

# CONSTITUTION

**BERNARD MIZEKI GUILD: ZIMBABWE (CPCA) Launched: 1  
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**PATRON: The Bishop of The Diocese**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To reaffirm faith in the One God, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, and to bring Anglican men to total commitment to Christ as personal savior and model of their lives, thereby enable them to fulfil their obligations as heads of their families and as members of the church.

## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the Guild shall be “Bernard Mizeki Guild” (hereinafter called the Guild or BMG.)

## **ARTICLE II: AIMS AND OBJECTS**

- a) To mobilize the Anglican men into an organized and effective organ of the church in order to complement the good work being done by other groups in the church.
- b) To proclaim the Lordship of Christ over all life by preaching the Gospel to all people.
- c) To instill the Spirit and practice of daily prayer and to give greater glory to God through worship.
- d) To promote Bible study.

- e) To enable others to see Christ in the members of the Guild through their disciplined lives and daily testimony.
- f) To assist the priest and the parish through the giving of members time, talents and treasures.
- g) To plan and undertake projects at both parochial and diocesan levels (the latter to be ratified by the patron).
- h) To promote good fellowship among members and the Church as a whole.
- i) To uphold the sanctity of the Christian marriage and to promote good family life where the Christian faith is taught and practiced.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

- A)** i) A member must be a male adult who is 18 (eighteen) years of age and above, who is confirmed, is a communicant and is married in the church or widowed.
- ii) A member must have paid the stipulated joining fee.
- iii) A member must have gone through the full induction process at his parish.
- iv) A member must be accepted by the incumbent priest or chaplain.
- v) A member's subscriptions must be up to date as stipulated.
- vi) A member must participate in all the activities of the guild
- vii) A member must not have been censured by the church.

- B)** Provision shall be made for associate membership irrespective of gender for those who are members of other organizations in the Diocese of Harare who wish to share in the fellowship and work of the Guild. Associate members shall not be eligible to vote or be elected to office in the Guild.

## **ARTICLE IV: STRUCTURES**

**(A) The Conference**

Which shall be the supreme governing body of the Guild.

**(B) The Executive Committee**

Which shall carry out the functions of the Guild in between conferences.

**(C) The Branch**

Which shall be established by church members and operate at local level with the consent and support of the parish priest or incumbent of the ecclesiastical division.

**(D) Area Committees**

## **ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive committee shall comprise the following and shall be elected at a meeting of Conference;-

- a) The President**, who shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, represent the Guild at all official meetings, serve as ex-officio member of the Guild Committee and be signatory to all official correspondence.
- b) The Vice President**, who shall deputise in all functions of the President in his absence.

- c) **The Secretary**, who will be responsible for keeping all minutes of the Guild and Conference. He will conduct all correspondences relating thereto and be a signatory to all official documents.
  - d) **Deputy Secretary**, who shall deputise in the absence of the secretary.
  - e) **Treasurer**, who shall keep the books of accounts and record the transactions therein and annually provide final accounts and balance sheet. He may also be required to produce a trial balance from time to time and be a signatory to official documents.
  - f) **National Co-ordinator**, who shall co-ordinate the tasks of the Guild such as outreach programmes and accepting new members into the Guild.
  - g) Two representatives from each of the archdeaconries, namely the Chairperson and Secretary.
- 6.1 The Executive Committee shall have full powers and authority to run and conduct the affairs of the Guild in between conference and to do and cause to be done whatever action shall be deemed necessary for the furtherance of the aims and objects of the Guild.
  - 6.2 the Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt individuals for purposes of consultations in areas for which there are no specialist standing committees.
  - 6.3 The executive committee shall have power to establish standing committees considered necessary for the effectiveness of the Guild.

## **ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Guild may establish the following and any other standing committees through the Executive Committee

- a) Finance and Fundraising

- b) Programmes e.g. training, bible study, music, stewardship, family life, evangelism etc
- c) Constitution, membership, rules and regulations
- d) Communication and publications

## **ARTICLE VIII: BRANCHES**

- (a) This is a very important and vital area of operation since the BMG is parish based. The top echelons of the Guild exists to service it.
- (b) A branch shall consist of not less than three (3) members. It shall be recognized as a branch of the Guild when its members signify their willingness to share in the work of the Guild, satisfy the membership requirements and accept its constitution
- (c) Branch structure shall as much as possible follow those of the main body of the Guild, and at least have a chairperson, secretary and treasurer.
- (d) Recruitment of guild members should as much as possible be initiated at this level

## **ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS**

Conference meetings shall be held once a year during the month of July possible with a consultative meeting at the annual Bernard Mizeki festival celebrations and shall be presided over by the President or the Vice President. In the absence of both the meeting shall elect its own presiding officer.

## **ARTICLE X: UNIFORM/IDENTIFICATION**

The Guild shall have the right to decide on a suitable uniform or any other form of identification if desired in addition to the badge which is mandatory before enrolment to the Guild

## **ARTICLE XI: ANNUAL BERNARD MIZEKI FESTIVAL**

- (a) All members are expected to attend this festival and play an active part in co-operation with the national and provincial organizers

- (b) The Guild may appoint another additional day in the year as a special Bernard Mizeki Guild day.

## **ARTICLE XII: CHAPLIN**

The Bishop shall appoint a chaplin for the Guild in consultation with the Guild

## **ARTICLE XIII: REPORTS**

Branches shall submit written reports to the Executive Committee when it meets, four times, four times in the year. The Executive Committee shall specify the dates at the beginning of each year

## **ARTICLE XIV: DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

The Guild shall appoint a disciplinary committee with specific terms of reference and procedure

## **ARTICLE XV: AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

This constitution may be amended by two thirds majority of those voting at the annual conference or at a special meeting called for that purpose provided that written notice of the proposed amendments has been circulated to members not less than one month before the date of such meeting.