



**CONSTITUTION  
OF  
CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP  
(CBF CHURCH)**

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**1. NAME:**

The name of the Church can be referred to as “CBF CHURCH” or “Christian Believers’ Fellowship” or “Fellowship of Christian Believers”. The CBF Church ministry began in 1998 and has since been a blessing to many families, guiding them into the salvation experience. The church has now expanded to multiple branches.

**2. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE:**

The Church consists only of persons who hold and accept the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the sole authority of the Holy Scriptures, and the interpretation of them, and have made a confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

CBF Church is spiritually affiliated with the New Testament patterned churches across the world including Hebron and other fellowships from India, which follow the principles of Acts 2:42 from the Holy Bible.

This Constitution is formed for internal regulatory process covering the operations of the ministry.

**3. OBJECTIVE OF THE CHURCH**

The objective of the Church is to prepare and equip the believers to meet the Lord Jesus through Christian teaching and ministry.

CBF Church’s aim is to expand the Lord’s kingdom by continuing to build on the principles of the early church in accordance with Acts 2:42 which states ‘And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**4. THE ORDINANCES:**

- a) The ordinance of Believer's Baptism shall be administered to any applicant whom the Senior Minister or Elders/Responsible Brothers may deem fit on account of their belief in the forgiveness of sins, and their conviction in obedience to the scriptures (Mark 16:16), followed by the laying of hands by

the council of Elders / Responsible brothers in accordance with 1 Timothy 4:14.

- b) The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed every week in accordance with Acts 20:7

## **5. MEMBERSHIP:**

CBF Church does not have formal memberships but welcomes people from all walks of life to come and worship the Lord and to grow in Christian faith through teaching, fellowship, Bible Studies, prayers, Gospel outreach and service.

## **6. THE MINISTRY:**

- a) CBF Church was founded by Bro Jabez David, who responded to the Lord's call to serve as a Minister, and with multitude of prayers and laying of hands, as per the Word of God, from his late father and Servant of God Bro David, and by many great men of God, who have now gone to be with the Lord, such as Bro Bakht Singh, Bro K Phillip, Bro KN Augustine, Bro AJ Flack, Bro RRK Murthy, Bro Bill Thompson, Bro Koshi, Bro George Verwer, etc on various occasions.

Late Bro AJ Flack & Bro Bill Thompson (co-workers of Bro Bakht Singh) provided much prayerful consultations and advises in the initial days of this work through CBF.

- b) As an accountable servant of God, Bro Jabez David works under guidance of senior Servants of God from Hebron, India and other associated churches across the World.
- c) In this document, the term Senior Minister or Senior Pastoring Elder refers to Bro Jabez David.

## **7. ELDERS (RESPONSIBLE BROTHERS):**

- a) Elders / Responsible brothers will be chosen where appropriate for the local assemblies, who possess the necessary qualifications for the duties concerned with those offices, as outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 where being adequately equipped and the circumstances being appropriate.
- b) Once Elders / Responsible brothers are chosen, they shall be trained in accordance with the Word of God to support the Lord's work alongside the Senior Minister wherever necessary.
- c) The special duties of an Elder/Responsible brother shall be to:
  - i. Assist with preaching, teaching, planning, training, and visitation in the Church as may be necessary and desirable as per the guidance of the Senior Minister.
  - ii. Share and update the ministry to the Senior Minister regarding opportunities and programmes of the Church.
  - iii. Appoint Deacons taking the approval of the Senior Minister.
- d) In local assemblies where an Elder is not appointed due to not being adequately equipped or the circumstances not being appropriate, a moderator or representative shall be appointed, with their terms, conditions, and functions specified by the Church.
- e) If an Elder/Responsible brother demonstrates conflicts of interest in the Lord's ministry, or is found challenging to work in unity, that elder may be removed from the responsibilities after careful consideration of the Senior Minister with consultation of the Responsible brothers for the benefit of advancing the work of the Lord.

## **8. CHURCH DISCIPLINE**

- a) At CBF Church, congregation gathers to worship the Lord, grows spiritually in the Word, ministers to the Lord, and exhorts one another in prayer and supplications.

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- b) The congregation should acknowledge that the purpose of congregational gathering is not for the entertainment or social activities, but for spiritual growth grounded in the Word of God, and fellowship in the Unity of the Spirit.
- c) Conversations among the attendees/congregation should not be disrespectful to other believers or fellow attendees or church or leadership.
- d) The Church attendees must abide by the Constitution and be willing to follow leadership.
- e) CBF Church believes in the principle of voluntary offerings reflecting an individual's commitment to their faith.

### **9. LEGAL STATUS**

- a) CBF Church has been registered as a legal entity with Senior Minister acting as a legal guardian.
- b) For legal reasons, the CBF church is currently registered as a Company by Guarantee (Non profitable organisation company) generally used for communities, charities, and organisations.
- c) Senior Minister serves as a legal guardian in all matters concerning ministry in consultation with fellow ministers from affiliated churches, and the Elders / Responsible brothers where appropriate.

### **10. FUTURE AS CHARITY**

- a) We are in the process of registering the branches of CBF Church as local charity organisations where the offerings are obtained (London, Coventry, Watford and Manchester).
- b) The Trustees will then be appointed with spiritual oath to work under revised Constitution.
- c) Elders / responsible brothers shall continue to support the spiritual growth of the Church.

- d) Fellowship in Dublin will be governed by the regulations and norms applicable in Ireland.

## **11. STATEMENT OF BELIEF:**

CBF Church believes:

- a) in the divine inspiration of the Old and New Testaments in their original writings and accepts them as the supreme and final authority for faith and life. 2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Pet. 1:21, 1 Cor. 2:13.
- b) in one true God eternally existing in three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- c) that Lord Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
- d) 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 by grace on the ground of His shed blood.
- e) in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus, His ascension into heaven, and His present life as our High Priest and Advocate;
- f) in the imminent personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the resurrection both of the just and the unjust, the eternal blessedness of the redeemed and the eternal banishment of those who have rejected the offer of salvation.
- g) that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
- h) 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 this conception of the church spiritual, and therefore that the new birth and personal confession of Christ are essentials.

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- i) 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 that the Lord's Supper is the partaking of bread and wine as symbolical of the Saviour's broken body and the shed blood, in remembrance of His sacrificial death till He come.
- j) that God has sanctioned marriage exclusively between a man and a woman; therefore, we believe in heterosexual relationships between a natural man and a natural woman within the confines of lawful matrimony.

### **12. REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

CBF Church is an evolving body with attendees from diverse languages, cultures, denominations and backgrounds. As the time progresses, it shall be lawful for the Church at any convened time or times for this purpose, to remove, vary, add to, amend, revise, or alter any provisions of this Constitution, including but not limited to sections concerning The Ministry, Elders/Responsible brothers, etc.