

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEADINGTON

CONSTITUTION

(approved at General Meeting on 19 July 1999)

NAME: The organisation for the promotion of inter-church and ecumenical activity in Headington shall be known as Churches Together in Headington (CTH).

OBJECT: To exalt Jesus by promoting and encouraging co-operation between the churches of the area in shared Christian worship, mission, and social action.

The World Council of Churches at Lund in 1952 called on the churches to 'act together in all things except where deep differences of conviction compel them to act separately'. The final outworking of the Lund principle is not seen synoptically by all Christians. Some would see one church as the objective, whereas others do not necessarily see disunity in our denominational structures.

MEMBERSHIP: CTH has a two-fold structure:

- (1) The Christian churches of Headington. They shall pay a subscription (to be reviewed annually).
- (2) Individual Christians living in Headington, whether they worship in Headington or elsewhere. They shall be encouraged to make annual donations.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: This shall be held in the spring and shall be open to all members.

OFFICERS: There shall be a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected at the AGM. They shall be eligible for re-election, but shall not serve for more than five years without intermission.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE: Each of the subscribing churches shall nominate one clerical member and one lay member. If a clergy representative cannot be present, two lay representatives are admissible. In addition they may nominate one lay member under 25 years of age. The AGM may also elect up to three members to represent concerns of general Christian interest. The Representative Committee has power to co-opt as necessary.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Committee shall meet not less than four times a year. Individual members may attend as observers. Such observers may not contribute to discussion unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

AMENDMENTS: Only the AGM shall have power to amend the Constitution. Any proposed amendments must be sent to the Secretary in writing at least one month before the meeting and must then be circulated to all participating churches.