

Manchester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship CONSTITUTION

1. **The aims** of the Manchester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship (MDEF) are to unite in fellowship all Evangelical Anglicans in Manchester Diocese, and to foster and express their special contribution to the life of the Church. The Fellowship's basis of faith is that of the Church of England Evangelical Council, including the Additional Declarations.

2. **Membership** is open to all clergy and laity who live, work, or attend an Anglican church, within the Diocese, and who support the aims of the Fellowship.

3. **The MDEF Committee** shall consist of:

- the chairperson
- the vice-chairperson
- the secretary
- the treasurer
- one other

The Committee shall have power to co-opt up to **FIVE** other MDEF members to ensure good balances of gender, the different streams of evangelicalism, and geographical representation; this power also provides the opportunity to ensure good links with the Bishop's Council, General Synod and the Church of England Evangelical Council. All members of the Committee shall be MDEF members.

The purpose of the committee is to further the aims of the MDEF, which may well involve the committee in an advocacy role within the Diocese.

The Committee shall fix the amount of the membership fee.

4. **The Annual General Meeting** shall be held in June or July. All members shall be given at least fourteen days' notice of the AGM. All members shall be entitled to attend and vote. The quorum for an AGM shall be 10% of the membership of the MDEF or 10 members, whichever is lower. The AGM shall appoint for a term of three years:

- the chairperson
- the vice-chairperson
- the secretary
- the treasurer
- one other

The treasurer shall present to the Annual Meeting a report on the finances of the MDEF.

5. **A Special General Meeting** may be called by the MDEF Committee or by any twelve members of the MDEF to discuss an urgent matter. The Secretary shall give all members fourteen days' notice of any Special General Meeting together with notice of the business to be discussed. All members shall be entitled to attend and vote.