

Constitution and foundation document of the Cross Denominational Mission

Bournemouth, Michaelmas, 1993.

I am Adrian Stephen Glover, a Christian, and a Methodist Lay Preacher.

I say: "A mission is described as 'a task or series of tasks intended to address an issue or series of issues.' A Christian mission is one which brings a Christian perspective, and uses Christian beliefs and understandings to address those issues.

This is the missionary activity of myself, Adrian Stephen Glover, a Methodist Lay Preacher, and of my associates.

The missionary activity shall be entitled "The Cross Denominational Mission". I, Adrian S. Glover shall be entitled 'Pastor' of the mission and the 'Founding Pastor'. This mission shall be Christian:

- (i) in the understanding of the Founding Pastor's own Christian beliefs, and
- (ii) the generally and widely accepted interpretations of Christian belief.

The outlook shall be liberal, inclusive and non-judgemental.

The mission is to enhance co-operation and understanding of, and amongst, the various Denominations of the Christian Church. Denomination being any group, association, society, rite, or body who are seen (either by themselves or others) as part of the Christian Church. Groups that broadly follow Christian teaching for anthropological or humanitarian works such as the YMCA may also be included, particularly if the name and original intent was based on Christian teaching.

The mission sets out to do this fairly and objectively. Treating each body that calls itself Christian equally as far as possible and leaving personal opinions out of the Missions treatment of each denomination. Therefore inclusion of, or omission of, any particular group, body, or denomination does not infer approval, or disapproval of that group's theology, beliefs or systems of worship. Groups which do not openly call themselves Christian, nor operate in a Christian framework, and whose members are not readily identifiable as Christian, may not be served by the mission, nor listed in the mission's lists or directories.

There is no time limit on the Missions objective, and no point at which the mission may say the job is done. The mission will exist for the time being and in perpetuity in equal measure.

The mission shall have no financial activity, and therefore no bank account or financial statement. Any costs relating to the administration, running costs will be met by the pastor as his Christian giving.

The mission will not accept or receive any financial contribution or fee. If, in future, the

mission does need to expand onto a footing which will need financial accounts and activities this will be done formally, openly and in accordance with the financial regulations current at the time.

The pastor may appoint persons to assist in his missionary activity, and entitle them as he wishes. No person so appointed has any right to emolument, or recompense, or engage in any financial activity whatsoever on behalf of the mission, and any such person is under a vow to refrain from monetary activity of any kind connected with the missions work, which is voluntary, free and unpaid. Any ministry which attracts a fee (e.g. Wedding or funeral) is personal to the person offering that ministry - in their own or another's name. Persons may use their title associated with the mission in their work, for example: "John Smith, who works for the Cross Denominational Mission, will talk about Christian Serving", but any fee he may receive will be John Smith's and he will be accountable for taxation etc

The pastor may appoint a successor or successors of his choosing. Where a successor is appointed, he or she will act in accordance with the principles of this document, and in concordance with the Founding Pastors opinions and beliefs. Any successor will be bound to act as if on behalf of the founding pastor.

Persons acting on behalf of, or as representatives of, the mission shall not be paid for their preaching, lecturing, speaking or writing. Their work is their Christian giving: free and unpaid. Any representative preaching, or speaking or writing on mission business, whilst entitled to their own views, must express the views of the mission. I do not restrict what servants may say as their own opinion, only that the missions view be made when acting on behalf of the mission.

In all matters regarding the mission, the pastors word is final. He must have regard for the principles of the founding pastor, the Christian religion, the common good and the best interests of the mission.

In the above statement I Adrian S. Glover include myself, and sign my name here as a sign that I accept the terms above for myself. Anyone I appoint must adhere to them also.

Members of the mission at inception: Adrian S. Glover (founding pastor), Simon Gregory, Maurice Hunt.

Signed and attested at Capri House, 21 Privet Road, Bournemouth, BH9 2NS on this day of St Michaelmas, 1993

Adrian S. Glover,
Founding Pastor,

Simon Gregory
Anglican Lay Reader, witness

Maurice Hunt,
Baptist Lay Preacher, witness