

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

BYLAWS - ARTICLE I – Purpose

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[PLEASE NOTE: Consistent with the autonomy of each congregation in the NACCC, no individual, either elected or appointed, serving the NACCC, may speak for the member churches, nor may any person express opinions on matters on behalf of the NACCC as a whole unless authorized and directed by the Board of Directors or the delegates assembled in annual or special meeting.]

The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc. or (“NACCC”) is organized exclusively for religious and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation. To the extent consistent with the above general purposes, the specific purposes of the NACCC shall be as follows:

- to provide a means by which Congregational Christian Churches of this nation may, without disturbing or altering their present associations and affiliations, consult and advise together as Churches upon matters of common concern to them, both temporal and spiritual;
- to provide this closer fellowship and unity in all spiritual matters among Congregational Christian Churches;
- to aid, in such ways as may from time to time be appropriate and proper, the continuance and growth of those Christian purposes and practices which have been the historic and accepted characteristics of Congregational Christian Churches;
- to promote, to carry on, and to coordinate such cooperative activities among member Churches as to them from time to time may seem wise and expedient; and
- upon application therefore by member Churches, to provide for them such assistance, whether financial or through advice and consultation or otherwise, as may be proper and expedient without violating the autonomy of member Churches.