



FORWARDINFAITH

Regulations for Branches

I: EXTRACT FROM THE CONSTITUTION (as amended on 14 November 2015)

8. LOCAL ORGANISATION

The Council shall have power to establish local branches for the furtherance of the said objects. Each branch so established shall comply with and be subject to the following regulations:-

- a] The branch shall act in pursuance of the said objects and of the policy of the Organisation and shall be subject to such conditions as may from time to time be laid down by the Council.
- b] The title of the branch shall be subject to the prior approval of the Council.
- c] No person who is not a member of the Organisation shall be eligible to become or remain an officer of the branch.
- d] The branch will be deemed to have adopted the model rules for branches as prescribed from time to time by the Council unless it has, with the prior approval of the Council, adopted other rules.
- e] The branch may publish literature solely in the name of the branch for local purposes but such literature shall not contain any statement contrary to the said objects or to the policy of the Organisation.
- f] Representations of whatever kind to other bodies and/or individuals may only be made by the branch through or with the prior approval of the Council.
- g] All legacies bequeathed to the Organisation shall be received by the Treasurer or other appropriate officer of the Organisation but, subject to any special trusts by which such legacies may be affected, the Council shall have power to direct that any legacy or the income therefrom shall be paid to a particular branch.
- h] The branch may be empowered by the Council to receive donations and any money received or raised by it may be expended by the branch in its area solely for the furtherance of the said objects. The branch shall make returns to the Organisation in such form as may from time to time be determined by the Executive Committee.
- i] Subject to these regulations, the branch may generally manage its own affairs and shall be solely responsible for its own debts and liabilities and shall not pledge the credit of the Organisation or that of the Council, the Trustees or any individual member of the Council.

**Model Rules for Branches of Forward in Faith
Prescribed by the Council pursuant to clause 8(d) of the Constitution**

Branches

1. The membership of Forward in Faith, and the Registered Parishes, shall be divided into such Areas as the Council may from time to time determine.
2. There shall be a branch of Forward in Faith for each Area.
3. The Council of Forward in Faith shall have the power to call together the members of Forward in Faith in any Area in order to re-constitute the branch.

Annual General Meeting

4. An Annual General Meeting (AGM, also known as an Area Assembly) shall be held for each branch every year. Only members of Forward in Faith shall be entitled to vote in the AGM.
5. If a Society Bishop's Representative for a diocese covered by the Area is a member of Forward in Faith, he shall be entitled to attend the AGM with speaking and voting rights, and to be a member of any committee that may be elected or established by the branch.
6. The AGM shall elect a Clerical Chairman (who shall be a Priest of The Society), a Lay Chairman, a Treasurer, and such other officers as it shall determine. An AGM may resolve that the officers it elects shall hold office for a period of time not less than one year and not more than three years.
7. The minutes of the branch AGM shall be sent to the Director of Forward in Faith by 31 December each year.

Financial Matters

8. Each branch shall have power to appeal for and accept donations, subscriptions and collections. Any money received or raised, and the interest on any money which may be invested by the branch, forms part of the charitable funds of Forward in Faith, but may be expended by the branch in its Area solely in furtherance of the Objects of Forward in Faith.
9. The Treasurer of each branch shall send to the Director by 31 January each year accounts for the previous calendar year, entered on a form circulated by or on behalf of the Treasurer of Forward in Faith. Such accounts shall be submitted to the next AGM of the branch for approval.

Safeguarding

10. Branch activities should comply with the Safeguarding Policy of the relevant diocese or (where an activity is organized for members from a larger area) the diocese in which the activity occurs.