

OpenDoors®

Helping people follow Jesus all over
the world, no matter the cost.

COMPANY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

OPEN DOORS AUSTRALIA LIMITED

(ABN 52 209 804 287)

OBJECTS, STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND STATEMENT OF FAITH

Clause 4 of the Constitution states the Objects, Statement of Purpose and Statement of Faith as follows:

4.1 The Company is organised and shall continue to be operated exclusively for Christian purposes. Compelled by the love of Jesus Christ and His commandment to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, the aims, intents and purposes of the Company are to meet the needs of the Suffering and threatened Church worldwide as requested and to edify and encourage the Church in the free world to become involved with the Suffering Church and by doing so “awaken and strengthen what remains” (Rev.3:2). These aims, intents and purposes shall remain foremost as the goals of the Company.

4.2 The Objects and Statement of Purpose of Open Doors Australia are to strengthen and equip the Body of Christ living under or facing restriction and persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ, and to encourage their involvement in world evangelism by:

- (a) providing Bibles and literature, media, leadership training, socio-economic development and through intercessory prayer;
- (b) preparing the Body of Christ living in threatened or unstable areas to face persecution and suffering; and
- (c) educating and mobilising the Body of Christ living in the free world to identify with threatened and persecuted Christians and be actively involved in assisting them.

4.3 The Company adopts, as its Statement of Faith, the Apostolic Creed:

“We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.”

We invite you to prayerfully consider joining in membership of the Company.

Membership involves supporting the Objects, Statement of Purpose and Statement of Faith. Membership entitles members to the rights and privileges as set out in the Constitution of the Company.

Membership involves an annual membership subscription (presently \$10) and contribution commitment of an amount not more than \$10 if the Company is wound up while a member or within one year of ceasing to be a member (constitution clause 53.1).

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FORM AND SEND THIS AND YOUR REFERENCE TO:

*The Board of Directors
C/- The Company Secretary
Open Doors Australia Limited
info@od.org.au*

APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary

1. I hereby make application to become an Ordinary Member of Open Doors Australia Limited.
2. I have read the Objects and Statement of Purpose and the Statement of Faith (included in this document below) and declare that I subscribe to these provisions of the Constitution.
3. If admitted as an Ordinary member of the Company, I agree to abide and be bound by the Constitution and by the by-laws of the Company for the time being and from time to time in force.
4. I further agree to pay an initial subscription of \$10, together with an annual subscription, as determined by the Company.
5. I further agree to authorise the entry of my name as an Ordinary Member in the Register of Members of the Company.
6. I recognise that my Company membership is not transferable.
7. I confirm that I am at least 18 years of age.
8. Attached to this application I have provided a **letter of reference** from a recognised leader of a Christian church or organisation in Australia.

APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION 1

Title: _____ **Surname:** _____ **Given Names:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Email: _____ (required for notification of meetings)

Address: _____

_____ **Postcode:** _____

Phone Number: _____

APPLICATION 2²

Title: _____ **Surname:** _____ **Given Names:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Email: _____ (required for notification of meetings)

Address: _____

_____ **Postcode:** _____

Phone Number: _____

NOTES

1: The Directors will consider each application for membership at the next meeting of Directors after the application is received. In considering an application for membership, the Directors may accept or reject the application; or ask the applicant to give more evidence of eligibility for membership. If the Directors ask for more evidence to support their application, their determination of the application for membership is deferred until the evidence is given.

An application for membership may be rejected by the Directors on the grounds that the applicant does not meet the qualifications for membership and, if an application for membership is rejected:

- the Directors will provide their reasons in writing for rejecting the application: and
- as soon as practicable following rejection of the application for membership, the Secretary will send the applicant written notice of rejection of the application, including the reasons of the Directors for rejecting the application.

2: If more than one person from the same family wishes to apply for membership please complete details using the same form. On acceptance of your membership application you will be contacted to pay your membership fee of \$10 per member.

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