

CONSTITUTION
of
Freedom Fellowship Church

Changing Lives, Changing the Community, Changing the World
Through freedom and liberty found only in Jesus Christ (Gal. 5:1)

PREAMBLE

We declare and establish this constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith and to govern the body in an orderly manner. This constitution will preserve the liberties of each individual member and the freedom of action of this body in relation to other churches.

ARTICLE I – NAME AND LOCATION

The name of this church shall be Freedom Fellowship Church and the principal place of business is located in the greater Prince William County, Dale City, Virginia, area.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

It is our desire to be a multi-cultural church that represents our community's rich and diverse blend of families, who appreciate living, working, and ministering in the midst of ethnic diversity. FFC welcomes everyone regardless of denominational background; we believe that if the church is truly one, then we must be able to worship and serve the Lord together. We endeavor to seek the Lord for wisdom and understanding as we build meaningful relationships one-on-one, through Biblical fellowship within our small groups, and provide sound Biblical counseling through life long learning and mentoring. What's the goal? *To become more like Jesus in word and deed, to be kingdom minded, taking risks that give evidence to God's greatness, therefore having greater influence in the world around us.* It is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distribution to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under the Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE III – COVENANT

Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior an, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, doctrines, and discipline; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the

expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation.

ARTICLE V – TENANTS OF FAITH

Freedom Fellowship Church accepts the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Freedom Fellowship Church affirms all the statements of the historic Christian faith as confessed in the affirmations of the 1974 Lausanne Covenant and the Apostle's Creed as stated in the Policy Manual.

ARTICLE VI – GOVERNMENT

This assembly shall have the right to govern itself according to the standards of the Word of God and in accordance with the Vision, Mission & Purpose Statement until the consummation of this present age and the final establishment of God's eternal kingdom. *The government and management of Freedom Fellowship Church shall rest in a council of male Elders who are biblically qualified, (also called the local presbytery), consisting of a Presiding Elder and other Elders.* This church is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation with Pohick Bay Church and Grace Network.

ARTICLE VII – PROPERTY

Freedom Fellowship Church shall the right to acquire through purchase, gifts, exchange or otherwise such property real and personal, as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the general purpose of the local church; to sell, bequeath, loan or otherwise dispose of property belonging to the local church; to receive monies through gifts, offerings, tuitions, legacies, grants and loans as deemed necessary and to exercise all the rights and privileges granted by law to religious organizations. All property assumed by the assembly shall be deeded to the assembly and held in the names of the Elders providing oversight. No property of the assembly shall be sold, leased or mortgaged or otherwise disposed of without three-fourths majority consent of the Board of Elders.

ARTICLE VIII – FINANCES

All funds for the maintenance of the assembly shall be provided by the tithes, offerings and gifts of those in fellowship with and or in support of the assembly. The Board of Elders shall administer these funds. (Mal. 3:10; Lk. 6:33; I Cor. 16:1,2; II Cor. 9:6-8).

ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION

In the event that this assembly ceases to function as a church body, then the said property, real or chattel, shall be used only for the furtherance of the gospel of Jesus Christ as set forth in these tenets of faith.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

The counsel of Elders on the basis of Scriptural evidence, which would bring this constitution more closely in accordance with the Word of God, may amend this constitution. All amendments to this constitution shall be by three-fourths majority consent of the Board of Elders.

RATIFICATION

In Witness Whereof, we the undersigned, the Board of Elders, for the purpose of giving legal effect to this constitution, and in submitting ourselves to be governed by it, hereunto sign our names this

____ day of _____, 2002.

Kurt W. Wallace, Pastor/Elder

Alvis House, Elder

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