

Christian Vegetarian Association UK

Working towards a violence-free world

Welcome to CVAUK

The Veg4Lent team are pleased to announce the initiation of a new organisation; the Christian Vegetarian Association UK. CVAUK will endeavour to encourage, support and resource Christian vegetarians in the U.K. and will welcome co-operation with other Christian vegetarian / animal Welfare / environmental groups within the United Kingdom and partnerships throughout the world.

To ensure a stable and democratic organisation, CVAUK will be governed by a "Constitution" based on Charity Commission recommendations, and a "Code of Practice" which will ensure effective and consistent management of initiatives and resources. Copies of the CVAUK 'Constitution' and 'Code of Practice' are available on request.

The CVAUK will be managed and administered by a democratically elected management committee comprising a maximum of eight members; due to the distances involved, all communications / meetings will be via. post or email, more than 8 committee members could become unmanageable. The committee will include the following honorary officers - Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer. Area Group Leaders will be appointed to represent the management committee in their area and provide personal contact, encouragement and support.

Membership of CVAUK will be free and open to everyone, donations will be very welcome. The right to vote will be restricted to those members who have completed the CVAUK membership form.

To underpin and validate CVAUK, church leaders and theologians in sympathy with the objectives of CVAUK, and other Christian animal welfare / environmental personalities, will be invited to give their name, support and encouragement by becoming patrons of CVAUK. The position of advisor will also be offered to those who want to contribute to the work of CVAUK but due to commitments in other organisations, are unable to become fully involved.

Theological guidance as to our understanding of 'creation care' within the context of the Bible, will be based on declarations published by the established churches and statements made by prominent church leaders and theologians. Please refer to leaflets LF102 to 104 and LF107 enclosed.

The objectives of the CVAUK will be to encourage the whole of Christendom to consider the benefits and virtues of a vegetarian diet. CVAUK will promote the care of all of God's creation through the adoption of a vegetarian diet and encourage the avoidance of animal based products. CVAUK will also alert the church to the dangers posed to human health and world stability by our continued reliance on a meat based diet.

The Christian Vegetarian Association of the United Kingdom will endeavour to serve, encourage and equip members and initiate campaigns that will:

- a) avoid confrontation, as far as possible, while carrying out our objectives;
- b) consult and endeavour to obtain, the consent of the priest in charge, before distributing campaign and CVAUK literature outside, or inside a church.

CVAUK will encourage members to submit initiatives that conform to our 'Code of Practice', CVAUK will then give their full support to all approved initiatives.

The management committee will ensure that all statements, letters and articles, published in the name of CVAUK, are in conformity with our 'Code of Practice'.

CVAUK will at all times attempt to avoid controversial statements that cannot be Biblically substantiated.

The current course of Christian vegetarianism is theologically comparable to the situation faced by Christians opposed to human slavery, in the 19th century. For a religion which perpetuated the curse of slavery for centuries, today stands alongside the (human) victims, of theological and worldly exploitation.

The CVAUK aims to encourage and instil a more benevolent Christian outlook towards all creatures, particularly animals otherwise condemned to the slaughter house.

If you are not a member, please consider linking your vision to ours by completing the enclosed membership form.

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