



Hillside Evangelical Free Church
CONSTITUTION

Article I : NAME

The name of this church shall be:
HILLSIDE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Article II : STATEMENT OF BELIEF

The following Twelve items constitute the statement of faith of this church:

1. We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross, a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, he arose bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High priest and Advocate.
4. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and, during this age, to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.
5. We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is, therefore, lost, and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
6. We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for the justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and, thus, become children of God.
7. We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as a means of salvation.
8. We believe that the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head.
9. We believe that only those who are, thus, members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.
10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church and that every local church has the right, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs.

11. We believe in the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that this “Blessed Hope” has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.
12. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead: of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.

Article III: PURPOSE

Subject to and consistent with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation relating to the purpose of this corporation, the purpose of this church is focused upon the person and work of Jesus Christ, and the church is committed to fulfilling the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) and the Great Commandment (Matt. 22:34-40)

Article IV: MEMBERSHIP

Members of this church must be twelve (12) years of age or older and must be persons who have received Jesus Christ as their Savior and whose lives are manifesting the fruits of a true faith in God.

Article V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

1. The Board of Directors of this church shall be the Chairman (President), Vice-Chairman (Secretary), and the Treasurer.
2. The Officers of this church shall be the Leadership Council as elected by the membership, the Senior Pastor, and the Senior Associate Pastor.

Article VI: BUSINESS MEETINGS

1. There will be an Annual Congregational Business Meeting of this church for the election of Officers and for the presentation and approval of budget(s).
2. Other Congregational Business Meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman in conjunction with a majority of the Leadership Council, according to need, providing each such meeting and its agenda have been announced at all church services on the two (2) consecutive Sundays preceding the prospective meeting.

Article VII: STANDING

This church shall remain free and independent and shall not join itself to other denominations or synod. It shall operate under a congregational form of government, remain its own highest authority and conduct its business through its business sessions. This church shall cooperate with the Evangelical Free

Church of America (EFCA). This church shall authorize delegates to the EFCA conferences and shall support the EFCA and unite efforts for the furthering of the Gospel as the church itself may officially decide.

Article VIII: AMMENDMENTS/REVISIONS

Amendments/revisions to this constitution may be made at any Congregational Business Meeting of this church by a two-thirds majority of votes cast by closed ballot. Said proposed amendments/revisions must be presented in written form and discussed at a Congregational Business Meeting at least four weeks prior to the time of its adoption.

Article IX: PROVISION FOR BY-LAWS

A supplement to this constitution known as By-Laws shall embody: the stated qualifications and duties for pastors, officers, and ministry teams; conditions for membership; method by which members are received; and parliamentary rules and regulations for the activities of the church. Revisions or additions to the By-Laws may be approved at any Congregational Business Meeting, provided they have been presented in written form to a previous business meeting of this church and made available to all members prior to presentation for vote. Such approvals require a majority of the votes cast.

ARTICLE X: PROPERTY RIGHTS

The organization to which the net assets of the corporation shall be distributed upon its termination and dissolution is the Evangelical Free Church of America, provided that such organization is qualified as set forth under the requirements of Section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.