

**CHARTER
PENSACOLA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY. We, the undersigned, hereby associate together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, applicable to Corporations not for profit, under the following charter:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Corporation shall be "PENSACOLA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION" and it is to be located in Escambia County, Florida.

ARTICLE II

Object

The general nature of the Corporation shall be:

(A) To promote the spirit of unity and good fellowship among sister Baptist Churches in Escambia County, Florida, actively cooperating with the Florida Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

(B) To afford a medium of cooperation for these churches in the promotion of their common interests, and the serving of the interests of the denomination and the cause of Christ everywhere.

(C) To assist in the organization of new churches and missions.

(D) To establish and conduct other institutions of a religious, educational, charitable and benevolent character.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Each of the following Baptist Churches (here were listed the churches then affiliated) shall be entitled to representation and membership in this Association by their pastors and messengers.

Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, with one additional messenger for each 100 members or fraction thereof after the first 100 members; but no church shall have more than 10 messengers.

Other Baptist Churches shall be entitled to representation and membership on the same basis upon recommendation by the Constitution and Bylaws/Credentials Team and a favorable majority vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

The messengers from the respective churches shall be elected annually by the churches from their membership and seated at the annual meeting of the Association. All messengers are to be certified to the Association by the inclusion of their names in the Church Letter.

Churches shall make annual reports to the Association on the letter form provided by the Association. Any churches failing for three consecutive years to make such reports or failing to give a minimum annual gift of \$250 shall be dropped from the roll thereof, provided the Executive Committee shall have communicated with the church each year relative to its failure in reporting and giving.

ARTICLE IV

Term

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

Subscribers

The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows: (Here were listed the officers then serving.)

ARTICLE VI

Officers

The Association shall have the following officers: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and such others as may be considered necessary as are provided for in the Bylaws.

Said officers, together with the pastors of the churches, missions, and one member from each of the churches in the Association shall constitute the Executive Committee, which shall meet 4 times a year and manage the affairs of the Association between its annual meetings.

The Moderator and Clerk shall be the chairman and secretary, respectively of the Executive Committee.

All officers and lay members of the Executive Committee shall be elected annually and take office at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

ARTICLE VII

First Officers

The names of the officers who are to manage all the affairs until the first election under this charter are as follows: (Here were listed the officers.)

Executive Committee – the above officers and the following pastors: (Here were listed the pastors.)

And the following laymen: (Here were listed the laymen.)

ARTICLE VIII

By-Laws

The Bylaws of the Corporation are to be made, altered or rescinded upon a two-thirds vote of the members present at any session of an annual meeting of the Association if presented at a previous session.

ARTICLE IX

Indebtedness

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the Corporation may at any time subject itself, which shall never be greater than two-thirds of the value of the property of the Corporation, shall be five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).

ARTICLE X

Value of Real Estate

The amount of value of the real estate which the Corporation may hold, subject always to the approval of the Circuit Judge, shall be one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

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