

CONSTITUTION

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KNOX CHURCH, HAMILTON.

1st.—The Church, Manse, Burying Ground, and any other Houses or Real Estate, now belonging to or which may hereafter become the property of the Congregation, shall be held in trust by three members of the said Congregation in full Communion, in accordance with a deed of trust—bearing date the Sixth Day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-six.

2nd.—The members in Full Communion with the Congregation shall have the sole power of choosing a Minister, or Pastor and Elders of said Congregation.

3rd.—The election of a Minister or Pastor shall take place at a meeting of the Members of the Congregation, which shall have been called from the Pulpit of the Church by the officiating Minister on each of the two Sabbaths preceding each meeting. The majority of members present shall determine the election.

4th.—The method of the election of the Elders shall be determined from time to time by the Session, as occasion may require; but the election shall be by the Members of the Congregation, and notice of meeting for such election shall be given as provided in Clause Third.

5th.—The constitutional duty of the Session to superintend the Spiritual affairs and watch over all the interests of the Congregation is recognized and reserved to them.

6th.—Nine Managers shall be elected to take charge of the secular affairs of the Congregation, three of whom shall retire annually in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election. In case of vacancy occurring by resignation or otherwise, the Managers themselves shall fill the vacancy at their earliest convenience; and a Manager absenting himself from three successive regular meetings without leave shall cease to be a Manager.

7th.—The Managers shall elect their own Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, hold regular meetings as often as their business may require and may give notice of their meetings, either from the Pulpit on Sabbaths or by the Secretary to each Manager, when demanded by any three of them. Five Managers shall constitute a quorum. When the Managers shall themselves deem it necessary, or when requested to do so by seven or more Members of the Congregation in Full Standing, they shall with concurrence of the Session call a special meeting of the Congregation, stating the object in the notice thereof; and no business shall be entertained at any Special Meeting excepting what is mentioned in the notice thereof. Should any Manager cease to be a Member of the Congregation he shall cease to be a Manager. The Treasurer shall open an account with some regular Chartered Bank in the city, and deposit in his own name, as Treasurer of the Managing Committee, monies from time to time as may be convenient.

8th.—The use of the Church property for public and general purposes not connected with the congregation shall be under the control of the Managers, with the concurrence of the Minister.