

THE BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN

1 NAME

The Baptist Union of Great Britain hereinafter referred to as "the Union".

2 CONSTITUENCY

The Union shall consist of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (charity number 1181392 and its successors in title) ("BUGB CIO") as its sole member.

3 DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE

The basis of the Union is:

- 3.1 That our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, is the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that each Church has liberty, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to interpret and administer His Laws.
- 3.2 That Christian Baptism is the immersion in water into the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, of those who have professed repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who "died for our sins according to the Scriptures; was buried, and rose again the third day".
- 3.3 That it is the duty of every disciple to bear personal witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to take part in the evangelisation of the world.

4 THE OBJECT OF THE UNION

The object of the Union is the advancement of the Christian faith and its practice, especially by the means of and in accordance with the principles of the Baptist Denomination in particular, but not exclusively, through any or all of the following means:

- 4.1 To cultivate among its own members respect and love for one another, and to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4.2 To spread the Gospel of Christ by ministers and evangelists, by establishing Churches, forming Sunday schools, distributing the Scriptures, issuing religious publications, and by such other methods as the Council shall determine.
- 4.3 To afford opportunities for conference, and for united action on questions affecting the welfare of the Churches, the support of the ministry, and the extension of the Christian faith, both at home and abroad.
- 4.4 To promote good relations between Baptists in this and other countries.
- 4.5 To obtain and disseminate accurate information respecting the organisations, labours and sufferings of Baptists throughout the world.
- 4.6 To confer and co-operate with other Christian communities as occasion may require.

5 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Union shall be restricted to BUGB CIO acting by its trustees.

6 ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended by a resolution of BUGB CIO acting by its trustees.

7 THE CHARITY TRUSTEE

The administration and governance of the Union shall be the responsibility of BUGB CIO (acting by its trustees) as sole charity trustee.

8 APPLICATION OF ASSETS

In fulfilment of the object of the Union the Charity Trustee may resolve to sell, lease, gift or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the assets of the Union.

9 FUNCTION

Any function in law or practice undertaken by the Trustees, Council or Assembly of the Union shall be undertaken by the respective bodies of BUGB CIO.

10 MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNION

Where any person or organisation is required by any document, provision or legislation to be a member of the Union, this will be satisfied by being a member of BUGB CIO.