

CURRENT CONSTITUTION OF CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD WHITE RIVER

1. **NAME:** The White River, Calvary Assembly of God.

2. **OBJECT AND PRINCIPLES:**

- a. To promulgate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by all Scriptural means, recognising the Word of God, the Bible, as is all sufficient rule and guide, and recognising the Statement of Faith of the Assemblies of God included under the heading "Things Commonly Believed Among Us" as based on a correct interpretation of the Word of God.
- b. To be part of the Assemblies of God, recognising the sovereignty of recognised Assemblies and recognising that the General Conference of the Assemblies of God (which consists of all Accredited and Probationary Ministers and recognised Delegates) or between sessions, the General Executive elected, convenes to promote fellowship and to assist recognised Assemblies but not to exercise control over them.

3. **LEGAL STATUS:**

- a. The White River, Calvary Assembly of God is a legal person and can as such in its own name hold property, acquire rights, assume duties and generally act in law.
- b. The White River, Calvary Assembly of God does not have as object the acquisition of gain for itself or for any of its members, and no member has any right, by reason of his membership, to the property of The White River, Calvary Assembly of God.

4. **MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership of The White River, Calvary Assembly of God is based on a voluntary association of believers, submitting themselves to the oversight of the said Assembly of God.

5. **POWERS AND PREROGATIVES:**

a. **GENERAL:**

The White River, Calvary Assembly of God may exercise any of the powers (consistent with its objects and principles) of which a true corporate body, whose purpose is not the acquisition of gain, is capable

b. **FUNCTIONING:**

The White River, Calvary Assembly of God shall function through overseers called Elders, in conjunction with its scriptural ministry as indicated in Ephesians 4:11.

c. **SIGNATURES:**

The White River, Calvary Assembly of God in general meeting may provide by resolution for any signature to be used on behalf of the said Assembly and without which the said Assembly cannot be legally bound.

d. **TRUSTEES:**

1. The White River, Calvary Assembly of God may appoint Trustees to hold property on behalf of the Assembly as a legal person.
2. Trustees shall no be less than two in number
3. The Trustees shall have power to deal with the said property as is authorised by The White River, Calvary Assembly of God in General Meeting.

e. **FUNDS:**

The White River, Calvary Assembly of God may collect, solicit and accept such funds or subscriptions from members and other believers as may be required for the purposes of The White River, Calvary Assembly of God.

f. REMUNERATION:

The White River, Calvary Assembly of God may remunerate its officials and any other persons who render or have rendered services to it.

g. DELEGATION OF POWERS:

The White River, Calvary Assembly of God, in General Meeting, may delegate any of its powers to committees.

6. WINDING UP:

If upon winding up or dissolution of The White River, Calvary Assembly of God there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Assembly, but shall be given or transferred to some Assembly of like faith or some association whose object is to spread the Truth of God's Word to be determined by the members of the Assembly at, or before, the time of dissolution, and in default thereof, by the European Executive of the Assemblies of God.

7. AMENDMENTS:

The White River, Calvary Assembly of God may amend its constitution by a two-thirds majority vote in general meeting, provided the proposed amendments have been submitted to the members of the said Assembly at least three months before the General Meeting which is to consider such proposed amendments, takes place.

“THINGS COMMONLY BELIEVED AMONG US”

1. THE BIBLE:

We believe the Bible is inspired by God.

2. GOD:

We believe the Godhead is eternally co-equal and co-existent in three persons, not three Gods but one; not one Person but three, namely the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

3. JESUS CHRIST:

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary. Thus we uphold His absolute deity as well as His complete humanity; two natures but one undivided Person.

4. THE RESURRECTION:

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and that He ascended into Heaven where He is seated at the right hand of God, the position of power and authority. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all the dead.

5. LORDSHIP:

We confess the Lord Jesus Christ and no other, as Head of the Church, and as our Lord.

6. THE SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST:

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will manifest Himself in glory, majesty and power and in physical Presence. This is the second coming of Christ and the blessed hope of the Church.

7. THE FALL:

Every individual has sinned and is guilty before God. Man by nature is depraved and incapable of saving his own soul.

8. REDEMPTION:

The Lord Jesus Christ, by His life, death, resurrection and ascension, has made available to all mankind the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. These blessings are made personally real to the individual, not by works or any personal merit in themselves, but by faith alone, which is accompanied by repentance.

9. THE NEW BIRTH:

We believe in the necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Birth, which makes a sinner a child of God.

10. THE CHURCH:

We believe that the true Church consists of the community of true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, who by faith have had their sins forgiven and been regenerated by the Holy Ghost. We believe in the fellowship of all true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ recognising that the true Church is not confined to any one denomination.

11. BAPTISM:

We believe in the baptism by immersion of believers only.

12. THE LORD'S SUPPER:

We believe in the Braking of Bread as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ.

13. SANCTIFICATION:

The Scriptures teach a life of holiness, and we are to obey the command "Be ye holy for I am holy." Believers are sanctified (i.e. set apart) for God's purpose at conversion. Continuation in sanctification is the will of God for all believers, and should be earnestly pursued by walking in obedience to God's Word.

14. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST:

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Baptiser in the Holy Ghost, and that this baptism, as a distinct experience from the New Birth is promised to every believer.

15. SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

We believe that God has never removed the gifts referred to in 1 Corinthians chapters 12, 13 and 14, and that whenever the Holy Ghost moves upon the Church in power, these gifts are manifested. We believe it is contrary to the apostolic command for any to "forbid to speak in tongues".

16. DIVINE HEALING:

We believe in the gifts of healing and that God still, in our day, heals the sick.

17. PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS:

Each individual believer has full and equal access to God through our Lord Jesus Christ, as a Believer-priest.

18. THE MINISTRY:

The ascended Christ has given various ministries to the Church, and each of these exists for the strengthening of and is essential to the welfare of the Church.

19. MIRACLES:

We believe in miracles, both as recorded in the Bible and as being possible in the present day.

20. JUDGEMENT:

We believe that both the living and the dead will be judged, it being understood that the Believer's condemnation was borne by our Lord Jesus Christ in His Redemptive work.

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