



## Home Mission Scheme Byelaws

The Byelaws of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, agreed by the Council of the Union, November 2007 and amended November 2009 and November 2012.

# THE BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN

## THE BYE-LAWS OF THE UNION

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### DEFINITIONS

- 1 1.1 'Association' means one of those Associations as Council shall from time to time approve.
- 1.2 'Union' means the Baptist Union of Great Britain.
- 1.3 'Council' means the Council of the Union.
- 1.4 'free capital' includes all capital sums and investments belonging to the Union save only such of them as having regard to the terms of any trust may not be used for the general purposes of the Union.
- 1.5 'free revenue' includes all collections, contributions, subscriptions, donations, legacies, dividends, rents and other receipts whatsoever save only such of them as having regard to the terms of any trust may not be used for the general purposes of the Union.
- 1.6 'Fund' means the Central Fund of the Union as in Clause 2 of Part 2 of the Constitution.

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- 2 The administration of the Union shall be by the Trustee Board, with the following Committee and such other Committees and Working Groups as shall be agreed from time to time by the Council.
  - 2.1 The National Settlement Team to facilitate ministerial settlement comprising a Moderator appointed by the Council, one Regional Minister from each Association, the Head of the Ministry Department, the Ministries Advisor, and such other members as agreed from time to time by Council.
- 3 Any recommendation of the Trustee Board to the Council relating to budget, or change in the Bye-laws may be confirmed or rejected by the Council or the Council may refer the matter for reconsideration by the Trustee Board in which later case it shall after reconsideration be brought finally before the Council for confirmation or rejection.

### FINANCE

- 4 All sums required by the Union for the furtherance of its objects (except for the financing of buildings and sites) shall be made the subject of an appeal under Clause 2 of Part 2 of the Constitution.
- 5 Each Association shall be responsible for promoting the support of the Fund in its own constituency and shall pay to the Union:
  - 5.1 contributions to the Fund received through the Association.
  - 5.2 fees paid by churches or other denominational bodies for affiliation to the Association.
  - 5.3 subscriptions of personal members of the Association.
- 6 Each Association shall apply its share of the Fund as it determines but as far as possible consistent with guidelines as are from time to time applied by the Union, provided that no part shall be applied for any purpose outside the constitutional objects of the Union nor save with the prior consent of the Trustee Board to be used to finance sites or buildings.
- 7 With a view to avoiding the duplication of appeals no Association shall appeal for or in any way either directly or indirectly solicit contributions or donations for its administrative expenses or for expenditure within the purposes of the Union (other than for sites and buildings) save with the prior consent of the Trustee Board.
- 8 Each Association shall provide such financial information in relation to the application of its share of the Fund as may be required by the Trustee Board.
- 9 The Fund shall be administered by the Trustee Board and no sums shall be paid out of the Fund save under the authority of that Board. The Trustee Board shall annually present to the Council an estimate of the anticipated receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year and accounts for each financial year.
- 10 The Fund shall be available for financing all or any of the constitutional activities and purposes of the Union and the Associations (so far as the activities of the Associations do not extend beyond the constitutional purposes of the Union) but shall not, save in exceptional circumstances, be used for the finance of sites and buildings.
- 11 All the free capital and free revenue of the Union and all other sums contributed towards or intended for any

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- purposes of the Union, unless restricted by charity law, shall be paid into the Fund.
- 12 Sums not immediately required for the purposes of the Union may, from time to time, be set aside as reserves which may at any time be drawn on as needed.
  - 13 Reserves may, subject to any general principles agreed by the Council, under the direction of the Trustee Board be invested either in trustee securities or non-trustee securities. Such investments shall be made on behalf of the Union in the name of the Baptist Union Corporation Limited or in the name of such nominees as the Trustee Board shall appoint. The Trustee Board shall have the power to appoint one or more suitably qualified investment managers to carry out its investment powers.
  - 14 A member of the Trustee Board and/or the Grants Committee and/or the National Settlement Team may receive remuneration or other financial benefit from the Fund provided always that such person takes no part in any vote or discussion relating to such remuneration or benefit.
  - 15 The financial year shall commence on the 1 January or such other date as the Council may from time to time determine.

### Note

For the purposes of the Bye-Laws and the Baptist Union Corporation, Council designated at its meeting in November 2001, the following Associations:

North Western Baptist Association  
Yorkshire Baptist Association  
East Midland Baptist Association  
Heart of England Baptist Association  
West of England Baptist Association  
Eastern Baptist Association  
Central Baptist Association  
South Eastern Baptist Association  
London Baptist Association  
South Wales Baptist Association (BUGB)  
Southern Counties Baptist Association  
South West Baptist Association  
Northern Baptist Association

