Constitution
for
Churches Together Around Tadley (CTAT)

1 NAME

1.1 Churches Together Around Tadley, also known as CTAT, is the affiliation of the churches and allied associations in and around Tadley. (See ANNEXE A)

2 BASIS

2.1 The Basis of CTAT is: *'To the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the churches and allied associations in and around Tadley are each on a pilgrimage of Christian life and witness who:*

a) profess belief in God the Father and Creator;

b) acknowledge God's revelation in Jesus Christ and confesses him as Lord and Saviour;

c) believe in the power and promise of the Holy Spirit.'

2.2 In order to better carry out that life and witness, CTAT has been formed with the following purposes:

a) To fulfil its mission by proclaiming the Gospel by common witness and service in the world;

b) To seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church that is his Body.

3 AIMS

3.1 The Aims of CTAT shall be to:

a) facilitate common witness to Christ by the constituent members;

b) work and pray for Christian Unity.

c) provide means of consultation between the constituent members;

d) enable the churches as pilgrims together to develop growing relationships, to seek a common mind, and to make decisions together;

e) encourage the churches to worship, pray and reflect together on the nature and purpose of the Church in the light of its mission, with each church sharing together with others the treasures of its tradition;

f) enable the churches to respond to the needs of society and to witness to the Gospel together;

g) enable the churches to live and share the gospel, to evangelise together and to take further steps towards fuller unity.

4 MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership shall be open to:

a) any church within the area, in and around Tadley, which declares the Basis and commits itself to promote the Aims of CTAT;

b) any association, network or movement that brings together Christians in the area, in and around Tadley, for purposes in accordance with the Basis and Aims of CTAT.

5 OFFICERS

5.1 Each officer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Forum for a period of one year, and their term of office shall not normally exceed three years, but can be extended by agreement each year at the AGM.

5.2 The Officers shall be:

a) Moderator/s (Usually two) - Each Church Leader should be from a different church

b) Honorary Treasurer;

c) Honorary Secretary (plus Minutes Secretary, if desired).

d) Communications Officer and/or Webmaster (if desired)

6 FORUM & AGM

6.1 The Forum shall consist of the clergy and ministers, one appointed and named representative from each participating church or association, and any other members of all participating bodies.

6.2 The Forum shall meet not less than four times annually, one of which meetings shall be the Annual General Meeting, at which the accounts shall be presented, officers elected and annual reports submitted.

6.3 The Forum meetings are open to all local Christians; however, only the appointed representative, or their designated deputy, may vote.

6.4 Church Leaders should not vote unless standing in for their CTAT Church Representative as the designated deputy.

7 STEERING COMMITTEE

7.1 A Steering Committee may be established to function as directed by the Forum.

8 FINANCE

8.1 Each participating body shall pay such an annual sum to CTAT as shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

8.2 The forum is empowered to set financial authority limits for groups running regular CTAT events allowing them to spend up to an agreed amount.

8.3 To maintain financial transparency and accountability a brief financial statement should be given at each forum meeting outlining income and expenditure in the period between forums and total funds in current and restricted accounts.

9 CONSTITUTION

9.1 The Constitution and any subsequent amendment to it shall require the approval of all the constituent members acting through their normal decision-making bodies.

10 REVIEW

10.1 It is the intention that CTAT shall reflect the developing life of Christian churches as they continue their pilgrimage together. From time to time a Review Group shall be appointed by the Constituent members.

ANNEXE A

A.1 CTAT is the affiliation of the churches and allied associations in and around Tadley, namely:

a) St Michael's (Catholic), Bishopswood Road, Tadley,

b) St Luke's (C of E), Church Road, Pamber Heath,

c) St Mary's (C of E), Bishopswood Road, Tadley,

d) St Mary the Virgin (C of E), Church Lane, Silchester,

e) St Paul's (C of E), The Green, Tadley with St Peter's (C of E), Church Road, Tadley

f) Tadley Community Church, Newchurch Road, Tadley,

g) Tadley Methodist Church, Main Road, Tadley,

h) Tadley Common Methodist, Newchurch Road, Tadley,

i) Silchester Methodist, Pamber Road, Silchester,

j) The Salvation Army, Mulfords Hill, Tadley,

k) United Reformed Church, Malthouse Lane, Tadley,

l) Crosslink ~ A Christian voluntary care group.