

## Profession of Faith

**Question:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name), have you repented towards God and put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to save you and bring you into the family of God?

**Answer:**

*I have.*

**Question:**

Do you believe that the Bible is God's sufficient, authoritative word and the only definite means to guide all that we believe and do, both individually and corporately?

**Answer:**

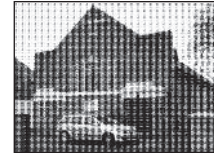
*I do.*

**Question:**

Do you promise to show your commitment to Christ and your love for God engaging in all the privileges and responsibilities of church membership seeking both to serve and be saved, to love and learn, to help your brethren and reach out to unbelievers with the good news of Jesus?

**Answer:**

*I do.*



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## Rules for the Guidance and Direction of Members of Cranford Baptist Church

(Affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches)

**“Christ is the Head of the Church”**

**“... ye are the Body of Christ  
and members in particular.”**

(Ephesians 5 v23 • 1 Corinthians 12 v27)

1. That the members of Christ's Body meeting in this place and forming part of His one Church, hold the doctrines of grace, and of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as is stated in the Doctrinal Statement of the church; the same to be evidenced by the holy and consistent life, in prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit.
2. That the members of this part of Christ's Church hold the doctrine of the believers in Baptism by Immersion.
3. That this Church shall hold the sole authority of God's Word in all matters of faith, doctrine, discipline, and instruction.
4. That Deacons shall be chosen from among the members to superintend the every day running of the Church. They shall be elected, by ballot, requiring the vote of two thirds of those present, triennially by the Church, and the Officers retiring shall always be eligible for re-election. The Church also recognises the office of Elder (1 Timothy 3 v1-7; 1 Peter 5 v1-4), he may be invited by the Minister and Elders to serve in the spiritual oversight with them. Should there be no Elder other than the Minister the deacons shall assume the spiritual responsibilities of Elders.
5. That the Church meet once a month, or as often as deemed necessary, for the transaction of business, notice to be given at previous Church meeting, and announced the two preceding Sundays. All business brought before the Church shall be decided by the majority present. The minimum number of members constituting a meeting shall be a quorum of one third of Church Membership. If below this number, the meeting shall proceed, but there shall be no resolutions moved, or matters voted on, but notice shall be taken of members views, so that the Deacons can conclude the business. If there are matters on which it is felt that the members should make a decision, another meeting shall be called and notice given. No discussion of any kind shall take place at the Church meeting but such as have a direct reference to the business of the evening, or of which notice has been given.
6. That the business transacted at the Church meetings, being of a strictly private character, members are not to reveal to the outside world the matters that are there discussed. Members doing so will be subject to the censure of the Church.
7. That the accounts be audited by two members appointed by the Church, and be present at the Annual Church Meeting.
8. That the ordinance of Believer's Baptism be administered as often as necessary, and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper be observed on the first Lord's Day Evening of each month, and that other believers in the Lord Jesus Christ be welcome to the Lord's Table.
9. That no person shall be processed as full members of this Church but those who have seen the Minister or a Deacon and have been baptised by immersion, and that such persons being proposed, two members, one of whom shall be an Elder or Deacon, shall be appointed to visit them regarding their understanding and acceptance of the Church Rules and Doctrinal Statement. The results of these enquiries to be reported at the next Church meeting.
10. That every member be expected to take an active interest in the welfare of the Fellowship, and seek to spread the Good News of Salvation by Christ Jesus, and to glorify our Heavenly Father by good works and a consistent life.
11. Should any member be reported as walking disorderly or immorally, or attempting to sow dissension in the Fellowship, the charge shall be investigated, and if proved, such person, if not showing remorse, shall be suspended or disfellowshipped as the circumstances shall justify.

#### **New Rule made in 1940**

Believers may join the Church as Associate Members, but cannot vote for a new Minister, Deacons, Treasurer or Secretary, or hold office as such.