

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation is to be **The Gospel Mission Incorporated.**

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of this corporation is as described in the original Charter of the City Rescue Mission established in Dayton, Ohio in the year of our Lord 1912, which is as follows: "Said corporation is formed for the purpose of providing a place of worship for its members and others, and conducting the same according to the rules and regulations of the organization; of promoting the cause of Christian religion; of assisting in the work or temporal relief to those coming under its influence; and of receiving, holding and disbursing gifts, bequests and funds arising from other sources; or owning and maintaining suitable real estate and buildings and the doing of all things necessary or incidental thereto.

The purposes of this Corporation are defined thusly: First our foremost and primary purpose is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through the preaching of the Word of God, and secondly, the purchase and ownership of necessary property, suitable buildings and equipment to carry out that purpose; to accept and dispense charitable gifts, legacies, and devises of value; to purchase, own and sell property, both personal and real, and to do all the other things that may be necessary in connection therewith; maintaining and conducting of any necessary ancillary activities relative to the physical requirements of the needy; maintaining religious assembly hall and consultation rooms; and as necessary the establishment of branches to aid in the word and in general the conducting of meetings for teaching, preaching and studying the Bible as the true Word of God and for the proclaiming of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls.

ARTICLE III

LOCATION

The business of the Corporation is to be transacted in Dayton, Ohio, or such other location as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

ARTICLE IV

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in one God, eternally existing as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is deity, that he was born of a virgin, that we are redeemed by his atoning death through His shed blood, that He bodily resurrected and ascended into Heaven, and that He will come again in power and great glory.

We believe that men are saved through a direct, personal encounter with the risen Lord, at which time they are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. This event we hold to be an experience, rather than a doctrinal supposition.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whom Christ indwells each believer enabling him to live a godly life of obedience as he reaches maturity.

We believe the Holy Spirit unites all true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and that together they form one body, the Church.

We believe in a future Heaven for the saved and that it is not obtained as the result of good works, but we believe in the maintenance of good works, and holy living as a result of salvation.

ARTICLE V

INCOME

The income of the Corporation from all sources shall be used for religious and benevolent purposes, the Corporation being a Corporation not for profit having no capital stock..

ARTICLE VI
MANAGEMENT

The entire religious and business management of the Mission shall be entrusted to a Board of Trustees and Executive Director of the Mission.

ARTICLE VII
DISSOLUTION

In the event that this Corporation shall fail to carry out the purpose of the Constitution and the By-Laws as set forth herein, the Board of Trustees shall be authorized to dissolve the Corporation and distribute the assets to one or more similar organizations subscribing to a like Statement of Faith.

July 16th, 1912