



Constitution of Legacy Reformed Baptist Church

PREAMBLE

Recognizing God's Word, the Bible, as our supreme authority and because Scripture commands, "...all things should be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40b), we hereby establish the following church constitution.

The objectives of the constitution are to convey the church's:

1. Doctrinal position
2. Mission and organization
3. Offices with designated duties and responsibilities

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this church is Legacy Reformed Baptist Church (hereafter referred to as Legacy RBC). It is a corporation duly created by the Secretary of the State of Minnesota on August 3rd, 2021 as a Non-profit Religious Corporation located in East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

This church is organized to glorify God by:

1. Conducting religious services
2. Teaching and training people in the truth of God's Word, the Bible
3. Calling people to repentance from sin and to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ
4. Making disciples of Christ
5. Edifying the Body of Christ

ARTICLE III - Statement of Faith

Our Statements of Faith, doctrine, and practices will be derived from the **1689 2nd London Baptist Confession of Faith**. We recognize that in certain areas it may be acceptable to hold nuanced or divergent views to those contained within. In that case, a prospective Member or Elder shall demonstrate in a biblically consistent way why their conscience is convinced otherwise. At the discretion of the Elders such views may be determined as adequate for membership or holding office. Agreement with our Summary of Beliefs is non-negotiable for all Members.

Summary of Beliefs:

The Word of God

We believe the Bible to be the only inerrant Word of God. It is our only ultimate and infallible authority for faith and practice.

Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12-14; 2 Peter 1:20-21 | See LBC Chapter 1

God

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is omnipotent; that is, He is all-powerful. He is omnipresent; that is, He is present throughout all Creation yet not limited by it. He is omniscient; that is, nothing is hidden from His sight. In all things He is limited by nothing other than His own nature and character. We believe the God we serve is holy, righteous, good, just, loving, and full of mercy. He created the heavens and earth, and everything in them, in the space of six days, and all very good. He is the Creator, Sustainer, and Governor of everything that has been made.

We believe in the full deity and full humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His literal return in power and glory.

We believe in the full deity of the Holy Spirit, acknowledging Him together with the Father and the Son in the works of creation and redemption. It is the Spirit who calls and regenerates sinners, illumines the Scriptures, sanctifies believers, and seals unto us all the various benefits of our redemption.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and grow into greater Christ-likeness.

Genesis 1:31; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 28:19; John 1:1-14; Acts 5:1-4; Romans 8:10-11; Galatians 5:22-25; Colossians 1:16; 1 Corinthians 8:4; 2 Corinthians 5:20, 13:14 | See LBC Chapters 2-5

Sin

We believe that because of Adam's sin all mankind is in rebellion against God. Because of sin all mankind is born with a sinful nature and has been separated from God and all of creation has been subjugated to death and decay.

Psalm 51:15; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-19, 23; 5:12; 8:20 | See LBC Chapter 6

Salvation

We believe that sinful men can only be reconciled to God by their being regenerated by the Holy Spirit which produces a response of faith in Christ and the repentance of their sins. This reconciliation and regeneration is wholly a work of God's free and sovereign grace.

We believe that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, and that faith without works is dead.

Acts 11:18; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 3:5; James 2:17 | See LBC Chapters 10-15

Resurrection

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and lost; those who are saved to the resurrection of life, and those who are lost to the resurrection of damnation.

John 5: 25-29; Acts 24:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-24, 42-49, 51-56; Philippians 3: 20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; | See LBC Chapters 31-32

The Church

We believe that Jesus Christ established and is the Head of His universal church, which is made up of all the elect of God.

We believe that the local expressions of the church are vital, and each believer should be actively involved in such a fellowship. Local churches exist for the worship of God, the edification and equipping of believers, and the proclamation of the Gospel.

Hebrews 12:2; Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Timothy 4:14 | See LBC Chapter 26

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Section 1. Qualifications for Membership

Membership in Legacy RBC shall be open to all persons who:

1. Give a credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior
2. Have obeyed the Lord in believer's baptism or are willing to be baptized prior to membership
3. Hold to fundamental agreement with the doctrines of our church as expressed in the Statement of Faith, with any reservations being openly, honestly and fully discussed with all serving Elders, and accepted by them, prior to acceptance into membership
4. Promise to keep the commitments expressed in the Membership Covenant

Section 2. Applications for Membership

Anyone wishing to join Legacy RBC shall make request for membership to the Elders. They shall:

1. Be given a copy of the Statement of Faith and a copy of the Church Constitution
2. Either complete a membership class or have received comparable instruction from the Elders
3. Be interviewed by the Elders

Section 3. Receiving of New Members

Applicants approved by the Elders shall:

1. Affirm their commitment to become a Member as well as their agreement with Legacy RBC's Statement of Faith
2. Be introduced to the body as a Member Prospect, where the Members are instructed to bring any concern or questions about them becoming Members to the Elders during the following two weeks
3. At the end of the two weeks, the Elders will provide a ballot to vote on affirming of the new Members according to Article 4, Section 12 rules of voting on Member Prospects

Section 4. Responsibilities of Members

Members are expected to:

1. Participate actively in the life of the church by regularly attending corporate worship on the Lord's Day
2. Faithfully observe the church's ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper
3. Submit to the church's leadership, instruction, and discipline
4. Attend the church's Members' Meetings
5. Be active in the evaluation of officers and potential Members and on all other matters submitted to the congregation's evaluation or vote
6. Contribute to the discipleship of other church members by spurring one another on towards greater faith in and obedience to Jesus Christ

Only Members shall be able to lead any ministry or hold an office of the church.

Section 5. Membership Covenant

Having been brought by God's sovereign grace to repent and believe in the good news of Jesus Christ and his saving work, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, we do now, relying on His grace, solemnly and joyfully affirm our covenant with each other.

We will pray and labor to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, devoted to the glory of God, resting in the gospel of his Son, and dependent upon the work of the Holy Spirit.

To that end,

We will not forsake assembling together, but will faithfully attend our corporate worship, treasuring our church's weekly opportunity to sing, pray, and receive the whole counsel of God's Word. We will defend and maintain a gospel-centered ministry by upholding and attending to biblical preaching, the administration of the ordinances, and the exercise of church discipline.

We will walk together in brotherly love, as is becoming of the Members of a local church: we will pray for and serve one another, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, and reject all opportunities to speak or hear gossip or slander. We will instead seek to encourage one another and build each other up in the faith.

We will rejoice with those who rejoice and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.

We will seek to proclaim and adorn the gospel of Christ before our family, friends, and neighbors and faithfully proclaim the gospel to future generations.

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of our local church, to the care of its Members, and to the spread of the gospel locally and to all nations.

We will, if we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the teaching of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Section 6. Removal from Membership

Removal from membership will either be initiated by the Elders and confirmed by the Members, or through the completion of church discipline. The following are reasons for removal from membership:

1. Lack of regular attendance in a worship service for a period of six months or longer, barring extraordinary circumstances
2. Request of transfer of membership to another church

3. A vote of the Members to remove a Member according to Article 4, Section 12 as an exercise of the final stage of church discipline where there has been no demonstration of repentance
4. Death

Section 7. Discipline of Members

The church must properly and lovingly exercise discipline for Members who have persisted in sinful behavior without demonstration of godly repentance (2 Corinthians 7:9-10).

The purposes of church discipline:

1. To seek the spiritual well-being of the sinning believers by calling them to biblical conduct in their way of living (Galatians 6:1)
2. To maintain purity in the local church (1 Corinthians 5:6)
3. To deter sin in other Members (1 Timothy 5:20)

The Process of Church Discipline:

If a member of the Church is sinned against by another member, or if a member becomes aware that another member is living a life inconsistent with God's Word, the steps given in Matthew 18:15-17 shall be followed to bring resolution to the matter. These steps shall be followed in the order listed for the purpose of biblical restoration. The offending member's response will determine the number of steps that must be taken.

1. The member shall approach the offending member privately.
2. The member shall approach the offending member again with a group of two or three.
3. The matter shall be brought to the Elders for consideration and possible presentation to the Church.

Section 8. Regular Members' Meeting

Regular meetings of the church Members shall be held throughout the year at a time and frequency determined by the Elders. This meeting will include reports of the affairs of the church and conduct church business as determined by the Elders.

Section 9. Special Membership Meetings

Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the Elders or by a petition of 25% of the Members.

Section 10. Notice of Meetings

Notice of all regular or special meetings shall be published in the church bulletin and be regularly announced two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 11. Quorum

A minimum of 50% of the membership of the church must be present at any Members' Meeting in order to comprise a quorum to ratify any voting that takes place. When the purpose of the meeting is informational only, the Members present will comprise a quorum.

Section 12. Voting

Only Members shall be able to vote.

No voting will be anonymous. The Elders will review the votes and comments to:

1. Address concerns raised by Members
2. Correct misunderstandings or incorrect information
3. Foster unity within the body and prevent schisms

When a vote is made for the affirmation of a Member or office holder (i.e., Elder or Deacon), to remove a Member from membership or an office holder from their office, or to affirm a resolution or directional change requested by the Elders:

1. The ballot must clearly indicate what the Members are being asked to affirm or that action which they are being asked to decide on
2. If the Member is voting in favor of the affirmation or action, they must write their name and clearly mark the selection
3. If the Member is voting against the affirmation or action, they must write their name, clearly mark their selection, and give the reason for their negative response.

As a negative vote indicates a rejection of a prospective Member, church officer, or Elder resolution the inclusion of a Member's reasoning will help the Elders know the concerns of the congregation and address issues as needed

When a vote is made for other normal business or financial decisions:

1. The ballot must clearly indicate all options that are available for the vote and what action they indicate support of
2. The Member must write their name on the ballot and clearly mark the option they desire to select

Votes shall be carried by the following percentages:

1. A vote for normal church business or financial decisions - simple majority
2. To affirm a Member Prospect or office holder – simple majority
3. To affirm a resolution or directional change requested by the Elders – simple majority
4. To remove a Member from membership or remove a Deacon from his office – 60%
5. To remove an Elder from his position – 80%

The Elders reserve the right to remove a Member Prospect or office holder from consideration for those positions based on feedback received, even if they reached the minimum vote percentage threshold. They also reserve the right to take time to address specific concerns,

teach through an issue, and ask for a new vote following a vote that did not receive a high enough percentage should they consider it wise and necessary. No action will be taken without reaching the minimum threshold required.

Announcing the result of a vote may be delayed by no more than 1 week if determined necessary by the Elders to review any concerns that were given.

ARTICLE V - Elders

Section 1. Responsibility of Elders

Subject to the limitations of this Constitution, all the activities and affairs of the Church shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Elders, who shall have the following responsibilities in addition to the other powers enumerated by this Constitution:

1. The Elders shall, in keeping with the principles set forth in the Scriptures, especially Acts 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 5:17; Titus 1:5-9; James 5:14; and 1 Peter 5:1-4, undertake the responsibility of shepherding God's flock by devoting themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word
2. They shall have particular authority to plan and oversee worship services
3. They are to be involved in teaching and or preaching as they are gifted, being apt to instruct, rebuke and correct Members from the Word
4. To oversee the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper
5. To examine and instruct Member Prospects
6. To oversee, but not necessarily initiate, the process of church discipline
7. To examine and appoint candidates for all offices and positions
8. To oversee the work of the Deacons and all other agents of the church
9. To periodically review the membership role to ensure it is only comprised of those actively involved in the life of the church
10. To take any other action which shall be necessary and proper for faithfully overseeing and shepherding the church

Elder, Pastor, and Overseer are all terms used in Scripture to refer to the same office. As such, all terms may rightly be applied to any man appointed to that office. Elders serve as a plurality of equals in the ministry of the church.

Section 2. Number of Elders

A plurality of leadership will be present with at least two appointed Elders. If there are not two qualified men able to be appointed as Elders, then a leadership committee of four men will be appointed by the existing Elder, or by the membership if there are no Elders, until such a time as a plurality of qualified Elders can be appointed.

Section 3. Nomination, Selection, Tenure of Office, and Removal

Elders shall be named from among the Members of the church. The biblical pattern is that Elders appoint Elders (Titus 1:5, Acts 14:23). As such, the Elders will be responsible for identifying, equipping, and evaluating potential Elder Prospects.

1. The Elders shall continually be looking for men to be raised up into the biblical offices within the church.
2. When a man is identified as a potential Elder Prospect, the Elders shall:
 - a. Be intentional in evaluating his character and his home life
 - b. Determine any gaps in knowledge and skill necessary for the office
 - c. Train and equip him to be able to effectively serve in that office
 - d. Provide opportunity to test his calling and gifting for that office
3. When the Elders are unanimously confident that a candidate is called to the office, desirous, gifted, and qualified, they shall present him to the church as an Elder Prospect for a period of intentional evaluation and testing of no less than three months.
4. The Members will be instructed that it is their duty to the church to:
 - a. Get to know the Elder Prospect
 - b. Evaluate his gifting and observe his character and qualification for the office of Elder
 - c. Protect the church by providing feedback to the Elders about anything that might disqualify the Elder Prospect from serving as an Elder at Legacy RBC
5. At the end of the designated and announced period of evaluation:
 - a. A vote of affirmation of the Elder Prospect will be held according to Article 4, Section 12
 - b. If it is determined prior to that point, due to concerns raised from the Members, that the Elder Prospect is not considered above reproach and/or qualified for the office of Elder the evaluation period will end, and the prospect will retain regular Member status
 - c. A man who fails to be elevated to the office of Elder through this process may again be nominated and given an official evaluation period at such a time as the Elders believe the previous concerns have been adequately addressed and overcome
6. Elders will serve in that office until such a time as:
 - a. They resign from that office
 - b. They leave Legacy RBC and are removed from the membership list
 - c. They are determined to no longer be qualified or above reproach
 - i. Through the process of church discipline

- ii. Due to discovered sin that disqualifies him from the office, even if repentant, based on a recommendation from the other Elders and after a vote to dismiss according to Article 4, Section 12
 - iii. Due to lack of confidence of the church Members with a vote to dismiss according to Article 4, Section 12
- 7. In any situation where the character or performance of an Elder has been credibly questioned, the Elders shall:
 - a. Determine whether or not it is best for the Elder in question to step aside from all ministry responsibilities until the truth of the situation has been discovered
 - b. Inform the Members of the situation and explain the steps that are being taken

Section 4. Qualifications

Each of the Elders must be an active Member of this church and possess the qualifications described in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. He shall be:

1. Blameless as a steward of God; above reproach (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6-7)
2. Husband of one wife; a one-woman man (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6)
3. Temperate, sober, vigilant (1 Timothy 3:2)
4. Sober-minded, prudent (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8)
5. Of good behavior; orderly, respectable (1 Timothy 3:2)
6. Given to hospitality (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8)
7. Apt to teach; driven to instruct, exhort believers and refute false teaching (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:9)
8. Not a drunkard or given to wine (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7)
9. Not violent; not pugnacious (1 Timothy 3:3, Titus 1:7)
10. Patient, moderate, forbearing, gentle (1 Timothy 3:3)
11. Not a brawler; uncontentious; not soon angry or quick-tempered (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7)
12. Not covetous; not a lover of money; not greedy of base gain (1 Timothy 3:3, Titus 1:7)
13. Rules his house well; his children are faithful, not accused of rebellion (1 Timothy 3:4; Titus 1:7)
14. Not a novice; not a new convert (1 Timothy 3:6)
15. Has a good report or reputation with outsiders (1 Timothy 3:7)
16. Not self-willed (Titus 1:7)
17. A lover of good (Titus 1:8)
18. Just, fair (Titus 1:8)
19. Holy, devout (Titus 1:8)
20. Self-controlled (Titus 1:8)

Section 6. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Elders shall be held at least monthly at a day and time established by the Elders.

ARTICLE VI - The Primary Teaching Elder And Vocational Elders

Section 1. The Primary Teaching Elder

One of the Elders will serve as the Primary Teaching Elder (PTE).

1. The PTE will serve as a lead or point for the church anytime a designated leader or spokesman is needed
2. He may carry a greater role in the church's vision casting, administration, and communication
3. He will in many cases carry a larger load of teaching and preaching
4. If there is only one Elder, as in the founding of the church, he will serve as the PTE and remain in that position until or unless a later plurality of Elders decides that someone else is better suited to the role, and upon a positive vote of affirmation of an Elders' resolution from the Members according to Article 4, Section 12

If the PTE for any reason is no longer serving as an Elder at Legacy RBC:

1. The remaining Elders will nominate one of their number to the Members for affirmation to serve in that role based on his gifting and leadership
2. He shall be affirmed by the Members by a vote of Elder affirmation according to Article 4, Section 12

Section 2. Vocational Elders

According to the needs of the ministry and the means of the church, an Elder or Elders may be supported by the church to enable him to devote his attention to the ministry of the church and not be divided by the need to financially support his family (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

When possible, the PTE shall be made a Vocational Elder. As he is tasked with a greater share of the administration and burden of ministry, he ought to be supported when it is feasible, or the first to be supported at such a point where the church might have the resources for more than one Vocational Elder.

An Elder shall be made a Vocational Elder only after:

1. It has been determined by the Elders or a finance committee that the church is financially capable to be able to either fully or partially support an Elder
2. The Members of the church have had opportunity to hear the proposal for the support and have voted on the Elders' resolution according to Article 4, Section 12 to approve the financial support of an Elder

Vocational Elders shall continue in that role as long as:

1. They remain Elders at Legacy RBC according to the standards above
2. The church is financially able to continue their support

Section 3. Identification of Legal Officers Required by Incorporation

To accommodate legal relationships recognized outside the church, the PTE will be identified as president of the corporation, a second selected Elder will be identified as vice president of the

corporation and a secretary will be selected annually by the Elders. Legal and contractual documents will be signed by personnel authorized by the Elders.

ARTICLE VIII - Deacons, Staff, and Church Committees

Section 1. Deacons

1. Particular service to the church shall be provided by Deacons, the number of which shall vary as the church has need, and who shall satisfy the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3:8-13.
2. Each Deacon position shall serve a particular need of the church and shall be created or dissolved upon the recommendation of the Elders and the subsequent agreement of a majority of the Members present and voting on the question at any Members' Meeting according to Article 4, Section 12.
3. Deacons shall be men who are selected as follows:
 - a. The Council of Elders shall at any regular or special Members' Meeting present to the church a list of nominees to the office of Deacon
 - b. For a period of at least one month, the church shall consider whether such nominees are qualified for the office
 - c. If any Member believes one or more of the nominees to be unqualified, that Member shall express such concern to the Elders, who may be removed from candidacy on the basis of that concern
 - d. When the decided period of time has elapsed, a vote of affirmation for church office will be held according to Article 4, Section 12
4. At least once every year, the Elders shall at any regular Members' Meeting solicit from the congregation recommendations for new diaconate positions and for qualified persons to fill new or vacant positions.
 - a. Recommendations shall be given to the Elders in private and not publicly. The Elders shall give due consideration to any recommendation received.
5. In keeping with the principles set forth in Acts 6:1-6, Deacons shall support the Elders' ministry of the Word, work to maintain the unity of the church, and care for the physical needs of the church.
6. The church may recognize Deacons to take responsibility for seeing that the sick, the sorrowing, the aged, and the infirm receive spiritual and physical comfort.
7. Deacons shall:
 - a. Have a leading role in the hospitality ministries of the church
 - b. Attend to the normal care and maintenance of church properties

- c. Receive, hold, and disburse a fund for benevolence and for reporting on the use of such funds to both the Elders and the church
 - d. Attend to the accommodations for public worship
 - e. Assist in distributing the elements during the Lord’s Supper and/or serving in other specific capacities as the church has need, according to the individual gifting of the Deacon
8. A Deacon may be removed from office by:
- a. The natural end of the particular ministry in which they were appointed to serve
 - b. A decision of the Elders or upon the recommendation of the Elders and the subsequent vote of affirmation for an Elders’ resolution according to Article 4, Section 12
 - c. The decision of the Deacon to resign from the ministry responsibilities that had been given to them

Section 2. Committees

To promote efficient function, the Elders may appoint committees from within their membership and from the church at large. These committees shall perform tasks solely in accordance with the duties and with powers specifically delegated by the Elders. The general functions of committees are:

- 1. To bring considered recommendations for their corresponding ministries to the Elders
- 2. To provide a wider base of counsel to the Elders who have the oversight of specific ministries

Section 3. Non-Pastoral Staff

In the event that the hiring of non-pastoral staff is needed, the elders shall present a resolution to the body detailing the position, hiring process, and other relevant details to be voted on by the Members in accordance with Article 4, Section 12.

Section 4. Financial Management

In matters of financial integrity, the church shall be above reproach. Procedures shall exist to ensure proper methods of collecting offerings and distribution of funds. Specific funds or categories for designated offerings may be created as needed, with a reasonable effort made to see that they are distributed as designated. Financial audits of the church and its ministries will be done on a periodic basis.

Reports on the church budget and offerings received will be made available quarterly or upon request.

No part of the net earnings of the church will be given to the benefit of or be distributed to its Members, officers, or other private persons, except of what was voted on by the church following Article 4, Section 12 and/or what the church will be authorized and empowered to pay for reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payment and distribution in furtherance of the purpose and mission of the church. The church is authorized

to provide support for any missions or benevolence programs it deems necessary to fulfill its mission.

ARTICLE IX - Dissolution

This church shall be dissolved at such a time as the Members vote at an 80% majority during a special or annual meeting.

Upon dissolution, all assets of the church will be liquidated and shall be distributed equally to churches that have been officially planted by Legacy RBC. If the church is dissolved prior to the planting of any new churches, any assets of the church will be liquidated and donated to a ministry organization to be decided upon by the remaining Members of the church.

ARTICLE X - Amendments

The Statement of Faith or Church Covenant shall be amended upon:

1. The recommendation of the Elders given in writing at a regular Members' Meeting
2. The regular announcement of the proposed change and upcoming vote for two weeks prior to a vote
3. The agreement of the Members voting on the Elders' resolution according to Article 4, Section 12 at a subsequent regular Members' Meeting

ARTICLE XI - Issues Not Covered by this Constitution

Any issue that arises and is not covered in this constitution shall be addressed in the following manner:

1. The development of a proposed amendment to the constitution or of a resolution specific to the situation
2. The Elders shall present the proposed constitutional amendment or resolution to the body in a Members' Meeting
3. If feasible, a period of two weeks will be given for Members to provide feedback on the proposed amendment or resolution
4. At the end of two weeks a final version will be given to the Members, and a vote of affirmation of the resolution or amendment will be held according to Article 4, Section 12
5. If time will not allow for two weeks of feedback and review, a resolution will be brought to the Members and a vote will be held at the same meeting if quorum is met

ARTICLE XII - The Limitations of this Document

We have endeavored to formulate a document to rightly order Legacy RBC, utilizing biblical wisdom and the practical experience of other churches.

We acknowledge that only Scripture is infallible. This document is not intended to hamper the ministry of the church or to demand a slavish devotion. The constitution of Legacy RBC was made for man, not man for the constitution.

Portions of this document were adapted or borrowed from the constitutions of Maynardville Fellowship Baptist Church in Maynardville, TN, Basswood Church in Knoxville, TN, and Harvest Plains Church in Casselton, ND.