

# **Texas Christian Arabic Retreat**

## **Constitution\***

### **1 Retreat Objective**

To provide spiritual fellowship, learning and refreshing time to church members and their recommended friends and acquaintances.

### **2 Participation in the Retreat**

**2.1** Participation in **holding and organizing the Retreat** is restricted to the Texas Arabic churches (Participating Churches) that uphold the basic biblical truths as delineated in the Nicene Creed. Their faith must also include, among other things that shall be decided upon on a case-by-case basis, the following:

**2.1.1** Salvation is only through experiencing the Born Again doctrine as explained particularly in John 3;

**2.1.2** Church membership is possible only to Born Again Christians who were baptized based on their own personal profession of faith that is compatible with the Bible truths;

**2.1.3** The non-basic debatable beliefs, such as the predestination, the dispensational theory, the speaking in tongues etc. are left to the individuals' low-key conviction, and not part of the doctrine/practice of the church.

**2.2** **Attending the Retreat** is restricted to the Participating Churches' members, their families, and their recommended friends and acquaintances. Such recommendation shall be made by any pastor of the Participating Churches and/or at least two members of those churches. Those recommended friends and acquaintances, along with the church members and their families attending the Retreat must all abide by the rules of the Retreat.

### **3 Retreat Executive Committee**

All the Retreat matters shall be entrusted to the Retreat Executive Committee (the Committee.)

### **4 Committee Membership**

Each Church shall select three individuals to be members of the Committee. These can be members or recommended friends of the Church.

### **5 Committee Officers**

The Committee shall elect a Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer of the Committee. The election shall be by a simple majority vote of the attending members, for a term of two years. It is recommended that those positions be permuted among the

Churches; however, their term can be renewed if this is deemed preferable. In such cases, the renewal shall be by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote of the attending members.

## **6 Committee Meetings**

The Committee shall hold as many meetings as needed to achieve its work. In order for the Committee decisions to be legal, a quorum of half the members plus one shall be maintained during the whole meeting.

## **7 Committee Decisions**

**7.1** Every effort shall be made to have the Committee decisions taken by unanimity (Philippians 4:2.)

**7.2** If unanimity cannot be achieved, it shall be decided on the urgency of the issue at hand. This decision shall be by a simple majority vote of the attending members, and the issue shall be acted upon depending to the result:

**7.2.1** If the issue is deemed urgent, the decision on it shall be made during the meeting, but it shall be postponed until the end of the meeting. At that time, members shall pray for a while to seek God's will, then, if unanimity is still not reached, the decision shall be made, unless otherwise specified, by a simple majority vote of the attending members.

**7.2.2** If the issue is deemed not urgent, it shall be postponed until the next meeting. In the meantime, members shall be in prayer about it, and when the time comes, it shall be decided upon, preferably by unanimity, or, unless otherwise specified, by a simple majority vote of the attending members.

**7.3** In case the simple majority vote results in a tie, the Chairperson's vote shall be preponderant.

## **8 Amendment of the Constitution**

This Constitution can be amended as needed. The amendment shall be by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote of the Committee members.

\* This version of the Constitution is dated April 10, 2010 , and remains valid until eventually amended later on. It supersedes all previous versions.