

C O N S T I T U T I O N

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TRURO

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1. BASIS

- 1.1 Churches Together in Truro (CTT) unites those Churches in the Truro area which, acknowledging God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves
- to fulfil their God given mission to proclaim the Gospel by witness and service in the world, to the glory of the one God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and
 - to deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church.

2. AIMS

- 2.1 The aims of Churches Together in Truro are:
- Outreach - seeking to extend the kingdom of God in the fulfilment of the great commission – (Matt. 28¹⁸⁻²⁰)
 - Prayer – a commitment to pray with and for one another and for the wider community.
 - Service – responding to the needs of the wider community.
 - Community - deepening and enjoying relationships among local Christians.

3. RELATIONSHIPS

- 3.1 Churches Together in Truro is in association with Churches Together in Cornwall.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Membership of Churches Together in Truro shall be open to any local church (identifiable Christian congregation) which affirms the Basis and commits itself to promote the aims of Churches Together in Truro
- 4.2 Local churches applying to join Churches Together in Truro will be welcomed as a full member on agreement of 75% of current full member churches.
- 4.3 In the event of a member church failing to send a representative to four consecutive meetings of the Executive, the membership of that church will be asked if they wish to continue as members. *
- 4.4 A member church may terminate its membership, as a result its normal decision-making process, by giving written indication of its desire no longer to be a member.

** (Churches Together in Truro is a group of Churches working together, seeking to develop strong relationships which facilitate the outworking of God's Kingdom in active ways, not merely an association involving passive membership. For this reason, we feel that presence and involvement in decision making and planning as a vital part of membership.)*

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 The Executive considers there to be two essential responsibilities of membership:
- a. Attendance at Executive meetings.
 - b. Payment of subscriptions.

6. OFFICERS

- 6.1 The officers of Churches Together in Truro shall be a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Treasurer and a Secretary (plus a Minute Secretary, if desired) to be elected annually by the Executive Committee.

7. EXECUTIVE

- 7.1 The Executive shall meet as frequently as it determines, so as to fulfil its remit effectively.
- 7.2 The function of the Executive shall be to facilitate and co-ordinate activities which fulfil the aims of CTT.
- 7.3 The Executive shall be comprised of the ministers of the member churches and, if desired by the church, one other representative from each church.
- 7.4 The Executive may formulate ad-hoc working parties for designated projects and co-opt to these, as required. Members of working parties may be invited to attend executive meetings as required.
- 7.5 The Executive shall consider CTT approval for such activities and initiatives which reflect the Basis and aims as laid out in the constitution.
- 7.6 When voting is necessary to agree such activities and initiatives each church shall have one vote for a proposal to approved by the Executive. Votes can be made by proxy if the senior representative of the member church is not present.
- 7.7 No proposals, activities or initiatives can be approved unless at least 40% of member churches are represented (Quorum).
- 7.8 The Executive Committee shall produce an annual report which will be made available to members of member churches.
- 7.9 Each year, there shall be a celebration of God's work in CTT, which will form an Annual Meeting, open to members of all participating churches.
- 7.10 It is intended that Churches Together in Truro shall reflect and facilitate the more effective expression of the developing life of the local Christian Church. At least every five years, a Review Group shall be appointed to report on the functioning of CTT and to make proposals for desirable changes.

FINANCE

Each participating church shall pay such annual sum to Churches Together in Truro, as shall be agreed by the executive committee. This sum shall be reviewed annually.

CONSTITUTION

The constitution and any subsequent amendment to it, requires the approval of 75% of the member churches, acting through their normal decision-making bodies. A list of member churches will be held by the Executive Committee Secretary.