

## The Old Catholic Apostolic Church Administrators of the Independent Liberal Catholic Fellowship

## \*\*\* Declaration of Establishment of a Religious Society \*\*\*

WITNESS ALL PEOPLE: In the Name of the Most Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

We, Mar Trimlett, by the grace of G-d a catholic bishop announce by this deed the founding of a religious society to be a society of friendship, support and channel of ministry for Jewish, Hebrew, Messianic Christians and others who fear G-d, or recognise Jesus as Messiah, or those that hold a more traditional Jewish faith but want to share Ha Shem alongside others of different beliefs.

The society shall be called the 'Old Catholic Apostolic Church Friends of Elohim' and may be referred to as 'OCAC Friends of Elohim'.

The society must at all times be tolerant of differing beliefs, views and opinions of members and wider churches, congregations and groups. The society, nor any member, shall engage in proselytisation or conversion of any other person or groups of people. The intent of the society is to unite around common understanding and celebrate differences in a spirit of friendly respect.

The society is and always shall be, a part of the Old Catholic Apostolic Church worldwide - as incorporated in England and Wales whose present number is 07221223 and any subsequent incorporations of that body as may occur from time to time - and shall be subject to the canons of said church, and the authority of the patriarch, and church leadership. The church recognises the unique charism and belief system of the Friends of Elohim within the society and grants easements to procedure and liturgy, to allow and encourage the Friends of Elohim to grow in faith and fellowship with each other, with OCAC, with other churches, and with other Jewish congregations.

The society shall be free to choose their own structure, charism, be responsible for its own leadership and pastoral care of the members, although the patriarch of OCAC is the final arbiter in all decisions and the patriarch's mandates and guidance overrule other decisions.

The society may choose to register as a charity or not for profit legal entity, and should that happen, the society and any entity thus registered, will be a subsidiary of the Old Catholic Apostolic Church to which the society and it's entities will always defer.

These rules and this constitution may be amended and modified by the patriarch of OCAC at any time, who will take into account the wishes of the members of this society balanced with the overall good of the church and her members.

In evidence whereof we have hereunto set our seal and signature, at Upton Dorset UK, this day of Padre Pio of Pietrelicina the 23rd of September, in the year of our Lord - 2020

+ Mar Trimbett

The Rt Revd. Adrian S Glover, OCR OSFC, CRCC