



Constitution

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Article I - Name

The name of this society shall be Valley Heights Community Church.

Article II - Purpose Statement

To preach, teach, promote, disseminate and advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ both in Chilliwack and abroad and thus fulfill the command of our Lord that His gospel be preached in all the world as a witness for all nations. We shall gather for the purposes of exalting our God, extending His kingdom, encouragement, evangelism, and to edify and equip one another in the faith.

Activities

1. Organize and provide religious instruction in the local church.
2. Perform pastoral and missionary work in the local church.
3. Commit together to live by Biblical teaching under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
4. Proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching, personal witness, and missions outreach in our community of Chilliwack and in the world.
5. Maintain worship, fellowship, prayer, the study of Scripture, and the fulfillment of the great commission as outlined in Matthew 28:18-20.

Strategies

1. We will exalt our God by ...
 1. Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord of our lives.
 2. Pursuing personal holiness - living pure lives that honour God.
 3. Holding weekly worship services centered on the person and work of Jesus Christ.

2. We will extend God's Kingdom by ...
 1. Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to our families, network of friends, neighbours and community.
 2. Extending the Great Commission to other communities beyond our own through planting new churches.
3. We will encourage others by ...
 1. Establishing a fellowship marked by love and acceptance, encouragement, comfort and accountability - a fellowship in which people care for one another and needs are met in a relevant and effective way.
 2. Using, as God directs us individually, the blessings He has given us- our time, talents, and possessions - to demonstrate the love of Jesus to others in tangible ways.
 3. Teaching people to commit everything to prayer, recognizing our complete dependence on God.
 4. Proclaiming the sufficiency of Scripture, the power of prayer, and the love of Jesus displayed by the community of believers, as effective in producing mature Christians.
4. We will do the work of evangelism by ...
 1. Training people in the Scriptures to be able to proclaim the faith to those who ask the reason for the hope we have in Jesus, with gentleness and reverence.
 2. Offering detailed and accurate presentations of the gospel as part of the preaching during worship services.
 3. Providing informational resources that clearly articulate the truths of the faith.
5. We will edify (build up) and equip one another in the faith by ...
 1. Continuously imparting Biblical truth by preaching and teaching with authority and conviction at weekly worship services and in home Bible studies.
 2. Developing thinking Christians who are equipped with solid Biblical knowledge, able to give an answer to all who ask the reason for the hope we have.
 3. Providing opportunities for interactive learning, where people can investigate the truths of Christianity and have their questions and objections addressed.
 4. Mentoring and modeling for others a consistent Christ-like lifestyle.

Article III - Organizational Structure of the Society

1. The Pastor-Teacher along with the other Elders shall be the spiritual leaders of the church.
2. Directors shall provide administrative oversight of the Society. The Directors shall consist of no less than three positions and they are elected by a 75% affirmative vote of the members of the church at the annual meeting. These

positions will be reviewed yearly and change or continuance decided by the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

The three titled positions are:

- a) Chairperson
- b) Secretary
- c) Treasurer

3. Duties:

a) Chairperson

- 1. Shall preside at all meetings of the Directors.
- 2. Shall call for extraordinary meetings as necessary.
- 3. Responsible for representing the church in all legal and financial matters, including insurance, loans, etc., in consultation with the Elders.

b) Secretary

- 1. Responsible to record accurate minutes of meetings of the Directors and congregational meetings, and make copies available as requested.
- 2. Responsible to be the correspondent of the church, unless other arrangements have been made.
- 3. Responsible to file duplicate copies of all minutes/correspondence of the church.

c) Treasurer

- 1. Responsible for all church moneys, keeping an accurate financial record.
- 2. Shall be one of the church's signing officers.
- 3. Responsible for submitting a proposed budget annually, in consultation with the Elders, for consideration and recommendation to the church.
- 4. Responsible for preparing quarterly financial statements.

- 4. Appointments. To fill a vacancy, the directors shall initiate a discernment process in the church. The results and recommendations from that process will be brought to the membership for affirmation at a congregational meeting.

Article IV - Charitable Purposes

The society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used solely to promote its objectives. This provision is unalterable.

Article V - Dissolution

The term of existence of Valley Heights Community Church shall be permanent without a specific term of existence. The property of Valley Heights Community Church is irrevocably dedicated to religious or charitable purposes, and upon liquidation, dissolution, or abandonment of Valley Heights Community Church, after providing for its debts and obligations, its assets will not inure to the benefit of any private person, but shall be distributed, as the existing officers direct, to a charitable organization in keeping with the mission of the church.

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