

**Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)**  
(the name of the Society)

**Societies Act** Chapter 435 RSNS 1989, Amended 1993, c. 42

RE: SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE  
SOCIETY AUTHORIZING THE ALTERATION  
OF BY-LAW #2 OF THE SOCIETY

**WHEREAS:**

- 1) the members of the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms, a Society incorporated pursuant to the *Societies Act* (Nova Scotia), desire to alter By-Law #1 of the Society; and
- 2) notice of intention to pass the resolution as a Special Resolution was duly given to members;

**THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** as a Special Resolution of the members of the Society that:

- 1) The current By-Law #2 of the Society be amended by repealing Sections 54 through 59 and replacing those Sections with the new Sections 54 through 59 attached hereto and marked as Appendix "A".

## APPENDIX "A"

### ORDINATION, APPOINTMENT AND DISMISSAL OF ACCREDITED MINISTERS

- 54. Ministerial Credentials.** The CABF oversees a process by which a person having a sense of calling and the necessary education may receive the credentials necessary to become accredited by the CABF to perform ministry.
- (a) For candidates who are not ordained and who hold a Church Licence to Minister, a candidate may apply for a CABF Association Licence to Minister;
  - (b) For candidates who hold the appropriate Church and CABF Association licenses, a candidate may apply for designation as an Accredited Lay Minister;
  - (c) for candidates who hold the appropriate Church and CABF Association licenses, the CABF may organize an Ordination Examining Council; and
  - (d) for those who have been ordained by a body acceptable to the CABF, a candidate may apply to become accredited by the CABF.

In all cases, candidates must fulfill the requirements as established in the CABF Policy and Procedures Manual.

- 55. Accreditation.** Accreditation is an official declaration by the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms that a person meets the Association's standards to be a CABF Accredited Minister. Accreditation is a covenant relationship between the CABF and the persons the Association accredits. This allows ministers to meet certain professional requirements and have 'denominational' recognition for employment. It confirms that a minister is in good standing with the CABF and provides the minister with a professional 'denominational' identity. The CABF pledges to provide ongoing support to those who have attained CABF accreditation and who strive to maintain its standards. Accredited clergy agree to on-going participation in the life of the Association, as well as maintaining communication and accountability to the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms. Accreditation by the CABF does not preclude the holding of accreditation by other denominational bodies.

**56. Qualifications for Accreditation.** Accreditation is granted to individual ministers who:

(1) successfully complete requirements overseen by the CABF Credentials Committee, which address the core professional, ministerial, ethical and educational standards through a process of written papers, interviews, and mutual discernment. Details of these standards are found in the Policy and Procedures Manual.

**57. Authorization to Conduct Marriages.** On the recommendation of the Credentials Committee, CABF accredited ministers may be listed with their respective Provincial or Territorial Department of Vital Statistics or other appropriate Register or office for authorization to officiate, conduct or solemnize marriages. The scope and details of this authorization are found in the Policy and Procedures Manual.

**58. Dismissal of Accredited Ministers.** The Credentials Committee is charged by the Council to create and review from time to time and revise as required, and then to administer and follow a process whereby CABF accredited ministers may have that accreditation removed. There shall also be a process and means whereby any decision of the Credentials Committee may be appealed. These processes as they are created or revised, and approved by Council, shall be communicated to, and subject to approval by, the members at the next succeeding meeting of Members. Details of the procedure are contained in the Policy and Procedures Manual.

#### FINANCE

**59. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year end of the Association shall be the last day of July.