

KNOX INTER-FAITH NETWORK
Constitution Approved at 21st October 2002 Meeting and
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OBJECT

A committee to encourage proper understanding of religious communities in Knox so that each religious community and the community generally may be good neighbours.

This object is to be furthered in the following ways:

1. a meeting of members in the City of Knox as often as seems appropriate to discuss matters of common concern, to provide opportunities for dialogue and understanding, and to publicise informative public meetings sponsored by member organisations, or organised by the Committee.
2. production and/or distribution of literature on religious organisations and practices that is informative and fair-minded.
3. arranging for tours of places of worship in the City of Knox with explanation provided by those responsible for such facilities.

The Committee has no right of interference in any member body.

The Committee has no right to speak on behalf of the City of Knox, the Knox City Council, or any member's organisation without the organisation's agreement through its representative.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to each religious body (faith community) present in the City of Knox, who shall be entitled to appoint one spokesperson to the Committee. Other representatives may attend as observers and will be allowed to speak at the discretion of the Chairperson.

A membership fee shall be set from time to time and initially is \$20 per member organisation per calendar year.

Membership of the Committee in no way is to be regarded as compromising the *bona fide* beliefs of any member organisation.

OPERATION

The Committee will appoint a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Publicity Officer, after calling for nomination. If the number nominated exceeds the number required a secret ballot shall be held, coordinated by an independent person acting as Returning Officer. The Chairperson shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years.

The Committee will generally aim to operate on a consensus model. If a vote is required, each spokesperson has one vote. The designated spokesperson can nominate an alternate person to vote for them, by written notice to the Chairperson prior to the meeting. Voting rights are lost if a spokesperson is absent for three consecutive meetings and are restored at the second consecutive meeting after attendance is resumed.

The Committee will at all times endeavour to act with sensitivity so as to avoid any possible misunderstanding.
