

CONSTITUTION OF THE BUFFALO EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, in order to carry out more efficiently the commission given by Jesus Christ to His Church, do ordain and establish the following Constitution to which we voluntarily submit ourselves.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this congregation shall be the Buffalo Evangelical Free Church of Buffalo Minnesota.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this congregation is to be committed to:

- A. Knowing Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior,
- B. Building up the body of Christ, and
- C. Carrying out the work of Christ in the world.

ARTICLE III - STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Statement of Faith of the Buffalo Evangelical Free Church shall be the same as the statement of faith of the Evangelical Free Church of America, as it may be modified from time to time. A copy of the statement of faith of the Evangelical Free Church of America, current as of the adoption of this Constitution, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATION

This church shall be affiliated with the North Central District association and the Evangelical Free Church of America.

ARTICLE V - GOVERNMENT

The congregation, while under the headship of Christ, governs the church ministries through the Elder Board. The congregation retains final authority but delegates the authority to make policy decisions not specifically limited in the constitution or bylaws to the Elder Board.

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP

Any person who confesses personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who has assurance of salvation, who lives their life in accordance with their confession, who subscribes to the above statement of faith, and who is willing to support this church in faithful attendance, prayer, and material means may become a member of this church. The procedure for membership shall be outlined in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII – PROPERTY RIGHTS AND DISSOLUTION

In case of dissolution of the church organization, the property shall be assigned to the North Central District Association of the Evangelical Free Church of America. The church shall be considered dissolved if so decided by the congregation, or when the church has not held an annual meeting for three years, or when less than six members remain. If division occurs in the church, the name and all property are retained by those adhering to this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

Any Church Member meeting the qualifications of Article I in the Constitution may make a proposal to amend or rescind any provisions of this constitution. Proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Elder Board. Such proposals shall be duly considered by the Elder Board. If such proposal is approved by an eighty (80) percent vote of the full Elder Board. The proposal shall be presented to the congregation at the next annual business meeting for a first reading. The proposal shall be presented to the congregation for adoption at the next annual meeting. Copies of the proposal shall be available to the congregation at least three (3) Sundays prior to said meeting. An affirmative vote by written ballot of at least seventy-five (75) percent at any congregation meeting satisfying the requirements set forth in Article II. Written notice of such amendments must be mailed to all active members at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.

ARTICLE IX – PROVISION FOR BYLAWS

This church shall provide bylaws for its government and administration. They shall not conflict with the Word of God or with this Constitution.

This Constitution was officially adopted by the congregation of the Buffalo Evangelical Free Church of Buffalo, Minnesota on this date.

Secretary

Church

Chairman

Church

