

Constitution of Northtown Trinity Church

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PREAMBLE

We, the members of Northtown Trinity Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, seek to establish a church based on the teachings of the Bible and Reformed Baptist principles.

ARTICLE I: NAME & PURPOSE

The name of this church shall be Northtown Trinity Church. The purpose of this church shall be to worship and serve the Triune God, preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments, promote Christian discipleship, and fulfill the Great Commission.

ARTICLE II: STATEMENT OF FAITH

We affirm the Second London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689 as our statement of faith and doctrine.

ARTICLE III: CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Northtown Trinity Church shall be governed by a plurality of biblically qualified elders who shall shepherd the congregation under the authority of Jesus Christ. Following biblical guidelines, the congregation should inform the elders of any accusations that may disqualify an elder or elder candidate.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Northtown Trinity Church shall be open to all individuals who have professed faith in Jesus Christ, have been baptized, and agree to abide by the constitution and bylaws. Applicants for membership shall undergo a process of examination and approval by the elders.

ARTICLE V: WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

The church shall hold regular worship services on the Lord's Day, emphasizing the preaching of the Word and prayer. The church shall practice the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper as instituted by Christ.

ARTICLE VI: DISCIPLINE

The church shall exercise biblical church discipline in love and accordance with Matthew 18:15-20 and 1 Corinthians 5:1-13. Discipline shall be administered by the elders in a spirit of restoration and reconciliation.

ARTICLE VII: FINANCES

Elder-appointed individuals or committees shall handle the church's financial matters responsibly and transparently. The church shall fund its ministry through voluntary offerings from its members.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by the Elders as deemed necessary. Amendments shall be presented to members at least two weeks prior to adoption to give opportunity for questions and/or recommendations.