

Constitution of Calgary Chinese Evangelical Ministerial Association

I. Name

The name of the association is Calgary Chinese Evangelical Ministerial Association (hereinafter referred to as the “Association”).

II. Purpose

The Association is a non-profit organization formed by full-time, part-time, retired and unassigned Chinese ministers of evangelical churches and workers of evangelical organizations in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, who share the faith stated in Section III, for the purpose of supporting one another in prayer, encouraging one another, sharing experiences in the ministries, promoting and organizing different evangelical and devotional meetings, and serving the local churches in the Chinese community.

III Faith

1. We believe the entire Bible of the New Testament and the Old Testament is inspired by God. It reveals God’s complete plan to save mankind and it’s the guideline for faith and holiness for believers.
2. We believe in the one and only true God – the eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe Jesus Christ the Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of Mary virginally, is fully God and fully man. He died on the cross to redeem mankind of their sins, and was resurrected from the dead by God. He ascended to heaven and will soon return as He promised.
4. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the third person of Trinity, who is equal to the Father and the Son in attribute, power and existence. His role is to convict us of our sins, help us to be born again, and dwell in the hearts of the believers to empower them to live a holy life, to serve God and to serve people.
5. We believe all mankind, created in the image of God, are sinners in Adam, and need God’s salvation.
6. We believe sinners who repent can only be born again by believing in Jesus through the grace of God, and become righteous by faith in God.
7. We believe the body of the righteous will be resurrected and will have eternal life. The unrighteous will be condemned for eternal punishment.
8. We believe Christ is the head of the church. The church is His body, formed by believers born again by the Holy Spirit engaging in worship, fellowship, evangelism and serving. (hereinafter collectively called the “Faith Statement”)

IV. Membership

1. Any evangelical worker with a clear calling from God, who shares the same faith as the Association and decides to frequently attend various meetings of the Association, may apply for membership.
2. Any person applying for membership will become a member of the Association after agreeing to the Faith Statement of the Association in writing, and obtaining the approval of two-third of the Voting Members present at a general meeting.
3. If a member no longer abides by the Constitution of the Association , or his/her lifestyle and behavior do not bear witness to his/her faith, and are contrary to the teachings of the Bible, his/her membership will be revoked after verification of the allegations and approval of two-third of the Voting Members at a general meeting. If the said member repents, evidenced by actions consistent with a repentant heart, he/she may reapply for the membership.
4. The Association does not belong to any denomination and does not agree to any member promoting the characteristics of his/her denomination.
5. Members have the obligation to update their personal information with the secretary of the Association when the occasion arises.
6. Any member who has attended at least four regular monthly meetings of the Association in a year will have the voting right.
7. A person's membership is automatically terminated when he/she moves out of this City.

V. Organization

The Association shall be managed by a staff board comprising a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer (hereinafter collectively called the "Staff Board"). The members of the Staff Board are elected at the Special General Meeting for a term of two years, extendable for two more terms if re-elected. The Staff Board shall promote the evangelical ministries of the Association.

The mandate of a member of the Staff Board ends in the following circumstances:

- (i) at any date determined at the time of his/her appointment by the members in an Annual General Meeting;
- (ii) if such a date has not been determined, at the close of the first Annual General Meeting that follows his election;
- (iii) at his/her death, resignation or dismissal.

Except for the vacancies resulting from an increase in the minimum or maximum number of the Staff Board, any vacancy on the Staff Board may be filled by a resolution adopted by the remaining members of the Staff Board, provided they form a quorum. The member appointed as a replacement remains in office for the balance of the unexpired term of his predecessor.

A quorum of the Staff Board shall consist in number of not less than two-third of the staff members eligible to vote at a meeting.

Any member of the Staff Board may at any time resign from his/her seat, by sending a written notice by registered mail or messenger to the Secretary of the Staff Board. The resignation is effective as of the date it is sent, or at any later date indicated in the notice.

VI. Meetings

1. Monthly prayer meetings

2. Meeting convened by the Staff Board

The meetings of the Staff Board may be held at any time. The Staff Board may designate one or several days during one or several months for the Staff Board meetings, at a location and time to be specified.

3. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the members shall be held each year as the Staff Board may from time to time determine, for the purpose of considering the financial statements and reports, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

4. Special Meeting

The Chairman or, in his/her absence, the Secretary may call a special meeting of the members at any time subject to the provisions of these Constitution and the *Companies Act* of Alberta relating to notice.

5. Place of Meeting

Meeting of the members may be held at any place within the Province of Alberta that the Staff Board may determine.

6. Quorum

The quorum shall consist of not less than 30% of the Voting Members.

7. Vote

Subject to Section IV (6), each Voting Member has the right to one vote and all questions submitted to the Staff Board shall be decided by a simple majority. For any major decision on a matter that the Staff Board proposes to the Association, approval of 75% of the Voting Members present at a meeting is required.

VII. Financial

1. All operating costs are supported by offerings from churches and individuals.

2. Revenue may be used as member benefits for development and training with the approval of the Staff Board. It should solely be used for the evangelical ministries. In the event of special needs, the approval of two-third of the Voting Members present must be obtained before the funds can be utilized.

VIII. Amendment of Objects

Subject to the provisions of the *Companies Act* of Alberta, any amendment to the purposes and objects of the Constitution must be proposed by members in writing, reviewed by the Staff Board and submitted to the General or Special meeting of the Association for final approval.

IX Dissolution

In the event the Association has to be dissolved, all assets must be transferred to an officially registered evangelical organization in Canada subject to the dissolution provision of the *Companies Act* of Alberta.

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