



***CONSTITUTION OF
MISSIONARIES' FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION***

FIRST TITLE

NAME AND ADDRESS

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MISSIONARIES' FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

ADDRESS

MISSIONARIES' FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
St. Joseph Fathers - Kissy Low Cost
P.M. Bag 21-Freetown,
Sierra Leone.

Article 3.

The MISSIONARIES' FRIENDS ASSOCIATION is constituted of lay people and Saint Joseph Fathers (Religious)



SECOND TITLE:

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Article 4.

The Missionary Friends Association aims at helping children and young people especially those who have been abandoned.

Article 5.

The Association pursues its aims through the educational intervention adequate to the needs of people to whom it is giving its own help.

- (a) The Association welcomes children and young people in family house, in order to prepare them to live independently in our society.
- (b) Entrusting young people and children to adults, the association offers moral and material help to those youths and persons who find themselves in a situation where they are in need or abandoned.

Article 6.

The Association, being inspired by the life the family unit, offers its beneficiaries an experience of a simple, daily life.

Article 7.

In order to reach these aims and objectives, the Association:

- (a) Shall have structures of its own
- (b) Shall buy and sell mobile and immobile goods
- (c) Shall sign stipulated contracts. The returns received from these activities shall be used exclusively for the aims of the Association.

Article 8.

The Association counts on the support of the Josephite Religious Community, which provides animation and formation for the members and inspires itself from the style of life and spirit of St. Leonard Murialdo who helped and loved needy children.



THIRD TITLE

MEMBERSHIP

Article 9.

Any adult, male or female, may apply for membership to the Association. Such application shall be endorsed by the executive council. Names of all members will be written in the membership book of the Association. In order to become an ordinary member they will have to experience the life of the Association for almost two years.

Article 10.

The services of the members are always free of charge.

with the quarter of members present. The deliberations are binding with the majority of votes secured.

Article 19.

The executive council is composed of: -

- (a) Four counsellors elected by the general assembly. These counsellors should be members of the Association.
- (b) Two counsellors voted into office by the general Assembly out of the list of the St. Joseph Fathers Community.

Article 20.

The executive council can add two more members to the council itself. These members can be chosen from outside the Association. They remain in office until the council leaves.

Article 21.

The executive council:-

- (a) Executes the deliberations of the general assembly.
- (b) Examines and deliberates on all ordinary and extraordinary issues.
- (c) Administrates the finances of the Association.
- (d) Elects the President and the vice president from among its members.
- (e) Appoints the Administrator
- (f) Approves and signs contracts and agreements
- (g) Approves the regulations of the various activities of the Association.
- (h) Deliberates on the application of new applicants
- (i) Decides on the acceptance of new assisted youths
- (j) Sensitizes the general public on the problems of marginalisation through the proper means and procedures.

Article 22.

The executive council is convened by the president or following the request of at least two members. For the validity of the deliberations a quorum of half plus one of the members and the favorable votes of the majority of those in attendance are needed.

Article 23.

- (a) The president shall be elected by the executive council among the two members of St. Joseph Fathers.
- (b) In case of absence or impediments, the vice president shall assume the responsibilities of the president.

Article 24.

The president with the agreement of the executive council elects the Secretary. The secretary shall be elected from among the executive council. He/she performs the following duties:

- (a) Responsible for the processing of all official correspondences
- (b) Receives in and out ward mails
- (c) Taking down of minutes
- (d) Circulation of memorandum
- (e) Keeping records of the Association and any other responsibilities as may be assigned to him/her.



FIFTH TITLE

THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Article 25.

The executive council shall be in office for three years. If any member of the executive council for any reason resigns or is removed from office, a member who secures the second majority of the vote cast during the

previous election will substitute such vacancy. He/she continues in office until the life of council expires.



SIXTH TITLE:

FINAL RULES

Article 26.

- (a) The Treasurer is elected by the executive council. He/she can be elected from within the Association or out side the Association.
- (b) He/she guarantees the safe keeping of the Association's Accounts and guarantees the regular keeping of the draft register of the Association.
- (c) He/she provides the necessaries for the up keeping of the homes.

Article 27.

The Auditors

- (a) The general assembly elects the auditors. They can be elected from within the Association or out side the Association. They shall composed of three persons. They present an audited account of Association once every year in the general Assembly.

Article 28

The Arbitrators

- (a) Are elected by the general assembly from within or out side the association.
- (b) Shall be three members and they are charged with the task of resolving dispute between members, between members and the organs and between the organs themselves. The judgement of this body is final.

Article 29

Every member has the right:

- (a) To leave the Association anytime by a way of writing a letter of resignation.
- (b) Any member who does not honour the task of the Association or disagrees with the educational guidelines of the Association can be declared excluded from the association either through the resolution of the general assembly or, in an urgent situation, through the resolution of the executive council. The executive council will request the ratification of the work done by the first general assembly.
- (c) The excluded member can apply for an appeal to the Arbitrators.
- (d) The excluded or resigned member does not have any rights to request for a refund of what he/she has given to the Association.

Article 30.

Any member of the executive council who fails to attend meetings for three consecutive times without any valid excuse shall be declared excluded from the executive council.

Article 31.

The dissolution of the association can be declared by the general assembly with the majority of almost three-quarter of the ordinary members. Incase of dissolution, the property of the association will be destined for the same task to the St. Joseph Fathers.

Article 32.

For some of the things that are not included in the statute of the Association, reference should be made to the executive council.

