

# Constitution

## **PREAMBLE**

We, the Elders of WAY OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP of Salem, Oregon, purpose to be organized in a New Testament pattern of church life. As such, we recognize the Bible as our final authority and true guide. Realizing this, the following constitution is not intended in any way to replace or add to the Word of God. We adopt this Constitution for our governance, plan of ministry, and service.

## **ARTICLE 1: NAME & PURPOSE**

The name of this organization, a non-profit corporation, shall be WAY OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP.

Our mission for WAY OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP is to reveal the truth about Jesus to our community.

Our vision for WAY OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP is to fulfill the Great Commission and make disciples for the Lord Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20). We believe that everything proceeds from our Christ-given mandate to encourage the saved and save the lost. It is our passion to help people find their purpose in life through prayer, preaching/teaching, building authentic and meaningful relationships, and equipping or training for leadership in the church and the world. In short, we exist to demonstrate the love of Jesus to the community in such a way that people desire to become purpose-filled and life-long followers of Jesus.

## **ARTICLE 2: AFFILIATION**

We will seek to cooperate in unity with the other churches and organizations of like faith and practice for the purposes of making disciples for the Lord Jesus.

## **ARTICLE 3: GOVERNANCE**

The overall policy, control, direction and management of the ministry, operations and finances of the church shall be vested in a council of Elders which will operate according to the Bylaws of WAY OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP.

## **ARTICLE 4: AMENDMENTS**

All constitutional amendments shall be enacted after substantial prayer and a unanimous vote of the Elders.

## **ARTICLE 5: DISSOLUTION**

It is confidently expected that the ministry of WAY OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP will continue until the return of Christ. However, in the unlikely event of dissolution of the organization, all assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated for evangelical, religious purposes within the limits of those specified in Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.