



Beacon Baptist Church Constitution

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**TRUST DEED CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS
OF THE BEACON BAPTIST CHURCH
BEACON BAY - EAST LONDON**

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name and designation of the Church shall be the Beacon Baptist Church.

2. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE

The Church acknowledges Jesus Christ as the Supreme Head of the Church, and undertakes to manage all its affairs according to New Testament teaching and recognises the sole authority of the Holy Scriptures in all matters of faith and conduct. The Church shall consist only of persons who hold and accept the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the sole authority of the Holy Scriptures and the interpretation of them usually called Protestant and Evangelical in contradistinction to that interpretation known either as Unitarian Sacerdotal or Roman Catholic and have made a confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. STATEMENT OF BELIEF

The Church believes:-

- a. that the Holy Scriptures, in their original writings comprising the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, are the complete and final written record of God's clear revelation of Himself to man, and testify to Christ, the focus of divine revelation and contain all things essential for God's glory and human salvation and are the final rule and authority in all matters of faith and conduct. The Holy Scriptures are in their entirety the very word of God. The Holy Scriptures were written by men who were supernaturally moved by the Holy Spirit in such a way that their human writing was divinely inspired. This inspiration of the Holy Scriptures extends equally to all parts; the thoughts and ideas are expressed in words which are themselves inspired. The Holy Scriptures are wholly reliable, trustworthy and true, without error. They have been, and will be, preserved by the Holy Spirit throughout all ages.

- b. in one God eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- c. that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
- d. in the personality of the Holy Spirit, His regenerating work, and abiding presence in true believer.
- e. that God created man in His own image; that man sinned and thereby incurred the penalty of death, physical and spiritual; that all human beings inherit sinful nature which issues (in the case of those who reached moral responsibility) in actual transgression involving personal guilt.
- f. that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, a substitutionary sacrifice, according to the Scriptures, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.
- g. in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, His ascension into heaven, and His present life as our High Priest and Advocate.
- h. in the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- i. that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
- j. in the resurrection both of the just and the unjust, the eternal blessedness of the redeemed and the eternal banishment of the wicked.
- k. that the one true Church is the whole company of those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ and regenerated by the Holy Spirit that the local Church on earth should take its character from the conception of the Church spiritual, and therefore that the new birth and personal confession of Christ are essentials of Church membership.
- l. in the priesthood of all believers which is the belief that every believer may approach God through the Lord Jesus Christ, without any human agency; and may teach and preach the Gospel.
- m. that the Lord Jesus Christ appointed two ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper to be observed as acts of obedience and as perpetual witnesses to the cardinal facts of the Christian faith, that baptism is the immersion of the believer in water as a confession of identification with Christ in burial and resurrection and is in obedience to the example and command of our Lord and that the Lord's Supper is the partaking of bread and wine as symbolical of the Saviour's broken body and shed blood in remembrance of His sacrificial death till He come.

4. ORDINANCES, OBJECTIVES and PURPOSES

4.1 ORDINANCES

The Church shall observe in their New Testament simplicity Baptism and the Lord's Supper as enjoined upon His followers by the Lord Jesus Christ.

BAPTISM. In addition to those desiring to join the Church, the Minister shall be free to admit baptism (immersion) to any who so desire to confess the Lord Jesus, provided he (the Minister) has satisfied himself regarding their personal salvation.

COMMUNION. The Lord's Supper shall be observed, as far as possible, at least once monthly. Participation at the Lord's Table shall be open to all who profess acceptance of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Saviour of men.

4.2 OBJECTIVES

- a. To glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church
- b. To proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures and to encourage and support the proclamation of that Gospel (in accordance with Matthew 28: 18 – 20) to the ends of the earth.
- c. To provide instruction and fellowship for believers, seeking to build them up to the measure and stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13)

4.3 PURPOSES

To take Jesus to the people, bring them into MEMBERSHIP in His family, develop them to Christ-like MATURITY and equip them for their MINISTRY in the church and life MISSION in the world in order to MAGNIFY God's name.

5. MEMBERSHIP and BODY CORPORATE

- a. Those persons whose names are on the Church Extension Roll of the Cambridge Baptist Church at the date of the adoption of this Constitution and Bye-Laws.
- b. Those persons who, desiring membership, having given evidence of their personal salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and having confessed that faith by baptism by immersion, have complied with Clause No. 1 of the Bye-Laws, and have been accepted by the Church in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-Laws.
- c. Those who have been accepted by transfer to this Church from some other recognised Baptist Church provided they have been baptised by immersion and complied with the provisions of Clause No. 1 of the Bye-Laws.
- d. Body Corporate
The church shall
 - Exist in its own right separately from its members
 - Continue to exist even when its membership changes and there are different office bearers
 - Be able to own property and other possessions
 - Be able to sue and be sued in its own name.

6. THE MINISTRY

a. MINISTERS

The choice and appointment of a Minister, or assistant Minister, or Associate Minister is vested in the membership of the Church. The Minister or assistant Minister or Associate Minister shall be a baptised believer and shall subscribe to constitution and Bye-Laws of the Church. His name shall be on one of the ministerial lists of the Baptist Union of S.A. or shall have been approved by the executive of the said Union.

b. ELDERS

The choice and appointment of an Elder is vested in the membership of the Church. The Elder shall be of the age of 21 years or over, and who has been in membership of the church for no less than one year before the date of appointment and shall subscribe to the Constitution, Bye-Laws and rules of the Church. Each Elder shall hold office for three consecutive years, such Elder shall be eligible for re-appointment for further periods of three years on the favourable vote of two thirds of the members present at a General Meeting.

7. CHURCH EXECUTIVE

The direction and management of the business affairs of the Church shall be entrusted to the Minister and or Ministers, the Elders and the Board of Deacons, who together shall comprise the Executive of the Church, and who shall act pursuant to the provisions of the Bye-Laws or as specifically directed by the Church in a General Meeting assembled in accordance with these presents and the Bye-Laws.

8. BOARD OF DEACONS

- a. The Deacons shall be elected for a period of three years: One third or nearest to one third of the Board of Deacons shall retire annually, such Deacons shall be eligible for re-election, provided always that nomination and election of a person to the Board of Deacons shall be made from the membership of the Church of the age of 21 years or over, and who have been in membership of the Church for no less than one year before the date of nomination and whose nomination and election have been made in accordance with these presents and the Bye-Laws.
- b. The Church, at the Annual General Meeting may as a mark of respect, appoint any member of the Church to be an Honorary Deacon, and such person shall for the period that they remain a member of the Church, be an Honorary Deacon, with full powers to take part in the deliberations and discussions of the Board of Deacons and the Church Executive. An Honorary Deacon shall not be subject to the provisions of 8a of these presents.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

- a. The Church year shall end on the 30th June in each year and the Annual General Meeting of Members shall be held within two months of the 30th June. Reports on the various activities of the Church and its branches and departments shall be given, and an audited financial statement presented for the twelve months ended on the said 30th June.
- b. An Auditor or Auditors shall be appointed for the ensuing year at each Annual General Meeting.
- c. The election of Deacons to the Board shall take place at the Annual General Meeting, except in the case of death, resignation, retiral of a Deacon when the election may take place at a Special General Meeting. Only bonafide members of the Church shall be permitted to attend and vote at a Church Annual General Meeting. The Church, may by resolution, invite any non-member to attend the Annual General Meeting of Church provided such person does not participate or vote in the meeting.
- d. Twenty per cent (20%) of the membership up to one hundred members, thereafter fifteen per cent (15%) of the membership, resident within thirty kilometers of the Church present and entitled to vote at the meeting shall be deemed to constitute a quorum.
- e. Procedure for the calling and conducting of the Annual General Meeting shall be in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

10. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- a. Special General Meetings of the members may be convened by the Church Executive in accordance with 12(b) of these presents or upon the requisition of not less than twelve members of the Church provided such requisition is submitted in writing to the Church Executive and clearly states the purpose for which the Special General Meeting is desired, or in the event of the death, resignation, retiral of the Minister, Assistant Minister or Associate Minister or upon the death, resignation, retiral of a Deacon or Elder or upon a proposal by the members or Church Executive to terminate the appointment of any or all of the Minister, Assistant Minister, Associate Minister or Elder. Twenty per cent (20%) of the membership resident within thirty kilometers of the Church present at the meeting and entitled to vote shall be deemed to constitute a quorum.
- b. Only bona fide members of the Church and entitled to vote shall be permitted to attend and vote at a Special Meeting of the Church.
- c. Procedure for calling and conducting a Special General Meeting shall be in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

11. FINANCE

- a. The Church shall be supported by the voluntary giving of members of the Church and congregation by means of offerings at the services, monthly or other contributions to Church funds, by donations, by offerings of members and friends on Thanksgiving days.

- b. The Church shall have authority to invest any funds belonging to it in any manner it may deem fit provided such investment does not conflict with the Spirit and teachings of the New Testament.

12. PROPERTY and INCOME

MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

- a. The Church shall have power and is entitled to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real and personal property and any rights or privileges
- b. which the Church may think necessary or convenient for the purpose of its functions principles objects and in particular any land, building and other property movable or immovable of whatever kind and shall have full powers to deal therewith in any manner such as mortgage, pledge, or alienation by sale, donation or otherwise.
- c. Any purchase or lease of immovable property or any sale, mortgage, pledge or other alienation or encumbrance of the whole or any part of the immovable property of the Church shall be effected upon the authority of resolution passed by a three-fourths majority of those attending a duly convened Church meeting provided that the meeting is attended by no less than twenty percent (20%) of the membership resident within thirty kilometers of the Church.

INCOME

- The church will keep a record of everything it owns.
- The church may not give any of its money or property to its members or office bearers, apart from its normal benevolent responsibilities. The only other time it can do this is when it pays for work that a member or office bearer has done for the church. The payment must be a reasonable amount for the work that has been done.
- A member of the church can only get money back from the church for expenses that she or he has paid for or on behalf of the church.
- Members or office bearers of the church do not have rights over things that belong to the church.

13. TRUSTEES

- a. The Church property whether movable or immovable and whether already received, purchased, held or hypothecated or mortgaged, or hereafter received, purchased held or hypothecated or mortgaged, shall vest in and be held by the Trustees of the Church for and on behalf of the Church; such Trustees shall deal with such property as instructed and authorised by the Church in General Meeting. The Trustees shall be three in number, or such other number as may from time to time be fixed at an Annual General Meeting of Church Members.

- b. The Trustees shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of members. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Church Executive, and such Trustee shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- c. The Trustee shall hold the property in trust for the Church and all immovable property shall be registered in the name of the Beacon Baptist Church.
- d. In the event of the Church at any time ceasing to exist for any reason whatsoever, all property or rights to property owned by it shall be transferred in due and proper form by the Trustees to the Baptist Union of Southern Africa, provided that the costs involved in such transfer are paid for out of Church funds.
- e. The Trustees and all Officers of the Church shall be fully indemnified against all actions, costs, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them shall or may incur in the execution of their duties, except such as they shall incur by their own wrongful action done intentionally or with gross negligence

14. BAPTIST UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

The Church shall be a member of the Baptist Union of Southern Africa provided the application for membership is approved by the said Union.

15. ORGANISATION AND DEPARTMENTS

- a. All organisations and departments shall be subject to the Church in all their operations.
- b. All other appointments of officers of organisations and departments, shall be subject to confirmation of the Executive.
- c. The Church may require any or all departments, organisations, committees or extension works to have Constitutions, provided always that such constitutions be approved by the Executive on behalf of the Church.

16. DISSOLUTION OF THE CHURCH

- a. The Church may at any time be dissolved by a resolution of a majority of three Quarters (3/4) of the members present and entitled to vote at a Special General Meeting of the Church which had been convened in accordance with Clause No. 10.
- b. In the event of a resolution being passed as required by (a) above, the Church Executive, or in the event of there being no such Church Executive, the Trustees shall take the necessary steps to wind up the affairs of the Church and in particular to transfer or cause to transfer the property of the Church to the Baptist Union of S.A.
- c. The Church shall be deemed to have ceased to exist when a dissolution of the Church shall have been resolved and all matters relating to such dissolution have been completed and the affairs of the Church have been fully wound up by the Executive or the Trustees, or when the members of the Church shall have become totally dispersed.

17. REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS

This constitution and Bye-Laws may be amended, revised, added to, deleted from at a Special General Meeting of the Church duly convened for the purpose, provided three months' notice of motion has been given at a previous Church meeting. No change shall be made unless at least two thirds (2/3) of the members present and entitled to vote at such meeting actually record their votes in favour of the suggested alteration either in its original form or with such amendments as the meeting itself may make. Notwithstanding the above, the following provisions shall apply: Any alteration in the Declaration of Principle (Clause 2) or the Statement of Belief (Clause 3) shall be made only if seventy five percent (75%) of the total membership of the Church is in favour of the suggested alteration.

WORDS AND MEANINGS

The following words recorded in this Constitution and Bye-Laws shall have the following meanings:

- i. **CHURCH**
The Church signifies those persons elected to membership and enrolled on the Church Membership roll of the Beacon Baptist Church, in accordance with these presents.
- ii. **CHURCH REGISTER**
The Church Register shall be a book into which all names of Church Members are entered.
- iii. **RECOGNISED BAPTIST CHURCH**
A recognised Baptist Church shall be a Baptist Church in membership of the Baptist Union of Southern Africa or a member of a Union of Baptist Churches recognised by the Baptist Union of Southern Africa.
- iv. **MINISTER**
It is hereby declared that the words Minister, Assistant Minister and Associate Minister shall refer to the man or men appointed by the church as the spiritual leader(s) of the church, whose name(s) shall be on one of the ministerial lists of the Baptist Union of Southern Africa or have been approved by the executive of the said union in accordance with the By-laws
- v. **THE EXECUTIVE**
The Executive for the time being of the Beacon Baptist Church.
- vi. **CHURCH SECRETARY**
The Church Secretary shall be the chief executive officer of the Church and a member of the Church Executive and shall be appointed in terms of the Bye-Laws of the Church.

- vii. CHURCH TREASURER
The Church Treasurer shall be a member of the Church Executive appointed in terms of the Bye-Laws and shall control the finances of the Church under the direction of the Church Executive.
- viii. THE BOARD OF DEACONS
It is hereby declared that the words Deacon, Deacons, Diaconate Board and Board of Deacons shall be synonymous and shall mean the Board of Deacons elected from among the members of the Church in accordance with the Bye-Laws.
- ix. ELDER
It is hereby declared that the words Elder, Elders shall be synonymous and shall mean Elders elected from among the male members of the Church in accordance with the Bye-Laws.
- x. THE BYE-LAWS
The Bye-Laws shall form part of the Constitution of the Church, and shall not be inconsistent therewith.
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BYE-LAWS

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1. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- a. Every application for membership of the Church made in terms of 5(b) or 5(c) of the Constitution shall be submitted to the Church Executive in writing on an application form provided by the said Church Executive.
- b. Application for membership shall be considered by the Church Executive, who shall make careful enquiries regarding the Candidate's qualifications, and in the event of the Candidate's application being approved by the Church Executive, two members of the Church shall be appointed as visitors of the applicant. It shall be the duty of the visitors to acquaint the applicant with the privileges and obligations of membership.
- c. The visitors shall report to the Church on the result of their visit to the applicant.
- d. Every application for membership shall be presented to the Church in Special General Meeting, or at the Annual General Meeting by the Church Executive, and after the report of the visitors has been presented the members present shall vote, by poll, on such application, for membership. The vote on the application for membership shall require no less than two thirds (2/3) of those present and entitled to vote before admission to membership can be granted. Any application which is rejected by the members in Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting shall be referred back to the Church Executive for attention.

2. PRIVILEGES AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. Under the Divine Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ, final authority and responsibility in all matters touching the life and service of the Church rest with the whole membership.
- b. Therefore, every member shall be entitled, and expected to attend business meetings unless prevented by some reasonable cause, and to exercise his or her franchise for the welfare of the whole community in the spirit of prayer and love.
- c. Members shall be expected to support the ministry and maintain the fellowship of the Church especially by prayer, attendance at Services whenever possible, engaging in some definite work in connection with the Church and conscientious giving as God's provision enables. It is the special privilege and duty of members to seek to win others to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to introduce strangers to the Church.

3. TRANSFER OF MEMBERS

- a. Any member in good standing who desires to join another Baptist Church shall be given a letter of transfer upon application of the Church concerned. Any member in good standing who desires to join a Protestant Church of some other persuasion than the Baptist shall be given a letter of introduction and commendation upon application by the Church concerned. Where necessary in order to avoid undesirable delay,

transfers or letters of commendation may be sent forward by the Church Executive, who shall report such action at the next ensuing business meeting.

4. REVISION OF CHURCH ROLL

- a. For statistical purposes Membership Roll shall be revised annually.
- b. Members, who in the opinion of the Church Executive, are not fulfilling their obligations satisfactorily, shall be visited by two members appointed by the Church Executive, or if living out of town, shall be communicated with and reminded of their obligations.
- c. If, six months after such a visit or communication, there has been no appreciable improvement, the Church Executive may submit the names of such members to a Church Meeting, and by a two thirds (2/3) vote of which they may be removed from the Roll.
- d. It shall further be permissible for a Church Meeting to remove from the Roll the name of any member whose whereabouts are unknown and who has not kept in touch with the Church for eighteen months.

5. CHURCH DISCIPLINE

If any member is absent from the Services of the Church for a prolonged period without good reason known to the Minister and/or the Church Executive, the Church Executive shall make enquiry into the matter. In the event of such enquiry producing no satisfactory result, the name of the member concerned shall be reported to the business meeting for such action as the members present may decide after due consideration. In the unhappy event of any allegation of unworthy conduct being brought against a member, the Church Executive shall make enquiry into the matter. If after enquiry the Church Executive deems such a course necessary, they shall present a report to a Church business meeting, by which meeting any further action shall be determined after prayerful consideration. In purely personal matters members shall be expected to act in accordance with the Lord's injunction recorded in Matthew Ch.18 v 15-17.

6. MINISTRY

a. MINISTERS

If and when it is necessary to appoint a Minister or Assistant Minister or Associate Minister the procedure shall be as follows:

The Board of Deacons and Elders, who shall constitute the Call Committee shall convene a Special Meeting of members for the purpose of explaining the procedure to be adopted in appointment of a Minister, or Assistant Minister or Associate Minister, thereafter it shall be the duty of the Call Committee to make necessary enquiries and to make recommendation to the Church as soon as possible. The Call Committee shall put before the Church only one name at a time. The Call Committee's recommendation shall be considered at a meeting called for that purpose and no invitation shall be sent forward unless at least three fourths (3/4) of the members present and entitled to vote when the

matter is considered vote in favour. Any invitation shall be contingent upon the prospective Minister or Assistant Minister or Associate Minister accepting in writing the provisions of the Church Constitution, copies of which shall be supplied for his perusal. Any engagement between the Church and a Minister or Assistant Minister or Associate Minister shall be terminated by three months' notice by either side, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon. The Minister or Assistant Minister or Associate Minister shall be expected to become a member of the Church as soon as convenient after the appointment, voting on any appointment under this section shall be by ballot.

b. ELDERS

The number of Elders deemed desirable shall be decided from time to time at a General Meeting on the recommendation of the Church Executive. If and when it is necessary to appoint Elders the procedure shall be as follows:

The Church Executive shall constitute the Call Committee who shall convene a Special Meeting of members for the purpose of explaining the procedure to be adopted in appointment of Elders, thereafter it shall be the duty of the Call Committee to make necessary enquiries, obtain the permission of the nominee to submit his name to the Church and to make recommendation to the Church as soon as possible. The Call Committee's recommendation shall be considered at a meeting called for the purpose and no invitation shall be sent forward unless at least three fourths (3/4) of the members present and entitled to vote when the matter is considered vote in favour.

- a. Any invitation shall be contingent upon the prospective Elder accepting in writing the provisions of the Church Constitution, Bye-Laws and Rules, copies of which shall be supplied for his perusal. Voting of any appointment under this section shall be by ballot.
- b. The qualifications for an Elder shall be those as set out in 1 Timothy 3 and in Titus 1.
- c. Duties of Elders shall be:
 - i) Overseers and Managers of the spiritual affairs of the Church under the direction of the Minister.
 - ii) Shepherds of the flock, the duties of which are shared with the Minister.
 - iii) Shepherds in doctrine, adhering to matters of sound doctrine, avoiding heresy.
 - iv) Teachers of the Scriptures and doctrine, helping and supervising in all aspects of teaching.
 - v) To preach the Word when called upon so to do.
 - vi) Be an example both in the Church and in the community.An Elder cannot hold the office of Deacon but must attend all meetings of the Church Executive.

7. QUORUM

Fifty per cent (50%) of the members of the Church Executive and/or the Board of Deacons present at any meeting of such Church Executive or Board of Deacons shall constitute a quorum.

8. BOARD OF DEACONS

- a. Election to the Board of Deacons shall be after nomination, every member being entitled to send in as many nominations as there are vacancies, provided that every such nomination is lodged with the Church Secretary at least fourteen days before the date of the election and is signed by the nominator and another member with the consent of the nominee.
- b. A list of nominations shall be displayed on the Church Board for at least two Sundays prior to the date of the election.
- c. Vacancies which occur on the Board of Deacons may be filled by the vote of the Church at any meeting called for that purpose, and the persons so elected shall hold office until the Annual Meeting at which the position would normally be filled.
- d. Voting by ballot shall take place on all nominations for the Board of Deacons and only those shall be declared elected who receive more than half the votes cast.
- e. A Secretary, and Church Treasurer who shall be members of the Church, shall be appointed annually from the Church Executive by the Church Executive at their first convenient meeting after the Annual General Meeting of the Church.
- f. The Board of Deacons shall consist of no less than 5 and no more than 12 members.

9. CHURCH EXECUTIVE

- a. The Church Executive shall transact the business of the Church, keep minutes of all meetings, administer its funds, and carry out its directions as provided by Clause No. 7 of the Constitution.
- b. The Church Executive shall have power to co-opt Church members to special committees.
- c. All appointments made by organisations or departments connected with the Church shall be submitted to the Church Executive for confirmation.
- d. The Church Executive shall meet as and when necessary.

10. CHURCH MEETINGS

- a. Notice of the Annual Meeting, a meeting to deal with ministerial vacancies or appointments, a meeting to fill a vacancy or vacancies on the diaconate or for an Elder, shall be given at the Services at least two Sundays immediately prior to the proposed date of the meeting in question.
- b. Any other business meeting may be called by notice given at the Services on the one Sunday immediately prior to the proposed date of the meeting in question. Every matter of Church business shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast at a properly called business meeting, unless otherwise stipulated in this constitution, and subject to the following conditions:
 - i) That voting be by a show of hands or ballot as the Chairman of the meeting shall decide.
 - ii) That, if at least one third (1/3) of the members present so request any matter brought forward without notice beforehand (that is, either by notice of motion or in the announcement of the meeting) shall be postponed for consideration at a future meeting.

11. CHAIRMAN

The Minister shall preside at all meetings of the Church Executive and the Church except when any question affecting his own position is under discussion, or whenever he shall elect to vacate the chair, or during his absence, in which case one of the Church Executive shall be appointed by the Church Executive to act as Chairman at that particular meeting. The Chairman at any meeting shall have a deliberative vote as well as a casting vote. The Minister shall ex-officio be the chairman where he so elects and a member of all committees appointed.

12. BYE-LAWS

The Bye-Laws shall form part of the Church Constitution, but shall not be inconsistent therewith.

NOTES

