



THE BAPTIST UNION OF DENMARK'S DEFAULT REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Name, domicile, and foundation.

- 1) The name of the local congregation is:, CVR no.
- 2) The local congregation is domiciled in the municipality of

The local congregation is an independent, evangelical free church, which is a member of the Baptist Union of Denmark.

Doctrine and object.

- 3) I: The local congregation is part of the Christian church and professes faith in the Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

II: The object of the local congregation is to do missionary work by preaching the gospel about Jesus Christ, teaching the Kingdom of God, and taking care of fellow human beings.

III: The most important norm of faith and Christian life of the local congregation is the Bible.
- 4) Through an objective adopted by the local congregation meeting, the local congregation establishes the framework of the fulfilment by the local congregation of the doctrine of the local congregation.

Membership and structure.

- 5) The local congregation is composed of the members hereof at any time. Admission is granted by baptism or profession or according to specific guidelines.
- 6) The property of the local congregation belong to the local congregation as a legal entity. The local congregation is liable to the full extent of its property for the fulfilment of the obligations incurred by the local congregation.

Local congregation meeting.

- 7) The supreme authority of the local congregation is the local congregation meeting, to which all the members of the local congregation have admission and at which they have the right to vote. Ordinary local congregation meetings are held as required and shall be convened with a notice of four months to the members of the local congregation. The local congregation meeting establishes its own rules of procedure.
- 8) The affairs of the local congregation shall, to the extent possible, be decided in agreement at the local congregation meetings. Failing agreement, decisions shall be passed with a simple majority of

votes among the members present. Each member has one personal vote. Decisions regarding the purchase and sale of real property, raising of loans, or similar obligations shall be passed by a 2/3 majority of the members present at two consecutive ordinary local congregation meetings. Extraordinary local congregation meetings shall be convened with a notice of seven days, stating the agenda. At one of the local congregation meetings, the chief negotiator, secretary, treasurer, and auditor of the local congregation shall be elected.

- 9) One of the local congregation meetings shall be designated the annual meeting of the local congregation and shall be held within the end of March.
- 10) The annual local congregation meeting shall as a minimum have the following agenda:
 - Presentation of the annual report of the local congregation for adoption
 - Presentation of the audited annual accounts and balance sheet for adoption
 - Discussion of proposals submitted

Congregation minutes.

- 11) Minutes of the local congregation meetings shall be prepared, stating the decisions passed. The minutes shall be available to the members of the local congregation and be adopted at the subsequent ordinary local congregation meeting.

When the local congregation has adopted the minutes, a transcript hereof, certified by the chief negotiator and the secretary, shall constitute documentation of the proceedings to the members of the local congregation as well as to any third parties.

Congregation Council.

- 12) A Congregation Council shall conduct the management of the local congregation, including the execution of the decisions passed at the local congregation meetings.
- 13) The Congregation Council shall be elected by the members of the local congregation according to the election procedure established by the local congregation.
- 14) The Congregation Council shall elect its own Chairman, vice chairman, and secretary according to the rules of procedure established by the Congregation Council.

Authorized to sign.

- 15) The Chairman and a member of the Congregation Council are jointly authorized to sign on behalf of the local congregation before public authorities and in relation to all financial transactions, when the local congregation meeting has adopted the issue in question.

Accounts and auditing.

- 16) The financial year of the local congregation is the calendar year. At a local congregation meeting shall be elected a treasurer and two auditors. The auditors cannot simultaneously be members of the Congregation Council. The audited annual accounts and balance sheet shall be presented within the end of February.

Division of the local congregation.

- 17) If some of the members of the local congregation should decide to segregate from the local congregation, they will have no share in or part of the property of the local congregation and thus will not be entitled to raise any claims against the local congregation.
- 18) If it should be decided to divide the local congregation, its property shall be allocated at the best estimate according to agreement between the parties. If it is not possible to reach an agreement, the National Leadership of the Baptist Union of Denmark shall settle the question.

Reorganisation or dissolution of the local congregation.

- 19) If the number of members of the local congregation has fallen to 20 – if not before – the National Leadership of the Baptist Union of Denmark shall be contacted in order to jointly clarify the future of the local congregation.
- 20) A decision to dissolve the local congregation or to consolidate it with another local Baptist congregation may be passed by a 2/3 majority of the members present at two consecutive ordinary local congregation meetings. If the local congregation is dissolved without consolidating it with another local Baptist Church, the remaining property shall be transferred to the Baptist Union of Denmark.

Alterations to the regulations.

- 21) Alterations to the regulations of the local congregation can be made if passed by a 2/3 majority of the members present at two consecutive ordinary local congregation meetings.

Coming into force.

- 22) These regulations shall come into force on the date of the foundation of the local congregation or when the regulations have been adopted according to the applicable procedure of alterations to the regulations of the local congregation.

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