

CONSTITUTION

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH OF WOONSOCKET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

I. Preamble

For the purpose of preserving and making secure the principles of our faith and to the end that this body shall be governed in an orderly manner; for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual member of this Church; that all things may be done decently and in order, and that we may more readily help each other in our Christian service as members of the Harvest Community Church of Woonsocket, Inc., we do hereby adopt this Constitution and By-laws to govern our Church as we go about the Lord's work.

II. Name and Location

This body will be known as the *Harvest Community Church of Woonsocket, Inc.*, located at Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

III. Purpose and Objective

Harvest Community Church of Woonsocket exists for the purpose of communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ, fulfilling the Great Commission, discipling and planting like-minded local assemblies in the United States and abroad. The Church is comprised of members who have been saved by faith alone in Christ alone and publicly confess their commitment to Christ and His leading of their lives. The Church is commissioned by Christ to maintain and to expand His Kingdom through the ongoing, Spirit-led work of Evangelism, Bible study, Worship, Prayer, Discipleship, Fellowship and church planting.

IV. Statement of Basic Beliefs

We affirm the Holy Bible as the inspired word of God in their autographs and are the basis for our beliefs. This Church subscribes to its own published Statement of Faith. 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. The two ordinances of the Church are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

V. Church Membership (and Admission of Members)

This is a sovereign and independent local assembly under the lordship of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the Church retains unto itself the exclusive right of self-government through its leadership in all phases of the spiritual and temporal life of this Church. The leadership reserves the exclusive right to determine who shall be members of this Church and the conditions of such membership. Procedures for admission and dismissal, and shall be as provided by the By-laws of the Church.

VI. Administration of Church Affairs: Government and Relationships

The government of this Church is vested in its Board of Directors, with the Overseeing Pastor as its Chairman (see the By-laws). All internal groups created and empowered by the Church shall report to and be accountable only to the Elders that comprise the Board, unless otherwise specified by Church action. This Church is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body. The Officers of this Church shall be the Overseeing Pastor, the Elders and other Officers as provided by the By-laws of the Church. The Overseeing Pastor and the Elders are responsible for leading the Church to function as a New Testament Church. The Board of Directors will lead the congregation, the organizations, and the Church staff to perform their tasks. The Board of Directors sitting and acting in a duly called and held business meeting shall be the final authority in all its affairs.

VII. By-laws

The Bylaws may be adopted, amended or rescinded by the Board of Directors if and when that body deems it necessary to the Church's well being.

VIII. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended or altered by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present and voting at any regular business meeting of the Church.

IX. Church Year

The Church fiscal year shall extend from the first day of January for a period of twelve months, and each twelve-month period thereafter. In all other matters the Church year shall be dictated in the by-laws.