

Boulevard Park Church Constitution

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1.0 NAME

The legal name of this church is Boulevard Park Presbyterian Church of King County and we are Doing Business As (DBA) Boulevard Park Church.

2.0 MISSION

Boulevard Park Church exists to glorify God throughout the world by helping people become mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

3.0 STATEMENT OF FAITH

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. In addition, based on the Bible we have defined our Doctrine to guide and constrain our Church practices. The Bible itself, as the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all we believe.

- In order to preserve the function and integrity of Boulevard Park Church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Church's members and the community, it is imperative that all members and persons employed by Boulevard Park Church in any capacity agree to abide by our beliefs. Conduct by Church Members or Staff that does not conform to our beliefs is subject to Church discipline as defined in the Bylaws.
- Hosting an event that conflicts with our beliefs would be a violation of consecrated property. Therefore the Church property will only host events that do not conflict with the Statement of Faith, Doctrine, and Bylaws.

We believe:

1. The Bible is God's word to all mankind, inspired by God, completely inerrant in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the supreme and final authority in faith and life (Psalms 119; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

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2. In one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2).
3. That Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true man (Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:23; Philippians 2:5-7; Hebrews 2:17).
4. That man was created by God in His image and likeness, with a sinless nature, and with rationality and volition making him morally responsible to God (Genesis 2:7, 15-25; Ecclesiastes 7:29; James 3:9).
5. That God the Father sent God the Son, Jesus Christ, to live and die on earth as the perfect sacrifice to pay the penalty for our sins (John 1:1, 14; 3:16; Romans 4:25; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24).
6. In the historic bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and the future resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to everlasting separation from God and conscious punishment (Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29; Revelation 19-20).
7. That all who turn from their sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born of the Holy Spirit and become children of God, a relationship in which they are eternally secure (John 1:12; 3:16; 10:27-29; Romans 8:29-39; 10:9-10; Ephesians 4:30; Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:3-5).
8. That the Holy Spirit indwells each believer in that our bodies become His temple, and that He empowers us to live and serve in a dynamic and fulfilling way as we depend upon Him (John 14:16-18; 15:26; Romans 8:26-27; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 5:18-6:9; Philippians 2:12-13).
9. That the true church is spiritual and universal, one in the Holy Spirit, and composed of all believers in Jesus Christ. We believe that the local assembly exists to worship Him, to nurture believers, and to proclaim Him to the world. (John 4:23-24; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 3:3).
10. That Jesus Christ will return in the clouds to take away His church and will return to earth (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Hebrews 9:28; James 5:8; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 19:11-16; 22:20).
11. That Satan is the enemy of God and all righteousness and is at work in the world today through demonic emissaries who attack the mind, body, will, heart, and conscience. Satan is the roaring lion seeking to deceive, destroy, rule and accuse (John 8:44, Matthew 13:36-43, Ephesians 6:10-2, 1 Peter 5:8).
12. That all believers are called into a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices and to a positive, sanctified, consistent life (James 4:4, Romans 12:1-2, 1 John 2:15-17, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Romans 1:16-32).

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4.0 MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this church shall consist of individuals 16 years old and older who confess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, who have assurance of salvation, whose lives bear witness of their confession, who have been baptized, and who agree to abide by the Boulevard Park Church Constitution and Bylaws.

5.0 LEADERSHIP

Consistent with the Bible, Boulevard Park Church is led by Elders, including the Senior Pastor, who are elected or called by the church members and given the responsibility and authority to lead the church. Subject to the Articles of Incorporation, this Constitution, and the Bylaws, the Board of Elders has final interpretative authority on the Bible's meaning and application in all matters pertaining to the church's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, discipline, and government. Literal translations of the Bible such as The New American Standard Bible (NASB, 1995 version), English Standard Version (ESV) and New King James Version (NKJV) are used by the Board of Elders for interpretation and application.

6.0 CORPORATE OFFICERS

As a Corporation in the State of Washington, Boulevard Park Church has designated certain persons to act as Corporate Officers on behalf of the Corporation in matters relative to the existence of a Corporation in this state. The Corporate President, the Corporate Secretary, and the Corporate Treasurer are designated as Corporate Officers and are accountable to the Board of Elders. Only those currently in office are Corporate Officers.

Corporate Officers are charged with the responsibility to act on behalf of the congregation in all matters related to the status of the Corporation. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

1. Ensuring that the Corporation fulfills all its responsibilities to state and local government jurisdictions such as payment of license fees and taxes.
2. Insuring that the Corporation properly operates as a non-profit Corporation under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
3. Signing and safeguarding all legal papers on behalf of the Corporation, such as the Articles of Incorporation, deeds, mortgages, contracts, etc.

7.0 CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Regular congregational meetings shall be held at least annually. In addition the Board of Elders may call special congregational meetings. The meetings shall be moderated by a member of the Board of Elders.

1. The Annual Business Meeting will be held within 60 days prior to the fiscal year end. The purpose is to review, amend as necessary and approve the annual budget, receive reports, and consider other business.
2. All congregational meetings must be announced at least two Sundays prior to the meeting. Announcement shall be made orally from the pulpit at regular worship services, by printing in the church bulletins, and via digital media as appropriate. Announcements shall include the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting.
3. Each member of the church is entitled to one vote on each motion brought to a vote at congregational meetings. Proxy voting is not permitted.
4. The presence of ten percent (10%) of the members constitutes a quorum required to transact business, and a simple majority of those present is required for approval, except that changes to the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Doctrine, church union and/or church division require a quorum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the active members be present, and a two-thirds (2/3)

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majority vote of those present for approval.

5. Minutes will be recorded by the Corporate Secretary. Minutes will record decisions made and whether a quorum of members was present. In the absence of the Corporate Secretary, the moderator shall appoint, from the membership, a temporary Secretary.
6. The Corporate Secretary will provide the minutes for review at the next Board of Elders and congregational meetings.

8.0 CHURCH UNION

The Board of Elders may appoint a Union Committee of Elders (from the entire college of elders), chaired by a Board member, to research a candidate church or denomination for union. If the committee recommends union and the recommendation is approved by the Board of Elders, a Special Congregational Meeting will be called for approval.

9.0 CHURCH DIVISION

If the congregation votes to divide, the name and all property shall be valued by an external appraiser agreed upon by the parties who will then divide the assets between the parties based on the number of members in each party at the time of the vote to divide. Note: to receive assets, each party must become a Corporation registered in the State of Washington and exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

10.0 AMENDMENTS

The Board of Elders may propose amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution, the Bylaws and/or the Doctrine for Congregational approval.

1. A Special Congregational Meeting will be called by the Board of Elders for Congregational consideration.
2. Proposed amendments shall be made available for Congregational review at least thirty days prior to the meeting. Changes shall not be proposed and approved during the voting meeting so that there will be time to consider the impacts.