacific Churches who were part of the Methodist Church in Australasia. The Methodist Church in Fiji became an autonomous Church. By Deed of Trust dated 26 February 1979 the President of the Church declared:

- That the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Fiji had jurisdiction over all Methodist Churches in the Dominion of Fiji and properties owned by the Church; and*
- The power and authority were vested in the Trustees whom the Annual Conference had appointed*

WASE 1 - NA LOTU WESELE

1.1 Na Cava Na Lotu Wesele.

Na Lotu Wesele E Viti Kei Rotuma e yavutaki me yago i Karisito kai soqosoqo ni tamata vakabauta. Na Lotu Wesele e vakabauta na lewe Tolu Va-Kalou. Na Kalou na Tamada, Na Kalou Na Luvena kei na Kalou na YaloTabu ka ratou dua vata ga ena loma ni Lotu kei na kena gacagaca kece sara. Na Lotu e vakadeitaki ka vakayavutaki ena vosa ni Kalou ka Vakadinadinataka nai Vola Tabu ka me laurai ena vosa bula ni Kalou ena kena vunautaki, na sakaramede taucoko kei na veiqaravi raraba. Na Lotu ena nona i vakavuvuli e vakabauta na bibi ni valavala ca ni tamata kei na kena revurevu, na loloma savu, na noda vakadonui ena vuku ni vakabauti Jisu, na noda vakila na veivosoti ni Kalou ena noda sucu vou kei na noda bulataka na bula savasava. Na lotu talega e lako tiko yani, ena lako yani vou ki na kena "Vakayacori na Matanitu ni Kalou e Viti ena kena soqo ni vata ka vakavoui na veika kece vei Karisito: na veika mai Lomalagi kei na vei ka e vuravura" (Efeso 1:10)

1.2 Na kena inaki

Na Lotu Wesele e Viti Kei Rotuma e yavutaki me vakarautaka vei ira na lewe ni lotu kece sara na vei ka oqo:

- 1.2.1. Me vakayacori na qaravi Kalou vakaibalebale ka vakaidina;
- 1.2.2. Me vakabulabulataka na soqoni vata;
- 1.2.3. Me susuga cake na bula vakayalo me tubu
- 1.2.4. Me kacivaka nai Tukutuku vinaka
- 1.2.5. Me qaravi ira na vakaloloma
- 1.2.6. Me tauyavutaka na vei Koronivuli me qaravi kina na vuli-ka kei na vuli Vola Tabu
- 1.2.7. Me vakavulici na lewe ni lotu ena vuli tara
- 1.2.8. Me tauyavutaka eso na bisinisi me vukei ka cakacakataki kina na itavi ni lotu
- 1.2.9. Me vakarautaka na gaunisala me ia kina na veivosaki kei na cakacavata ni vei mata-lotu- vakarisito
- 1.2.10. Me kacivi ira ka vakarautaki ira na lewe ni lotu ki na cakacaka ni kau lotu e Viti kei na veiyasai vuravura
- 1.2.11. Me domo ni Parofita ki na vanua ka rarama ni nuinui ena gauna ni butobuto.

CHAPTER 1 – THE METHODIST CHURCH

1.2 What is the Methodist Church in Fiji

The Methodist Church in Fiji is both the Body of Christ and a community of believers. The Church believes in the doctrine of the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit who are forever abiding in and through the church. The Church is centred and grounded in the Word of God testified in scriptures and visible through the living voice of the gospel in preaching, in sacraments and in service. In its doctrines, the Church believes in the seriousness of human sin and its consequences; prevenient grace, justification by faith in God's grace; the experience of divine pardon in spiritual new birth and sanctification or holy living. The Church is also a journeying church towards "The actualization of the Kingdom of God" in Fiji "through the uniting and renewing of all things material and spiritual, in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10)

1.2 Purposes

The purposes of the Methodist Church are:

- 1.2.1. *To conduct meaningful worship of God;*
- 1.2.2 *To encourage fellowship;*
- 1.2.3. *To foster nurturing and spiritual growth;*
- 1.2.4. *To organise the proclamation of the Good News in Fiji and abroad;*
- 1.2.5. *To support the service to the needy;*
- 1.2.6. *To establish Institutions for theological and academic excellence;*
- 1.2.7 *To train members through non formal education;*
- 1.2.8. *To establish commercial undertakings for support of the mission of the Church;*
- 1.2.9. *To facilitate ecumenical dialogue and engagement;*
- 1.2.10 *To engage members to perform missionary works both locally and overseas; and*
- 1.2.11 *To be a prophetic voice to the Nation and a beacon of hope in times of darkness.*

WASE 2 - NA LEWENI LOTU WESELE

2.1 Vakatedegede Ni Lewe Ni Lotu.

Me wasei na yacadra na lewe ni Lotu Wesele me vakaoqo:-

- 2.1.1 Siga Tuberi: Ko ira kece era papitaisotaki ka ra vakarautaki me mai vakabau me ra lewe ni Siga Dina.
- 2.1.2 Siga Dina: Ko ira kece era papitaisotaki sa vakabau oti me ra lewe ni Siga Dina, ena Lotu Wesele.
- 2.1.3 Siga Veitokani: Ko ira era Siga Dina ni veimatalotu tani eso, ka ra kerea me ra sa okati me Siga Dina ni Lotu Wesele, ka ra ciqoma vata kei na kena i tavi ka vakabau ko ya ena Bose Vula Vou.

2.2 Vakarautaki Me Lewe Ni Siga.

Ni sa kila nai Talatala ni via curu siga e dua, ka sa lomana me vakarorogo ki na Lawa ni Lotu, me qai tiko vakatovolei mada ko koya, kevaka e vakadonuya na Bose Vula vou, ka sa muria tiko na Lawa me vaka na lewa ni Bose ko Viti.

2.3 Na Tiko Vakatovolei.

Me lewa na Bose ko Viti na dede ni tiko vakatovolei, ia me kakua ni lailai mai na rua na vula. Ni sa oti na gauna ni vakatovolei me vaka na lewa ni Bose ko Viti, ena qai cavuti na yacana ki na Bose Vula vou. Ke sa vakadonui mai kina, me qai volai na yacana ki nai vola ni yacadra na lewe ni Siga Dina.

2.4 Na vei ka mo rawata ni bera ni ko vakacurumi mo lewe ni lotu.

Ena yabaki 1743, koi rau ko Joni kei Jalesi Wesele, e rau a vola e dua "Na Lawa Raraba" me yaga kivei ira era dau soqoni vata vaka lewe ni Lotu Wesele. E kaya nai Vakarau ni sa dua ga na ka sa yaga e na vukudra ke ra sa via lewe ni siga; ko ya "me ra via vakabulai mai na nodra i valavala ca". Oqo na yavu ni nona gadreva dina e dua, me sa tamata va-Karisito ena ka ni vakabauta kei nai valavala, e buli kina na Matasiga ni Lotu Wesele. E dodonu vua e dua na lewe ni Siga Dina me:

- 2.4.1 Vakatusai Jisu Karisito me nona i vakabula kei na nona Turaga ka i Vakabula, ka vakadeitaka me muria na Nona i vunau me vaka e wiliki ka vakamacalataki mai nai Vola Tabu;
- 2.4.2 Tusanaka ni sa lomana me vakarorogo ki na Yavu ni Vakavulewa kei na Lawa ni Lotu Wesele;
- 2.4.3 Vakabauta nai vakavuvuli raraba ni Lotu, me vaka sa tusanaka tu ena nodra Vakabauta nai Apositolo kei na Taro;
- 2.4.4 Sa papitaisotaki oti;
- 2.4.5 Dau lotu ka dau gumatua ni lakova na veisoqoni vakalotu me vaka na i Vakayakavi ni Turaga;
- 2.4.6 Dau kauwaitaka na cakacaka vakayalo ni Lotu, me vaka na veivakalotutaki, na veivakavuvuli kei na veiqaravi vaka i Vakatawa;
- 2.4.7 Dau solia na nona gauna, taledi, kei nai solisoli ki na cakacaka ni Kalou me vaka e rawata.

2.5 Vakabau Me Lewe Ni Siga.

- 2.5.1 Me vakayacora nai Talatala na Lotu ni Vakabau me lewe ni Siga Dina.

CHAPTER 2 – METHODIST CHURCH MEMBERS

2.1 Categories of Membership.

The members of the Methodist Church in Fiji shall be divided into the following categories:-

- 2.1.1 *Members under preparation for Confirmation: All baptised persons under preparation for confirmation in the Methodist Church.*
- 2.1.2 *Confirmed Members: All baptised persons who have been confirmed within the Methodist Church.*
- 2.1.3 *Members in Association: Communicant members of any other church who desire fellowship and accept responsibilities in the Methodist Church and whose application for membership in the Methodist Church has been approved by a Circuit Leaders' Meeting.*

2.2 Preparation for Membership.

A Minister, on being satisfied that any person wishes to become a member of the Church and is willing to conform to the discipline of the Church, may receive such a person on probation for membership, subject to the approval of the Circuit Leaders' Meeting and to such regulations or directions as may be made by the Conference.

2.3 Period of Probation.

The period of probation for membership shall be as fixed by the Conference provided it shall not be less than two months. At the expiration of the period fixed by the Conference and provided that the probation is considered satisfactory by the Minister, the person shall be nominated to the Circuit Leaders' Meeting and on being approved by the Circuit Leaders' Meeting shall be entered on the member's roll.

2.4 Conditions of Confirmed Membership

In the year 1743, John and Charles Wesley wrote a document known as "The General Rules" for use of those who gathered together as members of the Methodist Societies. The Rules stated that one thing necessary for membership is "...a desire to be saved from their sins..." On this foundation and on the sincere desire to be Christian in faith and practice the membership of the Methodist Church is built. As conditions of membership, members at confirmation shall:-

- 2.4.1 *Confess Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord and determine to follow in the way of His commandments, as read and interpreted from the Scriptures;*
- 2.4.2 *Express their willingness to conform generally to the discipline of the Methodist Church as written in its Constitution and Regulations;*
- 2.4.3 *Generally accept the doctrines of the Church, as expressed in the Apostles' Creed and the Fijian Catechism (Na Taro);*
- 2.4.4 *Have received the Sacrament of Baptism;*
- 2.4.5 *Attend as regularly as possible the public worship of God, the commemoration of the Lord's Supper, and other means of grace provided by the Church;*
- 2.4.6 *Demonstrate an interest in the spiritual activities of the Church such as evangelism, teaching and pastoral care; and*
- 2.4.7 *Contribute time, talents and gifts to the work of God according to their ability.*

2.5 Confirmation.

- 2.5.1 *Ministers shall arrange confirmation services for members being received as confirmed members of the Church.*

2.5.2 Ni sa vakacurumi e dua na lewe ni Siga Dina, me qai solia vua ko koya nai Talatala e dua nai lave lave ni Lawa ni Lotu ka ra vauci kina na lewe ni Siga Dina.

2.6 Ai Vola Ni Lewe Ni Siga Dina.

- 2.6.1 Me yadua nai vola ni yacadra na lewe ni Siga ena veivalenilotu kei na vei vale tani ka dau ia kina na lotu, ka me volai kina na yacadra kece na Lewe ni Siga.
- 2.6.2 Me dau talevi vakavinaka nai vola ni yaca ena Bose vakavula vou ena vei vula tolu, ka me volai tale ni bera na Bose vakavula tolu ko Maji ena veiyabaki.
- 2.6.3 Me yadua talega nai vola na yacadra na lewenilotu sega ni lewe ni Siga ena veivalenilotu kei na veivale tani ka dau ia kina na lotu ka me dau talevi ena vei Bose Vakavula vou. Na lewenilotu sega ni lewe ni Siga e kenai balebale “e dua e sega ni Lewe ni Siga, se Siga Veitokani, ia, e sa dau curuma mai na loma ni ivavakoso, ia e na vuku ni tikina oqo, sa na tu kina na nonai tavi na Lotu me baleta na nona qaravi.”

2.7 Tikite Ni Curu Siga.

Me dau soli vei ira yadua na Lewe ni Siga na Tikite ni Curu Siga, ka me kua ni lailai sobu e na vakayadua ena veiyabaki.

2.8 Na Veitokiyaki.

- 2.8.1 Ni sa toki vakadua e dua na Lewe ni Siga mai na nona Tabacakacaka me dau taura e dua nai vola ni toki ki na Tabacakacaka vou sa toki kina.
- 2.8.2 Me kakua ni volai na yacana ki nai vola ni yaca ni Tabacakacaka vou, kevaka e sega ni vakadeitaki taumada mai na Bose Vakavula vou ni Tabacakacaka e a lako mai kina.
- 2.8.3 Kevaka e dua na lewenilotu e sa toki ki na dua tale na matalotu va-Karisito, me qai boko na yacana ena i vola ni Lewe ni Siga kevaka e vakadonuya vakakina na Bose Vulavou.
- 2.8.4 Kevaka sa gadreva e dua na lewe ni mata lotu tani ka tiko na nona veiwekani vaka lotu kei na Lotu Wesele me sa toki mai ki na Lotu Wesele, me sa kerea ki na Bose Vulavou ni Valenilotu ka sa mai lotu tiko kina me sa ciqomi me lewe ni lotu. Ke sa vakabau na nona kerekere me sa volai sara na yacana ki na i vola ni yacadra na lewe ni siga ni valenilotu ko ya. Na nona kerekere me salavata kei na i vakadinadina ka vinakata na Bose Vulavou mena raica.

2.9 Veivunauci.

- 2.9.1 Ni sa dau vakawelewele ka sega ni dau lotu se curu ki nai Vakayakavi ni Turaga e dua na lewe ni Siga Dina, ka sega ni rauta na nona ulubale, me qai volai na yacana e na i wase ni i vola ka vakatokai na “Siga Dina ka Vakavulici.” Me qai nona i tavi nai Talatala, Vakatawa se Vada ni Turaga me dau vakauqeti koya oqo ka sureta me bau lesu tale ki na veitokani vakalotu.
- 2.9.2 Ni sa beitaki e dua na lewe ni Siga Dina ena dua na nona i valavala ka sega ni lako vata kei nai tovo dina ni Lotu, me qai volai na yacana ena wase ni i vola ni yaca ka vakatokai me “Siga Dina ka Vakavulici”. Ena nona i tavi nai Talatala sei Vakatawa se Vada ni Turaga me vakauqeti koya oqo me kerea na veivosoti ni Kalou ena vuku ni valavala ca, ka me lesu tale ki na veitokani vakalotu.
- 2.9.3 Me sa nona i tavi na Bose Vakavula vou me lewa na yacadra ka dodonu me volai, me “Siga Dina ka Vakavulici”. E na nona i tavi na i Talatala, Vakatawa, se Vada ni Turaga me vakauqeti koya oqo me kerea na veivosoti ni Kalou ena vuku ni valavala ca, ka me lesu tale ki na veitokani vakalotu.

2.5.2 *A copy of the Laws relating to membership shall be given by the Minister to each person when so received.*

2.6 Members' and Adherents' Rolls.

2.6.1 *A members' roll shall be kept in connection with each church and preaching place and the name of every member shall be entered therein.*

2.6.2 *The Circuit Leaders' Meeting shall carefully revise the members' roll each quarter and arrange for it to be re-written in preparation for the March Quarterly Meeting each year.*

2.6.3 *A roll of adherents shall also be kept in connection with each church and preaching place, and this roll shall be regularly examined by the Circuit Leaders' Meeting. An adherent means "a person not being a member or member-in-association but recognized as sharing in the life of the congregation and within the pastoral responsibility of the Church."*

2.7 Ticket of Membership

A ticket of membership shall be issued to each member at least once a year.

2.8 Transfer of Membership

2.8.1 *A member who transfers from one Circuit to another shall take a formal transfer of membership to the new Circuit.*

2.8.2 *The names of members who have transferred shall not be added by the Circuit Leaders' Meeting to the church members' roll in their new Circuit without the authority of the Circuit Leaders' Meeting in the Circuit that they have left.*

2.8.3 *When a member joins another Christian denomination, that member's name shall on consent of the Circuit Leaders' Meeting be removed from the members' roll.*

2.8.4 *If a member of another Christian denomination with which the Methodist Church has formal ecumenical relationship, desires to become a member of the Methodist Church, the person shall apply to the Circuit Leaders' Meeting for the Church where the person worships, for acceptance and recognition as a confirmed member of the Methodist Church. Upon recognition, the person shall be recorded as a confirmed member on the members' roll. The application shall be supported by such evidence of membership and consent of the other denomination as the Circuit Leaders' Meeting requires.*

2.9 Discipline

2.9.1 *When it is found that a member, without sufficient reason, persistently neglects to attend the public worship of God and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the member's name shall be written under that section of the members' roll entitled "Confirmed Members under Pastoral Direction". It shall be the duty of the Minister, Lay Pastor or Deaconess to encourage such a person to return to the fellowship of the Church.*

2.9.2 *When it is found that a member is guilty of conduct unworthy of a Christian, the member's name shall be written under that section of the members' roll entitled "Confirmed Members under Pastoral Direction". It shall be the duty of the Minister, Lay Pastor or Deaconess to encourage the member to seek the forgiveness of God and return to the fellowship of the Church.*

2.9.3 *The Circuit Leaders' Meeting is responsible for deciding when a confirmed member's name should be written under "Confirmed Members Under Pastoral Direction" and when such name should be returned to its former place on the "Confirmed Members' Roll".*

- 2.9.4 Ni sa biuta vakadua na nona lotu edua, ka sa bese sara ni vakarorogo ki na veisureti mai vua nai Talatala sei Vakatawa, se vada ni Turaga me qai bokoci sara na yacana enai vola ni yaca, ni lewe ni Siga.
- 2.9.5 Me kakua ni bokoci e dua na yaca ena i vola ni yaca ni lewe ni Siga, ka vakavo ga ena nodra lewa na lewe ni Bose Vakavula vou ni oti na nona dikeva vakamatua nai Talatala na veika e baleta ka qai tukutuku mai ki na bese.
- 2.9.6 E tara vua sa sivo me kerea me raici tale na lewa ni Bose Vula vou ena Bose Vakaiwasewase ka me yaco sara ki na Bose o Viti.

- 2.9.4 *When it is found that a member has renounced the Christian faith, and refused to respond to the entreaty of the Minister, Lay Pastor or Deaconess to believe in Christ, that member's name shall be removed from the roll.*
- 2.9.5 *No member's name shall be removed from the roll except by the vote of the Circuit Leader's Meeting, following full enquiry and report by a Minister of the Circuit.*
- 2.9.6 *A member whose name has been removed from the roll shall have the right to appeal against the decision of the Circuit Leaders' Meeting to the Divisional Meeting and finally to the Conference.*

WASE 3 -NA VEIQARAVI VAKA LOTU

3.1 Na kacivi ki na Veiqaravi ni Tamata Lotu Vakarisito.

Na Lotu Wesele e vakabauta ni ko ira kece na Tamata lotuva-Karisito era sa kacivi kina dua na bula ni vakadinadina, ni veiqaravi kei na So-Kalou.

3.2 Na veiqaravi Tabaki.

Ena loma ni Lotu eda kila ni tu kina eso na mataveiqaravi vaka lotu, ka nodra itavi me ra vakauqeti ira ka vakaiyaragitaki ira na Tamata ni Kalou ena nodra i tavi ena Lotu kei na bula ni lewenivanua. Na Lotu Wesele e koto kina e rua na mata veiqaravi vakalotu ka kenai vakarau raraba vei ira era tabaki kina me ra cakacaka vakatabakidua kina ena gauna taucoko ni nodra bula. Sai rau oqona mata veiqaravi e rua koya:-

3.2.1 Na mata veiqaravi vakalotu me qarava na Vosa, na Sakaramede kei na cakacaka vaka i-Vakatawa ni Sipi.

3.2.2 Na cakacaka vaka Vada ni Turaga ka veiqaravi ena Vosa, veivakatavulici kei na veiqaravi.

3.3 Na Veikacivi Ki Na Cakacaka Vakaitalatala.

3.3.1 Na mata veiqaravi va-Karisito me qarava na Vosa, na Sakaramede kei na Cakacaka vaka i Vakatawa ni Sipi e sega ni okata na Lotu Wesele me vaka na cakacaka tani eso, ia, sa ilesilesi ga e veikacivi kina na Karisito, ka ra sa solia kina na nodra bula taucoko ko ira era sa curu kina. Me na vakasamataka na Bose koViti ena vuku ni yavu oqo na veika e vakaturi me baleta na veisala vovou eso ni veiqaravi vakalotu.

3.3.2 Nai Talatala.

Ko ira nai Talatala, turaga se marama, era vakabauta ni sa kacivi ira na Kalou ki na dua na cakacaka tudei. E ra sauma na kaci oya ka ra kerea mera cavuti kina, era vakadonui, ka ra vakatavulici, vakatovolei ka ra tabaki sara ena loma ni Bose ko Viti.

3.4 Na lewa vaka Vada ni Turaga.

Na veiqaravi vaka Vada ni Turaga ni Lotu Wesele e Viti kei Rotuma e yavutaki mai vei ira na marama era vakabauta ni kacivi ira tiko na Kalou ki na taucoko ni veiqaravi ena loma ni Lotu, ka'ra gadreva me'ra vaka-io ki na kaci 'o ya, kavakadonui, tuberi ka vakatabui ena Bose koViti. Era soli ira vakatabakidua ki nai tavi ni veiqaravi ena yaca i Karisito ena vuku ni nona bula vakayago, vakaveiwekani kei na gagadre vakayalo ni dua na tamata.

3.5 Na veiqaravi Vakadonui ni Lewe ni Lotu.

Na Lotu Wesele e vakadonuya e rua na mataveiqaravi ni Lewe ni Lotu.

3.5.1 Na i Vakatawa.

Na i Vakatawa sa i koya e dua na Dauvunau Yaco ka sa vakadonui mai na Bose Vakaivakatawa ni Wasewase, ni sa rawata vaka vinaka na kena veitarogi kece, me qarava na cakacaka vaka i Vakatawa ni Sipi e na vukudra e dua se so na i vavakoso lotu, e na dua na Tabacakacaka e na loma ni Wasewase ko ya.

CHAPTER 3 – THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

3.1 *The Ministry of All Christians*

The Methodist Church believes that all Christians are called to a life of witness, service and worship.

3.2 *Special Orders of Ministry*

The Church recognises two special orders of ministry, which normally involve a lifetime of full time service for those ordained and which are directed to encouraging and equipping the people of God for their witness and service in both church and community. These orders are:-

3.2.1 *The Ministry of Word and Sacrament and Pastoral Care.*

3.2.2 *The Order of Deaconesses.*

3.3 *Ministry of Word, Sacrament & Pastoral Care.*

3.3.1 *The Christian ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care is not regarded by the Methodist Church as a profession, but as a vocation from Christ Himself, to which those who are received into it, are to be devoted for life. Conference shall consider any proposals for new forms of ministry in the light of this principle.*

3.3.2 *Ministers*

Ministers of the Word, Sacraments and Pastoral Care are men and women who believe that God is calling them to full-time service in that ministry and who in answer to that call, apply, and are accepted, trained and ordained in the Conference.

3.4 *Deaconess Order.*

The Deaconess Order of the Methodist Church consists of women who believe that God is calling them to full-time service in the Church, who desire to answer that call, and who have been accepted, trained and ordained in the Conference. They are committed to a ministry of service in Christ's Name in response to the physical, social and spiritual needs of persons in both Church and community.

3.5 *Accredited Lay Ministries*

The Methodist Church recognises and accredits two lay ministries:

3.5.1 *Lay Pastor*

A Lay Pastor is a Lay Preacher who has satisfied any accreditation requirements of the Church and has been accepted by the Annual Divisional Meeting or the Divisional Lay Pastors' Meeting to exercise pastoral oversight of one or more congregations in a Circuit of that Division.

3.5.2 Na Dauvunau.

Na Dauvunau sa i koya e dua na lewe ni Siga Dina ka sa rawata vaka vinaka na kena veitarogi, ka sa vakadonui ena Bose ni Dauvunau kei na Bose Vula Tolu me liutaka na So-Kalou ka vunau e na gauna sa lesi kina me vakayacora ko koya. Me vakatulewa na Bose ko Viti e na veika mera vulica ka veitarogitaka ko ira me ra Dauvunau Cavuti, Dauvunau Vakatovolei kei na Dauvunau Yaco.

3.5.2 Lay Preachers

A Lay Preacher is a confirmed member who has satisfied any accreditation requirements set by the Annual Conference to be a Candidate Lay Preacher, Lay Preacher on trial, and Confirmed Lay Preacher, and has been authorised by the Lay Preachers' Meeting and Quarterly Meeting to conduct worship and to preach when appointed to do so.

WASE 4 - NA SO KALOU KEI NA SAKARAMEDE

4.1 Na So-Kalou.

Me dau caka na So-Kalou ena vei valenilotu se vale tani sa dau ia kina na lotu, ena vei Sigani Turaga - se me vaka ena lewai - ka me caka me vaka na i valavala ni Lotu Wesele kei na kena yalo talega.

4.2 Ai Vakarau Ni Caka Lotu.

Me dau vakatulewa na Bose ko Viti me baleta na caka lotu, ena veigauna eso e gadrevi kina.

4.3 Na Sakaramede.

Na Sakaramede ni Lotu Vakarisito, sai koya na Papitaiso kei nai Vakayakavi ni Turaga. E rau sa vakaturi mai vua na Kalou ka sa vakaroti me da dau vakayacora tikoga me i vakatakilakila ka i vakadinadina ni veiyalayalati i Karisito kei ira na nona tamata.

4.4 Papitaiso.

Na Papitaiso Vakarisito sai koya na Sakaramede ni vakacurumi ki na Lotu Vakarisito e vuravura, ia mai na gauna e liu sara, sa vakayacori vei ira na Tamata uabula era vakabauta, ka vaka kina vei ira na gone lalai, nira sa lewe ni Matanitu ni Kalou ena vuku ni mate i Karisito ena vukudra, ka sa dodonu me soli vei ira nai vakatakilakila ni nodra vakacurumi ki na Nona lotu e vuravura.

4.5 Na qaravi ni Papitaiso.

Me caka e Valenilotu se ena dua na vanua e ganita ena gauna ni So-Kalou, na Sakaramede ni Papitaiso.

4.6 Na kau ni gone me papitaiso

E na gauna kece ga e rawa kina me rau kauta mai na gone me papitaisotaki ko i rau na nona i tubutubu, ia kevaka e sega ni rawa oqori ena vuku ni dua na vuna dodonu me baleti rau nai tubutubu, me qai kauta mai na gone na wekana se ko koya e rawa ni yalataka me qarauna na susugi ni gone sa kau mai me papitaisotaki.

4.7 Vakayakavi Ni Turaga.

Na Madrai kei na Waini ena Tepeli ni Turaga, sai vakananumi tudei ni Nona mate o Jisu Karisito ka i vakaraitaki ni bula vou ka solia ko Koya. Ena vuku ni ka oqo era raica ni tiko vakayalo na Karisito vei ira na Nona Tamata yalodina, ena nodra vakayagataka vata - era vakila ka vakaraitaka na veitokani kei na Uludra kei ira yadudua talega ena veidusimaki ni Yalo Tabu.

4.8 Vakayakavi Ni Turaga

Sa dodonu me sa caka vakavula ena valenilotu e tiko kina nai Talatala, nai Vakayakavi ni Turaga, ka me kakua ni lailai sobu mai na vakadua ena vakavula tolu ena veikoro tani, kevaka e rawa.

4.9 Na Qaravi Ni Sakaramede

Sa nodra i tavi nai Talatala se dua sa soli vua na veivakadonui, mera qarava na Sakaramede e rua oqo, ka me caka me vaka na i Vakarau ni noda Lotu e vakadonuya na Bose koViti. Ena veisureti ni Talatala se okoya sa vakadonui me dau qarava na Sakaramede me sureta na i Vakatawa Yaco se Vada ni Turaga Yaco me vukei koya ena gauna e qarava kina na sakaramede oqo.

Chapter 4 - WORSHIP SERVICES AND THE SACRAMENTS

4.1 Holding of Worship Services.

Worship Service shall be held regularly in all churches and preaching places on the Lord's Day – or as may be otherwise arranged – and shall be conducted according to the spirit and traditions of the Methodist Church.

4.2 Regulation of Worship Services

The Annual Conference may from time to time prescribe matters relating to worship services of the Methodist Church.

4.3 Christian Sacraments

The Christian Sacraments are Baptism and the Lord's Supper. They are of divine appointment and of continuing obligation as visible signs and seals of Christ's covenant with His people.

4.4 Baptism.

Christian Baptism is the Sacrament of entrance into the visible Church of Christ, and from the earliest times had been administered not only to adult believers, but to little children, who, by virtue of the universal atonement of Christ, are members of the Kingdom of God and entitled to receive the rite which signifies their reception into His Church on earth.

4.5 Administration of Baptism

A Minister or any other person authorised by the President shall administer the Sacrament of Baptism at the public worship service in Church, or at other suitable places of worship.

4.6 Presenting Child for Baptism.

Wherever possible, a child shall be presented for baptism by his or her own parents after preparation, but where this is impossible or unsuitable or will not be meaningful to the parents concerned, suitable relatives or sponsors who are willing to take the responsibility may present the child for baptism.

4.7 The Lord's Supper

The Bread and Wine of the Lord's Table are perpetual reminders of Christ's atoning death and emblems of the life that He imparts. His faithful people, partaking together, realise and express the communion with the Head and with each other, which all His members share.

4.8 Administration of the Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered by a Minister or any other person authorised by the President to all at least once a month in all churches and preaching places when practicable, only after the Minister has fully explained the meaning thereof.

4.9 Authority to Preside at the Sacraments

A Minister or other person duly authorised by the President shall preside at the administration of the sacraments according to the forms of service contained in the Book of Offices authorised by the Annual Conference. Upon request by the Minister or other authorised person, accredited Lay Pastors and Deaconesses may assist the Minister or other authorised person in the administration of the sacrament.

WASE 5 - NAI TUVATUVA NI LOTU

5.1 Matasiga.

Sa yavu ka i vakadei ni lotu na Matasiga, ena dua na valeni lotu.

5.1.1 Era umani vata na lewe ni Siga Dina ena dua nai vavakoso ki na Mata Siga ena veitokani Vakarisito, vuli Vola Tabu, masumasu, veiqaravi kei na vakadinadinataki Karisito.

5.1.2 Me ra dau sota vakawasoma na Matasiga ka me liutaki ira edua na Siga Dina, turaga se marama, ka sa matua vakayalo ka lesi vaka Qase ni Siga mai na Bose Vulavou.

5.1.3 Sa nona i tavi na Qase ni Siga me dau soli i tukutuku ki na Bose Vakarau ni valenilotu.

5.2 Valenilotu.

Na valenilotu e vanua ni nodra so-kalou na veimatasiga kei na siga tuberi. Na vanua ni nodra lotuvata kei na rogo i vunau nai vavakoso lotu.

5.3 Tabacakacaka

Na vei vavakoso era lewe ni Lotu Wesele era sa na cokoti vata ki na vei Tabacakacaka kara na tiko kina e yadua se sivia nai Talatala. Na vei vavakoso ena loma ni dua na Tabacakacaka era na veivukei, veitokoni vakai ira ka veivakaukauwataki ena nodra vakadinadinataki Karisito, kei na veiqaravi, ia, mera vukei ira nai vavakoso malumalumu ko ira era kaukauwa cake ena veigauna era kerei kina.

5.4 Wasewase.

Sa na cokovata na vei Tabacakacaka ni Bose ko Viti ki na vei Wasewase. E vakayacori oqo me vukea na cicivaki ni cakacaka. Na vei Wasewase oqo era na volai enai Vola ni Veilesi ni Bose koViti. Na i naki ni buli ni vei Wasewase:-

5.4.1 Me vukei ira na lewe ni vei Tabacakacaka me ra vakila na duavata ni Lotu raraba;

5.4.2 Ka me rawa kina na i sema vakacakacaka vei ira na vakaillesilesi ni Bose koViti, o ira ena Valenivolavola ni Cakacaka Levu kei ira ena vei Tabacakacaka;

5.4.3 Ka me vakarawarawataki kina na nodra tuberi na lewenilotu ena vuku ni nodra i tavi vakatamata kei na vakabauta ena bula raraba vaka lewenivanua.

5.5 Na Bose koViti.

Nai yalayala ni lewa.

5.5.1 Sa tu vua na Bose ko Viti na lewa me baleta na veika kece sara e na Lotu Wesele, ena Ripabiliki ko Viti ka okati kina na i vakavuvuli, veivakadodonutaki, na i tuvatuva ni cakacaka, veika vaka i lavo, qele kei na i yau ni Lotu ena yatu yanuyanu ko Viti kei Rotuma. Na lewa oqo e kuri tale tiko ga ena kena tuvai ena Trust Deed ni Lotu Wesele.

CHAPTER 5 - STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

5.1 Classes

Classes in the local church are the foundations of the structure of the Methodist Church.

- 5.1.1 *Church members are grouped together in classes for Christian fellowship, Bible study, prayer, pastoral care, and supporting them in their Christian discipleship, witness and service.*
- 5.1.2 *Classes shall meet regularly under the leadership of a confirmed member (male or female) who is a mature Christian and who is appointed as Class Leader by the Leaders' Meeting of the Circuit.*
- 5.1.3 *The Class Leader is responsible for reporting to the Monthly Meeting of the local church.*

5.2 Local Church

The local church is where the classes come together as a congregation to worship God and hear His Word and where the members under preparation, confirmed members, members in association and adherents have fellowship with one another.

5.3 Circuits

Local congregations of Methodist people shall be grouped into Circuits, each of which may have one or more Ministers. The congregations within a Circuit shall exercise mutual care and support for each other, and strengthen each other in fellowship and in Christian discipleship, witness and service, the stronger congregations helping weaker ones where requested.

5.4 Divisions.

Circuits shall, for purposes of administration, be grouped by the Annual Conference under Divisions, which shall be named in the station sheet of the Conference. The purpose of the Divisions shall be:-

- 5.4.1 *To enable the members of the Circuits to have a sense of solidarity with the wider Church;*
- 5.4.2 *To provide lines of communication between the Conference Officers, the Conference Office, the Conference Secretariat and the Circuits; and*
- 5.4.3 *To facilitate the training of church members in their responsibilities to the community as Christians.*

5.5 The Annual Conference.

Jurisdiction

- 5.5.1 *The Annual Conference shall have jurisdiction over all Methodist Church matters of doctrine, discipline, organization, finance, land and property in the Republic of Fiji. This jurisdiction is further set out in the Trust Deed of the Methodist Church in Fiji.*

5.5.2 Ena sega ni vakalailaitaka na rabailevu ni veika e koto mai cake, na Bose ko Viti, sa na tu vua na kaukauwa me:

- a) tutaka na i naki kei na talai ni Lotu Wesele;
- b) tauyavutaka ka cakacakataka na vei koronivuli ni Vulitalatala, Vuli ni Lewenilotu, koronivuli paraimari kei na sekeneri, tikotiko ni veilomani, vei soqosoqo kei na porokaramu e yaga ki na lotu ka me cakacakavata kei na veimatalotu tale eso, kei na matai soqosoqo, Tabana vakamatanitu, ena gauna eso ke raica ni salavata kei na i naki ni lotu, ena nodra vakavulici nai Talatala, vuli, vuli ni lewenivanua, vuli bisinisi, tikotiko ni veilomani, matacakacaka se porokaramu.
- c) vakatulewa ena kena tauyavutaka eso tale na i soqosoqo se matabose me vukea na kena tosoi tiko ga ki liu na cakacaka ni lotu kei na yavu era tauyavu kina ka me lesi ira na kena lewe ni matabose ka ra lesi mai na Bose ko Viti.
- d) matataki na Lotu Wesele mai vei ira na kena i vakaillesilesi ena veiwekani kei ira na vei matalotu tale eso, tabana vaka matanitu se veisoqosoqo ni veiqaravi raraba.
- e) vakatulewa ka cakacakataka na lewa ni veiwekani ni lotu Wesele kei na vei soqosoqo vakalotu ena taudaku ni lotu.
- f) vakatulewa ena veiwekani ni dua na Tabana ni lotu kei na duatani na matalotu se kena cakacaka eso, se i vavakoso.
- g) lewa na vei Komiti eso, se matabose, e gadrevi me vukea na cicivaki ni Bose ko Viti kei na kena vakayacori na kena vakatulewa, na kedra dui yavu ka me digitaki ira na lewena se kena veiliutaki, era i Talatala se Lewenilotu.
- h) vakatulewa se me solia vua e dua se vei ira eso na lewa e tu ki na Bose ko Viti kei na yavu e soli kina.
- i) vakatulewa ena i vakatagedegede ni vuli ena curu ki na Vulitalatala, na yatu lesoni me vakatavulici, nai vakatagedegede ni vuli vakai Talatala, Vada ni Turaga, Dauvunu, kei na i Vakatawa
- j) vakatulewa ena i Vakarau ni nodra cavuti, vakavulici ka tabaki ka vakaillesilesi nai Talatala, na Vada ni Turaga kei na kena veiqaravi, na nodra tabaki, nodra i lesilesi, kei na itavi (ka wili kina na mata veiqaravi ena taudaku ni lotu)
- k) lewa na i vakatagedegede ni veiqaravi kei nai Vakarau kilikili ni veiqaravi kei na kena veivakadodonutaki kei na i nai vakarau me muri vei ira na i Talatala, Vada ni Turaga, Vakatawa, Dauvunau, Lewe ni Siga kei ira kece ka ra vakaitavi tu ena loma ni lotu, kei na kena veiqaravi raraba.
- l) vakadonuya nai tuvatuva ni lotu kei na vakatulewa eso me baleta na So Kalou kei na Sakaramede ena Lotu Wesele.
- m) vakatabuya na lewa eso ni vei mata bose, soqosoqo ena loma ni Lotu Wesele ka veisaqasaqa kei na Yavu ni Vakatulewa oqo, na kena vei lawa lalai, se dua na lawatu, se lewa vakabau ni Bose ko Viti se Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu.

5.5.3 Na kaukauwa ni Bose ko Viti me cakava nai otioti ni vakatulewa ena veika kece me baleta na Lotu Wesele ka okati kina na veika ka tuvai koto ena parakaravu 5.5.1 kei na 5.5.2 me vaka na Yavu ni Vakavulewa oqo, sa na vakayagataka na Bose ko Viti kei na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu vakavo ga ke na solia na Bose ko Viti se Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu na lewa oya vua e dua ena vuku ni dua na tikina, ka rawa talega vua na Bose ko Viti se Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu me lewa na ka me vakatulewa ga kina na Bose ko Viti kei na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu.

5.5.2 Without limiting the generality of the preceding paragraph, the Annual Conference shall have authority:

- a) To promote the mission and purposes of the Methodist Church;
- b) To establish and operate theological, lay training, educational, commercial and charitable institutions, organisations and programs for the purposes of the Church, and to participate jointly with other churches, organisations, public authorities or government, when it considers it to be in accordance with the purposes of the Church, in theological, lay training, educational, commercial or charitable institutions, organisations or programs;
- c) To decide what other organisations or bodies shall be constituted by the Methodist Church for the furtherance of its mission and purposes and the terms on which they are constituted and to appoint such members of their management or governance bodies as are to be appointed by Annual Conference.
- d) To represent, through its officers, the Methodist Church in relations with other churches, religions, government and public and civic organisations;
- e) To make and implement decisions regarding affiliation of the Methodist Church with ecumenical and other bodies;
- f) To make decisions regarding the association of any part of the Church with any other churches or their activities or congregations;
- g) To determine what committees, boards or other bodies it requires to assist with the organisation of Annual Conference business and the implementation of decisions made by or on behalf of Annual Conference and their terms of reference and to appoint members of management or governance bodies and ministerial or lay chairpersons;
- h) To decide when any authority vested in the Annual Conference shall be delegated and the terms of the delegation;
- i) To decide qualifications, courses and standards of education and training for Ministers, Deaconesses, Lay Preachers and Lay Pastors;
- j) To make decisions relating to the acceptance of candidates for ministries, and ordination, appointments, and responsibilities of Ministers and Deaconesses (including in approved ministries outside the jurisdiction of the Church);
- k) To determine standards or codes of conduct and discipline requirements and procedures relating to Ministers, Deaconesses, Lay Pastors, Lay Preachers, members, and other persons having responsibilities within the structure, organisations and activities of the Church;
- l) To approve liturgies and make other decisions relating to public worship and the sacraments in the Methodist Church;
- m) To disallow any decision of any other body or meeting within the Methodist Church which contravenes this Constitution or Regulations or policies or other decisions made by the Annual Conference or the Standing Committee.

5.5.3 The authority of the Annual Conference to make final decisions on all matters relating to the Methodist Church including the matters mentioned in the preceding paragraphs 5.5.1 and 5.5.2, in accordance with this Constitution, shall be exercised by the Annual Conference or by the Standing Committee unless the Annual Conference or the Standing Committee delegates the authority on particular matters or the Annual Conference decides that a matter must only be dealt with during the Annual Conference.

5.6 Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu ni Bose ko Viti.

5.6.1 Me digitaki ena veibose ko Viti vakayabaki ni Lotu Wesele edua na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu me lewa na veika e vure cake mai ena maliwa ni Bose ko Viti ki na Bose ko Viti ka tarava. Me vaka e virikotori ena Trust Deed ni 26 ni Feverueri 1979, sa na tu talega vua na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu na kaukauwa me qarava na veika edau qarava na Bose ko Viti, ena gauna e sega tiko kina ni bose na Bose ko Viti.

5.6.2 Dusidusi vakacakacaka ni Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu.

- (a) Me dau vakatulewa ena veika e sega ni se tukuni tu ena Yavu ni Vakatumulewa ni Lotu Wesele e Viti, se na dua na kena lawa lailai se lewa ni Bose ko Viti.
- (b) Me qarava na veika e tu e na ruku ni lewa ni Bose ko Viti me vaka e macala tu e na Yavu ni Vakatumulewa ni Lotu Wesele e Viti.
- (c) Me raica ni cakacakataki na lewa ni Bose ko Viti, ka vakatauca nai kuri ni lewa eso me vakayacori rawa kina na lewa ko ya.
- (d) Me qarava na veika e lewa mai na Bose ko Viti me qarava ka wili kina na veika mai nai Vola ni Bose ka vakarota na Bose ko Viti me mai qarava na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu.

5.7 Na Vale Ni Volavola Ni Bose Ko Viti.

Sa dua na Vale ni Volavola ni Bose ko Viti - me raici ka vakaduavatataki vata kina na vei cakacaka eso ni Lotu, ka me ratou lewena na Qase Levu, Vukevuke ni Qase Levu, Vunivola Levu kei nai Vukevuke ni Vunivola Levu, ka vaka kina ko ira nai Talatala kei na Lewenilotu e lesi ira na Bose ko Viti mera kena Vunivola ka me qaravi kina na veika oqo kei na veika tale e so e na dau lewa ena veigauna na Bose ko Viti.

5.6 Standing Committee of the Annual Conference

5.6.1 *Each Annual Conference of the Methodist Church shall appoint a Standing Committee to act on its behalf in matters that arise between Annual Conferences. As stated in the Methodist Church Trust Deed dated 26 February 1979, the Standing Committee shall have the powers and carry out the duties of the Annual Conference when the Conference is not meeting.*

5.6.2 Terms of Reference of the Standing Committee

The terms of reference of the Standing Committee are:

- (a) To make decisions on matters which are not otherwise provided for in this Constitution or Regulations or policies or decisions of Annual Conference;*
- (b) To deal with matters which, by this Constitution, are under the authority of Annual Conference;*
- (c) To see that Annual Conference decisions are carried out, making any supplementary decisions necessary to ensure this;*
- (d) To deal with matters which the Annual Conference directs the Standing Committee to handle, including any items on the Conference Agenda that it has not dealt with.*

5.7 Conference Secretariat

There shall be a Conference Secretariat to co-ordinate certain areas of the Church's work. It shall comprise the President, Vice President, General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary and such Ministers or lay people as are appointed by Conference as Secretaries for areas of the Conference's responsibilities as determined from time to time by the Conference.

WASE 6 - NA VEIBOSE VAKALOTU

6.1 Na Veibose Vakalotu.

Ena i tuvatuva ni Lotu Wesele, era vakatokai na vei bose oqo mera Bose vakalotu ka tu na nodra dui i tavi kei na kena vakatulewa.

- 6.1.1 Bose Vakarau.
- 6.1.2 Bose Vulavou ni Tabacakacaka.
- 6.1.3 Bose Vulatolu ni Tabacakacaka.
- 6.1.4 Bose ni Dauvunau.
- 6.1.5 Bose VakayabakiTalatala/Cokovata.
- 6.1.6 Bose ni Vakatawa.
- 6.1.7 Bose ni Komiti ni Cakacaka levu/Bose Vakaitalatala/Bose cokovata.
- 6.1.8 Bose ko Viti-Bose Vakaitalatala./Bose Cokovata
- 6.1.9 Komiti ni Veilesi.

Na veimatabose ni veisoqosoqo kei na vei komiti vakalotu tale eso mera qai dau vakauta na nodra vakatutu ki na vei matabose ka koto oqori e cake ka ra dui semati kina, ena veigauna e dodonu.

6.2 Na taro me tarogi ena vei bose eso.

O ira yadudua na vei bose vaka lotu ni Lotu Wesele me ra dau sauma ka vakasamataka na vei taro eso e dau virikotori mai na Bose ko Viti ena veigauna eso ena gauna ni nodra bose.

6.3 Bose Vakarau.

6.3.1 Na veivakadonui.

Sa rawa ki vua e dua na Bose Vulavou me vakadonuya ki na dua na valenilotu se vanua ni caka lotu me qaravi e so na vakatulewa raraba se ena so na ka ena dua na Bose ka lewai na kena tauyavu ena kena sala ka vakadunuya na Bose Vulavou, ka cicivaki me vaka na kenai vakarau e vakadonuya na Bose ko Viti se na so tale na kena lewa mai na Bose Vulatolu..

6.3.2 Liutaka na Bose Vakarau.

Me liutaka na Bose Vakarau ena dua na valenilotu nai Vakatawa Ena i tikotiko ni lotu e sega kina nai vakatawa, ka qarava e dua na i Liuliu, Qase ni koro se i Vakavuvuli, me qai liutaka na Bose okoya.

6.4 Na Bose Vulavou

6.4.1 Me dau caka vakavica.

Na Bose Vula vou ena loma ni tabacakacaka me dau vakayacori ena veivula ke rawa.

6.4.2 Lewe Ni Bose Vula Vou.

Vakavo ga ke veisautaka na Bose ko Viti, sai ira oqo na lewe ni Bose Vulavou.

Chapter 6 - Official Meetings Of The Church

6.1 Official Meetings

Within the structure of the Methodist Church the following meetings are described as official meetings and have particular responsibilities and the authority to make decisions regarding matters within their areas of responsibility:

- 6.1.1 *Monthly meeting of the local Church*
- 6.1.2 *Circuit Leaders' Meeting*
- 6.1.3 *Quarterly Meeting*
- 6.1.4 *Lay Preachers' Meeting*
- 6.1.5 *Annual Divisional Meeting- Ministerial and Representative Sessions*
- 6.1.6 *Lay Pastors' Meeting*
- 6.1.7 *Standing Committee – Ministerial and Representative Sessions*
- 6.1.8 *Annual Conference - Ministerial and Representative Sessions*
- 6.1.9 *Stationing Committee.*

Other meetings, groups and organisations within the Church shall, when appropriate, make recommendations to these meetings for decisions on matters within their areas of responsibility.

6.2 Questions to be asked at meetings

Each of the official meetings of the Methodist Church shall consider and deal with questions that the Annual Conference from time to time prescribes for consideration at the respective meetings.

6.3 Monthly meeting of local church

6.3.1 Authorisation

A Circuit Leaders' Meeting may agree that decisions relating to a local church either generally or on particular questions, may be made at a monthly meeting which is constituted in a manner approved by the Circuit Leaders' Meeting and is conducted in accordance with any requirements of the Annual Conference and any additional requirements of the Quarterly Meeting.

6.3.2 Presiding

The Lay Pastor who has responsibility for the local church will preside at the Monthly Meeting. If there is not a Lay Pastor who has responsibility for the local church and the local church is administered by a church leader (Qase Vakavuvuli), he or she is to preside.

6.4 Circuit Leaders Meeting

6.4.1 Frequency of meeting

The Circuit Leaders' Meeting shall normally be held monthly

6.4.2 Composition of Circuit Leaders' Meeting

Unless the Annual Conference shall from time to time decide otherwise, the composition of the Circuit Leaders' Meeting shall be:

- (a) O ira na i Talatala yaco
- (b) O ira na i Talatala vakatovolei
- (c) O ira na i Vakatawa
- (d) O ira na Dauvunau
- (e) O ira na Qase ni Siga
- (f) O ira na Tuirara (Wasewase, valenilotu, Vakayakavi ni Turaga) kei na Dauniyau
- (g) O ira na i liuliu ni Wilivola ni Sigatabu
- (h) O ira na soqosoqo ni Tabagone mai na veivalenilotu
- (i) Yadua na mata ni veisoqosoqo mai na veivalenilotu
- (j) O ira na i liuliu ni Koronivuli ni Lotu Wesele, ke lewe ni lotu
- (k) O ira na Daunisere, dau ni piano ke ra lewe ni lotu
- (l) O ira na vada ni Turaga Yaco kei ira na Vada ni Turaga Vakatofolei
- (m) Liuliu ni Veivakalotutaki
- (n) Liuliu ni Bula Raraba
- (o) Me dua na Mata mai na 30 na lewe ni Siga Dina kei na dua na Mata mai na kena vovo ni 30 na lewe ni Siga Dina, mera matataki mai na vei Valenilotu se veivanua e dau vakayacori kina na Lotu, ia me kakua ni sivita na 6 na mata vakaoqo mai na dua na valenilotu se vei vanua ni lotu.

6.4.3 Liutaka na Bose Vula vou.
Tabacakacaka Vakaitalatala.

Me qarava na i Talatala ni Tabacakacaka ia kevaka e sega ni qarava rawa me qai lesia e dua nai Talatala Yaco me qarava se e dua nai Vakatawa yaco ke sega na i Talatala Yaco.

6.4.4 Sa rawa vua edua na lewe ni Siga Dina se Siga Veitokani ka tiko na yacana ena kedra i vola na Lewe ni Siga ka sega ni lewe ni Bose Vulavou me tiko ena Bose Vulavou ka tara vua me vosa ena veika e vakatara na Bose Vulavou me vosa kina ia ka na sega ga ni lave liga ena veika e veivosakitaki.

6.5 Bose Vula Tolu.

6.5.1 Me vakayacori na Bose Vulatolu ena veitabacakacaka yadudua.

6.5.2 Lewe Ni Bose Vula Tolu. Mera lewe ni Bose Vulatolu ko ira kece na lewe ni Bose Vulavou.

6.5.3 Liutaka na Bose Vulatolu.

Me na liutaka na Bose Vula Tolu na i Talatala Qase ni Wasewase se dua tale na i Talatala Yaco e lesia ko koya me qarava na bosa vula tolu.

6.5.4 Sa rawa vua edua na lewe ni Siga Dina se Siga Veitokani ka tiko na yacana ena i Vola ni Lewe ni Siga ka sega ni lewe ni Bose Vulatolu me tiko ena Bose Vulatolu ka tara vua mena vosa ena vei ka eso e vakatara vua na Bose me vosa kina ia ka sega ga ni na laveliga ena veika e veivosakitaki.

6.6 Bose ni Dauvunau

6.6.1 **Lewe ni Bose ni Dauvunau**

Me ra lewe ni Bose ni Dauvunau ko ira na Dauvunau ni Tabacakacaka, kei na Dauvunau Vakatofolei, Vakatawa, Vada ni Turaga kei na Vada ni Turaga vakatofolei kei ira nai Talatala kei nai Talatala Vakatofolei, kei na i Talatala Vakacegu, ka ra lewe ni Tabacakacaka.

6.6.2 **Liutaka na Bose ni Dauvunau.**

Me na liutaka na Bose ni Dauvunau na i Talatala ni Tabacakacaka se dua e lesia ke sega ni qarava rawa o koya.

6.6.3 **Me dau caka vakavica.**

Me dau caka vaka tolu ena dua na yabaki ke rawa.

- (a) *Ordained Ministers;*
- (b) *Ministers on probation;*
- (c) *Lay Pastors;*
- (d) *Lay Preachers;*
- (e) *Class Leaders;*
- (f) *Stewards (Circuit, church, communion) and church treasurer;*
- (g) *Superintendents of Sunday Schools;*
- (h) *Leaders of young people's societies approved by the Conference;*
- (i) *One representative of each society connected with each church, duly elected by the annual meeting of the society and being a member of the Church;*
- (j) *Heads of Methodist schools and institutions if Church members;*
- (k) *Choir masters, choir mistresses or organists if members of the Church;*
- (l) *Deaconesses and Deaconesses on probation;*
- (m) *Leader for Evangelism;*
- (n) *Leader for Christian Citizenship and Social Services; and*
- (o) *One representative for every 30 confirmed members and one for any remaining part thereof, to be elected by members of each church or preaching place, but not exceeding 6 representatives from any one church or preaching place.*

6.4.3 *Presiding*

Circuit Leaders' Meeting

The Circuit Minister shall preside over the Circuit Leaders Meeting. If the Circuit Minister is not able to do so, he or she may appoint another Minister if available or if no other Minister is available, a senior Lay Pastor to preside at the meeting.

- 6.4.4 *Any confirmed member or member in association on the members' roll in the Circuit, who is not a member of the Circuit Leaders' Meeting, may attend the Meeting and may at the discretion of the Meeting be given permission to speak on specific matters. They cannot vote.*

6.5 Quarterly Meeting

- 6.5.1 *Quarterly Meetings shall be held in each Circuit*

- 6.5.2 *Composition Of Quarterly Meeting*

The membership of the Quarterly Meeting shall comprise all members of the Circuit Leaders' Meeting.

- 6.5.3 *Presiding*

The Divisional Superintendent shall preside at the Quarterly Meeting or if at any time unable to do so, may designate another Ordained Minister to preside.

- 6.5.4 *Any confirmed member or member in association on the members' roll in the Circuit, who is not a member of the Quarterly Meeting, may attend the Meeting and may at the discretion of the Meeting be given permission to speak on specific matters. They cannot vote.*

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6.6 Lay Preacher's Meeting

- 6.6.1 ***Composition of Lay Preachers' Meeting***

The Lay Preachers' Meeting shall consist of all Lay Preachers, Lay Preachers on trial, Lay Pastors, Deaconesses and Deaconesses on Probation and Ministers and Ministers on Probation who are members of the Circuit.

- 6.6.2 ***Presiding***

The Lay Preacher's Meeting shall be convened and chaired by the Circuit Minister or in the event that the Circuit Minister is unable to do so, another Minister may chair the meeting.

- 6.6.3 ***Frequency of meeting***

To be held at least 3 times a year

6.7 Na Bose Vakayabaki.

6.7.1 Na vei Wasewase yadudua mera vakayacora na nodra Bose ni Wasewase me vakadua ena veiyabaki. Me dau vakayacori na Bose ni Yabaki ni bera na Bose ko Viti.

6.7.2 Bose Vakaitalatala.

Sa na dua na Bose Vakaitalatala ka na vakayacori na kena veibose ena gauna e vakayacori kina na Bose Vakayabaki ni Wasewase.

6.7.3 Ko ira na lewe ni Bose Vakaitalatala.

- a) Me vakaoqo na lewe ni Komiti ni Cakacaka Vakaitalatala:-
 - (i) Ko ira kece na i Talatala Yaco ena loma ni Wasewase;
 - (ii) Ko ira kece na Vada ni Turaga Yaco ena loma ni Wasewase;
- (b) **Na Vakatovolei.**

Ko ira kece na i Talatala kei na Vada ni Turaga Vakatovolei me baleta na nodra veitarogi ka na sega ni vakatarai vei ira na laveliga.
- (c) **O cei e Liutaka na Bose.**

E liutaka na Bose oqo nai Talatala Qase.

6.7.4 Na Bose Cokovata ena Bose Vakayabaki.

- (a) **Lewe ni Bose ni Wasewase.**

Vakavo ga ke lewa e dua tani tale na ka na Bose ko Viti ena veigauna eso, mera sa lewe ni Bose ni Wasewase ko ira na Mata mai na vei Bose Vakavulatolu ena loma ni Wasewase me vakaoqo:-

 - i) Ko ira kece na i Talatala/Vada ni Turaga Yaco kei ira na Vakatovolei
 - ii) Ko ira kece na i Vakatawa Yaco;
 - iii) Ko ira kece na Tuirara ni vei Tabacakacaka se ko ira na kedra i sosomi;
 - iv) Me yadua na Dauvunau mai na vei Tabacakacaka ka me ra lesi mai na Bose Vakavulatolu;
 - v) Me ra yadua na Mata mai na i Soqosoqo ni Mataveitokani e na vei Tabacakacaka ka ra kilai ena Bose ko Viti;
 - vi) Yadua na Mata mai vei ira na vei mata i tikotiko oqo ka me ra lesi mai na Bose Vakavulatolu:
 - Koronivuli ni Vuli Talatala.
 - Tikotiko ni Vada ni Turaga.
 - Vuli Levu.
 - Dilkusha Girls' Home.
 - Methodist Hospital, Ba.
 - Veilomani Boys' Home, Ba.

Ko ira mera digitaki mera Mata ni veitikotiko oqo me ra na tiko ena Bose Vakayabaki ni Wasewase ena vei Wasewase e tiko kina na vei i Tikotiko oqo.

6.7 Annual Divisional Meeting

6.7.1 *Each Division shall conduct a Divisional Meeting at least once a year. The Annual Divisional Meeting shall be held not later than three months before the Annual Conference.*

6.7.2 Ministerial Session

Ministerial Sessions of Annual Divisional Meetings shall be held during the Annual Divisional Meetings.

6.7.3 Composition of Ministerial Sessions of Divisional Meetings.

- (a) *The Ministerial Session of Divisional Meetings shall consist of the following:*
- (i) *All Ordained Ministers in the Division;*
 - (ii) *All Ordained Deaconesses in the Division.*
- (b) **Probationers**
Ministerial and Deaconess probationers shall be present for the purpose of examination but shall not vote.
- (c) **Presiding**
The Divisional Superintendent shall preside at the Ministerial Session.

6.7.4 Representative Session of the Annual Divisional Meeting

(a) Composition of Representative Session of Divisional Meetings

Unless the Annual Conference shall decide otherwise from time to time, the Divisional Meeting shall consist of representatives of the Quarterly Meetings within the Division under the jurisdiction of the Annual Divisional Meeting as follows:-

- i) *All Ministers, Deaconesses and probationers;*
- ii) *All fully accredited Lay Pastors;*
- iii) *All Circuit Stewards or duly elected substitutes;*
- iv) *One Lay Preacher from each Circuit elected by the Quarterly Meeting;*
- v) *One representative from each Circuit of the youth groups recognised by the Conference;*
- vi) *One representative, elected by the Quarterly Meeting, from each of the following institutions:*
 - *Theological College*
 - *Deaconess House*
 - *Methodist Lay Training Centre*
 - *Dilkusha Girls' Home*
 - *Ba Hospital*
 - *Veilomani Boys' Home*

Such members to attend the Annual Divisional Meeting of the Division in which the Institution concerned is located.

- vii) E dua na Qasenivuli e lesi mai na Bose Vakavulatolu mai na veikoronivuli vakamatanitu ni Lotu Wesele e na vei Tabacakacaka era duu tiko kina.
- viii) E dua na i Liuliu ni vei Matasiga mai na vei Tabacakacaka, ka me ra lesi mai na Bose Vakavulatolu
- ix) E dua na marama me lesi mai na Bose Vakavulatolu mera matataki kina na veisoqosoqo ni marama kilai mai na Bose ko Viti ka ra tiko ena loma ni Tabacakacaka;
- x) Na Vunivola ni Tabagone ena loma ni Wasewase;
- xi) Na Vunivola ni Dauvunau ena loma ni Wasewase;
- xii) E dua na Mata Lewenilotu mai vei iratou yadua na Tabacakacaka mai na Valenivolavola ni Tabacakacaka vaka Bose ko Viti ka me na tiko ena Bose Vakayabaki ni Wasewase.
- xiii) Me dua na turaga me lesi mai na Bose Vakavulatolu me na matataki na veisoqosoqo ni Turaga kilai mai na Bose ko Viti ka ra tiko ena loma ni Tabacakacaka.
- xiv) Liuliu ni Matawilivola ni Siga Tabu na Tabacakacaka
- xv) Dauniyau ni Wasewase
- xvi) Liuliu ni Veivakalotutaki ni Wasewase
- xvii) Liuliu ni Bula Raraba ni Wasewase

(b) Liutaka na Bose Vakayabaki.

Me na liutaka na Bose Vakayabaki nai Liuliu ni Wasewase.

6.8 Na Bose ni Vakatawa.

6.8.1 Ko ira na lewe ni Bose.

Mera lewe ni Bose ni Vakatawa:

- (a) Talatala Yaco.
- (b) Talatala Vakatovolei.
- (c) Vada ni Turaga Yaco
- (d) Vada ni Turaga Vakatovolei
- (e) Vakatawa kece ena loma ni Wasewase.

6.8.2 Liutaka na Bose.

Ena liutaka na Bose ni Vakatawa ni Wasewase na i Liuliu ni Wasewase se dua na i Talatala e lesia na i Talatala qase..

6.8.3 Me dau caka vakavica.

Me dau caka vakadua ena veiyabaki na Bose vakai Vakatawa

6.9 Bose ni Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu.

6.9.1 Bose Vakaitalatala ni Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu.

- (a) Na itavi.

Me dua na Bose Vakaitalatala ni Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu ni Bose Ko Viti me kacivi ni bera na Bose Cokovata. Na Bose Vakaitalatala sa nona i tavi me qarava na vei i tavi eso ka nonai tavi na Bose Vakaitalatala ni Bose ko Viti ena gauna e sega tiko kina ni bese na Bose ko Viti. Sa nonai tavi me vakaraitaka ki na Bose Cokovata na veika bibi eso baleti ira na i Talatala me vaka na nodra tu vakawawa, kei na veilesiyaki. Na veika e so baleta na nodra lewai na Vada

- vii) *One teacher, elected by the Quarterly Meeting, from each registered Methodist School within the Circuit;*
- viii) *One class leader from each Circuit, elected by the Quarterly Meeting;*
- ix) *One woman, elected by the Quarterly Meeting, to represent the Conference-recognised women's organisations within the Circuit;*
- x) *Divisional Young People's Secretary;*
- xi) *Divisional Lay Preachers' Secretary;*
- xii) *One lay representative from each Department of the Secretariat ;*
- xiii) *One man, elected by the Quarterly Meeting, to represent the Conference-recognised men's organisations within the Circuit;*
- xiv) *Sunday School Coordinator of a Circuit;*
- xv) *Divisional Treasurer;*
- xvi) *Divisional Leader for Evangelism;*
- xvii) *Divisional Leader for Christian Citizenship and Social Services*

(b) **Presiding**

The Divisional Superintendent shall preside over the Representative Session of the Divisional Meeting.

6.8 Lay Pastors' Meeting

6.8.1 Composition

The Lay Pastors Meeting shall be composed of:

- (a) *Ordained Ministers*
- (b) *Ministers on Probation.*
- (c) *Ordained Deaconesses*
- (d) *Deaconesses on probation*
- (e) *Lay Pastors within the Division.*

6.8.2 Presiding

The Lay Pastors meeting shall be presided over by the Divisional Superintendent or a Minister chosen by the Divisional Superintendent.

6.8.3 Frequency of meeting

The Lay Pastors Meeting shall be held at least once a year.

6.9 Standing Committee Meetings

6.9.1 Ministerial Session of Standing Committee

(a) Responsibilities.

There shall be a Ministerial Session of Standing Committee of the Conference, which shall meet before the Representative Session. The Ministerial Session shall be responsible to deal between Annual Conferences with the tasks which are the responsibility of the Ministerial Session of the Annual Conference. The Ministerial Session shall report to the Representative Session of the Standing Committee, significant decisions regarding Ministers, including suspensions and transfers. Matters concerning discipline of Ordained Deaconesses, as recommended by the Deaconess Committee, shall be dealt with in this Session also, in which case the

ni Turaga Yaco e na cala, me vaka e vakatura mai na Komiti ni Vada ni turaga sa na vakatulewa talega kina na Bose Vakaitalatala. Ia sa na tiko ena bosa oqo na i Liuliu ni Vada ni Turaga, na Vada ni turaga ka tarava na i Liuliu se na kena i sosomi, kei ira kece na marama ka lewe ni Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu. Na lewa kece e tauci me baleta na veika e so era beitaki kina na Vada ni Turaga me vakaraitaki ki na Bose Cokovata.

(b) **Ko ira na Lewena.**

Ko ira nai Talatala ka ra digitaki me ra lewe ni Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu.

6.9.2 Na Bose Cokovata ni Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu.

(a) **Ko ira na Lewe ni Bose.**

Vakavo ga ke veisautaka na Bose ko Viti ena veigauna eso na lewa me baleta na lewe ni Bose, sai ira oqo mera lewe ni Bose ni Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu.

- (i) Na Komiti ni Cakacaka levu era na lewena e lewe 32. Me qarauni me ra vakamatataki talega na marama, na i tabagone, kei ira mai na veimatatamata wiliwili lailai ena nodalotu.
- (ii) Me ratou lewena ena vuku ni nodratou i tutu:
Na Qase levu, Qase Levu Vakacegu, vukevuke ni Qase Levu, Levu, Vukevuke ni Qase Levu vakacegu, i Liuliu ni Wasewase ko Suva, Liuliu ni Wasewase na Wesley, Nodra i talatala Qase na Wasewase ni Idia, 1 na mata ni Wasewase ni Idia vakaturi mai na Bose Vakayabaki ni Wasewase.
- (iii) Me ra qai digitaki ena Bose ko Viti na kena vo me tautauvata kina na i wiliwili ni i talatala kei na lewenilotu, ka wili kina ko iratou ka lewena ena vuku ni i tutu. Na lewe ni bosa mera tiko kina me kua ni lailai mai na 4 na marama, 1 na i Taba Gone, dua na Rotuma kei na dua na Rabi.
- (iv) Sa rawa ni vakaturi me lewe ni Komiti e dua na lewenilotu sa mata oti ena rua na Bose ko Viti, ka me qai vakatau ki na ka e baleta na i vakarau ni veidigidigi, ka me sa lewe ni Siga Dina ni Lotu Wesele ka sa oti e 4 na yabaki vakaveitarataravi ka sa vakadonui vakaivola me cavuti na yacana ena veidigidigi.

(b) **Na balavu ni lesilesi.**

Me qarava na kena bosa na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu mai na Janueri ki na Tiseba ni yabaki ka tarava na veidigidigi.

(c) **Na i liuliu ni Veitabana vaka Koniveredi.**

Ko ira na i Liuliu ni Veitabana vaka Koniveredi era:

- i) na sega ni rawa mera digitaki mera lewe ni bosa
- ii) dau tiko ena bosa vaka daunivakasala . Era na sega ni wili ki nai wiliwili ni lewe ni bosa ka na tara me ra vosa ena vei mosoni ia ena sega ga ni vakatarai mera laveliga

(d) **Tuvatuva ni Bose.**

Me na vakarautaka na veika me na veivosakitaki ena bosa oqo na Vunivola Levu.

Administrator of the Deaconess Order, and the Senior Deaconess or her substitute, and any female members of the Standing Committee shall also be present. Decisions of discipline of Ordained Deaconesses shall be reported to the Representative Session.

(b) Composition

All Ministers and Deaconesses who are ex officio or elected members of the Standing Committee.

6.9.2 Representative Session of the Standing Committee

(a) Composition

Unless the Annual Conference shall from time to time decide otherwise, membership of the Standing Committee shall be as follows:

- (i) The Standing Committee shall consist of 32 people. Provision shall be made for representation of women, youth and minority groups in the Church.*
- (ii) The following shall be ex-officio members:
The President, the Immediate Past President, the Vice President, the immediate past Vice President, the General Secretary, the Deputy General Secretary, the Superintendent of the Suva Division, the Superintendent of the Wesley Division, the Superintendent of the Indian Division and one lay representative for the Indian Division appointed by its Annual Divisional Meeting.*
- (iii) The remaining members shall be elected by Conference in such a way as to give equal representation on the Standing Committee (including its ex-officio members) firstly to Ministers and secondly to Deaconesses and lay people. The membership shall include at least 4 women, at least 1 young person and at least 1 Rotuman and 1 Banaban.*
- (iv) Any lay person who has been a representative to any two Annual Conferences may be included in the personnel, subject to Regulations or decisions of the Annual Conference on the method of election, and provided that he/she is a confirmed member of the Methodist Church for a period of not less than four continuous years, and has consented in writing to being nominated.*

(b) Term of office

The Standing Committee shall serve from January to December of the year following its election.

(c) Secretaries of Conference Departments and Units

- (i) are not eligible for election as members of Standing Committee;*
- (ii) shall attend as advisors to the Standing Committee.*

They are not included in the membership of the Standing Committee and may speak but not vote on issues discussed.

(d) Agenda

The General Secretary shall prepare the Agenda of the Standing Committee.

6.10 Na Bose ko Viti.

6.10.1 Bose Vakaitalatala.

Ko Ira Na Lewe Ni Bose.

Mera lewe ni Bose oqo ko ira kece nai Talatala Yaco kei ira na Vada ni Turaga Yaco.

6.10.2 Na Bose Cokovata.

Ko ira na lewe ni Bose

Vakavo ga ke lewa na Bose ko Viti me veisautaka ena vei gauna eso, me sa vakaoqo ko ira na lewe ni Bose ko Viti:-

- (i) Na i vukevuke ni Qase Levu
- (ii) Ko i rau ruarua na i Vukevuke ni Qase Levu ka rau sa qai vakacegu walega.
- (iii) Ko ira na Mata Lewenilotu mai na vei Tabacakacaka.
- (iv) Ko ira kece na Vunivola ni Veitabana ka ra Lewenilotu.
- (v) Yadua na Mata Lewenilotu me matataki kina na i Wasewase ni cakacaka ena Valenivolavola ni Bose ko Viti.
- (vi) Ko ira kece na i Talatala Yaco.
- (vii) Ko ira kece na Vada ni Turaga Yaco.
- (viii) Na i Liuliu se dua e matataki koya mai :
 - Dilkusha Girls' Home*
 - Veilomani Boys' Home*
 - Ba Methodist Hospital*
 - Methodist Lay Training Centre*
- (ix) Liuliu ni Vada ni Turaga
- (x) Na Vunivola ni Tabacakacaka ni Marama
- (xi) dua na mata mai na Komiti ni Kaulotu
- (xii) Na Qasenivuli Liu mai na noda vei koronivuli ni lotu se nona mata;
- (xiii) E dua na mata marama mai na vei Wasewase
- (xiv) E dua na mata i tabagone mai na vei Wasewase ka Siga Dina sega ni sivia na yabaki 30;
- (xv) Na Dauniyau ni Lotu
- (xvi) Na nona mata digitaki na Qase Levu. Ena tikina oqo me na digitaka kina na Qase Levu me kua ni sivia e tini na mata lewenilotu ena Bose ko Viti ka me digitaki ira na Qase Levu ko ira e nanuma ni tu vei ira na i solisoli ka na vukeyi kina na cakacaka ni Bose ko Viti.

6.11 Bose ni Komiti ni Veilesi ni Bose ko Viti.

Sa na dua na Komiti ni Veilesi ni Bose ko Viti me dau bose ena gauna ni Bose ko Viti, ka me vakasalataka na Bose ko Viti ena nodra i lesilesi na i Talatala, Vada ni turaga kei ira na Vakatovolei ena yabaki ka tarava. Sa na lewa na Bose ko Viti na lewe ni Komiti ni Veilesi ka rawa ni veisau ena kena vei wiliki nai Lesilesi, kei nai Vakarau me muria na Komiti ni Veilesi.

6.10 Annual Conference

6.10.1 Ministerial Session

The Ministerial Session of the Annual Conference shall be composed of all Ordained Ministers and Ordained Deaconesses.

6.10.2 Representative Session

Members of the Representative Session

Unless the Annual Conference shall decide otherwise from time to time, the Representative Session of the Annual Conference shall consist of the following:-

- (i) The Lay Vice-President.*
- (ii) The two immediate past Lay Vice-Presidents.*
- (iii) Circuit Lay Representatives.*
- (iv) The Secretaries of each of the Conference Departments or Units who are lay persons*
- (v) One Lay Representative from each section of the Secretariat.*
- (vi) All Ordained Ministers.*
- (vii) All Ordained Deaconesses.*
- (viii) The head or one representative from:
Dilkusha Girls' Home
Veilomani Boys' Home
Ba Methodist Hospital
Methodist Lay Training Centre*
- (ix) The Administrator of the Deaconess Order*
- (x) Secretary of the Methodist Women's Fellowship Department*
- (xi) A representative of the Overseas Missions Committee*
- (xii) The principal or head teacher of each church school or his or her representative*
- (xiii) One woman representative from each Division*
- (xiv) One youth representative from each Division, being a member of the Church under 30 years of age*
- (xv) Accountant*
- (xvi) The President's Panel. The President may appoint not more than ten extra Lay members of the Annual Conference choosing church members who, in his judgment, have a special contribution to make to the work of the Annual Conference.*

6.11 Stationing Committee.

There shall be a Stationing Committee of Conference that meets during the Annual Conference and advises the Annual Conference on the stationing of Ministers, Deaconesses and Probationers for the next year. The Annual Conference shall decide the membership of the Stationing Committee which may change for each reading of stations, and the procedure to be followed by the Stationing Committee.

WASE 7 - NA VAKAILESILESI NI LOTU WESELE

Na wase oqo sa baleti ira na vakaailesilesi tudei ni Lotu ka tu na nodrai tavi ena kena cicivaki na lotu ena kena i tuvatuva. E levu tale era taura tu nai tutu vaka i liuliu eso ena loma ni lotu.

A. Na Vakaailesilesi ni Bose ko Viti.

7.1 Na Vakaailesilesi ni Bose ko Viti.

Na vakaailesilesi ni Bose ko Viti sai ira kara taura tu nai tutu oqo:-

7.1.1 Qase Levu.

7.1.2 Qase Levu Veivuke.

7.1.3 Vunivola Levu.

7.1.4 Vunivola Levu Veivuke.

7.1.5 Vunivola ni vei Tabana ni Bose ko Viti.

7.2 Na Qase Levu, Na Vunivola Levu, ni Vunivola Levu Veivuke.

Vakavo ga ke dua tani tale na lewa ni Bose ko Viti, ko iratou na Qase Levu, Vunivola Levu kei na Vunivola Levu Veivuke mera:

7.2.1 Sa yabaki tini[10] oti na nona tabaki ni bera ni qai digitaki ki nai tutu oya.

7.2.2 Digitaki ena Bose ko Viti ena veiyabaki ena veidigidigi vuni;

7.2.3 Vakatikori ena Bose ko Viti ga ka digitaki kina.

7.2.4 Me qai tekivu na nona cakacaka ena i matai ni Janueri ni oti na nona digitaki ena Bose ko Viti;

7.2.5 Na dodonu ni digitaki tale

(a) Ena vuku ni Qase Levu, sa sega ni rawa ni digitaki vakaveitarataravi me sivia e tolu na yabaki kei na vukudrau na Vunivola Levu kei na Vunivola Levu Veivuke, sa na sega ni rawa ni rau digitaki vakaveitarataravi me sivia e lima na yabaki.

(b) Sa na rawa ni ratou digitaki tale ki nai tutu oya ni sa oti e dua na yabaki na nodratou vakacegu mai kina.

7.2.6 Vakaailesilesi tu vakataki koya, ka sega ni lesi tale ki na dua nai lesilesi vaka i Talatala Qase se i Talatala ni Tabacacaka se dua tale nai lesilesi ni Bose ko Viti;

7.2.7 Eratou lewena na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu ena vuku ni nodratou i tutu kei na vei komiti ni Bose ko Viti tale eso;

7.2.8 Sa na rawa ni lala edua nai tutu kevaka ni sa:

(a) Mate okoya e taura tiko;

(b) Ciqomi na nona kere vakacegu mai vua na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu;

(c) Sa lewa na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu me sa vakacegui koya ena vuku ni dua vei ira na veika oqo:

i) Sa leqa nai tuvaki ni nona vakasama se tauvimate bibi ka sa sega ni rawa ni qarava kina nai tavi;

ii) Segga ni via qarava nai tavi me vaka na veilesi ni Bose ko Viti se cala ena dua na cala bibi;

iii) E sa lewai ka totogitaki ena dua na cala vakalawa bibi;

iv) E sa beqaravu;

CHAPTER 7 – METHODIST CHURCH OFFICERS

This Chapter refers to officers who have particular responsibilities in the governance and administrative structure of the Church. There are many other people in leadership roles and providing committed service in the activities of the Church.

A. Conference Officers

7.1 List of Conference Officers

Conference Officers are persons holding the following offices: -

- 7.1.1 President*
- 7.1.2 Lay Vice President*
- 7.1.3 General Secretary*
- 7.1.4 Deputy General Secretary*
- 7.1.5 Secretaries of Conference Departments and Units*

7.2 President, General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary

Unless the Annual Conference shall decide otherwise, each of the President, General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary shall: -

- 7.2.1 Qualification: be Ministers who have completed ten (10) years of service after ordination at the time of election to office;*
- 7.2.2 Election: be elected annually by the Annual Conference by secret ballot;*
- 7.2.3 Induction: be inducted into office at the Conference meeting at which the election takes place;*
- 7.2.4 Commencement: hold office for the calendar year commencing 1 January following the Annual Conference at which the election takes place;*
- 7.2.5 Eligibility for re-election:*
 - (a) In the case of the President, not be eligible to be elected to the office for more than three consecutive years and in the case of each of the General Secretary and the Deputy General Secretary, not be eligible to be elected to the office for more than five consecutive years;*
 - (b) Be eligible for re-election to their respective offices after a break of at least one year.*
- 7.2.6 Separated appointment: hold office as a separated appointment and not hold any appointment as Divisional Superintendent or Circuit Minister or any other Conference Office;*
- 7.2.7 Ex- officio membership: be ex-officio members of the Standing Committee and other Conference committees and boards.*
- 7.2.8 Vacating office: vacate office upon*
 - (a) death;*
 - (b) acceptance of the officer's resignation by the Standing Committee;*
 - (c) decision of the Standing Committee to terminate the appointment for any of the following reasons:*
 - (i) the officer has become mentally incapable or medically unfit to perform the officer's duties;*
 - (ii) refusal of the officer to perform duties or other serious misconduct in performance of duties;*
 - (iii) the officer has been convicted of a criminal offence*
 - (iv) has been declared bankrupt*

- v) E sa tau vua edua nai totogi ena vuku ni nonai tutu vakai Talatala.
Ke sa yaco na veika oqo, sa na qai lesia na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu edua nai Talatala ka ganita me taura Vakatawa nai tutu me yacova yani na cava ni yabaki ka ena vuku ni tutu vaka Qase Levu, sa rawa ga ni lesi kina edua
- sa Qase Levu oti;
 - Ke sa mani lala nai tutu, sa rawa vua na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu me lesia edua ka a taura tu mai nai tutu koya ena yabaki sa qai sivi;

7.3 Nai Tavi ni Qase Levu.

Vakavo ga ke qai veisautaki na Bose ko Viti, nai Tavi ni Qase Levu:-

7.3.1 Me i Vakatawa ni Sipi Levu ni Lotu

7.3.2 Me matataka na lotu ka me dau lesia e dua tale me matataka na lotu ena gauna e sega ni rawa kina vua me matataka na lotu.

7.3.3 Me dau liutaka

(a) Na Bose ko Viti kei na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu vakavo ga ena gauna e dau sureta kina na Qase Levu Veivuke me liutaka na bose; se ena gauna e yali kina na Qase Levu Veivuke me qai dau lesi e dua na Qase Levu vakacegu me liutaka na bose kei;

(b) Na vei Komiti ni Bose ko Viti ka tiko kina okoya vakavo ga ke sega ni gadreva me liutaka se edua tale na ka e lewa kina na Bose ko Viti.

7.3.4 Me dau vakatikori ira na i Talatala Qase;

7.3.5 Me dau vakatulewa ena vuku ni lotu ka me dau cakacaka ena yaca ni lotu ena gauna eso me baleta na qele kei na i yau ni lotu, ena veigauna e nanuma kina okoya ni tiko edua na gauna ni leqa bibi tubukoso se dua tale na vuna e gadrevi kina na Vakataulewa kei na cakacaka totolo, ka sa sega ni rawa ki na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu me bose me Vakataulewa kina, ka mena dau tukutuku ki na Bose ko Viti kei na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu ena veigauna yadudua e cakava kina ka me dau cava na nona vakayagataka na kaukauwa oqo ena gauna totolo duadua ni sa oti na leqa tubukoso oya; ka

7.3.6 Me dau vakataulewa ena veitikina eso e sega ni tu ena Yavu ni Vakataulewa se lewa vakabau ni Bose ko Viti ka me dau tukuni yani ki na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu kei na Bose ko Viti ka tarava na vakataulewa oya.

7.3.7 Me nona i tavi na Qase Levu (se dua na vakailesilesi e lesia ko koya) me dau vakaraica na cakacaka ni Liuliu ni Wasewase ka baleta na nona veiliutaki, cakacaka vakaivakatawa ni sipi kei na ka vakaivola

7.4 Na Qase Levu Veivuke.

Vakavo ga ke veisautaka na Bose ko Viti, na Qase Levu Veivuke me:-

7.4.1 Dua na lewe ni lotu Siga Dina ka sa lewe ni Bose ko Viti ena tolu na yabaki veitarataravi ni bera na Bose ko Viti ka digitaki kina;

7.4.2 Dau digitaki ena veidigidigi vuni ena veiyabaki;

7.4.3 Vakatikori ena Bose ko Viti ka digitaki kina;

7.4.4 Tekivu enai tutu enai matai ni Janueri ena yabaki ka tarava na nona digitaki;

iv) disciplinary action against the officer as a Minister.

In that event the Standing Committee may appoint another qualified Minister to fill the office for the remainder of the year provided that

- in the case of a vacancy in the office of President, the appointee is a past President;*
- in the case of a vacancy in any of the offices, the Standing Committee may at its discretion appoint a Minister who has held the office in the preceding calendar year.*

7.3 Responsibilities of the President

Unless the Annual Conference shall decide otherwise, the responsibilities of the President are: -

7.3.1 To be the Chief Pastor of the Church;

7.3.2 To be the official representative of the Church and when the President is not available to appoint the Vice President or another person when appropriate to represent the Church in place of the President;

7.3.3 To preside

(a) At the Annual Conference and the Standing Committee meetings unless the President requests the Vice President or, if the Vice President is unavailable, a past President, to preside; and

(b) At other Conference Committee meetings that the President attends unless the President chooses not to do so or the Annual Conference decides otherwise;

7.3.4 To induct Divisional Superintendents;

7.3.5 To make decisions on behalf of the Church and act in the name of the Church regarding the administration, property and affairs of the Church whenever in the opinion of the President a state of emergency occurs or for whatever reason urgent action is required and it is not practical for the Standing Committee to meet and decide the action to be taken and in each such case the President shall report to the Conference or the Standing Committee and cease to exercise this extraordinary power as soon as it is practical to do so; and

7.3.6 To give rulings on matters not covered by the Constitution or decisions of Annual Conference, such rulings to be reported to the next Standing Committee for confirmation or amendment;

7.3.7 To oversee (either personally or by delegation to a suitable person or persons) the Divisional Superintendents' administrative work and pastoral duties and general bookwork.

7.4 Vice President

Unless the Annual Conference shall decide otherwise, the Vice President shall: -

7.4.1 Qualification: be a lay confirmed member of the Methodist Church who has been a member of the Annual Conference for three consecutive years prior to the Annual Conference at which he or she is elected as Vice President;

7.4.2 Election: be elected annually by secret ballot;

7.4.3 Induction: be inducted into office at the Annual Conference at which the election takes place;

7.4.4 Commencement: hold office for the calendar year commencing 1 January following the Annual Conference meeting at which the election takes place;

- 7.4.5 Dodonu me digitaki tale
- (a) Sa na sega ni rawa ni digitaki tale ki nai tutu vaka Qase Levu Veivuke me sivia e tolu na yabaki veitarataravi; ka
 - (b) Rawa ni tu me digitaki tale ni sa oti e dua na yabaki ena nona sa vakacegu mai nai tutu oya.
- 7.4.6 Tutu sega ni saumi: Na i tutu vaka i Vukevuke ni Qase Levu e sega ni tutu saumi; ia kevaka e lewa vakakina na Bose ko Viti, sa na vakayagataka eso na i lavo me saumi kina na veika eso mei vakayaga ena nona cakacaka vaka i Vuvevuke ni Qase Levu
- 7.4.7 Vakalalai ni i tutu
Sa na vakalalai nai tutu ena veika oqo:-
- (a) mate
 - (b) Ni sa kerea na nona vakacegu ki na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu ka sa ciqomi mai kina;
 - (c) Na lewa ni Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu me muduka nai tutu ena vuku ni veika oqo:
 - (i) Sa sega ni rawa vua na Qase Levu Veivuke me qarava na nonai tavi ni sa tauvimate se tauvi mate ni mona ka sa sega kina ni rawa me qarava na nonai tavi.
 - (ii) Ni sa bese ni qarava na nonai tavi na Qase Levu Veivuke se sa cakava eso nai tovo sei valavala tawa kilikili.
 - (iii) Ke sa lewai na Qase Levu Veivuke ka totogitaki ena dua na cala vakalawa.
 - (iv) Ke sa beqaravu na Qase Levu Veivuke.
ke sa yaco e dua vei ira na veika oqo me sa digitaka na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu e dua na lewe ni lotu ka tu vua nai solisoli, me taura vakawawa toka nai tutu oqo me yacova na Bose ko Viti.

7.5 Ai tavi ni Qase Levu Veivuke.

Sa i tavi ni Qase Levu Veivuke me:-

- 7.5.1 Liutaka na Bose ko Viti se dua na Komiti ni Bose ko Viti se dua tale na matabose ka sosomitaka kina na Qase Levu ena nona veisureti, vakavo ga ke digitaka na Qase Levu Veivuke me kakua ni tiko kina se me vaka na lewa ni Bose ko Viti.
- 7.5.2 Tuirara Levu ni Bose ko Viti ka nodra i Liuliu ni Lewenilotu;
- 7.5.3 Ena nona veisureti na Qase Levu, se Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu, me matataka na Qase Levu se Lotu ena veisoqo eso ka sega ni tiko rawa kina na Qase Levu, vakavo ga ke gadrevi kina na cakacaka vaka iTalatala; ka
- 7.5.4 Me lewe ni Bose ni Yabaki ena i Wasewase ka tiko kina, lewe ni Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu kei na vei Komiti ni Bose ko Viiti tale eso, ena vuku ni nona itutu.

7.6 Ai Tavi ni Vunivola Levu.

Vakavo ga ke veisautaka na Bose ko Viti, nai tavi ni Vunivola Levu sa na wili kina na veika oqo:-

- 7.6.1 Me Vakaillesilesi Liu ka mata ni Bose ko Viti;
- 7.6.2 Me dau maroroya na veidinadinati;

- 7.4.5 *Eligibility for re-election:*
- (a) *Not be elected to the office of Vice President for more than three consecutive years; and*
 - (b) *Be eligible for re-election after a break of at least one year.*
- 7.4.6 *Honorary office: be an honorary office but if the Conference so decides, an allowance may be paid to cover necessary expenses.*
- 7.4.7 *Vacating office: vacate office upon*
- (a) *Death;*
 - (b) *Acceptance of the Vice President's resignation by the Standing Committee;*
 - (c) *Decision of the Standing Committee to terminate the appointment for any of the following reasons:*
 - (i) *The Vice President has become mentally incapable or medically unfit to perform the duties of the Vice President;*
 - (ii) *Refusal of the Vice President to perform duties or other serious misconduct in performance of duties;*
 - (iii) *The Vice President has been convicted of a criminal offence*
 - (iv) *The Vice President has become bankrupt.*
- In the event of any of the above, the Standing Committee may appoint another qualified lay person to fill the office until the next Conference.*

7.5 Responsibilities of the Vice President

Unless the Annual Conference shall decide otherwise prescribe, the responsibilities of the Vice President are: -

- 7.5.1 *To preside in the Conference or in any Conference board or committee or other Conference body that the Vice President attends in the absence or at the request of the President unless the Vice President chooses not to do so or the Annual Conference decides otherwise;*
- 7.5.2 *To act as Chief Steward of the Conference and chief representative of laity of the Church;*
- 7.5.3 *At the request of the President or the Standing Committee, to represent the President and/or the Church at functions where the President is unable to attend except where Ministerial functions are to be performed; and*
- 7.5.4 *To be an ex-officio member of the Annual Divisional Meeting of the Division to which he or she belongs and the Standing Committee and other Conference committees and boards.*

7.6 Duties of the General Secretary

Unless the Annual Conference shall decide otherwise, the duties of the General Secretary shall include the following: -

- 7.6.1 *To be the Chief Executive Officer and act as agent of the Annual Conference;*
- 7.6.2 *To be the custodian of deeds;*

7.6.3 Me qarava ka lewa na cakacaka ni Valenivolavola ni Bose ko Viti, na cicivaki ni Bose ko Viti kei na lewai ni cakacaka e Valenivolavola.

7.6.4 Me lewa na ka me baleta na i lavo ni lotu

7.6.5 Me raica ni caka na veika oqo:-

(a) Vakataucokotaki ka maroroi ni tukutuku ni Bose ni Bose ko Viti;

(b) digitaki ni Dauniyau ni Lotu kei na Daunivakasala Vakalawa ni Lotu, ena veigauna e gadrevi kina, kei na Vakaillesilesi kece ni Valenivolavola e gadrevi, ka ena vuku ni Dauniyau ni Lotu kei Daunivakasala Vakalawa ni Lotu me vakarautaka na nodrau vakatikori ena Bose ko Viti, vakavo ga ke dua tani na lewa ni Bose ko Viti ena tikina oqo.

(c) Me vakarautaka ka tabaka na bisinisi ni Bose ko Viti;

(d) Raica me dodonu na i tukutuku ni Bose ko Viti kei na kena Vakatulawa;

(e) Vakarautaka ka tabaki me veisoliyaki nai Tukutuku ni Bose ko Viti.

7.7 Vakavo ga ke veisautaka na Bose ko Viti, na itavi ni Vunivola Levu Veivuke sa na vaka oqo:-

7.7.1 Me cakava na cakacaka vaka Vunivola Levu ena gauna e yali kina e Viti na Vunivola Levu se ki na dua tale na vuna e sega ni rawa kina vua me qarava nai tavi ni nona itutu.

7.7.2 Ena veisureti ni Vunivola Levu se Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu, me matataka na Vunivola Levu se Lotu ena so na soqo ka dodonu me tiko kina na Vunivola Levu;

7.7.3 Me saumi taro ki vua na Vunivola Levu ena vei i tavi kei na cakacaka vaka Valenivolavola e soli vua me qarava, kei na lewa vakadewataki, ena cakacaka ena vukuna na Vunivola Levu.

7.8 Vunivola ni vei Tabana ni Bose ko Viti.

7.8.1 Ko ira nai Talatala, Vada ni Turaga, se Lewenilotu ka tu vei ira nai solisoli, vakatagedegede ni vuli e gadrevi ena ivola koroi/se kila vakacakacaka, e rawa me ra digitaki ena Bose ko Viti mera Vunivola ena vei Tabacakacaka vaka Bose ko Viti, se ena vei Tabana tale eso e tauyavutaka na Bose ko Viti.

7.8.2 Ko ira kece na Vunivola ni veitabana kei ira e digitaki ira na Vunivola Levu, era na cakacaka ena Valenivolavola ni Bose ko Viti ena ruku ni Veiliutaki ni Vunivola Levu.

B. Vakaillesilesi ni Wasewase.

7.9 Talatala Qase.

7.9.1 Vakavo ga ke veisautaka na Bose ko Viti:-

(a) Na i Talatala Qase, sai koya e dua na i Talatala ka sa sivia e tini na yabaki ni cakacaka ni sa tabaki oti ka sa tu vua na kila vakacakacaka kei nai solisoli yaga eso kei na loloma me rawa kina ni taura na cakacaka vaka i Liuliu ni Wasewase.

(b) Mera digitaka mai na vei Wasewase kece ena nodra Bose Vakayabaki ni Wasewase, me kua ni sivia e tolu[3] na yaca mai vei ira era sa rawa ni Talatala Qase, mera digitaki mera i Liuliu ni Wasewase.

(c) Veitalia ga na tikina e koto ena [b] mai cake, sa tu vua na Bose ko Viti na galala me tomana na yacadra tale eso na i Talatala kara sa rawa ni digitaki ki nai vola ni yacadra mera digitaki.

(d) Era dau digitaki ena vei yabaki nai Talatala Qase mai nai vola ni yacadra era sa rawa ni digitaki, enai matai ni Komiti ni Veilesi.

7.9.2 E sega ni i tutu tu vakataki koya nai Talatala Qase ka me tawani mai vua e dua na i Talatala tiko ni Tabacakacaka.

- 7.6.3 To be responsible for the organisation of the work of the Conference office and Annual Conference and all matters relating to the administration of the Church and the Conference Secretariat;
- 7.6.4 To be responsible for the handling of all connexional monies;
- 7.6.5 To see that the following are carried out: -
- (a) Maintain up-to-date and safe keeping of records of Annual Conference business and meetings;
 - (b) Appointment of Conference Accountant and Conference Legal Officer, as from time to time required, and all necessary office staff and, in the case of the Conference Accountant and Conference Legal Officer, to arrange for them to be inducted into office at the Annual Conference unless the Annual Conference shall decide otherwise;
 - (c) Preparation and presentation of Annual Conference business;
 - (d) Accurate recording of Annual Conference meetings and proceedings; and
 - (e) Preparation and issuing of the Minutes of Annual Conference.

7.7 Duties of the Deputy General Secretary

Unless the Annual Conference shall decide otherwise, the duties of the Deputy General Secretary shall include the following: -

- 7.7.1 To perform the functions of the General Secretary if the General Secretary is absent from duty or Fiji or is for any other reason unable to perform the duties of the office;
- 7.7.2 At the request of the General Secretary or the Standing Committee to represent the General Secretary and/or the Church at functions where the General Secretary is unable to attend; and
- 7.7.3 To be responsible to the General Secretary for all duties and any administrative work assigned or delegated to the Deputy General Secretary from time to time, and in the case of delegation, to act on behalf of and with the authority of the General Secretary.

7.8 Conference Departmental Officers

- 7.8.1 Ministers, Deaconesses or lay people with required or relevant gifts, qualifications at degree level and/or experience may be elected by the Annual Conference as Secretaries for particular areas of the Church's ministry and mission and work within departments or other administrative units or bodies established by the Annual Conference.
- 7.8.2 The Secretaries and other staff appointed by the General Secretary shall work, and liaise with each other in the Conference Secretariat, under the leadership of the General Secretary.

B. Divisional Officers

7.9 Divisional Superintendents

7.9.1 Unless the Annual Conference shall decide otherwise

- (a) **Qualifications:** A Divisional Superintendent shall be a Minister who has completed ten (10) years of service as a Minister since ordination and who has the appropriate experience, gifts and graces to undertake the responsibilities of Divisional Superintendent.
- (b) **Nominations from Divisions:** Each Annual Divisional Meeting shall submit to the Annual Conference not more than three (3) names of Ministers within the Division who are eligible for election as Divisional Superintendent.
- (c) **Nominations from Conference:** Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the Annual Conference may add further names of eligible Ministers to the list of nominees.
- (d) **Election:** Divisional Superintendents shall normally be elected annually from the total list of nominees at the First Reading of Stations.

7.9.2 **Circuit appointment:** The office of Divisional Superintendent shall normally not be a separated appointment but be filled by a Minister with a Circuit appointment in the Division.

- 7.9.3 Ni sa vakacavara e lima na yabaki veitarataravi ni nona cakacaka edua nai Talatala Qase, sa na sega ni qai lesi tale vaka i Talatala Qase, vakavo ga ke:-
- (a) sa qaravi oti edua na vakadikevi lesu ni nona cakacaka; ka
 - (b) ra vakadonuya e sega ni lailai mai na rua nai ka tolu ni lewe ni Bose ka ra tiko ka digidigi tiko enai matai ni Veilesi

7.10 Nai lesilesi ni Wasewase tale eso.

- 7.10.1 Tuirara Levu ni Wasewase.
- 7.10.2 Dauniyau ni Wasewase.
- 7.10.3 Vunivola ni Wasewase.
- 7.10.4 Liuliu ni Wasewase - Wilivola ni Siga Tabu
- 7.10.5 Liuliu ni Wasewase-Mataveitokani
- 7.10.6 Liuliu ni Wasewase-Marama
- 7.10.7 Liuliu ni Wasewase-Turaga
- 7.10.8 Liuliu ni Bula Raraba.
- 7.10.9 Liuliu ni Veivakalotutaki
- 7.10.10 Dua tale nai lesilesi ka digitaki mai na Bose ni Yabaki.

C. Vakaililesi Ni Tabacakacaka

7.11 Talatala Ni Tabacakacaka

- 7.11.1 Na veilesi: Na Bose ko Viti, se na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu ena veigauna e gadrevi kina, me sa dau digitaka ena veiyabaki e dua na i Talatala ni Tabacakacaka ena loma ni Wasewase.
- 7.11.2 Na i Talatala Qase Vakatawa: Ena veigauna e gadrevi kina, sa na digitaki e dua na i Talatala ni Tabacakacaka me Talatala Qase Vakatawa.
- 7.11.3 Ke sa lesia na Bose ko Viti e sivia e dua na i Talatala ki na dua na Tabacakacaka, me sa qai volai e liu na yacana ena i vola ni veilesi.

7.12 Lesilesi ni Tabacakacaka

- 7.12.1 Tuirara ni Tabacakacaka.
- 7.12.2 Dauniyau ni Tabacakacaka.
- 7.12.3 Vunivola ni Tabacakacaka.
- 7.12.4 Nai Vakatawa Yaco.
- 7.12.5 Liuliu ni Wilivola ni Siga Tabu ni Tabacakacaka
- 7.12.6 Liuliu ni Mataveitokani ni Tabacakacaka
- 7.12.7 Liuliu ni Marama ni Tabacakacaka
- 7.12.8 Liuliu ni Turaga ni Tabacakacaka
- 7.12.9 Liuliu ni Bula raraba ni Tabacakacaka
- 7.12.10 Liuliu ni Veivakalotutaki ni Tabacakacaka
- 7.12.11 E dua tale na Vakaililesi ka digitaki mai na Bose Vulatolu.

D. Vakaililesi ni Valenilotu.

- 7.13.1 Vakatawa.
- 7.13.2 Tuirara ni Valenilotu.
- 7.13.3 Dauniyau.
- 7.13.4 Vunivola.
- 7.13.5 Liuliu ni Matasiga
- 7.13.6 Qase ni koro se Vakavuvuli

- 7.9.3 *Eligibility for re-election beyond 5 years: When a Minister has served as Superintendent of a Division for five (5) consecutive years, the Minister shall not be re-appointed as Divisional Superintendent unless:*
- (a) *any required evaluation of the Minister's ministry and performance has been undertaken; and*
 - (b) *at least two-thirds of those present and voting on the First Reading, vote in favour of the re-appointment.*

7.10 Other Divisional Officers

- 7.10.1 *Division Steward (Chief Steward)*
- 7.10.2 *Division Lay Treasurer*
- 7.10.3 *Division Secretary*
- 7.10.4 *Division Leader - Sunday Schools*
- 7.10.5 *Division Leader - Methodist Youth Fellowship*
- 7.10.6 *Division Leader - Women's Fellowship*
- 7.10.7 *Division Leader - Men's Fellowship*
- 7.10.8 *Division Leader - Christian Citizenship and Social Services*
- 7.10.9 *Division Leader - Evangelism*
- 7.10.10 *Any other officers appointed by the Annual Divisional Meeting.*

C. Circuit Officers

7.11 Circuit Ministers

- 7.11.1 *Election: The Annual Conference, or whenever the need arises, the Standing Committee, shall annually elect a Minister who has the requisite gifts and graces to be a Circuit Minister within a Division.*
- 7.11.2 *Acting Divisional Superintendent: Whenever the need arises, a Circuit Minister will act as Divisional Superintendent.*
- 7.11.3 *Leading minister: Where Conference appoints more than one Minister to a Circuit, it shall list the leading Minister of the Circuit first in the stationing sheet.*

7.12 Other Circuit Officers

Other Circuit Officers are: -

- 7.12.1 *Circuit Steward*
- 7.12.2 *Circuit Lay Treasurer*
- 7.12.3 *Circuit Secretary*
- 7.12.4 *Lay Pastor*
- 7.12.5 *Circuit Leader - Sunday Schools*
- 7.12.6 *Circuit Leader - Methodist Youth Fellowship*
- 7.12.7 *Circuit Leader - Women's Fellowship*
- 7.12.8 *Circuit Leader - Men's Fellowship*
- 7.12.9 *Circuit Leader - Christian Citizenship and Social Services*
- 7.12.10 *Circuit Leader - Evangelism*
- 7.12.11 *Any other officers who are appointed by the Quarterly Meeting.*

D. Local Church Officers

7.13 The Local Church Officers are: -

- 7.13.1 *Lay Pastor*
- 7.13.2 *Church Steward*
- 7.13.3 *Lay Treasurer*
- 7.13.4 *Lay Secretary*
- 7.13.5 *Class Leader*
- 7.13.6 *Church Elders/Teacher*

- 7.13.7 Liuliu ni Qasenivuli ni Wilivola ni Sigatabu
- 7.13.8 Liuliu ni Mataveitokani
- 7.13.9 Liuliu ni Veitokani ni Marama
- 7.13.10 Liuliu ni Veitokani ni Turaga
- 7.13.11 Liuliu ni Bula Raraba
- 7.13.12 Liuliu ni Veivakalotutaki
- 7.13.13 Na Vakalesilesi ka digitaki mai na Bose Vulavou.

E *Nai tavi kei na cakacaka ka virikotori.*

7.14 *Na nodrai tavi na Vakalesilesi ena Bose Vulavou.*

Sa rawa vua na Bose ko Viti me virikotori ena veigauna eso na nodrai tavi kei na cakacaka na Vakalesilesi ni lotu ena kena vei tagede kece sara. Ko ira na Vakalesilesi era na cakacaka me vaka na ka sa virikotori na Bose ko Viti kei na vei tavi tale eso e lesia vei ira na mata bosa tale eso ena loma ni i tuvatuva ni lotu, ka lesi ira.

- 7.13.7 *Sunday School Superintendent*
- 7.13.8 *Leader – Methodist Youth Fellowship*
- 7.13.9 *Leader – Women’s Fellowship*
- 7.13.10 *Leader – Men’s Fellowship*
- 7.13.11 *Leader – Christian Citizenship and Social Services*
- 7.13.12 *Leader – Evangelism*
- 7.13.13 *Any other officers appointed by the Quarterly Meeting*

E *Prescribed Responsibilities, Duties and Functions*

7.14 *Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of Officers of the Church*

The Annual Conference may from time to time prescribe the responsibilities, duties and functions of the each category of Officers of the Church. The Officers shall act in accordance with any such prescription and other requirements of the bodies that appoint them or have the requisite authority within the structure of the Church.

WASE 8 - NA QELE KEI NA IYAU NI LOTU

8.1 Nai Yalayala ni lewa ni Bose ko Viti.

Sa tu vua na Bose ko Viti na lewa me baleta na i yau Tudei ni lotu kei na kenai lavo ena vei valenitlotu kece sara kei na vei koronivuli kei na vei soqosoqo tale eso ena loma ni lotu kei ira na Vakaillesilesi era qarava nai yau ni lotu ka sa soli vua na kaukauwa me cakava nai otioti ni Vakatulawa me baleta na i yau Tudei kei nai lavo ka okati kina na kena maroroi, cakacakataki ka tukuni-kataki vakamatata.

8.2 Na Waqa Vakalawa.

8.2.1 A vakabau ena Bose ko Viti ena 2004, na kena wasei tani na uto ni veiqaravi vakayalo ni Lotu mai na nona cakacakataka vaka bisinisi na nona yau, qele, kei na veika tale e taukena ka vakadonuya vakararaba talega me sa i matai ni kalawa ni kena vukici na Yavu ni Vakavulewa na kena tauyavu e dua na waqa vakalawa ka vakatokai na Methodist Church Holdings Trust me taura ka me lewa ka liutaka ena vuku ni Bose ko Viti, na kena cakacakataki vakamatau ena sala vakabisinisi, nai yau ni lotu, na qele kei na vei yau tale eso ka na solia yani vua na Bose ko Viti ena veigauna eso.

8.2.2 A sa vukici na Yavu ni Vakatulawa ni Lotu Wesele ni 1984/2000

8.2.3 Na Methodist Church in Fiji Holdings Trust, e dua na waqa vakalawa ka tu na kena lawa ni veisosomitaki kei nai vakatakilakila raraba, ka rawa ni taukena, maroroya na i yau, volitaka se solia, sainitaka na konitaraki, veilewai se veilewaitaki ena yacana ga.

8.2.4 Na MCIF Holdings Trust e sa tauyavutaka e dua na Matabose ni Vakadinadina ka me dau digitaki, sosomitaki se vakacegui ena Bose ko Viti ena vei yabaki. E cakacaka ena dua na Deed of Trust ka sainitaki enai ka 7 ni Evereli, 2006 ena kedrau maliwa na Lotu Wesele kei na Trust.

8.3 Na Veiliutaki

Nai yau kece ni lotu ka sa soli ki na Trust me vaka e virikotori ena Trust Deed ka sainitaki ena i ka 26 ni Veverueri, 1979, esa na soli ki na liga ni Trust me maroroya, cakacakataka ka qarava ena ruku ni vei lawa eso ka na dau virikotori se virikotori ena lewa ni Bose ko Viti.

8.4 Nai Lavo ni Lotu

Me dau veisoliyaki na akaude ni lotu sa dikevi oti vakadaunifika ki na vei Wasewase me veisoliyaki ki na nodra vei Tabacakacaka, ni oti ga na Bose ko Viti.

CHAPTER 8 – PROPERTY AND FINANCE

8.1 Conference Jurisdiction

The Annual Conference has jurisdiction in matters of property and finance over local churches, institutions and other bodies within the Church and persons having responsibility within the Church, and is empowered to make final decisions on matters relating to property and finance including administration, management and accountability.

8.2 The Methodist Church in Fiji Holding Trust

8.2.1 *The 2004 Annual Conference approved the separation of the core spiritual functions of the Church from the management of its commercial business affairs relating to its property, land, assets and liabilities and approved in principle, as the first stage of the process to amend the Constitution of the Church, the establishment of a trust to be called the Methodist Church in Fiji Holding Trust to hold and be responsible to the Annual Conference for the oversight of the proper commercial management of property, land and assets of the Church that are transferred to the Trust from time to time.*

8.2.2 *The 1984/2000 Constitution of the Methodist Church was amended by the 2005 Annual Conference and pursuant to the amendment a division of the Church titled “The Methodist Church in Fiji Holding Trust” (also known as the ‘MCIF Holding Trust’ and ‘MCF Holding Trust’) was established to hold, control and manage the property and investment portfolio of the Church.*

8.2.3 *The MCIF Holding Trust is a corporate entity with perpetual succession and a common seal which may acquire, hold or dispose of property, enter into contracts, and sue or be sued in its own name.*

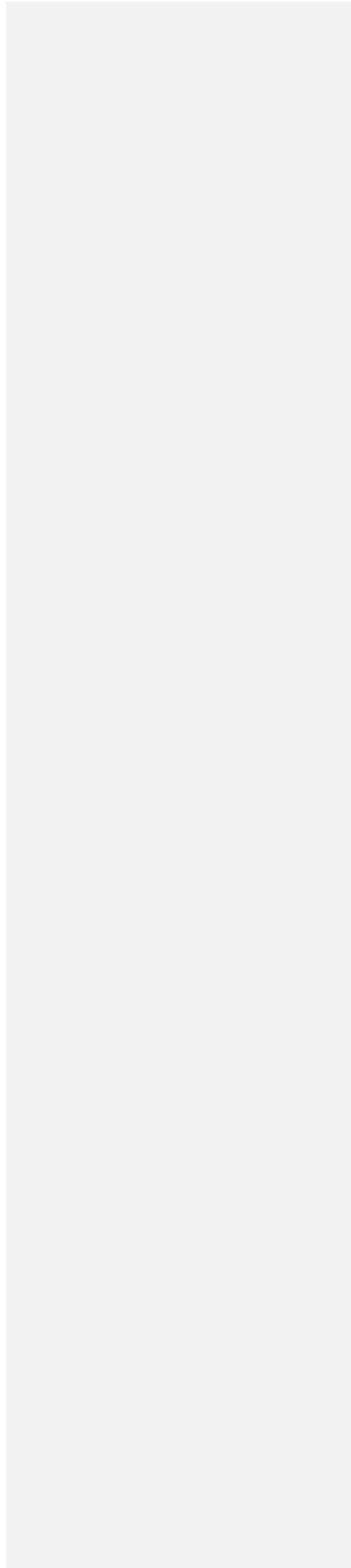
8.2.4 *The MCIF Holding Trust has established a Board of Trustees who shall be appointed, removed, replaced or re-appointed by the Annual Conference yearly. It operates under Deed of Trust made the 7th April 2006 made between the Church and the MCIF Holding Trust Registration No 30062.*

8.3 Management

All property that is vested in trustees pursuant to the Methodist Church Trust Deed dated 26 February 1979 shall be held, managed and dealt with in accordance with Regulations, policies and resolutions made from time to time by or under the authority of the Annual Conference.

8.4 Church Finance

Audited statements of accounts of the Methodist Church are to be distributed to each Division following each Annual Conference for distribution to Circuits



WASE 9 -NA VEISAUTAKI NI YAVU NI VAKATULEWA, NA VAKADEWA, BULI LAWU KEI NA BOKOCINI LAWATU

9.1 Vukici Ni Yavu Ni Vakaturewa.

Na Yavu ni Vakaturewa oqo sa na vukici rawa ga ni sa vakamuri na vei sala sa dusi koto ena Wase duadua ga oqo ka sega tale ni dua na sala.

Ai Vakarau Me Muri Kei Na i Wiliwili.

9.1.1 Sa na vakaturi e dua na mosoni me baleta na vukici ni Yavu ni Vakaturewa, ka caka kina na vakaturewa me sa vukici na Yavu ni Vakaturewa.

9.1.2 Me vakabau na Mosoni vakaturi se na kena vukici enai vakarau oqo:

- (a) Me vakaturi vakarua na Mosoni ka vakabau vakarua na kena wiliki.
- (b) Me vakaturi taumada ki na Bose ko Viti, ka me vakadonui ena wiliwili levu e tiko rawa ena bose ka laveligataki kina, se vukici se sega.
- (c) Ke sa vakadonui me qai vagolei yani ki na vei Bose Vakayabaki ni Wasewase me veivosakitaki kina, ke sa vakadonui me qai vakaturi mai ki na Bose ko Viti ka tarava me veivosakitaki tale kina. Sa vakabau na kena vukici kesa vakadonuya, ke lailai, e rua-nai-katolu ni wiliwili ni Lewe ni Bose ko Viti era tiko kara veidigidigi tiko ena gauna e veivosakitaki kina.
- (d) Na Mosoni e rawa ni vakaturi enai ka rua ni kena wiliki ena kena sa vukici oti ka rawa ni so tale na kena vukici ni bera ni vakabau na Mosoni vakaturi.

9.2 Na kena vakaibalebaletaki.

Ni vakaibalebaletaki e dua na ka e koto e na loma ni Yavu ni Vakaturewa oqo:

9.2.1 Ena vinaka cake nai vakadewa e tokona cake nai naki kei nai balebale e koto ena tikina koya, ia me raica vakabibi nai naki raraba ni Yavu ni Vakaturewa kei na kena yalo mai na kena e sega ni tokona vaka kina.

9.2.2 Ke mani koto eso na duidui ena kena vosa vakavavalagi kei na vosa vakaviti, se vosa vakaidia se so tale navosa, me sa vakadeitaki na kena i balebale ena vosa vakavavalagi.

9.3 Vakamatataki ni Yavu ni Vakaturewa.

Ena gauna kece e sega ni matata kina nai vakadewa ni Yavu ni Vakaturewa (se kena Veilawa Lalai) e sa na qai Vakaturewa kina na Bose ko Viti. Ke yaco ni sega ni matata nai vakavakadewa ena gauna e sega ni dabe tiko kina na Bose ko Viti, me qai cakava na Komiti ni Cakacaka levu edua na lewa, ka me qai vakau yani ki na Bose ko Viti ka tarava me vakadeitaka na lewa se veisautaka.

9.4 Na Kaukauwa Ni buli Lawatu kei na kena Veisautaki

Sa tu ga ki na Bose ko Viti kei na Komiti ni Cakacaka Levu na kaukauwa ni kena buli, veisau se bokoci na Lawatu, ena nodra lave liga e rua na I ka tolu ni lewe ni Bose era tiko ka laveliga tiko, na vei Lawatu ka yaga ena kena cici vinaka ka cakacakataki vakavinaka kina na Lotu Wesele. Na vakaturewa e cakava kina na Komiti ni cakacaka levu sa na cakacakataki, ia me na kau cake yani ki na Bose ko Viti ka tarava me dikevi kina.

CHAPTER 9 – ALTERING THE CONSTITUTION, INTERPRETATION, AND REGULATIONS

9.1 *Alteration Of Constitution.*

This Constitution may be altered in the way set out in this Chapter and may not be altered in any other way.

Special Procedures and Majority.

9.1.1 *A proposal for the alteration of this Constitution must be expressed as a Motion for a resolution to alter this Constitution.*

9.1.2 *The Motion, with or without amendment, shall be passed in accordance with the following procedure:*

- (a) *The Motion is read 2 times and the two readings of the Motion are carried.*
- (b) *The Motion may be first read by Annual Conference or the Standing Committee and must be supported, with or without amendments, by a simple majority of members present and voting.*
- (c) *The second reading of the Motion by Annual Conference which does not take place until after full opportunity for debate at the next immediate Annual Divisional Meetings, must be supported by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting at Annual Conference.*
- (d) *The Motion may be presented at the second reading in an amended form and further amendments may be included in the final form of the Motion which is passed.*

9.2 *Interpretation*

In the interpretation of a provision of this Constitution:

9.2.1 *A construction that would promote the purpose or object underlying the provision, taking into account the spirit of this Constitution as a whole and the intention of Annual Conference, is to be preferred to a construction that would not promote that purpose or object.*

9.2.2 *If there is an apparent difference between the meaning of the English version of the provision and its meaning in the iTaukei or Hindustani or other language, the English version prevails.*

9.3 *Interpretation by Conference*

Whenever the interpretation or application of this Constitution (and Regulations) is in doubt, the matter shall be resolved by the Annual Conference. If uncertainties arise when the Annual Conference is not in session, the Standing Committee may make an interim decision, which shall be referred to the next ensuing Annual Conference for confirmation or amendment.

9.4 *Power To Make, Amend and Repeal Regulations*

Each of the Annual Conference and the Standing Committee shall have power to make, amend and repeal by resolution supported by a majority of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting on the matter at the meeting such Regulations as are considered desirable for the life, good organization and administration of the Church. Any such resolution of the Standing Committee shall take effect but must be tabled for review at the first Annual Conference after the resolution.

9.5. Na Bokoci Ni Lawa.

Sa na bokoci na vei Yavu ni Vakavulewa kece ka ra bula tu mai ena gauna sa vakabau kina na Yavu ni Vakavulewa oqo.

9.6 Vakaliuci.

Na Yavu ni Vakavulewa ni LotuWesele e Viti se na kena na vukici ena veigauna eso, sa vakaliuci mai vei ira tale na vei Lawa, vei Dusidusi kei na veivakarau ni LotuWesele e Viti.

9.5. Repeal

All prior Constitutions of the Church are repealed when the adoption of this Constitution takes effect.

9.6 Precedence

This Constitution, as amended from time to time, takes precedence over all other laws, Regulations and rules of the Methodist Church.