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The Constitution of Grace Chapel

PREAMBLE

We, the members of Grace Chapel, Havertown, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, consistent with the Charter granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do ordain and establish the following Constitution to which we voluntarily submit ourselves:

ARTICLE I
Articles of Faith

SECTION 1. The following are the Articles of Faith or terms of Church membership.

1. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God consisting of the sixty-six (66) Books of the Old and New Testaments, is verbally inspired of God, and inerrant in the original writings and that they are the supreme and final authority in faith and life. (Mt. 5:18; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:20, 21)
2. We believe there is one only Living and True God eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. (Gen. 1:26, 27; Deut. 6:4; Mk. 12:29; 2 Cor. 13:14)
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true man, and as such He lived a perfect sinless life. (Lu. 1:30-35; Jn. 1:1-14; 10:30; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 4:15)
4. We believe that man was created in the image and after the likeness of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also that spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature which is enmity against God, and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word and deed. (Gen. 1:26, 27; Ps. 14:1-3; Rom. 3:22, 23; 5:12-19; Eph. 2:1-3, 12)
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood and righteousness. (Is. 53; Jn. 3:16; Rom. 3:24, 25; 6:23; Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19)
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest, Advocate, and the only Mediator between God and man. (Rom. 8:34; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 4:14-16; 7:25; 9:24; 1 Pet. 1:3; 1 Jn. 2:1, 2)
7. We believe in the personal and bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ to set up His kingdom upon the earth, to reign in righteousness and justice. (Zec. 14:4-11; Acts 1:11; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:1-6)

8. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith, and that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God and that the Holy Spirit indwells all believers. (Jn. 1:12; 14:17, 26; Eph. 2:8-10)
9. We believe there are two ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which are divinely enjoined upon all Christians. Without merit in themselves they provide an expression of faith regarding the believers identification and fellowship with Christ. (Mt. 28:19, 20; Lu. 22:19, 20; Acts 2:41, 42; 8:36-38; 18:8; 1 Co. 11:23-26)
10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost. (Mt. 25:46; Jn. 5:28, 29; 11:25, 26; Rev. 20:5, 6, 12, 13)

COVENANT

Before this congregation I publicly confess my faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation and heartily endorse the doctrines set forth in the Articles of Faith of the Constitution of this Church, and furthermore I do promise, in dependence upon the Grace of God which helpeth our infirmities, to attend diligently as possible upon the public worship of God in this Church, to sanctify the Lord's Day, to be faithful in closet devotion, and to strive in all things to honor my Lord and Savior by a walk and conversation in keeping with the gospel of Christ.

I do hereby pledge sincerely and unreservedly to devote myself to the Lord to be His forever.

I will endeavor to support and sustain the honor and worship of God in this Church, in contributing to its support, according as the Lord hath given unto me, and to preserve the good name of this Church by a consistent walk as the Lord shall give me grace, so that no reproach shall be brought upon the name of our Great God and Savior Jesus Christ or His Holy Word.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. Having set forth our basic beliefs, stated in Article I, we further subscribe to and affirm our belief in the following:

1. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the person of the Godhead who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; that He regenerates and baptizes all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption; and that He is the Divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth. It is the privilege of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit.
(Jn. 16:7-13; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; Eph. 1:13, 14; 5:18; 1 Jn. 2:20, 27)
2. We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts. We believe that the gift of tongues was, like the gifts of apostleship and prophecy, given for the founding of the church and is therefore not being given today. While we recognize that God may give any gift to the church at any time, we believe that the practice of tongues which is not scripturally regulated is not the genuine gift of tongues.
(Jn. 15:7; 1 Cor. 12:4-11, 28; 13:8; 14:21, 22; 2 Cor. 12:12; Gal. 5:22, 23; Eph. 2:20; 4:7-12; 1 Jn. 5:14, 15)
3. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. It is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word. Scripture, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh.
(Jn. 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1, 35-39; 13:13, 14; Gal. 5:13; Tit. 2:11-15; Heb. 7:25; 1 Pet. 1:5; 1 Jn. 5:13)
4. We believe that every Christian should avoid the "Works of the Flesh" by yielding himself to God and walking in the Spirit, thus experiencing the "Fruits of the Spirit". We also believe that believers should reasonably avoid all practices that, although not specified as sin in the Scripture, may be detrimental to their testimony or a stumbling block to fellow believers.
(Prov. 6:16-19; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Gal. 5:16, 19-22; Col. 3:5-9)
5. We believe that every saved person possesses two natures, with provision made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. All claims to the eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural.
(Rom. 6:11-14; 8:12, 13; 1 Cor. 13:10; Gal. 5:16-25; Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:10; 1 Pet. 1:14-16; 1 Jn. 3:5-9)

6. We believe that the Scriptures interpreted in their natural, literal sense reveal divinely determined dispensations or rules of life which define man's responsibilities in successive ages. These dispensations are not ways of salvation, but rather divinely ordered stewardships by which God directs man according to His purpose. Three of these dispensations - the age of law, the age of the Church, and the age of the millennial kingdom - are the subjects of detailed revelation in Scripture.
(Jn. 1:17; 1 Cor. 9:17; 2 Cor. 3:9-18; Gal. 3:13-25; Eph. 1:10; 3:2-10; Col. 1:24, 25; Heb. 7:19; Rev. 20:2-6)
7. We believe that the Church, which is the body and the espoused bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons of this present age. We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures.
(Acts. 13:1-4; 14:27; 15:19-31; 20:17, 28-32; Rom. 16:1, 4; 1 Cor. 3:9, 16; 5:4-7, 13; 12:12-14; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 1:22, 23; 5:25-27; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Tit. 1:5-11; 1 Pet. 5:1-4)
8. We believe that it is the obligation of believers to witness by life and by word to the truths of Holy Scripture and to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind.
(Mk. 16:15; Acts 1:8; Rom. 10:14, 15; 2 Cor. 5:19, 20)
9. We believe in the personal, imminent, pretribulational and premillennial coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, first to rapture the redeemed, and subsequently to return with His saints to establish His millennial kingdom.
(Zec. 14:4-11; 1 Thes. 1:10; 4:13-18; 5:9; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:1-6, 10)
10. We believe that Satan is a person who is the author of sin and the cause of the fall. He is the open and declared enemy of God and man and shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire. (Job 1:6, 7; Is. 14:12-17; Mt. 4:2-11; 25:41; Rev. 20:10)
11. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men: the saved to eternal life, the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment. We believe that at death the souls of the redeemed are absent from the body and present with the Lord. In conscious bliss they await the first resurrection, when spirit, soul, and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord. We believe that after death the souls of unbelievers remain in conscious misery until the second resurrection. At that time, with soul and body reunited, they shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire. They will not be annihilated, but will be eternally separated from God.
(Mt. 25:41-46; Mk. 9:43-48; Lu. 16:19-26; 23:43; Jn. 5:28, 29; 11:25, 26; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; 3:21; 1 Thes. 4:16, 17; 2 Thes. 1:7-9; Jude 6, 7; Rev. 20:4-6, 11-15)

ARTICLE III

This Church shall at all times hereafter be and remain undenominational and unaffiliated with any denomination in Church government and discipline.

ARTICLE IV

Governmental Structure

SECTION 1. The government of this church is vested in its entire membership, executed through the Board of the Church.

The Board shall be the corporate body of the church as required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Board may delegate limited authority to Officers, Committees and Auxiliary Boards as needed.

SECTION 2. The Board

The Board shall consist of the Elders which include: the Senior Pastor and six or more Elders selected from among the congregation. Those who comprise the Board shall have full voting rights in all Board activities. The Board, being comprised of Elders, will hereinafter referred to as either the Board of Elders, The Board, or Elders.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board shall be elected from among its lay members to serve a term of one year. A Chairman and Vice Chairman may be re-elected for successive terms. The Chairman is an ex officio member of all Committees.

All members of the Board must subscribe in writing annually to Articles I and II of this Constitution.

Two-thirds of the Board shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business. All decisions must be approved by a majority of its members.

SECTION 3. Pastoral Staff

1) Senior Pastor

- a) The Senior Pastor shall have the general oversight of the spiritual life, regular services and ministration of the ordinances of the church. He shall be an ex officio member of all Committees of the church.

- b) When it is the desire of the congregation to call a Senior Pastor, the Elders shall first appoint a Committee of Recommendation of seven to search out the Lord's will in this matter. After the Committee of Recommendation has approved a candidate by a two-thirds vote of its members, the Committee shall present that candidate to the Elders. Only one candidate shall be considered at a time, and in no case shall the name of more than one candidate be voted upon at a congregational meeting called for the purpose of electing a Senior Pastor. If the Elders approve the candidate by a two-thirds vote of its members, it shall call a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on the call of that candidate as Senior Pastor. If the candidate receives a two-thirds vote of the votes cast at that congregational meeting, a written call to the candidate shall be prepared and extended to him.

Once formed, a Committee of Recommendation will continue until the Committee is disbanded by the Elders or until a new Senior Pastor is installed. The Elders will fill any vacancies on the Committee by appointment. The Committee must make regular monthly reports to the Elders.

2) Termination

The services of the Senior Pastor may be terminated for cause at any time by a two-thirds vote of the votes cast at a congregational meeting called for that purpose. The services of an Assistant or Associate Pastor may be terminated at any time by the Board.

SECTION 4. Elders

The Elders are responsible for the oversight of the congregation. The focus of their ministry is to pray for, represent, spiritually feed and administrate within the congregation. The function of the office is primarily pastoral. Within this biblical mandate, the Elders are responsible for the initiation and administration of policy pertaining to the ministry of the church.

The Elders shall be responsible for dealing with all cases of church discipline and for administering the ordinances of the church with the pastoral staff. In the absence of the Senior Pastor, the Elders alone shall be responsible for supplying the pulpit and arranging for the regular services of the church.

SECTION 5. Deacons

The Deacons primary ministry will be to the physical needs of the congregation and to the physical properties of the church. Through dedicated service, the Deacons will actively seek ways to be a blessing to the church family and to evangelistic contacts. The Deacons will carry out their ministry under the direction of the Elders and assist the Elders in formulating and administering the policies of the church in areas of service to the needs of the congregation, and the physical properties.

SECTION 6. Elections

The Elders and Deacons shall be elected from the eligible members of the church for a term of three years. Terms of one or two years may be assigned so that a majority of either body will not end their terms at the same time. All Elders and Deacons shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the votes cast at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Elders and Deacons shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations must be approved by the Elders and presented to the congregation at least two Lord's Days before the Annual Congregational Meeting.

After serving two consecutive terms, Elders and Deacons may not be re-elected for at least one year. The Elders may appoint a member of the congregation to fill vacancies in either body to serve until the next Annual Congregational Meeting when the congregation shall elect a person to fill the existing vacancy. An Elder or a Deacon serving less than one year of a vacancy shall be eligible for immediate nomination.

SECTION 7. Officers

A Treasurer, Secretary and other Officers, as needed, shall be appointed annually by the Elders. Unless already members of the Elders, these Officers shall have no right to vote on matters brought before the Elders.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to oversee the receipt, custody and disbursement of all monies contributed for the work of the church, to oversee a complete and accurate accounting of all receipts and disbursements and to make a report at the regular meetings of the Elders and to the congregation at the annual congregational meeting.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Elders and of Congregational Meetings, take care of records and ensure that a register of the church membership is maintained.

ARTICLE V
Qualifications and Responsibilities

- SECTION 1. The Elders and Deacons shall meet the following qualifications:
- a) They shall live an exemplary Christian life before the world and the family of God as specified for each office in 1 Tim. 3:1-13 and Tit. 1:6-9.
 - b) They shall have been active voting members of this church not less than one year.
 - c) They shall be in full agreement with the Constitution and bylaws of this church.
 - d) They shall be men only and shall not have been divorced or married to one who has been divorced.

ARTICLE VI
Membership

- SECTION 1. The membership shall consist of those persons who have been approved by the Membership Committee and ratified by the Elders. Individuals shall be admitted to membership by confession or reaffirmation of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and by subscription to Article I of this Constitution. Members shall agree to seek to exercise their spiritual gifts for the mutual benefit of the church body and shall submit to the biblical leadership of the Elders.
- SECTION 2. For the purpose of receiving persons into membership, whether on confession or reaffirmation of faith, there shall be a Committee on Membership appointed by the Elders. The Committee shall elect its own Chairman from among its members. A majority in attendance shall constitute a quorum. It shall be the duty of the Committee to interview candidates for membership to ascertain their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and their assent to Article I of this constitution. If a candidate is approved by the Membership Committee, the individual shall be presented to the Elders for ratification.
- SECTION 3. Baptism by immersion shall be encouraged for those who have confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, but shall not be required for membership.

SECTION 4. An individual may be removed from the membership of this church by their personal request to the Elders or by evidence of membership in another church. A member not in regular attendance at church services for more than one year may be designated as an "inactive" member by the Elders and so notified in writing by certified mail. (Exceptions are cases of absence due to illness, infirmity, Christian service, military service, temporary employment not involving a permanent relocation, an extended vacation, and educational endeavor away from the immediate area.) An inactive member will not hold voting rights or be entitled to participate in business meetings or be included in a quorum. An inactive member will be reinstated as a regular member by the Elders after three months of regular attendance at church services. After review by the Elders, an inactive member who has indicated no interest in attending services may be removed from membership after being notified in writing by certified mail. Names of members who have been removed from membership will be noted in the minutes of the Elders.

ARTICLE VII (NEW)
Restoration and Discipline

SECTION 1.

Mutual accountability and discipline are commanded by God for all believers individually and for the church as a body. Restorative actions are required to restore a brother who has fallen into sin, warn other believers of the gravity of sin, preserve the honor of God and to preserve the fellowship of the church. The process of restoration and discipline is not restricted to certain types of sin. Any offense that seriously hampers the spiritual life of the individual or affects the life of the church, and that an individual is unwilling to repent of, may call for discipline.

A sinning person will first be dealt with according to the procedure outlined in Matt 18:15-18. If the process outlined in verses 15 -16 do not lead to restoration, charges will be put in writing by the Elders and submitted to the offending person. The offender will then be called to meet with the Elders.

The process outlined above provides a general guideline to the steps involved. It is not intended to preclude other attempts to restore the person in sin (e.g., several attempts at personal confrontation, or several meetings with a small group). Nevertheless, none of the above steps may be excluded.

In the case of one who has failed to repent during the initial phases of the restoration and discipline process, the whole church will ultimately be informed (Matt 18:17). If the individual remains unrepentant, the Elders will remove him from the membership roles.

If a member leaves the church during the disciplinary process, and if the Elders learn that he is attending another church, the elders may inform that church that the person is currently under church discipline and ask that the church encourage him to repent and be restored.

If a person truly repents during any phase of the disciplinary process, the church will lovingly restore him to the fellowship of the church. If the sin is public, the Elders will admonish the congregation that the restored person has truly repented and should not hinder his fellowship in the church. Whenever the Elders consider it appropriate, however, the restored person may be restricted from certain responsibilities within the church for a time to allow the person to demonstrate the qualities necessary for those responsibilities.

ARTICLE VIII
Ordination, Licensing and Commissioning

SECTION 1.ORDINATION

The Elders may form an Ordination Council if the Elders believe that a man who is a candidate for ordination is called to the Christian ministry and has been a member of Grace Chapel for more than one year and in the Lord's service for more than six months. The candidate shall submit in writing a statement of his doctrinal beliefs; and the Ordination Council, consisting of the Elders and which may include fundamental ministers from the area, shall thoroughly examine any such candidate for ordination as to his call to the Christian ministry, education, Christian experience, reputation, character, doctrinal beliefs and demonstrated efficiency in Christian service. A candidate shall be ordained by the church, through the Elders, if he receives a two-thirds vote of the Ordination Council recommending ordination.

SECTION 2.LICENSING

The Elders may license a man if the candidate for licensing has been a member of Grace Chapel for more than one year and the Elders believe that the candidate is either called to preparation for the Christian ministry or is engaged in Christian work.

SECTION 3.COMMISSIONING

Upon the recommendation of the Elders or the Missions Committee, the Elders may commission a man or woman to minister the Gospel if that person has been a member of Grace Chapel for more than one year and the Elders believe that that person is called to missionary service.

SECTION 4.In addition to the other requirements set forth in this Article, all candidates for ordination, licensing and commissioning must subscribe to Articles I and II of this Constitution.

SECTION 5.DISCIPLINE and REVOCATION

The Elders may discipline, in the manner set forth in Article VII of this constitution, members who have been ordained, licensed or commissioned under this Constitution; and this shall include the right to revoke the ordination, license or commissioning credentials of the member so disciplined. In the event of such a revocation, the ordination certificate, license or commissioning credentials shall be returned to the Secretary of the Board and destroyed.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

The Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose. Two weeks written notice of the proposed amendment must be given to the members of the church. If the members of the church approve the proposed amendment at said meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present, the Constitution shall be so amended. Article I hereof shall at no time be amendable.

The precise wording of any amendment shall be proposed by the Elders or by the petition of not less than fifty members eligible to vote. The amendment shall then be submitted to the members of the church as herein provided.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this organization shall be from October 1 to September 30.

ARTICLE II

Congregational Meetings

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the congregation shall be held within six weeks after the end of each fiscal year. The business of the meeting shall be to elect Elders and Deacons to their respective bodies, to receive financial reports to approve the annual budget and to transact such other business as may properly be considered. Only active members of the church who have attained the age of eighteen years and are present at the meeting shall be eligible to vote at the annual meeting or any special meetings.

SECTION 2. Seventy-five active members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 3. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Elders and shall always be called by the Elders when requested in writing by fifty active members of the church who are eligible to vote.

SECTION 4. Notice of all meetings shall be given from the pulpit and be available in printed form on the two Lord's Days immediately preceding the meeting.

SECTION 5. The following shall be observed at the annual meeting:

- 1) The Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman or an alternate previously elected by the Elders from among its membership shall act as chairman of the meeting.
- 2) The Secretary of the meeting shall be the Secretary of the Board or an alternate previously elected by the Elders from among its membership.

The order of business may include:

1. Prayer
2. Reading of minutes of the last Annual Meeting, including any adjourned and special meetings
3. Pastor's Annual Report
4. Nomination of Office Bearers
5. Election of Office Bearers
6. Report of Treasurer
7. Reports of Committees and Auxiliary Boards
8. Old business
9. New business
10. Adjournment
11. Prayer

ARTICLE III

Nominating Committee

SECTION 1. Three months prior to every Annual Congregational Meeting, a Nominating Committee of seven members shall be called together by the Senior Pastor for the purpose of nominating members to the Elders and Deacons. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Senior Pastor, three lay members elected by the Elders from among its membership, and three members appointed by the Senior Pastor from the congregation at large. In the absence of a Senior Pastor, the Chairman of the Elders shall assume the responsibilities set forth in this section.

SECTION 2. The Committee shall elect its own Chairman from among its members.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Committee to present names of nominees for the vacancies which will exist in the Elders as well as the Deacons at the forthcoming Annual Congregational Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted in writing to the congregation two Lord's Days prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting after approval by the Elders. The number of nominees presented shall be equal to the number of existing vacancies unless directed otherwise by the Elders.

If the election results in the number of Elders being less than the minimum required by the Constitution, then the Nominating Committee shall present additional nominees to the congregation, after approval by the Elders, and at least two Lord's Days before a special meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION 4. Elders

The Elders shall be chosen for a term of four years. Shorter terms may be assigned as needed. After serving two consecutive terms, Elders may not be re-elected for at least one year.

The Elders are responsible for the oversight of the flock. The focus of their ministry is to pray for, represent, spiritually feed and administrate within the flock. The function of the office is primarily pastoral, educational, representative, and administrative. Within this biblical mandate, the Elders are responsible for the initiation and administration of policy pertaining to the ministry of the church. The Elders shall also serve as the pulpit committee. They shall have charge of the work of supplying the pulpit and arranging for the regular services in the absence of the Senior Pastor. They shall be the means through which pastors shall be engaged or dismissed upon vote of the church. They shall assist in administering the ordinances of the church. They shall endeavor by God's grace to live and serve in full conformity with the standards set forth in this Constitution for their particular office, and especially as found in the Word of God. (Acts 6:4; 20:17, 28; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; 5:7, 17; 1 Pet. 5:2, 3)

SECTION 5. Deacons

The Deacons shall be chosen for a term of four years. Shorter terms may be assigned as needed. After serving two consecutive terms, Deacons may not be re-elected for at least one year.

The Deacons will tend to the physical needs of the congregation and any service needs of the church and its members. They will prayerfully handle benevolent disbursements, organize ushers and greeters, oversee the communion table preparation, and all properties and vehicles. They are integral to the administration of the church budget.

They shall endeavor by God's grace to live and serve in full conformity with the standards set forth in this Constitution for their particular office, and especially as found in the Word of God. (Acts 6:2-4; 1 Tim. 3:8-13)

SECTION 6. Committees

The committees shall be reviewed and reconstituted on an annual basis.

ARTICLE IV

Limitation of Liability of Directors

SECTION 1. An Elder, Deacon, Officer or member of any Auxiliary Board of the Church (all of which Board members are hereinafter called Directors for the purpose of this article) shall not be personally liable for monetary damages as such for any action taken, or any failure to take any action unless the director has breached or failed to perform the duties of his office under the Pennsylvania Directors' Liability Act (Act 1986-145) (relating to standard of care and justifiable reliance) and the breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness.

SECTION 2. To the extent permitted by statute, the congregation, at a meeting called for that purpose, may direct, by a two-thirds vote of those attending, that a current or former Director be indemnified by the church for any expenses relating to legal actions which are threatened, pending or completed and which are based on any action taken or any failure to take any action by a current or former Director.

ARTICLE V

Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose. Two weeks written notice of the proposed amendment must be given to the members of the church. If the members of the church approve the proposed amendment at said meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present the Bylaws shall be so amended.

The precise wording of any amendment shall be proposed by the Board or by the petition of not less than fifty members eligible to vote. The amendment shall then be submitted to the members of the church as herein provided.

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