

BEFC Proposed Constitutional Changes

1. We propose to replace the term "Pastoral Team," which occurs 18 times in our constitution, with "Elders". Also proposed is replacing the term "Pastoral Team Member", occurs 4 times, with the term "Elder." We feel this aligns better with scriptures use of the terms and further clarifies the requirements and purpose of the role. (1 Tim 3:1-7, Acts 20:17-35, Titus 1:5-9)
2. We propose to change the terms of office for a Pastoral Team Member. Currently each Pastoral Team member is permitted to serve up to two consecutive two year terms (four years total). The proposed change is to increase the number of consecutive terms from two to three, each term will remain two years in length. Members will be able to serve for six total consecutive years versus the previous four. This will add stability to the team as well as align more biblically with a seven-year sabbath cycle.
3. Adding a purpose statement. We currently have no purpose statement and propose to add one to the constitution under our statement of faith and prior to our mission and vision statements. It would read:

Our Purpose

To glorify God by displaying His manifold wisdom

The scripture for this statement comes from Eph 3:10, 1 Peter 2:9

4. Changing the Mission Statements. Our current mission statement reads "To make every willing person a healthy, reproducing believer." We propose to change our mission statement to read:

Our mission is to glorify God by; obeying His word, building each other up in truth, loving others by imitating Jesus and making disciples by proclaiming the Gospel.

Some scripture to back this statement up; Eph 5:1-2, 1 Peter 2:4-5, 1 Thess 5:11, John 13:34-35, John 17, Col 3:12-17

5. Change the Vision Statement: Our current vision statement reads "To produce measurable spiritual development and maturity in our church family and those entrusted into our care." We propose to change our vision statement to read:

To be united in the ultimate, joyful worship of God for His Glory.

This comes from: John 17:1-26, Revelation 7:9-17, Revelation 21-22:4, Jeremiah 31:33-34