



CONSTITUTION *of* HANOVER FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

ARTICLE I. NAME

This congregation of believers shall be known as Hanover Fellowship Church.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

This congregation is 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, the building of churches, parsonages, schools, chapels, radio stations, television stations, rescue missions, print shops, daycare centers, and camps; the evangelizing of the unsaved by the proclaiming of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; the educating of believers in a manner consistent with the requirements of Holy Scripture, both in Sunday and weekday schools of Christian education; and the maintaining of missionary activities in the United States and any foreign country.

The mission of Hanover Fellowship Church is to help our members, our community, and the world to find their purpose in life through a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, for His glory and honor.

Our vision is to be:

- A praying community*
- A spiritually growing community*
- An evangelizing community*
- A worshiping community*
- A serving community*
- A fellowshiping community*

ARTICLE III. STATEMENT OF FAITH

Our Statement of Faith shall be the same as that of The 2000 Baptist Faith and Message adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE IV. GOVERNMENT

We shall be a non-profit body governed by the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the body, the church, as He shall reveal His leadership to us through the Word of God and the Spirit of God. This church shall remain free and self-governing. The government shall be vested in its membership and administered by its officers. In function, final authority shall reside in the membership, which shall approve and/or affirm Biblically qualified leadership to carry out Christ's purposes.

ARTICLE V. COOPERATION

Recognizing that we are part of the worldwide body of believers in Jesus Christ, and that the furtherance of the Gospel is enabled through cooperation, we shall willingly choose to partner with organizations and individuals of like faith and practice, such as the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania and South Jersey, the Baptist Convention of Maryland and Delaware, the Keystone Baptist Association and the Mid-Maryland Baptist Association.

ARTICLE VI. PROPERTY RIGHTS

If the church membership votes to dissolve, and cease to function as a church of like faith and practice, or if the membership should dissolve through some disaster, the property rights shall be assigned to The Keystone Baptist Association of Pennsylvania or, should the association cease to exist, The Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey, to enable said association or convention to renew the work or use the values thereof for further Gospel enterprises.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution or any provision therein may be altered, amended or repealed, and a new Constitution may be adopted at any time, by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the active members present at a regular or special membership meeting.