THE CHARTER OF AOG CHURCHES IN PNG AND JUBILEE INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

AS ADOPTED BY NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE AOG CHURCHES OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA INCORPORATION

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THE CHARTER

Assembled in this Charter, the membership of the Assemblies of God Churches in Papua New Guinea in particular with the AOG Churches of Australia declare the following:

Let there be established an Institute of Higher Education. This Institution will have as its objective, the conservation, extension and diffusion of knowledge by means of its departments, facilities, institutes and other resources, thereby promoting primarily the development of students as creative, intellectual persons in a religious environment.

Let the institution cultivate attitudes to achieve:

- Freedom of inquiry as indispensable for attaining truth: acquisition of values and discovery of truth leading to full development of personality and active membership in the community of man, and
- Respect for truth as the primary concern of the academic community.

In order to achieve these goals, let the institute of higher education provide;

- A department or facility of competent scholars and educators to direct the process of the student development; a curriculum that presents the content and methods for career guidance and training, and
- A religiously orientated and socially conscious environment as the setting for the learning experience.

As a matter of principle, let the institution welcome to its community all persons regardless of race, creed or sex who share its vision and respect its purpose.

Furthermore, let those who govern this institution and those who live and work in the institution of higher leaning abide by the following mandate.

The institution shall be a Christian community based on love for all men for each other, because each is a child of God. Let the community of the institution, therefore, be an authentic model for national unity in Papua New Guinea and the Asia Pacific Region because the Christian philosophy that all men are equal as sons and daughters of God is, perhaps, the only philosophy which can unit the diverse cultures of Papua New Guinea and the region as a whole.
As a Christian institution, it shall serve national objectives simultaneously with AOG Church purposes. The Church’s broad philosophy of education, based on its broad view of the nature of man, causes the Church’s exceptions of the institutions to cater for the total human development of every individual involvement with the institution. No conflict is seen between national goal and church expectations. For this purpose, therefore, let the institution be so incorporated into the State of Papua New Guinea as to become a legally recognized identity in the country and region.

The course of units of study should be constructed as to allow graduates a maximum opportunity for career advancement as well as providing every opportunity for career achievement as well as providing every opportunity for maximum intellectual and spiritual growth and development according to each individual’s needs and ability.

Whenever possible, the planning of the institution should harmonize with national planning and avoid reduplication, except where matters of religious principles and the freedom of choice are involved.

The institution is characterized by authentic freedom. Real freedom must be distinguished from license to do whatever one pleases. Real freedom involves the weighing of the moral values of a situation and freely opting for the behaviour which the inner value of conscience indicates to be correct. The atmosphere of authentic freedom in the institution enables students a full realization that their true dignity consists in freedom which makes them responsible before God for their behavior. It follows that there can be no place for indoctrination in the institution.

Freedom of belief is sacred in the institution. There will be authority in the institution, but there will not be authoritarianism, Authority is the voice guidance provided by the mature person to guide the immature person to grow towards his/her fulfillment ads human being. In the institution, therefore, let the young citizens of Papua New Guinea and other nations learn what real freedom is and the responsibilities that follow along with real freedom. Let them learn to respect the belief and values their fellow students who also enjoy real freedom.

Let the Institution of higher be an open environment in the pursuit of knowledge. It is open to government officials, churches, parents of students,
leaders and citizens from all spectrum of life. It is open to cultural values and to national values. It is open to Papua New Guinea and Pacific cultures. The institution will be open to and include in its curriculum all those aspects of Papua New Guinea and Pacific Culture which Christ Himself would value, support and enrich. Because the institution is open, it will be very adaptable to the needs of the people. It will service the country and the region through its relevance.

*Because the Christianity* respects women let the institution have a special interest in providing educational opportunities for women. Parents must favor the institution as a place where their daughters can grow in peace, security and respect. Let the institution encourage women to take an active part in nation life and in improving the states of women in the society

*The Christian* way of life puts emphasis on the value of work, on self reliance and on honest productive service to mankind. These values will therefore, find expression in the institution and will flow out from the institution into Papua New Guinea and the region as students graduates.

*Papua New Guinea* is a pluralistic society. It has many languages and cultures, a variety of races and religions. A pluralistic and multicultural society requires a global approach in its educational institutions, if it is to survive. Let this institution serve this nation and the region by providing such pluralism. Furthermore, a healthy professional competition results in approved standards, and provides avenues for innovations and experimentation which also produce greater quality in education.

*Preserving simplicity* and beauty in form and design let the buildings of the institution reflect both the functional and frugal characteristics of the founders and legitimate aspirations of the AOG Church in PNG and resources of Papua New Guinea people.

*Let this institution* of higher education be dedicated to the AOG Churches of Papua New Guinea Incorporation and the AOG Churches of Australia who have been inspired by God Almighty to establish such an institution for generations to come.

*Let this institution* of higher education be governed by a Governing Council solely appointed on merit and standing within Papua New Guinea in accordance with By-Laws and Statutes of Jubilee Institute of Higher
Education. The Council is charged with the responsibility of executing and maintaining the aspirations and upholds the values of the AOG Churches in PNG as stipulated in this charter.

We, the following officials of the AOG Churches of Papua New Guinea Incorporation hereby declare our commitment to establishing an institution of higher education to serve the interest and well-being of the people of this country and the region.

Signed this ______________day of ______________2017 in _______________ Papua New Guinea,

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