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Constitution

Crossway Elm Creek

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this church shall be Crossway Elm Creek, hereinafter referred to as “the Church”.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of Crossway Elm Creek is to glorify God, revealing Christ to the world. We meet for worship, fellowship and growth in Christ and His Word.

ARTICLE III – NON-PROFIT STATUS

The Church shall carry out all of the above purposes without purpose of gain for its members or adherents, and any profits or other accretions to the church shall be used in promoting its purposes.

ARTICLE IV – CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Confession of Faith for the Church shall be that of The Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

ARTICLE V – AFFILIATION

The Church is a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba and is thereby a member of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. As a member of these Conferences, it gives moral and material support to their projects and activities.

ARTICLE VI – ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Church follows the congregational model of church governance. The membership of the Church is the final decision-making body. All organizational entities within the Church operate under the directives given by the church membership and are described in the Church bylaw and policy documents.

ARTICLE VII – LEADERSHIP BODY

The primary governing body within the Church structure is the leadership board. The leadership board is comprised of the moderator, assistant moderator, lead pastor, and three members-at-large. The Leadership Board shall be elected by church membership.

ARTICLE VIII - MEMBERSHIP

1. Acceptance of members:
 - a) Applicants are accepted into membership through baptism on the confession of their faith in Christ.
 - b) Applicants are accepted into membership through letters of transfer from other Mennonite Brethren churches.
 - c) Applicants are accepted into membership by a letter of recommendation from a church that practices baptism on the confession of faith in Christ.

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- d) Applicants who can provide evidence that they have been baptized on the confession of their faith in Christ are accepted into membership on the basis of their testimony.
2. Termination of membership may take place:
- a) By letter of transfer to another Mennonite Brethren church.
 - b) By release of membership upon that member's written request.
 - c) By a letter of recommendation to a church which practices baptism on the confession of faith in Christ.
 - d) By scriptural discipline.
 - e) By inactivity.
 - f) Death.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Church can only be accomplished through the affirmative vote of two-thirds of votes cast by members present at a congregational meeting and requires thirty (30) days notice of motion.

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Church:

- Funds and assets of the Church remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to the Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba.
- Any unsatisfied debts and approved liabilities shall accrue to the Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba.
- In the event that the Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba is no longer a qualified donee, the leadership board will determine which qualified donee will receive all remaining assets.

This Constitution was officially endorsed by the church membership as the governing document of the Church.

Date of Acceptance:

Nov. 5, 2020

Moderator:

P. H. Schmitt

Assistant Moderator:

Ken Fries