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CONSTITUTION

OF

UTTAMAYANMUNI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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in a general meeting held on 7 November 2021)**

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CONSTITUTION OF UTTAMAYANMUNI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

NAME

1.1 This Society shall be known as the “Uttamayanmuni Buddhist Temple”, hereinafter referred to as the “Temple”.

PLACE OF BUSINESS

2.1 Its place of business shall be at “32-B, Hong San Terrace, Singapore 688785” or such other address as may subsequently be decided upon by the Management Committee and approved by the Registrar of Societies. The Temple shall carry out its activities only in places and premises which have the prior written approval from the relevant authorities, where necessary.

OBJECTIVES

3.1 The objectives of the Temple are as follows:

- a) To propagate the teachings of the Buddha through lectures, discussions, activities, and publications;
- b) To encourage the teaching, practice and realisation of the Buddha’s Dhamma- Vinaya;
- c) To support the Buddhist Monastic Order (Sangha), so they may act as spiritual guides and ministers for the well being of the Buddhist community;
- d) To promote harmony, tolerance and loyalty amongst Buddhists towards others and the nation; and
- e) To promote charitable, humanitarian and community causes and activities for the relief of pain and suffering of all living beings.

3.2 In furtherance of the above objectives, the Temple shall have power to:-

- a) Establish in Singapore facilities for the encouragement of the said objectives;
- b) Establish and maintain public funds, each of which fund shall be for the exclusive purpose of providing money for the propagation of the Buddha’s teachings, charitable causes and activities, and maintenance and operation of the Temple and its facilities for the furtherance of the said objectives;
- c) Invite Sangha members to reside in the Temple or its facilities in Singapore for periods agreeable to the Temple and approved by the Abbot (Chief Monk) of the Temple;
- d) Provide all necessary material support, protection and requisites including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, food, shelter, robes and medicine for any Sangha member invited by the Temple whilst they are in Singapore;
- e) Pay all travel and related expenses to Singapore for any Sangha member invited by the Temple and for return to their normal place of residence;
- f) Issue appeals for donations and newsletters and reports on the activities of the Temple;
- g) Accept donations (whether periodical or otherwise) from such persons as the Temple shall in its discretion think fit or to refuse to accept any donation;
- h) Accept donations for any specific fund established pursuant to this Constitution and on any special trusts that further the said objectives;
- i) Place any monies of the Temple for the time being not required for the objects aforesaid in fixed deposits;
- j) Take or rent, license, hire or otherwise temporarily acquire the use of any property for such period and at such rent or cost and on such terms and conditions as the Temple may think fit;
- k) Employ and pay any agent or servant or contractor to transact all or any business of whatever nature required to be done in pursuance of the said objects including the payment and receipt of money and the Temple shall pay all charges and expenses so incurred and shall not be responsible for the defaults of any such agent or servant or any loss occasioned by his employment if such employment shall have been in good faith;
- l) Open and maintain in the name of the Temple or otherwise a bank account or bank accounts at any bank or banks and to pay any part of the funds of the Temple to the credit of any such account or accounts;
- m) Take such legal or other proceedings and steps for the recovery or protection of the property of the Temple or any part thereof and to adjust, settle, compromise or refer to arbitration any claims, demands and proceedings whatsoever;
- n) Hold or invest in any property hereby authorised or to do any act or thing hereby authorised in the name of the Temple or in the name of any person in trust for the Temple or otherwise; and
- o) Do all such acts or things as are in the opinion of the Temple necessary for the attainment of the said objects.

3.3 The Temple shall be of the Thai Theravada tradition (Mahanikai) and follows that of the Kelantan Thai monastic establishment as laid down by the founder of this Temple since the inception of the Temple in 1960.

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT (CHIEF MONK)

4.1 The Temple shall have an Abbot (Chief Monk) who shall be a member of the Sangha appointed by the Sangha-Governor of the Sangha Council residing in the State of Kelantan, Malaysia. The Abbot shall be the spiritual head

of the Temple.

- a) The Abbot shall appoint a Deputy Abbot.
- 4.2 The Abbot shall be of Kelantanese Thai ethnicity and/or descent and ordained by members of the Kelantanese Sangha in the state of Kelantan, Malaysia.
 - a) Members of the Kelantan Sangha Council shall be religious advisors.
- 4.3 The Abbot, by virtue of his office, shall be a permanent member of the Management Committee with full rights of a voting committee member.
- 4.4 In the absence of the Abbot, his deputy or a representative monk selected by the Abbot or appointed by the Sangha Council of the State of Kelantan, Malaysia, shall act on his behalf and be represented in the Management Committee with full rights of a voting committee member.
- 4.5 The Abbot shall oversee and decide all ritual/religious affairs conducted at the Temple. In his absence, his Deputy or a monk appointed by him shall take on this responsibility.
- 4.6 The Abbot and Deputy shall be eligible to hold any office in the Management Committee subject to meeting the requirements of any government's rules and regulations.
- 4.7 The Abbot shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the Monastic Orders. If the Abbot infringes, or is suspected to have infringed, on the rules and regulations of the Monastic Order, the Management Committee can by a two-third majority refer the Abbot to the Sangha Council residing in Kelantan for investigation and disciplinary actions.
- 4.8 If the Management Committee is not able to obtain two-third majority, the members could request in writing to the President of the Management Committee with not less than 25% of the total voting membership to refer the Abbot to the Sangha Council of Kelantan for investigation and disciplinary actions.
- 4.9 The Sangha Council chaired by the Sangha-Governor residing in the State of Kelantan shall have the authority to reprimand, suspend or remove the Abbot from office and appoint a new Abbot in his place.
- 4.10 The Abbot can, by way of written notice, inform the Management Committee and the Sangha-Governor residing in the State of Kelantan of his resignation from the position of Abbot. The resignation shall take effect upon confirmation of the letter of resignation by the Sangha- Governor.
- 4.11 If the Abbot is absent from the Temple for more than 30 consecutive days without notifying any member of the Management Committee and providing valid reasons, then the Management Committee by a majority vote may refer the matter to the Sangha Council of the State of Kelantan, Malaysia.

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION AND RIGHTS

- 5.1 No person below 18 years of age shall be accepted as a member without the written consent of his parents or guardian.
- 5.2 Only approved members, who are above 21 years of age, not convicted in any court of law, who are not undischarged bankrupts, shall have the right to vote and to hold office in the Management Committee of the Temple.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1 A person wishing to join the Temple shall submit his particulars and application to the Honorary Secretary on a prescribed form approved by the Temple.
 - a) The Abbot, Deputy Abbot and any monk residing with a valid long term Immigration visa are automatically members and excused from paying any membership fees.
- 6.2 A new member must be proposed and seconded by existing members.
- 6.3 The Honorary Secretary or a designated officer shall review membership applications and submit them to the Management Committee for final approval.
- 6.4 The Management Committee may reject any application(s) for membership without assigning any reasons.
- 6.5 A copy of the Constitution shall be furnished or be published in the website for every approved member to download upon payment of the membership fee.
- 6.6 Every member of the Temple shall undertake to:
 - a) Promote the teachings of the Buddha;
 - b) Promote the welfare of the members of the Temple;
 - c) Observe and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Temple;
 - d) Promote the charitable causes of the Temple;

- e) Show and pay respect to all members of the Sangha at all times;
 - f) Refrain from taking part in any politics or activities that may threaten national harmony and security;
 - g) Promote inter-religious harmony; and
 - h) Abide by the Laws of the Republic of Singapore.
- 6.7 The Management Committee shall have power, with reference to the General Meeting of the Temple, to expel any member who contravenes Rule 6.6, or whose conduct is such that in the opinion of the Management Committee, it is undesirable for him or her to continue to be a member of the Temple.
 - 6.8 A member who has been expelled by the Management Committee under Rule 6.7 may give notice of appeal to the General Meeting of the Temple when a special general meeting is being called upon.
 - 6.9 For a member expelled under Rule 6.6 to be re-instated by the General Meeting at a special meeting a majority of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary. The decision taken at such a special general meeting shall be final.
 - 6.10 The Abbot may at his discretion refer any member who shows disrespect or abuses members of the Sangha to the Management Committee for disciplinary action leading to expulsion and termination of his membership with the Temple.
 - 6.11 The Management Committee shall have the right to prohibit any member of the public who shows disrespect or abuse towards the members of the Sangha from entering the compound of the Temple.

ENTRANCE FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND OTHER DUES

- 7.1 The entrance fees and subscriptions shall be determined by the General Meeting on the recommendation of the Management Committee from time to time.
- 7.2 The membership fee shall be reviewed and determined by the Management Committee from time to time and published on the Temple's Notice Board.
- 7.3 The membership fee will become payable immediately upon approval of membership in default of which membership may be cancelled by order of the Management Committee.
 - a) Members who are absent without a valid reason for three (3) consecutive General Meetings may have their membership cancelled by order of the Management Committee.
- 7.4 Only members who have paid their current membership fee shall be eligible to vote at General Meetings.
- 7.5 The income and property of the Temple whensoever derived shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Temple as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Temple or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them.

SUPREME AUTHORITY AND GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the supreme authority of the Temple on all matters is vested in the General Meeting of the members.
- 8.2 An Annual General Meeting shall be held annually in April.
- 8.3 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at anytime by order of the Management Committee.
 - a) At other times, an Extraordinary General Meeting must be called by the President and/or the Abbot on the request in writing of not less than 25% of the total voting membership or thirty (30) voting members, whichever is the lesser.
- 8.4 The notice in writing shall be given to the Honorary Secretary setting forth the business that is to be transacted. In the event of an Extraordinary General Meeting requested by the members, the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened within two (2) months from receiving this request to convene the Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 8.5 If the Committee does not within two (2) months after the date of the receipt of the written request proceed to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, the members who requested for the Extraordinary General Meeting shall have the right to convene the Extraordinary General Meeting by giving ten (10) days' notice to voting members setting forth the business to be transacted and simultaneously posting the agenda on the Temple's notice board.
- 8.6 At least two (2) weeks' notice shall be given for General Meetings. The notice of the meeting will state the date, time, and place of meeting. The Secretary shall send the notice to all voting members by postal mail or by electronic means to the address provided by the member to the Temple for the purposes of receiving communications. The particulars of the agenda shall be posted on the Temple's notice board at least four (4) days in advance of the meeting.

- 8.7 At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands or, subject to the agreement of the majority of the voting members present, by a secret ballot. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed at all General Meetings. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- 8.8 The following points will be considered at the Annual General Meeting:
- a) The previous financial year's accounts and annual report of the Committee.
 - b) Where applicable, the election of office-bearers and Honorary Auditors for the following term.
 - c) Any member who wishes to place an item on the agenda of a General Meeting may do so provided he gives notice to the Secretary one (1) week before the meeting is due to be held.
- 8.9 At least 25% of the total voting membership or thirty (30) voting members, whichever is the lesser, present at a General Meeting shall form a quorum.
- 8.10 If within half an hour from the time appointed for a General Meeting a quorum is not present, those present shall be considered a quorum, but they shall have no power to amend any part of the existing Constitution.
- 8.11 Each voting member shall be entitled to one vote. Subject to any higher thresholds required in this Constitution, matters arising at any General Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes of the members.
- 8.12 A General Meeting may be held wholly or partly by way of electronic means whereby persons entitled to attend may participate in a General Meeting by way of means of video conference, teleconference or similar communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the General Meeting can hear each other and participation in the General Meeting in this manner shall be deemed to constitute in person at such General Meeting.
- a) A General Meeting may also allow for voting by members by electronic means through an electronic voting system only if:
 - (i) the electronic voting system that is used accurately counts all votes cast at the General Meeting;
 - (ii) the electronic voting system that is used is capable of providing records from which the operation of the electronic voting system may be audited and for verification of the accuracy of the recording and counting of votes;
 - (iii) each vote that is cast is verified by the Temple as cast by the member (or the member's proxy) entitled to vote;
 - (iv) the chairman of the General Meeting must, during the General Meeting, declare, by electronic means, the result of any matter put to a vote at the General Meeting; and
 - (v) the electronic voting system complies with such other requirements as may be imposed by applicable law from time to time.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 9.1 The administration of the Temple shall be entrusted to a Management Committee consisting of twelve (12) members, including the Abbot, who is an ex-officio member, and eleven elected members.
- 9.2 The members elected to the Management Committee shall be:
- A President;
 - Two Vice-Presidents;
 - A Honorary Secretary;
 - An Assistant Honorary Secretary;
 - A Honorary Treasurer;
 - An Assistant Honorary Treasurer; and
 - Four Ordinary Committee Members.
- a) If at an Annual General Meeting not all of the elected positions are filled, the Management Committee may appoint members to fill the vacancies, provided that such appointed members shall stand for election in the next Annual General Meeting.
- 9.3 In addition to the twelve (12) members of the Management Committee described in Rules 9.1 and 9.2, the Management Committee can, in a Management Committee Meeting, co-opt up to an additional four (4) members. The co-opted members shall not have voting rights in the committee proceedings.
- a) The Management Committee shall have the power to remove any co-opted member.
- 9.4 Unless with the prior approval in writing of the Registrar or an Assistant Registrar of Societies, the majority of the Management Committee shall be Singapore Citizens. In addition, the President, Secretary, Treasurer and their deputies shall be Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents. Foreign Diplomats shall not serve as Committee Members.
- 9.5 Names for the above offices of the Management Committee shall be proposed and seconded at the Annual General Meeting and the election will follow on a simple majority vote of the members. The term of all elected members of the Management Committee is two years. Office-bearers may be re-elected to the same or any other post for a

consecutive term of office, except for the Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Honorary Treasurer who can only be re-elected in accordance with the proviso a) below.

a) The Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Honorary Treasurer are disqualified from being re-elected to either position if they have served a total of four (4) consecutive years in either or both positions. They become eligible for the positions of Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Honorary Treasurer after a break of at least 2 years. For the avoidance of doubt, the out-going Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Honorary Treasurer may stand for election for positions other than the Honorary Treasurer or Assistant Honorary Treasurer.

9.6 Election will be either by show of hands or, subject to the agreement of the majority of the voting members present, by a secret ballot. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

Proceedings of the Management Committee

9.7 A Management Committee Meeting shall be held at least once every three (3) months after giving seven (7) days' notice to the Committee Members. The President may call a Management Committee Meeting at any time by giving three (3) days' notice.

9.7.1 The Management Committee may only conduct valid business if:

- a) The Abbot or his deputized representative is present;
and
- b) A majority of the Committee members are present.

9.8 Any member of the Management Committee being absent from three (3) meetings consecutively without satisfactory explanations shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Management Committee and a successor may be co-appointed by the Management Committee to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

a) The Management Committee shall have the power to remove the Committee Member who is appointed by the Management Committee in accordance with this Rule 9.8, by a simple majority of the Committee Members which shall not include the Committee Member proposed to be removed, before the expiration of his period of office and may appoint another person in his stead.

b) Any changes in the Management Committee shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities within two (2) weeks of the change.

9.9 Questions arising at any Management Committee Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes and a determination by a simple majority of the Committee Members shall for all purposes be deemed a determination of the Management Committee. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

9.10 If the President and/or the Abbot certifies that a resolution proposed to the Management Committee is required on an urgent basis, no meeting of the Management Committee need be convened but that resolution shall be circulated in writing to all Committee Members and shall be passed if not less than half of the Committee Members signify their agreement to that resolution.

Powers and Duties of the Management Committee

9.11 The duty of the Management Committee is to organise and supervise the daily activities of the Temple. The Management Committee may not act contrary to the expressed wishes of the General Meeting without prior reference to it and shall always remain subordinate to the General Meetings.

9.12 The Management Committee shall have power to authorise an expenditure of any sum less than or equal to \$10,000 from the Temple's funds for the Temple's purposes as long as the expenditure does not draw down on more than 50 percent of the Temple's funds and resources.

a) The Management Committee, with the concurrence of the Abbot, may authorize an expenditure of greater than \$10,000 as long as the expenditure does not draw down on more than 50 percent of the Temple's funds and resources.

b) The Management Committee shall seek approval from the General Meeting to commit expenditure that would draw down on more than 50 percent of the Temple's funds and resources.

9.13 The Management Committee may establish subcommittees as necessary to help manage day-to-day activities or special events.

a) Heads and Assistant heads of such subcommittees must be Management Committee members.

b) Subcommittee regular members may be devotees approved by the Abbot.

Conflicts of Interest

- 9.14 a) Whenever a member of the Management Committee in any way, directly or indirectly, has an interest in a transaction or project or other matter to be discussed at a meeting, the member shall disclose the nature of the interest before the discussion on the matter begins.
b) The member concerned should not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter, and should also offer to withdraw from the meeting and the Management Committee shall decide if this should be accepted.

DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS

- 10.1 The President shall chair all General Meetings and Management Committee Meetings.
- 10.2 Only the President and/or the Abbot shall represent the Temple in all dealings with outside parties. In the absence of the President and/or the Abbot, the Vice President and/or the Deputy Abbot, shall deputise.
- 10.3 The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President and deputise for him in his absence.
- 10.4 The Honorary Secretary shall:
a) Keep all records, except financial, of the Temple and shall be responsible for their correctness.
b) Keep minutes of all official meetings.
c) Maintain an up-to-date Register of Members at all times.
d) Carry out correspondences only as directed by the Abbot, the President, or the Management Committee.
- 10.5 The Assistant Honorary Secretary shall assist the Honorary Secretary and deputise for him in his absence. He may be assigned special duties or portfolio by the President.
- 10.6 The Honorary Treasurer shall:
a) Keep all funds and collect and disburse all moneys on behalf of the Temple and shall keep an account of all monetary transactions and shall be responsible for their correctness.
b) Be authorised to expend a monthly amount set by the Management Committee for petty expenses on behalf of the Temple.
c) Not keep more than this amount in the form of cash and money in excess of this will be deposited in a bank to be named by the Management Committee.
d) See that cheques, etc. for withdrawals from the bank will be signed by either the Honorary Treasurer or Assistant Honorary Treasurer and either the Abbot or Deputy Abbot.
- 10.7 The Abbot and the President must be notified formally by the Treasurer for all disbursement of funds or expenditure above \$10,000.
- 10.8 The Assistant Honorary Treasurer shall assist the Honorary Treasurer and deputise for him in his absence.
- 10.9 The Ordinary Committee Members shall assist in the general administration of the Temple and perform duties assigned by the Management Committee from time to time.
- 10.10 The Management Committee shall have the power to invite leading Buddhists of good characters to be Patrons of the Temple.
- 10.11 The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy in the Management Committee which may occur during a working year until the next Annual General Meeting, and shall notify the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities of the removal of any Committee Member or the appointment of a new Committee Member to fill a vacancy.
- 10.12 The Management Committee shall have the power to draw up regulations, and standing orders for the Temple. All members are required to comply with these regulations, and standing orders.
- 10.13 The Management Committee shall have the power to appoint special committee for special functions/purposes and to exercise direct control over the special committee.

AUDIT AND FINANCIAL YEAR

- 11.1 At the Annual General Meeting auditor(s) as prescribed in the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Annual Report) Regulations will be appointed for the year.
- 11.2 The Auditors:
a) Will audit each year's accounts and present a report upon them to the Annual General Meeting.
b) May be required by the President to audit the Temple's accounts for any period within their tenure of office at any date and make a report to the Management Committee.
- 11.3 The financial year shall be from 1st January to 31st December.

TRUSTEES

- 12.1 If the Temple at any time acquires any immovable property, or inherit any property at the date of its registration or from other donors, such property shall be vested in trustees subject to a declaration of trust.
- 12.2 The trustees of the Temple shall:
- a) Not be more than four (4) and not less than two (2) in number.
 - b) Include the Abbot and the Deputy Abbot.
 - c) Be elected by a General Meeting of members (save for the Abbot and the Deputy Abbot, who are ex-officio trustees).
 - d) Not effect any sale or mortgage of property without the prior approval of the General Meeting of members.
- 12.3 The office of the trustee shall be vacated:
- a) If the trustee dies.
 - b) If he is absent from the Republic of Singapore for a period of more than one (1) year.
 - c) If he refuses or is unfit to act therein.
 - d) If he is incapable of acting therein (including without limitation becoming a lunatic or of unsound mind).
 - e) If he is guilty of misconduct of such a kind as to render it undesirable that he continues as a trustee.
 - f) If he submits notice of resignation from his trusteeship.
- 12.4 The trustees of the Temple may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number, or the incumbent trustees do not meet the requirements, fixed by or pursuant to this Constitution, the incumbent trustees may at any time, and from time to time, appoint any person to be a trustee to fill such casual vacancy, provided that such trustees appointed in accordance with this Rule 12.4 shall stand for election in the next Annual General Meeting.
- 12.5 Notice of any proposal to remove a trustee from his trusteeship or to appoint a new trustee to fill a vacancy must be given by posting it on the notice board in the Temple's premises at least two (2) weeks before the General Meeting at which the proposal is to be discussed. The result of such General Meeting shall then be notified to the Commissioner of Charities.
- 12.6 The address of each immovable property, name of each trustee and any subsequent change must be notified to the Commissioner of Charities.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- 13.1 Monks invited to the Temple by the Abbot or his Deputy (in consultation with the Abbot) shall be allowed to reside at the Temple for a duration determined by the Abbot or his Deputy (in consultation with the Abbot). The Temple has the right to refuse requests for temporary/ permanent accommodation by monks unfamiliar to the Abbot.
- 13.2 Invited Monks are to be provided with a stipend and expenses by the Temple at a rate to be determined by the Abbot.
- 13.3 Visitors and guests may be admitted into the premises of the Temple but they shall not be admitted to the privileges of the Temple. All visitors and guests shall abide by the Temple's rules and regulations.

PROHIBITIONS

- 14.1 Gambling of any kind, excluding the promotion or conduct of a private lottery which has been permitted under the Private Lotteries Act Cap 250, is forbidden on the Temple's premises. The introduction of materials for gambling or drug taking and of bad characters into the premises is prohibited.
- 14.2 The funds of the Temple shall not be used to pay the fines of members who have been convicted in court of law.
- 14.3 The Temple shall not engage in any trade union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore.
- 14.4 The Temple shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes.
- 14.5 The Temple shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Temple or its office-bearers, Management Committee or members unless with the prior approval of the relevant authorities.
- 14.6 The Temple shall not raise funds from the public for whatever purposes without the prior approval in writing of the Assistant Director Operations, Licensing Division, Singapore Police Force and other relevant authorities.
- 14.7 The Temple shall not engage in any unlawful activities or activities prejudicial to public peace, welfare or good order in Singapore.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

- 15.1 No alterations or additions/deletions to this Constitution shall be made without the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at the General Meeting.
- 15.2 Notwithstanding Rule 15.1, all changes to this Constitution shall require the written approval of the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities before becoming valid.

INTERPRETATION

- 16.1 In the event of any question or matter pertaining to day-to-day administration which is not expressly provided for in this Constitution, the Management Committee shall have power to use their own discretion. The decision of the Management Committee shall be final unless it is reversed at a General Meeting of members, provided that any such decision is taken in the best interests of the Temple as paramount consideration.

DISPUTES

- 17.1 In the event of any dispute arising amongst members, they shall attempt to resolve the matter at an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with this Constitution. Should the members fail to resolve the matter, they may bring the matter to a court of law for settlement.

DISSOLUTION

- 18.1 The Temple shall not be dissolved, except with the consent of not less than three-fifths (3/5) of the total voting membership of the Temple for the time being resident in Singapore at a General Meeting convened for the purpose, and with the express approval of the Abbot and the Sangha-Governor of the Sangha Council residing in the State of Kelantan, Malaysia.
- 18.2 In the event of the Temple being dissolved as provided above, or in the event the Temple ceases to be a registered charity under the Charities Act, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Temple shall be fully discharged, and the remaining funds will be donated to an approved charity or charities with similar objectives in Singapore which is or are registered under the Charities Act as the General Meeting of members may determine.
- 18.3 A Certificate of Dissolution shall be given within seven (7) days of the dissolution to the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities.

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