

THE CONSTITUTION OF GREENSBORO CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ARTICLE I : NAME

The name of this organization is Greensboro Chinese Christian Church, hereafter referred to in this Constitution as the Church.

ARTICLE II : PURPOSE

The purpose of the Church is to follow the principles of the Bible in building up the Church of Christ, in worshipping, serving and glorifying the true God, equipping believers, and in spreading the gospel of salvation of Jesus Christ.

(Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; John 4:23-24; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 4:11-13; II Timothy 3:16-17).

ARTICLE III: STATEMENT OF FAITH AND CHURCH COMMITMENT

Section 1. Statement of Faith

1. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God and without error in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
(II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-21)
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Exodus 20:2-3; I Corinthians 8:6; II Corinthians 13:14; Revelation 4:11)
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man.
(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; John 1:14)
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned, and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God; that all human beings are born in sin and that this sinful nature is the origin of all sinful acts in thoughts, words, and deeds.
(Genesis 1,2,3:1-6,3: 24; Romans 1:18,1:32,5:12-19)
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for all sinners, according to the Scripture, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed Blood.

(John 3:6; Acts 13:39,15:11; John 16:30-33; Romans 3:24, 5:1,5:9,8:1)

6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His presence there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.
(Matthew 28:6-7; Acts 1:9-11; I John 2:1; Hebrews 5:9-10, 8:6)
7. We believe in the personal return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
(John 14:3; Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:16)
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God.
(John 3:3-8; II Corinthians 5:17; I John 5:1)
9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the everlasting punishment of the non-believers.
(I Corinthians 15; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:11-15)
10. We believe in the reality and personality of Satan, that he is the enemy of God and man, the cause of sin and death. He was defeated by Christ's death and resurrection, and will be casted into the lake of fire.
(Matthew 4:1-3; II Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 20:10)
11. We believe that the Christian body of believers is composed of all those who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.
(Acts 2:41-42; I Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:21)
12. We believe that all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ are called into a life of separation from worldly and sinful practices, and should keep themselves from such practices which would cause others to stumble or bring reproach upon Christ.
(II Corinthians 6:14-18; Romans 16:17-18; Matthew 18:5-17; II John 9-11)
13. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for Godly living and service.
(John 16:13-15)
14. We believe in the evangelization of the Word; that the supreme mission of the people of God is to preach the Gospel to everyone.
(Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:21; Acts 1:8)

Section 2. Church Commitment

1. Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, we do now in the presence of God, most solemnly and joyfully enter into commitment with God and each other, as one body in Christ.
2. We promise, therefore, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of the Church; to promote its growth and spirituality; to

contribute cheerfully and regularly to its support and for the support of the Gospel through all nations and people.

3. We also encourage private Bible reading and prayer, and seek earnestly the salvation of our own families and friends. We will be faithful to God before the world; honest in all of our dealings; upright in our conduct, not backbiting, not talebearing, nor given to excessive anger. We will unceasingly work toward the advancement of Christianity.
4. We further promise to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and in trouble; to have Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for restoring brotherly unity, always remembering the rules of our God to maintain unity in love.

ARTICLE IV : MEMBERSHIP

All persons sixteen years of age or above who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and whose lives are manifesting the fruits of a true faith in God shall be eligible for regular membership in the Church. Detail description is furnished in the By-Laws. (Acts 2:41-47; John 3:3; John 15:5)

ARTICLE V : ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS

The following sections are the definitions of the organization and meetings of the Church. Detail description is furnished in the By-Laws.

Section 1. Church Business Meetings

The Church Business Meeting, consists of all Church members, is the final voting authority of the whole Church. The voting is held in the following Church Business Meetings. Only regular members have the right to vote in the Church Business Meeting.

1. Regular Business Meetings - to be held at least once each year.
2. Special Business Meetings - to be held on an as-needed basis.

Section 2. The Pastor

The Pastor is the servant of God and the spiritual leader of the Church, he should lead the Church and carry out the Pastor's mission according to God's Word.

Section 3. Deacons

Deacons are church members elected to assist the Pastor in carrying out God's work in the Church.

Section 4. Deacon board

The Deacon board, the highest executive authority of the Church, is responsible for the planning and decision making of the Church. Meeting generally on a monthly basis to

discuss and schedule all church activities, the Deacon board should consist of the following members:

1. The Pastor.
2. The deacons.

Section 5. Departments

In order to organize and manage the Church in an orderly manner, the Church sets up the following departments to administrate different functions and services for God.

1. Worship Department.
2. Fellowship Department.
3. Education Department.
4. Evangelism and Mission Department.
5. General Affairs Department.
6. Care and Support Department

Section 6. Special Services

According to the Bible, Jesus Christ set up two special ceremonies to be observed by Christians. Consequently, the Church also observes the following two ceremonies as special services of the Church:

1. Lord's Super.
2. Baptism.

Section 7. Committees

A committee is a group of members elected by the Deacon board to perform a particular function or task in a certain period of time. The members of the committee will use their expertise and make recommendation or proposal to the Deacon board on that particular subject.

ARTICLE VI : DISSOLUTION

The Church may be dissolved by an eighty- percent affirmative vote of all current regular members in a Church general meeting specially convened for dissolution. In case of dissolution, proceeds shall be used for non-profit or charitable organization(s) chosen by the membership that meets the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code Section 501© 1943 or its equivalent.

ARTICLE VII : QUORUM

1. Unless otherwise specified in the Constitution and By-laws, at any session of a meeting of the Church, more than fifty percent of active regular members who are eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum.

2. In the event that a quorum is not formed in a meeting, the chair of the Deacon board will call a second meeting a week following the first meeting. Twenty five percent of the membership (active members) will constitute a quorum for the second meeting.

ARTICLE VIII : AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the Constitution, except the Statement of Faith as stated in Article III, may be proposed at any Deacon board meeting with at least two-thirds of the Deacon board members present, provided such amendment has been previously presented at least two weeks ago at a Deacon board meeting (regular or special). The proposed amendment has to be approved by at least two-thirds of the voting members of the Deacon board. The first announcement of the amendment proposal is made at the next Sunday worship service followed by the second announcement a week later from the Church pulpit. The Constitution may then be amended at a called business meeting of the church membership following the second announcement by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.