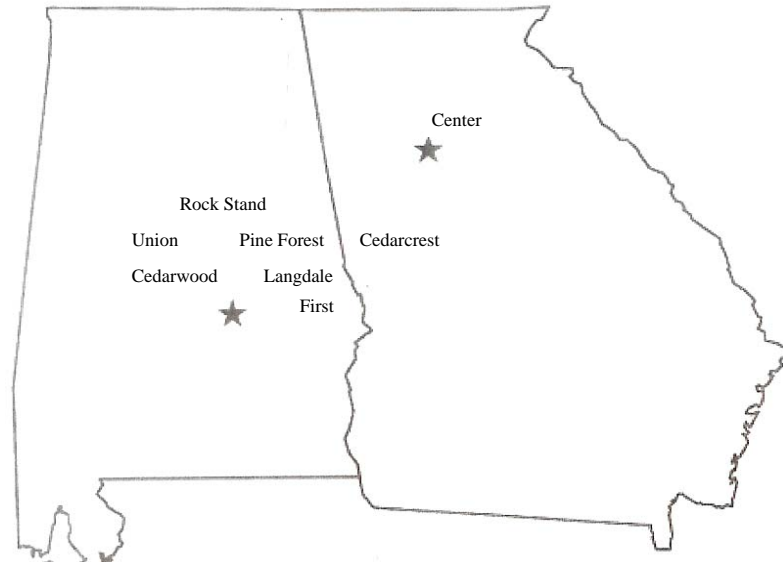


Association Churches
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**Constitution
of the
Alabama/Georgia Association
of
Congregational Christian Churches**



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LaGrange, Georgia 30240

Cedarwood Community
P.O. Box 1015
Wetumpka, Alabama 36092

Center Congregational
1055 Moores Mill Road, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30327

First Congregation Christian
1608 14th Court
Phenix City, Alabama 36867

Langdale Congregational Christian
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Valley, Alabama 36854

Pine Forest Congregational Christian
1107 30th Street
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Rock Stand Congregational Christian
7101 County Road 65
Roanoke, Alabama 36274

Union Congregational Christian
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**The Constitution¹
of
The Alabama/Georgia
Association² of Congregational
Christian Churches**

PREAMBLE

Our Pilgrim forefathers brought Congregationalism to America on the Mayflower in order to establish a Christian Fellowship like that, which gathered around Jesus. Their belief, as is ours today, is a sincere Christian conviction and honest desire to live in fellowship with others as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Churches in the Alabama /Georgia Association believe in faith freedom and fellowship. They believe in acknowledging Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, in accepting Holy Scriptures as their role and practice, in recognizing the privilege and duty of uniting ourselves for Christian fellowship, public worship of God and the advancement of His kingdom.

The Association of the Alabama/Georgia Churches believes in freedom of the Christian, freedom of the local church to self-government in all matters, with each church being autonomous and entirely free from external control.

The churches of the Association of the Alabama/Georgia Churches covenant to walk together in the ways of God revealed to our forefathers and in such ways as He may reveal to us.

¹ Constitutional revision, see footnotes

² Constitutional change of name, see footnotes

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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this association shall be the Alabama/Georgia Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the Association shall be:

- To provide a means by which the churches may consult and advise together on matters of common concern both spiritual and temporal.
- To provide closer fellowship and unity in spiritual matters among the churches.
- To aid, in such ways as may be appropriate and proper, the continuance and growth of those Christian purposes and practices characteristic of Congregational Christian Churches.
- To promote and carry on such cooperative activities among our churches as may seem wise and appropriate.
- To cooperate with the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches and its member churches.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Member churches. Membership in the Association shall be by individual churches, which are in harmony with the Congregational polity and are committed in faith, and fellowship. In all matters submitted to the Association for consideration, each church shall have a voice.

ARTICLE III — cont'd
Membership

For the purpose of this constitution Congregational Christian Church shall be defined as a body of Christians complete under God in spiritual authority and ecclesiastical power, regularly meeting and worshipping in one place, united by a mutually owned covenant, in fellowship with sister Congregational Christian Churches and recognized by the Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

Any Congregational Christian Church in Alabama or Georgia may become a member of the Association by congregational action taken at a duly called and held meeting of such church, which action shall be certified to the Secretary of the Association by the proper church official, subject to a majority vote of the Association at which time the church shall become a member.

Membership may be withdrawn at any time by action and certification.

Member church may be dropped from the Association roll upon receipt of satisfactory evidence the church has disbanded. Such action shall be reported to the Association at the Annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV
Officers and Committees

1. Officers:

The elected officers of the Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary/Treasurer, and Executive Secretary. The officers shall be elected each year at the October Annual Meeting. Men or women, clergy, or lay, may be eligible to hold office.

· **The Moderator** shall be elected for a term of one year and shall preside at all meetings of the Association performing the usual duties of the office.

Footnotes

¹ *Constitution revision approved at the October 17, 1999 Annual Meeting at Union CC Church, Marbury, AL to rewrite the constitution.*

² *Constitution revision approved at the October 16, 2005 Annual Meeting at Union CC Church, Marbury, AL to change name from Fellowship to Association.*

³ *The Executive Committee voted to change meeting from Sunday to Saturday to avoid conflicts with other meetings.*

⁴ *Constitution revision approved at the October 19, 2003 Annual Meeting at Cedarwood Community Church to hold only one meeting annually.*

Article VII cont'd Membership and Voting

Association Finances

There will be no assessment but rather designated offerings and special appeals if the need arises. The following will have their own treasurer and bank account, the Youth Fellowship, the Men's Fellowship, the Women's Fellowship, and any future fellowships or committees that require expenditures. These groups will be involved in programs and projects. They will have different financial needs and means of raising the funds for their organizations. It would be confusing and inefficient to try to keep one account for these groups whose officers are in various parts of the state

Article VIII Ordination

The Association has the power to ordain, censure, or depose a minister, or to sit in council of reference to such cases at the request of a member church. Ordination by the Association is valid and sufficient. However, each minister so ordained must be listed with the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches immediately after ordination. The Executive Committee shall serve as the examining committee for ministers.

ARTICLE IV cont'd. Officers and Committees

- **The Vice Moderator** shall be elected for a term of one year and shall fill that office in the absence of the Moderator, or at his request. In case of a vacancy in the office of the moderator, the vice Moderator shall fulfill the duties during the unexpired term.
 - **The Secretary/Treasurer** shall be elected for a term of one year and shall keep full and accurate records of the proceedings of the Association and of the Executive Committee. They shall keep a record of the membership and attendance, receive official communications, send notices and correspondence as directed by the Association or by the Executive Committee. They shall receive all contributions and disburse funds under the direction of the Association and the Executive Committee and shall make a report at each Association meeting. The executive Committee shall have authority to request an audit of the books at any time it deems necessary.
 - **The Executive Secretary** shall be elected for a term of one year and shall assist the member churches as needed as well as act as liaison with the National Association.
2. **The Executive Committee:**
- There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of all the elected officers and the president or director of any group added to the Association. They shall be elected for a term of one year.
 - The Executive Committee shall meet on the *third Saturday of July*³. In addition to these regularly scheduled meetings, the Executive Committee shall meet upon call from the Moderator, or if necessary, upon call of the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association.

³ Meeting date revised, see footnotes

ARTICLE IV cont'd. Officers and Committees

- The Executive Committee shall act for the Association between its meetings, but the Committee's actions shall be subject to ratification and review by the Association.
- The Executive Committee shall also prepare an agenda and order of business for the Association meetings. This shall be done with the consent and input of the Minister of the Association host church, Minutes of the action of the committee shall be kept by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association and presented to the Association for ratification and review at the next regular Association meeting.

3. Committees:

- Other committees shall be created by the Association as deemed necessary for carrying out the projects of the Association.
- Members of any such committee shall be chosen by the Association or by the Executive Committee. Whichever is proper. Such committees established by the Executive Committee shall be subject to review by the Association.

ARTICLE V Meetings

The regular meetings of the Association shall be held on the third Sunday in *October*⁴. Election of officers shall be held at the October meeting each year. Announcement of such meetings shall be made to member churches at least one month prior to the meeting date.

A quorum shall consist of those members attending.

⁴ constitutional revision, see footnotes

ARTICLE V cont'd Meetings

Special meetings may be convened upon the call of the Executive Committee, such meetings shall consider only that business stated in the call for the meeting, which call shall be made not less than ten days prior to such meeting.

Article VI Amendment

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the member churches represented at the semi-annual meeting. The full text of the proposed amendment or amendments shall be printed and distributed 30 days prior to the call of the meeting at which they are to be considered

Article VII Membership and Voting

Anyone who is a member of an Association member church will have the right to vote.

Nominating Committee

A nominating committee will be elected from the floor at each annual meeting. The committees will choose a chairman from their number. They will prepare a slate of officers to be voted on at the next annual meeting. Only one person from a member church should serve on the nominating committee. Nominations can be made from the floor and in this event the election will be by written ballot. The chairperson of the nominating committee will be responsible for the time and place that the committee meets. Two thirds of the committee must be present to constitute a quorum.