

CONSTITUTION OF
ARAPAHO ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

PREAMBLE

We declare and establish this Constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith and to govern this Church in an orderly manner while pursuing its ministry. This Constitution will guide this Church in conducting God's ministry locally, nationally or across all borders as He leads.

I. NAME

This Church shall be known as the ARAPAHO ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH OF GARLAND, TEXAS.

II. OBJECTIVES

This Church's purpose and mission is to "reach people for Christ and disciple them". This mission comes from Christ's command that we "make disciples", as read in Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

This Church's vision is to accomplish our purpose/mission through Ministry, Worship, Discipleship, Outreach and Community.

III. STATEMENT OF BASIC BELIEFS

We affirm the Holy Bible as the inspired infallible word of God and the basis for our beliefs. We voluntarily band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind and to minister to all. The ordinances of this Church are believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

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IV. POLITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

The government of this Church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. Persons duly received by the members in accordance with the Bylaws shall constitute the membership. All internal groups created and empowered by this Church shall report to and be accountable only to this Church, unless otherwise specified by Church action.

This Church is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it enjoys mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Baptist churches. Insofar as is practical, this Church will, in a democratic sense, affiliate with and support the Dallas Baptist Association, the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Southern Baptist Convention.

This Church has the exclusive right to determine the specific organizational structure which will best implement this Church's purpose. This Church may change its organizational pattern whenever it so desires.

V. AMENDMENTS

Changes in the Constitution may be made at any business meeting of this Church provided each amendment shall have been presented in writing at a previous business meeting and copies of the proposed amendment shall have been furnished to each member present at the earlier meeting or upon request. Amendments to the Constitution shall be adopted by three-fourths vote of Church members present.

The undersigned, being the duly elected and qualified Church Clerk, hereby certifies that the foregoing Constitution of the Corporation was duly adopted by the Corporation on _____, 2010.

Signature

_____, Secretary