

Regulations of The Christian Endeavour Union of Great Britain and Ireland

1. Name & Affiliation

The name of this Union shall be "The Christian Endeavour Union of Great Britain and Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "Christian Endeavour"). "Christian Endeavour" will carry out the activities of the Christian Endeavour Union of Great Britain and Ireland Incorporated (Company No. 00258268, Charity No. 228606).

2. Membership

Shall consist of the National Unions of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and their affiliated Societies and Personal Members of "Christian Endeavour".

Personal Membership on an individual basis will be open to all who have accepted the following:

- Personal confession of faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord; commitment to serve Christ; Commitment to fellowship with other Christians; loyalty to Christ's Church.
- Payment of an annual contribution by 31st December.

3. Officers of "Christian Endeavour"

The affairs of "Christian Endeavour" shall be administered by the Officers of "Christian Endeavour" (hereinafter called "The Officers"), which shall consist of: Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

- The Officers shall have power to fill vacancies arising during the year among appointments made by the General Council.
- The Officers shall meet at least three times every year and two of its serving members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- The overall control of the charity is in the hands of the Company Directors/Trustees.

4. General Council

There shall be a General Council of "Christian Endeavour", which shall exercise overall control of the affairs of the Union and its finances.

The General Council shall consist of:

- The Officers
- Directors/Trustees of the incorporated Association
- Convenors of "Christian endeavour"
- The secretary of each National Union
- One Representatives of each National Union
- One Representative of British Floating Christian Endeavour
- One Representative of the Christian Endeavour Holiday Centres Ltd

The General Council shall be responsible for

- The appointment of the Officers
- The appointment of Working Party Convenors
- The appointment of Special Working Parties as the General Council may think fit.

The General Council meets, normally early, mid and late summer. The mid summer meeting shall be known as the Annual General Meeting when 6 of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. Control

The overall control of the Charity is in the hands of the Company Directors/Trustees

6. Working Parties

Appointment

The Officers of "Christian Endeavour" shall have power to appoint such other working parties as may be thought expedient for carrying out the work of "Christian Endeavour", with power to delegate to such working parties as appointed by the General Council, such powers and responsibilities as may be thought fit.

Co-option

The General Council shall have power to co-opt to the Officers of "Christian Endeavour", or to any working party, any person who's special experience or expertise may be considered of value. Such co-opted members shall in no case exceed one-third of the total number of members of that body.

7. Nominations and Elections

Chairman

The General Council, from among its members, shall elect the Chairman of "Christian Endeavour" annually.

Officers

All other Officers of the British Union shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. "Christian Endeavour" Officers shall hold office from the close of that meeting until the close of the next following Annual General Meeting

The normal term of office is six years.

8. Business of General Council

Meetings of General Council

The General Council shall, subject to the provisions of the Constitution of "Christian Endeavour", meet at such time and place as shall be decided at the previous meeting of the Council or in the absence of such a decision, at such a time and place as the Officers shall appoint.

Order of Business

Except where the Council shall, for any reason of expediency, vary the order, the order of business at every meeting of the Council shall be-

- To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council, a copy of which shall be circulated to each member of the Council as soon as practicable after such meeting.
- To dispose of business (if any) remaining from the last meeting.
- In the case of the AGM to deal with items such as election of Officers
- To receive reports from:
 - The Secretary
 - The Treasurer
 - National Unions
- To receive and consider reports submitted by other members of the General Council.
- To consider Notice of Motion.
- The Chairman shall have power to deal with any other business of the General Council or to refer such business to an appropriate committee.
- To fix the time and place of the next meeting.

9. Notice of Motion

Every Notice of Motion shall be in writing, signed by the member or members giving notice, and delivered or sent by post to reach the Secretary not less than 28 days before the next meeting of the Council. The Secretary shall send a copy of every such Notice of Motion to each member of the Council not less than 7 days prior to the meeting at which it is to be moved. If a Motion be not moved, it shall, unless postponed by the consent of the Council, be treated as abandoned

10. Notices which may be moved without Motion

Appointment of a Chairman of the Meeting at which the Motion is made for Nomination for the election of Chairman.

Motions relating to the accuracy of the Minutes, closure, adjournment, order of business or next business.

Reference to a committee, appointment of committee member or members thereof.

Adoption of reports and recommendations of committees or officers and any consequent resolutions.

That leave be given to withdraw a motion.

Amendments to motions.

Varying order of business.

Giving consent of Council, where necessary, for the Suspending of Standing Orders.

11 Payment of Expenses

All members of the General Council (other than those invited to attend as observers only) and of the Committees of "Christian Endeavour" are entitled to payment of expenses from "Christian Endeavour's" funds on the basis set out below.

Travel expenses may be claimed on the following basis:

- if travelling by public transport 2nd class rail fare (or the equivalent public transport),
- if travelling by private car, a mileage allowance at a rate to be fixed from time to time by the General Council.¹
- Those travelling by air will be expected to travel at the most economical fare available.

Members are asked to bear in mind that the cost of travel represents a high proportion of "Christian Endeavour's" administrative expenses, and to do all they can to keep expenses to a minimum (consistent with the effective carrying out of "Christian Endeavour's" work). Those travelling by public transport are asked to check the availability of reduced rates (e.g. day or week-end tickets); and those travelling by private transport are asked wherever possible to arrange to share with other members.

All Members of the General Council and others appointed to undertake any specific work on behalf of "Christian Endeavour" are entitled to payment from "Christian Endeavour's" fund of all postage, telephone, stationery incurred in the carrying out of that work. As far as possible appropriate estimates of such expenses should be included in the budget of the individual concerned.

As regards attendance at meetings, an attendance and expense book will be circulated at the meeting, and expenses claimed will be paid at, or as soon as possible, after the meeting. Claims for other expenses should be submitted direct to the Treasurer.

12 Minutes

As soon as the Minutes have been read the Chairman puts the question that they be signed as a true record. No motion or discussion shall take place upon the minutes except upon their accuracy, and any question of their accuracy shall be raised by motion.

If no question is raised, or if it is raised, then as soon as it is disposed of, the Chairman shall sign the Minutes

13 Annual General Meeting

"Christian Endeavour" shall act through an Annual General Meeting consisting of:

- Present and retiring members of the General Council of "Christian Endeavour". Members of the Working parties of "Christian Endeavour". Directors and Members of the Incorporated Association.

The Annual General Meeting shall receive the Annual Report and Financial Report of the General Council of "Christian Endeavour", elect Officers of "Christian Endeavour"; and may debate matters affecting the work of "Christian Endeavour" and questions of public concern.

No resolution (other than procedural resolutions and notices of motion for consideration at a future meeting) shall be submitted to a Annual General Meeting unless it has previously been considered by the General Council of "Christian Endeavour", or notice of motion thereof has been given at a previous meeting of the Annual General Meeting.

14 Salaried staff

The Officers shall appoint such staff that it deems necessary for the effective running of "Christian Endeavour" Headquarters.

15 Conventions:

Recognising the importance of fellowship, it is recommended that a combined British Convention (for the National Unions) be held and organised as and when the need arose

16 Alterations to Regulations

The regulations may be altered at a Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the General Council or on three months' notice in writing being given to the Secretary of "Christian Endeavour", and in either case published in advance of the Annual General Meeting by three months. The proposed alterations must be approved by two thirds of the members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting and, if so approved, shall come into force (30 days after approval), but shall not affect any election that is due to take effect in the year following.

No alterations may be made that would contradict the Memorandum and Articles of Association that govern the charity.

¹ 2001 25p per mile