

**AMENDED
ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT**

ARTICLE I NAME AND LOCATION

The name of this church shall be Faith United Church. It shall be located in St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri.

ARTICLE II DURATION

Its duration shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III CORPORATE PURPOSE

The corporate purpose of this association shall be religious, and it shall have all the powers and privileges of religious corporations as provided in Chapter 352, Revised Statutes Of Missouri, 1959, with all amendments thereto, including the power to own, buy, sell, lease, mortgage, and otherwise deal in real estate; to receive gifts, legacies, donations from any sources whatsoever, either as trustee or outright beneficiary; to further by all proper and legitimate agencies and means the dissemination of religious and moral instruction, and for the support of public worship to build and maintain churches, parsonages, cemeteries, Sunday School buildings, and parking lot facilities in conjunction therewith; to secure copyrights and plates of books, periodicals, tracts and pamphlets; to publish, print, buy, sell and secure literature in any and all languages and countries; and to do all other things necessary to effectuate its object and doctrine, in so far as the same may be lawful.

ARTICLE IV OBJECT

The object of this church shall be to bind together followers of Jesus Christ for the purpose of sharing in the worship of God and in making His will dominate in the lives of men, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to practice loving service toward the needy, to further Christian unity, and to promote Christian fellowship.

ARTICLE V POLITY

The government of this church is vested in its members, who exercise the right of control in all its affairs and pledges itself to share in the common aims and work of this fellowship.

ARTICLE VI STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Statement of Faith of this congregation shall be that of The Apostles' Creed. Each member of this congregation shall have the right to follow the Word of God according to the dictates of his own conscience under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

ARTICLE VII AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We acknowledge as the sole head of this church, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of man. We acknowledge as brethren in Christ all who share in this confession. We look to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to prosper the creative and redemptive work of the church in this world. We claim as our own the faith of the historic church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant reformers. We affirm it to be the responsibility of the church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord and the practice prevailing among evangelical Christians, we recognize two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, as expressions of our faith.

ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this congregation shall be open to any person who has been baptized and who accepts the Statement of Faith. He may become a member by profession of faith, by reaffirmation of faith or by transfer of letter from another Christian Church. As a member he obligates himself to give of his time, talent and treasure for the advancement of the Kingdom of God through His Church.

ARTICLE IX SERVICES AND MEETINGS

- Section 1. The services of this church shall be held at such times and in such manner as may be provided in the By-Laws.
- Section 2. The congregation shall hold an annual meeting and such other meetings as are provided for in the by-Laws.
- Section 3. Twenty-five (25) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a congregational meeting.
- Section 4. The rules and regulations governing the business meetings shall be as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE X ADMINISTRATION

- Section 1. The officers of this church shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Clerk and the Treasurer. The mission and work of the church shall be carried on by the Board of Stewards, the Church Cabinet, the Commission on Church and Ministry, the Commission on Christian Education and Youth Work, and the Commission of Lay Life and Work.
- Section 2. The terms of office, manner of election, and duties of officers, Board of Stewards, Church Cabinet and Commissions shall be provided in the By-Laws.
- Section 3. There shall be such additional officers, boards, commissions, committees and auxiliary organizations as may be provided in the By-Laws.
- Section 4. All officers and members of Board of Stewards, Church Cabinet, Commissions, Committees and all officers of auxiliary organizations shall be members of the church.
- Section 5. Provision shall be made in the By-Laws for the finances of the church.

ARTICLE XI BY-LAWS

The church shall adopt such By-Laws as are required by these Articles of Agreement, by the laws of the State of Missouri, and as may be necessary to carry out the requirement of both.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. These Articles of Agreement may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of the time of the meeting and the substance of the amendment shall have been given by mail to the members two weeks preceding the meeting.
- Section 2. The By-Laws may be amended under the same conditions by a majority vote of the members present.

Approved January 7, 2001
(takes the place of the Constitution)