

CONSTITUTION
Round Rock Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Round Rock, Texas

PREAMBLE

Through the grace and guidance of God, we have been brought together as the Congregation of Round Rock Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We affirm that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world. Organized within the *Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*, we are a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one *Body of Christ*, we welcome all to the Lord's table as God has welcomed us.

MISSION, VISION, VALUES, MEASURES

Our Mission: Embracing our neighbors with Christ-like love.

Our Vision: To be a relevant center that strengthens and feeds our neighborhood community spiritually and physically through our passion for God and God's people.

Our Values:

Relevance: Feeding our community our community physically and spiritually as a center for our neighborhood - Jeremiah 29:11

Caring: Responding to physical, emotional and spiritual needs and being responsible stewards of our resources - 1 Peter 4:10

Meaningful Worship: Engaging people as one in the body of Christ by exalting God through scripture, communion, prayer and music- Matthew 18:20

Relationships: Building a sense of belonging through sharing, hospitality and fellowship – Colossians 3:14

Support: Honoring and nurturing people's God-given gifts, talents and passions. – 1st Corinthians 12:4, 7

Our Measures: Serving others, displaying humility, studying and sharing scripture, praying continually, extending compassion, obeying God.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this congregation shall be Round Rock Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We are affiliated with, and are an integral part of, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, the Christian Church in the Southwest, and the Bluebonnet Area.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this congregation is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in faithful response to God's will and purpose as revealed through Jesus Christ and in the world; to seek in all persons a faith and

commitment to Jesus Christ; to serve the community of which it is a part; to bring the gospel message to bear upon society; to sustain and be sustained by the general and regional manifestations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); to work cooperatively with Christians in other communions; to seek the oneness of the body of Christ; and in all ways to seek to make known the love of God.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of this congregation, as a part of the whole family of God on earth, shall consist of the following: those who are members of the congregation; those who shall unite with it by confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, giving expression of their faith through baptism and commitment to Him; and those who unite by transfer of membership, thereby reaffirming their faith and commitment to Christ. Voting privileges shall be accorded to all members.

ARTICLE IV. RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONGREGATION

The congregation shall manage its affairs under the lordship of Jesus Christ; shall respect each individual member's right to interpret the gospel; own, control and encumber its property; organize and carry out the mission and witness of the congregation; establish its budgets and financial policies; call its minister(s) and other staff; and participate, through voting representatives in area, regional and general assemblies of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in forming the corporate judgments of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The congregation shall demonstrate voluntarily its mutual concern for the nurture, mission and witness of the whole church, and, among other responsibilities, it shall: proclaim the gospel; administer baptism and the Lord's Supper; provide for the spiritual nurture of its members; grow in understanding that the church is a universal fellowship; transcend all barriers within the human family such as race and culture; be faithful in Christian stewardship, striving to share proportionately in providing resources for the total life, work and witness of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); choose voting representatives to the general, regional and area assemblies of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and seek to realize the oneness of the church of Jesus Christ through cooperation with other churches of the community and with present and emerging ecumenical structures.

The congregation shall sustain its minister(s) in faithfulness and honor, and in matters pertaining to relationships with minister(s) seek counsel from the executive minister of the Christian Church of the Southwest.

The congregation shall exercise and enjoy all other rights, privileges and responsibilities requisite or appropriate to carrying out its purpose.

ARTICLE V. GUIDING BOARD, OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, MINISTRIES, TEAMS AND COMMITTEES

Section A. Guiding Board

The congregation shall have a guiding board which shall be responsible to the congregation and have authority to act on behalf of the congregation when it is not in a congregational meeting. In keeping with the tradition of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), ultimate authority shall rest with the congregation, and the actions of the guiding board always subject to review by the congregation.

The guiding board shall be composed of members of the congregation as set forth in the bylaws and for terms of office therein stated. Guiding board members shall be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation and shall serve as set forth in the bylaws.

The guiding board shall be responsible for receiving reports from the minister(s), officers and the various organizations within the congregation. It shall establish by its action the program and budget of the congregation, subject to approval by the congregation at its annual meeting. It will also carry out in the name of the congregation such other responsibilities as may be defined in the bylaws.

The guiding board shall meet not less than once each calendar quarter. The frequency of regular meetings of the guiding board shall be determined by the guiding board at its first meeting of each calendar year which will be determined in the bylaws. Special meetings of the guiding board may be called by the moderator or the vice-moderator, upon request of the minister(s), or five (5) members of the congregation, or by a majority vote of the guiding board members. Oral or written notice shall be given to the members of the guiding board at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. The purposes, date, time and place of the meeting shall be indicated in the notice. Special meetings shall be limited to the purposes stated in the notice. A quorum of the guiding board shall be required to effect action at any special meeting.

Section B. Officers

The congregation shall elect from its members a moderator, vice-moderator, treasurer, assistant treasurer, financial secretary, assistant financial secretary and two trustees. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation and shall serve as officers of the congregation as set forth in the bylaws.

Section C. Trustees

The congregation shall have two trustees. The trustees shall hold title to all properties of the congregation, which shall include all trust funds belonging to the congregation and shall manage the same under the direction of the guiding board of the congregation. Trustees shall perform such other duties as may be required of trustees by the laws of the great State of Texas. These trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation. Their qualifications, term of office and responsibilities shall be as set forth in the bylaws.

Section D. Ministries, Teams and Committees

The congregation, through its guiding board shall establish ministries, teams, standing and *ad hoc* committees and other organizations necessary for the conduct of the work of the congregation as set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI. CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Congregational meetings shall be held at least annually in the month of November. Special meetings of the congregation shall be called by the moderator, upon request of the minister(s), the guiding board, or a petition to the moderator of at least 5% of the active members of the congregation at large. Notice of all stated or special congregational meetings shall be announced at all regular Sunday morning worship services of the congregation beginning at least two weeks in advance of the meeting and by means of the church newsletter or a written notice via email at least ten (10) days before the meeting. Purpose, date, time and place of meeting shall be indicated in each notice. All congregational meetings will be conducted under *Roberts Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any congregational meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting on the amendment when the following has been provided at least two weeks prior to vote: a) written notice has been posted in a designated location in the church. b) the proposed changes have been posted on the church website *Members Resources* section, c) the proposal to amend has been announced at services of worship two weeks in advance of vote.

This Constitution was brought before the congregation and adopted January 15, 1984.
It was amended by the same congregation on November 29, 1987, November 20, 1988,
November 14, 2001, November 17, 2002, November 19, 2006, and November 17, 2019