

## Articles of Association

### *Name, Seat, Basis*

1. Church name is **Koinonia International Christian Fellowship** (Koinonia ICF)
2. Koinonia IFC is based in **Aalborg kommune. CVR-nummer: 36 59 02 70**  
The church is an Evangelical free church, a member of the Baptist Church in Denmark (BID),  
and International Baptist Convention (IBC).

### *Confession and Purpose.*

3. I: The church is part of the universal Christian church and professes faith in the one God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (For a more complete statement of our beliefs, see Full Statement of Faith)  
II: The church's mission is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, to teach about the kingdom of God and care for our fellow man.  
III: The church's norm of faith and Christian life is the Bible.  
IV: The focus of our church is to minister to and reach international English speaking people, but welcomes all.
4. The congregation sets the goals of the church, which is agreed upon at the church meeting, within the boundaries set by the constitutional framework, in accordance with the church confession.

### *Members and Structure.*

5. The congregation consists of all current members. Admission (Membership) is by baptism or upon a confession of faith in accordance with specific guidelines.
6. The church's possessions belong to the church as a legal entity. The Congregation is liable for its belongings for the fulfillment of the purposes for which the Congregation is founded.

### *Church Meeting.*

7. The church's primary authority is the church meeting to which all members of the congregation have access and voting privileges. Ordinary church meetings are held as needed and convened with 2 weeks' notice to members of the congregation.
8. Church resolutions shall, as far as possible, be by consensus at congregation meetings. In the absence of consensus, decisions will be made by a simple majority of the attendees. Each member shall have one vote. Resolution on the purchase and sale of real estate, borrowing and other similar commitments to be adopted by a majority of two thirds of the members present at two consecutive church meetings. Extraordinary church meetings may be held after a seven days' notice stating the agenda and

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announced at one of the congregation's ordinary worship services. At one of the meetings, the church moderator, secretary, treasurer and auditor, are to be elected.

9. One of the church meetings will be described as the church's "annual meeting" and must be held before the end of March.
10. The annual meeting should include, as a minimum, the following points:
  - Presentation of the church's annual report for approval
  - Presentation of the audited financial statements with status for approval
  - Consideration of proposals

#### *Church Meeting Minutes.*

11. Concerning the congregation's decision-making process, there shall be a written record that shall describe the decisions taken. The minutes shall be available to church members and approved at the first subsequent church meeting. The approved minutes of the congregation are to be confirmed by the moderator and the secretary, and documented in the minutes.

#### *Leadership of the Church.*

12. The leadership of the church, following the decision of the church meeting's resolutions, is given to the church council.
13. The church's council is elected by the members of the congregation after the church's established electoral procedures.
14. The church council elects its own chairman, vice chairman and secretary by the rules the congregation has established.

#### *Signatories.*

15. The church council's chairman and church treasurer are jointly authorized signatories of public authority and in all economic affairs on which the church meeting has decided and authorized.

#### *Accounting and Auditing.*

16. The church accounting year is the calendar year. The accounts will be kept by a treasurer elected by the church meeting and audited by two auditors elected at the church meeting. These auditors cannot be members of the church council. Statements of status must be reviewed before the end of February.

#### *Church Separation.*

17. When/if a part of the congregation's members divide themselves from the congregation, these have no rights to or part of the congregation's possessions and therefore can not make claims of any kind.

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18. At an agreed division of the church, its possessions are to be distributed by best estimate by negotiation between both parties. If compliance is not achieved, the matter is referred for final decision in the counsel with IBC and BID.

*Church Reconstruction or Resolution.*

19. If the congregation's active membership has difficulties in sustaining a vital 'living' church, and is contemplating closure – it should inform BID and IBC together with the clarification of the church's future.
20. Resolution on the congregation's dissolution or merger with another Baptist congregation can be implemented with  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of the members present at two consecutive congregational meetings. If the congregation dissolved without merging with another Baptist congregation, transferred remaining assets to be divided between the BID and IBC.

*Amendments to the Statutes.*

21. Church Association can be changed if it is adopted by  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of the members present at two consecutive congregational meetings.

Our aforementioned statutes have been adopted at the church's inaugural general meeting on 29/03/2015.

Chairman (name):      Secretary (name):      Treasurer (name):

Lee Hanson

Marius Padurean

Kristian Bak

