



CONSTITUTION OF BIBLICAL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

1. **NAME**

This Society shall be known as the "Biblical Graduate School of Theology" hereinafter referred to as the "Society".

2. **PLACE OF BUSINESS**

Its place of business shall be at "50 Kallang Pudding Road, #07-01 AMA Building, Singapore 349326" or such other place as may be decided by the Council from time to time subject to the approval of the Registrar of Societies. The Society should carry out its activities only in places and premises in compliance with the law.

3. **INTERPRETATION**

3.1 The Council shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the Constitution and any Bye-laws made thereunder and the decisions of the Council shall be final and binding on all members. In respect of any question or matter not expressly provided for in the Constitution, the decision of the Council shall be final unless it is reversed at a General Meeting of members.

3.2 For the purposes of this Constitution:

- (i) "Bye-laws" shall refer to the Society's bye-laws, rules and regulations as made, repealed and/or amended from time to time by the Council;
- (ii) "Council" shall refer to the Society's "Council" (as defined in Rule 6) and "Council Member" shall refer to each member of the Council, whether by election or co-option to the Council;
- (iii) "Term" means in relation to each Council Member the term of office of such Council Member whereby:
 - (a) in respect of each elected Council Member, each Term shall commence on the date of the Annual General Meeting at which such Council Member is elected and continues until the date of the second Annual General Meeting following from but excluding the first mentioned Annual General Meeting at which such Council Member is elected, and
 - (b) in respect of each co-opted Council Member, each Term shall commence on the date on which such Council Member is co-opted

and continues until the date of the second Annual General Meeting following from the date of his co-option;

- (iv) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (v) words importing the masculine gender include (where the context admits) the feminine gender.

4. OBJECTS AND POWERS

The objects of the Society shall be:

- 4.1 To provide a graduate theological education for Christians and prepare them for an effective pastoral and teaching ministry as laity.
- 4.2 To enable pastors and ministry workers who have had a basic theological training to upgrade their skills and knowledge through theological education.
- 4.3 To offer diploma, other courses and programmes as the Society may think appropriate.
- 4.4 In furtherance of the above objects and provided that nothing is done for commercial reasons or solely for profit, the Society may:
 - (i) Set up schools;
 - (ii) Do all such things that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 Membership is open to all Christians:
 - (i) who subscribe to the Society's Theological Position annexed to this Constitution;
 - (ii) who are of good character and standing;
 - (iii) regardless of race; and
 - (iv) in the case of Ordinary members, who are at least twenty-one (21) years of age and resident in Singapore.
- 5.2 Members shall be of two categories: Ordinary and Associate.
- 5.3 Ordinary members must attend the General Meetings of the Society. If an Ordinary member fails to attend two (2) consecutive General Meetings without leave of absence granted by the Council prior to each General Meeting, the Council shall have the sole discretion to convert the Ordinary membership of such member to Associate membership.
- 5.4 All Ordinary members shall have the right to address and to vote at the General

Meetings of the Society and to be elected or co-opted to the Council and to benefit from the rights and privileges as laid down in this Constitution. Associate members shall not have any of the foregoing rights.

5.5 Applications for membership shall be made as follows:

- (i) Persons interested to become members of the Society and who meet the criteria stated in Rule 5.1 may apply for either Ordinary membership or Associate membership.
- (ii) Persons who are below twenty-one (21) years of age may apply only for Associate membership and must furnish the prior written consent from their guardians/parents with such application.
- (iii) An applicant must submit his name on the Membership Application Form as prescribed by the Council.
- (iv) Each application for membership must be approved by a simple majority of the Council. A copy of the Constitution of the Society shall be provided to every approved applicant.

5.6 No membership fee shall be levied.

5.7 For the avoidance of doubt, there shall be no automatic membership for students attending the courses of the Society. A student who wishes to become a member must submit his name on the Membership Application Form in accordance with Rule 5.5 herein.

5.8 A member of the Society ceases to be a member:

- (i) by giving notice in writing to that effect addressed to the Ex-Officio Secretary at the registered place of business of the Society, and the membership of such member shall terminate as specified in such notice; or
- (ii) if the Council, acting in good faith, determines unanimously that such member has acted in a manner contrary to the interest and reputation of the Society. The Council may notify its decision to the member by registered mail sent to his last known address. Unless the member appeals to the Extra Ordinary General Meeting on a members' requisition received within one (1) month of the Council's aforesaid notification of its decision and the Extra Ordinary General Meeting reinstates his membership, the decision of the Council shall be final; or
- (iii) automatically, if three (3) consecutive letters of which the last is sent by registered mail to the last known address of that member without response from that member. For the avoidance of doubt, the Society shall not be obliged to give notice of such cessation to that member.

For the purposes of Rule 5.8, "the last known address" of a member shall mean the last address of that member as recorded in the Society's register of members.

6. **MANAGEMENT AND COUNCIL**

6.1 The management of the affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to a Council comprising up to twelve (12) members to be elected at alternate Annual General Meetings. The elected and continuing Council Members shall appoint, from among elected Council Members, the following office bearers at their first meeting after the Annual General Meeting:

- (i) Chairman;
- (ii) Deputy Chairman;
- (iii) Treasurer.

6.2 The remaining of up to nine (9) Council Members are non-office-bearers. The Council Members may, subject to Rule 6.7, co-opt Ordinary members to be non-office-bearer Council Members.

The Principal of the school known as “Biblical Graduate School of Theology” shall be the Ex-Officio Secretary of the Council. The Ex-Officio Secretary shall have no voting rights on the Council.

6.3 Unless with the prior written approval of the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities, all Council Members shall either be Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents.

6.4 Subject to the provisions herein, Ordinary members who are entitled to vote in a General Meeting of members shall be eligible for nomination and election or co-option to the Council.

6.5 The Council shall determine the eligibility or suitability of candidates for election to the Council. Before seeking nomination to stand for elections, candidates must first obtain the approval of the Council. Nominations for election to the Council shall be in accordance with the Bye-laws.

6.6 The Council has the power, subject to Rule 6.7, to co-opt Ordinary Members to fill vacancies that may arise from time to time in the Council. All co-opted members shall be eligible to vote at Council meetings. They shall serve in the Council for the duration of the respective Terms.

6.7 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution, no Council Member may be co-opted if at the time of the intended co-option, such co-option will result in there being more than one (1) co-opted Council Member for every three (3) elected Council Members.

6.8 Each Council Member shall hold office for a Term, after which such Council Member shall retire from the Council. Each Term is for the period as defined in Rule 3.2 (iii) above. Subject to Rule 6.9, a retiring Council Member may offer himself for re-election or co-option.

- 6.9 The Term of Council Members shall be as follows:
- (i) A Council Member who has served for five (5) consecutive Terms on the Council shall cease to be eligible for re-election or for co-option to the Council unless the majority of the remaining eligible Council Members rule that such Council Member may nevertheless offer himself for re-election or co-option to the Council for no more than a further one (1) Term. A Council Member who has ceased to be eligible as aforesaid shall be eligible for election or co-option to the Council after a lapse of at least one (1) year. For the avoidance of doubt, the Terms held by a Council Member before the date of repeal of the existing Constitution of the Society dated 26 September 2015, shall be included in computing the number of Terms held by such a member for the purposes of this Rule.
 - (ii) The Treasurer shall not serve for more than four (4) consecutive years as Treasurer or in a similar office, but may thereafter serve on the Council as a non-office-bearer provided that he may not chair the Audit or Finance Committees of the Council. He shall be eligible for re-appointment to any office-bearer position (including Treasurer or a similar office) upon completion of two (2) years as a non-office-bearing Council Member or an equivalent period of time as a non-Council Member
- 6.10 The Council may do all things that are advantageous, necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of its functions, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:
- (i) appoint such number of Committees and delegate to such Committees such duties and powers as it deems fit;
 - (ii) receive donations and contributions from any source and raise funds by lawful means;
 - (iii) establish such funds and schemes to provide financial and other assistance to promote and achieve the objects of the Society;
 - (iv) purchase, take, lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any movable property and any rights or privileges which the Council may think necessary or convenient for the promotion of any of the Society's objects and to sell, give, lease, hire or otherwise dispose of the same as may be necessary or convenient for the work of the Society;
 - (v) subject to the approval of the General Meeting, purchase, lease or otherwise acquire for consideration any immovable property which the Council may think necessary or convenient for the promotion of any of the Society's objects; sell, assign, transfer, convey, mortgage, charge or otherwise encumber, lease or in any manner dispose of any immovable property; and construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections necessary or convenient for the work of the Society, provided that Council may accept any gift of immovable property without the approval

- of the General Meeting;
- (vi) subject to the approval of the General Meeting, borrow on behalf of the Society for the purposes of the Society and to mortgage or charge its undertakings and property, or any part thereof, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Society;
 - (vii) invest the Society's funds in accordance with investment policies approved by the Council;
 - (viii) sell, realise, vary, invest or otherwise deal with the movable properties and investments of the Society, which are not immediately required for the furtherance of the objects of the Society, in or upon such investments, securities or movable property as it may think fit subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law;
 - (ix) from time to time make, repeal and amend all Bye-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution for the internal management of the Society and for the conduct of business at General Meetings and Council Meetings in all matters not provided for in this Constitution; and
 - (x) not act contrary to the express wishes of the General Meeting without prior reference to it and always remain subordinate to the General Meetings.

6.11 Any changes in the Council shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities within two (2) weeks of the change.

6.12 The General Meeting shall have the power after proper enquiry to dismiss any Council Members guilty of misconduct which is against the interest of the Society.

7. DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS

7.1 The Chairman

- (i) He shall oversee the progress and general welfare of the Society.
- (ii) He has a right to call a meeting of the Council and shall preside at all General Meetings and Council meetings.
- (iii) He shall represent the Society in its dealings with outside persons.

7.2 **The Deputy Chairman** shall assist the Chairman and in the latter's absence, shall take over all the duties of the Chairman and ipso facto assume the authority of the Chairman.

7.3 The Ex-Officio Secretary

- (i) He shall be responsible for all correspondence, documents and records (except financials) of the Society.

- (ii) He shall keep full and correct minutes of all meetings of the Council, its Committees and General Meetings.
- (iii) He shall maintain an up-to-date register of membership.

7.4 The Treasurer

- (i) He shall keep all funds and collect and disburse all moneys on behalf of the Society and the banking accounts of the Society shall be operated in the manner approved by the Council.
- (ii) He shall maintain the financial records of the Society and an account of all monetary transactions and shall be responsible for their correctness.
- (iii) He shall ensure that excess funds of the Society shall be deposited in a Bank or Financial Institution or invested as decided by the Council.

7.5 Council Members shall attend and participate in all General Meetings and Council meetings and assist in carrying out the decisions made at these meetings and shall perform duties assigned by the Council from time to time.

8. COUNCIL MEETINGS

8.1 The Council shall hold at least three (3) meetings each financial year, and may hold additional meetings as the Chairman or at least three (3) Council Members deem fit.

8.2 The notice (which shall not be less than five (5) days in advance) and the agenda for any meeting of the Council shall be given by the Ex-Officio Secretary to all members of the Council. The Chairman may however summon a meeting of the Council at any time by giving two (2) days' notice to all members of the Council.

- 8.3 (i) The quorum for all meetings of the Council shall not be less than half of the Council, with at least one (1) office-bearer present.
- (ii) The Chairman shall preside at the meetings of the Council. In his absence, the meeting shall be presided by another office-bearer in the order of the hierarchy set out under Rule 6.1 of the Constitution.

8.4 Save as provided herein, the Council shall reach a decision on any matter by a majority of votes among the persons present and voting. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

8.5 A resolution in writing, signed or approved by letter or email by a majority of the Council Members, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Council Members duly called and constituted. A resolution shall be inoperative if it shall purport to authorise or to do any act which a meeting of the Council has decided shall not be authorised or done, until confirmed by meeting of the Council. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form,

each signed by one or more Council Members.

- 8.6 A meeting of the Council may be carried out by means of a conference telephone or a video conference telephone or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and be heard by all other Council Members at the meeting without the need for the Council Members to be in the physical presence of each other and participation in the meeting in this manner shall be deemed to constitute presence in person at such meeting and counted in the quorum for such meeting. Subject to there being a requisite quorum at the commencement of the meeting, all resolutions agreed by the Council in such meeting shall be deemed as effective as a resolution passed at a meeting in person of the Council Members duly convened and held. Such a meeting is deemed held at the place agreed upon by the Council Members attending the meeting, provided that at least one (1) Council Member present at the meeting was at that place for the duration of the meeting. The fact that a Council Member is taking part in a meeting without being in person shall be made known to all the other Council Members taking part and the meeting shall remain quorate notwithstanding any Council Member disconnecting or ceasing to take part in the meeting.
- 8.7 Council meetings' proceedings and decisions shall be minuted and circulated to the Council as soon as practicable. The minutes shall be confirmed by the Council at its next meeting.
- 8.8 A member of the Council who is absent from three (3) consecutive Council meetings shall be removed by the Council as a member of the Council, unless the Council resolves that such member has provided satisfactory reasons for such absence, provided that such removal as a member of the Council shall not affect the eligibility of that member for re-election or re-appointment to the Council in future. Council Members' attendance at Council meetings shall be disclosed in the Annual Reports. For the purposes of this Rule, the determination of the Council as to what constitutes "satisfactory reasons" shall be made at its sole discretion.
- 8.9 Council Members shall act in the best interest of the Society, without vested or personal interest.
- 8.10 Whenever a Council Member in any way, directly or indirectly, has an interest in a transaction or project or other matter to be discussed at a meeting, the Council Member shall disclose the nature of his interest before the commencement of the discussion on the matter. Such Council Member shall recuse himself from all discussions and voting on the matter, unless the Council determines otherwise.
- 8.11 The Council shall require Committee members, staff or volunteers with vested or personal interest (whether directly or indirectly, including direct and indirect interest of immediate family members) in business transactions or contracts which the Society may enter into to declare such interest as soon as it comes to the

knowledge of such Committee members, staff or volunteers, and they shall abstain from discussions and decision-making on the matter and shall not vote on such transaction or contract. All discussions and evaluation by the Committee or relevant approving authority in arriving at the final decision on the transaction or contract shall be properly documented.

- 8.12 Council Members shall disclose their directorships and Council memberships in other organisations.
- 8.13 Council Members shall serve the Society without remuneration but may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the service.

9. **TRUSTEES**

- 9.1 If the Society at any time acquires any immovable property, such property shall be held by not less than two (2) but not more than three (3) trustees ("Trustees") subject to a declaration of trust to hold such property as bare trustees for the Society. The Trustees shall not effect any sale or mortgage of property without the prior approval of the General Meeting of members.
- 9.2 Unless the term of office is specified at the time of the appointment, such Trustees shall hold office for life.
- 9.3 The Trustees shall be members of the Society who shall be nominated by Council and appointed by the members at a General Meeting.
- 9.4 A Trustee may at any time resign his trusteeship by giving the Society at least two (2) months' notice in writing of his intention to do so, and subject to the perfection of documentation for the appointment of replacement trustees, if necessary.
- 9.5 If a Trustee dies, or lacks mental capacity, or ceases to be a member of the Society, he shall be deemed to have resigned his trusteeship.
- 9.6 If a Trustee is continuously out of or is absent from the Republic of Singapore for more than one (1) year, or is incapacitated for any reason, Council may at its absolute discretion decide if he should be deemed to have resigned his trusteeship, and the decision of Council shall be final and conclusive.
- 9.7 If a Trustee is guilty of misconduct of such a kind as to render it undesirable that he continues as a trustee, Council may remove him from his trusteeship, and such removal shall be ratified by the General Meeting at the convening of the next General Meeting.
- 9.8 Vacancies in the trusteeship may be filled at a General Meeting, but the number shall not be more than three (3) and shall not be less than two (2).
- 9.9 Notice of any proposal to remove a Trustee from his trusteeship or to appoint a replacement trustee to fill a vacancy must be given by affixing in the premises

of the Society a document containing such a proposal at least two (2) weeks before the meeting at which the proposal is to be discussed. The result of such meeting will then be notified to the Commissioner of Charities.

9.10 The addresses of immovable properties, names of Trustees and any subsequent changes must be notified to the Commissioner of Charities.

9.11 The Society shall indemnify and keep Trustees fully indemnified against all damages, costs and expenses in respect of any claims made by third parties against the Trustees in connection with the immovable property of the Society.

10. **PANEL OF ADVISORS**

10.1 The Society may have a Panel of Advisors (“the Panel”) to provide a point of reference for any matter, academic or non-academic should the need arise.

10.2 The Panel will comprise Christian leaders who either individually or as representatives of their church or organisation are in a position to help the Society maintain its transdenominational character and fulfill its objectives and goals.

10.3 The Panel shall have a membership of not more than five (5) and shall comprise Christians who subscribe to the Theological Position and goals and objectives of the Society.

10.4 Panel members may be appointed locally and overseas and need not be members of the Society.

10.5 The Council shall have the power to appoint or remove members of the Panel subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meeting.

10.6 Panel members shall serve a term of three (3) years and they shall be eligible for re-appointment.

10.7 Panel members shall communicate with the Council on all matters relating to the Society.

11. **GENERAL MEETINGS**

11.1 The supreme authority of the Society is vested in a General Meeting of the members presided over by the Chairman.

11.2 An Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 31 December each year on such date, time and place as determined by the Council and specified in the notice of meeting.

11.3 An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting must be convened by the Council on receipt of a signed requisition by one-half (1/2) of the Ordinary members or twenty (20) Ordinary members (whichever is the lesser) stating the purposes for which the

meeting is required and the proposed motion or resolution and may at other times be convened by the Council at its discretion. Upon receipt of a signed requisition as aforesaid, the Council shall call for an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting to be held within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of receipt of such requisition.

- 11.4 At least fourteen (14) days' notice shall be given for the holding of an Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting and particulars of the agenda shall be sent to members at least seven (7) days before the date of the General Meeting.
- 11.5 Subject to any rights or restrictions provided in this Constitution, each member entitled to vote may vote in person or by proxy at General Meetings except that voting by proxy shall not be permitted on any question, motion or resolution except on a question, motion or resolution in the agenda (including an amended or supplemental agenda) of meeting issued by the authority of Council. A proxy shall be an Ordinary member in respect of whose membership none of the cessation processes under Rule 5.8 have commenced. The Council shall make rules governing the appointment and conduct of and voting by proxies.
- 11.6 One half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the total voting membership or twenty (20) voting Ordinary members of the Society, whichever is lesser, shall form a quorum at a General Meeting. A proxy shall be included for the purpose of ascertaining the total voting membership and/or the quorum for a General Meeting.
- 11.7 In the event of there being no quorum present at a General Meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour and should the number present be insufficient to form a quorum, then those present shall be considered a quorum, but they shall have no power to amend the Constitution or any of the existing rules.
- 11.8 The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - (i) to receive and adopt the Annual Report and Accounts of the Society for the preceding financial year;
 - (ii) to elect Council Members;
 - (iii) to appoint Auditors for the ensuing financial year;
 - (iv) to consider matters listed in the agenda for the meeting; and
 - (v) to transact any other business for which seven (7) days' notice has been given to the Ex-Officio Secretary.
- 11.9 Notwithstanding Rule 11.1:
 - (i) no query, amendment or motion pertaining to the Annual Report or the Accounts shall be addressed or considered at the Annual General Meeting unless such query, amendment or motion is given in writing to the Ex-Officio Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting;
 - (ii) no resolution shall be proposed at any General Meeting unless the terms

thereof have been previously notified to the Ex-Officio Secretary in writing not less than seven (7) days before the date of the meeting (time being of the essence);

- (iii) no amendment (other than a motion for adjournment) may be moved to any resolution proposed at any General Meeting unless written notice thereof shall have been sent to the Ex-Officio Secretary not less than seven (7) days before the date of the meeting (time being of the essence);
- (iv) every question at General Meetings shall be decided by a majority of the voting members present and voting (in person or by proxy) at any meeting. In the event of an equality of votes the presiding Chairman shall have a casting vote except in the election of members to the Council at an Annual General Meeting.
- (v) subject to the ruling of the Chairman on order and efficiency, Ordinary members may address the General meeting on any matter concerning the Society.

11.10 Subject to the foregoing sub-rules of Rule 11, a General Meeting may be convened, held or conducted, whether wholly by physical meetings or electronic means or partly by physical meetings and partly by electronic means, as follows:

- (i) The members present electronically shall be verified by the Ex-Officio Secretary upon which they shall be counted towards the quorum of the General Meetings as if they were present physically;
- (ii) If a member appoints a proxy, the proxy must attend the General Meeting physically. Members present electronically may only appoint the Chairman as proxy;
- (iii) A member present electronically at a General Meeting may vote by electronic means.

12. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

12.1 A firm of Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants (“auditors”) shall be appointed at every Annual General Meeting to undertake the audit of the Society’s accounts. The auditors shall audit each financial year’s accounts and present a report on them at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman may require the auditors to audit the Society’s accounts for any period within their appointed term and make a report to the Council.

12.2 The financial year shall begin on 1 July and end on 30 June each year.

12.3 The income and property of the Society whensoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in the Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profits to persons by virtue

only of their capacity as members of the Society, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of any allowance to any member of the Society as reimbursement or in return for any services.

13. PROHIBITIONS

- 13.1 Gambling of any kind, whether for stakes or not, is forbidden on the Society's premises. The introduction of materials for gambling or drug taking and of bad characters into the premises is prohibited.
- 13.2 The funds of the Society shall not be used to pay the fines of members who have been convicted in Court.
- 13.3 The Society shall not engage in any Trade Union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore.
- 13.4 The Society shall not attempt to restrict or interfere with trade or make directly or indirectly any recommendation to any arrangement with its members which has the purpose or is likely to have the effect of fixing or controlling the price or any discount, allowance or rebate relating to any goods or services to be supplied by them.
- 13.5 The Society shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Society or its office-bearers, Council or members.
- 13.6 The Society shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes.
- 13.7 The Society shall not raise funds from the public for whatever purposes without the prior approval in writing of the Assistant Director, Operations' Licensing Division, Singapore Police Force and other relevant authorities.

14. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

No alteration, amendment, addition or deletion to this Constitution shall be made unless it is supported by a majority of at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Ordinary members present and voting thereon at a General Meeting duly convened for that purpose. The amendments shall not come into force without the prior sanction of the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities.

15. DISSOLUTION

- 15.1 The Society shall not be dissolved, except with the consent of not less than three-fifths ($\frac{3}{5}$) of the Ordinary members of the Society for the time being resident in Singapore expressed either in person or by proxy at a General Meeting convened for the purpose.

- 15.2 In the event of the Society (i) ceasing to be a registered charity under the Charities Act or (ii) being dissolved, as provided above, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Society shall be fully discharged and the remaining funds will be donated to charitable organisation(s) under the Charities Act with similar objectives in Singapore and whose members subscribe to the Society's Theological Position as the members of the Society may determine at the General Meeting.
- 15.3 A Certificate of Dissolution shall be given within seven (7) days of the dissolution to the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities.

16. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No member shall move a resolution or vote in any meeting on a resolution which will result in direct specific benefit to him or a group of members of which he is part. Any resolution so moved or vote so taken shall be null and void.

17. **REPEAL OF CONSTITUTION**

- 17.1 The existing Constitution of the Society dated 26 September 2015 is hereby repealed.
- 17.2 This Constitution shall come into force on such date as may be designated by the Registrar of Societies or if no such date is designated, on such date as this Constitution shall be approved by the Registrar of Societies.
- 17.3 Unless the contrary intention shall be expressed in this Constitution, all acts, matters, and things including but not limited to any rights, priority, liability, duty, obligation and proceedings made, done, effected, given, issued, passed, taken, validated, entered into, executed, accrued, incurred, pending or otherwise shall continue to have the same status, operation and effect as they respectively would have had if the said Constitution dated 26 September 2015 had not been so repealed.

(Annexed below is BGST's Theological Position)



The sole authority of the doctrines of Biblical Graduate School of Theology (BGST) is the revelation of God given in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

BGST also acknowledges the significance of the theological heritage handed down to the Christian church through the historic creeds, confessions and catechisms, in particular, the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed, in informing BGST's formation of its chief tenets of doctrine, of which the abbreviated form is as follows.

We believe in the divine, verbal and plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures in the original languages, their consequent inerrancy and infallibility and, as the Word of God, their supreme and final authority in faith and life.

We believe that the whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith and life is either expressly set down in Scripture or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: to this nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelation of the Spirit or by tradition of men.

We believe in one God existing in three co-eternal Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary when she was a virgin and is true God and true man.

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but sinned through the fall of Adam, thereby incurring not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and become sinners in thought, word and deed.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died a propitiatory and expiatory death as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice and that all who repent of their sins and believe in Him are justified before God on the grounds of His death and resurrection.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His ascension into Heaven and in His exaltation at the right hand of God, where He intercedes for us as our High Priest

and Advocate.

We believe in the personal, visible and imminent return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and to convict and regenerate the sinner, indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.

We believe that Christ instituted the Sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which shall be observed by His Church till He returns.

We believe in the eternal security, bodily resurrection and eternal blessedness of the saved, and in the bodily resurrection and eternal punishment of the lost.

We believe that the universal church possesses a spiritual unity and purity realised in the Headship of Christ over His Church, and in the church being the Body of Christ.

Full Constitution & Annex

Approved by the Registrar of Societies, Singapore on 12 May 2022