



CONSTITUTION

1 PURPOSES AND AIMS

The purposes of the British Anglican Cursillo Council (BACC) are to:

- (a) Resource affiliated Dioceses;
- (b) Be the communication/network 'hub', linking all the Affiliated Dioceses;
- (c) Exercise oversight of the operation of Anglican Cursillo in the United Kingdom, in accordance with its licence agreement with the National Cursillo Movement of the USA.

The aim of BACC is to assist:

- (a) the development in adult Christians of a consciousness of their mission to become leaders in the work of spiritual renewal;
- (b) the sustaining of adult Christians as they take a positive role in Church life and as they work and witness for Christ in their personal life and in the civic, social and economic life of their own environments.

2 RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) BACC accepts the content and method laid down by the founders of Cursillo including the pre-Cursillo preparation, the regular practice of Group Reunions and Ultreyas, the course of fifteen talks and five meditations and the call to Christians to win the world for Christ.
- (b) BACC accepts the terms and conditions laid down in the agreement signed by its representative and those of the National Cursillo Movement of the USA granting the Council a licence to coordinate the growth and operation of Cursillo in the Anglican Churches in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the Scottish Episcopal Church.

The British Anglican Cursillo Council shall:

- (c) Hold an Annual General Meeting in the Spring and a meeting in the Autumn. At least one month's notice shall be given of such meetings;
- (d) Appoint a Standing Committee as described in Section 5, which will act as an executive body;
- (e) Appoint BACC Officers to serve for specific periods as President, National Spiritual Director, Secretary and Treasurer as in Section 4;

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- (f) Adopt an annual budget to be presented to the Standing Committee, and raise funding to finance its operations. The accounting period shall run from 1 January to 31 December each year. The annual accounts will be drawn up and audited in accordance with the current Charities Act legislation.
- (g) Provide guidance and resources and disseminate information to assist in setting up and operating Cursillo in accordance with the BACC Licensing Agreement;
- (h) Establish and maintain communication and fraternal relations with other Cursillo groups and Cursillo Fourth Day Ministries and with similar renewal and apostolic groups within other Christian denominations;
- (i) Be responsible for all such other action decided by BACC to fulfil the aims in accordance with Licensing Agreement.

3 OPERATION

- (a) All Provincial and Diocesan Groups operating or planning to operate Cursillo within the Anglican and Episcopal Churches in the territories covered by BACC's Licensing Agreement (hereafter referred to as 'Diocesan Cursillos') will be required to affiliate themselves with BACC.
- (b) The Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors of each Diocesan Cursillo will be members of BACC for their terms of office.
- (c) The Secretariat of each Diocesan Cursillo operating Cursillo should appoint one named lay member representative to serve on BACC. In the event of the resignation of the original appointed representative, the Secretariat can appoint a further named lay member. The appointee need not be a member of the Diocesan Secretariat.
- (d) A temporary member can be appointed by the Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat to take the place of any of their representatives in 3(b) or 3(c) who are unable to attend a particular BACC meeting. A replacement member is made on the basis of "lay for lay" and "clergy for Spiritual Director".
- (e) A quorum for a meeting of BACC shall consist of two BACC Officers plus representatives from at least 40% of the Diocesan Cursillos operating Cursillo. Each member of BACC or their replacement shall be entitled to vote, provided their Secretariat has paid their subscription to BACC.
- (f) A Diocesan Cursillo planning to run a first Cursillo Weekend shall appoint a Steering Group to undertake this planning. Such Steering Groups may send a maximum of two representatives to BACC meetings. They may participate in the meeting but will not be entitled to vote. The Diocesan Cursillo is not to be counted when determining the quorum under (e).
- (g) A list of all BACC Officers and Standing Committee members shall be issued to each Diocesan Cursillo.
- (h) An annual gathering open to all Cursillistas shall be arranged.

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4 OFFICERS

- (a) The Officers of BACC are the President, Secretary, Treasurer and National Spiritual Director.
- (b) The PRESIDENT shall be a lay person and shall be elected by a simple majority of votes by Diocesan Secretariats; each Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat having paid their annual subscriptions to BACC shall have one vote. A new President shall be elected the year before the current President's term of office is due to finish. The newly elected President shall take office at the AGM following his/her election, and shall normally hold office for a term of three years.
- (c) The SECRETARY and TREASURER shall be elected by a simple majority of votes by Diocesan Secretariats; each Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat having paid their annual subscriptions to BACC shall have one vote. Their term of office will be three years from the date of their election.
- (d) The NATIONAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR shall be or shall have been a Diocesan Spiritual Director and shall be elected by a simple majority of votes by Diocesan Secretariats. Each Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat having paid their annual subscription to BACC shall have one vote. A new National Spiritual Director shall be elected the year before the current National Spiritual Director's term of office is due to finish. The newly elected National Spiritual Director shall normally take office at the AGM following his/her election, and shall hold office for a term of three years.
- (e) The term of office of any BACC Officer may, in exceptional circumstances, be varied to provide a practical overlap.
- (f) BACC Officers who have completed their term of office shall not be eligible for re-election to any BACC Office for three years from leaving office.
- (g) BACC Officers should not be a member of a Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat during their period of BACC service.

5 STANDING COMMITTEE

- (a) BACC shall elect a Standing Committee to which it will delegate work.
- (b) The Standing Committee retains powers to enact its decisions (all taken by a simple majority) without recourse to BACC only whilst remaining within the Constitution in force at the time of any particular decision.
- (c) The Standing Committee will report to BACC when required to do so by BACC.
- (d) The Standing Committee shall meet at least twice a year.
- (e) Membership of the Standing Committee shall consist of the Officers of BACC, plus the 'Ordinary Members': the Cursillo Leaders' Workshop Coordinator (CLWC) and the Area Representatives. The Ordinary Members are to be elected at the AGM, as detailed in (g) and (h) below, and shall serve for three years. The election must be included as an item on the agenda of the meeting.

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- (f) The CLWC shall be elected by a simple majority of votes by Diocesan Secretariats. Each Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat having paid their annual subscription to BACC shall have one vote.
- (g) Each Area Rep shall be elected by a simple majority of votes by the Secretariats of the Diocesan Cursillos for that area (see Annex 1). Each applicable Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat having paid their annual subscription to BACC shall have one vote.
- (h) An Ordinary Member is eligible to stand for election as a BACC Officer provided the date of appointment to that Office does not overlap with their term of office as an Ordinary Member.
- (i) The Standing Committee has the power to co-opt a maximum of three people at one time to fill any places unfilled by election under paragraph 5(g) and 5(h). Such Co-opted Members shall have no voting rights and their co-option shall lapse at the next AGM.
- (j) The Standing Committee has the power to invite people to attend all or part of meetings of the Standing Committee; such Invitees shall have no voting rights.
- (k) An Ordinary Member unable to attend a meeting may nominate a Substitute for that meeting provided this is agreed by the President before the meeting. Such Substitutes shall have voting rights.
- (l) All BACC Officers, Ordinary Members, Substitutes, Co-opted Members and Invitees are entitled to claim expenses incurred as a result of carrying out BACC business, in accordance with the BACC Expenses Policy.
- (m) The quorum for a Standing Committee Meeting is:
 - (i) The President or other BACC Officer delegated by the President, who shall be Chairman; and
 - (ii) 40% of Ordinary Members or their Substitutes (but not Co-Optees or Invitees).

6 AMENDMENTS

- (a) The Secretary must receive any proposed amendment of this Constitution at least one month prior to a BACC meeting so that it can be included as an item on the agenda of the meeting.
- (b) Any proposed amendment to this Constitution must be proposed and seconded by different dioceses before it can be included in the agenda for discussion at a BACC meeting.
- (c) An amendment will be included in the Constitution if it receives the approval of a simple majority of proxy votes and votes of members at the BACC meeting.

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ANNEX 1 AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Area	Dioceses (Provided diocese has active Cursillo as defined in 3a)
East of England	Ely, Lincoln, Norwich, St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
Greater London	Chelmsford, Guildford, London, St Albans, Southwark
Midlands	Birmingham, Coventry, Derby, Leicester, Peterborough, Southwell and Nottingham
North West England	Blackburn, Carlisle (Cumbria), Liverpool, Manchester, Sodor and Man
Scotland and Northern England	Durham, Newcastle, Scottish Episcopal Church
South East England	Canterbury, Chichester, Portsmouth, Rochester, Winchester
South West England	Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter, Gloucester, Oxford, Salisbury, Truro
Wales and the Marches	Bangor, Chester, Hereford, Lichfield, Llandaff, Monmouth, St Asaph's, St David's, Swansea and Brecon, Worcester
Yorkshire	Leeds, Sheffield, York

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