

**RULES GOVERNING THE CONSTITUTION,  
POWERS, DUTIES, AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
TRUST BOARD OF THE PACIFIC GOSPEL  
MISSION CHURCH.**

**Pacific Gospel Mission**

**PGM Church**

31-33 Anglesea Street

Ponsonby Auckland

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS HELD  
AT X Seven O'CLOCK ON THE X30th DAY OF V April  
1980 AT X The Pacific Gospel Mission,  
16 Picton Street, Ponsonby, Auckland 1, N.Z.

Present: Mr. X Mr. Ed Pilisi (Pastor) (in Chair)  
Teki, Noe Hasini, Laisa Siakimotu, Robert Siakimotu, Janet Pilisi,  
Murare and Tua Ponini, Loaa Na'a, Herb Risto & Winnifred Risto,  
Ena Siumanu, Ross Little, Stella Grose, Meleanna Sauaki, Murray Yates,  
Ngatokorua Little, Tewilla Wolfgramme, Temana Rautana.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY as follows :-

1. THAT the Mission do forthwith form and incorporate a Trust Board to be known as the PACIFIC GOSPEL MISSION TRUST BOARD.

2. THAT the first Trustees of the Trust Board shall be :-

<u>CLAUDE ESPERIN MAINDONALD</u>	of Waimate in New Zealand Farmer
<u>HERBERT CLIFFORD RISTO</u>	of Auckland Missionary
<u>ASETOA EDWIN PILISI</u>	of Auckland Missionary
<u>MURARE PONINI</u>	of Auckland Machine Operator
<u>OWEN HINTON</u>	of Waihi Manager

3. THAT the Constitution for the Trust Board now produced be adopted by the Trust Board as the Constitution of that Board.

4. THAT the Trust Board be empowered on behalf of the Mission to :-

- (a) Enter into an Adopting Agreement, adopting the Agreement dated the 28th day of August 1978 entered into between PETER PHARO and WAYNE PORTER FIELD as Vendors and HERBERT CLIFFORD RISTO and CLAUDE ESPERIN MAINDONALD as Purchasers on behalf of the Mission in respect of that parcel of land containing Lot 2 on Deeds Plan 1324 and being all the land in Certificate of Title Volume 776 Folio 11 (North Auckland Registry) situated at Number 33 Anglesea Street, Ponsonby, Auckland.
- (b) Enter into an Adopting Agreement, adopting the Agreement dated the 1st day of May 1978 entered into between PETER PHARO as Vendor and HERBERT CLIFFORD RISTO and

CLAUDE ESPERIN MAINDONALD as Purchasers' on behalf of the Mission in respect of that parcel of land containing 2 roods 13.2 perches being Lot 2 on Deeds Plan 1379 and being all the land in Certificate of Title Volume 777 Folio 142 (North Auckland Registry) situated at Number 31 Anglesea Street, Ponsonby, Auckland.

5. THAT the Mission adopts as a Statement of its Belief and Confession of Faith the Doctrinal Statement of Belief and Confession of Faith attached to the Constitution of the Trust Board entitled "Rules Governing The Constitution Powers Duties and Proceedings of the Trust Board of the Pacific Gospel Mission" which is hereunto annexed.

Signatures of Members Present:

Rev A.P.	A.P. Aisi.	
H.C.R.	Herbert C Risto	T.W. T. Walbydman
S.S.G.	Stella Mc Grouse	
J.F.P.	Janet Fakahumanogi	Pilisi
St.B.	Bonini	Walter Winifred A. Risto
K.S.	Eva Seumanu	Ngatokoia LITTLE
St.P.	Tuakere Bonini	M.A. Moya
Philosophy		
J.R.	Jemana Rautana	
R.M.	Alfredino	
A.L.	Alfredino	
H.N.	N. HASINI	
T.R.T.	T. R. T.	
L.N.	L. Naig	
M.S.	Mileana Saraki.	



# CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

**PACIFIC GOSPEL MISSION TRUST BOARD**

**212220**

This is to certify that PACIFIC GOSPEL MISSION TRUST BOARD was incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 on the 8th day of June 1981.

*Mandy McDonald*

Registrar of Incorporated Societies  
24th day of January 2017



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AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUST BOARD OF THE PACIFIC  
GOSPEL MISSION**

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**1. Name:**

The name of the Board shall be PACIFIC GOSPEL MISSION TRUST BOARD (hereinafter termed "the Board").

**2. Registered Office:**

The registered office of the Board shall be at Number 16 Picton Street, Ponsonby, Auckland, or such other address as the Board shall from time to time determine.

**3. The Objects of the Board:**

- (a) To act as Trustee for and on behalf of the Pacific Gospel Mission at present holding Services at 16 Picton Street, Ponsonby (hereinafter referred to as "the Church") and to permit the said Church to use, occupy and enjoy any land and premises held by the Trust Board as a place for the public worship of God according to the doctrinal statement set out in the Schedule hereto under the direction of the Church for the time being assembled for worship therein for the instruction of children and adults, and for the promotion of such other religious or philanthropic purposes, or for the residence of the Pastor or such other persons as the said Church may from time to time decide.
- (b) To acquire, purchase, exchange, hold, manage, own, lease, rent, sell, convey, mortgage, encumber or otherwise deal with in any legal manner whatsoever any reasonable personal property for the purposes set forth in Paragraph (a) herein.
- (c) To accept by Transfer conveyances, gifts, demands, bequests or otherwise from any person, Trust, Corporation or other Body any real or personal estate or property whether subject to existing Trusts or not.
- (d) To undertake the Trusteeship of any religious, charitable or education Trust in any wise concerning the said Pacific Gospel Mission at Auckland.
- (e) To undertake the Trusteeship of any other Church associated with the Pacific Gospel Mission at Auckland.
- (f) To sell and dispose of any property, real and personal, which now is or hereafter invested in the Board, either by public auction, public tender or private contract, and any such sale may be for cash or on credit or partly for cash or partly for credit.
- (g) To raise or borrow money in such a manner as the Board may from time to time think fit and, in particular, to borrow the money on the security of mortgage of any real

or personal property, and otherwise on such terms and conditions as the Board may in its own sole absolute and uncontrolled discretion see fit.

- (h) To accept the surrender of any lease on such terms and conditions as it may think fit.

4. Constitution of the Board:

- (a) The Board shall have a membership of not less than three persons and not more than seven persons (hereinafter referred to as "the Trustees") who shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions hereof.

- (b) The first Trustees shall be five in number and shall be the following persons :-

<u>CLAUDE ESPERIN MAINDONALD</u>	of Waimate in New Zealand Farmer
<u>HERBERT CLIFFORD RISTO</u>	of Auckland Missionary
<u>ASETOA EDWIN PTLISI</u>	of Auckland Missionary
<u>MURARE PONINI</u>	of Auckland Machine Operator
<u>OWEN HINTON</u>	of Waihi Manager.

- (c) All of the foregoing persons shall hold office until death or retirement or until his office is vacated in accordance with the provisions hereinafter appearing.

- (d) All vacancies in the membership of the Trust Board shall be filled from time to time by the remaining Trustees. In the event of the number of the Trustees at any time falling below three, then the remaining Trustees may appoint to the office of Trustee such person or persons as may be necessary to bring the number of Trustees up to three.

- (e) The office of Trustee shall become and be vacant in each or any of the following cases, that is to say :-

- (i) If the Trustee shall die
- (ii) If the Trustee by notice in writing to the Trust Board shall resign from his office
- (iii) If the Trustee refuses to act further
- (iv) If the Trustee becomes of unsound mind or becomes a protected person under the Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Act 1912 or any Act passed in substitution therefor
- (v) If the Trustee becomes bankrupt or enters into a composition or assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

- (f) All acts done at a meeting of the Trustees shall be valid, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any Trustee or Trustees for that day or that any of them were disqualified.

- (g) Every Trustee shall be charged only for such money as he

shall have actually received although he may have joined in any receipt for money received by any other Trustee and shall not be answerable for the acts of any Trustee or for any loss which may arise by reason of any Trust Funds being deposited in the hands of any Bank, Solicitor or agent, or for the sufficiency or insufficiency or deficiency of any security in which any Trust money or any part thereof may be invested, or for any loss in the execution of any Trust unless the same shall happen through his own neglect or default.

**5. Powers and Duties of the Trust Board:**

For the purposes of carrying out the objects of the Board and for improving any joint property held by the Board on behalf of any Church for which it shall be a Trustee, the Board shall have the following powers :-

- (a) To administer the real and personal property in its control or disposition in such a manner as the Board thinks fit.
- (b) To purchase, take on, lease, call in, exchange, rent or acquire, mortgage, encumber, charge, let, sell, transfer, convey or dispose of any real or personal property whatsoever, see to, open, operate on any account or accounts on such Bank, Banks or Savings Banks, as the Board shall by resolution determine in the name of the Board, and any such account shall be operated on by such members of the Board as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- (c) To invest or otherwise deal with the funds accruing from such property as the Board shall hold in trust according to the Trusts affecting the same.
- (d) To negotiate and enter into all such agreements, arrangements and contracts as may be necessary to erect, improve, maintain, prepare, renovate and alter any building, structure or erection or for the financing thereof as the Board shall deem advisable.
- (e) To sell and dispose of any property whether real or personal which now is or hereafter may be vested in the Board, either by public auction, public tender or private contract, and any such sale may be for cash or on credit or partly for cash and partly on credit.
- (f) To raise or borrow money in such a manner as the Board may think fit and, in particular, to borrow money on the security of mortgage over any real or personal property held by the Board upon such terms and conditions as the Board may in its sole absolute and uncontrolled discretion think fit.
- (g) To accept the surrender of leases on any terms and conditions as the Board shall think fit.
- (h) To appoint one of the Trustees or some other fit person to be the Secretary of the Board and to appoint any other officer or proper officers or agents or members of the Board in the administration and management of the Trust property. Every appointment so made shall be revocable

by the Trust Board at its pleasure. The Trust Board may pay to its Secretary or to its other officers and agents not being Trustees such annual salaries or other remuneration as may from time to time be approved by the Trust Board. As herein provided, the Trust Board shall from time to time prescribe and appoint the duties to be performed by the said Secretary and its other officers or agents.

- (i) To accept any gift of property, real or personal, to be held by the Trust Board upon the terms stipulated by the donor or, in default thereof, upon such other terms as shall be determined by the Trust Board.
- (j) To invest any monies not immediately required for any of the purposes of the Trust in securities for the time being permitted by the law in New Zealand for the investment of Trust Funds.
- (k) To hold real and personal property of whatever nature, and to sue and be sued in its corporate name in all proceedings, civil or criminal, and in all Courts and before all Tribunals or Authorities, and do and suffer all that Corporate Bodies may do or suffer.
- (l) To effect as the Board sees fit such policy or policies of insurance as the Board may from time to time in its own sole absolute and uncontrolled discretion deem reasonable and against loss or damage by fire or earthquake or any other reason whatsoever.
- (m) To adopt and assume liability under an Agreement For Sale and Purchase bearing date the 1st day of May 1978 made between Peter Pharo as Vendor and Herbert Clifford Risto and Claude Esperin Maindonald as Agents for a Trust to be formed, namely, the Trust hereby established, in respect of all that property situated at Number 31 Anglesea Street, Freemans Bay, containing 2 roods 13.2 perches Lot 2 on Deeds Plan 1379 being portion of Allotments 8 and 9 of Section 49 City of Auckland and being the whole of the land comprise and described in Certificate of Title Volume 777 Folio 142 North Auckland Registry Limited as to Parcels.
- (n) To adopt and assume liability under an Agreement For Sale and Purchase bearing date the 28th day of August 1978 made between Wayne Porter Field and Peter Pharo as Vendors and Herbert Clifford Risto and Claude Esperin Maindonald as Agents for a Trust to be formed, namely, the Trust hereby established, in respect of all that property situated at Number 33 Anglesea Street, Freemans Bay, containing 16.5 perches, Lot 2 on Deeds Plan 1324 being portion of Allotments 8 and 9 Section 49 City of Auckland and being the whole of the land in Certificate of Title Volume 776 Folio 11 North Auckland Registry Limited as to Parcels.

6. Proceedings of the Trust:

- (a) Quorum: At a meeting of the Trust Board there shall be three Trustees present and voting at such meeting.
- (b) The Trustees shall hold such General Meeting at such times and at such places as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- (c) The Chairman or any two Trustees may at any time summon



- a Special Meeting for any cause that seems to him or them to be sufficient.
- (d) A notice in writing of every meeting, whether General, Special or Adjourned, shall be delivered or sent through the post to each Trustee by the Secretary or by some other person acting upon the direction of the Trustees or, in the case of a Special Meeting, by or under the direction of the person or persons summoning the meeting, and at least 14 clear days notice shall be given before the date of the meeting.
  - (e) Every notice of a meeting shall state the place, the day and hour of the meeting.
  - (f) If the quorum shall not have assembled within half an hour after the time appointed for any meeting, the Trustees or Trustees present, or the Secretary if no Trustee be present, may adjourn the meeting. Any meeting may be adjourned by the Chairman upon the adoption of a Resolution for its adjournment.
  - (g) The Trustees shall from time to time appoint a Chairman who shall preside at all meetings of the Board. In the case of the absence of a Chairman from any meeting, the Trustees then present shall elect a Chairman for that meeting.
  - (h) Every matter shall be determined by a majority of the Trustees present and voting on the question. The Chairman shall have a deliberate vote but not a casting vote.
  - (i) Any Resolution may be rescinded or varied from time to time by the Trustees at a Special Meeting.
  - (j) A Minute Book shall be provided and kept by the Trustees. Minutes of the entry into office of every new Trustee and of all proceedings of the Trustees shall be entered in the Minute Book. Any Minute shall be deemed to be evidence of the proceedings of such meetings if it purports to be signed by the Chairman of the meetings at which the proceedings were had or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting.
  - (k) Anything that may be done by the Board by Resolution, Special Resolution or Extraordinary Resolution passed at a meeting of the Board may be done by a Resolution passed by means of an entry in the Minute Book of the Board signed by all the members of the Board then holding office. Any such entry may be signed on behalf of a Trustee by his agent duly authorised in writing. For the purposes of this clause, a Memorandum pasted or otherwise permanently affixed in the Minute Book purporting to have been signed for the purposes of putting an entry therein shall be deemed to be an entry accordingly. Any such entry may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by or on behalf of the Trustees.
  - (l) The Trustees shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities and engagements of the Trust Board and may in their sole absolute and uncontrolled discretion cause the same to be audited by an auditor appointed by the Board from time to time.
  - (m) One or more banking accounts in the name of the Trust Board

shall be opened and kept with some Bankers determined from time to time by the Trustees and all sums of money received on account of the Board shall be forthwith paid into the credit of such account or accounts unless expressly otherwise directed by the Trustees.

- (n) The Trustees shall have and use a Common Seal for the affairs and business of the Trust Board and may from time to time change, alter or make such new Seal, as the Trustees may think fit. The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a Resolution of the Trustees and in the presence of any three Trustees. The Common Seal shall be kept in a safe place by such person as the Board may by Resolution from time to time direct.

7. Alteration to Rules :

The Rules as herein provided or any of them may from time to time be revoked, varied, or added to by a unanimous Resolution of the Board passed at a duly constituted meeting of the Board or by way of a Resolution of the Board in writing signed by all of the members of the Board then holding office, and entered in the Minute Book of the Board.

8. Additional Trusts :

The Trust Board may accept the offer of Trustee in and under any applicable Trust. The Trust Board shall keep the property comprised in any such Trust separate and distinct from the property held for the Pacific Gospel Mission at Auckland and shall be subject to such powers and duties as are conferred and imposed by the instrument creating any other such Trust, and such other powers and duties not inconsistent therewith as may be conferred or imposed upon the Trustees by law. The property vested in the Trust Board and subject to the Trust imposed in respect of the property held for the Pacific Gospel Mission at Auckland shall not be available for nor be called upon or in any manner applied to make any deficiency, loss or damage, or breach of trust which may occur in or about the execution of any other Trust accepted by the Board under the powers conferred upon it by this Rule.

9. Winding Up :

In the case of the Pacific Gospel Mission at Auckland, the Mission shall, by Resolution, resolve to dissolve itself or if the Pacific Gospel Mission at Auckland shall be otherwise dissolved or disbursed and not again formed within twelve calendar months next thereafter, or if the Pacific Gospel Mission at Auckland shall cease to conduct the public worship of God in any premises owned by the Mission for a period of two years or more, then the Board may dispose of all or any of the assets of the said Pacific Gospel Mission at Auckland held by the Board and stand possessed of the proceedings thereof :-

- (a) As to the whole or any part thereof for any other religious or charitable organisation or Church in New Zealand of which the Board shall be a Trustee as the Board shall in its own sole absolute and uncontrolled discretion determine and/or

(b) For the South Pacific Evangelical Fellowship with headquarters at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada

or

(c) In the event of the South Pacific Evangelical Fellowship having ceased to exist at the date of such winding up, then for such other religious or charitable organisation or organisations of such Church Fellowship or Church Fellowships as the Trustees may in their own sole absolute and uncontrolled discretion determine as being most in accord with the doctrine and objects of the Pacific Gospel Mission at Auckland, and the decision of the Trustees as to the disposition of such funds shall be final and conclusive.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF BELIEF OR CONFESSION OF FAITH

ARTICLE I

The Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible was :

- (a) (II Tim.3:16-17) written by men controlled by the Holy Spirit :
- (b) Psa.119:160: that it has truth without an admixture of error for its matter: and
- (c) Psa.119:89: therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the age, the only complete and final revelation of the Will of God to man: the true centre of Christians' union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

(EXPLANATORY)

- 1. By "THE HOLY BIBLE" we mean that collection of sixty-six books, from Genesis to Revelation, which as originally written does not contain and convey the Word of God but IS the very Word of God.
- 2. By "INSPIRATION" we mean that the books of the Bible were written by holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Spirit in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally inspired and free from error, as no other writings have ever been or ever will be inspired.

ARTICLE II

The True God

We believe that there is :

- (a) Ex. 20:2-3: one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the maker and supreme ruler of Heaven and earth
- (b) Ex. 15:11: inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy

of all possible honour, confidence and love  
(c) Matt. 28:19: that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

### ARTICLE III

#### The Holy Spirit

That the Holy Spirit is a divine person :

- (a) John 14:16-17: equal with God the Father and
- (b) Matt. 28:19: God the Son and
- (c) Heb. 9:14: of the same nature
- (d) Gen. 1:1-3: that He was active in the creation
- (e) II Thess. 2:7: that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the Evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled
- (f) John 16:8-11: that He convicts of sin, of judgment and of righteousness:
- (g) John 15:26-27: that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony
- (h) John 3:5-6: that He is the agent in the New Birth
- (i) Eph. 1:13-14: that He seals, baptises, endues, guides, fills, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies and helps the believer

And that the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, long suffering, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance) is the evidence of His indwelling rather than the speaking in tongues and other spectacular demonstrations.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Sanctification

We believe that sanctification has a two-fold meaning :

- (a) I Cor. 1:30: That of setting apart of things, days, or persons specifically for God and that the believer at the same time of his regeneration is so set apart by God the Father:
- (b) Col. 1:26-28: the progressive work of the Holy Spirit whereby the believer, obedient to the Word of God, experiences the power of the indwelling Christ for holiness of life and victory over the old nature, which work will be completed when the believer stands in Christ's presence.

### ARTICLE V

#### The Devil or Satan

We believe that Satan was once :

- (a) Isa. 14:12-15: holy and enjoyed Heavenly honours but

- through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty fell and
- (b) Rev. 12:9 drew after him a host of angels: that he is now
  - (c) I Thess. 3:5 the malignant prince of the power of the air, and the unholy god of this world.
  - (d) I Pet. 5:8 We hold him to be man's great tempter
  - (e) Zech. 1:3 the enemy of God and His Christ and
  - (f) Rev. 12:10 the accuser of the saints
  - (g) II Cor. 11:13-15 the author of all false religions, the chief power back of the present apostasy
  - (h) I John 4:3 the Lord of the anti-Christ and
  - (i) Rev. 13:13-14 the author of all powers of darkness - destined however
  - (j) Rev. 19:11 to final defeat at the hands of God's Son and
  - (k) Rev. 20:10 to the judgment of an eternal justice in hell, a place prepared for him and his angels.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### The Creation

We believe in the Genesis account of creation and

- (a) Gen. 1:1 that it is to be accepted literally and not allegorically or figuratively
- (b) Gen. 1:26-27 that man was created directly in God's image and after His Own Likeness
- (c) Gen. 2:7 that man's creation was not a matter of evolutionary change of species or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms
- (d) Gen. 1:11 that all animal and vegetable life was made directly and God's established law was they should bring forth only "after their kind".

#### ARTICLE VII

##### The Fall of Man

We believe

- (a) Gen. 3:1-6 that man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker but
- (b) Rom. 5:12 by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state
- (c) Rom. 3: 10-19 in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but of choice and
- (d) Rom. 1:32 therefore under just condemnation without defence or excuse

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### The Virgin Birth

We believe

- (a) Gen. 3:15 that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost

- in a miraculous manner
- (b) Isa. 7:14 born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of woman and
  - (c) I. John 5:20 that He is both the Son of God and God the Son.

ARTICLE IX

The Atonement for Sin

We believe

- (a) Eph. 2:8 that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace
- (b) John 3:16 through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God Who, by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature yet without sin honoured the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full and vicarious atonement for our sons
- (c) John 10:18 that His atonement consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr but was the voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust, Christ, the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree
- (d) I. Cor. 15:20 that, having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all-sufficient Saviour.

ARTICLE X

Grace in the New Creation

We believe

- (a) John 3:3 that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again
- (b) II Cor. 5:17 that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus
- (c) Luke 5:27 that it is instantaneous and not a process
- (d) II Pet. 1:4 that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God
- (e) John 3:8 That the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, not by culture, not by character, nor by the will of man, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel. (f) Gal. 5:22 that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life

ARTICLE XI

The Freeness of Salvation

We believe

- (a) I. Thess. 1:4 in God's electing Grace

- b) Matt. 11:28 that the blessings of salvation are made free to all through the Gospel
- c) Isa. 55:6 that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial penitent and obedient faith and
- d) Isa. 55:7 that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel
- e) John 3:18 which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation

#### ARTICLE XII

##### Justification

We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is Justification

- (a) Acts 13:39 that Justification includes the pardon of sin and the gift of eternal life on principles of righteousness
- (b) Tit. 3:5-7 that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, His righteousness is imputed unto us.

#### ARTICLE XIII

##### Repentance and Faith

We believe that Repentance and Faith are :

- (a) Acts 20:20 solemn obligations and
- (b) Mark 1:15 also inseparable graces
- (c) Acts 2:27-38 wrought in our souls by the quickening spirit of God
- (d) Luke 18:13 thereby, being deeply convicted of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy
- (e) Luke 12:9 at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ and openly confessing Him as our only and all-sufficient Saviour

#### ARTICLE XIV

##### The Church

We believe that a Church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers :

- (a) Acts 2:41 associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the Gospel
- (b) Acts 2:42 observing the ordinances of Christ
- (c) Eph. 1:22-23 Governed by his laws: and
- (d) Eph. 4:11, exercising the gifts, rights and privileges

invented in them by His word

- (e) Acts 14:23 that its scripturally designated officers are pastors and deacons whose qualifications, claims and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures
- (f) Matt. 28: 19-20 we believe the true mission of the Church is found in the great commission: First, to make individual disciples: Second, to baptise them: Third, to teach and instruct, as He has commanded. We do not believe in the reversal of this order
- (g) Col. 1:18 we hold that the local Church has the absolute right of self government, free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organisations: and that the one and only superintendent is Christ, as the only Head and Founder, through the Holy Spirit
- (h) Acts 15:22 that it is scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the Gospel: that every church is the sole and only judge of the measure and method of its co-operation:
- (i) I Cor. 6:1-3 on all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final
- (j) Its weapons of warfare are spiritual, not carnal.
- (k) Its financial plan is by tithes and offerings.

#### ARTICLE XV

##### Baptism and The Lord's Supper

We believe that Christian Baptism is :

- (a) Acts 8:36-39 The believer's immersion in water
- (b) Matt. 28:19 In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost and the Lord Jesus Christ
- (c) Rom. 6:3-5 To show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life
- (d) Acts 2:41-42 That in scriptural order it (baptism) precedes the privileges of church membership and is the public recognition of the Lordship of Jesus Christ
- (e) I Cor. 11:23-28 The Lord's Supper is a memorial service in which the elements of bread and wine remind us of the love of God in Christ Jesus "Who spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all" that his ordinance is to be observed in anticipation of His coming and preceded always by solemn self-examination.

#### ARTICLE XVI

##### The Perseverance of the Saints

We believe

- (a) John 8:31-32 that such only are real believers as endure unto the end



- (b) John 2:19 that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors;
- (c) Rom. 8:28 that a special Providence watches over their welfare and
- (d) I Pet. 1:5 that they are kept by the Power of God through faith unto eternal salvation.

ARTICLE XVII

The Righteous and the Wicked

We believe that :

- (a) Mal. 3:18 there is radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked
- (b) Rom. 1:17 that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem
- (c) I John 5:19 while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse
- (d) Prov. 14:32 and this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost.

ARTICLE XVIII

Civil Government

We believe that civil government is :

- (a) of divine appointment: Rom. 13:17: for the interests and good order of human society
- (b) Acts 23:5 that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honoured and obeyed
- (c) Acts 5:29: except only in things opposed to the Will of our Lord Jesus Christ
- (d) Matt. 10:28 Who is the only Lord of the conscience and the coming Prince of the kings of the earth
- (e) Separation of Church and State (Math.)

ARTICLE XIX

The Resurrection, Return of Christ and Related Events

We believe in and accept the sacred Scriptures upon these subjects at their face and full value :

- (a) THE BODILY RESURRECTION
  - (a) Matt. 28:6-7
- (b) THE ASCENSION
  - (b) Acts 1:9
- (c) THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD
  - (c) Heb. 8:6

(d) THE SECOND COMING

(d) John, 14:3

(e) THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS DEAD

(e) I Thess. 4:16

(f) THE CHANGE OF THE LIVING IN CHRIST

(f) I Cor. 15:51-53

(g) ON THE THRONE OF DAVID

(g) Luke 1:32

(h) HIS REIGN ON EARTH

(h) I Cor. 15:25

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