

POLICY PLAN SHOFAR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (NEDERLAND)

INTRODUCTION

Fred and Lucille May started Shofar Christian Church (Shofar) in Stellenbosch (South Africa) in 1992. After that, different churches were planted in South Africa, Namibia, United Kingdom, and also in Utrecht in the Netherlands in 2015.

Shofar Christian Church (Nederland) in Utrecht is registered as a church at the Chamber of Commerce (Kamer van Koophandel) in Utrecht and has a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) status. PBO means in Dutch Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling (ANBI).

WHO WE ARE AS CONGREGATION

Shofar Utrecht is a church with the vision to reach nations and generations through disciple-making, leadership-training, and church planting. This vision is being carried out on Sundays and during the week. Shofar Utrecht is part of the International Shofar Christian Church movement with its head office in South Africa (www.shofaronline.org) but has its own legal identity. Therefore, Shofar Utrecht has its's own management and is financially independent. Shofar Utrecht underwrites the vision of the Shofar group. This Policy Plan is used as a guideline on our Annual General Meeting and is open for changes if needed.

NAME AND LOCATION OF CHURCH

1. The official name of the congregation is: "Shofar Christian Church (Nederland)" and the church is established in Utrecht.
2. The congregation is registered as a denomination and has a legal identity in terms of Article 2 of Book 2 of the Civil Code (Burgelijke Wetboek) and is recognized by the Dutch Law accordingly.
3. Shofar Utrecht is registered at the Chamber of Commerce (Kamer van Koophandel) and its KvK number is 64147337. The RSIN number is 855542263.
4. Location of church is Nieuwe Kerk, Bollenhofsestraat 138a, 3572VT Utrecht.
5. Postal and office address is Slotlaan 238b, 3701GV Zeist, The Netherlands.

VISION

Our vision is the vision that God has given us as a family church. Our vision is to reach nations and generations through disciple-making, leadership training, and church planting.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

Shofar Utrecht has specific policies:

- To maintain a church with our Lord Jesus Christ as head and guided by the Holy Spirit in line with the Commandments and instructions, as mentioned in the Holy Bible.

- Determine regular spiritual programs for the fellowship of the members and visitors of Shofar Utrecht.
- Determine spiritual programs for children, youth, and other specific groups inside Shofar Utrecht for the training of these children, youth, and other specific spiritual groups.
- The spread the Gospel through church services, seminars, camps, conferences, radio, TV, audio and video recordings, and all other electronic media.
- Supply of food, clothing, and other essentials to the poor and generating of funds for the support of this policy.
- Support for missions and mission-related work.
- Set up of other spiritual matters in line with the vision of Shofar Utrecht
- Support and co-operation with other similar organizations and churches.

FOUNDATION

Shofar Utrecht recognizes the Old and New Testament in their original text, wholly inspired by God, and accepts it has the highest and final authority for belief and life.

FINANCES NON-PROFIT

Shofar Utrecht has been established and operates exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, philanthropic, and welfare on a nonprofit base. Shofar Utrecht uses all financial means to accomplish their policies.

COLLECTING AND CONTROL OF FUNDS

Shofar Utrecht collects tithes and donations from the members, visitors, and companies, related to the church. There are also collections at the church meetings on a Sunday. The participants can also contribute to the cost of events and courses.

CONTROL OF MONEY

It is not the mission of Shofar Utrecht to build assets. All monies received are used immediately for the vision of Shofar Utrecht.

SPENDING POLICY

The board compiles an annual report and budget of all income and expenses. This is being presented at the Annual General Meeting, together with the financial report of the previous year. The fiscal year is from 1 January until 31 December.

BOARD OF SHOFAR

The board of the Shofar Utrecht congregation carries the final responsibility for all

the financial and material matters of the church. The board consists of the three Elders and a Church Committee with a chairperson, treasurer, and secretary. The board does not receive any remuneration for their tasks. When needed, the board will report back to the Regional Manager of Shofar, positioned at Shofar London UK.

DAILY MANAGEMENT

The daily management of Shofar Utrecht is done by Pastor couple Derk Jan van der Veen and Renee van der Veen. They are assisted by three Elders and a Church Committee.