

QUEENSLAND CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES ASSOCIATION BY-LAW

Where there is an inconsistency between the Model Rules and the By-Laws – the Model Rules will prevail.

ARTICLE 1

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

The Association shall be known as Queensland Chinese Christian Churches Association Incorporated, referred to as “QCCCA.”

ARTICLE 2

PURPOSE OF ASSOCIATION

The Purpose of the Queensland Chinese Christian Association is to unite Chinese churches across Queensland to fulfill the Great Commission, fostering fellowship among pastors and church leaders, encouraging mutual support, and equipping the next generation of leaders to serve Christ faithfully and effectively.

ARTICLE 3

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We, as a Christian organization, rooted in the Evangelical tradition, affirm the following statement of faith:

A. The Bible

We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. It is the final authority for faith, doctrine, and life, fully sufficient and trustworthy for revealing God’s will to humanity (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

B. God

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is sovereign, holy, loving, and just, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, and worthy of all worship and obedience (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 1 Timothy 1:17).

C. Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified for the sins of the world, rose bodily from the dead, and ascended to heaven, where He intercedes for believers and reigns as King. He will return personally and visibly to establish His eternal kingdom (John 1:1-14; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Acts 1:9-11).

D. The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He regenerates, indwells, empowers, sanctifies, and gifts believers for ministry and mission. The Spirit leads the church in truth and glorifies Christ in all things (John 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:16-25).

E. Humanity

We believe that humanity, male and female, created in the image of God, was made for relationship with Him. However, through Adam's disobedience, humanity fell into sin, becoming spiritually dead and alienated from God, and is now subject to His judgment (Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 5:12-19).

F. Salvation

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. It is the gift of God, not earned by human works. Through Christ's atoning death and resurrection, sinners are justified, forgiven, and reconciled to God. Salvation involves regeneration, sanctification, and glorification, with believers persevering in faith to the end (Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:16; Romans 8:29-30). We affirm that God's sovereignty and human responsibility coexist in the mystery of salvation.

G. The Church

We believe in the universal Church, the body of Christ, composed of all true believers. The Church exists to glorify God by worshiping Him, preaching the Gospel, disciplining believers, and serving the world in love. The local church is a visible expression of this universal body, gathering for teaching, fellowship, prayer, observing baptism and the Lord's Supper (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 1:22-23).

H. The Last Things

We believe in the personal, visible return of Jesus Christ and the consummation of His kingdom. The dead will be raised, and Christ will judge all people. Believers will enter eternal life with God, and unbelievers will face eternal separation from Him. God will create a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 21:1-8).

**ARTICLE 4
MEMBERSHIP**

A. Member

1. Membership is for all Chinese churches in and around Queensland that agree to abide by the Statement of Faith.
2. For Membership Application, please refer to the "QCCCA Membership Application Guidelines."
3. Each Member church can designate up to three representatives to attend QCCCA meetings. The minister, elder, deacon, or any person holding a recognized or approved leadership position in the member church shall serve as the ex officio representative with voting rights at any duly convened QCCCA meeting. If the designated ex officio representative is unwilling or unable to attend, the second designated person (if any) from that member church shall assume this role and responsibility.
4. Each Member church is entitled to one vote only.
5. Members are required to pay an annual membership fee which is to be recommended by the QCCCA Executive Committee and endorsed at the QCCCA General Meeting.
6. Responsibilities of Members include:

- 6.1. Participating in QCCCA meetings, activities, and projects.
- 6.2. Full privilege of the election process including the nomination and election for the Executive Committee.

B. Associate Member

1. Associate Membership is for the para-church organizations in and around Queensland which agree to abide by the Statement of Faith.
2. For Membership Application, please refer to “Guidelines for QCCCA Membership Application.”
3. The founding member or delegates of the organization (maximum three persons) can represent an Associate Member to attend the meetings.
4. Each Associate Member is entitled to one vote only.
5. Associate Members are required to pay an annual membership fee which is to be recommended by the QCCCA Executive Committee and endorsed at the QCCCA General Meeting.
6. Responsibilities of Associate Members include:
 - 6.1. Participating in QCCCA meetings, activities, and projects
 - 6.2. Participating in the election process of the Executive Committee, except for the right to be elected as a member of the Executive Committee.

C. Individual membership:

1. Although QCCCA is a fellowship of churches, individuals who are current pastors or elders from non-member churches or retired pastors or elders who agree to abide by the Statement of Faith may apply for individual membership.
2. For Membership Application, please refer to “Guidelines for QCCCA Individual Membership Application.”
3. Each Individual Member is entitled to one vote only.
4. Individual Members are required to pay an annual membership fee which is to be recommended by the QCCCA Executive Committee and endorsed at the QCCCA General Meeting.
5. Responsibilities of Individual Members include:
 - a. Participating in QCCCA meetings, activities, and projects
 - b. Participating in the election process of the Executive Committee, except for the right to be elected as a member of the Executive Committee.

D. Cease of Membership

1. Member may withdraw its membership by giving a written notice to the secretary of the Executive Committee.
2. Membership of a church or para-church organization shall be terminated when that entity ceases to exist.
3. QCCCA may resolve to terminate the membership of a church or para-church organization subject to the two-thirds majority vote of the members present and attending the general meeting.

4. Despite the provisions in Articles 4A and 4B, an individual can only represent either a member church or an Associate Member at any QCCCA meeting.
5. Individual members may withdraw from the Association or be removed at the discretion of the Executive Board without a vote of the member churches when such members no longer meet or adhere to the membership requirements, set forth in 4.C.5. Notification of dismissal from membership will be communicated to individual members.

E. Appeal against rejection or termination of membership

1. A person whose application for membership has been rejected, or whose membership has been terminated, may give the secretary written notice of the person's intention to appeal against the decision.
2. A notice of intention to appeal must be given to the secretary within 1 month after the person receives written notice of the decision.
3. If the secretary receives a notice of intention to appeal, the secretary must, within 1 month after receiving the notice, call a general meeting to decide the appeal.

F. General meeting to decide on appeal

1. The general meeting to decide an appeal must be held within 3 months after the secretary receives the notice of intention to appeal.
2. At the meeting, the applicant must be given a full and fair opportunity to show why the application should not be rejected or the membership should not be terminated.
3. Also, the Executive committee and the members who rejected the application or terminated the membership must be given a full and fair opportunity to explain why the application should be rejected or the membership should be terminated.
4. An appeal must be decided by a majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at the meeting.
5. If a person whose application for membership has been rejected does not appeal against the decision within 1 month after receiving written notice of the decision, or the person appeals, still if the appeal is unsuccessful, the secretary must, as soon as practicable, refund the membership fee paid by the person.

**ARTICLE 5
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members.

1. Office Bearers
 - 1.1. Chairperson
 - 1.2. Vice-Chairperson(s)
 - 1.3. Secretary
 - 1.4. Treasurer
2. Ministry Coordinators
 - 2.1. Ministry Coordinator positions shall be determined as needed.
3. Advisors

- B. The Executive Committee of the previous term shall determine the number of Office Bearers and Ministry Coordinators. All current Office Bearers and Ministry Coordinators are eligible for re-election to the Executive Committee at the end of each term.
- C. The Executive Committee is responsible for the nomination of the Office Bearers and Ministry Coordinators for the following term. The nominees for these positions shall be elected by the members of QCCCA at the AGM for a term of two years.
- D. The Executive Committee of the previous term shall determine the number of Advisors. The nominees for this position shall be appointed by the members of QCCCA at the AGM for a term of two years. All advisors are eligible for re-appointment after each term.
- E. Each position among the Office Bearers and Ministry Coordinators is to be filled through election by the members of the Executive Committee.
- F. No Office Bearers shall hold the same position for more than three consecutive terms.
- G. If an office becomes vacant before the term expires due to unforeseen circumstances such as illness or cessation of membership, the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, nominate and approve a suitable individual to fill the vacant position until the next election.
- H. The Executive Committee is required to convene regular meetings at least three times annually.
- I. The Executive Committee must review, keep, and regularly update the list of Members, Associate Members and Individual Members.

ARTICLE 6 MEETING

- A. QCCCA shall hold General Meetings at least four times a year.
- B. QCCCA shall hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October. At least two weeks' notice including the agenda must be given to all Church Members and Associate Members.
 - 1. A quorum shall be constituted by two-third of the total membership.
 - 2. The agenda will encompass the following items:
 - 2.1. Election of members of the Executive Committee for the Office Bearers and Ministry Coordinators
 - 2.2. Appointment of Advisors in the Executive Committee
 - 2.3. Acceptance of the Chairman's Report
 - 2.4. Acceptance of the Financial Report
 - 2.5. Resolution of motions
 - 2.6. Appointment of Public Officer
 - 2.7. Appointment of Auditors (only if the total annual turnover exceeds the amount stipulated by the Fair-Trading Department regulations)
- C. The Executive Committee is authorized to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to address and decide on urgent and significant matters, provided that a minimum notice period of two weeks, along with the agenda, is given to each Church Member and Associate Member.

ARTICLE 7

FINANCE

1. QCCCA relies on God to provide funds to implement its objects only and exclusively.
2. In addition to the annual membership fee, QCCCA accepts offerings and donations from Members as well as from individual Christians in good faith.
3. Financial year shall commence on 1 July and ends on 30 June next year.
4. No Member or Associate Member of QCCCA shall receive any financial compensation, except for legitimate remuneration for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of QCCCA.

ARTICLE 8

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

Any provision of this Constitution may be amended in the following ways:

- A. Recommendation for amendment must be jointly submitted to the Executive Committee in writing by at least one-third of the Members.
- B. EGM must be called to discuss the proposed amendment to a proper notice stating the proposed amendment to be given to all the Members at least 14 days before the meeting.
- C. The resolution must be supported and passed by a simple majority vote of the Members present and attending at the members meeting.

END OF CONSTITUTION