

# **Constitution of South Vancouver Pacific Grace MB Church**

## **Article I NAME**

South Vancouver Pacific Grace MB Church was duly organized on May 2, 1998 as a member of The British Columbia Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

## **Article II MISSION and PURPOSE STATEMENTS**

- a.) To advance Christianity by establishing and maintaining a house of worship with services conducted (or held) in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of the Holy Scriptures and the gospel of Jesus Christ;
- b.) To promote the spiritual and physical welfare of its members and adherents, individually and collectively in the body of the global Christian church;
- c.) To advance Christianity by supporting and maintaining missions and missionaries to propagate the Christian faith in our community and around the world;
- d.) To advance Christianity by teaching the religious tenets, doctrines, and observances associated with the Christian faith and our Statement of faith;
- e.) To advance Christianity by providing scholarships, bursaries, and other forms of financial assistance to seminary students in order to encourage them in preparations for future ministries;
- f.) To receive and maintain a fund or funds and apply all or part of the principal and income therefrom, from time to time, to qualified donees as defined in subsection 149.1(1) of the *Income Tax Act (Canada)*.

## **Article III STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The Church shall adopt and shall maintain and conduct its affairs in a manner consistent with a Statement of Faith, which shall at all times be identical to the Statement of Faith of the Canadian Conference (as defined in Article IV), as amended from time to time. The Church accepts in totality the confession of faith of the Canadian Conference. The Church accepts the Scriptures as the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct, and will conduct its affairs in a manner consistent therewith.

This Article III shall be alterable by special resolution, subject to the provisions of the Bylaws of the Church.

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## Article IV COVENANT OF AFFILIATION

This Church shall at all times be a member in good standing with The British Columbia Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, or its successor entity (herein referred to as the “**B.C. Conference**”). The Church is also and shall remain affiliated with the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, or its successor entity (herein referred to as the “**Canadian Conference**”) (together the B.C. Conference and Canadian Conference are referred to herein as the “**Conferences**”). The Church covenants with the Conferences to support the ministries of the **Conferences**, assist the Conferences with fulfilling the Conferences' objectives and goals, and support the Conferences financially, as prescribed by the Church's membership and affiliation with the Conferences and affirmed at each annual convention. The Constitution, Bylaws, Statement of Faith and policies of the Church shall be consistent with, and not in conflict with, the constitutions, bylaws and Confessions or Statements of Faith of the **Conferences**.

## Article V NOT FOR PROFIT CLAUSE

The activities of the Church shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other gains to the organization shall be used in promoting its purposes and objectives. No directors shall be paid any remuneration for services rendered to the Church in his or her capacity as a director of the Church, but may be paid his or her reasonable expenses for and in relation to acting as such.

## Article VI REAL PROPERTY

Real property may be acquired, disposed of or encumbered by the Church by special resolution of the Members, subject to the approval of all the Boards of the B.C. **Conference** responsible for real property and in conformity with the laws of the province and districts where the real property is situated. For as long as this Church is not registered as a separate society, fee simple title to all real property shall be registered in the name of the B.C. **Conference**.

## Article VII DISSOLUTION

The real and personal property and assets of the Church are irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and shall not be distributed amongst the members, and upon liquidation, dissolution, winding-up, abandonment and after all financial liabilities have been paid in full (including the cost and expenses incurred in the liquidation, dissolution, winding-up or abandonment of the Church), the Church Board shall, within one (1) year of such date of liquidation, dissolution, wind-up, abandonment or breach of Article IV, transfer the property and assets of the Church to or as directed by the B.C. **Conference**.