

CONSTITUTION

Denton Baptist Association

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PREAMBLE

Recognizing our unity under the lordship of Jesus Christ and the common mission which he has given us, we, Baptist churches in the general area of Denton County, Texas, have established and will maintain an Association to enable member churches to more effectively respond to our Lord's purpose for us, utilizing the following plan.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Association shall be Denton Baptist Association, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The Association shall be composed of autonomous Baptist churches cooperating to assist each other in carrying out the Great Commission.

ARTICLE III - AUTHORITY

This Association shall be autonomous under the lordship of Christ and shall have no authority over any other body, including its member churches.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership in the Denton Baptist Association shall be open to any Baptist church that can work in fellowship with churches whose best expression of theological unity is any edition of "The Baptist Faith and Message," or a similar statement of faith adopted by the churches, and who desire to cooperate with other churches in the Association in carrying out the purpose of this body.

Section 2 Cooperation in the Association involves participation in the ministry of the Association; involvement in the work of the Executive Board; submission of an annual statistical and leadership report; and the giving of regular financial contributions to the work of the Association.

Section 3 Application for membership is to be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

- Section 1** The Executive Board, being representative of the member churches, shall be the governing body of the Association.
- Section 2** The Association shall meet at least quarterly through its Executive Board. One meeting of the Executive Board shall be designated as the Annual Meeting of the Association according to the procedures outlined in the Bylaws. Regular meetings and called meetings of the Executive Board shall be scheduled and announced according to the procedures outlined in the Bylaws.
- Section 3** Members of the Executive Board shall be selected from and by the member churches based on guidelines outlined in the Bylaws.
- Section 4** A quorum will consist of the number of duly selected Executive Board members present at a regularly scheduled or properly called meeting of the Executive Board including the meeting designated as the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTED LEADERSHIP

- Section 1** The officers of the Association shall be Chair of the Executive Board, Vice Chair of the Executive Board, Clerk of the Executive Board, Secretary of the Association, Treasurer of the Association, and three Trustees of the Association.
- Section 2** Officers and all other persons in leadership positions shall be elected annually during the Executive Board Meeting designated as the Annual Meeting. Vacancies occurring between such meetings may be filled by the Executive Board.
- Section 3** The responsibilities of officers and other leaders and the procedures for electing these persons are set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII - STAFF PERSONNEL

The Association may employ staff personnel. The procedures for doing so are set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended by a seventy percent (70%) majority of the members of the Executive Board at two consecutive Executive Board meetings designated as the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY RULES

In all questions covering the proceedings of the Association, *Robert's Rules of Order* (latest revised edition) shall be the authority of the presiding officer and the Association, unless such questions are covered by this Constitution or the Bylaws.