

# **SCYP CONSTITUTION**

as adopted by the SCYP Committee 2007

## **1. Name**

The Youth Group shall be known as the "Sydney Christadelphian Young People".

## **2. Aim**

- a) To provide activities, spiritual, preaching and social for the Christadelphian Young People of the Sydney area.
- b) To co-ordinate activities of affiliated youth groups.

## **3. Membership**

Membership is open to all people between the ages of 13 and 30 (inclusive) who are baptized members of an affiliated Ecclesia or who regularly attend Sunday School or other meetings of an affiliated Ecclesia.

## **4. Auspices**

The organization of activities is to be conducted by a committee functioning under the auspices of the NSW Christadelphian Committee.

## **5. Committee**

- a) Each Ecclesial Youth Group may appoint, with the approval of its arranging brethren, two delegates to the Committee.
- b) Delegates to be ideally aged between 17 and 30 years of age and at least one from each ecclesia to be a baptised member.

## **6. Elections**

- a)
  - i. Elections for a Secretary and Publicity Officer shall be held at the October meeting. Those elected shall hold office for the following year, their responsibilities effective immediately following the meeting.
  - ii. Elections for Assistant Treasurer (and Treasurer if necessary) shall be held at the October meeting. To provide continuity the intention is that the Assistant Treasurer will follow on to be Treasurer for the next year.
  - iii. The Committee may elect the Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer and Publicity Officer from amongst its own ranks, or from the members of the SCYP.
  - iv. Ideally office bearers are to be baptised and aged between 17 and 30 years (inclusive). The secretary should be a brother.
  - v. The four positions shall not carry any inherent voting rights.
  - vi. Other appointments may be made when necessary.
- b) The election of the office bearers shall be by majority vote of the Committee.
- c) If more than one nomination is received for any position, a secret ballot is to be held.
- d) The President and Vice-President of the SCYP will be appointed by and be responsible to the NSW Christadelphian Committee. The election shall take place by November each year. The role of the President and the Vice-President shall include:
  - i. To act as counsellors to the young people and therefore be sympathetic to their needs, aspirations and problems.
  - ii. To guide, rather than dominate, the SCYP Committee in its formulation of policy and implementation of a programme of activities.
  - iii. To present a balanced point of reference which reflects the wishes of the NSW Christadelphian Committee.

## **7. Meetings:**

- a) Committee meetings shall be held at least 8 times per year.
- b) Normal business procedure shall be adopted.
- c) Each delegate shall have one vote.
- d) Adoption of motions shall be by majority vote.
- e) A motion may be held over for voting only until the next meeting, if two or more delegates wish to ascertain the feelings of the group(s) they represent.
- f) In the event of a Youth Group, which has appointed delegates to the Committee, being without representation without apologies expressed, a letter shall be sent to that ecclesia informing it of its lack of representation.

## **8. Finance:**

The activities of the SCYP shall be self funded by members and supplemented by donations from affiliated Ecclesias. Letters requesting donations shall be sent to affiliated Ecclesias by the Secretary, with the consent of the Committee, as needs arise.

## **9. Activities**

- a) All activities as arranged from time to time, shall be for furtherance of the spiritual well-being of all young people in its scope.
- b) The basic scope of activities shall include:
  - i. Bible Study Week-ends
  - ii. Gospel Witness Week-ends
  - iii. Camps
  - iv. Social Activities
  - v. Bible Study Evenings
  - vi. Fellowship Evenings

## **10. Standards**

- a) The Sydney Christadelphian Young People have a responsibility to Jesus Christ. All behaviour and actions should reflect His standards.
- b) Such trends of the world as alcohol, tobacco and other drugs will therefore have no part in our Youth Group activities.
- c) Instructions and decisions of hosts and the Committee are binding on all attending any function organised by this Committee.
- d) In the event of the standard being breached, the hosts or Committee are empowered to send the offender home and the Committee is to advise the offender's parents and Ecclesia of the offender.

## **11. Changes to Constitution**

- a) Proposed alterations to the Constitution must be submitted in writing with the signatures of 6 delegates to the Secretary 4 weeks before the meeting at which the alterations will be discussed.
- b) The secretary shall inform all delegates of the proposals.
- c) Voting shall be in accord with Section 7 and alteration to be ratified by NSW Christadelphian Committee.