

CONSTITUTION OF ROCK CHINESE CHURCH OF AUSTIN

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I. GENERAL

- A. The official name of our church is “Rock Chinese Church of Austin”
- B. The church is a nonprofit religious organization duly registered with the State of Texas.

II. PURPOSE

The church obeys the commission given by our Lord Jesus Christ, i.e. to worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth to spread the Gospel, to bring people to Christ, to equip the saints, and to grow spiritually.

III STATEMENT OF FAITH

The church upholds the following statement of faith:

- A. We believe in the one and only true God, Creator of all universe, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- B. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, Conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under the hand of Pontius Pilate, died on the cross, buried, descended into Hades and was raised bodily from the dead on the third day. He ascended to the right hand of the Father. He will return personally to judge the living and the dead.
- C. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, who convicts and regenerates the repentant sinners, and indwells, illuminates and empowers the believers to manifest their faith in action, in attaining a sanctified life.
- D. We believe the sixty-six books of the Holy Bible, both the old and New Testaments, to be the inspired word of God, consistent in truth and inerrant, the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.
- E. We believe that man was created in the image of God, had a glorious position originally, that he sinned and was depraved. As a sinner, man is in need of Gods’ grace for regeneration and can only be justified through faith in Jesus Christ alone.
- F. We believe that there shall be a bodily resurrection of the just to eternal life, and of the unjust to eternal punishment.

- G. We believe that the Church is built by Jesus Christ. The Church is His body, consisting of those regenerated by the Spirit of God and of which Jesus is the Head, and the purpose of the Church is to be Christ's witness on earth.

IV. ORDINANCES

A. Baptismal Ceremony

1. The prerequisites to receive baptism are repentance from sin and receiving Jesus Christ as personal Savior. Through baptism, a person identified with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, the community of believers, and the commitment to a life of holiness.
2. The Church practices immersion but will sprinkle under exceptional circumstances.
3. Neither baptism by immersion or sprinkling has any inherent power to bring salvation. Baptism is a symbol of one's relationship to Jesus Christ.

B. The Lord's Supper

The bread symbolizes the body of Christ, the cup symbolizes the blood of Christ. Christians eat the bread and drink the cup to remember the death of Jesus Christ and to anticipate His future return. All believers who have already been baptized should participate in the Lord's Supper. However, those who have not been baptized should refrain from participation.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The administrative organization of the church was established according to the teaching in the Bible, the execution of which was included in the by-laws.
- B. The constitution establishes the Name, Purpose and Statement of Faith and the Ordinances of the church. It was based on the 2008 revision of the constitution of the Rock Chinese Church of Austin, and voted upon by the General Assembly.
- C. The revision of this constitution requires the written request of the church Council with the co-signature of at least twenty of active members. The drafting of the revision will be performed by a special committee after detailed study and appointment by the Church Council. Upon approval of the revised copy, the Church Council will submit the copy for approval by two-thirds majority of the General Assembly.
- D. The constitution has been translated into Chinese. All interpretation should be referred to the English version in areas where the Chinese version becomes ambiguous.