



Constitution

for the

Fellowship of Evangelists and Ministers

1. Name

- a) The name of the organisation shall be known as "Fellowship of Evangelists and Ministers" (hereafter abbreviated to FEM in the remainder of this document).
- b) The organisation has been formed as a non-denominational, non-ecumenical, not-for-profit evangelical group solely supported by the gifts and donations of its membership.

2. Headquarters

The administrative office of FEM will be located in England at an address agreed by the Executive Council and all members present at the Annual General Meeting.

3. Aims and Objectives

- a) The purpose of FEM shall be to propagate the true Christian Faith as set out in the Holy Bible alone.
- b) The work will be carried out internationally, nationally and locally through the work of Accredited Ministers, Elders, Sunday School Teachers, Evangelists, Missionaries and others ministering the Gospel of Christ to the nations. FEM may grant ecclesiastical power, privilege and authority to members who are Christian Clergymen.
- c) Furthermore, FEM will make suitable arrangements for those seeking to be Scripturally equipped for the above mentioned ministries through the Bible Study Courses provided. These certificate courses [Bible Certificate, Intermediate Certificate and Advanced Certificate] are modular in nature and are achieved through Distance Learning.
- d) All Accredited Ministers will receive a Certificate of License for three years. This can be renewed by attending the AGM before the expiry date.
- e) Our aim is to be united and fellowship with likeminded individuals, churches and organisations for the purpose of preaching and teaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to assist in combating the errors of liberalism, ecumenism and all false doctrine.

4. Officer

- a) The officers of FEM are Executive Council members elected by the Annual General Meeting by ballot. The Executive Council consists of the Chairman, Treasurer, Director of Studies and several Area Representatives.
- b) The Executive Council will be made up of only Accredited Ministers who reside in the mainland of the United Kingdom.
- c) All members of the Executive Council are required to retire from their positions at the end of a three year period in office. Such persons may put their names forward for re-election if they so wish.
- d) Nominations for the Executive Council must be submitted by post to the Chairman at least one calendar month before the AGM. Such nominees shall have held membership with FEM for at least twelve months.
- e) Executive Council members may resign from office and retain membership of FEM unless they indicate otherwise.
- f) At times FEM members may be invited to become a Probationary Member of the Council for a period of two years. After this that member may be eligible for election to full membership of the Council according to the decision of the AGM.

5. Membership

- a) Membership of FEM is open to both men and women. In line with Scripture, FEM, believes that only men are eligible for membership for the categories mentioned in section 5.2.a and 5.2.b. Women may become members for categories 5.2.c and 5.2.d.
- b) All applications for membership must be supported by at least two up-to-date references from a minister, pastor or others engaged in the Lord's work. Those working in an approved society or organisation must supply a letter of recommendation from the person(s) in charge.
- c) Membership is not open to those who are of a 'Charismatic' or 'Ecumenical' persuasion. Please refer to Appendix 1 at the end of this document for clarification of these terms. In addition to this, membership is not open to those who are members of any secret society such as the Freemasons.
- d) All members must sign the Constitution to show that they agree to and fully understand its contents.
- e) All members must sign and return the Annual Affirmation form to remain in good standing with FEM.
- f) While there is no annual subscription for membership, all members are expected to attend at least one AGM in a three year period. This requirement will be waived for medical reasons or if the member does not reside in the United Kingdom.
- a) All members are entitled to vote on all aspects of the work of FEM.
- h) Successful applicants will receive a temporary membership certificate which will be valid until the next AGM, at which time he or she will be interviewed by at least two Executive Council members, whereupon a full membership certificate may be granted at the discretion of the interviewers.
- i) Any person joining FEM is not required to resign or withdraw from any Biblically sound Protestant church or organisation. Our membership will therefore be drawn from almost every independent Protestant denomination that adheres to Scripture in all things pertaining to faith and practice.
- j) The member agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Fellowship of Evangelists and Ministers in any and all matters of public and private liability, including malpractice or anything arising out of his or her actions.
- k) The member agrees to be faithful to the sacred trust of the ministry by diligence and uprightness in ministerial ethics, self-discipline, purity and by avoiding the very appearance of evil.

5.2. Categories of Membership

- a) Fully Accredited Ministers.
- b) Probationary Ministers.
- c) Associated Members.
- d) Deaconess.
- e) Affiliated Churches, Societies or Organisations.

5.3. Disqualification of Members

Membership will be terminated under the following conditions:-

- (i) If a person, church, society or organisation voluntarily renounces membership.

(ii) If a person, church, society or organisation is found to be engaged in any ecumenical or heretical activity or holds beliefs that are contrary to the Statement of Faith and Constitution of FEM.

(iii) If a person is found to be a member of any secret society such as Freemasonry.

6. Ministerial Accreditation

a) Candidates for Ministerial Accreditation (ordination) with FEM must have undertaken one of the following:-

(i) A minimum of three years Theological training and be a graduate of a recognised and approved Faculty.

(ii) Have successfully completed both the Bible Certificate and the Intermediate Courses provided by FEM.

Under no circumstances will these conditions be waived at any time.

b) Ministerial Accreditation will not be granted to persons engaged or active in any form of ecumenism or secret societies (such as Freemasonry).

c) All candidates for Ministerial Accreditation will be granted a Probationary License until the Director of Studies, with the support of the Executive Council and the AGM, agrees to award full Ministerial Accreditation.

d) The Ministerial Accreditation Certificate will be granted for a period of three years. On expiry, it may be renewed at the next AGM. This, in the first instance, should be received in person, but if illness or distance prohibits attending the AGM, then a representative may collect it on the member's behalf.

e) The Accredited Minister agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Fellowship of Evangelists and Ministers in any and all matters of public and private liability, including malpractice or anything arising out of his or her actions.

f) The Accredited Minister agrees to be faithful to the sacred trust of the ministry by diligence and uprightness in ministerial ethics, self-discipline, purity and by avoiding the very appearance of evil.

7. Affiliated Churches, Societies and Organisations

a) Many churches and organisations operate independent of denominations and other such bodies. Future legislation however may change this and cause problems for those who are independent. With this in mind, FEM has provided Affiliated Membership to cover any eventualities in this area. A Certificate of Affiliation may be issued to churches, societies and organisations seeking fellowship with FEM. At no time will there be a loss of autonomy for those associating with FEM.

b) The affiliated church, society or organisation agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Fellowship of Evangelists and Ministers in any and all matters of public and private liability, including malpractice or anything arising out of its actions.

8. Meetings

8.1. Annual General Meeting

(i) An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held within thirteen months of the previous AGM. All members of FEM will be notified in writing in January of each year regarding the date, time and venue of the AGM.

(ii) Any nominations for the Executive Council may be made in writing to the Chairman at least one month before the AGM.

(iii) The AGM will consist of:-

- a. Reports from the Chairman, Treasurer, Director of Studies and Area Representatives.
- b. Election of new members to the Executive Council. Such nominees shall have held membership with FEM for at least twelve months.
- c. Discussion of other business submitted by the Membership.
- d. Notices regarding any public meeting that may occur after the AGM.

8.2. Business Meetings.

The Executive Council will meet at least twice a year to discuss any business or matters arising, and make arrangements for future meeting.

8.3. Rally

This is the title we give to the public meeting after the AGM. This meeting is arranged so that members can invite others and make them aware of the work and ministry of FEM. During this service certificates will be presented to those completing the Coursework, and to those receiving Ministerial Accreditation. At the very centre of the Rally is the Preaching of the Gospel of Christ.

Appendix 1.

To clarify what is meant by the terms 'Charismatic' and 'Ecumenical' we offer the following:-

- a) By 'Charismatic' we mean any person, church, society or organisation that places undue emphasis upon a particular Gift of the Holy Spirit, at the expense of spiritual discernment in determining what is indeed of the Spirit as opposed to what is of the flesh. We reject the teaching that states it is essential for a person to speak in Tongues as evidence of salvation or of being filled with the Spirit.
- b) By 'Ecumenical' we mean any person, church, society or organisation that is prepared to co-operate with churches, fellowships or individuals who endorse a different gospel than that contained in Scripture, which is Justification by Faith in Christ alone and in His finished Work on Calvary. (The Fellowship of Evangelists and Ministers is established to assist and fellowship with Christian workers who are independent of any denomination.) We maintain that all ecumenical bodies, such as the World Council of Churches and Churches Together are used by Satan to prepare the way for the Apostate One World Church as foretold in the Holy Bible.

This Constitution was agreed by the Executive Council of the Fellowship of Evangelists and Ministers. It will be offered for acceptance and approval by all members of FEM at the inaugural AGM.

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