

Constitution of Three Stones Church, Inc.

PREAMBLE

Three Stones Church, Inc. (the “Church”) in order to effectively carry out the commission given by Jesus Christ does ordain and establish the following Constitution.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this corporation shall be Three Stones Church, Inc.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this corporation is to:

1. Engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of Delaware and to establish and oversee places of worship, conduct the work of evangelism, create departments necessary to support missionary activities and to license and ordain ministers of the gospel and to also engage in activities which are necessary, suitable and convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code. This corporation shall be a non-profit corporation.
2. The Board of Elders shall be construed to be the Board of Directors for purposes of incorporation. The Senior Pastor shall provide spiritual leadership to the Church by preaching the whole counsel of God, administering the ordinances, and look to the spiritual welfare of the Church.
3. The Church shall be, as led by the Holy Spirit, prescribed and approved by Scripture. We seek to follow the Biblical directive to the church to Worship God, Evangelize the world, and Disciple Christians into the image of Christ as discerned by the Board of Elders to:
 - a. establish and oversee places of worship
 - b. conduct the work of evangelism and discipleship
 - c. create departments as may be necessary in order that worship, evangelism, and discipleship be accomplished
 - d. have the right to own, hold in trust, use, possess, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or dispose of such property, real or chattel, as may be needed for the prosecution of its work
 - e. confer licensing and/or ordination to ministers of the Gospel.

ARTICLE III – MISSION

The mission of the Church is to sacrificially love God and all people leading to life change through faith in Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE IV – VISION

The vision of the Church is to

1. Worship God through:
 - a. Vibrant and authentic Worship – Psalm 29:2
 - b. Fervent and dependent Prayer – Matthew 7:7-8
 - c. Disciplined and relevant time in God’s Word – Matthew 4:4
 - d. Obedience to Christ – John 14:15
2. Evangelize the world:
 - a. To Obey and to Go – Matthew 28:18-20
 - b. Prepare to Harvest – Matthew 9:37-38
3. Disciple Christians:
 - a. Selflessly follow Jesus – John 1:37
 - b. Be a fallible follower and leader, learning and improving – Mark 3:15
 - c. Working together towards the Kingdom – Mark 6:7

ARTICLE V – TENETS OF FAITH

1. THE SCRIPTURES INSPIRED – The Bible, as contained in the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to men, the infallible and inerrant rule of faith and conduct.
2. THE ONE TRUE GOD – We believe in one, triune, God, Who exists in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. MAN: HIS FALL AND REDEMPTION – We believe God created man, male and female, in the image of God and free from sin. Due to the fall of Adam and Eve, all people since are born into sin and must be redeemed to be reconciled with God.
4. THE SALVATION OF MAN – We believe in salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We further believe that this salvation is based upon the sovereign grace of God, was purchased by Christ on the cross, and is received by man through faith apart from any human merit, works, or ritual. Salvation results in righteous living, good works, and proper social concern.

5. PROHIBITION of HOMOSEXUALITY – We believe homosexual behavior is a sin as stated in Leviticus 18:22, Romans 1:26-29, and 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. It is therefore required that members of Three Stones Church abide by this tenet in word and deed. Furthermore, neither the Pastor nor any other minister of Three Stones Church may conduct any form of solemnization duties associated with same sex marriages or civil unions, nor shall Three Stones Church allow any facility or place of worship to be used for same sex marriage or civil unions, even if the laws of the State of Delaware conflict.

ARTICLE VI – ORDINANCES

1. BAPTISM – The ordinance of baptism shall be overseen by the Senior Pastor for those individuals who proclaim salvation through Jesus Christ, and are able to, on their own, express that salvation.
2. THE LORD'S SUPPER – The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed as directed by the Senior Pastor.

ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed to a non-profit corporation of like faith and order and which would satisfy the remaining membership and qualify within the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a 75 percent vote of the Board of Elders.

Resolved:

This Constitution adopted on this day makes null and void all prior constitutions including any amendments.

Signed and certified on **March 12, 2014**, to be effective immediately.

James M. Dorton, Jr. _____ [SEAL]

Senior Pastor
Three Stones Church, Inc.

Jeffrey Townsend _____ [SEAL]

Secretary, Board of Elders
Three Stones Church, Inc.