

# **Birmingham Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship**

**Constitution** | May 2018

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## **Aims**

The aims shall be:

- To deepen our faith and unity in the gospel.
- To contribute positively and constructively to the life and work of C of E Birmingham.
- To further evangelical ministry within the Church of England and especially C of E Birmingham.

## **Basis of Faith**

The Basis of Faith shall be that of the Church of England Evangelical Council, including the two additional declarations.

## **Membership**

Membership shall be open to all who:

- Belong to a church within Church of England Birmingham.
- Support the Aims of the BDEF.
- Have paid the annual subscription.

## **Meetings**

- There shall normally be at least three meetings per year, one of which will be the Annual Meeting with a visiting speaker.
- All meetings are open to non-members, however only members are eligible to vote.

## **Committee**

- The Committee shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and up to eight others, making a maximum of twelve.
- Committee members are expected to affirm the Basis of Faith.
- The Officers and four further Committee members shall be elected by ballot and simple majority at the Annual Meeting.
- The Committee shall have power to co-opt other BDEF members to ensure a balance of lay/or-dained, male/female, different streams of evangelicalism, different parts of the diocese, different ages.
- The Committee shall meet at least three times per year to further the aims of the BDEF.
- The Committee shall be responsible for arranging the meetings of the BDEF.
- No one shall speak on behalf of the BDEF without the prior agreement of the Committee.
- Committee meetings shall be considered quorate only if there are five or more members present two of whom are Officers.

## **Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting shall:

- Be held before the end of June each year.
- Elect the members of the Committee for a period of three years.
- Set the annual subscription.

## **Constitution**

- The Constitution shall be adopted at the first meeting of the BDEF, which shall have the power to amend the Constitution by a simple majority.
- Following its adoption, the Constitution shall only be amended by a two-thirds majority at an Annual Meeting, following notification of the proposals to all members at least two weeks before the meeting.
- Changes to the Constitution shall take effect at the following year's Annual Meeting.

[Adopted at the first meeting, 26 May 2018]