

CONSTITUTION
For the
CORINTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SANDSTON
UNITED METHODIST MEN

Article I

NAME

The name of the unit is the Corinth United Methodist Church, Sandston of Sandston, Virginia, chartered and certified annually by the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church.

Article II

PURPOSE

United Methodist Men shall be a creative, supportive fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually, and to seek daily his will. Its primary purpose is to declare the centrality of Christ in the lives of men and in all their relationships.

Article III

CONCERNS

- (1) To encourage knowledge of and support for the total mission of The United Methodist Church.
- (2) To engage in evangelism by sharing the fullness of the gospel in its personal and social dimensions.
- (3) To clarify and speak to the identity and role of the man in contemporary society.
- (4) To seek commitment to discipleship.
- (5) To study and become familiar with The United Methodist Church, its organization, doctrines and belief.
- (6) To cooperate with all units of United Methodist Men in obtaining these objectives through district, conference, and church-wide goals.
- (7) To support the National Congress of United Methodist Men, the National Prayer Ministry, Bible Study Program, Scouting Ministry, Every Man Shares Program (Evangelism, Mission & Spiritual Life) and other ministries, programs, and projects sponsored by the National Office of United Methodist Men.

(8) To support district-wide projects that would provide a sense of community among the men of the Richmond District, Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

(9) To demonstrate our commitment, as a group of dedicated men, to the ongoing support, care and development of the programs and facilities of the Corinth United Methodist Church, Sandston, Virginia.

Article IV

ENCOURAGE EACH MAN IN THESE PERSONAL OBJECTIVES

(1) To engage daily in Bible study and prayer.

(2) To bear witness to Christ's way in daily work and in all personal contacts through words and actions.

(3) To engage in some definitive Christian service.

(4) To reach men in our community with a credible offer of the gospel and equip them as spiritual leaders for their families, church, work and community.

Article V

MEMBERSHIP

(1) Men who subscribe to the major concerns and personal objectives stated above.

(2) The duly appointed Pastor and the Lay Leader of the church shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee.

(3) Membership may include men from other United Methodist Churches, men from other denominations, as well as non churched men of the community.

(4) Men who are members of the District, Conference, Jurisdiction or National Organizations.

Article VI

MEETINGS

This unit shall hold meetings as specified in the By-Laws. The meeting held during the month of November each year shall be designated as the annual meeting. The election of officers shall take place at this meeting. Additional meetings of United Methodist Men may be called by the President, Pastor, or by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Article VII

OFFICERS

The officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected at the annual meeting for the next calendar year.

Article VIII

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

The unit shall establish such committees and task forces it deems necessary in order to carry out the business and objectives of the unit.

Article IX

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following: The officers and all committee chairs. The Pastor is an ex officio member of the Executive Committee. General administration and supervision of the affairs of the unit are vested in the Executive Committee.

Article X

CORRELATION

The work of the unit shall be correlated with the total program of the church as initiated and directed by the Administrative Council, under leadership of the Pastor.

Article XI

FINANCES

The program of the unit shall be financed by such means as the members may approve on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Article XII

CLUSTER UNIT

Because of too few men, low interest, or for other reasons it may become desirable for the men from one or more churches to come together and form a Cluster Unit of United Methodist Men with appropriate officers, such future reorganization is authorized under this Constitution, if necessary.

Article XIII

BY-LAWS

By-Laws in harmony with the provisions of this Constitution may be adopted by two-thirds majority vote of all members, present and voting, at a regular or called meeting, provided proper advance notice be given to the membership of such proposed change.

ADOPTION

This Constitution was adopted in compliance with Article XIII on July 23, 2009 and is in effect as of that date. Officers for calendar year 2009 were elected at that meeting and will serve as required by the adopted Constitution and By-laws.

BY-LAWS
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Article I

Order of Business:

The business of the Unit shall be conducted in an orderly and business-like manner according to its adopted Constitution and By-Laws. Any question not covered by the By-Laws shall be decided in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Article II

Duties of Officers:

A. President: The President shall be the presiding officer of the Unit and shall preside at the annual, regular, and special meetings of the unit and the Executive Committee. He shall have general oversight over the work of the unit. He shall be an ex officio member of all committees and task forces, except the Nominating Committee.

B. Vice President: The Vice president shall assist the President, accept assignments made to him, preside in the absence of the President, and assume full responsibility of that office.

C. Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes and all records shall include all meetings of the unit and the Executive Committee -- the annual, regular, and special. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records suitable for historical filing.

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all funds. Adequate records shall be kept and a report shall be made at all meetings of the unit and the Executive Committee. Requests for disbursements of funds not approved in the budget shall be made to the President, Executive Committee, or the Unit.

Article III

Committees:

A. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee makes plans for the Unit and evaluates same. It transacts interim business. However, all transacting must be approved by the Unit at its next regular or special meeting. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President or as often as it deems necessary.

B. Projects: The Projects Committee shall plan and execute all approved projects of the Unit.

C. Program: The Program Committee shall plan all programs both on a short-range and a long-range basis and publish the schedule to the membership in advance.

D. Nominating: The Nominating Committee shall appointed by the President in advance of the annual meeting of the organization. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five persons including the pastor and lay leader. The Nominating Committee shall present at the annual meeting its slate for officers and chairmen of all standing committees. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Article IV

Appointment of Committees and Task Forces: The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall appoint additional committees and task forces deemed necessary in order to carry out the purpose and objectives of the unit.

Article V

Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of the Corinth United Methodist Church, Sandston, Virginia Fellowship of United Methodist Men shall be held at such place and time as determined by the President and the Executive Committee after consultation with the membership.

Article VI

Voting Procedures: Voting in an election for officers shall be by secret ballot. Voting on other matters at all regular and special meetings shall be by voice vote, show of hands, or by standing unless otherwise ordered by vote of organization.

Article VII

Vacancy: When a vacancy occurs in an office or a committee, the vacancy shall be filled by the President for the unexpired term, after consultation with the Executive Committee.

Article VIII

By-Laws: The By-laws may be amended at any annual, regular, or special meeting of the Unit by a two-thirds majority of all members, present and voting, provided the notice of such proposed amendment or amendments have been given 10 days in advance of the meeting.

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