

Membership of the CIO

Admission of new members

(a) Eligibility

Membership of the CIO is open to:-

- (1) Churches within Churches Together in Central Bromley and
- (2) by invitation of the Trustees:-
 - (a) Churches within Churches Together in England
 - (b) Individuals involved in the operation of the CIO.

provided they are interested in furthering the CIO's purposes, and who, by applying for membership, have indicated their agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members set out in sub-clause (c) of this clause.

A member may be an individual, or a corporate body.

(b) Admission procedure

The charity trustees:

- (a) may require applications for membership to be made in any reasonable way that they decide;
- (b) shall, if they approve an application for membership, notify the applicant of their decision within 21 days;
- (c) may refuse an application for membership if they believe that it is in the best interests of the CIO for them to do so;
- (d) shall, if they decide to refuse an application for membership, give the applicant their reasons for doing so, within 21 days of the decision being taken, and give the applicant the opportunity to appeal against the refusal; and
- (e) shall give fair consideration to any such appeal, and shall inform the applicant of their decision, but any decision to confirm refusal of the application for membership shall be final.

(c) Duty of members

It is the duty of each member of the CIO to exercise his or her powers as a member of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO.

Liability of members to contribute to the assets of the CIO if it is wound up

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.