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The list of constitutions here given is not a complete list of the constitutions of all the national and international bodies related to the International Missionary Council. It is limited to several of those which are typical and which will be most suggestive to workers in fields contemplating the establishment of similar agencies.

APPENDIX

SOME CONSTITUTIONS OF NATIONAL MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS AND CHRISTIAN COUNCILS

CONSTITUTION OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA

ARTICLE I. NAME.—The name of the conference of the foreign missions boards in the United States and Canada shall be 'The Foreign Missions Conference of North America.'

ARTICLE II. FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America are to provide for an annual conference of the foreign mission boards and societies of North America ; to provide, through its committees, for the investigation and study of missionary problems ; to foster and promote a true science of missions ; and to itself perform directly or through its committees certain specific work of interest to boards and societies participating in the Conference. It is not within the scope of the Conference to consider questions of ecclesiastical faith and order which represent denominational differences.

ARTICLE III. AUTHORITY.—**Sec. 1.** The Conference and its committees represent the participating boards and societies in the sense of possessing unique opportunity for knowing the mind and policies of these several missionary agencies and of enjoying direct contact with their administrative activities. The influence and usefulness of the Conference will depend upon the thoroughness of its investigations, the soundness of its methods of procedure and the reasonableness of its conclusions and recommendations.

Sec. 2. The Conference being a purely voluntary association of boards and societies, neither it nor any of its committees has authority to commit the participating boards and societies to any position, policy or course of action, except as any of the participating boards and societies may, under the provisions of the Article on Voting, request or authorize the Conference or its committees to act.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS.—**Sec. 1.** A meeting shall be held annually in January at such time and at such place as may be designated by the preceding Conference or by the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

Sec. 2. The meetings of the Conference are not held for the purpose of exploiting or endorsing the work of any organization or society ; therefore, the time of the meeting shall not be taken up for this purpose, except as called for by some Conference committee.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP.—**Sec. 1.** Foreign missionary boards and societies, having separate church constituencies in the United

States and Canada, whose annual incomes are less than \$20,000, shall be entitled to be represented in the Foreign Missions Conference of North America by one executive officer or elected delegate. Boards or societies having incomes between \$20,000 and \$100,000 shall be entitled to be represented by three delegates, including executive officers. Boards or societies having incomes over \$100,000 shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional \$100,000 or fraction thereof. Boards and societies having incomes over \$800,000 shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional \$200,000 or fraction thereof.

Sec. 2. Boards or societies conducting both home and foreign missions shall base their representation on their income or *pro rata* expenditure for foreign missions.

Sec. 3. For purposes of representation in the Conference, the income of a woman's board or society of foreign missions, whether auxiliary or independent of the general board of the Church to which it belongs, may be included as part of the income of such general board, and the general board shall, if practicable, arrange with the woman's board for its proportionate representation in the Conference.

Sec. 4. The Conference after investigation by the Committee of Reference and Counsel and favourable recommendation to the constituent boards at least three months before any annual meeting may by two-thirds vote admit to membership in Conference any foreign mission board, society or agency whose objective and principles as expressed in its constitution are in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the Foreign Missions Conference. An organization thus admitted to membership in the Conference shall be entitled to be represented in the Conference on the basis provided for in Section 1 of this article.

Sec. 5. The basis of representation of the following societies, because of their close relations to foreign missionary work as interdenominational co-operating agencies which send out missionaries, in consultation with the church boards and societies, to serve the common interest, shall be the same as that of the societies having separate church constituencies :

(a) The American Bible Society.

(b) The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations.

(c) The Foreign Department of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association of the United States.

(d) The Foreign Department of the National Council of the Young Women's Christian Association of Canada.

Sec. 6. The following societies, because of their close relation to foreign missionary work as interdenominational co-operating agencies which serve the common interest at the home base, in consultation with the church boards and societies, shall be entitled to one delegate each :

(a) The Missionary Education Movement.

(b) The Student Volunteer Movement.

(c) The Laymen's Missionary Movement.

(d) The American Tract Society.

(e) The World's Sunday School Association.

Sec. 7. Boards of management organized in North America in charge of Christian institutions of higher learning in the mission

field, whose interests are not otherwise represented, may be admitted to membership in the Conference by a two-thirds vote, provided that notification be given by the Committee of Reference and Counsel to the constituent boards at least three months before any annual meeting. Such boards of management shall be entitled to one delegate each.

Sec. 8. Distinguished guests, foreign missionaries, members of foreign mission boards and societies who are not delegates and officers and members of the executive committees of international and undenominational agencies directly interested in foreign missionary work, may be invited by the Committee of Arrangements to sit as corresponding members, with the privilege of participation in the discussions, but without power to vote.

Sec. 9. The secretary of the Conference shall furnish suitable credential blanks to the constituent boards and societies at least sixty days in advance of the meeting of the Conference.

ARTICLE VI. VOTING.—Sec. 1. Each fully accredited delegate, present at any meeting of the Conference, is entitled to a vote.

Sec. 2. When the Conference is expressing its judgment as a Conference upon matters properly coming before it, a two-thirds vote shall be required.

Sec. 3. Votes are to be regarded as the expression of the personal judgment of the members of the Conference and do not therefore commit the respective boards and societies.

Sec. 4. If any board or society participating in the Conference, or if the Conference itself, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, propose a measure which would commit the participating boards and societies to a given position, policy or course of action, this measure shall first be submitted to the boards and societies involved, for their formal approval. When the measure has been approved by a majority of the number of votes to which the boards involved would be entitled in the Conference, the Conference or any of its committees may proceed to take such action as the vote would justify, provided always that said action shall be represented as taken in behalf only of the boards and societies that have approved the measure proposed.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS.—Sec. 1. The officers of the Conference shall consist of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Secretary and Treasurer. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be vested in one person.

Sec. 2. These officers shall be elected at the close of the annual session to serve *ad interim* and until the close of the following annual session, or until their successors are elected.

Sec. 3. The Chairman, or in his absence one of the Vice-Chairmen, shall preside, or be responsible for securing a presiding officer, at each session of the Conference.

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall keep all records and be a member *ex officio* of all committees.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES.—Sec. 1. The Conference shall appoint the following standing committees and their membership shall be as stated:

- (a) The Committee of Reference and Counsel, thirty-six members,
- (b) The Committee on Nominations, nine members.

Sec. 2. Standing committees other than the Committee on

Nominations shall be so appointed that the terms of office of one-third of the members of each committee shall expire each year. No member of the Conference shall be eligible for continuous service upon any one of the standing committees for more than two full terms, except by the unanimous recommendation of the Nominating Committee, unanimously indorsed by the Conference. All standing committees shall be chosen upon nomination by the Committee on Nominations, excepting the Committee on Nominations itself, which shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Conference from members of the Conference in actual attendance; provided, however, that two-thirds of the committee shall consist of persons who were not members of the committee the previous year.

Sec. 3. A Business Committee of each annual Conference, consisting of seven persons, shall be appointed at the opening session on nomination of the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

Sec. 4. Other committees may be appointed from time to time, as the Conference may direct.

ARTICLE IX. DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.—Sec. 1. The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall act for the Conference in the oversight of the executive officers, in maintaining suitable headquarters, in arranging for the annual meeting, in co-ordinating the work of the various committees, boards and commissions of the Conference and in the consideration of policies and measures relating to foreign missionary interests both at the home base and on the foreign field, in so far as these have not been specially committed to some other committee. The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall also act for the Conference *ad interim* in all matters calling for executive action, in so far as definite authority and power may not have been committed to other regular or special committees. The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall have the right to appoint, as members of any of its sub-committees, co-operating members chosen from the Conference or from the boards composing the Conference or their constituencies, but such co-operating members shall not thereby become members of the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

Sec. 2. For the sake of efficiency and convenience in the administration of its work, the Committee of Reference and Counsel may appoint sub-committees and delegate work to them along the following main lines:

(a) *Foreign Affairs*: including negotiations with governments, consideration of questions arising on the mission field between the missions of different boards, as they may be referred to it, proposals and suggestions in regard to unoccupied fields, and original action in cases requiring immediate attention and not involving questions of policy regarding which there might be essential differences of opinion.

(b) *Home Base*: including questions relating to the cultivation of the home churches and the relations of mission boards represented in the Conference to interdenominational agencies, in so far as these agencies concern the home base.

(c) *Finance*: including the preparation of an annual budget to be submitted to the Conference, the general oversight of the funds of the Conference and all necessary co-operation with the Treasurer of the Conference in the securing and disbursing of funds.

(d) *Arrangements*: including making the arrangements for the

annual meeting of the Conference. It shall also make up the roll of the Conference and consider all questions relating to membership of the same.

(e) *The Committee on Religious Needs of Anglo-American Communities in Mission Fields* shall study the moral and religious conditions of such communities in foreign mission lands, report to the Conference the result of their studies, and render in the name of the Conference whatever assistance may be possible in securing and supporting suitable pastors, providing appropriate church buildings and in creating a wholesome and intelligent religious life among these communities.

Sec. 3. The Committee on Nominations shall present lists of nominees to fill vacancies in all the permanent committees except its own, and make nominations in all cases referred to it by the Conference or by the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Sec. 1. The reports of the permanent committees, and also of important temporary committees, shall be presented in printed form to all the boards and societies that have membership in the Conference, at least four weeks before the assembling of the annual Conference.

Sec. 2. In preparing its report, each committee shall consider separate topics by themselves, concluding each topic with whatever finding or recommendation it desires to propose. Each topic with resolution or recommendation shall be discussed and disposed of by the Conference before the following topic of the same report is considered, except as may be called for by the Conference.

Sec. 3. Ample opportunity shall be given for discussion, a member of the Conference having a second privilege of the floor upon a single topic only when no other member desires to speak.

Sec. 4. Every member shall have equal opportunity to speak upon each separate resolution.

ARTICLE XI. RESOLUTIONS.—Sec. 1. All resolutions and recommendations and motions presented by any committee or offered from the floor, may, by common consent, be acted upon by the Conference at once and permanently disposed of, but if any member objects (except in the case of matters of routine) the question under consideration shall be referred to the Business Committee and shall not be voted upon by the Conference until reported back by the Business Committee with its recommendations thereon.

Sec. 2. No resolution shall be considered which deals with theological or ecclesiastical questions that represent denominational differences, and if such resolutions are presented, the Chairman shall rule them out of order.

ARTICLE XII. EXPENSES.—Sec. 1. The expenses of the delegates shall be met by their respective boards or by the delegates themselves.

Sec. 2. In addition, for the general expenses of the Conference and its affiliated activities, each board and society shall be asked to contribute directly or indirectly, in proportion to the income which forms the basis of its representation, but any board may, for reasons, contribute less than this amount or designate its contribution exclusively to specific portions of the budget of the Conference and such action shall in no wise affect the membership or standing of said board or society in the Conference.

ARTICLE XIII. REPORTS OF THE CONFERENCE.—The reports of the Committee as amended, the discussion thereon and the findings of the Conferences shall be published annually, in such number as the various boards and societies may order.

ARTICLE XIV. QUORUM.—Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS.—These rules and by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any session of the Conference, provided notice of the proposed change has been given in writing to the boards entitled to representation in the Conference and to the Committee of Arrangements at least one month before the vote is called for.

THE BY-LAWS OF THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL

ARTICLE I. NAME.—‘The Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc.’

ARTICLE II. OBJECT.—To aid and promote the work of Foreign Missions represented by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.—This Committee shall be composed of thirty-six members appointed by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, one-third of whom shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of the Conference and shall hold office for a period of three years or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS.—Sec. 1. The meetings of the Committee shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Committee. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman and Secretary and such meetings shall be called by them upon the written request of five members of the Committee.

Sec. 2. Notice of all meetings of the Committee shall be sent to all members of the Committee at least ten days in advance of the date of the proposed meeting.

ARTICLE V. DUTIES.—Sec. 1. The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall act for the Conference in the oversight of the executive officers, in maintaining suitable headquarters, in arranging for the annual meeting of the Conference, in co-ordinating the work of the various committees, boards and commissions of the Conference, and in the consideration of policies and measures, relating to foreign missionary interests both at the home base and on the foreign field, in so far as these have not been specifically committed to some other committee.

Sec. 2. The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall also act for the Conference *ad interim* in all matters calling for executive action, in so far as definite authority and power may not have been committed to other regular or special committees of the Conference.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS.—Sec. 1. The Officers of the Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer, of whom the last three may be chosen from outside the membership of the Committee; the Secretary and the Treasurer shall become by virtue of their election associate members of the Committee without vote.

Sec. 2. These Officers shall be elected by the Committee at the first meeting of each year following upon the annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America shall be *ex officio* a member of the Committee.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.—Sec. 1. The Officers of the Committee shall perform such duties and bear such responsibilities as usually appertain to such offices.

Sec. 2. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall give bonds in such sums as the Committee may require, the expense therefor to be met from the funds of the Committee.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement of the year at the first meeting of the Committee following upon the close of the fiscal year (31st March) and a report upon the state of the treasury at such other times as may be called for by the Committee. The annual statement of the Treasurer shall be audited as the Committee may direct.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safe custody of all the funds of the Committee and for the payment of the same only upon the order of the Committee acting through the Sub-Committee on Finance and Headquarters or by a person officially designated for this purpose. The funds of the Committee shall be invested by the Treasurer under the direction of the Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. SUB-COMMITTEES.—Sec. 1. *Standing*.—The Committee shall appoint standing sub-committees for carrying on the work of the Committee.

It shall be the duty of these sub-committees to consider and report under the direction of the Committee upon such matters as their titles naturally suggest, and also upon any other matters that may be referred to them by the Committee.

These Standing Sub-Committees shall be as follows :

- (1) Executive Committee.
- (2) On Missions and Governments.
- (3) On Finance and Headquarters.
- (4) On the Cultivation of the Home Church.
- (5) On Christian Literature on the Mission Field.
- (6) On Medical Missions.
- (7) On Arrangements.
- (8) On Missionary Research Library.
- (9) On Religious Needs of Anglo-American Communities.
- (10) On the Preparation of Missionaries.
- (11) On Africa.
- (12) On Religious Education in Mission Lands.
- (13) On Foreign Students in North America.

Sec. 2. *Special*.—The Committee may appoint from time to time as occasions arise special sub-committees with functions defined by the Committee.

Sec. 3. *Membership*.—The Chairmen of all standing and special sub-committees shall be members of the Committee, but the membership may be made up in part by appointment from outside of the Committee.

ARTICLE IX. EXPENSES.—The expenses of all members of the Committee and of all regular members of the standing and special sub-committees attending regular meetings of the Committee

and its sub-committee shall be paid out of the Treasury of the Committee.

ARTICLE X. QUORUM.—Nine of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS.—Sec. 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Committee by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of the proposed amendment having been previously given in the call for the meeting, or at the meeting previous to that at which the action is proposed to be taken.

Sec. 2. Nevertheless by unanimous approval an amendment of which previous notice has not been given may be adopted at any meeting of the Committee.

SATZUNG DES DEUTSCHEN EVANGELISCHEN
MISSIONSBUNDES

§ 1. Der Deutsche Evangelische Missionsbund (D.E.M.B.) ist eine Vereinigung evangelischer Missionsgesellschaften zur Stärkung der Einigkeit im Geiste und Pflege persönlicher Beziehungen, zur Verhandlung und Förderung wichtiger gemeinsamer Fragen und Aufgaben und zur Wahrnehmung gemeinsamer Interessen.

Seine Arbeit soll die Selbständigkeit und Verantwortlichkeit der einzelnen Gesellschaften in keiner Weise einschränken.

§ 2. Der Deutsche Evangelische Missionsbund ruht auf der Glaubensüberzeugung, dass allein dem von der Heiligen Schrift bezeugten Evangelium von Jesus Christus, dem um unserer Sünde willen gekreuzigten und um unserer Gerechtigkeit willen auferweckten Sohne des lebendigen Gottes die Kraft zur Rettung und Erneuerung der Welt innewohnt.

§ 3. Ordentliche Mitglieder des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsbundes sind Missionsgesellschaften, die Arbeiter oder Arbeiterinnen in die nichtchristliche Welt aussenden und Zweck (§ 1) und Stellung des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsbundes (§ 2) anerkennen.

Ausserordentliche Mitglieder können Verbände und Körperschaften werden, die, ohne selbständige Sendungsarbeit zu tun, doch hierbei Hilfsdienste leisten oder an der Pflege des heimatlichen Missionslebens hervorragend beteiligt sind und Zweck und Stellung des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsbundes anerkennen.

§ 4. Die Aufnahme neuer Mitglieder ist schriftlich bei dem Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsausschuss (§ 7) zu beantragen und erfolgt nach dessen Begutachtung durch schriftliche Abstimmung mit Dreiviertel Mehrheit der ordentlichen und ausserordentlichen Mitglieder (§ 3).

§ 5. Bei Abstimmungen führt jedes Mitglied eine Grundstimme. Missionsgesellschaften, bei denen die Zahl der im Dienst stehenden europäischen Arbeiter und unverheirateten Arbeiterinnen des Missionsfeldes mehr als fünfzig beträgt, erhalten für jedes weitere angefangene Fünfzig eine Zusatzstimme. Die Stimmzahl der Missionsgesellschaften wird beim Anfang einer Amtszeit des Ausschusses (§ 8) neu festgesetzt.

§ 6. Die Mitgliedschaft erlischt durch schriftliche Abmeldung bei dem Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsausschuss.

§ 7. Die Geschäfte des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsbundes führt der Deutsche Evangelische Missionsausschuss.

Er hat den Bundesmitgliedern zur Förderung ihrer Gemeinschaft und ihres Zusammenwirkens zu dienen und sie zu vertreten. Er hat die Pflicht, ihnen in schwieriger Lage Rat und Hilfe anzubieten.

§ 8. Der Deutsche Evangelische Missionsausschuss besteht aus 7-9 Mitgliedern. Fünf von ihnen müssen im Hauptamt der Leitung einer Missionsgesellschaft angehören; diese dürfen im Falle ihrer Verhinderung Vertreter zu den Sitzungen senden.

Der Deutsche Evangelische Missionsausschuss wird vom Ver-

tretertag (§ 11) auf vier Jahre gewählt. In der Zwischenzeit ergänzt er sich durch Zuwahl.

§ 9. Der Deutsche Evangelische Missionsausschuss wählt seinen Vorsitzenden und ordnet seine Geschäftsführung selbst.

§ 10. Vom Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsausschuss werden Unterausschüsse gebildet. Sie stehen in der Regel unter dem Vorsitz von Ausschussmitgliedern und sind berechtigt, mit Genehmigung des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsausschusses Mitglieder zuzuwählen. Sie sind verpflichtet, dem Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsausschuss über ihre Arbeit zu berichten.

§ 11. Der Deutsche Evangelische Missionsbund tritt in der Regel jährlich einmal zu einem Vertretertag zusammen, um den Arbeits- und Rechnungsbericht des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsausschusses entgegenzunehmen und die gemeinsamen Angelegenheiten zu besprechen. Ort und Zeit bestimmt der Deutsche Evangelische Missionsausschuss.

§ 12. Die Mitglieder des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsbundes haben das Recht, soviel Vertreter zum Vertretertag zu senden, als sie Stimmen haben.

§ 13. Die Mitglieder des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsausschusses haben als solche auf dem Vertretertage Sitz und Stimme.

Bewährte Missionsfachleute können mit Wirkung für eine Amtszeit des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsausschusses (§ 8) vom Vertretertag mit Stimmrecht hinzugezogen werden.

§ 14. Die Leitung des Vertretertages ist Aufgabe des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsausschusses. Alle Abstimmungen erfolgen, soweit die Satzung nicht anders bestimmt, mit einfacher Mehrheit. Bei Stimmgleichheit gilt ein Antrag als abgelehnt.

§ 15. Die Mittel für die Geschäftsführung des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsbundes werden von den Mitgliedern durch Umlage in der Weise aufgebracht, dass für jede Stimme ein Anteil berechnet wird.

§ 16. Satzungsänderungen können mit einer Mehrheit von dreiviertel der Stimmen der erschienenen Mitglieder beschlossen werden, wenn der Antrag durch den Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsausschuss auf die Tagesordnung des Vertretertages gesetzt und der Entwurf den Mitgliedern mindestens acht Wochen vor der Beschlussfassung vorgelegt war.

§ 17. Zur Auflösung des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsbundes ist eine Mehrheit von dreiviertel der Stimmen seiner Mitglieder erforderlich. Der Antrag ist durch den Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsausschuss auf die Tagesordnung des Vertretertages zu setzen und den Mitgliedern mindestens zwölf Wochen vor der Beschlussfassung mitzuteilen.

§ 18. Das bei der Auflösung des Bundes vorhandene Vermögen fließt im Verhältnis der Höhe der Beitragspflicht an die ordentlichen und ausserordentlichen Mitglieder zurück.

Translation of the Foregoing

GERMAN EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

(DER DEUTSCHE EVANGELISCHE MISSIONSBUND)

1. The German Evangelical Missionary Alliance is an alliance of evangelical missionary societies for the strengthening of unity in spirit and the cultivation of personal relationships, for the discussion and promotion of pressing questions and tasks of common importance and for the protection of common interests.

Its work shall in no wise limit the independence and responsibility of the individual societies.

2. The German Evangelical Missionary Alliance is based on the religious conviction that only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ as set forth in Holy Writ, the Gospel of the Son of the Living God, who was crucified for our sins and raised again for our justification, is power to be found for the salvation and renewal of the world.

3. Ordinary members of the German Evangelical Missionary Alliance are missionary societies which send men and women missionaries to the non-Christian world and which accept the aims (Art. 1) and basis (Art. 2) of the German Evangelical Missionary Alliance.

Extraordinary membership is open to associations and corporations which, while not undertaking independent missionary work, render auxiliary service or are principally concerned in the promotion of missionary interest in the home land, and which accept the aim and basis of the German Evangelical Missionary Alliance.

4. Proposals for the acceptance of new members must be made in writing to the German Evangelical Missionary Committee (Deutscher Evangelischer Missionsausschuss) (Art. 7) and, after consideration by that body, a vote shall be taken in writing and carried by a three-quarters majority of the ordinary and extraordinary members (Art. 3).

5. In voting every member has one foundation vote. Missionary societies, the number of whose European workers (men and unmarried women) in active service on the mission field exceeds fifty, shall have one supplementary vote for each succeeding fifty or part thereof. The number of votes held by the missionary societies shall be revised at the beginning of each term of office of the Committee (Ausschuss) (Art. 8).

6. Members may withdraw on giving notice in writing to the German Evangelical Missionary Committee.

7. The business of the German Evangelical Missionary Alliance shall be carried on by the German Evangelical Missionary Committee.

It shall serve the members of the Alliance by promoting unity and co-operation, and shall represent them. It shall be its duty to offer them help and advice in difficult situations.

8. The German Evangelical Missionary Committee shall consist of seven to nine members. Five of these must be principal officers

of a missionary society ; these persons, if prevented from attending a meeting, may send substitutes.

The German Evangelical Missionary Committee shall be chosen by the General Meeting (Art. 11) for a period of four years. In the interval it shall fill vacancies by co-option.

9. The German Evangelical Missionary Committee shall elect its own Chairman and regulate the conduct of its own business.

10. Sub-committees shall be appointed by the German Evangelical Missionary Committee. The chairmen of such committees shall ordinarily be members of the Committee, and these committees shall have the right, with the consent of the German Evangelical Missionary Committee, to co-opt. They shall report upon their work to the German Evangelical Missionary Committee.

11. The German Evangelical Missionary Alliance shall ordinarily meet once a year in the General Meeting to receive reports of work and financial reports from the German Evangelical Missionary Committee and to discuss matters of common interest. The German Evangelical Missionary Committee shall determine the time and place of this meeting.

12. The members of the German Evangelical Missionary Alliance shall have the right to send to the General Meeting as many representatives as they have votes.

13. The members of the German Evangelical Missionary Committee as such are entitled to a seat and vote in the General Meeting.

Trusted persons with special knowledge on missionary matters may be invited to the General Meeting, with the right to vote, their membership lasting for one period of office of the German Evangelical Missionary Committee.

14. The conduct of the business of the General Meeting shall be in the hands of the German Evangelical Missionary Committee. All voting shall be by simple majority, unless otherwise laid down in the statutes. If the votes are equal the proposal shall be regarded as negatived.

15. The funds for the carrying on of the business of the German Evangelical Missionary Alliance shall be subscribed by the members by proportional assessment, counting one unit for every vote.

16. Alterations of the statutes can be made by a majority of three-quarters of the votes of the members present if the motion has been placed through the German Evangelical Missionary Committee on the Agenda of the General Meeting and the proposal has been submitted to the members at least eight weeks before the decision is taken.

17. For the dissolution of the German Evangelical Missionary Alliance a majority of three-quarters of the votes of its members is necessary. The motion must be placed by the German Evangelical Missionary Committee on the Agenda of the General Meeting and the members informed at least twelve weeks before the decision is taken.

18. The funds in the hands of the German Evangelical Missionary Alliance at its dissolution shall be repaid to the ordinary and extraordinary members in proportion to their assessment.

CONFERENCE OF MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

As amended June 1925

1. The Conference shall be called 'Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland.'

2. Societies and boards, if they both administer funds and send out missionaries for the propagation of the Gospel among peoples not professing the Christian religion, shall be entitled to representation. The Conference, while accepting the principle of limiting its purview to missions among the peoples not professing the Christian religion, nevertheless desires it to be understood that it is in hearty sympathy with missionary enterprise not so included, which has for its object the bringing of men and women into vital relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Auxiliaries of missionary societies merely raising funds for transmission to the headquarters of the societies shall not have separate representation.

4. The basis of representation at the Annual Conference shall be calculated on the average (as shown in the last three published accounts) of the income received at home which is expended during the year, as covered by the budget or supplementary budgets, exclusive of sums spent on work among peoples professing the Christian religion.

5. Societies having an annual income on the above basis of £5,000 and upwards shall be entitled to 1 representative

£25,000	"	"	"	"	2	representatives
£37,500	"	"	"	"	3	"
£55,000	"	"	"	"	4	"
£75,000	"	"	"	"	5	"
£95,000	"	"	"	"	6	"

and one additional representative for every additional £25,000.

6. The following societies and organizations not entitled to representation under the above rules shall be allowed to send one representative each :¹

Church of Scotland Jewish Mission.

Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

Religious Tract Society.

Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society.

National Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Laymen's Missionary Movement in Scotland.

Irish Laymen's Missionary Movement.

United Council for Missionary Education.

United Missionary Council of Wales.

Student Volunteer Missionary Movement (one man, one woman).

British Syrian Mission.

Missionary Council of National Assembly of the Church of England.

World's Sunday School Association.

Young Women's Christian Association.

¹ See Reports of Standing Committee to 1926 and 1927 Conferences.

The Standing Committee (hereinafter referred to) shall revise the above list every three years.

7. The Standing Committee shall have power to invite representatives of societies not entitled to representation under the above rules, or other persons whose presence they judge to be desirable, to attend the Conference, or any meeting thereof, as full members, the number of persons so invited not to exceed fifteen.

8. The Standing Committee shall have power to invite to each Annual Conference representatives of Churches in the mission field to a number not exceeding five.

9. All officers whose salaries are met wholly or partly out of the co-operative budget shall be *ex officio* members of the Conference and of its Standing Committee.

10. There shall be a Standing Committee appointed annually by the Conference to carry out any work which may be committed to it by the Conference. The Standing Committee shall consist of thirty members, of whom not more than one-half shall be secretaries of missionary societies, together with the officers referred to in Clause 9.

KONSTITUTION FÖR NORDISKA MISSIONSRÅDET,

FASTSTÄLLD VID SAMMANTRÄDE DEN 13 FEB. 1923 I STOCKHOLM

1. Nordiska Missionsrådet består av två ledamöter från vart och ett av länderna Sverige, Norge, Danmark och Finland.

2. Ordförande väljes för treårsperioder och tages vid varje nytt val från det land, där en allmän nordisk missionskonferens under förestående treårsperiod skall hållas. Vice-ordförande väljes från det land, där nästa konferens av liknande art tänkes bli anordnad.

3. Sekreterare väljes utanför rådet. Sekreterarebefattningen skall vara permanent, för att enhetlighet och kontinuitet i möjligaste mån må vinnas i arbetet.

Sekreteraren tjänstgör även såsom kassör.

4. Till täckande av de kostnader ifråga om papper, postporto, skrivarbete, sekreterarearvode o.s.v., som äro förenade med Missionsrådets arbete, hemställs för varje år till de nationella missionsråden om skäligena bidrag.

5. Respektive missionsråd i de olika länderna skola bära kostnaderna för sina representanters resor till Nordiska Missionsrådets sammanträden och övriga därmed förenade kostnader.

Kostnaderna för av Nordiska Missionsrådet anordnade allmänna missionskonferenser, missionskurser etc. täckas dels genom förslagsanslag, om vilka hänvändelse skall göras till de nationella missionsråden, och dels genom deltagareavgifter, kollektor o.s.v.

6. Nordiska Missionsrådet sammanträder i regel en gång om året och för övrigt när ordföranden finner skäl att sammankalla detsamma. Det ordinarie sammanträdet hålles helst under senare delen av september.

Vid varje ordinarie sammanträde föreslås plats för nästa. Härvid må dock iakttagas, dels att platserna, så långt möjligt är, variera, dels att de sammanträden, som hållas samma år som de allmänna missionskonferenserna, må äga rum i det land, där sådan konferens anordnas och i samband med denna.

7. A. Nordiska Missionsrådet har till uppgift att tjäna såsom ett gemenskapsråd mellan de nationella missionsråden i Sverige, Danmark, Norge och Finland. I denna sin egenskap har det

(a) att befordra samarbetet mellan nämnda missionsråd och mellan de till dem anslutna missionsorganisationerna inbördes ;

(b) att söka befordra de nordiska missionernas intressen utåt i världen.

Nordiska Missionsrådet utför sitt arbete i den övertygelsen, att endast evangeliet om Jesus Kristus, korsfäst för våra synder och uppväckt till vår rättfärdiggörelse, har kraft att skänka frälsning åt den fallna världen.

B. Nordiska Missionsrådet har att behandla inom detsamma väckta eller från de olika missionsråden inkomna förslag, försåvitt dessa anses beröra eller äga betydelse för några eller samtliga av de nordiska ländernas missioner.

C. Nordiska Missionsrådet har att på lämpliga tider och platser i samråd med vederbörande lands missionsråd anordna för de

nordiska länderna gemensamma missionskonferenser och missionskurser.

D. Nordiska Missionsrådet har därjämte till uppgift att, där så anses erforderligt, verka för att av de olika ländernas missionsråd gemensamma linjer följas i förhållande till Internationella Missionsrådet.

E. Nordiska Missionsrådet äger icke att på något sätt ingripa i de nationella missionsrådens eller de enskilda missionsällskapens inre angelägenheter.

Translation of the Forgoing

NORTHERN MISSIONARY COUNCIL

(NORDISKA MISSIONSRÅDET)

Ratified 13th February 1923

1. The Northern Missionary Council shall consist of two members from each of the countries, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland.

2. The Chairman shall be chosen for a period of three years and at each new election shall be chosen from the country in which the General Northern Missionary Conference of the forthcoming triennium is to be held.

The Vice-chairman shall be chosen from the country in which the next such conference will probably be arranged.

3. The Secretary shall be chosen from outside the Council. This appointment shall be permanent in order to preserve the maximum unity and continuity in the work. The Secretary shall serve also as Treasurer.

4. A reckoning of the cost of paper, postage, stenography, secretary's salary, etc., which are involved in the work of the Missionary Council shall be submitted each year to the national missionary councils for contributions on an equitable scale.

5. The respective missionary councils in the different countries shall bear the cost of travel of their representatives to the meeting of the Northern Missionary Council and of the other expenses involved.

The cost of the general missionary conference arranged by the Northern Missionary Council, missionary study courses, etc., shall be covered in part by a budget which shall be provided by the national missionary councils and in part by delegates' fees, collections, etc.

6. The Northern Missionary Council shall meet ordinarily once a year and at any other time when the Chairman shall see cause for calling it together. The ordinary meeting shall be held towards the latter part of September. At each ordinary meeting the place for the next meeting shall be proposed. In this connexion it may be observed, on the one hand, that the place of meeting should be varied as far as possible, and on the other hand that the meeting which is held in the same year as the general missionary conference

should take place in the same country in which this conference is held and in connexion with it.

7. (a) The task of the Northern Missionary Council shall be to serve as a co-ordinating council between the national missionary councils in Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland. Its particular task shall be :

(i) To promote co-operation between the said missionary councils and between the missionary organizations connected with them ;

(ii) To endeavour to promote the interests of the northern missions in other parts of the world.

The Northern Missionary Council carries on its work in the conviction that only the Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified for our sins and raised again for our justification can bring salvation to the fallen world.

(b) The Northern Missionary Council shall deal with those matters which are raised by motions sent in by the different mission councils, in so far as these are considered relevant, or which are of importance for some or all of the missions of the northern countries.

(c) The Northern Missionary Council shall arrange, at suitable times and places and in conjunction with the missionary council of the country concerned, general missionary conferences and missionary courses for the northern countries.

(d) The Northern Missionary Council has also as its task to endeavour as far as is considered desirable to secure that the missionary councils of the different countries shall follow the same lines in their relations with the International Missionary Council.

(e) The Northern Missionary Council shall take no action which will in any way interfere with the national missionary councils or with the internal affairs of the several missionary societies.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF INDIA, BURMA AND CEYLON

I. NAME.—The Council shall be called the National Christian Council of India, Burma and Ceylon.

II. BASIS.—The Council is established on the basis that the only bodies entitled to determine the policy of the churches and missions are the churches and missions themselves. Questions of doctrine and ecclesiastical polity lie outside the province of the Council.

III. OBJECTS.—The objects of the Council shall be :

1. To stimulate thinking and investigation on missionary questions, to enlist in the solution of those questions the best knowledge and experience to be found in India and other countries and to make the results available for all churches and missions in India.

2. To help to co-ordinate the activities of the Provincial Councils and to assist them to co-operate with each other where such co-operation is desirable.

3. Through common consultation to help to form Christian public opinion and bring it to bear on the moral and social problems of the day.

4. To be in communication with the International Missionary Council regarding such matters as call for consideration or action from the point of view of the Indian mission field as a whole.

5. To make provision for the convening of a National Christian Conference when such is, in the opinion of the Council, desirable.

IV. MEMBERSHIP.—The Council shall be constituted as follows :

1. Four members shall be appointed by each Provincial Christian Council,¹ not less than two of whom shall be Indians.² Of the four representatives first appointed two shall be appointed to hold office for two years and two for a period of four years. All subsequent appointments shall be for four years.

2. The Council shall have power to co-opt additional members, the number of whom shall not exceed one-half of the elected representatives. Of these not less than half shall be Indians. The appointment in each case shall be for two years.

V. OFFICERS.—The Council shall appoint its own officers. Subject to the provision of the necessary funds the Council shall have power to make such appointments for whole- or part-time service as the work entrusted to it may demand.

Those so appointed for whole-time service, or so many of them as the Council shall determine, shall be members *ex officio* of the Council and of its Executive Committee and of all committees appointed by these bodies, unless otherwise decided, but without vote.

¹ There are ten Provincial Christian Councils : Of Madras, Bengal and Assam, Bihar and Orissa, Bombay, Mid-India, the United Provinces, the Punjab, Burma, Ceylon and the Telugu Christian Council.

² The term 'Indians' is to be taken to include the nationals of India, Burma and Ceylon.

VI. EXECUTIVE.—The Council shall appoint at each regular meeting an Executive Committee of twelve members, in addition to the honorary officers, with the right to fill vacancies in its own membership.

VII. MEETING.—The Council shall ordinarily meet every second year, but a special meeting of the Council may be called, or the regular meeting postponed, if the Executive, after consulting the Provincial Councils, is satisfied that this is desirable.

VIII. COMMITTEES.—The Council or its Executive may from time to time appoint committees to deal with such matters as may be assigned to them until the next meeting of the National Council.

IX. The Council shall not assume financial obligations for expenditure in any given year beyond the amount ordinarily available for the preceding year, except where the funds for such increase in expenditure may have been assured. Apart from the possibility of a deficit arising from following this rule, no liability shall be incurred by the Council.

X. AMENDMENTS.—The constitution may be amended by the Council at the regular meeting, provided (1) that notice of the proposed amendments be given in writing to the secretary through a Provincial Council or by not less than five members of the National Council, not less than two months before the date fixed for the meeting, and submitted by him to all the members not less than one month before the same date ; and (2) that no fewer than two-thirds of those present support the amendment.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF CHINA¹

The National Christian Council of China was established by a Resolution of the National Christian Conference held in Shanghai in 1921. The Resolution adopted by the Conference is as follows :

I. APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.—Whereas the churches and missions throughout China have appointed delegates to this Conference for the purpose of considering how the cause of Christ in China may best be furthered.

The Conference, with a view to carrying forward its work, making provision for dealing with matters which concern the Christian movement throughout China, and promoting co-operation, resolves to appoint a National Christian Council.

It is understood that matters of doctrine and ecclesiastical polity lie outside the province of the National Christian Council. In regard to other matters the functions of the Council shall be advisory, but it is intended that the Council should act on behalf of the co-operating churches and missions in matters which concern their common interest when it has been ascertained that the action taken will be in accordance with the wishes of the co-operating bodies.

II. FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Council shall be as follows :

1. To foster and express the fellowship and unity of the Christian Church in China and the realization of its oneness with the Church throughout the world, and to provide an opportunity for united prayer and corporate thought toward this end.

2. To help make the central position of the Church in the Christian movement more generally recognized and accepted ; to watch and study the development of the Church in self-support, self-government and self-propagation ; to suggest methods and a course of action whereby the desired end may be more speedily and completely gained ; to encourage every healthy movement of the Church that leads to full autonomy ; and to seek and work for the adaptation of the Church to its environment and for its naturalization in China at as early a date as practicable.

3. To consider the needs of China on a nation-wide basis and plan for the evangelization and uplift of the whole nation.

4. To help promote such mutual acquaintance between the leaders, both Chinese and missionary, from all over China and from all denominations as will create an atmosphere of respect and confidence and make co-operative work of all kinds, and union where possible, seem natural, feasible and desirable.

5. To assist in developing a leadership in both churches and missions, experienced in dealing with nation-wide problems and with both a national and an international view-point.

6. To provide a platform upon which representatives of churches, missions, departmental organizations and other Christian agencies may discuss and plan for the correlation of the activities of the Christian forces throughout China.

¹ This constitution is under revision at the present time.

7. To arrange for special seasons of prayer, organize forward evangelistic movements, plan for conventions and generally foster the spirit of the churches.

8. To provide a bureau of information and to conduct and publish the results of surveys for the guidance of churches, missions and mission boards.

9. To provide an agency in which such departmental national organizations as the China Christian Educational Association, the China Medical Missionary Association, etc., may be co-ordinated.

10. To represent the Christian forces of China in their relation with national Christian organizations in other countries.

11. To serve as a means by which the Christian forces in China may express themselves unitedly when they so desire upon great moral or other issues.

12. To undertake such other work as may be committed to it by the national conference.

13. To provide for the calling of the next national conference.

III. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT.—The Conference shall proceed to the appointment of the Council in accordance with the following plan :

The members of the Conference shall meet separately in denominational and other groups, as set forth in the accompanying table, and each group shall nominate to the Conference as members of the Council the number of members assigned to it in the table.

Basis of Representation

For appointing delegates to the National Christian Council :

<i>Communicants</i>	<i>Representatives</i>
3,000- 5,000	1
5,000-10,000	2
10,000-15,000	3
15,000-20,000	4
20,000-30,000	5
30,000-40,000	6
40,000-50,000	7
50,000-60,000	8
60,000-70,000	9
70,000-80,000	10
80,000-90,000	11

For former Basis of Representation see Report of Commission V, pages 33-35.

<i>Church and Mission Groups</i>	<i>Representatives</i>		
	Total	Chinese	Missionary
Anglican	5	3	2
Baptist	7	4	3
Congregational	5	3	2
Lutheran	6	3	3
Methodist	10	5	5
Presbyterian	11	6	5

	<i>Representatives</i>		
	Total	Chinese	Missionary
<i>Other Societies</i>			
China Inland Mission	8	4	4
Christian and Missionary Alliance	1	..	1
Seventh-Day Adventists' Alliance	1	1	..
All others (42 Missions)	3	1	2
Chinese Independent Churches	3	3	..
	—	—	—
	60	33	27
<i>Organizations other than Churches and Missions</i>			
Colleges and Universities	4	2	2
Y.M.C.A.	4	3	1
Y.W.C.A.	2	1	1
National Departmental Organizations	3	1	2
Bible Societies and Literature Organizations	2	1	1
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	15	8	7

When the number to be nominated is four or more, at least one of those nominated shall be a woman, and when the number is nine or more, at least two of those nominated shall be women.

The seventy-five members thus nominated shall meet as a nominating committee and propose to the Conference twenty-five additional names, chosen with a view to making the membership of the National Christian Council as representative as possible of the various activities and interests of the Christian movement in China. The majority of these shall be Chinese.

The one hundred persons thus nominated shall, when approved by the Conference, constitute the National Christian Council, which Council shall serve until its successor has been appointed by the next Christian Conference.

IV. FILLING OF VACANCIES.—Vacancies in the membership of the Council shall be filled by the Council. When the vacancy is caused by the death or resignation of a member of the Council nominated by one of the denominational groups, the Council shall fill the vacancy by a representative of one of the bodies belonging to that group upon nomination of the members of the Council from the group from which a representative is to be elected.

Any member of the Council who is absent from China for a period of more than one year shall place his resignation in the hands of the Council.

V. MEETINGS.—The National Christian Council shall hold an annual meeting.

VI. OFFICERS.—The National Christian Council shall elect its own officers. Subject to the provision of the necessary funds, the National Christian Council shall be empowered to make such appointments for whole-time service as the work entrusted to it may demand.

The officers appointed for whole-time service, or so many of them as the National Christian Council shall determine, shall be members, *ex officio*, of the National Christian Council and of its executive

committee, provided for later, and of all standing and special committees appointed by these bodies unless otherwise decided, but without vote.

VII. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The National Christian Council shall appoint from its own members an executive committee of not more than twenty-one members, a majority of whom shall be Chinese, with terms of service of three years. The terms of service shall be so arranged that one-third shall serve for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and that after the first appointment one-third shall be appointed each year. Members shall be eligible for re-election. All terms shall expire with the holding of the succeeding National Christian Conference.

VIII. AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS.—In order that the National Christian Council may represent all phases of Christian activity such national departmental organizations as the China Medical Missionary Association, the China Christian Educational Association, the China Christian Literature Council, the China Sunday School Union, etc., and similar organizations which may be formed in the future, may, upon a two-thirds vote of the Council, be recognized as affiliated organizations.

The practical methods of affiliation shall be determined from time to time by the National Christian Council in consultation with such organizations, and may vary with the different organizations.

IX. EXPENSES.—The National Christian Council shall prepare an annual budget to cover its own expenses, and this together with the budgets of the Affiliated Organizations shall be sent as an appeal for funds to church and other Christian organizations in China, to individual givers in China and elsewhere, and to the missionary societies abroad through the national missionary organization in the different countries.

The Council shall not assume financial obligations for expenditures for any given year beyond the amount available for the preceding year, except as the fund for such increase in expenditures may have been assured. The Council shall not be authorized to incur debts which may become an obligation upon the Christian Church in China or other co-operating bodies.

X. NATIONAL CONFERENCES.—The National Christian Council shall call and make all necessary arrangements for a further national conference to meet within a period not to exceed ten years, to be composed of representatives, nine-tenths of whom shall be elected directly by the authoritative bodies of the churches, missions and other Christian agencies in China, and one-tenth shall be co-opted by the National Christian Council.

The size of the national conference shall be determined by the National Christian Council. A majority of members shall be Chinese. The method of determining the number of representatives to which each of the various churches, missions and other Christian agencies are entitled shall be fixed by the National Christian Council so as to secure, as far as possible, an adequately representative conference.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF JAPAN

ARTICLE 1. NAME.—The name of this organization shall be The National Christian Council of Japan.

ARTICLE 2. ORGANIZATION.—The Council shall consist of recognized evangelical Christian bodies.

ARTICLE 3. PURPOSE AND FUNCTION.—The purpose of the Council shall be as follows :

1. To express and foster the spirit of fellowship and unity of the Christian Church in Japan, and to give expression to the reality of its oneness with the Church throughout the world.

2. To be the medium through which the Church may speak on such matters, social, moral, religious and the like, as affect the entire Christian movement in Japan.

3. To represent the Christian Church in Japan in communicating with similar bodies in other countries, and to express its voice and make its contribution in the International Missionary Council and in other international relations.

4. To take counsel, make surveys, plan for co-operative work and take suitable steps for carrying on such work, and to act on behalf of the co-operating bodies in all matters of common interest.

5. In all the above-mentioned functions the Council is understood as giving no authority to deal with questions of doctrine or ecclesiastical policy, neither shall its actions in such matters be interpreted as being in any way mandatory.

ARTICLE 4. FUNCTIONING MEDIUM.—The Council shall function through a General Meeting and an Executive Committee. The General Meeting shall consist of delegates chosen by the co-operating bodies in accordance with the accompanying table. The General Meeting shall, however, have power to co-opt a number of special delegates. Their term of service shall be for one year. Half of the delegates shall constitute a quorum.

The Executive Committee shall consist of twenty-one members elected by the Council at its General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. It shall also choose two secretaries and two treasurers.

	Japanese	Missionaries	Total
Nihon Kirisuto Kyokwai	10	6	16
Methodist	7	6	13
Kumiai	8	3	11
Baptist	3	3	6
Churches of Christ	2	1	3
Evangelical	1	1	2
Methodist Protestant	1	1	2
United Brethren	1	1	2
Christian Church	1	1	2
Friends	1	1	2
Y.M.C.A.	1	1	2
Y.W.C.A.	1	1	2
W.C.T.U.	1	..	1

	Japanese	Missionaries	Total
Japan S.S. Association	1	..	1
Oni Mission	1	..	1
American Bible Society	1	1
British Bible Society	1	1
Christian Education Federation	1	..	1

ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS.—The Council shall hold each year a General Meeting, the place and time to be determined by the General Meeting or by the Executive Committee.

The General Meeting shall choose its own chairman.

The Executive Committee shall determine its own meetings.

The General Meeting shall have power to make provision for the holding of National Christian Conferences.

ARTICLE 6. FINANCES.—The expenses of the Council shall be met by an apportionment among the co-operating bodies, and by gifts from interested parties.

ARTICLE 7. AMENDMENTS.—This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members in attendance at the General Meeting of the Council, provided that at least six months before said meeting a copy of the proposed amendment or amendments shall have been sent to each member of the Council and to each of the co-operating bodies.

COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION IN LATIN AMERICA

The constitution of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America is contained in the following resolutions adopted by the Panama Congress on Christian Work in Latin America, February 1916.

I. That the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America¹ be enlarged and re-constituted so as to consist of the following :

1. An American and Canadian section, composed of one representative of each mission agency of the United States and Canada which is sending and maintaining missionaries in Latin America, and of a number of co-opted members not exceeding one-half of the number appointed as representatives of the various American and Canadian mission agencies, of which co-opted members at least one-half shall be delegates in attendance upon this Congress.

2. A European section, composed of one representative of each mission agency of Great Britain and of the Continent of Europe which is sending and maintaining missionaries in Latin America, and of a number of co-opted members not exceeding one-half of the number appointed as representatives of the various British and Continental mission agencies.

3. *Ex officio* members, consisting of the chairman and the secretary of the committee or council representing the missions and churches of each country or group of countries in Latin America.

II. That there be an annual meeting of the American and Canadian section, and also of the European section.

III. That the American and European sections of the Committee shall each have an Executive Committee numbering approximately one-third of the total membership of the section.

IV. That the Executive Committee of each section shall, as a rule, meet once each quarter to carry out the general policy and instructions of the section.

V. Owing to the fact that the European missionary societies working in Latin America have been unable to be as fully represented at the Panama Congress as would have been the case under normal circumstances, the perfecting of their part of the organization will obviously have to be deferred until such time as conditions are, in the judgment of the European missionary leaders, favourable for such action. The Congress would, however, express the earnest hope that this indispensable co-operation on the part of the European mission agencies may be developed as rapidly as possible.

VI. That the American and Canadian section should, as may be desired by the co-operating bodies, take steps promptly to give effect to the findings of the various Commissions in the light of the discussions of the Congress, so far as the co-operation of the missionary agencies of the United States and Canada is concerned.

VII. That the matter of ways and means of common action between the American and European sections shall be worked out after the European section shall have been organized.

VIII. That the *ex officio* members representing the Latin American committees be regarded as eligible to attend the meetings of both the American and European sections.

¹ It is understood that the functions of the Committee are consultative and advisory, not legislative and mandatory.

COUNCIL FOR WESTERN ASIA AND
NORTHERN AFRICA

As amended May 1927

I. That a Council be constituted in line with the recommendation of the Jerusalem conference (in 1924), for the promotion of co-operation among the Christian missionary forces of Western Asia and Northern Africa.

II. That the name of this Council be 'Council for Western Asia and Northern Africa, to promote co-operation in Christian literature and other activities.'

III. That the Council have no authority over the missions, churches and missionary societies, other than the influence which grows out of the recognized soundness of its judgment, the worth of its investigations and the reasonableness of its proposals; and that the expression of opinion on the part of members of the Council shall in no way commit their organizations.

IV. That the Council be composed of sixteen members representing the various areas as hereinafter described, together with one member from each mission having forty-five or more regularly appointed foreign missionaries, including wives.

V. The first group shall be elected by the several inter-mission regional organizations where such exist and exercise this function; otherwise by the bodies in the regions co-operating with this Council. In case of failure thus to elect, the Executive Committee shall appoint. In the case of regions having more than two representatives in this group, at least one representative shall be chosen from the Native Church. The basis of representation shall be subject to revision by two-thirds vote of the Council at any regular meeting: the present representation in this class being as follows:

	<i>Representatives</i>
North Africa	2
Egypt	4
Sudan	1
Abyssinia	1
Syria and Palestine	3
Persia	1
Mesopotamia and Arabia	2
Turkey and the Balkans	2
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Total	16

VI. The second group shall be elected directly by the organizations concerned, provided that no mission shall be entitled to more than two representatives under both classifications.

VII. To preserve the continuity of the Council the term of membership shall ordinarily be for four years, the terms being so arranged that approximately one-half shall be elected previous to each Council meeting.

VIII. Members shall ordinarily serve until their successors are appointed. The Executive Committee shall have the right to fill vacancies occurring in its own membership or that of other committees, such appointments to hold until the vacancy can be filled by ordinary procedure. Members should be appointed at mission or inter-mission meetings preceding a regular meeting of the Council and shall take office at the close of said meeting of Council. Until such time as appointments can be made in accordance with the foregoing plan, the appointments made at Helwan, April 1926, shall be continued. In case of the necessary absence of a regular member of the Council or the Executive Committee from a meeting of that body, a substitute may be chosen by the body who elected him, which substitute shall sit as a consultative member for that meeting and have the right to vote.

IX. That the Council elect from its membership an Executive Committee composed of eight members, at least five of the regions concerned being represented. The Council shall designate three persons to be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer respectively of this committee and of the Council. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to conduct all interim business, reporting all its actions to the Council.

X. The Council shall ordinarily meet every other year, and the Executive Committee shall meet at the same place immediately before the Council meeting, and also each intervening year at such place and time as it may designate. Upon request of twelve members of the Council a special meeting of the Executive Committee may be called.

XI. The Council shall appoint, in addition to its Executive Committee, such additional committees as may be necessary, including :

- (a) A Literature Committee.
- (b) A Committee on Evangelism.
- (c) A Committee on Education.
- (d) A Committee on Missions and Governments.

Such committee shall meet at the time and place of meeting of the Council, unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee.

XII. (a) The Literature Committee shall be known as 'The Central Literature Committee for Moslems.'

(b) It shall not become a literature-producing agency, but shall

(1) assist, wherever desired, any plans for co-ordination and co-operation between existing producers of literature for the evangelization of Moslems and the equipment of the Native Church for this task ;

(2) promote production in each field by enabling as many fields as possible to share in the productive energy of any one field ;

(3) promote plans for the better circulation of literature in Moslem fields.

(c) The Committee shall consist of fifteen members, ten to be appointed by the Council from its own membership, and five to be co-opted by the Council from others interested in literature. The Committee may also appoint as corresponding members persons connected with Moslem work in countries within or outside of the territory of the Council.

XIII. The other committees shall consist of five members each, appointed by the Council from its own membership, provided that each committee shall have power to appoint others as corresponding members.

XIV. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Evangelism to study the most successful methods of presenting the Christian message to Moslems, of dealing with enquirers and converts, and of promoting the development of indigenous churches in Moslem lands; and in general to serve the several regions represented in the Council in all matters concerning evangelism.

XV. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Education to study the problems of Christian education in the several regions represented in the Council, and to make available for their use the best educational experience resulting from this study.

XVI. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Missions and Governments to study problems connected with the relationships of missions to governments in the several regions represented in the Council, and to serve the recognized missionary agencies with such information and experience as the committee may command.

XVII. The Council shall have power to secure the necessary personnel to carry out approved activities within the limits of its general budget. It is anticipated that this budget may ultimately be borne by the co-operating missions and societies according to a *pro rata* distribution based on their regular current expenditure of foreign funds in the mission fields of Western Asia and Northern Africa, provided that during the first few years funds may be accepted from other interested agencies to aid in meeting the budget.

XVIII. That the financial year of the Council be from 1st April to 31st March; but that the terms of officers and committees be considered as continuing until the close of the annual meeting of the Council, or until successors are appointed.

CONGO PROTESTANT COUNCIL

(CONSEIL PROTESTANT DU CONGO)

1. NAME.—The name of this organization shall be Conseil Protestant du Congo (Congo Protestant Council).

2. OBJECT.—Its object shall be :

(a) To carry out the interim work of the Conférence Générale des Missionnaires Protestants du Congo ;

(b) The development of unity and co-operation in the work of Protestant evangelical missions in the conventional basin of the Congo.

3. MEMBERSHIP.—It shall be composed of Member Missions as follows :

(a) Any of the Protestant evangelical missions which were working in the Congo basin on 1st January 1914, and are named below, and which shall file with the Council a certificate of adherence to the constitution of the Council.

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

Congo Bololo Mission.

Congo Inland Mission.

Congo Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Methodist Episcopal Congo Mission (South).

Africa Inland Mission.

Baptist Missionary Society.

Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Heart of Africa Mission.

Société Belge de Missions Protestantes au Congo.

Swedish Mission.

Westcott Brothers' Mission.

American Presbyterian Congo Mission.

Garanganze Evangelical Mission.

Disciples of Christ Congo Mission.

(b) Those other Protestant evangelical missions working in the Congo basin which may, after the adoption of this constitution, be elected to membership in the Council as hereinafter provided.

4. VOTING.—(a) Each Member Mission having twenty-five or more missionaries on its active staff shall be entitled to two votes in the Council ; and each Member Mission having less than twenty-five shall be entitled to one vote.

(b) The voting strength of any mission shall be revised by the Council as often as is necessary to conform to the foregoing sec. (a).

(c) Votes in the Council shall be cast only by the representatives, called Councillors, of the Member Missions, elected as hereinafter provided ; and by the officers of the standing committees as provided in Art. 8, sec. (c).

(d) Representatives of a majority of the Member Missions shall be required to constitute a quorum at any Council meeting.

(e) In case it is at the time so requested by a mission dissenting from any vote, or in case it is within five months after the time of voting so requested by a mission not represented in the voting or represented by a proxy, its dissent shall be recorded in the Minutes

and the mission or missions so dissenting shall be free from all responsibility, financial and otherwise, in connexion with the matter in question.

5. COUNCILLORS.—(a) Each Member Mission shall elect as many representatives, called Councillors, on the Council, as it is entitled to votes, and in addition it shall elect at least one Alternate Councillor.

(b) A Certificate of Election, on a form provided by the Council, shall be supplied to the Council by the electing body of the Member Mission for each Councillor and Alternate Councillor elected. The period for which each Councillor and Alternate Councillor is elected shall be stated in the Certificate, failing which any Councillor or Alternate Councillor shall be considered as having power until the certification of his successor.

(c) It shall be the duty of Councillors to attend meetings of the Council; to cast votes on behalf of their missions; to give their careful thought to and advice on all matters coming before the Council; to keep their missions and their societies fully informed on all such matters; and to seek in every way to promote the object of the Council.

6. ALTERNATE COUNCILLORS, SUBSTITUTES AND PROXIES.—(a) A Member Mission may, in absence or disability of a Councillor, be represented on the Council by its Alternate Councillor; or by a substitute who must be a member of its staff duly appointed temporarily for the purpose; or by a proxy who must be a Councillor of one of the other Member Missions, duly appointed as such proxy for a specified period.

(b) The appointment of a substitute or a proxy must be notified in writing to the Council, together with a statement of the period for which the appointment holds good, by a Councillor of the mission concerned or by a competent officer of that mission.

7. OFFICERS.—(a) The officers of the Council shall be the President, the Vice-President and the two Secretaries, who shall be elected by the Congo General Conference and who shall hold office until their successors are elected.

(b) The Council shall have power to fill vacancies in the above offices occurring between sessions of the Conférence Générale du Congo, as provided in Art. 9.

(c) A Treasurer shall be elected by the Council; he shall have charge of all funds, accounts and financial affairs of the Council, and of its standing or other committees, and of the Congo General Conference, and of the *Congo Mission News*.

8. COUNCIL MEMBERS.—The Council shall be composed of:

(a) Councillors.

(b) Officers of the Council, who shall vote only if they are the elected Councillors of their respective missions.

(c) Officers of the standing committees, who shall have the privilege of the floor on all questions, but shall only vote on questions relating to the work of their respective committees.

(d) Advisors, to the number of not more than five at any one time, who may be co-opted by the Council for a specified period and who shall have the privilege of the floor but no vote.

9. NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS.—(a) The Council shall appoint a Nominating Committee whose duty shall be, both in the case of

regular elections and in case of vacancies, to nominate candidates for Treasurer of the Council and for members and officers of standing committees of the Council and for Editor of the *Congo Mission News*, and in case of vacancies in the offices mentioned in Art. 7, sec. (a) occurring between sessions of the Conférence Générale du Congo, to nominate candidates to fill such vacancies.

(b) Any three or more members of the Council may together make in writing additional nominations.

(c) Every nominee must be a missionary on the active staff of a Member Mission; he need not be a Councillor.

(d) A list of all nominations shall if possible be sent to all Councillors in advance of the election.

(e) Elections shall preferably be held during a meeting of the Council, but may be held by means of a mail vote.

(f) In case of a mail vote, a majority of all Councillors shall be necessary to elect.

(g) In the case of elections held during a Council meeting a majority of all Councillors present and voting shall be necessary to elect.

10. NEW MEMBER MISSIONS.—(a) Any Protestant evangelical mission working in the Congo basin and claiming Christian life and faith of its members and wishing to become a member of the Council, shall file with the Council an application for membership and a certificate of adherence to the constitution of the Council, on forms supplied by the Council.

(b) A copy of such an application shall be supplied to each Councillor and to others as may be deemed advisable.

(c) The applying mission shall, following its application, select and send to a Council meeting a member or members of its staff for personal discussion with the Councillors of all matters involved.

(d) Thereafter the Council may by majority vote of all Councillors elect such applicant as a Member Mission.

11. EXPULSIONS, WITHDRAWALS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS.—(a) A Member Mission may be expelled from membership in the Council by a three-fourths majority vote of all Councillors other than those of the mission in question, provided that such vote shall not be taken within six months after the date of mailing by the secretaries to the Councillors of a statement setting forth the grounds for the proposed expulsion.

(b) A Member Mission may withdraw from membership in the Council (1) by giving written notice to the Council, at least one year in advance, of its intention to withdraw and its reason for doing so, and (2) by fulfilling all its financial obligations to the Council up to the end of the fiscal year in which the withdrawal takes place.

(c) Any Councillor or Alternate Councillor of a given Member Mission shall automatically cease to be such when and if his connexion with said mission is severed or if he leaves the field permanently or for an indefinite period.

(d) The Council may by a three-fourths majority vote of all Councillors other than those of the mission concerned, require a Member Mission to recall and elect some one else in place of one or more of its Councillors or Alternate Councillors.

(e) The officers of the Council, and the officers and members of standing committees, and the officers and members of other com-

mittees not composed wholly of Councillors or Alternate Councillors, shall not be disqualified from continuing to act as such because of any change on their part from one Member Mission to another.

(f) Any officers and committee members mentioned in sec. (e) next above shall be disqualified from continuing to act as such (1) if his connexion with a Member Mission is severed and he does not join the staff of any other Member Mission, or (2) if he leaves the field permanently or for an indefinite period.

12. **STANDING COMMITTEES.**—(a) The standing committees of the Council shall be :

Standing Committee on Comity, of five members.

”	”	”	Education.
”	”	”	Literature.
”	”	”	Medical Work.
”	”	”	Women’s Work.

(b) The standing committees shall be nominated and elected and all vacancies in them filled as provided in Art. 9, from among the missionaries on the active list of Member Missions.

(c) Member Missions through their Councillors will be expected to supply for the guidance of the Council a list of their missionaries deemed best fitted to represent them on the various standing committees, from among whom the committee members might be selected.

(d) Advisory members of standing committees may be co-opted by the Council for a stated period from among missionaries of missions not members of the Council. Such advisory members shall have the privilege of discussion in the committee but no vote.

(e) Each standing committee shall have one officer, a secretary.

(f) The standing committees shall make full and regular reports to the Council at the time of each meeting of the Council or oftener.

(g) The actions of all standing committees are subject to review, revision or revocation by the Council and no commitments, with the exception of those specified in Art. 13 below, are to be made by any standing committee without the previous approval of the Council.

13. **LITERATURE COMMITTEE.**—(This Article gives the details of the procedure to be followed in the approval and publication of manuscripts. It is omitted here only because of lack of space.)

14. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES.**—Special committees for specified purposes and periods may be appointed by the Council as required.

15. **OFFICERS, *Ex officio* MEMBERS.**—The officers of the Council shall be *ex officio* members of all committees except the Nominating Committee, without voting power.

16. **AGENDA.**—The secretaries shall prepare in advance of any Council meeting a tentative agenda for that meeting and shall if possible send all Councillors copies of this in advance of the meeting.

17. **MINUTES.**—(a) Copies of the Minutes shall be sent to all Councillors, to the officers of all standing committees, to the home office of all Member Missions, to the four national and international missionary organizations in Belgium, America, Great Britain and Scandinavia, to the International Missionary Council and to other individuals or organizations that may from time to time be designated by the Council or the secretaries.

(b) The Minutes so circulated to the Councillors shall be deemed approved if no corrections to them are proposed in writing within five months after the Council meeting. Any corrections so proposed shall be considered at the next Council meeting.

18. *Congo Mission News*.—The Council shall elect the Editor of the *Congo Mission News*, fix the subscription rates and in general have supervision of that periodical.

19. BUDGET.—(a) The Council shall prepare carefully for each year a budget showing the amount of its askings and share of those askings suggested for each Member Mission and the amount of its estimated expenditures.

(b) The budget shall be submitted to each Member Mission with the request that it approve its suggested share and pay same to the Council at the time indicated.

20. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND AUDIT.—(a) A full financial statement showing the state of all funds, goods and property belonging to the Council, including those available for all standing or other committees, for the *Congo Mission News*, for the Congo General Conference and for any other purpose under the purview of the Council, shall be made by the Treasurer annually, or oftener if required by the Council, and included in the Minutes of the Council.

(b) A careful audit of all books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer shall be made annually, or oftener if desired, by a Committee of Audit appointed by the Council. Following the audit the committee shall prepare a signed certificate of audit which shall be included in the Minutes of the Council.

21. AMENDMENTS.—This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of all Councillors, cast either at a Council meeting or by mail.

NATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

PREAMBLE.—Whereas the United Missionary Council, consisting of representatives of the Australian Board of Missions, Aborigines' Friends' Association, Australian Baptist Foreign Mission Incorporated, British and Foreign Bible Society, Churches of Christ Foreign Mission, Church Missionary Society, London Missionary Society, Lutheran Missionary Society, Methodist Missionary Society of Australasia, Mission to Lepers, Presbyterian Foreign Mission, Society of Friends' Foreign Mission Association, Student Christian Movement, Sudan United Mission, Young Men's Christian Association, Zenana Bible and Medical Mission has carried on work for the promotion of co-operation since April 1920, and whereas the Australian Missionary Conference, convened by the United Missionary Council in connexion with the visit to Australia of Dr John R. Mott, in April 1926, appointed a Continuation Committee which was given authority 'to revise the constitution of the United Missionary Council of Australia and to give effect thereto,' the following has been adopted as the constitution of the re-organized National Missionary Council of Australia, to take effect on the 14th day of October 1927.

ARTICLE I. NAME.—The Council shall be called the National Missionary Council of Australia.

ARTICLE II. FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Council shall be :

1. To promote co-operation at the Home Base between the various missionary organizations of Australia.
2. To stimulate thinking and investigation on missionary questions and to make results available to missionary organizations throughout Australia.
3. To promote just and Christian relations between Australians and other races.
4. To call periodic conferences of representatives of missionary organizations for the discussion of common problems.
5. To act as a medium between the missionary organizations of Australia and the International Missionary Council.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.—The Council shall be composed of representatives of the following :

- (a) Missionary organizations having specific ecclesiastical constitutencies.
- (b) Interdenominational and undenominational missionary organizations.
- (c) The Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and A.S.C.M. and any other similar auxiliary agencies as may be decided on by the Council.

ARTICLE IV. REPRESENTATION.—1. The organization in groups (a) and (b) shall be entitled to representation on the following basis :

Organizations having an annual income of				
£2,500 and upwards shall be entitled to 1 representative.				
7,500 " " " " "				2 representatives.
15,000 " " " " "				3 "
and one additional representative for every additional £10,000.				

Provided that all bodies represented on the United Missionary Council at the date of the constitution of this Council shall be entitled to one representative.

2. Organizations in group (c) shall be entitled to one representative.

3. Representatives shall be appointed for a year, terminating on 30th April.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet monthly and an annual meeting, which shall take the form of a conference, shall be held in April, at which the headquarters for the ensuing year shall be determined. At this meeting organizations shall be entitled to double representation.

Any representative, if unable to attend any meeting, may appoint a proxy, but shall notify the secretary in writing that he is doing so.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS.—The Officers of the Council shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be appointed by the Council at its Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII. FUNDS.—The expenses of the Council in the performance of its functions shall be defrayed from a fund to which the organizations represented on the Council shall contribute at the rate of at least ten shillings per annum per representative.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS.—Amendments to the constitution shall be made at the Annual Meeting of the Council. Notice of a proposed amendment shall be in the hands of the secretary four months before the Annual Meeting and shall be communicated at once by him to the organizations represented on the Council.