

**SOUTH EAST EDINBURGH CHURCHES ACTING TOGETHER  
CONSTITUTION  
(agreed February 1993 with amendment August 2001)**

1. **NAME** – The name will be South East Edinburgh Churches Acting Together (S.E.E.C.A.T.)
  
2. **GENERAL PURPOSE**
  - (a) To promote and facilitate the commitment of the churches together in South East Edinburgh.
  - (b) To be affiliated to “Edinburgh Churches Together” and to “Action of Churches Together in Scotland (A.C.T.S.)”
  
3. **BASIS OF COMMITMENT (as in A.C.T.S.)**

South East Edinburgh Churches Acting Together unites in pilgrimage those churches which, acknowledging God’s revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the scriptures, and in obedience to God’s will and in the power of the Holy Spirit, commit themselves:

  - (a) to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church which is His Body, and
  - (b) to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by witness and service in the world,
  - (c) to the Glory of the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
  
4. **AIMS (As in A.C.T.S.)**

South East Edinburgh Churches Acting Together seek:

  - (a) To express the degree of unity that is already theirs by Christ’s gift; their commitment to one another, and their resolve to continue as Pilgrims Together.
  - (b) To grow into a greater unity of mind and heart through experience of each other’s living tradition of spirituality and worship; to co-operate through prayer, reflection and consultation, at local level, in all that concerns their common life; to work through joint study towards a Christian evaluation on moral and social issues.
  - (c) To co-operate as far as possible in proclaiming the Gospel.
  
5. **STRUCTURE**

Membership of S.E.E.C.A.T. will be open to all Christian churches in South East Edinburgh.

S.E.E.C.A.T. will have an open structure to allow for the greatest amount of participation. There will be:

  - (a) The Co-ordinating Committee, which will be made up of one clerical representative from each participating congregation, appointed lay representatives and one Youth representative from each participating congregation. There will be a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 representatives from each congregation.
  - (b) Working Parties/Special Interest Groups/Traditional S.E.E.C.A.T. activities: The Co-ordinating Committee can set up small working groups to deal with matters of particular concern. “Experts” from the participating congregations or from the wider community can be co-opted onto these groups. (These working parties/special interest groups will relate to the three main areas of responsibility outlined below and deal with issues of local concern.)

**6. AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY (in line with A.C.T.S.)**

- (a) Christian Unity: Joint Acts of Worship
- (b) Mission, Evangelism and Education: Study Groups, Joint Initiatives in the area
- (c) Peace and Justice: Social and Moral Issues: especially as these relate to local concerns  
(These three items correspond to the three Commissions of A.C.T.S.)
- (d) Communication (of central importance)
- (e) Issues concerning Youth Participation

**7. FINANCE**

S.E.E.C.A.T. will have a small budget derived from an annual contribution from each participating congregation. This may be augmented by offerings and donations.

**8. OFFICE BEARERS**

The Co-ordinating Committee can appoint such office bearers as they feel are necessary. These will be elected at the Annual General Meeting, or if necessary at the next meeting after a vacancy occurs.