**RCCG HOPE CONNECTIONS CHOIR**

Choir constitution

1. **Name**

The Choir shall be known as Lifter’s Voices RCCG Hope Connection Choir

1. **Rehearsal**

The Choir shall normally rehearse every Saturday. All members are encouraged to be within the Church premises by 11:00 am to ensure that the Church premises is kept clean and that rehearsals begin early. The regular time for rehearsal session is to be from 12:00noon to 2:00pm. The choir shall meet at the Church premises. In the event of this venue being unavailable then arrangements will be made to relocate or alter timings.

1. **Meetings**

Choir meetings are restricted to after Sunday and Thursday services. The meetings are different from rehearsals but may include song practice, discussions, scoring songs, announcements, follow up etc. Rehearsals are strictly for song perfection,recording and prayer sessions.

1. **Aims and Objectives**

The Choir is established to praise God.

-To motivate the Church to praise and worship God.

-To build a people who will genuinely serve God with a genuine heart.

-To facilitate the spiritual growth of all members.

-To bring people the to knowledge of God via God’s word, praise and worship.

1. **Membership**

Membership is open to anyone sharing the values of the choir and members will be encouraged to attend a majority of rehearsals. Members should be proactive in encouraging others to join us and in promoting the objectives and aims of the Choir.

1. **New membership**

New members will need to show basic commitment to God by attending Sunday and weekly services very early regularly for at least 2 weeks before they become full members of the Church Choir.

1. **Membership fees**

The annual membership fees will be £20 and can be paid at most within 6 months. The fees will be used to cater for the welfare of every member of the Choir. The purposes will include birthdays, farewell, end-of year gifts/awards, refreshments etc and any other purposes deemed fit by the Choir executives.

1. **Attendance**

As front line Church workers, it is compulsory for all Choir members to attend all Church services including Sunday, weekly services and rehearsals. Any absence should be made known in time so as to help the department for a substitute for that role. Absence notifications should be sent to the Choir Pastor or Director.

1. **Lateness**

Lateness is not as good trait of a Christian or a professional for that matter. All Choir members should be in Church before all services and rehearsals. Grace limit is 15minutes. Lateness especially on Saturday without 2 days prior permission twice will attract a fine. The fine will be paid or

added to the members own membership fee and the Chorister will be deemed as owing membership fees- this can cost the Chorister his/her membership.

Rehearsal time should be strictly adhered to to ensure that every second is maximized Eph. 5:16.

**8. Choir management**

The choir shall be the responsibility of the Musical Director and Choir executives.

The executives shall regularly consist of:

\* Musical Director

\* Prayer Secretary -

\* General Secretary -

\* Welfare Secretary -

\* Technical/logistics Secretary

\* Uniform Secretary-

\* Treasurer -

\* Publicity Secretary –

The Current officers for the Year 2019 are:

\* Musical Director - Bro. Edmond

\* Prayer Secretary - Dr. Folashade

\* General Secretary - Dr. Emily

\* Welfare Secretary - Sis. Eneless

\* Technical/logistics Secretary - Bro. Godson

\* Uniform Secretary- Dr. Lizzy

\* Treasurer - Andrea

\* Publicity Secretary - Bro. Edmond

1. **Areas of responsibility**

All Choir executives should carry out their responsibilities faithfully, diligently, proactively and as unto the Lord.

At certain times, the Choir executives will call for regular fasting and prayers. All members should endeavor to fast and pray to God.

All members are encouraged to join the Church in physical and spiritual exercises such as cleaning, evangelism, etc.

1. **Worship Leaders**

Worship leaders shall be the ones permitted to raise songs and direct the choir during church services and will be in responsible for assisting ministers at the podium with raising songs and maintaining the worship atmosphere during the service. The worship leaders shall ensure that they do not obstruct the worship service go at anytime go louder than the ministers at the podium but shall always remain at the background until instructed to raise the volume by the minister at the podium. The worship leaders shall also be responsible for raising the welcome song to welcome new members as well as the family song at the end of the service. The worship leaders shall follow a hierarchical structure set by the Music director and Music Pastor such that worship leaders will always be aware when they are to function. At anytime the worship leader for the day can delegate the function of worship leadership to any other member of the choir and ask that member to raise a song during the service at the same time any member of the choir can take permission from the worship leader of the day to raise songs during the service in an orderly and unobtrusive manner.

1. **Church Services**

All members are required to be in service by 09:45 am every Sunday for workers prayer meetings after or before which those ministering in service for that day should do a quick sound check on their mics and if necessary wash the mic covers. Members should also sit at the choir corner if ministering during service. All members selected for leading praise and worship should be at their stands when it is time for praise and worship and all members at the stand or at the corner shall take directions from the worship leader for the day or the minister in charge. For this reason choir members should be aware of the Welcome song and family songs being sung during the service.

Please Note that only those who attended at least one rehearsal during the week are permitted to minister during the service unless asked to do so by the Choir director or the music pastor. Also, there will be no more than 5 vocalists on the stage during praise and worship during praise and worship including the praise and worship leader.

1. **Invited programs**

The Choir will try to attend invitations to minister at Bible-based Churches with the express permission of the parish Pastor. A notice of at least 2 weeks however will be the condition to attend.

1. **Songs**

The Chorister in charge of leading songs for the next Sunday should endeavor to send their praise and worship recording and lyrics at least the same week Tuesday. The same applies to Special songs/ministrations.

All members including instrumentalists should listen to the Choir songs playlist on Youtube continuously. Any suggestions or opinions should be done during the Choir meetings. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PnNanEyXUE&list=PLGQ8z4O9VplqRf4Y76cev4nGofuRnUqWv&index=1>

Anyone songs chosen during meetings should be the actual songs done during Saturday rehearsals to prevent confusion.

**MONTHLY ROSTER FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

*SUNDAYS*

Week 1 - Member **A**

Week 2 - Member **B**

Week 3 - Member **C**

Week 4 - Member **D**

*THURSDAYS*

Week 1 - Member **E**

Week 2 - Member **F**

Week 3 - Member **G**

Week 4 - Member **H**

1. **Rehearsal Protocol**

Rehearsal time should be strictly adhered to to ensure that every second is maximized Eph. 5:16. Conduct during rehearsals should also be decent and in order 1 Cor. 14:40.

The regular time for rehearsal session should ideally be 2 hours.

1. Opening Prayer **(5mins)**
2. Word **(10mins)**
3. Vocal warm-ups/listening exercises **(15mins)**
4. Score the special songs **(50mins)**
5. Practice /worship songs **(20mins)**
6. Practice and record the special songs **(15mins)**
7. Closing Prayer/updates **(5mins)**
8. AOB

Announcements and opinions should be restricted to Choir meetings after Sunday and Thursday services.

1. **PRAYER**

A must before during and after every Choir meeting or rehearsal. We should also endeavor to pray with one another weekly.

1. **Choir major annual programs**

Winter- Choir Retreat

Easter- Choir Resurrection power

Summer- outdoor musical outreach

Autumn- Choir concert

1. **Choir single and /or album**

All members are encouraged to submit their own original self-composed songs. This is to encourage the growth of all members spritually and professionally. Ps 96:1.