

Free Presbyterian Youth Council



'Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth' - Ecclesiastes 12:1

Constitution

1. Aims and Association

- 1.1. The Free Presbyterian Youth Council was established by, and is subject to the Presbytery of the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster in all matters.
- 1.2. The objectives of the Free Presbyterian Youth Council are to extend Christ's kingdom and develop Christian character amongst the Youth.

2. Administration

Delegates

- 2.1. The delegates' meeting will consist of representatives from each Young People's Fellowship or where no formal fellowship exists, a session may recommend representatives. If an appointed, voting delegate is unable to attend a meeting a substitute should be sent, enabling that church to be properly represented.
- 2.2. The delegates will meet three times per year or more often if required. No delegates' meeting may be convened without the President or an ordained minister appointed by the President and Committee.

Committee

- 2.3. The Committee of the Free Presbyterian Youth Council will consist of the President plus ten members representing the areas covered by the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster, as agreed by the delegates prior to each election to give a fair representation.

3. Procedure

Delegates

- 3.1. The purpose of the delegates' meeting is:-
 - (a) To be informed of the recommendations from the Committee regarding Young People's work, and the approval or otherwise of such recommendations.
 - (b) To discuss Young People's work in general for the edification of Free Presbyterian Youth.

- 3.2. A quorum of fifteen people is necessary for a meeting to take place. Minutes will be kept of all meetings, which will be proposed and seconded by the delegates before being countersigned by the President and secretary to validate them.
- 3.3. A majority vote will carry any motion, not being a constitutional amendment, having been proposed and seconded. The President will have a casting vote.
- 3.4. A maximum of two delegates, appointed by each fellowship or church, may vote, in accordance with 2.1.

Committee

- 3.5. The function of the Committee is to discuss and recommend to the delegates activities designed to further the aims of the Free Presbyterian Youth Council
- 3.6. In order for a Committee meeting to be convened there must be a quorum of seven people plus the President. A majority vote will carry any motion, not being a constitutional amendment, having been proposed and seconded. The President will have a casting vote.
- 3.7. No Committee meetings may be convened without the President or another ordained minister appointed on the President's behalf.
- 3.8. The Committee will meet three times each year, or more if required.
- 3.9. The Committee has the power to co-opt a member, or members, from the delegates when necessary, in accordance with 2.3.
- 3.10. Three office bearers will be appointed from the Committee, and by the Committee, to be Secretary, Treasurer, and Missionary Secretary.

4. Finances

- 4.1. Each church or Young People's Fellowship of the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster shall contribute an annual subscription, the amount being recommended by the Treasurer and agreed by the committee and delegates.
- 4.2. The Free Presbyterian Youth Council shall maintain such bank accounts as deemed necessary, in accordance with the direction of Presbytery.
- 4.3. The treasurer will record all receipts and payments and prepare annual accounts to be approved by the delegates.
- 4.4. The President of the Youth Council shall receive, per meeting attended, the sum of two-thirds of the minimum fee for one service (set by Presbytery). It is the duty of the serving President to report any alterations in the above Presbytery fee.

5. President

- 5.1. The President will be elected by the delegates.
- 5.2. The President of the Free Presbyterian Youth Council must be an ordained minister of the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster, who has satisfactorily completed his probationary period.

6. Elections

- 6.1. The election of the President and Committee is to take place every other February and when elected will function for two years. Notice of election will be given at the delegates' meeting prior to the election.

President

- 6.2. At this meeting the President will advise the delegates of his willingness to stand for re-election, and if so willing is deemed nominated.
- 6.3. After this meeting, nominations for President will be sought from all paid up Fellowships. All nominations for President should be received by the secretary, at least six weeks before the election. All Fellowships will be notified of nominees, willing to serve as President, prior to the election.
- 6.4. The election of President will be conducted by the outgoing President not standing for re-election, or a member of the outgoing Committee.
- 6.5. Those nominees in attendance will be asked to leave during the election, and in order to be elected, the nominee must obtain 51% of the votes cast.

Committee

- 6.6. The Committee is to be elected by and from the delegates in accordance with 2.3.

7. Constitutional Amendments

- 7.1. Notice of motion, including proposed amendments, shall be given at the delegates' meeting, prior to being discussed.
- 7.2. The Constitution of the Free Presbyterian Youth Council may not be amended by the Council without the consent of a two-thirds majority of the delegates attending the meeting.
- 7.3. The proposed amendments will not become effective until ratified by the Presbytery of the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster.