

CONSTITUTION
OF
ARUNACHAL BAPTIST CHURCH COUNCIL

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PREAMBLE

We, the Baptist believers of Adi Baptist Churches Association (ABCA), Adi Baptist Council (ABC), Adi Baptist Union (ABU), Apatani Baptist Association (ABA), Council of Lirabo Baptist Churches (CLBC), Dibang Lohit Baptist Churches Association (DLBCA), Galo Baptist Church Council (GBCC), Galo Baptist Union (GBU), Hewa Baptist Church Association (HBCA), Idu Mishmi Baptist Khumu Embo (IMBKE), Mishmi Baptist Churches Council (MBCC), Nocte Baptist Churches Association (NBCA), Nyishi Baptist Church Council (NBCC), Tagin Baptist Churches Association (TBCA), Tangsa Baptist Churches Association (TBCA), Tutsa Baptist Church Council (TBCC), Upper Subansiri Baptist Churches Association (USBCA), Wancho Baptist Churches Association (WBCA) and West Kameng Baptist Churches Council (WKBCC) having solemnly resolved to be constitute bodies to the confederate body christened as Arunachal Baptist Church Council (in short ABCC and hereinafter also referred as 'Council') and thereby subscribe and affirm to the Vision, Mission and statement of Faith of ABCC.

While enjoying freedom and autonomy in managing our own affairs, we resolve to participate in all activities as required by the constitution and Bye Laws of the ABCC and affirm to bind ourselves with all responsibilities as members of ABCC family.

That in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, our existence in ABCC shall be based on divine love, mutual co-operation and supportive to each other with the objective to disseminate, establish and demonstrate WITNESS, SERVICE and UNITY in Baptist fraternity.

BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE,
A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD,
A HOLY NATION,
A PEOPLE BELONGING TO GOD,
THAT YOU MAY DECLARE THE
PRAISES OF HIM
WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF
DARKNESS
INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT.

(1PE 2:9)

Article 1	The organization shall be known as ARUNACHAL BAPTIST CHURCH COUNCIL. (Hereinafter also referred as ABCC in abbreviated form).	Name
Article 2	a) To mobilize and promote MISSION through prayers and giving towards fulfillment of Lord's great Commission by reaching the unreached people.	Mission Statement
	b) To create opportunity for committed youth to work as harvest force in the harvest field within Arunachal Pradesh and in conducive environment, also to the regions beyond.	
	c) To co-ordinate and realize an effective co-operation among Baptist Associations/ councils, Churches in transforming the society.	
	d) To foster Baptist Unity and to serve as link with the various regional, national and international Baptist Organizations outside Arunachal Pradesh.	
Article 3	a) We believe the Holy Bible is infallible word of God, having authority in all the matters of faith and conduct.	Statement Of Faith
	b) One God eternally exist in three distinct persons "TRINITY" – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.	
	c) Salvation comes only by grace and love of God, through regeneration by the Holy Spirit, repentance of sin and faith in the person and teachings of Lord Jesus Christ.	
	d) Virgin birth, Atonement through the precious blood of Jesus Christ, His death on the cross for our sins, Resurrection, Second Coming of the Lord in Glory and Final Judgment.	
	e) Two ordinances (i) Believer's Baptism by full immersion in water in all normal cases and, (ii) The Lord's Supper.	
Article 4	a) To foster unity among Churches / Associations / organizations of Baptist denomination in Arunachal Pradesh.	Objectives
	b) To carry out the great Commission of Jesus as in Mathew 28:18-19.	
	c) To strengthen and supervise the member Associations / Councils and Baptist Churches.	
	d) To do all acts and things necessary to facilitate the charitable, social, cultural,	

	educational and humanitarian service of the society irrespective of caste, creed or race.	
	e) To have fellowship and co-operation with other Baptist bodies at regional, national and international levels and with also with likeminded organizations.	Objectives
	f) To preserve, promote and edify the rich language, customs, traditions and cultural heritage of the people of Arunachal Pradesh.	
	g) To be active in pursuit of justice and peace.	
	h) To initiate and organise programmes for social reforms and fight against social evils.	
Article 5	All the Baptist Associations / Councils whose names appear in the preamble of this constitution are members of this council and all of them;	Membership
	a) Subscribe to Statement of faith, Mission Statement and the objectives of the Council, and	
	b) Undertake to shoulder responsibilities such as regular payment of budget to ABCC, implementing ABCC inspired schemes and programme and regional co-operation with other member associations in the manner of exchange of cultural troupes, gospel tours and programme participations.	
	c) Other Baptist Associations / Churches who are yet to be part of ABCC family may apply in prescribed format for membership. Such applicants may be allowed to have "Associate membership" for an initial period of two years by ABCC EC subject to fulfillment of conditions at article 5(a) & (b) above. An associate member shall be at par with regular member; however they shall not be eligible to any office in ABCC.	
	d) An associate member, after completion of initial two years period may apply and if deemed fit may be admitted as regular member by the AGA	
	e) Where incumbency in the office of President, Executive Secretary/ General Secretary and Secretary of other departments in a member association / Council is changed, a formal intimation to that effect with brief bio data of new officer shall be forwarded to ABCC and all other member associations as soon as possible.	
	f) It shall be mandatory on the part of a member association / Council to invite representative of ABCC in their Annual General Body Meetings / Annual conference / Special events and programmes and allow the ABCC representative to take at least one session.	
Article 6	By being member / associate member, Associations / Councils as well as every individual baptized believer / Baptist Churches of the member association / Council has the status of	

	<p>being part of ABCC family and as such;</p> <p>a) They are not only required to subscribe to the mission, statement of Faith and objectives of ABCC but also</p> <p>b) Contribute all possible efforts, share all possible burdens to safe guard ABCC interest and protect and preserve its reputation.</p> <p>c) Dispute resolution must be, as far as practicable, done by amicable settlement and if amicable settlement appears to be remote, mediation may be taken up by;</p> <p>i) Church/ churches - when dispute is between Baptist members. Baptist Churches are required to shepherd, guide and discipline the members</p> <p>ii) Association(s) / Council(s) - When dispute is between Baptist Churches of member association(s)/Council(s). Association(s) / Council(s) is/are required to shepherd, guide and discipline the member churches</p> <p>iii) ABCC - when dispute is in between member associations / Councils. ABCC is supposed to take care of the interest of its member associations / Councils.</p> <p>iv) ABCC EC Members, Association / Council, Church – when dispute is between ABCC and any member association / Council or a church of a member association or a believer or a group of believers of a Baptist church under a member association / Council.</p> <p>v) The family dispute must be resolved within the family and in no case; it should be allowed to become a cause for disgrace for the family which advocate divine love.</p> <p>vi) After three consecutive attempts of mediation / resolution if the dispute remains unresolved the party not accepting amicable settlement shall be deprived of membership in following manner;</p> <p>a) If an individual... he / she shall lose primary membership of church and the concerned Church shall formally issue excommunication order.</p> <p>b) If a Church... The Church shall lose membership of association / Council and the concerned association / Council shall formally issue excommunication order.</p> <p>c) If an association / Council ... The association / Council membership shall be suspended and President ABCC shall formally issue membership suspension order on recommendation of the ABCC EC.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Code Of Conduct</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Code Of Conduct</p>
Article 7	The General Assembly shall be the supreme decision-making body of ABCC. It shall comprise of official delegates from member associations/Councils, Executive Committee members,	

	<p>ABCC officers and Conveners and members of Committees constituted by ABCC.</p> <p>a) There shall be one General assembly of delegates from all member Associations / Councils comprising of the Administrative Committee members of member associations / Councils, ABCC officials, Officers /Representatives from mission partners active in Arunachal Pradesh and special invitees every year and it shall be known as Annual General Assembly (hereinafter referred as AGA).</p> <p>b) The Executive Committee may convene a Special General Assembly by giving at least 15 days' advance notice to all the member associations / councils.</p> <p>c) All the officers of ABCC and member associations / councils shall be voting members of General Assembly. In addition, every member association / council may nominate a maximum of 10 (ten) additional delegates comprising of Senior Pastors, Deacons, Elders and dedicated youth.</p> <p>d) All business sessions of General Assembly shall be conducted according to the rules of Parliamentary procedure.</p> <p>e) Presence of delegate(s) from at least seven-member associations / councils and ABCC shall form a quorum.</p> <p>f) The President, ABCC or in his/her absence the Vice-President or when necessary any other delegate of the General assembly duly nominated by the President, ABCC shall conduct the business session of General Assembly as SPEAKER and shall have power to ensure smooth conduct of business.</p>	General Assembly
	<p>g) Responsibility of hosting Annual General Assembly / Special General Assembly with all expenses shall rest with member association on roster turn basis already in vogue,</p>	
Article 8	<p>The General Assembly shall ;</p> <p>a) Receive action taken reports of the General Secretary of ABCC, Committees, member associations / Councils and any other source duly authorized by the Speaker.</p> <p>b) Receive the audited annual financial statement of ABCC.</p> <p>c) Approve annual budget of ABCC.</p> <p>d) Confirm appointment of ABCC Officers.</p> <p>e) Approve or reject or return with specific observation the recommendations of the Executive Committee of ABCC.</p> <p>f) To determine qualification and grant membership of ABCC to any Baptist</p>	Duties Of General Assembly

	Association / Council, Church, Organization.	
	g) To adopt and amend the constitution of ABCC. It may relax any particular provision/ condone any constitutional requirement in a particular case in the constitution to secure the interest of ABCC with full justification on record.	
	h) To determine / ratify affiliation with other organization(s).	
	i) To refer to any member association / Council such matters as deemed necessary.	
	j) To decide time and place for the Annual General Assembly meeting or the Special General Assembly as the case may be.	
	k) To appoint two recording Secretaries to record minutes of the business session of the assembly.	
	l) To decide and give direction on issues raised during Zero Hour. The member willing to raise an issue during Zero Hour must give at least 30 days advance notice with details of the issue proposed to be raised.	
Article 9	The Executive Committee (hereinafter also referred as EC) shall be the governing body of ABCC next to the General Assembly in hierarchy. It shall be responsible for administering and maintaining the works of ABCC. Other officers / delegates may attend EC meeting with prior permission without any voting right. The President ABCC or in his absence the Vice President ABCC shall be the chairman and the General Secretary and in his absence the Associate General Secretary shall be the member Secretary of the Executive Committee.	Executive Committee
	a) The President(s), The Executive Secretary / General Secretary of member Associations / Council or their proxy, ABCC President / Vice President / General Secretary and nominated EC member of CBCNEI shall be the members of Executive Committee with voting rights. .	
	b) The Associate General Secretary, Treasurer, Women Secretary and Youth Secretary of ABCC shall be non-voting members of the EC.	
	c) Other officers / delegates of member association / council may attend EC as non voting members with prior permission from President ABCC.	
	d) 10 (ten) voting members shall form the quorum.	
	e) The Executive Committee shall have at least two sittings in a calendar year. One just before Annual General Assembly in April and another in the first week of	

	<p>November.</p> <p>f) The Administrative Committee of ABCC may call Special meeting of EC with a 7 days' notice for immediate disposal of urgent issues or in response to notice given by at least five voting members of the EC.</p> <p>g) At least 5 (five) of the EC members may jointly request the President ABCC to convene a Special Executive Committee meeting and in such case The President in consultation with the ACM shall issue a minimum 7 days' advance notice convening the Special Executive Committee meeting.</p>	
Article 10	<p>The Executive Committee shall;</p> <p>a) Accept and approve the Action Taken Report (ATR) of ABCC General Secretary on the minutes of previous EC meeting.</p> <p>b) Advise, ratify actions taken by the ABCC Administrative Committee and if required shall recommend same to AGA for acceptance / approval.</p> <p>c) Recommend the Financial statement and budget of the ABCC for acceptance by the AGA.</p> <p>d) Approve plans and programme of ABCC.</p> <p>e) Approve Mission Partnership with other Baptist organizations.</p> <p>f) Constitute Boards, Committees and appoint officers to man them.</p> <p>g) Approve creation of Posts for efficient administration / ministry of ABCC.</p> <p>h) To formulate / amend / repeal the Bye Laws, Rules etc for smooth administration of ABCC.</p> <p>i) To formulate rules governing financial transactions as well as service conditions of ABCC employees.</p> <p>j) To appoint a suitable person to officiate as President (protem) in situation where both President, Vice President or President (<i>Protem</i>) duly nominated by President ABCC are absent during a meeting of EC or AGA. However the President (<i>Protem</i>) shall stand relieved by presence of President or Vice President of ABCC.</p> <p>k) To appoint Search Committee / Nomination Committee to find / nominate suitable willing person for appointment to various honorary / paid posts of ABCC.</p> <p>l) To frame amend rules on powers and functions for Administrative Committee and its officers.</p>	<p>Duties Of Executive Committee</p>

	m) To appoint two recording Secretaries to record minutes of the business session of the EC.	
	n) To approve agenda of the AGA / SGA	
Article 11	Administrative Committee of ABCC shall consist of officers of ABCC namely President, Vice President, General Secretary, Associate General Secretary, Treasurer, Women President, Women Secretary, Youth President, Youth Secretary and Literary Secretary. They shall also be known as Core Administrative Group (in short CAG). Other officers / officials of ABCC appointed from time to time shall be non voting members of the Administrative Committee meetings.	Administrative Committee & Administrative Committee Members' Meetings (ACM)
	a) The Administrative Committee shall meet once in the beginning of every quarter year that is in the month of January, April, July and October,	
	b) The Administrative Committee Meeting (in short ACM) shall review the works of ABCC in the previous quarter and approve action plan for the quarter year.	
	c) It shall also discuss long term plans, programmes, Mission partnership issues and progress on planned activities.	
	d) Approve financial expenditure exceeding Rs.50,000/-	
	e) Give adhoc approval and "Go ahead" clearance in anticipation of Approval by EC and AGA in cases where immediate decision is warranted. And deferring decision may not be in the interest of ABCC.	
	f) If situation warrant, the ACM shall have the power to re-allocate the portfolios of Secretaries.	
	g) The President or in his absence the vice President or when both the President and Vice President are absent despite notice, the General Secretary of ABCC shall be the Chairman of the ACM.	
	h) It shall approve agenda of the EC.	
Article 12	The Sources of income of ABCC shall be;	Sources Of Income
	a) Budget allocations from member associations / councils.	
	b) Free Will offerings and donations.	
	c) Tithe of ABCC Officers / staff	
	d) Special fund raising on need basis	
	e) Rents.	
Article 13	Under general administration, the following departments shall be functional and shall	

	<p>take care of works assigned to the department;</p> <p>(i) Mission Department: -The Associate General Secretary shall be in charge of this department. Mission Department shall take care of works relevant to liaison with various Mission Partners / outreach programmes and implementation of various social / beneficiary orientated as well as awareness programmes. It shall have a Mission Board consisting of Mission Secretary / representative of all member Associations/ Council. The General Secretary, ABCC shall be the chairman and the Associate General Secretary shall be the member secretary of the Mission Board. The Mission Board shall have at least two sittings in a calendar year to discuss and finalize its action plans.</p> <p>(ii) Women Department: - Women Secretary shall be the executive head of Women Department. This Department shall take care of works relevant to spiritual need of women in the state and shall liaise with the Women Department of all member associations and other Christian spiritual organizations having doctrinal harmony within and outside the state at regional, national and international platforms to realize its goal. It shall have a Department Executive Committee (DEC) consisting of Women Secretary and Presidents / Chairperson of the Women Department of the Member Associations. The Chairperson, Women Department of ABCC shall be the chairperson and the ABCC Women Secretary shall be the member Secretary of the Women DEC. The Women DEC shall meet at least twice in a calendar year to discuss and finalize its action plan. The Women Department shall manage its own fund in terms with article 12 and submit quarterly and annual financial reports to ABCC Treasurer for incorporation in the General accounts.</p> <p>(iii) Youth Department:- Youth Secretary shall be the executive head of Youth Department. This Department shall take care of the spiritual need of youth in the state and shall liaise with the Youth Department of all member associations and other Christian spiritual organizations having doctrinal harmony within and outside the state at regional, national and international platforms to realize its goal. It shall have a Department Executive Committee (DEC) consisting of Youth Secretary and Presidents /</p>	<p>DEPARTMENTS</p>
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	Chairperson of the Youth Department of the Member Associations. The Chairperson, Youth Department of ABCC shall be the chairperson and the ABCC Youth Secretary shall be the member Secretary of Youth DEC . The Youth DEC shall meet at least twice in a calendar year to discuss and finalize its action plan. The Youth Department shall manage its own fund in terms with article 12 and submit quarterly and annual financial reports to ABCC Treasurer for incorporation in the General accounts.	
	(iv) Decisions taken in Departmental Executive Committee (DEC) meetings shall be subject to ratification by the ABCC Executive Committee and Annual General Assembly of ABCC as the case may be.	
	(v) All departments shall function under guidance and close supervision of the General Secretary, ABCC.	
Article 14	The following shall be the ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS of ABCC;	
	I) The President : He shall be a mature Baptist believer of a Baptist church under the jurisdiction of any of the member association / council / Church. He shall be an Honorary Officer appointed by the AGA. The President shall not be an employee of ABCC.	President
	a) The President shall preside over the General Assembly as its Speaker, the Executive Committee as its Chairman and the Administrative Committee as its leader. He shall be the constitutional head of ABCC and shall represent ABCC to other organizations where necessary. He shall convey appointment of General Secretary as per decision taken by the General Assembly. He shall give necessary advice to the General Secretary for the smooth functioning of the council. As a team leader of ABCC, the president must endeavor to maintain a team spirit and also fill up the gap where necessary.	Duties of President
II) The Vice President : He shall be a mature Baptist believer of a Baptist church under the jurisdiction of any of the member association / council / Church. He shall be an Honorary Officer appointed by the AGA. The Vice President shall not be an employee of ABCC.	Vice President	

	<p>a) The Vice President shall act as President whenever assigned to do so by the President or in absence of President he/she shall automatically hold the charges of President. The Vice President shall be the Chairman of ABCC Mission Board.</p>	<p>Duties Of Vice President</p>
	<p>III) General Secretary :The General Secretary shall be an experienced and matured believer having membership of a Baptist Church under the jurisdiction of a member association / Council / Church. He must possess sufficient administrative, theological and spiritual knowledge and wisdom to administer programme and lead ABCC to new heights. The General Secretary shall be salaried full-time worker. He must preferably be a graduate theologian and must have experience of at least 5 years in leading a ministry. He must be active and within 30 to 55 years of age.</p>	<p>General Secretary</p>
	<p>a) The General Secretary shall be the Chief Executive Officer of ABCC and leader of the Administrative Committee. He shall be member Secretary of the Executive Council as well as the General Assembly. He shall be responsible for the overall supervision, maintenance, and discipline in the council. He shall be accountable to the Executive Committee through the President ABCC on all routine activities.</p>	<p>Duties Of General Secretary</p>
	<p>b) He shall be responsible;</p>	
	<p>i) To act for and represent ABCC in all administrative matters.</p>	
	<p>ii) To act for and carry out all responsibilities entrusted to him by the Executive Committee / General Assembly.</p>	
	<p>iii) He shall be a joint signatory for operating bank account opened for safe keeping of ABCC Fund and also authenticate every entry in the cash book in token of transaction being authorized ones.</p>	
	<p>iv) To visit, correspond and communicate with member associations/ councils / Baptist churches and organizations in all matters relating to ABCC.</p>	
	<p>v) To serve as ex-officio member of all Boards / Committees of ABCC where he is not officially a member.</p>	
	<p>vi) To call meetings and draft agenda for the ACM, business session of Executive Committee and General Assembly.</p>	

	vii) To prepare report returns and Action Taken Reports as the case may be for placing in / presenting to ACM, EC, General Assembly, meetings of CBCNEI, APBF, BWA and other organizations to which ABCC is a member..	
	viii) To keep all official records, property records and minutes of all Meetings including ACM, EC and General Assembly.	
	ix) To initiate constitution of nomination committee at least one year prior to expiry of the term of appointment of Administrative officers.	
	x) To call extra ordinary meetings of Executive Committee in exigent cases in accordance with ACM decision and special General Assembly in accordance with EC decision.	
	xi) To organize, conduct such programme in collaboration with member association / council and other organization, which may contribute to leadership development, capacity building, awareness and education for strengthening unity in member churches as well as for spiritual enlightenment in Arunachal Pradesh.	
	xii) He shall sue or be sued on behalf of ABCC for resolution of all legal disputes.	
	xiii) He shall be Head of the General administration of the Council and besides general supervision, he shall look after all matters of ABCC which are not assigned to any other Secretary.	
	IV) ASSOCIATE GENERAL SECRETARY :He shall be a graduate theologian having at least three years' experience in mission works and possessing a good record. He must be within the age of 25 to 30 years. He shall be a full time salaried employee of ABCC.	
	a) The Associate General Secretary (hereinafter referred as AGS) shall be in charge of the ABCC Mission Department and member Secretary of the ABCC Mission Board..	Associate General Secretary
	b) He shall be responsible to;	
	i) Assist General Secretary in all administrative works.	
	ii) Discharge all duties of General Secretary in <i>absentia</i> .	
	iii) Act as spokesperson of ABCC.	
	iv) Establish mutual co-operation and co-ordination among schools	

	run by member associations / councils.	
v)	Shall keep record of all Mission Partners active, co-operating and providing assistance to member associations / councils.	
vi)	Shall maintain a close relationship with the Mission Partners' local heads such as Field Directors as well as their Controlling Heads such as Mission Directors / In charges of Mission Department of BCM/ NBCC / ABAM etc.	
vii)	Shall maintain a close relationship with the Mission Secretary of CBCNEI and counter parts of member associations / Councils for effective implementation and monitoring of Mission works.	
viii)	Look after all the works relevant to Training / Seminar / workshops relevant to Mission Works / leadership / Peace and justice / Social evils like drug abuse, clean election etc.	
ix)	Shall look after all works pertaining to Christian education / Sunday School till a full fledged Secretary Christian education is installed.	
V)	TREASURER :The Treasurer must be a matured and dedicated person with sufficient knowledge of book keeping and preferably a graduate. As the correct book keeping require immediate and meticulous recording, He must be a person willing to accept the responsibility. He shall be an honorary officer.	TREASURER
a)	He shall be custodian of all funds of ABCC.	
b)	He shall receive and make authorized payments on behalf of ABCC.	
c)	He shall be a joint signatory for operating bank account opened for safe keeping of ABCC Fund.	
d)	He shall maintain Cash Book and other books of accounts in proper manner and ensure authentication of all entries by the General Secretary. He shall also maintain all other records relevant to financial transactions as well as financial position.	
e)	He shall prepare quarterly and Annual Financial reports. For publication in ABCC News Letter, placing in ACM, EC and General Assembly.	
f)	He shall prepare budget for the Calendar year for vetting by EC and General Assembly.and quarterly financial estimates for approval by ACM	

	and publication in the ABCC News Letter.	
	g) He shall take initiative for conduct of annual audit every year in February for the accounts pertaining to previous calendar year.	
	h) With the consent of General Secretary, He shall represent ABCC in all financial matters.	
	VI) Women Chairperson : The Women Chairperson must be an experienced and matured lady having a good track record of leading women department of a member association / council. She must be willing to give time for the ministry. She shall be an honorary officer.	Women Chairperson
	a) She shall chair all meetings of Women Department including the business sessions of ABCC Women Executive Committee and the ABCC Women Department Biennial Conference. In case of her being absent, the house may select another senior woman member to officiate as <i>Women Chairperson in absentia</i> .	
	VII) Women Secretary : The Women Secretary must be a matured, experienced dynamic and well qualified lady willing to shoulder the responsibility. She shall be an honorary officer.	Women Secretary
	a) She shall be the member secretary of Women DEC and shall be responsible to effectively implement all programmes of the Women Department in accordance with the decisions of Women DEC duly approved by the ABCC EC.	
	b) She must maintain a close communication with the Women Secretary of all the member associations / Councils as well as Women wing of CBCNEL.	
	c) She shall be responsible for day to day smooth functioning of the works of the ABCC Women Department and for the smooth disposal of work she may make honorary appointments with approval of Women DEC / ABCC EC.	
	d) She shall be responsible to maintain close connection with Women Departments of Various regional / national conventions and international bodies like APBF, BWA etc.	
	e) Encouraging and Promoting girls for theological studies.	
	f) Motivating women to raise voice against social evils. Conducting of training programmes/ seminars etc. thereon.	

	g) Organising Annual / Biennial Conference	
	h) Promoting and organizing vocational training programmes for building confidence through infusing spirit to earn and to CARE AND SHARE.	
	VIII) Youth Chairman : Youth Chairman shall be an honorary officer. He / She must be from amongst active youth / young leaders of any member association / council having a good reputation of dedication towards youth evangelism. He / She shall be an honorary Officer.	Youth Chairman
	(a) He/ She shall chair all meetings / programmes of Youth Department including Youth DEC. In case of his / her being predisposed, the house may select another senior youth member to officiate as <i>Youth Chairman in absentia</i> .	
	IX) Youth Secretary : The Youth Secretary must be a dynamic and well qualified person willing to shoulder the responsibility. Nomination preference may be given to a person who has experience of working as youth Secretary either in an Association or in a big Church. He / She shall be an honorary officer. God has blessed tremendous strength, stamina and determination to youth and therefore, the nomination committee must be careful to nominate such person as youth secretary who appear to possess potential of motivating and harvesting the power of youth in right direction for a better future.	Youth Secretary
	(a) The Youth Secretary shall be the member Secretary of the Youth DEC and shall be responsible for implementation of the decisions of Youth DEC after getting approval from ABCC EC	
	(b) He / She shall be responsible for day to day smooth functioning of the works of the ABCC Youth Department and for the smooth disposal of work, if necessary, honorary appointments may be made with approval of Youth DEC / ABCC EC.	
	(c) The Youth Secretary must maintain a close connection with Youth Secretary of all member associations / Councils / CBCNEI and other regional / national and International youth wings / organizations of Baptist denomination.	
	(d) He / She must explore all possibilities of evangelism amongst youth	

	<p>though music; games and sports; art, literary and cultural competitions and activities like seminar and workshops.</p> <p>(e) Encouraging and promoting youth to be responsible towards; (1) Regular study of Bible (3) family and social responsibilities (2) Eradication of social evils (4) skill development.</p> <p>(f) Organizing of Annual / Biennial conferences.</p>	
	<p>X) Literary Secretary : The Literary Secretary shall be a person having a good approach towards not only grasping events happening around but also having an instant capacity to reproductive everything in writing in artistic English language. He shall be an honorary Officer.</p> <p>(a) He shall be responsible to take care of all publication works in ABCC.</p> <p>(b) He shall be responsible for immediate and timely issue of press releases in connection with ABCC activities.</p> <p>(c) He shall be in close liaison with the youth Secretary in organizing literary competitions to promote and fine tune the art of writing among Christian youth.</p>	Literary Secretary
Article 15	<p>The tenure of appointment of salaried officer(s) shall end on the last day of the AGA of the fifth year in office while the Honorary Officer(s) shall hold office till the last day of the AGA in the third year of holding the Office.</p> <p>(a) Considering need of the Council and performance of the officer, the Selection / Nomination Committee may recommend extension of the appointment for another term after obtaining consent of the concerned officer.</p> <p>(b) An officer may hold a particular office for a maximum of two consecutive terms, though he may be appointed to another office in continuity or re-appointed to the same office after lapse of a term.</p>	Tenure of Office
Article 16	<p>Any member Association / Council / Church (having direct membership of ABCC) may appeal to the AGA / SGA against any decision of the ABCC EC / AGA / SGA for review however, the reviewed decision of the AGA / SGA shall be final and binding to all concerned</p>	Right to Appeal
Article 17	<p>The Constitution may be amended at any regular AGA by majority of the delegates present and voting subject to the condition that a notice of the proposed amendment</p>	

	<p>must be given to all EC members at least 15 days' in advance of the Executive Committee Meeting and the Executive Committee must recommend the proposed amendment(s) to the AGA / SGA for acceptance.</p> <p>Any amendment to the Constitution shall be effective from the date of its approval by the AGA / SGA and shall have no effect on matters already decided as per the laws of the constitution. As for example a board constituted under the existing provisions of the constitution shall continue to be valid and functional as per given terms of reference till its objectives are achieved and the amendment carried out shall have no effect on its functions and existence unless so desired specifically by the AGA/ SGA.</p>	Amendments
Article 18	In the event of dissolution of ABCC, the moveable and immoveable properties of ABCC shall be transferred to such organization or body or society having similar aima and objective and subscribing to similar Mission and faith statement. Such transfer shall be determined by a vote of not less than two third majority of members present and voting in the ABCC EC meeting and AGA/ SGA at the time of dissolution.	Dissolution.
Article 19.	The Revised and Amended Constitution of Arunachal Baptist Church Council adopted on 22 nd March 2015 in the 07 th Assembly shall stand repealed and replaced by the CONSTITUTION OF ARUNACHAL BAPTIST CHURCH COUNCIL (Revised and amended, 2018)	Repeal & Savings.

	<p style="text-align: center;">MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rev Tage Donyi, VP & member,2. Rev Dr. Changha Chippo, GS & member,3. Rev. Banbo Pertin, Member.4. Adv. Norbu Lama, President cum Convenor	

Note :

1. The Preamble sets out the main objectives which the legislation intends to achieve. Thus, the preamble of a constitution must reflect the essence of the constitution. Any addition / amendment to the constitution is adjudged to be constitutional only when they are in harmony with the essence given in the preamble.
2. The Bye Law is supposed to be supplement to the main Law i.e. constitution. In normal circumstances, the power to frame bye laws are vested with executive body but here it is vested with AGM vide article X(6)(xi). While the main law discusses provisions in articles, the bye law discuss the ways and means to secure aims and objectives of main law in rules. The present bye law of CBCNEI is not properly structured.

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