

**The Companies Acts 1985 and 1989
Company Limited by Guarantee
and not having a Share Capital**

**EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
BYE LAWS**

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

- 1 The Association's constituency shall be divided into such Groups of Churches as the Council shall from time to time determine.
- 2 Council will consist of the leaders of up to 10 Task Groups with the following remits or such alternative or additional remits as shall be determined by Council from time to time:

Mission Strategy
Mission Resourcing/Social Action
World Mission
Ministry
Young People
Finance
Administration

Nominations for leaders of the Task Groups will be sought from the Churches of the Association. A Nominating Group appointed by the Council will nominate a leader for each Task Group and will present the names of the nominees to the member Churches for appointment. Any person thus appointed as a Task Group Leader shall be eligible for re-appointment unless that person has immediately before such re-appointment already served three consecutive periods of office.

3. Subject to the other bye-laws the appointment of Task Group Leaders shall take effect for a term which expires at the third Annual General Meeting following their appointment.
4. Two of the Task Group Leaders appointed by the Member Churches for the first time under these Bye Laws shall be appointed for two years, three for three years and two for four years
5. The Council shall be entitled to fill any vacancy for a Task Group Leader which occurs during a term of appointment. A person filling that vacancy shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association. In seeking to fill any vacancy under this Bye law 5 the Council may (but shall not be obliged to) appoint a Nominating Group to seek nominations from the Churches of the Association and make a nomination for appointment to Council.

APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL MINISTERS

- 6 The Council in consultation with the Baptist Union of Great Britain shall appoint a nominating body to prepare job specifications, terms and conditions of service for the appointment of Regional Ministers and to nominate persons for such appointments.
- 7 The appointment of Regional Minister[s] shall be made by a majority vote at a General Meeting of the Association following nomination by the Council.

ASSOCIATION MODERATOR AND TREASURER

- 8 The Moderator and Treasurer of the Association shall be appointed by a majority vote of a General Meeting of the Association following nomination by the Council. The Moderator and the Treasurer shall be appointed for such term(s) as recommended by the Council and agreed by the General Meeting.

CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 9 General Meetings of the Association shall be convened and regulated as set out in the Company's Articles.
- 10 The Council shall decide what items (other than those matters regulated by the Articles or by Company law) shall be placed on the Agenda for a General Meeting.
- 11 No business shall be transacted at a General Meeting other than business which:-
- a) is indicated in the Agenda
 - b) in the opinion of the Moderator is of great importance and urgency and either could not have been included in the Agenda or was inadvertently omitted therefrom.
- 12 Members of the Council shall have the right to attend and speak at General Meetings of the Association but shall have no right to vote in that capacity.