



CHURCH FACILITIES USE POLICY

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New Testament Christian Church (herein “Church”) may allow, at its discretion, the use of its facilities for activities not directly related to the operation of the corporation but are still for the religious purposes for which the organization was created.

COMPATIBLE USE

Mission of the Church: Non-Church related activities may be allowed when the goals of users are compatible with the Church. No activity shall be conducted on Church property that is incompatible with the Christian faith. As the spiritual authority of the Church, the Pastor and Board of NTCCA shall have non-appealable authority over a decision relative to whether a use is consistent with Christian theology, doctrine, and witness. Further, if an activity negatively reflects on the Church’s testimony to the community, then the Pastor and Board, in their sole discretion, may direct the denial of an application or cancel a calendared activity.

Safety: The Church may deny an application or cancel a calendared activity if determined that there is an unreasonable level of risk of injury to persons or property. A representative of the Church, given supervisory authority over a use of the facilities for an event, has the inherent authority to stop said event in progress if, in his or her opinion, such action is necessary in order to protect, life, health, and property.

PRIORITY USE

Church activities take priority over all other uses. Use of facilities is limited to NTCC members only.

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION

Church facilities are not a place of *public accommodation*.

PROPERTY TAXES

The facilities may be exempt from property taxes. Any use that jeopardizes the property tax exempt status of the Church is prohibited.

TAX EXEMPT RELIGIOUS NONPROFIT

The Church is a nonprofit religious corporation which is exempt from state and federal taxation. The Church will not permit non-church users to engage in activities which could cause the Church to lose its nonprofit status.

CANCELLATION OF AN EVENT

If the Pastor and Board, or their designee, determine that a calendared event must be cancelled or stopped, the Church shall refund the money to the user.

Exception: The Pastor and the Board, or their designee, may decline to refund money due to a false statement on the application or concealment of a material fact.



WEDDINGS

The Church deems *marriage* a religious institution. A wedding is a solemnization and celebration of a marriage and constitutes liturgy. All weddings are subject to the Church's Marriage Policy, memorialized in a separate document.

USE FEES

The Church may charge a use fee to cover the performance of services or provision of things such as set up and tear down, staff, security, utilities, supplies, cleaning, wear and tear, damage deposits, etc. Such fees will be kept at below market value for the rental of like property. The charge of a use fee does not convert the use of Church facilities into a for-profit commercial transaction or public accommodation.