

London Mandarin Alliance Church
By-Laws Approved November 2024

I. Name

This Church shall bear the corporate name of The London Mandarin Alliance Church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

II. STATEMENT OF FAITH

This church shall adopt the statement of faith as per Article III of the Local Church Constitution of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

III. MEMBERSHIP

1. QUALIFICATION

Members shall be accepted through baptism in this church or by transfer based on:

- A. Confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ,
- B. Evidence of regeneration,
- C. Acceptance of the Statement of Faith and the church by-laws.
- D. Acceptance and compliance with the Discipline and Restoration Policy for Members of Local Church.

2. PROCEDURE

All applications for membership either through baptism or by transfer shall be assessed by the membership committee, consisting of the senior pastor and two elders. This committee shall report to the Board of Elders. New members shall be received publicly at a Sunday service.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Members shall regularly attend Sunday services and actively participate in church activities.
- B. Members shall support this church through the stewardship of time, spiritual gifts and tithing.
- C. Members shall have regular devotional life and bear testimony of the faith in word and deed.

4. REVIEW

The church shall review the membership list annually. A member who fails to attend Sunday Service without reason(s) for a consecutive period of more than six (6) months shall be considered an inactive member and of more than twelve (12) months a withdrawal from the membership.

However, any inactive or withdrawal member may submit a signed application for reinstatement of active membership to the Board of Elders for consideration during their regular monthly meeting.

5. DISCIPLINE AND RESTORATION

Discipline is an exercise of that spiritual authority which the Lord Jesus has given to His Church. If the life or conduct of a member is contrary to the Word of God and there is no sign of repentance, disciplinary action in accordance with the principles set forth in the Bible will be taken. The purposes of discipline are to maintain the honour of the Redeemer, the purity of the church, the spiritual benefits of the member, and the restoration of the offender.

The disciplining of a member shall be the responsibility of the Board of Elders or their designates. Disciplinary actions may include the suspension of: 1) serving in the church, 2) partaking of the Lord's Supper, and/or 3) membership. Restoration of the offender is based upon evidence of repentance.

6. VOTING

Each active member who has attained the age of 18 years and is present at a meeting of members shall entitle to one vote. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

IV. GOVERNMENT

1. BOARD OF ELDERS

2. A. The Board of Elders shall have a minimum number of four (4) members including the senior pastor, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer, with a maximum of up to nine members. The senior pastor or a member of the Board appointed by him shall be the chair. With the exception of the senior pastor, who shall be a member ex officio, the elders shall be elected at the annual election meeting. The elders shall serve with the senior pastor in the oversight of the spiritual and administrative functions of the church.

B. An elder shall have been a member of this church for a minimum of two years. The fulfillment of biblical qualifications shall be taken into consideration in their election.

C. The Board of Elders shall hold its monthly meeting for prayers and business.

D. The quorum of the Board of Elders shall consist of a majority of its members.

E. The chair of the Board, the secretary and the treasurer shall be the signing officers of the church.

F. The Board of Elders shall have the authority to fill vacancies within the Board between elections.

G. The term of office for an elder shall be two years. An elder who has served two consecutive terms shall not stand for Board election for a period of one year, except under special circumstances one year extension may be permitted beyond the two-term limit.

2. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

A. A general business meeting shall be held at the beginning of the year. Reports on the previous year as well as goals and plans for the new year shall be presented.

B. An annual election meeting shall be held in November of each year. The Board of Elders for the upcoming year shall be elected.

C. Except in the case of extreme urgency, notice of special meetings of the membership shall be announced verbally and in writing to the congregation at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

D. The quorum of all general business meetings shall consist of a majority of the church membership.

3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

4. **A. The nominating committee shall consist of the senior pastor and four (4) members with equal representation from the Board of Elders and the church membership. The senior pastor, or his appointee, shall be the chair of this committee.**

B. The nominating committee shall present and post, at least three (3) Sundays prior to the board election, one name for each office to be filled. Other nomination, if any, shall be made within the next fifteen (15) days in writing, signed by two (2) members in good standing and filed with the chairman of the committee. All candidates shall be approached by the nominating committee.

5. ELECTION

Election shall be by ballot except in cases where only one nomination for each position is presented and the ballot is waived by unanimous vote.

V. ORDINANCES

1. Baptism is a testimony made before God and men by a believer in Christ, signifying union with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. It is an act to the Lord's commandment for all believers. Baptism by immersion is practiced by this church.

2. The Lord's Supper is observed once a month for the remembrance of the Lord's death. All baptized believers may partake of the Lord's Supper.

VI. RECORDS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. All records and correspondence of the Board of Elders shall be the property of the church.

2. The accounts of the church shall be carefully examined by auditor(s) appointed by the Board of Elders prior to the general business meeting or, whenever required by the Board of Elders or, by a vote of the membership.

3. Offerings must be counted and recorded by two or more members of the church as appointed by the treasurer.

4. The fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

5. Regular tithing and cheerful giving of the believers as unto the Lord are encouraged.

6. There shall be no solicitation beyond the church.

7. Receipts for tithes and offerings shall be issued only where there has been proper identification of same by the name of the donor and the amount given for the treasurer's verification. Receipts shall be issued annually.

8. The church will only handle designated funds for those organizations or individuals that are approved as church ministries.

VII. STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE

1. As a matter of belief, doctrine, and religious practice, our church reserves the term "marriage" for the covenant relationship between one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others.

2. Our church's clergy will be allowed to arrange for, officiate at a marriage only when it conforms to our church's statements on marriage.

IX. AMENDMENT

These By-Laws may be amended only at the membership meeting by a majority of the votes cast.

These By-Laws are supplemental to and superseded by the Local Church Constitution of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

APPENDIX – STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. God: There is one God, (1) who is infinitely perfect,(2) existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (3)
2. Jesus: Jesus Christ is true God and true man. (4) He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. (5) He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. (6) He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our great High Priest. (7) He will come again to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace. (8)
3. Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is a divine Person, sent to indwell,(9) guide, teach and empower the believer, and to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. (1 0)
4. Bible: The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of people. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice. (11)
5. Sin: Humankind, originally created in the image and likeness of God, (12) fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All people are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 3) The destiny of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment, but that of the believer is everlasting joy and bliss. (1 4)
6. Freedom from Sin: Salvation has been provided only through Jesus Christ. Those who repent and believe in Him are united with Christ through the Holy Spirit and are thereby regenerated (born again), justified, sanctified and granted the gift of eternal life as adopted children of God. (1 5)

7. Christian Living: It is the will of God that in union with Christ each believer should be sanctified thoroughly (1 6) thereby being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to God, receiving power for holy living and sacrificial and effective service toward the completion of Christ's commission. (1 7) This is accomplished through being filled with the Holy Spirit which is both a distinct event and progressive experience in the life of the believer.(1 8)

8. Healing: Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the mortal body. Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil as taught in the Scriptures are privileges for the Church in this present age. (19)

9. Church: The universal Church, of which Christ is the Head, consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, regenerated by the Holy Spirit, and commissioned by Christ to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the Gospel to all nations. (20) The local church, the visible expression of the universal Church, is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together to worship God, to observe the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, to pray, to be edified through the Word of God, to fellowship, and to testify in word and deed to the good news of salvation both locally and globally. The local church enters into relationships with other like-minded churches for accountability, encouragement and mission. (21)

10. Life after Death: There shall bodily resurrection of the just and for the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life; (22) for the latter, a resurrection unto judgement. (23); for the former, a resurrection unto life; (22) for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.(23)

11. Second Coming of Christ: The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal and visible. (24) As the believer's blessed hope, this vital truth is an incentive for holy living and sacrificial service toward the completion of Christ's commission. (2 5)

REFERENCES FOR STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1 Isa. 44:6; 45:5-6 15
- 2 Matt. 5:48; Deut. 32:4
- 3 Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19 16
- 4 Phil. 2:6-11; Heb. 2:14-18; 17 Col. 2:9 18
- 5 Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:35 19
- 6 1 Cor. 15:3-5; 1 John 2:2; 20 Acts 13:39 21
- 7 Heb. 4:14-15; 9:24-28

8 Matt. 25:31-34; Acts 1:11
9 John 14:16-17 22
10 John 16:7-11; 1 Cor. 2:10-12 23
11 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21 24
12 Gen. 1:27 25
13 Rom. 8:8; 1 John 2:2
14 Matt. 25:41-46; 2 Thes. 1:7-10
15 Titus 3:5-7; Acts 2:38; John 1:12; 1 Cor. 6:11
16 1 Thes. 5:23
17 Acts 1:8
18 Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 5:16-25
19 Matt. 8:16-17; James 5:13-16
20 Eph. 3:6-12; 1:22-23
21 Acts 2:41-47; Heb. 10:25; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 11:19-30; 15
22 1 Cor. 15:20-23
23 2 Thes. 1:7-10
24 1 Thes. 4:13-17
25 1 Cor. 1:7; Titus 2:11-14; Matt. 24:14; 28:18-20

倫敦國語宣道會 會規

第一條: 名稱

本堂法定名稱為「加拿大倫敦國語宣道會」

第二條

本堂採用加拿大宣道會第三條「信仰」

一項所列之信條

凡滿十八歲並出席會友大會的責任會友均

可投一票。不允許代人投票。

第三條: 會友

1. 資格

凡藉水禮或轉會申請作本會會友者必須

- 〈1〉 經已接受耶穌基督為救生
- 〈2〉 有新生命表現
- 〈3〉 接受本會信仰與會規
- 〈4〉 接受及遵行本會之
“會友紀律及恢復會友資格”的政策。

2. 步驟

凡藉水禮或轉會申請成為會友者，須經由主任牧師及兩位長老所組成之會友審核委員會審查，再由該委員會向長議會舉薦，並在主日崇拜時向會眾宣佈正式接納為會友。

3. 責任

- 〈1〉 會友須經常參加主日崇拜及積極參與教會其他事工
- 〈2〉 會友須在時間、恩賜及金錢的運用上支持教會
- 〈3〉 會友須經常靈修，並在生活與言行上有好見証

檢核

教會每年檢核會友名冊一次。凡長期或連續缺席主日崇拜一年或以上而無適當理由者，作自動退出會籍論。而缺席六個月或以上而無適當理由者，則作失聯會友論。但若此會友向長議會遞交一封親手簽名的恢復會籍申請表，長議會將在月會中作出考慮。

紀律與復藉

教會從主耶穌領受執行紀律之屬靈權柄，目的乃在維持對救主之尊崇，保持教會純潔，造益信眾及挽回過犯者。會友言行中若有與聖經相違背，而沒有真誠悔改表現者，教會長老或所委任之代表應按聖經教訓執行紀律事宜。包括 (1) 停止事奉；(2) 停止聖餐；並 / 或 (3) 取消會藉。當犯者有悔改的明証，事奉、聖餐或會藉均可恢復。

投票

凡滿十八歲並出席會友大會的責任會友均可投一票。不允許代人投票。

第四條: 行政

1. 長老議會事 (或簡稱長議會)

〈1〉 長議會由至少四名，及最多九名成員組成，成員包括主任牧師、副主席、文書及司庫。長議會主席由主任牧師擔任，或由主任牧師委派一位長老擔任。除主任牧師為當然成員外，其他長老皆於選舉年會選出。眾長老將與牧師共同監管全教會之靈性及行政。

- 〈2〉 長老須為本堂一年或以上之會友。長老之選立須符合聖經的要求。
- 〈3〉 長議會每月舉行月會一次，以共商會務及同心禱告。
- 〈4〉 長議會議決事項須有半數以上之成員出席方為有效。
- 〈5〉 長議會主席、文書、及司庫擁有教會簽署權。

〈6〉 長議會有權委任適當人選填補該議事會在該年出現之空缺。

〈7〉 長老任期為兩年,連任兩期之長老應休息一年方可再度被提名應選。除非特殊情況,任期已滿之長老可續任一年。

會友大會

〈1〉 會友事務年會將在年初舉行,會中將報告教會過去一年事工及來年之計劃與方針。

〈2〉 選舉年會將於每年十一月舉行,以選出下年度長老。

〈3〉 除緊急事務外,凡召開會友大會須在會議前兩星期通知會眾。

〈4〉 會友大會之召開須有半數以上會友出席方為有效。

提名委員會

〈1〉 提名委員會由主任牧師及四名會友組成,此四名會友由長議會及會眾各薦兩名,主任牧師為提名委員會主席,或由牧師委任代表為提名委員會主席。

〈2〉 提名委員會須在選舉前三個主日將每職位一名候選人告示會眾。如會眾沒有其他提名,則所提人選作全票通過。如有其他提名,則須由兩名會友簽名,並在告示後十五日內書面呈交提名委員會,提名委員會將與被提名之會友接洽。

選舉

所有選舉須以票選方式進行,除了每個職位只有一個提名,則作全票通過。

第五條: 聖禮

1. 水禮乃信徒在神、人面前之見證,顯明與基督同死、同埋、同復活。此聖禮乃主所囑咐,眾信徒應當服從。本堂採用浸禮形式。

2. 本堂每月舉行聖餐一次,以紀念主犧牲的大愛。凡已受洗之信徒皆可參與。

第六條: 檔案與財務

1. 長議會之記錄、檔案及公函，均為本堂所有。
2. 本堂之賬目於每年會友年會之前，須由長議會所指派之核數員審核。
長議會或會眾可按情形以投票決定，隨時要求審核。
3. 奉獻須由司庫所指派兩名或以上之會友同時點數並記錄。
4. 本堂財政年度為一月一日至十二月三十一日。
5. 本堂鼓勵信徒十一奉獻
6. 本堂不作教會以外之募捐
7. 所有奉獻須清楚填寫姓名、數目，並經由司庫檢核後方可發出收據。收據每年發出一次。
8. 經由本堂轉交之奉獻，只限於本堂所指定之個人或團體。

第七條: 婚姻聲明

1. 為要持守信仰、教義及宗教常規，本堂對婚姻的定義是一男一女聖約的結合。
2. 如婚禮符合本堂的婚姻聲明，本會牧師可安排，為新人証婚

第九條: 修章

此會規須由半數以上之出席會友投票通過方可修改。

此會規不应当與加拿大宣道會地方教會憲章衝突，乃對其作補充

此會規以英文版本為準

加拿大宣道會信仰

1. 敬奉獨一真神，無限至善，永存三位一體: 聖父，聖子，聖靈。

(賽 44:6, 45:5-6; 太 5:48; 申 32:4; 太 3:16-17;

太 28:19)

2. 相信耶穌基督既為真神亦完人為聖靈感孕，藉童貞女馬利亞而生。捨身十架，為贖罪祭牲，義者代不義，使信者藉寶血得生，稱義得救。又按聖經所記死後三日復活。今尊為吾等大祭司榮上主右邊。不日再來建立公義和平國度。

(腓 2:6-11; 來 2:14-18; 西 2:9; 太 1:18; 路 1:35; 林前 15:3-5; 約壹 2:2; 徒 13:39; 來 4:14-15, 9:24-28; 太 25:31-34; 徒 1:11)

3. 聖靈乃受遣聖者，內住信徒心中，引領及教導信徒，賜予能力，使世人為罪為義為審判自責。

(約 14:16-17, 16:7-11; 林前 2:10-12)

4. 神默示新舊約聖經，其原稿正確無誤，完全顯明神使人得救的旨意，為基督徒信仰生活法典。

(提後 3:16; 彼後 1:20-21)

5. 神按己形造人，後世人用悖逆墮落，咎取身體靈魂死亡，後代人類生具罪性，遠離生命之主，惟主耶穌基督代贖鴻恩，信者蒙恩得救，永享恩福。頑梗不信者被罰受苦。

(創 1:27; 羅 8:8; 約壹 2:2; 太 25:41-46; 帖後 1:7-10)

6. 耶穌基督成就普世救恩; 悔改相信者自聖靈重生，蒙受永生救恩，貴為上主兒女。(多 3:5-7; 徒 2:38; 約 1:12; 林前 6:11)

7. 信徒當按神的旨意被聖靈充滿，全然成聖，與罪和世界分別，完全奉獻，遵行神旨，領受聖潔生活，有效事奉的能力。在信徒生活中，這是一個得救後而有的獨特及繼續不斷的經驗。

(帖前 5:23; 徒 1:8; 羅 12:1-2; 加 5:16-25)

8. 耶穌基督成就救恩，包括使人肉身得蒙醫治，信徒當照聖經教訓為病人抹油禱告，乃教會於今所當享特權。

(太 8:16-17; 雅 5:13-16)

9. 教會乃由所有信靠耶穌基督，蒙寶血赦罪得贖，藉聖靈重生信眾(信徒)所組成，教會元首基督曾差遣使徒將福音遍傳天下向各國萬民作見證。地方教會由信奉基督之信徒組成，旨在同心敬拜，互為肢體，領受主道，同心禱告，彼此交接。廣傳福音，奉行聖禮，受洗歸主，同領聖餐。

(弗 3:6-12; 太 28:19-29; 弗 1:22-23; 徒 2:41-47; 來 10:25; 徒 1:8; 11:19-30; 15)

10. 將來死人復活，義者復活得生，不信者復活受審。(林前 15:20-23; 帖後 1:7-10)

11. 主耶穌基督必復臨，隨時顯現此項重要真理帶來聖徒活潑盼望，激勵信徒生活分別為聖，事奉熱切忠誠。

(帖前 4:13-17; 林前 1:7; 多 2:11-14; 太 24:14; 28:18-20)