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Constitution of an Independent Pentecostal Church of Christians of the Evangelical Faith,
Incorporated in the City of

This society shall bear the name: Christians of the Evangelical Faith Independent Pentecostal
Church Incorporated in

We, the Christians of the Evangelical Pentecost Faith, stand for the full Bible, divided into Two
Testaments; the New Testament being the only law, ruling and disciplinary.

Using the following rights of teaching:

1. We acknowledge that the whole scripture is given by inspiration.
2 Timothy 3:16
*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof,
for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*
2 Peter 1:21
*For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake
as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*
2. We acknowledge the God in three phases, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
Deuteronomy 6:4
Hear O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord.
1 John 5:7
*For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, The Word, and The Holy
Ghost: and these three are one.*
3. We acknowledge the absolute Evangelical repentance.
Mark 1:15
*And saying, The time is fulfilled, and kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and
believe the gospel.*
The Acts 3:19
*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the
times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.*
4. We acknowledge "Being born again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the
word of God....."
John 3:6
That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
1 Peter 1:23
*Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God,
which liveth and abideth for ever.*
5. We acknowledge Adult Water Baptism by the words of Jesus Christ.
Matthew 3:13-15
*Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But
John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?
And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus is becometh us
to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.*
The Acts 8:36-38
*And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said,
See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Phillip said, If thou
believest with all thine heart, thou mayest, And he answered and said, I believe that*

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Phillip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

6. We acknowledge the baptism of the Holy Ghost with signs of Other Tongues.

The Acts 2:2-4

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Acts 10:44-46

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

7. We acknowledge the gifts of the Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 12:1-12

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

1 Corinthians 14-1

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

8. We acknowledge Divine Healing.

James 5:14-15

Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Matthew 8:7

And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

Exodus 15:26

And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

9. We acknowledge Holy Communion.

Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This

is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

10. We acknowledge and practice total Washing of the Feet.

1 Timothy 5:10

Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

John 13:4-17

He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

11. We acknowledge and believe in the Second Coming of Christ to the Earth.

The Acts 1:10-11

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Matthew 24:27

For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

12. We acknowledge and believe in the Eternal Life for the Rightful, and Eternal Judgement for the sinful.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.

Matthew 25:34-46

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an

hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

13. We stand against the use of intoxicating liquors.

Proverbs 23:29-32

Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

Isaiah 28:7

But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgement.

1 Corinthians 6:10

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

14. We stand against the use of opium, morphine, tobacco, etc.

Isaiah 55:2

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? And your labour for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

1 Corinthians 10:31-32

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give non offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God.

15. We stand against the mixing of the Members of our Church with sinful gatherings.

1 Corinthians 15:33

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communication hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean

thing: and I will receive you.

16. We acknowledge that members of the Church shall not take or swear on an oath.
Matthews 5:34
But I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne.
James 5:12
But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.
17. We acknowledge that Members of the Church cannot obtain a Divorce nor enter the state of Matrimony with a Divorcee.
Matthew 5:32
But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.
Matthew 19:6
Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
18. We acknowledge that as followers of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we must without fail obey that Holy Commandment:
Exodus 20:13
Thou shalt not kill.
James 2:11
For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.
1 John 3:15.
Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Those and other texts of the Bible were always used in our Churches and were explained as no-one having the right of shedding human blood or taking their life, so we Christians prepare to fulfill all Civil Rights, Regulations and Laws of this Country; but, nevertheless we advise that we cannot knowingly take part in War, or armed combat which destroys human life, because this is against the teachings of the Bible.

19. a) We advise that the teachings of our Church are:
Open preaching of the full Bible; calling of people to accept Jesus Christ and to a Christian and moral life; the establishment of Churches for the peaceful gathering of Christians and people; the active raising of youth and children in a spirit of Christianity with the full teaching of the Bible and also useful activities among the youth of today at special youth and children's groups. The work of these groups will be continued under the full supervision of the whole church as a United Christian Body.
- b) To send our Missionaries to different places for Christian work and Gospel Preaching if the Church finds it necessary, and has possibility of finance.
- c) To publish and disseminate either among Church members or the public generally, Books, Magazines, Articles, Pamphlets, and other Publications relating to the Pentecostal Church or to the activities of the Church, and to publish such Church Papers, Magazines and other Publications as the Church shall from time to time think fit to make.

20. Apart from this, in the name of humanity and good fellowship amongst all people, our work will spread in the way of helping the poor, the orphaned and the aged with financial help, according to the possibilities of the Church and with the approval of the Church Body.
21. a) All land shall stand in the name of the Church and all improvements thereon shall belong to the Church. All money or real or personal property donated to the Church, or to or for the adornment of the Pentecostal Church, or received or collected in the Pentecostal Church from different sources and voluntary contribution under subscriptions listed or donations made by the Church members or others attending divine Service in our Church shall be the sole property of the Church.
- b) The income and property of the Church shall be applied solely to the promotion of its objects and no portion of its objects shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to any past or present members or his representative.
22. The ruling Members of the Church:
1. Pastor
 2. Deacons
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
 5. Members of the Committee

All these persons could be re-elected at an Annual General Meeting conducted by a Chairman appointed by the Church for the said meeting. All re-elections could be and shall be done in power of voting of two thirds of all members, otherwise the Church can appoint these same persons for the following year by the same voting.

In case anyone of the abovementioned persons is not performing his duty well, or found performing un-Christian actions, then the members of the Church may call a special meeting at any time of the year and by majority of voting can replace such person or persons by another person whom they think fit to this position.

23. **AMENDMENT OF THIS CONSTITUTION:**

This constitution may be amended at a duly convened Annual or Special Church Meeting called for that purpose by affirmative vote of not less than two thirds of all Church Members presently personally at that meeting. Voting of the proposed amendments, the notice calling the Church Meeting at which an amendment is to be submitted shall contain or have attached to it the full text of the proposed amendment or amendments.