PREAMBLE

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we uphold the authority of Holy Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions and the three ecumenical creeds. We unite together to preach the Gospel, administer the sacraments and carry out God's mission to the local communities and to the world. We recognize traditional Christian teaching on marriage as a covenant between one man and one woman.

ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND INCORPORATION

1.01. The name of this congregation is Bible Lutheran Church, Inc. and it is registered with the Georgia Secretary of State as a Non-Profit Corporation.

1.02. For the purpose of this constitution and the accompanying bylaws, Bible Lutheran Church, Inc.'s congregation is hereinafter referred to as "this congregation."

ARTICLE 2 - CONFESSION OF FAITH

2.01. We believe, teach, and confess the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

2.02. We believe, teach and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe in Him.

a. Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate, through Whom everything was made and through Whose life, death, and resurrection God fashions a new creation.

b. The proclamation of God's message to us as both law and gospel is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy in the person and work of Jesus Christ through Whom God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself.

c. The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God. Inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them God's Spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world.

2.03. We believe, teach, and accept the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the sole authoritative source and norm of our proclamation, faith, and life.

2.04. We accept the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds as true declarations of the scriptural faith we believe, teach, and confess.

2.05. We believe, teach, and accept the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and the Small Catechism as true witnesses to the Word of God, normative for our teaching and practice.

2.06. We believe, teach, and confess the other confessional writings in the Book of Concord, namely, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise, the Large Catechism, and the Formula of Concord, as further valid expositions of the Holy Scriptures.

2.07. We believe, teach, and confess the gospel, recorded in the Holy Scriptures and confessed in the ecumenical creeds and Lutheran confessional writings, as the power of God to create and sustain the priesthood of all believers, both male and female, for God's mission in the world.

2.08. This congregation believes that any lifestyle that is contrary to God's authoritative word and will is a sin in need of repentance. The Bible clearly states that "if a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them." Leviticus 20:13. "Don't you know that evil people won't have a share in the blessings of God's kingdom? Don't fool yourselves! No one who is immoral or worships idols or is unfaithful in marriage or is a pervert or behaves like a homosexual will share in God's kingdom." I Corinthians 6: 9-10a. Moreover, this congregation is instructed to love and minister to those living such lifestyles, while abhorring their sin.

2.09. This congregation will not perform any homosexual marriages. It will not condone or recognize such marriages, even if the state or federal government passes laws that provide for recognition of such unions.

ARTICLE 3 – MINISTRY

3.01. This congregation affirms that the nature of the church means all power in the Church belongs to our Lord Jesus Christ, its head. All actions of this congregation are to be carried out under his rule and authority.

3.02. This congregation affirms the priesthood of all believers and calls a pastor to preach and preside over the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Communion for good order. With congregational council approval, laypersons may preach on occasion.

3.03. A called minister of Word and Sacrament of this congregation shall subscribe to the confession of faith and otherwise comply with the ministry standards. The senior pastor shall have attained a Masters of Divinity degree or the equivalent from an accredited Lutheran Seminary.

3.04. All youth leaders, teachers, etc. will be vetted in accordance with this constitution and by-laws.

3.05. All staff, both paid and volunteer, are responsible to the pastor and the congregation council. All staff members are employed at the will of congregation council.

3.06. There shall be an emphasis on Biblically based Christian education.

3.07. The congregation shall establish outreach programs and participate in both local and global missions.

ARTICLE 4 - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

4.01. The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.

4.02. To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall:

a. Worship God in proclamation of the Word and administration of the sacraments and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness, and service.

b. Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scripture, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations.

c. Carry out Christ's Great Commission and Great Commandment by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ and by doing all ministry with a global awareness consistent with the understanding of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.

d. Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and powerless, and committing itself to their needs.

e. Nurture its members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of their Christian calling, and to use the gifts of the Spirit for their life together and for their calling in the world.

f. Manifest the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in prayer and action to express and preserve the unity which the Spirit gives.

4.03. To fulfill these purposes, this congregation shall:

a. Provide services of worship at which the Word of God is preached and the sacraments are administered.

b. Provide pastoral care and assist all members to participate in this ministry.

c. Challenge, equip, and support all members in carrying out their calling in their daily lives and in their congregation.

d. Teach the Word of God in its entirety, maintaining the authority of all scripture.

e. Witness to the reconciling Word of God in Christ.

f. Respond to human need, work for justice and peace, care for the sick and the suffering, and participate responsibly in society.

4.04. This congregation shall develop an organizational structure to be described in the bylaws. The congregation council shall prepare descriptions of the responsibilities of each committee,

task force, or other organizational groups and shall review their actions. (Such description shall be contained in continuing resolutions of the Congregation Council.)

4.05. This congregation shall, from time to time, adopt a mission statement which will provide specific direction for its programs.

ARTICLE 5 - CHURCH POLITY

5.01. The governnace of this congregation is vested in a Christian body of believers who compose its membership, and it shall remain autonomous. This congregation shall not be subject to the control of any other ecclesiatical body. This congregation may establish membership in an association of Lutheran Churches that remains true to the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions.

ARTICLE 6 - POWERS OF THE CONGREGATION

6.01. The powers of this congregation are those necessary to fulfill its purpose.

6.02. The powers of this congregation are vested in meetings of the congregation called and conducted as provided in this constitution and bylaws.

6.03. Only such authority as is delegated to the congregation council or other organizational units in this congregation's governing documents is recognized. All remaining authority is retained by the congregation.

6.04. The congregation is authorized to:

a. call a pastor;

b. terminate the call of a pastor;

c. appoint or terminate the appointment of associates in ministry.

d. approve the annual budget;

e. acquire real and personal property by gift, devise, purchase, or other lawful means;

f. hold title to and use its property for any and all activities consistent with its purpose;

g. sell, mortgage, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of its property by any lawful means;

h. elect its congregation council, and require it to carry out its duties in accordance with the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions; and

i. decide whether to establish or revoke membership in an association of Lutheran

Churches in accordance with this Constitution.

ARTICLE 7 - PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

7.01. All property of this congregation shall be deeded to Bible Lutheran Church, Inc. and held in its name. This congregation's real and personal property shall never be deeded to or held in trust by another ecclesiastical body. Further, this congregation's real and personal property shall never be subject to the control of any other ecclesiastical body.

7.02. Any property, which should be sold, leased, mortgaged or otherwise disposed of, shall be valid only if approved by this congregation by a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of those present and voting at a called meeting according to this constitution and bylaws and signed by this congregation acting through its president and attested by one other officer.

7.03. If a separation should take place in this congregation on account of doctrine, the property of the congregation and all benefits therewith connected shall remain with those members who continue to adhere in confession and practice to all articles of this constitution.

7.04. Should the church cease to function as a church body, then such property, real or personal, shall be donated by congregation council to a worthy non-profit religious institution according to the articles of incorporation, this constitution, bylaws, and any amendments thereto.

ARTICLE 8 - MEMBERSHIP

8.01. Members of this congregation shall be those baptized persons on the roll of this congregation at the time that this constitution is adopted and those who are admitted thereafter and who have declared and maintain their membership in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws. It shall be the duty of all adult members to regularly attend public worship services offered by this congregation and to partake of Holy Communion; to send their children of school age to Sunday School; to contribute material goods and personal service towards the maintenance of this congregation; and to submit and conform to the rules and regulations of this congregation.

8.02. Members shall be classified as follows:

a. Baptized members are those who have been received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in this congregation, or have been previously baptized in the name of the Triune God, or have been received by certificate of transfer from other Lutheran congregations or by affirmation of faith.

b. Charter members are those individuals who signed the parchment that became effective on February 28, 2010.

c. Confirmed members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, or those who have been received by adult baptism and instruction or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations who complete a new

member orientation as conducted by the Pastor.

d**.** Voting members shall be eighteen years of age or older and subscribe to the beliefs reflected in this Constitution. In order to vote at any meeting of this congregation, the voting member shall also have (1) attended at least one church service, (2) received Holy Communion at least once, and (3) their household has made a monetary donation to the general fund of at least $25.00, during the three (3) month period prior to the scheduled meeting. It shall be the members' responsibility to fill out a communion card and make a donation of record with the Financial Secretary to preserve their right to vote. The pastor and congregation council have the right to waive the financial requirement. A voting list will be established by congregation council prior to every meeting of this congregation.

8.03. All applications for membership shall be submitted to and shall require the approval of the congregation council.

8.04. It shall be the privilege and duty of members of this congregation to:

a. make regular use of the means of grace, both Word and sacraments;

b. live a Christian life in accordance with the Word of God and the teachings of the Lutheran Confessions; and

8.05. Members of this congregation shall be removed from the roll by any of the following:

a. death;

b. resignation;

c. transfer or release;

d. disciplinary action by the congregation council;

e filing a lawsuit against this Church.

f. failure to attend worship within a twelve (12) month period subject to congregation council's authority to make exceptions for homebound, sick, college students, active military, and other good cause; such persons shall be put on an inactive list for a period of 5 years for which the church will strive to make every attempt to gain the person back, after 5 years of no response along with the names of members whose whereabouts are unknown they may be removed from the membership roster of this congregation by proper vote of the congregation council

ARTICLE 9 - THE PASTOR

9.01. Authority to call a pastor shall be in this congregation by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of voting members present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose.

9.02. a. Every ordained minister shall:

1) preach the Word;

2) administer the sacraments;

3) conduct public worship;

4) provide pastoral care; and

5) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world.

b. Each ordained minister with a congregational call shall, within the congregation:

1) offer instruction, confirm, marry, visit the sick and distressed, and bury the dead;

2) supervise all schools and organizations of this congregation;

3) install regularly elected members of the congregation council; and

4) with the council, administer discipline.

c. Every pastor shall:

1) strive to extend the Kingdom of God in the community, in the nation, and abroad;

2) seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel; and

3) impart knowledge of this church and its wider ministry through distribution of its periodicals and other publication.

9.03. The specific duties of the pastor, compensation, and other matters pertaining to the service of the pastor shall be included in a letter of call or other agreement that shall be prepared by congregation council. The pastor shall assist other personnel as may be required for the purpose of ensuring an efficient and effective work environment. Congregation council shall have the authority to revise the duties of the pastor at any time.

9.04. The call of a congregation, when accepted by a pastor, shall constitute a continuing mutual relationship and commitment which, except in the case of the death of the pastor, shall be terminated for the following reasons:

a. Mutual agreement to terminate the call or the completion of a call for a specific term;

b. resignation of the pastor;

c. inability to conduct the pastoral office effectively in the congregation in view of local conditions, without reflection on the competence or the moral and spiritual character of the pastor;

d. the physical or mental incapacity of the pastor;

e. disqualification of the pastor through discipline on grounds of doctrine, morality, or continued neglect of duty;

f. the dissolution of the congregation;

g. suspension of the congregation as a result of discipline proceedings; or

h. by a majority vote of the voting members present and voting at a legally called meeting of this congregation to terminate the call.

9.05. At a time of pastoral vacancy, an interim pastor may be appointed by the congregation or the congregation council.

9.06. During the period of service, an interim pastor shall have the rights and duties in the congregation of a regularly called pastor and may delegate the same in part to a supply pastor with the consent of this congregation or congregation council. The interim pastor and any ordained pastor providing assistance shall refrain from exerting influence in the selection of a pastor.

9.07. This congregation shall make satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations to a former pastor before calling a successor. A pastor shall make satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations to this congregation.

9.08. When a pastor is called to serve in company with another pastor or pastors, the privileges and responsibilities of each pastor shall be specified in documents to accompany the call and to be drafted in consultation involving the pastors and congregation council. As occasion requires, the documents may be revised through a similar consultation.

9.09. The pastor shall keep accurate records of all baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, communicants, members received, members dismissed, or members excluded from the congregation.

9.10. The records of this congregation shall be maintained by the pastor and shall remain the property of the congregation.

9.11. The pastor of this congregation shall not be gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transsexual. The pastor shall not co-habitate with a member of the opposite sex.

9.12. This congregation has the power to ordain.

ARTICLE 10 - CONGREGATION COUNCIL

10.01. The voting membership of the congregation council shall consist of the pastor and nine (9) members of the congregation. Any voting member of this congregation as defined in Article 8 may be elected, subject only to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. A member's place on the congregation council may be declared vacant if the member a.) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation or b.) is absent from two (2) successive regular meetings of the congregation council without cause. Council members shall serve without compensation.

10.02. A nominating committee shall present a slate of candidates to the congregation council at the December council meeting. The candidate slate shall be publicized at the time of the notice of the annual congregational meeting. However, nominations from the congregation may be accepted up to the annual meeting and from the floor at the annual meeting with the nominees' consent.

10.03 The members of the congregation council (except the pastor) shall be elected at the annual meeting in January. A majority of the votes cast will be required for election to council. If no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a run-off election immediately following the first vote. The term of office shall be for three (3) years with the term of office beginning on February 1 and ending on January 31. One third (1/3) of the members shall be elected each year. Newly elected congregation council members shall be installed at worship on any Sunday prior to the date they assume office.

10.04 Council members may serve only one term, after which they may not be re-elected for a period of one year. Only one member per household will be eligible to serve on council at a time.

10.05. Should a member's place on the congregation council be declared vacant, the congregation council shall elect, by majority vote, a successor to complete the remainder of the unexpired term.

10.06. The congregation council should meet once a month. Special meetings may be called by the pastor, the president, or at the request of at least one-half of its members. Notice of each special meeting shall be given to all who are entitled to be present.

10.07. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the members of

congregation council.

10.08. The congregation council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God. The duties of the congregation council shall include the following:

a. To lead this congregation in stating its mission, to do long-range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals.

b. To seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service,and support.

c. To oversee and provide for the administration of this congregation to enable it to fulfill it's functions and perform it's mission.

d. To maintain supportive relationships with the pastor (s) and staff and help them annually to evaluate the fulfillment of their calling, appointment, or employment.

e. To be examples individually and corporately of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.

f. To promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill and, as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding.

g. To arrange for pastoral service during the sickness or absence of the pastor.

10.09. The congregation council shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation.

a. The congregation council shall be the board of directors of this congregation, and as such shall be responsible for maintaining and protecting its property and the management of its business and fiscal affairs.

b. The congregation council shall not have the authority to buy, sell, or encumber real property unless specifically authorized to do so by a meeting of the congregation.

c. The congregation council may enter into contracts of up to 5% of annual general fund for items not included in the budget.

d. The congregation council shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by this congregation at the annual meeting and shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption.

e. The congregation council shall ascertain that the financial affairs of this congregation are being conducted efficiently with giving particular attention to the prompt payment of all obligations and to the regular forwarding of benevolence money to those in need on a

local, national, and world level.

f. The congregation council shall be responsible for this congregation's investments and its total insurance program.

10.10. The congregation council shall organize and oversee the proper functioning of this congregation's committees. The congregation council has authority to create and dissolve committees. The congregation council representative to a particular committee shall be responsible for organizing that committee, keeping records of committee activities, and reporting to the monthly council meeting.

10.11. The congregation council shall see that the provisions of this constitution, the bylaws, and the continuing resolutions are carried out.

10.12. The congregation council shall provide for an annual review of the membership roster.

10.13. The congregation council and Pastor shall be responsible for the appointment and supervision of the salaried lay workers of this congregation.

10.14. The congregation council shall submit a comprehensive report to this congregation at the annual meeting.

10.15. The president of the congregation council or designated chairperson of the meeting shall only vote to break a tie.

10.16. The pastor shall be ex officio member of the congregation and the congregation council having voice and vote.

ARTICLE 11 - OFFICERS

11.01. The officers of this congregation shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, financial secretary and any others deemed necessary by congregation council.

a. Duties of the officers shall be specified in the bylaws.

b. The officers shall be voting and active members of this congregation as defined in Article 8 at least 18 years of age.

c. The president, vice president, and secretary shall be chosen from the membership of the congregation council. The other officers, if not members of the congregation council, shall be accorded the privilege of voice without vote in its meetings.

d. The congregation elects the members of council. From these members, the congregation elects annually the following officers to serve as officers of the congregation and council: President, Vice-President and Secretary. Their terms shall begin on February 1 and end on January 31.

e. By majority vote of congregation council, the council may appoint voting members of the congregation to each of the following financial offices when they become vacant: Treasurer and Financial Secretary. If the Treasurer and Financial Secretary are not selected from the elected membership of the congregation council, the Treasurer and Financial Secretary shall have voice but not vote at the meetings of the council. Their terms shall begin on February 1 and end on January 31. The congregation council at the conclusion of each appointed term may reappoint the officers.

l 1.02. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time.

11.03. By majority vote of congregation council, the council has the authority to remove a member from office with cause.

ARTICLE 12 - CONGREGATION MEETINGS

12.01. The annual meeting and election of council shall be held on a day in January of each year. It shall be a duty of all officers and heads of committees to make full and complete reports of the year's activities at this meeting. This congregation shall review and approve the budget and review the annual report. Congregation council will determine the date of the annual meeting.

12.02. A special congregational meeting may be called by the Pastor, the President, at least one-half of the congregation council, or by written request of twenty-five (25) voting members. The call for each special meeting shall specify the purpose or purposes for which it is to be held and no other business shall be transacted.

12.03. Notice of all meetings of this congregation shall be given at the services of worship in the preceding three (3) consecutive Sundays or by mail to all voting members at least 10 days in advance of the date of the meeting. The posting of such notice in the regular mail, with the regular postage affixed or paid, sent to the last known address of such members shall be sufficient.

12.04. Fifty-three percent (53%) voting members as defined in this constitution shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of 53% of voting members, the voting members present may fix the date for an adjourned meeting for which at least 20 days written notice shall be given. The members present at such adjourned meeting shall constitute a quorum.

12.05. Voting by proxy or by absentee ballot shall not be permitted.

12.06. All actions by this congregation shall be by majority vote of those voting members present and voting except as otherwise provided in this constitution.

12.07. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedure of all meetings of this congregation. If a rule contradicts any provision of this constitution, the constitution shall control. The presiding officer of a meeting shall only vote to break a tie.

ARTICLE 13 - CONGREGATION COMMITTEES

13.01. Congregation committees may be formed as the need arises, by decision of the congregation council. Congregation council has full authority to create and dissolve committees.

13.02. Duties of congregation committees may be specified in the bylaws or continuing, resolutions.

ARTICLE 14 - ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

14.01. All organizations within this congregation shall exist to aid it in ministering to the members of this congregation and to all persons who can be reached with the Gospel of Christ. As outgrowths and expressions of this congregation's life, the organizations are subject to its oversight and direction. Congregation council shall determine their policies, guide their activities, and receive reports concerning their membership, work, and finances.

14.02. Special interest groups may be organized only after authorization has been given by the congregation council (and specified in a continuing resolution).

ARTICLE 15 - DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

15.01. Denial of the Christian faith as described in this constitution, conduct grossly unbecoming a member of the Church of Christ, or persistent trouble-making in this congregation are sufficient cause for discipline of a member. Prior to disciplinary action, reconciliation will be attempted following Matthew 18: 15-17a, proceeding through these successive steps; a) private admonition by the pastor, b) admonition by the pastor in the presence of two or three witnesses, and c) citation to appear before the congregation council.

15.02. A member charged with the offense shall appear before the congregation council having received a written notice, specifying the exact charges that have been made against the member, at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

15.03. Should the allegations be sustained by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the congregation council and renewed admonition prove ineffectual, the council shall impose one of the following disciplinary actions: (a) censure before the council or congregation; (b) suspension from membership for a definite period of time; or (c) termination of membership in this congregation. Disciplinary actions (b) and (c) shall be delivered to the member in writing.

15.04. The decision of congregation council shall be final. However, disciplinary actions may be reconsidered and revoked by the Congregation Council upon receipt of a) evidence that injustice has been done or b) evidence of repentance and amendment.

ARTICLE 16 - BYLAWS

16.01. This congregation may adopt bylaws. No bylaw may conflict with this constitution.

16.02. Changes to the bylaws may be proposed by any voting member provided, however, that such additions or amendments be submitted in writing to the congregation council at least sixty (60) days before a regular or special meeting of the congregation called for that purpose and that the congregation council notify the members of the proposal with its recommendations at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting of the congregation.

16.03. Bylaws, may be adopted or amended at any legally called meeting of this congregation with a quorum present by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting.

ARTICLE 17 - CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS

17.01. The congregation council may enact continuing resolutions which describe the function of the various committees or organizations of this congregations.

17.02. Continuing resolutions shall be enacted or amended by a two-thirds vote of congregation council.

ARTICLE 18 – INDEMNIFICATION

18.01 To the fullest extent permitted from time to time by law, each person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed civil, criminal, adminstrative, arbitration, or investigative proceeding, including a proceeding by or in the right of this church, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a congregation council member, officer, employee, agent or member of any board, committee or commission of this congregation shall be idemnified against judgments, penalities, fines, settlements, and reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by the person in connection with the proceeding. The indemnification provided by this section shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a congregation council member, officer, employee, agent or member of a board, committee, or commission of this congregation and shall apply whether or not the claim against such person arises out of matters occurring before the adoption of this section. However, congregation council has authority to deny indemnification for any reason by a seventy-five percent (75%) vote.

ARTICLE 19 - AMENDMENTS

19.01. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by at least ten percent (10%) of the voting members of this congregation or by the congregation council. Proposals must be filed in writing with the congregation council sixty (60) days before formal consideration by this congregation at its regular or special meeting called for that purpose. The congregation council shall notify the members of the proposal with their recommendations at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

19.02. A proposed amendment to this constitution shall:

a. Be approved at a properly called meeting according to this constitution by a majority vote of those present and voting; and

b. be ratified with out change at the next meeting, which shall take place no sooner than sixty (60) days, by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting; and

c. have the effective date included in the resolution and noted in the constitution.

ARTICLE 20 – PRIOR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

20.1. This constitution shall terminate and replace any and all documents governing this congregation that are in existence at the time this constitution is ratified.

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ADOPTED BY THE CONGREGATION ON OCTOBER 24, 2010

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