

DBICC Legal Autonomy Initiative
March 2022

FAQ

1. What is this about?
 - For the past 20 years, DBICC has been legally a branch or subsidiary of EFCC. At the request of EFCC, as well as our own thinking, it is better that DBICC becomes its own legal entity directly registered with the government as a non profit organization.
2. Why are we doing this?
 - From a practical standpoint, this allows us to make business decisions without needing involvement from the EFCC head office, and it protects us from potential negative effects of actions by other churches in the EFCC. We are not separating from the EFCC, but we will be legally autonomous.
3. What will change?
 - The goal is to make this process and the outcomes as smooth and non- disruptive as possible. All of the current structure supporting our standing as a legal entity will just be moved to the local level. We do not intend to overhaul the charter or make major changes to our way of operating at this time. There is a chance that we will change our legal name, and the church members will be part of that process.
4. Who is directing this process?
 - We have enlisted a consultant company named Brightwise Limited to help us through this process. This is one of the consultants recommended to us by the EFCC leadership, and this organization has already helped another EFCC church through this process. Brightwise will be working with our elders and Evelyn Robinson, the DBICC lead for special projects.
5. Do I have a role?
 - At the AGM in March of 2022, we will ask the members to give approval for the elders to move forward with this initiative. We will also be asking our members for input on whether we should use a different name for our church, and if so, what that name could be. More information and ideas about a name change will be circulated to the members well in advance of the AGM.

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