

CONSTITUTION
OF
ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ANNA MARIA FLORIDA, Inc.

Adopted January 11, 1976

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this church is Roser Memorial Community Church of Anna Maria, Florida.
It was organized to serve the community as a nondenominational Christian church.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND POWERS

The general nature of the purpose of this Church shall be to form and perpetuate a religious society or organization, named as above, to engage in religious worship and church fellowship, and to promote religious education and charitable work which can be interpreted as pursued and performed in obedience to the words of Jesus Christ, to wit:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind. . . .
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

ARTICLE III. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION

Any person may become a full member of Roser Memorial Community Church by:

- (a) Presenting a certificate of transfer or letter from some other Christian Church, or
- (b) Declaring his or her sympathy with the aims of this Church, and his or her purpose to live in accord with the teachings of Jesus.

Any person may become a federated member of Roser Memorial Community Church while maintaining full membership in another Christian church.

Membership will be consummated by publicly joining in the following covenant, to-wit:

“We bind ourselves together in the spirit of Christ and covenant one with another to maintain the worship of God, to sustain the ministry of religious education, and to seek for ourselves, and for one another, the love of truth, the bond of brotherhood, and the spirit of service.”

ARTICLE IV. MOTTO

The motto of Roser Memorial Community Church is:

“We agree to differ . . . We resolve to love . . . We unite to serve.”

ARTICLE V. TERM

This corporation shall exist perpetually, unless sooner dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

This Church shall have the following Officers:

- (a) A Chair and Vice-Chair of the Congregation and Council.

- (b) A Clerk.
- (c) A Treasurer.
- (d) A Financial Secretary.
- (e) A Church Council.

Other Officers, Boards, and Committees may be created from time to time by the Council as set forth in the Bylaws. All Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws.

An annual meeting of the Congregation shall be held each year as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. THE CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church shall be managed by the Church Council. The Church Council shall be composed of the following Officers:

- (a) The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Congregation.
- (b) The Clerk.
- (c) The Treasurer and Financial Secretary.
- (d) The Ministers.
- (e) The members of the Boards of Trustees, Deacons, Religious Education and Finance.
- (f) The Chair and Vice-Chair of all standing committees of the Council.
- (g) The Presidents of the Women's, Men's, and Youth organizations.
- (h) Such other Officers and members of Boards and Committees as may, from time to time, be established and created by Council and designated as members of the Church Council by the Bylaws.

The Church may provide in its Bylaws for at-large memberships on the Church Council and may in general make any and all provisions for membership on the Church Council, including, without limitations, prescribing terms of membership, and such other further provisions, rules, regulations, terms, and conditions for membership in and conduct of the Church Council as may be appropriate and not inconsistent with this Constitution.

The Church Council shall meet at the call of the Chair of the Congregation, upon the request of any three of its members, or as otherwise provided in the Bylaws. Church Council meetings shall be open to all members of the Church. The number of persons constituting the Church Council shall be determined from time to time by the Bylaws.

Twelve members of the Church Council constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Duties of all duly elected or appointed Officers, boards, and committees shall be set forth in the Bylaws of the Church.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BYLAWS

This Constitution is adopted and may be amended, according to Article X of the Church Charter, by a majority of vote of members of the Congregation present at any regular meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendments thereto shall have been given at the two Sunday meetings next preceding the meeting of the Congregation at which action is to be taken. The Church Council may by a majority vote adopt and amend Bylaws not inconsistent with state law or the provisions of the Church Charter and this Constitution, provided that notice of such proposed Bylaws or amendments shall have been given at the preceding meeting of the Church Council.

ARTICLE X LIQUIDATION UPON DISSOLUTION

In case there happens to be a dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose, and none of the assets will be distributed to any member, Officer, or trustee of this Church.

Anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, the provisions of this Article may not be amended.

The above proposed Constitution was drawn up and presented by a duly appointed Constitutional Revision Committee, consisting of the following persons:

- William A. Sutton, Chair
- Mrs. Clyde Phelps
- Terry J. Topjun
- The Rev. Albert A. Butterfield

This Constitution was adopted by vote of the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 11, 1976

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