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Ch. 1

MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM

Membership in The Household of Faith begins with baptism. Candidates must meet the following requirements before the ceremony is performed:

- Affirm belief in the scriptures and the God of Israel
- Acknowledge past sins and demonstrate genuine repentance
- Understand and commit to the obligations of baptism
- Be willing to submit to the authority of the leadership

The baptism ceremony includes the laying on of hands by ordained leadership and concludes with prayer. Full membership is granted upon completion of the ceremony.

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DRESS CODE & APPEARANCE**Brothers**

- May not wear head coverings during services
- Dress modestly and appropriately for worship

Sisters

- Must wear head coverings at all services
- Must wear dresses or skirts with hemlines at least two inches below the knee
- Form-fitting clothing is prohibited

These standards apply to all members during Sabbath services, feast days, and any official gathering of the congregation.

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LEADERSHIP & ORDAINED OFFICES

Bishops

Provide oversight of the congregation and carry the principal teaching responsibilities. Bishops set doctrinal direction and oversee all ordained offices beneath them.

Pastors

Execute marriages, conduct disciplinary hearings, and lead Sabbath services. A Pastor may preside over any official congregational matter.

Deacons

Handle visitation of members, greeting of guests, and maintenance of the congregation's property. Deacons may not perform marriages or preside over disciplinary hearings.

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CHURCH DISCIPLINE

The Household of Faith maintains a standard of righteous conduct for all members. The following are grounds for formal discipline:

■ <i>Heresy</i>	■ <i>Sexual Immorality</i>
■ <i>Theft</i>	■ <i>Bearing False Witness</i>
■ <i>Domestic Violence</i>	■ <i>Criminal Conduct</i>
■ <i>Disobedience to Leadership</i>	

Disciplinary hearings are conducted by a Pastor or Bishop. The most severe consequence is excommunication from the congregation. Members retain the right to appeal all disciplinary decisions to higher leadership.

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MARRIAGE

Marriage ceremonies may be performed by ordained Pastors or Bishops. The following requirements must be met:

- Both parties must be baptised members in good standing
 - At least two months' advance notice must be given to leadership
 - Mandatory premarital counselling must be completed
 - Ceremonies may not be scheduled on the Sabbath or annual feast days
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FUNERALS

Funeral services conducted by The Household of Faith are reserved for baptised members. A standard service includes:

- Opening prayer led by ordained leadership
 - Scripture reading relevant to the occasion
 - Eulogy delivered by an appointed speaker
 - A biblically-based sermon
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