

Constitution of Central Christian Church of Austin, Texas Disciples of Christ
Adopted on November 18, 2018

PREAMBLE

We, the members of Central Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), of Austin, Texas, in order to promote the work of the Church in the spirit of Jesus Christ and thus advance his Kingdom, do hereby adopt this Constitution as of NEW DATE

ARTICLE I: NAME AND AFFILIATION

The name of this congregation is the Central Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), of Austin, Texas (hereinafter called "the Church"). The Church is affiliated with the Bluebonnet Area/Lower Rio Grande Valley District and the Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), of the United States and Canada.

ARTICLE II: MISSION AND VISION

The Church's mission is to support all people in their journey to explore, expand, and experience their truth with God to better connect with Christ and others.

The Church's vision is to be a Christ-centered church that supports family, community, and global transformation through worship, education, and outreach.

At Central Christian Church we strive to be true to the description of our denomination by an early church leader: "In faith, unity; in opinions, liberty; in all things, love." Therefore, each person is free to explore and interpret the Scriptures according to his or her own experience and is encouraged to do so with the nurture of a faith community.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this church shall consist of those who are presently identified as members; those who unite with it by confession of faith in Jesus the Christ as Lord and Savior and give expression to their faith through baptism; those that have been previously baptized and reaffirm their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; or by transfer of membership by letter or statement.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION

The administrative council will represent and be responsible to the congregation. The Trustees will act as the legal agents of the Church. As a basis of organization, the administrative council, will establish and maintain a set of bylaws. The purpose of bylaws is to provide operational details that are not included in the Constitution but may not circumvent or supersede any part of the Constitution. The bylaws shall govern the transaction of business, structure of the administration council and other committees, and general business of the Church.

ARTICLE V: CORPORATION

All property and assets of the Church are owned and held by the Church, a non-profit entity organized under the laws of the State of Texas. The affairs of the Church shall be managed by an administrative council, acting under the direction of the congregation.

All contracts and written instruments of the Church will be executed by at least two trustees and will be recorded by the secretary of the administrative council.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the congregation at any called congressional assembly through the process outlined within the bylaws. Bylaws may be amended

through ample notice and transparency with the congregation and a simple majority vote of the administrative council, as outlined within the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: DISSOLUTION AND DISBURSEMENT

If it becomes necessary to dissolve this congregation, recommendation for dissolution will be made by action of the administrative council. Such dissolution will require a three-fourths vote of those members present at a called congregational assembly. After paying all liabilities, any assets will become the property of the Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), in the Southwest, or its successor organization.