

Constitution

Churches Together in Sandbach

Name

The Local Body shall be called Churches Together in Sandbach (CTS).

Basis and Commitment

Churches Together in Sandbach unites in pilgrimage those churches in Sandbach, which, acknowledging God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures; and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body, and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the gospel by common witness and service to the world, to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Aims and Functions

The aims and function of Churches Together in Sandbach are:

1. To be a visible sign of the churches' commitment to one another, in obedience to our Lord's prayer "that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are one in me and I am in you; may they also be in us so that the world may believe you have sent me". (John 17, v21) NIV.
2. To provide a forum for the Church Leaders and representatives of the churches in which to create a common policy of commitment and sharing of resources.
3. To encourage shared worship and prayer, learning, service and evangelism with each church sharing the treasure of its own tradition.
4. To promote new initiatives in mission and service, responding to the needs of society and where appropriate to work with secular authorities.
5. To encourage and assist the formation and development of Local Ecumenical Projects and other forms of co-operation at the local level in Sandbach and the surrounding area.

Membership

The Local Body will consist of a Minister from each church and up to three lay members appointed by each congregation.

Officers

The officers of CTS shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary/Treasurer elected from the members of CTS. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall serve for one year, the Secretary shall serve for three years. It is expected that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will not offer themselves for re-election to either office in the year immediately following their occupation of such office.

Meetings

The CTS shall hold four meetings each year in January, April, July and October. The meeting in January shall be the Annual Meeting at which officers shall be elected. Any subcommittee formed shall meet as and when required to deal with matters as directed by CTS.

Finance

To be affiliated to the Churches Together in CHESHIRE an annual contribution is required from CTS member churches. Each participating congregation shall be asked to make the current annual contribution.

Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to the constitution shall be made only at an Annual Meeting. Such amendments shall be passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting. Any changes shall be effective from the following Annual Meeting.

Adopted at the meeting of Churches Together in Sandbach held on the 25th of April 1991.

Chairman _____

Rev John Gordon, St John the Evangelist, Sandbach Heath.