

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the Group shall be the Evangelical Group of the General Synod.

2. Object and Basis of Faith

The object of the Group is to promote the witness of Evangelicals in the life, policy and work of the Synods of the Church of England, particularly in the General Synod and its subordinate bodies. The Basis of Faith of the Group shall be that of the Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC).

3. Membership

Membership shall be open to all members of the General Synod who assent to the Basis of Faith and have signed a statement during the current General Synod indicating their acceptance of the object of the Group and who are not more than twelve months in arrears in their subscription.

4. Officers

(a) The officers of the Group shall be a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer

(b) The Chairman, who may be clerical or lay, shall be elected by all the members by the method of the single transferable vote

(c) The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Committee. If either or both of them are not members of the Committee by election or co-option, he or they will be entitled to attend meetings of the Committee but not to vote.

5. Committee

(a) The committee shall consist of:

i The Chairman of the Group

ii Members elected by the Group, in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) by the method of the single transferable vote

iii Not more than three members co-opted by the Committee.

(b) The scale of elected membership shall be:

i Two Episcopal or clerical members, plus one for each complete 25 Episcopal and clerical members of the Group, elected by and from members of the Group who are members of the House of Bishops or the House of Clergy.

ii Two lay members, plus one for each complete 25 lay members of the Group, elected by and from members of the Group who are members of the House of Laity.

(c) Timings of elections and qualification of candidates

i Elections of Officers and other Committee members shall take place as soon as possible after the quinquennial elections to the General Synod

ii All members of the Committee, who shall serve until the election of their successors, shall, if qualified, be eligible for re-election

iii All candidates for election or co-option to the committee shall declare their assent by signing the CEEC basis of faith.

6. Meetings

Meetings shall normally be open to members of the Group and their friends. The Committee may determine that a particular meeting shall be open to all or restricted to members only.

7. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Group to be held during a Group of Sessions of the General Synod, provided that notice of the meeting, together with the full text of the proposed amendment or amendments, has been circulated to all members not less than 14 days before the meeting.