

# Induction of Chris Carrie

To Associate Pastor of Kingsley Church of Christ Inc.

## Charges to Associate Pastor and Congregation

## PASTORAL CHARGE

### **The Origin of the Office of Pastor (Associate)**

God's Word teaches us that the office of “pastor and teacher” has been established by God and that God's Son himself gives “pastors and teachers” to his Church.



## PASTORAL CHARGE

Ephesians 4:7-12 states:

*“Grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, ‘When he [Christ] ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.’... And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”.*



## PASTORAL CHARGE

### **The Qualifications Required of a Pastor (Associate)**

God's Word teaches us that the office of pastor (or elder or overseer] cannot be filled by just anyone. Only a man who meets certain criteria may be considered for the office.



## PASTORAL CHARGE

1 Timothy 3:1-7 states:

*“The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.*



## PASTORAL CHARGE

*He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.”*



## PASTORAL CHARGE

### **The Responsibilities of an Associate Pastor**

The responsibilities of an Associate Pastor are many and varied. However, it is possible to view them in terms of two broad categories namely, (1) the responsibility to support the Pastor in all matters pertaining to the spiritual and physical needs of the Church body.

(2) the responsibility to actively encourage the church fellowship to grow in strength, faith and knowledge and minister to the local community.



## PASTORAL CHARGE

### **The Associate Pastor's Responsibility to Support the Pastor and Minister God's Word**

An Associate Pastor ought to be dependable and committed to serving in a Team ministry and be a colleague and support to the Pastor. He must allow time for personal growth by daily study of God's Word for the purpose of spiritual growth and knowledge. He ought to love and revere the Bible as the inspired, authoritative and infallible Word of God.



## PASTORAL CHARGE

2 Timothy 4:1-4 states:

*“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.*



## PASTORAL CHARGE

*For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.”*



## PASTORAL CHARGE

### **Charge to the Associate Pastor:**

Chris Carrie will you, as a servant of God and Associate Pastor, support the Pastor in all matters of spiritual and physical needs of the Church body, actively encourage the Church fellowship to grow in strength, faith and knowledge of God's word and its application? Will you preach and teach the Word to prepare people to discover Jesus Christ and demonstrate his love to the community.

### ***Response from the Pastor:***

***In the strength of God Almighty I will***



## PASTORAL CHARGE

### **The Associate Pastor's Responsibility to Nurture the Church Body and Community**

An Associate Pastor is one who provides pastoral care and encouragement to the church fellowship and community and has the desire to disciple the spiritual and physical wellbeing of the members of his congregation and community. He ought to be tender-hearted and approachable on all matters.



## PASTORAL CHARGE

1 Peter 5:1-4 states:

*“So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”*



## PASTORAL CHARGE

### **Charge to the Associate Pastor:**

Chris Carrie, will you, as a servant of God, shepherd God's people at Kingsley with a tender heart and provide spiritual and physical pastoral care.

### ***Response from the Pastor:***

***In the strength of God Almighty I will.***



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## CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

### **The Origin of the Office of Pastor (Associate)**

As stated earlier: God's Word teaches us that the office of "pastor and teacher" has been established by God and that Christ himself gives "pastors and teachers" to his Church.



## CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

Ephesians 4:7-14 states:

*“Grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, ‘When he (Christ) ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.’...”*



## CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

*“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.”*



## CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

### **Charge to the Congregation:**

Members and friends of Kingsley Church of Christ, do you recognise Chris Carrie as Associate Pastor whom the Lord Jesus has given to you here at Kingsley Church of Christ?

Do you recognise that God has established the office of Associate Pastor and that Associate Pastors themselves are good gifts to the churches from our Lord Jesus Christ?



## CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

***Response from the Congregation:***

***As members and friends of the Kingsley Church of Christ we recognise and accept Chris Carrie as the Associate Pastor of Kingsley.***



*Chris Carrie*

# CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

## **The Responsibility of the Congregation**

God's word teaches us that we are to respect, support and obey those whom he places in positions of leadership in the church, especially pastors/elders/overseers.



## CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

1 Timothy 5:17-20, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 and Hebrews 13:7 & 17 state:

*“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,' and, 'the labourer deserves his wages.' Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear. (1 Tim)*



## CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

*We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labour among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work.*

*(1 Thes)*

*Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith... Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.” (Heb)*



## CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

### **Charge to the Congregation:**

Members and friends of the Kingsley Church of Christ, in the presence of Almighty God will you, respect, honour and support Chris Carrie as your Associate Pastor and his family?

Will you pray for him daily and speak well of him and refuse even to listen to those who would speak ill of him?



## CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

Will you recognise that, notwithstanding your equality in the Lord and your congregational mode of government as a church, Chris Carrie is “over you in the Lord”, and as such he has an authority from the Lord to direct and correct you?

Will you esteem him very highly in love because of his work and submit to him as to one who is keeping watch over your souls?



## CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

**Response from the Congregation:**

***In the presence of Almighty God, we as the congregation of Kingsley Church of Christ pledge our support and prayers for Chris Carrie and wife Alison and their children in their ministry at Kingsley.***

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