

**CONSTITUTION FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM AND EUROPE FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP OF  
CHURCHES AND MINISTERS INTERNATIONAL. 2022**

**ARTICLE ONE: NAME**

1.01 [US 1.01]

The name of this body shall be FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES AND MINISTERS INTERNATIONAL, hereafter referred to in this document as THE FELLOWSHIP.

**ARTICLE TWO: NATURE OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

2.01 [US 3.01]

This body is and shall remain only and solely a medium through which member churches, organisations, ministries and ministers may work harmoniously in cooperation with each other, promoting the work and objects set forth in this Constitution and By-Laws. The Fellowship shall never have any ecclesiastical or hierarchical authority over its members.

2.02 [US 3.02]

The Fellowship is a fellowship based on the Scriptural concept that all true believers are members of the Body of Christ of which Christ is the Head (1 Cor. 12:12-13).

2.03 [US 3.03]

Each church, organisation, or ministry will be free to carry on its own program and its own missionary work; churches may license and ordain ministers as they deem appropriate and necessary.

2.04 [US 3.04]

Being international in character, The Fellowship may work harmoniously with other fellowships throughout the world.

**ARTICLE THREE: PURPOSE**

3.01 The purposes of The Fellowship shall be: [US 4.01]

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The corporation shall be organised and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes and it is authorised to accept, hold, administer, invest and disburse for religious, charitable and educational purposes such funds as may from time to time be given to it by any person, persons or corporations to receive gifts and make financial and other types of contributions and to assist religious, charitable and educational organisations and institutions, and to establish missions and conduct its business in the United Kingdom and its territories and in Europe, and in general to do all things that may appear necessary and useful in accomplishing the purposes hereinabove set out. All of the assets and earnings shall be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set out, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto; and no part of the net earnings shall incur to the benefit of any private individual, and no substantial part of its activities shall be for the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The organisation may exercise such powers granted under nation state law to carry out purposes for which it was formed.

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B

To receive offerings. To have the right to own, hold in trust, use, possess, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or dispose of all such property or chattel, as may be needed for the furtherance of its work.

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To assume and share the responsibility of fulfilling the Great Commission – the promulgation of the Gospel and the evangelisation of the nations.

D

To promote unity and fellowship among all the members of the Body of Christ.

E

To provide such services as may be necessary to its members in good standing and as in the United Kingdom Trust Deed.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR: TENETS OF FAITH AND DOCTRINE**

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[US 5.01]

This body recognises that its basis of faith shall be the doctrine of Christ according to 2 John 9-11: *“Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God,”* The Biblically inspired basis of faith which lists the seven principles of the doctrines of Christ found in Hebrews 6:1-2: *“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection: not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptism, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead and of eternal judgment.”:*

Thus we see that these seven principles include the following:

1. Repentance from dead works
2. Faith toward God
3. Doctrine of baptism
4. The laying on of hands
5. The resurrection of the dead
6. Eternal judgment
7. The going on to perfection

#### TENETS OF FAITH

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[US 5.02]

##### I. THE SCRIPTURES INSPIRED

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man: the infallible rule of faith and conduct and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason (2 Tim. 3:15-16; 1 Pet. 2:2).

##### II. THE ONE TRUE GOD

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent, self-revealed “I AM”; and has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association i.e., as Father, Son and Holy Ghost (Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29; Isa. 43:10-11; Matt. 28:19).

### III. MAN, HIS FALL AND REDEMPTION

Man was created good and upright – for God said, *“Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness”*, but man, by voluntary transgression, fell and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Gen. 1:26-31; Rom. 5:12-21).

### IV. THE SALVATION OF MAN

Conditions to salvation: The grace of God, which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men through the preaching of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ; Man is saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, and being justified by grace through faith, he becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 2:11; Rom. 10:13-15; Luke 24:47; Titus 3:5-7). The evidences of salvation: the inward evidence, to the believer of his salvation, is the direct witness of the Spirit (Rom. 8:16); the evidence to all men is a life in righteousness and true holiness.

While we are not legalistic in spirit we stand for Biblical righteousness in living and personal conduct, in accordance with the Scriptures. *“Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which, no man shall see the Lord.”* (Heb. 12:14).

### V. THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church. With it comes the enduement of power for life and service, the bestowment of the Gifts and their uses in the world of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4; 1 Cor. 12:1-31). This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9).

### VI. THE EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

The Baptism of the believer in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same, in essence, as the gift of tongues (1 Cor. 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use. This ministry is recognising the unity of the Body of Christ and the ministry gifts God has set in the Church (as described in 1 Cor. 12) declares itself strongly for the supernatural ministry and the operation of the ministry gifts in the assembly in accordance with the divine order of their manifestation as set forth by the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 14.

### VII. ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION

The Scriptures teach a life of Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. By the power of the Holy Ghost, we are able to obey the command, *“Be ye Holy, for I am Holy”* (1 Pet. 1:16). Entire Sanctification is the will of God for all believers, and should be earnestly pursued by walking in obedience to God’s Word (Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet 1:15-16; 2 Thess. 5:23-24; 1 John 2:6).

## VIII. THE CHURCH

The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfilment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in Heaven (Eph. 12-23; 2:22; Heb. 12:23).

## IX. THE MINISTRY AND EVANGELISM

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a two-fold purpose: (1) the evangelism of the world and (2) the edifying of the body of Christ (Mark 16:15-20; Eph. 4:11-13).

## X. DIVINE HEALING

Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Isa. 53:4; Matt. 8:16-17).

## XI. THE SECOND COMING OR BLESSED HOPE

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the blessed hope of the church (1 Thess. 4:16-18; Rom. 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Cor. 15:52-53; Rev.11:15).

## XII. THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST

The revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, the salvation of national Israel, and the Millennial reign of Christ on earth is the scriptural promise and the world's hope (2 Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:11-14; Rom. 11:26-27; Rev. 11:15).

XIII. WE BELIEVE IN A LITERAL HEAVEN AND HELL, ETERNAL REWARD AND JUDGMENT.  
(Rev. 19:20; Rev. 20:10-15; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21-22).

## XIV. HUMAN SEXUALITY

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance (Gen. 2:24; 19:5,13; 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4).

We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23).

## XV. SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. We seek to uphold and preserve the sanctity of all human life (Job 3:16; Ps. 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 49:1,5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44).

The Tenets of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible is the sole and final source of all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the foregoing Tenants of Faith accurately represents the teaching of the Bible.

#### **ARTICLE 5: ORDINANCES**

- 5.01 BAPTISM IN WATER [US 6.01]  
 The ordinance of baptism by burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures, by all who have really repented and in their hearts they have truly believed in Christ as Saviour and Lord. In so doing, they have the body washed in pure water as an outward symbol of cleansing, while their heart has already been sprinkled with the blood of Christ as an inner cleansing: thus they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matt. 28:19; Acts 10:47-48; Rom. 6:4; Acts 20:21; Heb. 10:22).
- 5.02 THE LORD'S SUPPER [US 6.02]  
 The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements, bread and fruit of the vine, is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Cor. 11-26); and is enjoined on all believers "Until He comes."

#### **BY-LAWS FOR THE FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES AND MINISTERS INTERNATIONAL**

PLEASE REFER TO THE TRUST DEED OF THE FELLOWSHIP UNITED KINGDOM

#### **ARTICLE ONE: MEMBERSHIP**

- 1.01 [US 1.03]  
 In all business sessions of The Fellowship, the voting body shall consist of active members and certified delegates. Each active member church, organisation and ministry shall be entitled to one properly designated delegate. Each delegate shall secure a letter, on ministry letterhead, from the Secretary, President or Pastor of the church, organisation or ministry certifying to his/her appointment to represent the organisation at the business sessions. This letter shall be presented to the conference registration committee on or before the designated date.
- 1.02 [US 1.04]  
 The affiliated churches, organisations and ministries shall be represented through their pastor or chief executive officer except when that person is an active ministerial member with The Fellowship, or the post if vacant, in which case, a duly elected member of the church or organisation shall serve as the delegate and representative of that church, organisation or ministry.
- 1.03 [US 1.05]  
 Ministerial membership shall be upon the basis of the sponsorship of an active Fellowship church and an active Fellowship ministerial member and will be subject to final approval by the Trustees. Individual ministers, churches organisations and ministries who are part of any local or regional fellowship must make separate

application to be an active member of The Fellowship to receive its benefits. The levels of ministerial recognition shall be exhorter, licensed and ordained.

1.04 [US 1.06]

Names of affiliated ministers, churches, organisations and ministers will be placed in an annual directory and made available to each Fellowship member.

1.05 [US 1.07]

Membership in The Fellowship confers no civil or property rights upon any member.

1.06 [US 1.08]

Any member may be removed and excluded from The Fellowship in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article Eight of these By-laws.

## **ARTICLE TWO: FINANCES**

2.01 [US 2.01]

An annual budget shall be prepared and presented to the UK Trustees for approval. The approved budget shall be presented to the voting membership in attendance at the Annual Conference Business Meeting. A simple majority is required for adoption.

2.02 [US 2.02]

Membership fees shall be required of each minister, church, organisation and ministry. The amount shall be set by the UK Trustees and be subject to the approval by a simple majority of the voting body at the annual Conference Business Meeting.

2.03 [US 2.03]

All funds (except membership fees) of this body shall be raised by voluntary donation, secured upon the merits of the causes for which appeals are made. The Fellowship may also acquire funds by bequest, or income property that may be acquired.

2.04 [US 2.04]

A tithe on all the income from membership applications and membership renewals will be disbursed through the Missions Department of The Fellowship.

## **ARTICLE THREE: ANNUAL OR BIENNIAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

3.01 [US 3.01]

The Annual or Biennial Leadership Conference shall be held at a time and place determined by the UK Trustees. Conference business on the floor should be kept at a very minimum in order that the major part of the time might be given to spiritual ministrations.

3.02 [US 3.02]

Election of officers shall take place during the Conference Business Meeting on the open floor.

3.03 [US 3.03]

The location of the Annual or Biennial Conference shall be determined by the Trustees.

## **ARTICLE FOUR: BOARDS**

4.01 THE TRUSTEES [US 5.01]

- A. The Trustees of The Fellowship for the UK and Europe shall be comprised of elected members, the Chairman and the immediate past Chairman.

1. Each region may elect one member to serve on the Trustee Board. The election should be made by the members in attendance at the duly scheduled Regional Conference prior to the Annual Conference.
  2. Each regional member elected at the Regional Conference to serve on the Trustee Board will serve for a five-year term. The elected member shall take office immediately following the Regional Conference at which they were elected. They shall hold office until their successor is elected and takes office. The elected board member for each region shall have the title and office of Regional Member.
- B. The duties of the Trustee Board shall include being the administrative body of The Fellowship. The Trustee Board shall approve all applications for membership and shall be responsible for removal and exclusion of members. It shall grant recognition to both regional and national fellowships and boards. It shall take care of all business.
- C. The Trustee Board shall comprise of the appointed trustees.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE: DEPARTMENTS (USA FELLOWSHIP)**

##### 5.01 WORLD MISSIONS DEPARTMENT [US 6.01]

- A. A World Missions Department shall be established by The Fellowship in the United States for the purpose of gathering and making available to members of The Fellowship accurate information concerning all phases of missionary activity and to seek ways to further the cause of world missionary endeavours.
- B. The Executive Board in the United States shall. Appoint a department chairman, a department director and approve the appointment of all world mission advisory council members for a term of two years. The Chairman of the World Missions Department may or may not be a member of the US Executive Board and will serve under the supervision of the Executive Board.
- C. The Executive Board has established a World Missions Policy and it will be adhered to until said policy is amended.

##### 5.02 EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT [US 6.02]

- A. An Evangelism Department shall be established by The Fellowship for the purpose of emphasising and promoting the ministry of evangelism and to promote harmony and understanding between evangelists and pastors.
- B. The Executive Board of the United States shall appoint a department director and committee members for a term of two years, half of whom shall be actively engaged in evangelistic work. The Director of the Evangelism Department may or may not be a member of the Executive Board and shall serve under the supervision of the Executive Board.

- C. The Fellowship recognises the ministry of the evangelist as an office set in the Church and therefore they should be encouraged. For the purposes of harmony, all pastors and evangelists are advised to have an agreement on all matters pertaining to projected campaigns.

5.03 YOUTH DEPARTMENT [US 6.03]

- A. The Fellowship shall establish a Youth Department for the purpose of promoting the youth of The Fellowship in the development of their spiritual lives, ministries and the implementation of the national fellowship among our youth.
- B. One Youth Department member shall be duly appointed by the Regional Board in their respective regions and be actively engaged in youth ministry. The appointment of all Youth Department members shall be for a term of two years.
- C. The US Executive Board shall appoint a Youth Department Director for a two year term. The Director may or may not be a member of the Executive Board and shall serve under the supervision of the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE SIX: COMMITTEES**

6.01 [US 7.01]

Permanent committees shall be appointed by the President to serve, as needed, in an advisory capacity to the US Executive Board and National Board. They shall be as follows:

- A. Membership Committee
- B. Publications Committee
- C. Education Committee
- D. Chaplaincy Committee
- E. Resolution Committee

6.02 [US 7.02]

Special committee may be appointed by the President or established by action of the Executive Board. They will serve for specific periods of time, to perform specific duties that, in the judgment of the President or Executive Board, cannot be effectively performed by one of the general committees or the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE SEVEN: LOCAL CHURCHES, ORGANISATIONS AND MINISTRIES**

7.01 [US 8.01]

Local churches, organisations and ministries who qualify for affiliation with The Fellowship according to the provisions set forth on the Membership Application, will receive a Membership Certificate, identifying them as affiliated with The Full Gospel Fellowship of Churches and Ministries UK and Europe. These certificates are renewable annually on a calendar year basis.



- 7.02 [US 8.02]  
Local churches, organisations and ministries must conform to The Fellowship principles and procedures as set forth on the Constitution and By-laws.
- 7.03 [US 8.05]  
The local churches may license and ordain ministers. Such licensed and ordained ministers shall be the responsibility of the local pastor and church which confers said licensing or ordination. The Fellowship, in concert with the licensing or ordaining body, retains the right to recognise or withhold recognition for reasons of immorality or departure from the doctrine of Christ.
- 7.04 [US 8.06]  
The Fellowship desires to encourage all persons called of God to fulfil their ministry. It does not sit in judgement on those who have made mistakes, but leaves them with God. However, if their past has become seriously controversial, The Fellowship counsels them in the Spirit of Christ to quietly pursue their ministry as God leads. The Fellowship helps them to do nothing to cause themselves to become a further issue or matter of controversy, trusting that, in the course of time, God will heal the wounds and scars.
- 7.05 [US 8.07]  
It is strongly recommended that when situations requiring discipline arise, that ministers, organisations and churches follow the Biblical method laid down by Christ – that every effort be put forth to secure reconciliation, but if all else fails, then divine discipline should be in order (Matthew 18: 15-19). When disciplinary action becomes necessary with respect to any member, such action shall be taken in accordance with the principles set forth in Article Eight of these By-laws.
- 7.06 [US 8.08]  
The sovereignty of the local church, organisation and ministry shall be inviolate as noted in Article Three of the Constitution. Churches, Ministers and Organisations shall be free to go wherever God may lead them to fulfil their own missionary/evangelistic endeavours.

#### **ARTICLE EIGHT: EXCLUSION FROM THE FELLOWSHIP**

- 8.01 [ US 9.01]

Any member of The Fellowship (whether an individual or a church, a ministry or any other type of organisation) may be removed as a member of The Fellowship for the following reasons:

- A. Failure to pay membership fees as required pursuant to Article Two of the By-law  
Any member who fails to pay membership fees as required pursuant to Article Two, point 2.02, shall be automatically removed and excluded as a member of The Fellowship if said member has not paid such fees within thirty (30) days after notice of non-payment is sent to such member by The Fellowship. Notice given to a member for non-payment of membership fees shall be in writing and addressed to such member at his or her last address shown on the records of The Fellowship.

- B. The sponsor withdraws their sponsorship.
- C. Upon the death of the sponsor a member does not secure another sponsor within the subsequent twelve months.
- D. Failure to comply with the provisions of these By-laws. All matters concerning exclusion from The Fellowship shall follow these By-laws as well as the ‘Written Policies’ established by the US Executive Board and the UK Trustees.

#### **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

Please refer to the United Kingdom Articles of Faith contained within the Trust Deed of the United Kingdom Fellowship.