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**PROPOSED
CONSTITUTION
of the
COLLIERVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
of
COLLIERVILLE, TENNESSEE**

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Collierville Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Collierville, Tennessee, a congregationally governed body, in order to further the ministry of Jesus Christ through this church, do hereby adopt this constitution.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization will be Collierville Christian Church, Collierville, Tennessee, affiliated with the denomination known as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and committed to the historic principles of this denomination. This organization will be a participant in the cooperative life to its denomination, through support and participation in the life and work of local, regional, national – international manifestations reporting to the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) or its legal successors.

ARTICLE II: VISION & MISSION

The vision of this church is to have a great commitment to the Great Commission – making disciples for Christ (Mt. 28:19).

This church's mission is to achieve this vision through the commitment of the individual as well as the church body and by affirming the following core values.

1. We answer God's call into the Christian community and welcome all people to join with us.
2. We proclaim God's truth and strive always to bring others to Christ.
3. We seek the unity of all Christians and share the Lord's Supper with any who believe in Jesus Christ.
4. We nurture ongoing spiritual growth through regular worship, prayer, Bible study, and small groups.
5. We believe everyone is called to loving Christian ministry, and we each give of our time, talents, and financial resources.
6. We reach out to a hurting world in service to others, inside and outside the church, in the spirit of God's love.
7. We seek excellence in all that we do.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this congregation, as a part of the church universal, shall consist of those who are now identified as members of this congregation and those who shall unite with it by confession of faith and immersion baptism. Members will also be accepted from other Christian congregations by transfer of membership.

ARTICLE IV: GOVERNING BODY

The Board of Directors is charged by the congregation, pursuant to the authority vested in it by this constitution, adopted by the congregation of Collierville Christian Church, with responsibility of conducting the business affairs of the church and approving general policies, programs, and the annual budget of the church. Nomination, election, and classification of members of the Board of Directors will be as provided for in the by-laws.

Any member of the congregation shall have the right to attend any meeting of the Board of Directors, without voting privileges, and shall have the right to address the Board on any business or matter being considered. The Chair of the Board of Directors may convene the Board in Executive session if necessary.

ARTICLE V: ELDERS AND DIACONATE

The terms of office, qualifications for, and responsibilities of the Elders and Diaconate shall be as set forth in the bylaws to this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION

Bi-annual meetings of the congregation will be held at the church on dates to be designated by the Chair of the Administrative Board for the following purposes:

1. Election of the members of the Administrative Board.
2. Election of Life Elders, Elders, Life Diaconate, and Diaconate.
3. Ratification of the Annual Budget.
4. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Additional meetings of the congregation may be called by the Chair or acting Chair of the Administrative Board, or upon a request of the majority of the Administrative Board. Voting privileges will be accorded to all members present at business sessions of the congregation. Robert's Revised Rule of Order will govern all business of the congregation, unless otherwise provided herein.

ARTICLE VII: PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

The title to all physical properties of the church, both real and personal property, will be vested in the Collierville Christian Church Corporation, a Tennessee corporation having perpetual existence, and this corporation, chosen as provided for in the by-laws of the Board of Directors, will be charged with the responsibility for properly executing and delivering all notes, mortgages, trust deeds, warranty deeds, and other legal documents required in connection with the proper administration of its physical properties. The Collierville Christian Church Corporation will be vested with the responsibility of properly administering any and all endowment funds and bequests heretofore or hereinafter made to the church, subject to only the provisions of any court order and wills.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENT

This constitution may be amended in whole or in part, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular or special congregational meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given to the members of the congregation at least one month before the vote is taken.

ARTICLE IX: ADOPTION

This constitution, following its adoption by the members of the congregation will take effect, thereby repealing and rendering null and void the existing constitution and all the amendments thereto heretofore adopted.

I, Mary Kratz, being the duly elected Chairman of the General Board of Collierville Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Collierville, Tennessee, Do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Constitution of the Collierville Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as adopted by the members of the congregation of Collierville Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Collierville Tennessee on the 17th day of April, 2005.

Attest:

Beth Hillis
Secretary of the General Board of
Collierville Christian Church

Mary Kratz
Chairman of the General Board of
Collierville Christian Church