

“Go therefore and
make disciples of
all the nations”
Matthew 28:19-20

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Preamble

We declare and establish this constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith and to govern the body in an orderly manner. This constitution will preserve the liberties of each individual church member and the freedom of action of this body in relation to other churches.

Name

This body shall be known as Antioch Christian Fellowship:

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Mission

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Vision

We envision Antioch Christian Fellowship to be a gathering of families from multiple cultures and ethnic origins, where God is worshiped, the Bible is taught, the truths of Scripture is applied, all peoples are lovingly embraced and disciplined, and the Gospel is intentionally proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

Values

We desire to share with others the truth about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ with these core values:

- Antioch Christian Fellowship strives to be a church where the Word of God is taught (2 Timothy 4:2)
- Antioch Christian Fellowship strives to be a church where worship is based on Scripture and authentic to the person (Psalm 96)
- Antioch Christian Fellowship strives to be a church where God's Word is the final authority (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Antioch Christian Fellowship strives to be a church where every aspect of our ministry will be driven by holistic discipleship (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Antioch Christian Fellowship strives to be a church where leadership is developed through discipleship and mentoring (2 Timothy 2:2)
- Antioch Christian Fellowship strives to be a church where people discover, develop and utilize their spiritual gifts and talents for the edification of the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:7-13)
- Antioch Christian Fellowship strives to be a church where community is discovered through small and large group gatherings (Hebrews 10:23-25)
- Antioch Christian Fellowship strives to be a church where diversity is valued within our unity (Genesis 12:3; Revelations 5:9-10)
- Antioch Christian Fellowship strives to be a church where the Kingdom of God is advanced as we obey the Great Commission (Genesis 12:3; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

Strategy

We aspire to be a multi-ethnic/multi-cultural gathering of believers, committed to making disciples to reach the unreached peoples of this world by proclaiming the Gospel of inclusivity. We designed each ministry to foster and focus on discipleship through relationships and small groups. All of our ministries are intended to increase the knowledge and application of God's Word by the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of His people and lead others to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ so that they can live to the glory of God:

Objectives

Our **Mission** and **Spiritual Dynamic** declare that the all-satisfying supremacy of God shines most brightly through sacrificial deeds of joyful love. The cry of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of our people is for a fresh, decisive emphasis on **Relationship of Love**.

Therefore we eagerly embrace God's call for new, visible manifestations of love toward each other, our guests and our neighbors. With a fresh openness and outgoing spirit to each other and to all new people, we henceforth put understanding above accusation, forbearance above faultfinding, and Biblical unity above the demand for uniformity.

1. **The value of relationships.** We will take new practical steps to develop an atmosphere where personal, deepening, supportive, faith-building relationship of love are highly valued as expressions of our passion for the supremacy of God's love.
2. **Urban-suburban partnership.** We will strive to forge a mutually enriching urban-suburban partnership, in which a significant range of racially, educationally, and economically diverse people feel at home, as they grow in their passion for the supremacy of God.

3. **Interracial reconciliation.** Against the rising spirit of indifference, alienation and hostility in our land, we will embrace the supremacy of God's love to take new steps personally and corporately toward racial reconciliation, expressed visibly in our community and in our church.
4. **Diversity in God-centered worship.** Sunday morning worship is a corporate expression of our passion for the supremacy of God. We sense God's leading to develop fresh expression of this passion that 1) allow for a more focused and free lingering of love in the presence of the Lord; 2) reflect musically the diversity of our congregation and our metropolitan culture; and 3) interweave the values of intense God-centeredness and more personal ministry to each other in the power of the Holy Spirit.
5. **Good news to the poor.** We will develop new strategies for proclaiming the all-satisfying supremacy of God's love and justice to the poor through 1) personal involvement; 2) a more welcoming atmosphere; 3) local missionary strategies of urban disciple making; and 4) equipping missionaries for unreached urban peoples.
6. **Challenging church and culture with the truth.** We will challenge our culture and the wider Christian movement in fresh ways with the biblical truth of God's all-satisfying supremacy, by courageous Christian action and speech in the secular world.
7. **Finishing The Task.** We will develop new strategies for proclaiming the all-satisfying supremacy of God's love to all the nations, tongues and tribe through 1) prayer; 2) education and discipleship; 3) personal involvement; 4) global mission strategies of cross-cultural disciple making; and 5) equipping missionaries for the unreached peoples of the world.

Statement of Basic Beliefs

We affirm the Holy Bible as the inspired word of God and the basis for our beliefs. This church subscribes to the doctrinal statement of "The Baptist Faith and Message" as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963. 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 ordinance of the church are believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper. (See Article III of the Bylaws.)

Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations, tongues and tribes.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to educate our children in the Christian faith; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to seek God's help in abstaining from all drugs, food, drink, and practices which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, if possible, unite with a church where we can carry out the articles of this confession and the spirit of this covenant.

Polity and Relationships

This church is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation common among Baptist churches. Insofar as is practical, this church will cooperate with and support the association, the state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.