

The Burnaby Pacific Grace Church Constitution

ARTICLE I: Church Name

The body was duly organized in 1990 as the Burnaby Pacific Grace Church, hereinafter called the "**Church**".

ARTICLE II: Mission and Purpose

Our **Purpose** is to live out the **Great Commandment**: "Love God and our Neighbour" (Matthew 22:37-40) and the **Great Commission**: "Make Disciples" (Matthew 28:18-20).

Our **Mission** is:

1. To worship God as a body of believers of Jesus Christ through the working of the Holy Spirit.
2. To love God by loving one another
3. To equip believers for service
4. To reach out to the world with gospel

ARTICLE III: Confession of Faith

Burnaby Pacific Grace Church's Confession of Faith is the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Church's Confession of Faith, as amended from time to time. Burnaby Pacific Grace Church accepts the Holy Bible as the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

ARTICLE IV: Affiliation

Burnaby Pacific Grace Church shall be a member in good standing with The Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches and The B.C. Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches., or its successor entities (hereinafter referred to as the "Conference"). The policies of the Church shall be consistent with the constitution, bylaws and Confession of Faith of the conferences.

ARTICLE V: Scope

The activities of the Church shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other gains to the organization shall be used in promoting its purposes and objectives. Leadership council members shall not be paid any remuneration for services rendered to the Church as a director but may be paid reasonable expenses for acting as a director.

ARTICLE VI: Real Property

The Church shall be entitled to purchase, receive, hold, sell or transfer any real property that is not used for the purpose of holding church services, Christian Education, counseling or housing of the churches' offices (collectively referred to as "Common Church Purposes").

Property may only be acquired, disposed of or encumbered;

a) by special resolution of the Members; and,

b) approval of the Conference's Board

All real property shall be registered in the name of the B.C. Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (B.C. Conference).

If for any reason, the Church terminates the membership of an individual, the Church shall not be obligated to account to that individual in respect of any tangible or intangible assets held by the Church.

ARTICLE VII: Dissolution

The property of the Church is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and upon liquidation, dissolution, winding-up, abandonment or serious breach of Article IV and after all financial liabilities have been paid in full (including the costs and expenses incurred in the liquidation, dissolution, winding-up or abandonment of the Church), the Directors or the Leadership Board, shall, within one (1) year of such date of liquidation, dissolution, wind-up, abandonment or breach of Article IV, transfer the assets of the Church to the B.C. Conference.

In the Event the Church, upon a motion at a general meeting that is passed and a majority vote of seventy-five percent (75%) by the members in good standing and cast by secret ballot, decides to discontinue as a body, the Church will transfer its assets as described above to the B.C. Conference.