

CONSTITUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC PSYCHOLOGISTS OF INDIA

I. Definition

The Conference of Catholic Psychologists of India (CCPI), is a non-profit group consisting of Catholic women and men trained in the psychological sciences, committed to deepening their professional knowledge and skills, and to collaboration and networking in offering psychological training and services to those who wish to avail of these.

II. Goals

1. To update quality of members' training and services.
2. To promote mental health and psychological wellbeing of individuals and groups.
3. To contribute to the growth and development of those newly entering the profession of psychology.
4. To collaborate and network in offering training and services.
5. To promote research.

III. Activities

1. Have periodic sharing and updating programmes for members and other professionals.
2. A) Organize programmes and activities to enhance psychological well being of distressed persons;
B) Publish mental health related materials;
C) Prepare mental health curriculum.
3. Organize Counselling training and personal growth and transformation programmes for psychology trainees.
4. Come together to plan, organize, execute and evaluate common programmes.
5. Carry out research in the area of mental health, particularly in relation to:
 - a) existing treatment and training facilities and resource persons;
 - b) promotion of indigenous studies in psychology and development of psychological services suited to the Indian situation.

IV. Code of Ethics

- a) Members will abide by the Conference's Code of Ethical Practice.
- b) This Code of Ethical Practice respects Catholic moral principles.

V. Membership

- a) Professional Members: Professional Membership is open to Catholic women and men who have a Masters or higher Degree in a Psychological science and are involved in the field of psychology.
- b) Associate Members: Catholic women and men who have a Masters level or higher qualification in a related field and currently involved in psychological practice.
- c) Student Members: Catholic women and men who are doing Master's Level studies in Psychology.
- d) New members are admitted by the Executive Council.
- e) Membership of those who fail to pay their membership dues for two consecutive years will be suspended and of those who fail to pay for three consecutive years will be terminated.

VI. Office Bearers

- a) President
- b) Secretary and Treasurer
- c) The president, secretary and one elected member form the Executive Council.
- d) These office bearers are elected for a term of three years.
- f) Only Professional Members are eligible to these posts and only professional members have voting rights. Those candidates receiving most votes are declared elected to the respective offices.

VII. Ethics Committee

- a) The Conference has an Ethics committee to look into and resolve complaints of violations by members of its Code of Ethical Practice.
- b) This Committee consists of the CCPI President, two persons from the CCPI membership and one person from outside CCPI appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Council.

VIII. Finances

- a) Registration and membership fees are adjusted as need arises. Changes in fees are determined by the Executive Council and to be approved by majority vote at the following Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM).
- b) Annual Professional, Associate and Student memberships are to be renewed by December 31 for the following year.
- c) The Conference's bank account is operated jointly by the President and the Treasurer.

IX. Meetings

- a) Members meet once a year. Agenda for this Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) is determined by the Executive Council keeping in mind the definition and goals of the Conference.
- b) For the Conference's annual meeting, each participant is expected to make own arrangements for travel and bear expenses for board and lodge. A conference fee will be charged to meet resource persons' and material expenses.
- c) Members who make presentations at common programmes organized by the Conference are not paid for their services. However, their travel expenses, except to the AGBM, are to be reimbursed by the organizers.

X. CCPI News

The Conference has a Newsletter. It is published at least twice a year by the Secretary.

XI. Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution require a two-thirds majority vote of the Professional Members present at the AGBM. The Quorum is 1/3 of Professional Membership.