

# CONSTITUTION (updated 2021)

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN B30: BOURNVILLE, STIRCHLEY, COTTERIDGE

### 1 Aims

CTB30 expresses the common Christian commitment of Churches, whose areas of service are in the B30 and border areas, covering Bournville, Stirchley and Cotteridge to work together;

- a) to gain mutual understanding and unity
- b) to share in the ecumenical movement
- c) to bear united witness in the community to serve it more effectively
- d) to give such expression to their common faith and devotion as may be found desirable.

Working within the Lund conference statement that: "We act together in all matters except those in which deep differences of conviction compel us to act separately."

Whilst recognising that at times they may act individually or with others geographically or denominationally to preach the Gospel effectively.

*Psalm 133:1 - How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!*

*John 13:35 - They will know that you are my disciples, when you love one another.*

### 2 Membership

Membership of CTB30 is open to all Churches whose areas of service include the Bournville, Stirchley and Cotteridge areas, who support this constitution and are accepted by the existing members at an AGM.

### 3 Committee

- a) The committee shall consist of
  - one lay representative of each member Church (appointed by their Churches)
  - one or two representatives of the board of the CTB30 newsletter 'Points'
  - the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Chairperson for the previous year, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer if not representatives for their Churches
  - Ministers of member Churches
- b) The officers will be elected at the AGM. The office of Chairperson will be held for one year only, at the nomination of each member Church in turn; the Vice Chairperson will be Chairperson elect for the following year.
- c) The committee will meet at least four times a year. It will decide the programme and activities of CTB30, the level of financial support to be requested from member Churches and affiliations to other ecumenical bodies.
- d) The committee may establish sub-committees for particular tasks.

### 4 Annual General Meeting

There shall be an AGM open to all of the congregations of all the member Churches at which reports by the Committee and its sub-committees will be given, new members accepted, any alterations to the constitution agreed, audited (or inspected) accounts presented and officers elected.

### Member churches

Bournville Quakers (B30),  
Bournville United Reformed Church (B30),  
Riverside – Bournville congregation (B30),  
Rowheath Pavilion Church (B30), Bournville,  
St. Francis Church (B30), Bournville,  
The Cotteridge Church (B30),  
Cotteridge Quakers (B30),  
St. Andrew's Methodist Church (B30), Stirchley,  
The Church of the Ascension (B30), Stirchley,  
St. Paul's (B38) and St. Joseph & St. Helen Catholic Churches (B30).