

CONSTITUTION

of

Life Point Baptist Church Apple Valley, California

Preamble

We, the members of Life Point Baptist Church, having placed our faith solely in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, having been scripturally immersed in baptism following our salvation, and accepting the Bible as the inspired and inerrant Word of God, do band together as a local expression of the body of Christ. This document declares our beliefs and the procedures that will help us to accomplish the Lord's work consistently, decently, and in order.

Article I – Name

The name of this congregation shall be Life Point Baptist Church of Apple Valley, California.

Article II – Purpose

Life Point Baptist Church exists to glorify God by pointing unbelievers to new life in Christ (evangelism of the lost), and also by leading believers into a fuller life through Christ (Christian growth through discipleship).

ARTICLE III – Statement of Faith

Section 1 – *The Scriptures*

We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament canon which, being inerrant in the original manuscripts is the sole authority on all matters of faith and practice. (2 Pet 1:21; 2 Tim 3:16-17).

Section 2 – *The Godhead*

We believe that God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, righteousness, justice, goodness, and truth. He is the source of all things external to himself, he supports and upholds by his decree everything external to himself, and all things exist to show his greatness and to bring him pleasure. The one true and living God exists eternally in three self-existent, uncreated persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, of one and the same essence, equal in divine attributes, yet distinct in personality and function (Gen 1:5, 8, 13; Ex 20:1; Rom 11:36; Col 1:16–17; Rev 4:11; Deut 6:4; 2 Cor 13:14; Gen 1:2; John 5:23, John 14: 26, 28).

Section 3 – *Jesus Christ*

- A. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ Who was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and is truly God and truly Man, one Person with two natures, divine and human (Matt 1:18-20; John 1:1,2,14).

- B. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ died as a substitutionary sacrifice for sin according to the Scriptures, and all who receive Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood (2 Cor 5:21; Rom 3:21-26; Heb 2:9; 1 John 2:2).
- C. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord Jesus Christ; in His bodily ascension into Heaven; and in His present life there as High Priest for all believers (Matt 28:1-10; Acts 1:9; Heb 7:25-28).
- D. We believe in the imminent return of Christ, at which time all believers in Christ will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and be kept from the promised period of divine wrath upon the Earth (1 Thess 4:14-17; 1 Cor 15:51-53; 1 Thess 5:6, 9; Rom 5:9).

Section 4 – *The Holy Spirit*

- A. We believe in the Holy Spirit who is one of the three Persons of the Trinity. We believe among His ministries are the following: the restraining of evil in the world to the measure of the divine will; the conviction of the world regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment; the regeneration of all believers; the indwelling of those who are saved, and the continued filling for power, teaching and service of believers in proportion to their yieldedness and obedience to God and the Word that is evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit in the life (2 Thess 2:7; John 3:5-6; 16:7-11; Rom 8:9; Eph 4:30, 5:18; Rom 6:13; Gal 5:16, 22-23).
- B. We believe some gifts of the Holy Spirit were temporary. We believe speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of the filling or baptism of the Spirit. We believe God, in accord with His Own will, does hear and answer prayer for the sick and afflicted (1 Cor 12:11, 30; 13:8; James 5:14-16).

Section 5 – *Salvation*

- A. We believe man was created in the image of God; he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God, all human beings are born with a sinful nature and in practice become sinners in thought, word and deed (Gen 1:26, 27; 3:1-24; Rom 5:12-21; Eph 2:1-6).
- B. We believe salvation is the gracious gift of God, received through personal repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose blood was shed in death and who rose again, for the forgiveness of sins. Salvation is wholly apart from human merit. All those who believe are regenerated children of God (Eph 2:8,9; Acts 3:19; 20:21; Heb 6:1; John 1:12; 3:5-7; 20:31).
- C. We believe all the elect of God, once saved, are kept by God's power and are secure in Christ forever (John 10:27-30; Rom 8:31-39).

Section 6 – *Sanctification*

We believe sanctification is presented in three senses in Scriptures: While the believer's bondage to sin is gone (positional sanctification), the presence of sin and its tendencies are not. The believer should be growing in conformity to Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit through the means of the Word of God and prayer, faith, obedience, self denial, and an active resistance against sin and Satan (progressive sanctification). The believer will only be fully conformed to the image of Christ i.e., sinless, at glorification (future sanctification) (Heb 10:10; John 17:17; Eph 5:25-27; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Gal 5:17; Rom 7:18-25).

Section 7 – *Separation*

We believe in the Biblical doctrine of separation which encompasses: (1) separation of the local church from all affiliation and fellowship with those who deny the truths of the Christian faith and from those who are content to walk in fellowship with unbelief and disobedience to Scripture; (2) separation of the individual believer from all worldly practices dishonoring to the Savior; and (3) separation of church and state (2 Tim 3:1-5; Rom 12:1-2; 14:13; 16:17 1 John 2:15-17; 2 John 9-11; Matt 22:21).

Section 8 – *The Church*

We believe in the Church—a living, spiritual body of which Christ is the Head; and of which all regenerated people in this age are a part. We believe the Church is a body peculiar to the age of grace and entirely distinct from the nation, Israel. We believe a local church is a company of believers in Jesus Christ, immersed upon a credible confession of faith and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe the local church is autonomous, the center of God's program for this age, and that every Christian is bound by Scripture to give his unhindered cooperation to the ministry of his local church (Matt 16:16-18; 1 Cor 12:12-17; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Tim 3:15-16).

Section 9 – *The Ordinances*

We believe there are two ordinances: baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water and is properly called “believer's baptism.” It sets forth in a beautiful and solemn way our identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection and the resultant responsibility to “walk in the newness of life.” Baptism is a prerequisite to church membership. The Lord's Supper is the commemoration of the Lord's death until He comes, is a reminder of our continual fellowship with Him and should be preceded by careful self-examination (Matt 28:19-20; Acts 8:36-39; Rom 6:3-5; 1 Cor 11:23-32).

Section 10 – *The Great Commission*

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ has commissioned us to take the Gospel to the world, and evangelism and church-planting at home and abroad should be primary in the program of the local church, which includes the baptism and instruction of believers (Matt 28:19-20; Acts 1:8).

Section 11 – *Last Things*

We believe in the imminent rapture of the church to Heaven followed by a seven year period of tribulation upon all the earth. At the end of this period of tribulation, Jesus Christ shall come back to Earth in power and glory with His Church to establish the promised Davidic Kingdom. He shall reign for one thousand years, during which time peace and righteousness will cover the earth, Satan will be bound, and Israel shall be established in her own land. At the end of this glorious reign, Satan shall lead a rebellion against Christ, shall be defeated, and shall be forever banished to the Lake of Fire.

The wicked dead shall be judged at the Great White Throne and shall be condemned to everlasting conscious punishment in the Lake of Fire. The righteous shall be in eternal conscious blessedness in the presence of the Lord (John 14:3; Matt 24:21; Rev 19:11-16; 20; 21:1-15; Ezek 39:25-29; 1 Thess 4:16-17).

Section 12 – *Practical Matters*

A. Human Sexuality

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Gen 2:24; Gen 19:5, 13; Gen 26:8-9; Lev 18:1-30; Rom 1: 26-29; 1 Cor 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess 4:1-8; Heb 13:4)

We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Gen 2:24; Rom 7:2; 1 Cor 7:10; Eph 5:22-23)

B. Abortion

We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the physical or mental well being of the mother are acceptable. (Job 3:16; Ps 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa 44:24; 49:1, 5; Jer 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44)

ARTICLE IV – Membership

Section 1 – *Admission*

Any person desiring membership of Life Point Baptist Church shall notify a member of the pastoral staff of their desire. Upon such notification, he/she shall become a candidate. A candidate shall meet with a member of the pastoral staff and/or the deacons to verify that he/she meets the conditions of membership. Candidates for membership must profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and be scripturally baptized by immersion.

Candidates shall be received into the church body in one of the following ways:

- A. Profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ followed by scriptural baptism
- B. Life Point Baptist Church will request letters of character and good standing from churches of like faith on behalf of persons requesting membership from another church.
- C. Persons under discipline from another church of like faith and practice may be admitted subsequent to examination and approval by pastor and deacons.

Members are expected to have read the Constitution and the Statement of Faith and to be supportive of the doctrine and practice of Life Point Baptist Church. Membership is granted upon a unanimous vote of the church members following a recommendation of the pastor and deacons. Membership may be voted on at a public service or during a regular church business meeting.

Section 2 – *Responsibilities*

All members are expected to obey the moral precepts and principles taught in the Word of God and to support the church through attendance, giving, prayer, and faithful service.

Section 3 – *Legal Action*

Each member of Life Point Baptist Church agrees that he/she will not initiate legal action against the church, nor against the pastors, deacons, or church staff in connection with their performance of official duties. Any Church member considering legal action against another Church member (especially concerning church matters) is encouraged to heed Biblical teaching on this matter. We do believe, however, that a Christian may seek compensation for injuries from another Christian's insurance company as long as the claim is pursued without malice or slander (1 Cor 6:1-8; Eph 4:31-32).

Section 4 – *Dismissal*

A member may be dismissed from the membership in one of the following ways.

A. By death

B. By request

Any member, not under church discipline, who personally wishes to withdraw from the fellowship of the church for any reason—no letter is granted.

C. By letter

Any member in good standing who wishes to transfer to another church of like faith and practice—a letter of recommendation is granted to the church.

D. By continued absence

Any member who is absent for a consecutive period of one year, may be removed from the active membership by a vote of the church.

E. By discipline

Any member, including the pastor and staff members, may be dismissed after the exercise of scriptural church discipline (see Section 5 below).

Section 5 – *Discipline*

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave the responsibility of discipline to the church. Each local church must guard its doctrine (1 Tim 3:15), discipline its members (Matt 18:15–17; 1 Cor 5:4–5; 2 Thess 3:6), and maintain internal unity (1 Cor 1:10). It is the duty of the church to fulfill this responsibility, even when it means excluding from its fellowship any member who persists in sin and disobedience to God's Word (Matt 18:15–20; 1 Cor 5). Understanding that the primary goal of church discipline is the restoration of the sinning member, we have established the following guidelines.

A. Grounds

Should any member become an offense to the church and a stumbling-block to the ministry by means of non-Christian conduct, by consistent breach of the Constitution and By-Laws, or by reason of heretical beliefs, the church may terminate his/her membership.

B. Procedures

1. A public recommendation to consider termination of membership shall be made only by the pastor or deacons.
2. Every effort will be made according to the Scripture (Matt 18:15–17), prayer, and persuasion to restore the individual to fellowship (Gal 6:1–2).
3. When every effort has failed to restore such a member, the pastor and deacons shall, by majority vote, recommend to the congregation disciplinary discharge from the membership of the church.
4. The member in question shall then be notified by the pastor or an appointed deacon as to the time of when such a recommendation is to be presented to the church. This notification shall be given at least one week before the day of the business meeting.
5. The recommendation of the pastor and deacons need not include any more information than that which is necessary to indicate clearly sufficient grounds for disciplinary discharge. The repentance ought to be as public as the sin is notorious. That is, publicly known sins are to be repented of publicly.
6. Members of the church shall be notified at least one week in advance of the meeting to recommend disciplinary discharge.
7. Only voting members may attend such a meeting, and a majority vote of an ordinary quorum shall be required for passage of recommendation.
8. The person discharged for disciplinary reasons shall be regarded lovingly by the church. All contact by church members with the disciplined member should be for the purpose of restoration (Matt 18:17; 1 Cor 5:11; 2 Thess 3:15). However, the church shall endeavor by prayer and invitation to win him back into fellowship with Christ, hoping constantly for restoration with the church.

Section 6 – *Restoration*

Upon confession to God of personal offenses and giving satisfactory evidence to the church of repentance, those who have been disciplined from the membership of the church may have their membership restored by a two-thirds majority vote at a regular service or business meeting of the church, following recommendation by the pastor and deacons.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1 – *Regular Services*

- A. The primary services of the church will be held on Sunday. The number and times of which will be determined by the church to meet the needs of the church. Additional meetings may be held throughout the week for further instruction, fellowship and service.
- B. Lord’s Supper – The church shall normally observe the Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper once per month, on the first Sunday of the month in the evening service.

Section 2 – *Business Meetings*

- A. Regular Business Meetings of the church shall be held as needed and according to a predetermined, publicized schedule.
- B. Special Business Meetings, including, but not limited to, meetings in which a vote will be taken for the purchase or sale of real estate, shall be called by the pastor or upon his approval. Special meetings may be called at any time provided notice is given in a regular service prior to the special meeting.

C. Moderator

The pastor shall moderate all business meetings; in his absence, a moderator protem shall be appointed by the pastor.

D. Quorum

Those voting members present at a scheduled business meeting shall constitute a quorum.

E. Voting

All members eighteen years of age and older in good standing and present in person may vote on matters of business which are legally and properly presented at any business meeting. Except as otherwise specified herein, a simple majority vote of all members present as stated above shall be required for passage of any motion, resolution, or any transaction of business.

Article VI – Responsibilities of Officers and Leaders

Since officers and leaders are in positions of respect and example, all those who have been elected or appointed to offices and leadership positions must conscientiously endeavor to live faithfully to the precepts and principles taught in the Word of God. All personnel must be born-again Christians, striving to live blameless lives in service to the Lord and his work.

Endeavoring to live lives that are above reproach in heart and in conduct they should abstain from those things that could cause a fellow Christian to stumble or hinder their testimony (1 Cor 8:13, Mt 5:16), such as the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, gambling/gaming, ungodly dancing, secret societies, and other amusements and organizations dishonoring to God.

They shall also endeavor to be faithful in personal Bible study and prayer, evangelism and discipleship, and stewardship and attendance to this church, and to be exemplary in matters of Christian conduct, such as modesty in dress and appearance, use of language, attitude, etc.

Article VII – Church Officers

Section 1 – Pastor

A. Qualifications

The pastor shall be a male called of God to preach and meet the scriptural demands set forth in 1 Tim 3:1–7 and Titus 1:5–11. He must believe and without qualification adhere to the Word of God, constitution and by-laws, statement of faith, spiritual and moral standards as set forth in this document, and be uncompromising in the preaching of these truths.

B. Call

The deacons shall act as the pulpit committee. Other spiritually-minded men may be placed on the committee by their recommendation and approval by church vote. The committee shall be activated when the office of senior pastor is vacant and shall be dissolved when he assumes his duties.

After careful examination of his person, family, ministry, and beliefs, he shall be brought to preach at both Sunday services as a candidate and to be interviewed by the congregation. The committee shall inform the congregation of his credentials prior to his appearing. He shall have been previously informed by the committee concerning the proposed call, responsibilities, tenure, financial stipulations, and all facets of the church's ministry.

Upon proper announcement by the committee, the membership shall vote by secret ballot the following Sunday on his being called to the pastorate. He shall be elected by a three-fourths majority of those voting members present.

The candidate must desire the office and meet the Biblical qualifications. Then, the church shall approve him by vote at a business meeting before he may accept and assume the position. Only one man shall be considered at a time. He must be voted on before another may candidate for the position.

C. Tenure

The pastor shall continue in office until he resigns or is dismissed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any business meeting where his dismissal has been announced at least two weeks in advance and in at least three services of the church. At least thirty days notice shall be given by either party in case of desired separation.

D. Responsibilities

The pastor, as the under-shepherd responsible to the Lord Jesus Christ, shall preach the Word of God and administer the ordinances of the church. He shall be the leader of the church and shall advance the spiritual life of the congregation. He is the overseer of all phases of the church work and ministry. He is at liberty to schedule special meetings such as Bible conferences, evangelistic meetings, missionary conferences, and special guest speakers as he is led of the Lord.

The pastor is an ex-officio member of every committee and organization of the church.

E. Salary

The pastor's salary and allowance(s) shall be fixed prior to the time of election and may be changed at any regular business meeting of the church provided that prior notice has been given to the church (see Business Meetings Article V, Section 2). The amount shall be reviewed at least annually by the budget committee and its recommendation made subject to approval of the church.

A. Qualifications

Deacons shall be male and meet the scriptural qualifications of the office set forth in Acts 6:3 and 1 Tim 3:8–13, and shall have been active members of the church for at least six months.

B. Election and Tenure

The pastor and present deacons shall present a list of nominees for the office to the congregation at the annual business meeting. The congregation shall elect deacons by ballot. Deacons shall serve a term of three years, and may be re-elected after being out of office one year. The number of deacons shall be determined by the needs of the church and the men scripturally qualified to serve. Installation of new deacons will be by a dedication service following their election.

C. Responsibilities

Being directly accountable to the Pastor, deacons shall assist the pastor in carrying on the work of the church. They shall relieve the pastor of many responsibilities in order to better meet the needs of the church including, but not limited to ministering to the sick, benevolence, care of property, and visitation. They shall be vitally active in the discipleship and evangelism ministries of the church and shall assist in the ordinances of the church.

The Pastor shall call a Deacons' meeting when such need arises, giving sufficient notice to all, considering the circumstances. All Deacons are expected to be faithful to meetings.

Any deacon who is remiss in his responsibilities or whose life or family brings reproach to his office should resign or the pastor may recommend his dismissal to the congregation.

Section 3 – *Church Staff*

In order to meet the needs of the congregation adequately, the pastor is at liberty to fill positions, salaried and unsalaried with personnel who are equipped for the task and meet the spiritual qualifications previously set forth. These positions include assistant pastors, youth and music ministers, church secretaries, custodial staff, and other staff positions. It is expected that the pastor make a wise and prayerful decision after seeking the council of the deacons and in the best interest of the church. Salaried personnel may be hired only after the congregation has allocated the funds for that position in the budget. The pastor is entrusted with the responsibility of dismissing staff members. This may include, but is not limited to those who violate the conduct required of the officers of the church, or who are remiss in their duties. The staff is directly responsible to the pastor in their duties.

Section 4 – *Trustees*

A. Qualifications

The deacons shall serve as trustees. If there are less than five deacons, other trustees will be appointed by pastor and deacons.

B. Election and Tenure

When the number of deacons exceeds five, five shall be elected from among the deacons during the first meeting of the year, and their term shall be one year.

C. Responsibilities

They shall act as the legal agents of the church. They are the guardians of the church's legal papers and valuables. The trustees are the officers of this corporation in legal matters; they shall audit or arrange for an audit of the church finances as needed, and maintain the church insurance. They may act only by direction of the congregation.

Section 5 – *Treasurer*

- The Treasurer is responsible to oversee the finances of Life Point Baptist Church.
- He/she serves under the trustees and works in harmony with the pastors, trustees, deacons, and other church staff to ensure sound financial practices are followed.
- He/she is nominated by the pastors and deacons and elected by a majority vote of the congregation. He/she shall continue to serve until he/she resigns or is removed by a majority vote of the trustees.
- The Treasurer is responsible to:
 - Keep a record of all offerings and expenditures.
 - Ensure that all funds and securities of the church are properly secured in bank and other financial entities, as appropriate.
 - Pay all expenditures authorized by the church budget.
 - Implement adequate controls to guarantee that all funds belonging to the church are appropriately handled by any officer, employee, or agent of the church.
 - Present regular reports of all money received, expenses paid, and current account balances at least quarterly and when requested by the pastors or deacons/trustees.
 - Ensure that full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements are kept in order.

Section 7 – *Clerk*

The clerk shall keep a correct and permanent record of all the business meetings of the church, shall present the minutes at each business meeting, shall be the custodian of all the legal documents of the church, shall keep in his possession all deeds, insurance policies, securities and valuable papers, subject to the order of the church and in service to the trustees, and shall keep a register of all the members of the church, and send appropriate letters to other churches in regard to the receiving and dismissing of members.

Section 8 – *Ancillary Ministries*

All missionaries, mission boards, and ministries will be required to sign our doctrinal statement prior to receiving support from this church and shall affirm the same as requested by the pastor and deacons.

Article VIII – Church Government

Section 1 – *Autonomy*

This church, as a corporation, shall be non-stock, non-profit, and an exclusively religious corporation. This church is an independent Baptist church that is totally self-governing.

Section 2 – *Authority*

Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd, is the highest authority of the church. God has commissioned the pastor to oversee the local church and to shepherd His sheep. The pastor leads by the call of Christ and the consent of the congregation, the government of this church being vested in its membership.

Section 3 – *Associations and Fellowships*

Life Point Baptist Church shall be and shall always remain independent and autonomous. However, it may participate in fellowship and activity with other local churches or organizations of like faith and practice which consistently uphold the truth of God's Word and the spirit of this constitution and by-laws. Although said churches or organizations may have common interests, none of those interests may be pursued to the detriment of this local congregation.

Article IX – Separation

This church is opposed to any and all compromising movements, persons, and organizations. Therefore, Life Point Baptist Church shall refuse to collaborate with, or will withdraw cooperation from, any ecclesiastical organization or religious leader that clearly and/or purposely deviates from the Word of God in doctrine and practice.

Article X – Committees

Section 1 – *Budget Committee*

The budget committee shall consist of the pastoral staff, at least two deacons and at least two at-large members appointed by the pastor. Prior to the annual business meeting, the budget committee shall prepare a recommended budget for the church, which shall be submitted at the annual meeting and considered for adoption by the congregation for the ensuing year.

Section 2 – *Nominating Committee*

The nominating committee shall consist of the deacons and the pastoral staff. They will announce a list of the offices to be filled three weeks prior to the election of officers. Members may suggest qualified persons by submitting their names to the committee. The committee will review all names and add any which they consider qualified. The committee will then recommend qualified and willing persons to the church for vote. No further nominations will be made from the floor. Voting for officers will be done by secret ballot.

Section 3 – *Other Committees*

All other committees and committee positions shall be considered, set up, and appointed by the pastor and deacons. All such committees and officers shall be responsible to the pastor and the congregation. Job descriptions and/or responsibilities will be approved by the pastor and deacons.

Article XI – Ministries

All ministries, departments, organizations, classes, and groups are subservient parts of the church and shall under no circumstances be considered as separate and apart from the church or as operating independently of the church, its pastor, and the deacons.

Article XII – Finances

The financial needs of the church shall be met by the voluntary offerings and contributions of its members and friends. No entertainment venues, suppers, bazaars, rummage sales, or other similar methods for fund-raising shall be given by the church or auxiliary organizations whatsoever. Special offerings may be received apart from those collected in regular services.

From time to time the church, in the exercise of its religious, educational, and charitable purposes, may establish various funds to accomplish specific goals. Contributors may suggest uses for their contributions, but all suggestions shall be deemed advisory rather than mandatory in nature. All contributions made to specific funds or otherwise designated shall remain subject to the exclusive control and discretion of the pastor and the board of deacons. No fiduciary obligation shall be created by any designated contribution made to the church.

Article XIII – Property and Equipment

Decisions relative to the acquisition or sale of real property shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the members at a properly called congregational business meeting. All buildings, property, and equipment shall be used only by permission of the pastor, pastoral staff, and/or deacons. Use shall be principally for the use of this church, its functions, and related activities of the church.

Article XIV – Adoption and Amendments

Section 1 – Adoption

Upon adoption, this constitution bears immediate and complete constitutional authority upon this church.

Section 2 – Amendments

A. Procedure

This constitution may be revised or amended at any business meeting of the church, provided the meeting has been announced at least two weeks in advance and in at least three services of the church. The amendment shall be ratified by a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting.

B. Recording

A record of all amendments to this constitution and by-laws shall be kept in a book solely for that purpose. All said amendments shall be added to later additions of the constitution with the amendment date noted.

Article XVI – Dissolution of Corporation

In the event this church becomes incapable or unwilling to carry out its purpose, the church may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present at a meeting called for the consideration of dissolution. In the event of dissolution, the title to all remaining assets of the church, after all debts are paid, shall pass to (a) non-profit organization(s) standing for the fundamental truths of the Word of God as outlined in Article III of this constitution. No remuneration will go to any of the members or officers of this church.