

(Diocese of Adelaide)

CONSTITUTION.

(1953)

The Basis of the Society.

1. Name. The name of the Society herein called the Society, is "The Church of England Boys' Society in the Diocese of Adelaide."
2. AFFILIATION. The Society is an integral part of and exists under the National Constitution of the Church of England Boys' Society in Australia.
3. OBJECTS. The aim of the Society is to forward the objects of the C.E.B.S. within the Diocese of Adelaide, that is -
 - (a) to help young churchmen to realise their privileges and responsibilities as disciples of Jesus Christ.
 - (b) to band them together for Christ and His Church.
 - (c) to promote opportunities for spiritual, mental, and physical development and for social intercourse.
4. MEMBERSHIP. Membership of the Society is open to all Church of England boys who shall be at least 8 years but not more than 18 years, provided that Leaders and Assistant Leaders, Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners over the age of eighteen years while actively connected with any Branch or District Federation shall be deemed to be members of the Society.

Membership shall be:-

 - (a) Members of the Society are communicant boys of the Church of England who have been admitted in Church by the Admission Service authorised by the National Council of C.E.B.S. and accept the following Rule of Life and Fellowship:-

"I promise in the power of the Holy Spirit to pray to God daily, to worship Him regularly, to read the Bible diligently, to be a faithful communicant and to help forward the work of Christ and His Church."
 - (b) Associates are Baptised boys who regularly attend the Church of England and who have been admitted in church by the Admission Service authorised by the National Council of C.E.B.S. and accept the following Rule of Life and Fellowship:-

"I promise by the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ - to pray to God daily, to worship Him regularly, to read the Bible diligently and to give loyal obedience to God, to parents, to Queen and Country."
5. BADGES AND CERTIFICATES. The Badge and Certificate of Membership shall not be given to any person before he has been admitted to the Society.
6. REGISTRATION. All members shall be registered annually before the first day of April in each year. The annual registration fee and the mode of registering shall be determined from time to time by the Executive.

OF THE SOCIETY. Branches of the Society may be formed in any Parish or Mission District in the Diocese and no Branch shall be formed or continue to exist without the consent of the Incumbent and the approval of the Executive, and no Branch shall be deemed to be a Branch of the Society unless and until it is registered with the Secretary of the Executive Committee. Non-Parochial Branches may be formed at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

8. BRANCH MANAGEMENT. The management of each Branch shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of the Incumbent or his nominee, the Leaders of the Branch, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and other members according to the number determined by the Branch. Newly formed Branches may work with a Committee of Leaders only as a temporary measure. The policy of the Branch will be under the direction of the Incumbent who shall have the power to veto any decisions of the Committee.

9. SECTIONS. Branches may be divided into three sections:

- (a) The Junior Section known also as Pages, Normal age limit being (8 - 11) inclusive.
- (b) The Intermediate Section, known also as Esquires, Normal age limit being (12 - 14) inclusive.
- (c) The Senior Section, known also as Knights, Normal age limit being (15 - 18) inclusive.

10. LEADERS. The Leader of each Branch shall be a male communicant member of the Church of England appointed by the Incumbent and approved by the Executive. Assistant Leaders of each Branch shall be male communicant members of the Church of England and shall be appointed by the Leader of each Branch with the approval of the Incumbent and the Executive. Adult Female communicant members of the Church of England may, with the consent of the Executive, act as Leaders or Assistant Leaders in the Junior Section only.

11. BRANCH REGULATIONS. Subject to the approval of the Incumbent and the provisions of this Constitution, Branches may draw up their own Regulations and Rules and may adopt such means of attaining the objects of the Society as they deem best adapted to the conditions of the Parish, provided that no such Regulation or Rule shall be in conflict with any by-law made by the Executive and applying to the Branch

The Government of the Society.

12. THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL. (a) The Management of the affairs and policy of the Society shall be in the hands of a Diocesan Council (herein called the Council) which shall consist of the President (who shall be the Bishop of Adelaide), Officers elected at the Annual Meeting, the Incumbents, and other licensed Clergy for the time being of the Parishes and Mission Districts of the Diocese in which there are registered Branches of the Society, and five representatives of each such Branch, who shall be full members of the Society, together with all members of the Executive.

- (b) All persons holding office as members of the Council or the Executive at the time of the adoption of this Constitution shall continue to hold such office until the next Annual Meeting provided that Branch representatives shall continue to hold office only until their respective Branches appoint representatives to the next ensuing Annual Meeting.
- (c) All vacancies occurring in the membership of the Council or the Executive shall be filled by the Executive so far as members elected at the Annual Meeting are concerned and by the Branches so far as Branch representatives are concerned and such persons other than the Branch representatives so elected shall hold office until the ensuing Annual Meeting provided that any appointments of officers to the Council be ratified by the next meeting of the Council.
13. Each Branch shall notify the Secretary of the Council in writing of the names of its representatives on the Council so that the said Secretary shall receive such notice not less than one week before the Annual Meeting of the Council.
14. The Council shall meet annually as provided in Clause 15 and may hold such adjournments of such meeting and such other meetings as it thinks necessary. The Executive may convene a meeting of the Council at any time.
15. ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the Council shall be held before the end of April in each year on a date to be fixed by the Executive for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending on the 31st December previous to such Meeting and for the purpose of electing not more than four Vice-Presidents, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman a Secretary and a Treasurer of the Council and ten members of the Executive, and for the purpose of transacting any other business pertaining to an Annual Meeting. Notice of such meeting to be sent to the Branches not less than one month before the date fixed for the meeting by the Executive.
16. Nominations of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting shall be in writing signed by the proposer and seconder and delivered to the Secretary of the Council not less than three weeks before the said Meeting, and the said Secretary shall send a list of such nominations to members of the Council not less than fourteen days before the said Meeting. The members of the Council shall be the only persons entitled to make such nominations.
17. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:-
- (a) There shall be a Diocesan Executive Committee (herein called the Executive) which shall consist of the ex-officio members under sub-section (b) hereof together with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, who shall hold the same respective offices on the Executive, and other members not exceeding fifteen in number of whom ten shall be elected at the Annual Meeting provided that 1 representative from each existing District Federation be elected. The remaining five may be co-opted by the Executive.
- (b) The President, Vice-Presidents the Director for Youth work and the Chief Commissioner and District Commissioners as and when appointed shall be ex-officio members of the Executive.

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19. DUTIES OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER. A Chief Commissioner shall be appointed by the Executive to whom he shall be responsible for the general oversight of the work of the Branches in accordance with the principles set out in the Society's Handbooks; for the co-ordination of the work of the District and other Commissioners; and any specific duties that may be allotted to him from time to time by the Executive Committee.
20. DISTRICT FEDERATIONS. District Federations may be formed according to the boundaries determined by the Executive and shall in each case be managed by a Committee which shall consist of the Incumbent and other licensed clergy, the Leader, and not more than two other members of each registered branch in the district together with the District Commissioner and such Assistant Commissioners as shall be appointed as and when they are appointed.
21. The District Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners as required shall be appointed by the Executive on the recommendation of District Federations, and reviewed annually.
22. The District Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners shall be responsible to the Chief Commissioner for the general welfare of Branches within their respective Districts.
23. GENERAL A report of the work of the Society shall be presented annually by the Executive to the Synod of the Diocese.
24. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION.
- (a) No amendment shall be made to this Constitution except at a meeting of the Council at which more than half the numbers are present.
 - (b) No proposed amendment shall be considered unless notice thereof has been sent to the Secretary of the Council in writing and has been forwarded by him to all Branches at least one month prior to the meeting at which the vote on the proposed amendment is to be taken.
 - (c) No such amendment shall take effect unless at least two-thirds of the voters present at the Meeting vote in favour of such amendment.
25. BY-LAWS.
- (a) Subject to this Constitution any by-law by the Executive shall have immediate effect so soon as it is passed.
 - (b) By-Laws of the Society existing at the time when this Constitution is adopted shall continue and remain in force and may be repealed or amended as though they had been made under this Constitution.
 - (c) In event of twenty members of the Council lodging in writing to the Secretary of the Council any objection to any by-law a special meeting of the Council shall be called to determine the matter.

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(b) Executive Meetings. Ten (10) shall constitute a quorum at an Executive Meeting.

27. PROPERTY ETC:-

- (a) All real property within the control of the Executive shall be vested in the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide, Inc., upon trust for the Society.
- (b) The Treasurer of the Society shall stand possessed of all the personal property of the Society to the use of the Society.

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