

THE CONSTITUTION OF MILTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Adopted June 2022

Preamble

Since it pleased Almighty God, by His Holy Spirit, to call certain of His servants to unite as a congregation in 1892 under the name Crabapple Baptist Church in Milton County, Georgia, and to call certain of His servants to unite as a congregation in 2001 under the name Grace Church in Alpharetta, Georgia, both for the worship of God and the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and since He has sustained and prospered this work to the present day; and

Whereas we, having searched the Scriptures under the guidance of His Spirit, have recognized the need to merge our two congregations to conform more closely to His will for the Church in this age and to prepare ourselves for greater efforts in His name;

Now therefore, we do hereby covenant together as Milton Community Church in Milton, Georgia and organize ourselves in accord with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code and adopt this Constitution as our articles of governance, to be interpreted at all times to reflect the character of and bring glory to Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Holy Bible and articulated in the Statement of Faith and Covenant of this Church.

Article 1. Name

Clause 1. This congregation shall be known as Milton Community Church, which is established under the laws of the State of Georgia. Milton Community Church's regular meeting place is 12760 Birmingham Highway, Milton, GA 30004.

Article 2. Affiliations

Section 1. *AUTONOMY*

Clause 1. Milton Community Church is an autonomous local church under the Lordship of Christ, the rule of the congregation, and the leadership of the Elders.

Clause 2. Milton Community Church is self-governing and final earthly authority is vested in the members of this congregation.

Section 2. *COOPERATION*

Clause 1. The Bible teaches that local churches should seek voluntary fellowship with other doctrinally sound churches and Baptists have historically practiced this sort of associationalism. This voluntary association in no way involves the surrender of the individual church's freedom or dependence upon God.

Clause 2. Milton Community Church is in friendly cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, and the Greater Atlanta Baptist Network.

Article 3. Purpose

Section 1. SPIRITUAL

Clause 1. This Church exists to be a display of God's glory in our community, our nation, and to the ends of the earth.

Clause 2. This Church seeks to accomplish this purpose through:

- (a) Knowing, worshiping, glorifying, and enjoying God;
- (b) Discipling believers through Bible instruction and study;
- (c) Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through preaching, evangelism, and any other means consistent with the teachings of Holy Scripture;
- (d) Encouraging, supporting, and participating in missions locally, domestically, and internationally;
- (e) Administering the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper;
- (f) Encouraging Biblical fellowship among believers; and
- (g) Serving other individuals, families, and churches by providing for spiritual, physical, and emotional needs in the name of Jesus Christ.

Section 2. OFFICIAL

Clause 1. This congregation is legally organized as a church exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), including, but not limited to, for such purposes, the establishing and maintaining of religious worship, and the building, maintaining and operating of churches, parsonages, schools, and shelters.

Article 4. Membership

Section 1. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Clause 1. Members of this Church shall be believers in Jesus Christ who:

- (a) Give evidence of regeneration;
- (b) Have been Scripturally baptized as believers in obedience to Christ;

- (c) Hold without reservation the doctrines of our Church as expressed in the Statement of Faith;
- (d) Promise to keep the commitments expressed in the Church Covenant; and
- (e) Do not have unresolved church discipline from another like-minded congregation.

Section 2. *ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP*

Clause 1. An Applicant shall be received as a Member of the Church upon the recommendation of the Elders and the subsequent agreement of at least three-quarters of the Members present and voting on the question at any Members' Meeting.

Clause 2. No Member of this Church shall retain membership in any other local church, except for members serving under the commission of this Church on an international mission field.

Clause 3. Every Member of this Church shall sign and submit to the Church Covenant, the Statement of Faith, and this Constitution.

Section 3. *RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS*

Clause 1. Members unconditionally accept and whole-heartedly agree to follow the doctrinal precepts and moral principles taught in the Word of God by:

- (a) Actively participating in the life of the Church;
- (b) Faithfully and regularly attending Lord's Day worship unless properly or providentially hindered;
- (c) Faithfully observing its ordinances, namely Baptism and the Lord's Supper;
- (d) Submitting to its discipline and instruction;
- (e) Attending, as frequently as possible, its Members' Meetings and other gatherings; and
- (f) Living in accordance with the Church Covenant.

Clause 2. Only Members who fulfill the responsibilities stated above are considered to be Members in good standing.

Section 4. *PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS*

Clause 1. Under Christ, the final earthly authority of this Church is vested in the congregation.

Clause 2. Only Members in good standing may vote on the election of officers, decisions regarding membership status, and on other matters presented to the congregation.

Clause 3. Members shall be privileged and expected to participate and contribute to the ministry and life of the Church by use of their spiritual gifts, time, and resources.

Clause 4. Only Members of this Church shall lead any ministry or hold any office of the Church.

Clause 5. With the approval of the Elders, non-members may serve in the ministries of the Church on an ad-hoc basis; and non-members may serve the Church for purposes of administration and professional consultation.

Section 5. CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Clause 1. The Church shall have authority to exercise discipline over its Members, which may involve excluding from its membership any Member who willingly and persistently lives in violation of biblical moral standards, who consistently neglects the responsibilities and duties listed in our Church Covenant and this Constitution, or who is guilty of scandalous conduct by which the reputation of Christ and His Church are dishonored.

Clause 2. Any such discipline shall be done in accordance with the instructions of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 18:15-17 and those of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 5:1-5 and 2 Corinthians 2:6-8. The purpose of church discipline is for the purity of the Church and for the repentance, reconciliation, and restoration of the individual disciplined.

Section 6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Clause 1. The Church shall recognize the termination of a person's membership following his or her death.

Clause 2. The Church shall also recognize the termination of a person's membership by voluntary resignation, transfer to another church, or as the result of church discipline.

Clause 3. The termination of a person's membership by voluntary resignation, transfer to another church, or as the result of church discipline shall be done upon the recommendation of the Elders and the subsequent agreement of at least three-quarters of the Members present and voting on the question at any Members' Meeting.

Clause 4. The Church shall have authority to refuse a Member's voluntary resignation or transfer of membership to another church, either for the purpose of proceeding with a process of church discipline, or for any other reason the Church deems necessary or prudent.

Clause 5. If a disciplined Member heeds the warnings of church discipline, demonstrates repentance, and requests reinstatement, he or she shall be publicly restored to membership

through the recommendation of the Elders and the subsequent agreement of at least three-quarters of the Members present and voting on the question at any Members' Meeting.

Article 5. Meetings

Section 1. *WORSHIP GATHERINGS*

Clause 1. The Church shall meet together for public worship every Lord's Day morning, and at other times throughout the week as the Church may determine, unless providentially hindered.

Section 2. *MEMBERS' MEETINGS*

Clause 1. The Church shall hold a Members' Meeting at least every quarter, which shall not be held in place of the regular Lord's Day morning meeting, but at some other time.

Clause 2. The Elders, whenever they deem it necessary, or within thirty days of receiving a written request signed by twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting membership, shall call a Members' Meeting.

Clause 3. Notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of these meetings shall be published in writing to the voting membership at least ten days prior to the meeting.

Clause 4. The Elders shall provide a Moderator for all Members' Meetings (8.2.2).

Clause 5. Members' Meetings shall proceed according to a reasonable order.

Clause 6. The presence of fifteen percent (15%) of Members in good standing shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present for a vote to occur.

Clause 7. Motions shall be adopted upon the agreement of a simple majority of the Members present and voting on the question, except on matters otherwise provided for in this Constitution.

Clause 8. Only Members in good standing who are physically present may vote on matters presented to the congregation.

Clause 9. The voting method shall be determined by the Moderator of the meeting in accordance with the provisions in this Constitution.

Section 3. *MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT MEMBERS' MEETINGS*

Clause 1. The Church, duly assembled in a Members' Meeting, shall be responsible to:

- (a) Elect officers (Article 6);
- (b) Receive Applicants into church membership (Article 4);
- (c) Recognize termination of membership due to transfer of membership or voluntary resignation (Article 4);
- (d) Exercise church discipline (Article 4);
- (e) Approve, once in every year, a church budget (Article 8);
- (f) Hear reports from the Elders and, from time to time, the Deacons (Article 6);
- (g) Edit or amend the Constitution, Statement of Faith, or Church Covenant (Article 12);
- (h) Make major decisions regarding church buildings or properties; and
- (i) Take any other action the congregation deems necessary or desirable.

Article 6. Government

Section 1. OFFICES

Clause 1. The biblical offices in the Church shall be Elders and Deacons, but final earthly authority is vested in the assembled congregation.

Section 2. ELDERS

Clause 1. Oversight of the ministry and resources of the Church shall be vested in the Elders, which shall be comprised of a plurality of not fewer than three men who satisfy the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9.

Clause 2. In accordance with 1 Timothy 2:12 and 3:2, the office of Elder is reserved for men.

Clause 3. At least once in every year, the Elders shall at any Members' Meeting solicit from the congregation recommendations for the office of Elder, which recommendations shall be given to the Elders in private, and not publicly. The Elders shall give due consideration to any recommendation received. Active Elders shall take responsibility to train and equip all Elder Candidates.

Clause 4. Elders shall be selected as follows: The Elders shall at any Members' Meeting present to the Church a list of nominees to the office of Elder. For a period of at least two weeks, the Church shall consider whether such nominees are qualified for the office. If any Member believes one or more of the nominees to be unqualified, that Member shall express

such concern to the Elders, who may on the basis of that advice remove names from the list of nominees. No name shall be added to the list of nominees which was not included on the initial list. When a period of at least two weeks has elapsed, the Elders shall at the next Members' Meeting present a final list of nominees to the Church, who shall vote on each of the nominees by signed paper ballot. The Moderator or his delegates shall count the votes, and any nominee having the approval of at least three-quarters of the Members present and voting on his nomination shall be an Elder, which the Church shall publicly recognize and set apart as such.

Clause 5. Staff Elders and non-staff Elders shall serve in the same capacity as elders/pastors/overseers, and there shall be no distinction in authority or voting.

Clause 6. The Senior Pastor and Associate Pastors shall be considered Staff Elders. Elders who are not in the employ of the Church or who are employed by the Church in a position other than the Senior or an Associate Pastor shall be considered Non-staff Elders. All Elders employed by the Church shall excuse themselves from decisions and votes pertaining to their own pay and benefits.

Clause 7. Non-staff Elders shall serve a three-year term. Non-staff Elders are eligible to serve two consecutive three-year terms and must be reaffirmed by the Church in accordance with the process described in clause 6.2.4. After having served two consecutive three-year terms, Non-staff Elders must take a one year sabbatical from active service.

Clause 8. Staff Elders shall remain active Elders as long as they are employed by the Church, but shall be eligible for a paid sabbatical after every six years of continuous service. Non-staff Elders shall determine the duration and purpose of sabbaticals for Staff Elders.

Clause 9. No Elder shall hold the office of Deacon during his tenure.

Clause 10. The Elders shall, in keeping with the principles set forth in the Scriptures, especially Acts 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 5:17; Titus 1:5-9; James 5:14; and 1 Peter 5:1-4, undertake the responsibility of shepherding God's flock by devoting themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

Clause 11. The Elders shall have particular authority to:

- (a) Plan and oversee worship services;
- (b) Oversee the ordinances, namely Baptism and the Lord's Supper;
- (c) Examine and instruct prospective members;
- (d) Oversee the process of church discipline;
- (e) Examine and recommend candidates for all offices and positions;

- (f) Oversee the work of the Deacons and all other agents of the Church;
- (g) Hire, oversee, evaluate the performance of, and when necessary terminate paid church staff; and
- (h) Take any other action which shall be necessary and proper for faithfully overseeing and shepherding the Church.

Clause 12. On the occasion that an Elder must be disciplined and removed, he shall be removed from office upon the vote of three-quarters of the Members present and voting on the question at any Members' Meeting. Any such action shall be done in accordance with the instructions of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 18:15-17 and those of the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 5:17-21.

Section 3. SENIOR PASTOR

Clause 1. Primary responsibility for preaching and teaching the Scriptures in public meetings of the Church may be vested in a Senior Pastor. Only one Senior Pastor may be recognized at a time. The Senior Pastor shall be an Elder.

Clause 2. The Senior Pastor shall be selected as follows: The Elders shall at any Members' Meeting present to the Church the name of one nominee to the position of Senior Pastor. For a period of at least two weeks, the Church shall consider the nominee's gifts in preaching and teaching, and his commitment to minister personally to the Members of this Church. If any Member believes the nominee to be unqualified, that Member shall express such concern to the Elders. When a period of two weeks has elapsed, the Elders shall at the next Members' Meeting present the nominee for Senior Pastor to the Church, who shall vote on his selection as such by a signed paper ballot. The Moderator or his delegates shall count the votes, and if the nominee receives the approval of at least three-quarters of the Members present and voting on the question, he shall be a Member of the Church, an Elder, and the Senior Pastor, whom the Church shall publicly recognize and set apart as such.

Clause 3. The Senior Pastor shall meet all the qualifications and hold all the rights and responsibilities of a Member of the Church. He shall satisfy all the qualifications and hold all the duties and responsibilities of an Elder. In terms of formal authority, there shall be no distinction between an Elder and the Senior Pastor.

Clause 4. The Senior Pastor shall not be subject to a reaffirmation vote, nor to any term limit.

Clause 5. On the occasion that the Senior Pastor must be disciplined and removed, he shall be removed from office and his employment terminated upon the vote of three-quarters of the Members present and voting on the question at any Members' Meeting. Any such action shall be done in accordance with the instructions of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 18:15-17 and those of the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 5:17-21.

Section 4. ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Clause 1. Other particular pastoral responsibilities may be vested in one or more Associate Pastors. An Associate Pastor shall be an Elder.

Clause 2. An Associate Pastor shall be selected as follows: The Elders shall at any Members' Meeting present to the Church the name of one nominee to the position of Associate Pastor. For a period of at least two weeks, the Church shall consider the nominee's gifts in the particular area of service to which he is being called, and his commitment to minister personally to the Members of this Church. If any Member believes the nominee to be unqualified, that Member shall express such concern to the Elders. When a period of two weeks has elapsed, the Elders shall at the next Members' Meeting present the nominee for Associate Pastor to the Church, who shall vote on his selection as such by a signed paper ballot. The Moderator or his delegates shall count the votes, and if the nominee receives the approval of at least three-quarters of the Members present and voting on the question, he shall be a Member of the Church, an Elder, and an Associate Pastor, whom the Church shall publicly recognize and set apart as such.

Clause 3. An Associate Pastor shall meet all the qualifications and hold all the rights and responsibilities of a Member of the Church. He shall satisfy all the qualifications and hold all the duties and responsibilities of an Elder. In terms of formal authority, there shall be no distinction between an Elder and an Associate Pastor.

Clause 4. An Associate Pastor shall not be subject to a reaffirmation vote, nor to any term limit.

Clause 5. On the occasion that an Associate Pastor must be disciplined and removed, he shall be removed from office and his employment terminated upon the vote of three-quarters of the Members present and voting on the question at any Members' Meeting. Any such action shall be done in accordance with the instructions of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 18:15-17 and those of the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 5:17-21.

Section 5. DEACONS

Clause 1. Particular service to the Church shall be provided by Deacons, the number of which shall vary as the Church has need, and who shall satisfy the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

Clause 2. In accordance with 1 Timothy 3:11, the office of Deacon is available for men and women.

Clause 3. At least once in every year, the Elders shall at any Members' Meeting solicit from the congregation recommendations for new deacon positions and for qualified persons to fill new or vacant positions, which recommendations shall be given to the Elders in private, and not publicly. The Elders shall give due consideration to any recommendation received.

Clause 4. Deacons shall be selected as follows: Elders shall at any Members' Meeting present to the Church a list of nominees to the office of Deacon. For a period of at least two weeks, the Church shall consider whether such nominees are qualified for the office. If any Member believes one or more of the nominees to be unqualified, that Member shall express such concern to the Elders, who may on the basis of that advice remove names from the list of nominees. No name shall be added to the list of nominees which was not included on the initial list. When a period of at least two weeks has elapsed, the Elders shall at the next Members' Meeting present a final list of nominees to the Church, who shall vote on each of the nominees by a signed paper ballot. The Moderator or his delegates shall count the votes, and any nominee having the approval of three-quarters of the Members present and voting on his nomination shall be a Deacon, whom the Church shall publicly recognize and set apart as such.

Clause 5. No Deacon shall hold the office of Elder during their term.

Clause 6. The Deacons are not a deliberative body. Each deacon position shall serve a particular need of the Church. Task-specific deacon positions shall be created or dissolved upon the recommendation of the Elders.

Clause 7. Deacons shall serve a three year term. Deacons are eligible to serve two consecutive three-year terms and must be reaffirmed by the Church in accordance with the process described in clause 6.5.4. After having served two consecutive three-year terms, Deacons must take a one year sabbatical from active service.

Clause 8. In keeping with the principles set forth in Acts 6:1-6, Deacons shall not exercise a ministry of spiritual authority over the Church, but shall support the Elders' ministry of the Word and prayer, work to maintain the unity of the Church, and care for the physical needs of the congregation.

Clause 9. The Church may recognize Deacons to take responsibility for:

- (a) Seeing that the sick, the sorrowing, the elderly, the widowed, and the homebound receive spiritual and physical comfort;
- (b) Leading the hospitality ministries of the Church;
- (c) Attending to the normal care and maintenance of Church properties;
- (d) Receiving, holding, and disbursing a fund for benevolence, and for reporting from time to time on the use of such funds to both the Elders and the Church;
- (e) Attending to the accommodations for public worship;
- (f) Assisting in distributing the elements during the Lord's Supper; and
- (g) Serving in other specific capacities as the Church has need.

Clause 10. The Deacons may enlist church Members and organize teams to assist them in fulfilling their responsibilities as needed.

Clause 11. On the occasion that a Deacon must be disciplined and removed, he or she shall be removed from office upon the vote of three-quarters of the Members present and voting on the question at any Members' Meeting. Any such action shall be done in accordance with the instructions of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 18:15-17 and those of the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 5:17-21.

Clause 12. In the event a Deacon position becomes vacant, the Elders may appoint a person to fill that position and assume its responsibilities, until such time as some person can be duly recognized by the Church as a Deacon.

Article 7. Staff

Section 1. STAFF POSITIONS

Clause 1. The Elders may establish staff positions to assist the Church in accomplishing its mission.

Clause 2. The Elders are ultimately responsible to define job descriptions, propose funding, hire, and terminate staff positions. The Elders may enlist Deacons or church Members to assist in matters related to human resources.

Clause 3. The Elders shall have primary responsibility for the supervision and evaluation of all staff members. The Elders may delegate this responsibility to a staff pastor.

Clause 4. Staff members shall meet all the qualifications of a Member of the Church (4.1.1).

Article 8. Administration

Section 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Clause 1. The Articles of Incorporation provide for a Board of Directors pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. In compliance with the nonprofit corporation laws of Georgia, the Elders shall serve as the Board of Directors of the corporation.

Section 2. CHAIRMAN

Clause 1. The Elders shall elect a Chairman from among the Elders.

Clause 2. The Chairman shall serve as the chairman of Elders' meetings and as the moderator of Members' Meetings. In the Chairman's absence, the Elders shall appoint another Elder to fulfill these duties.

Clause 3. The Chairman shall be elected to a renewable term of one year.

Clause 4. For purposes of compliance with the nonprofit corporation laws of Georgia, the Chairman shall serve as the president of the corporation.

Section 3. SECRETARY

Clause 1. The Elders shall elect a Secretary from among the Elders.

Clause 2. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all Elders' Meetings and Members' Meetings of the Church. In the Secretary's absence, the Elders shall appoint another Elder to fulfill these duties.

Clause 3. The Secretary shall also keep an accurate roll of the membership, and give reports as requested by the Elders, the Deacons, or the Church.

Clause 4. The Secretary shall be elected to a renewable term of one year.

Clause 5. In compliance with the nonprofit corporation code of Georgia, the Secretary shall serve as the secretary of the corporation.

Section 4. TREASURER

Clause 1. The Elders shall elect a Treasurer from among the Elders.

Clause 2. The Treasurer shall ensure that all funds and securities of the Church are properly secured in such banks, financial institutions, or depositories as designated by the Church. The Treasurer shall also ensure that full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements are kept in books belonging to the Church, and that adequate controls are implemented to guarantee that all funds belonging to the Church are appropriately handled by any officer, employee, or agent of the Church. The Treasurer shall render to the Elders at least once in every year, or whenever they may require it, an account of all financial transactions and of the financial condition of the Church. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for presenting regular reports of the account balances, revenues, and expenses of the Church at regular Members' Meetings.

Clause 3. No person in the employ of the Church shall be eligible to be the Treasurer.

Clause 4. The Treasurer shall be elected to a renewable term of one year.

Clause 5. No person shall serve more than three consecutive one-year terms as Treasurer.

Clause 6. The Treasurer shall seek an independent accounting firm to conduct an outside review of all financial records at least once every three years.

Clause 7. In compliance with the nonprofit corporation code of Georgia, the Treasurer shall serve as the treasurer of the corporation.

Section 5. BUDGET

Clause 1. Each year the Elders, after consultation with the Deacons and Members, shall present to the Church an itemized budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposed budget shall be published in writing to the voting membership at least two weeks prior to the vote.

Clause 2. The Elders shall schedule a specially-called budget meeting to discuss the proposed budget at least one week prior to the vote. Notice of this specially-called budget meeting shall be announced at least one week prior to the meeting.

Clause 3. The budget shall be adopted upon the recommendation of the Elders and the subsequent agreement of at least three-quarters of the Members present and voting on the question at any Members' Meeting.

Clause 4. In the event of a failure by the Church to approve a new budget by the beginning of the new fiscal year, church expenses shall continue to be paid as specified by the most recently adopted budget, with its amendments. In such an event, the Elders may call a special Members' Meetings, the sole purpose being the consideration of a budget, with one day's notice by correspondence to the Members of the Church.

Clause 5. Once adopted, the total amount budgeted shall not be overspent. The Elders shall have responsibility to oversee and faithfully disburse the budget. Amendments to the budget shall be adopted upon the motion of the Elders and the subsequent agreement of a majority of the Members present and voting on the question at any Members' Meeting.

Clause 6. Final authority over all other resources of the Church shall be vested in the assembled congregation. Upon the recommendation of the Elders and the subsequent agreement of a majority of the Members present and voting on the question at any Members' Meeting, the congregation may fund certain designated accounts, distinct from the operating budget, which shall be under the oversight and authority of the Elders.

Article 9. Indemnification

Section 1. INDEMNIFICATION

Clause 1. The Church shall indemnify and hold harmless any and all officers, employees, or agents of the church. The Church shall provide indemnification against liability and expenses incurred in defending against a claim if the Elders determine that the person acted (a) in

good faith, (b) with the care an ordinary prudent person in a similar position would exercise under similar circumstances, (c) in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the Church, and (d) the person had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Article 10. Ratification

Section 1. RATIFICATION

Clause 1. This Constitution shall be ratified upon the approval of three-quarters of the Members of Crabapple First Baptist Church and of two-thirds of the Members of Grace Church present and voting on the question, and the two churches shall become one new Church under the name Milton Community Church that shall operate according to this Constitution.*

**This Constitution was ratified on June 5, 2022.*

Article 11. Compliance

Section 1. COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CONSTITUTION

Clause 1. If a church Member believes the church to be out of compliance with this Constitution, he or she should inform an Elder. When the Elders determine that the church is out of compliance with this Constitution, they must provide an update at each Members' Meeting until the situation is remedied.

Article 12. Amendments

Section 1. STATEMENT OF FAITH, CHURCH COVENANT, AND CONSTITUTION

Clause 1. The church must be always reforming to reflect the Word of God. This truth extends to church structures prescribed in the Statement of Faith, Church Covenant, and this Constitution. These documents serve the congregation and may be amended to reflect more biblical judgments, changed circumstances, more understandable language, and wiser practices.

Clause 2. The Statement of Faith, Church Covenant, or Constitution shall be amended upon the recommendation of the Elders and the subsequent agreement of three-quarters of the Members present and voting on the question at any Members' Meeting, provided the Amendment(s) shall have been announced in writing to the voting membership at least ten days prior to final consideration. Any Member serving under the commission of this Church

on an international mission field shall also be eligible to vote by correspondence on this question.

Article 13. Dissolution

Section 1. APPROVAL

Clause 1. In the event that the Elders of the Church determine reasonable cause to dissolve Milton Community Church as a corporate entity, the Elders shall recommend dissolution to the membership. The Elders shall call a special Members' Meeting (5.2.2). Notice of the meeting shall be sent in writing to the membership no less than sixty days prior to the meeting. The notice shall state that the purpose of the meeting is to consider dissolution of the corporation and how the assets of the corporation will be distributed after all creditors have been paid. The Church shall be dissolved upon the recommendation of the Elders and the subsequent agreement of at least three-quarters of the Members present and voting on the question at the specially-called Members' Meeting.

Section 2. ASSETS

Clause 1. In the event of the dissolution of this Church as a nonprofit corporation, the debts shall be fully satisfied and the assets of the corporation shall be given and paid over to nonprofit organizations of like faith and practice in an order which would satisfy the remaining membership and qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law). None of the assets or holdings shall be divided among its Members, individuals, or any groups not holding tax exemption.