

Buhler Mennonite Brethren Church
CONSTITUTION
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ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this church is the Buhler Mennonite Brethren Church, hereafter referred to as BMBC or Buhler MB Church.

ARTICLE II. MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The mission of BMBC is to glorify Christ by loving God, loving others, and making disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Isa. 43:7; Matt. 22:35-40; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Rom. 15:5-6).

ARTICLE III. STATEMENT OF BELIEF

The Confession of Faith of the U.S. Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Churches, latest edition, is the Confession of Faith to which all members of this Church pledge themselves. They accept the Scriptures as the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

ARTICLE IV. AFFILIATION

BMBC is a member of the Southern District, United States Conference of the Mennonite Brethren (USMB). This church shall give both spiritual and material support to projects and activities of the above-named conferences as the Lord enables.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Any individual who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, experienced Believers Baptism, and is in agreement with the "USMB Confession of Faith," may become a member of BMBC.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Members of BMBC shall convene each Spring and Fall for Congregational Meetings as determined by the Team of Elders. A special Congregational Meeting may be called when needed. A quorum shall consist of at least 10% of the church membership.

ARTICLE VII. CHURCH OFFICERS

For governmental purposes the official church officers of BMBC will be Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer. The officers will be nominated by the Team of Elders and affirmed by the Congregation.

ARTICLE VIII. CHURCH GOVERNMENT

The head of the Church is Jesus Christ. Under Him the government is delegated by the membership of BMBC to the Team of Elders who will oversee the Congregation. The assembled membership is the highest human authority in the church under Christ. The membership of BMBC shall delegate most decisions that are needed for oversight to the Team of Elders.

ARTICLE IX. PROPERTY RIGHTS

In the event of disagreement and division among the church membership, the Buhler MB name and all church property shall be retained by those members remaining and adhering to the Constitution. In the event that Buhler MB is dissolved or ceases to function, the assets shall become the property of the Southern District of the USMB.

ARTICLE X. PROVISIONS FOR BY-LAWS

A supplement to this constitution known as By-laws shall embody the procedures for the operation of BMBC. No By-laws shall be in conflict with the principles of the constitution.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

These articles may be amended or revised at any regular or special Congregational Meeting with a two-thirds majority of votes cast by the membership that is present. Amendments shall be submitted in writing at least 30 days prior to voting.