
Procedures for Public Review of the Proposed Church Constitution

Purpose Statement:

The purpose of the public review is to promote **clarity of understanding** amongst the members of Riceville Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church ("Riceville") of the proposed Church Constitution.

Objective:

The objective is to bring the proposed Church Constitution to a point of **acceptability** by the members of Riceville.

Procedures:

The Biblical principals for the operating procedures outlined below are established in I Corinthians 14:40, *"Let all things be done decently and in order."*

I. The Presenter's responsibility:

- i. Bring clarity of understanding of the proposed Church Constitution by reading and explaining its contents.
- ii. It is not the Presenter's responsibility to justify the contents of the proposed Church Constitution.

II. The Riceville Members responsibility: It is the responsibility of all Riceville members to:

- i. Read and obtain a clear understanding to the proposed Church Constitution.
- ii. Riceville Members are strongly encouraged to participate in this process by submitting your questions, concerns, suggestions, and recommendations in writing to the Constitution Committee immediately after the proposed Church Constitution has been read. (Assistance is available to Church Members in need of help with their written comments)
- iii. Be open in your review as not to make this your personal Constitution but rather a Church Constitution

III. The Church Leader's responsibility: It is the responsibility of the Church Leaders to:

- i. Provide all Riceville members with an equal opportunity to evaluate and provide input into the proposed Church Constitution. As such, the proposed Church Constitution was presented to Riceville Members for individual review and written comments for three (3) months (March – May 2010). Now there will be a public review on **June 28** and **July 6, 2010 (7:30 pm respectively)** to provide clarity of the proposed Church Constitution.
- ii. After the public review of the proposed Church Constitution, any and all *written comments* received by **July 11, 2010** will be evaluated, addressed and if deemed acceptable by the Constitution Committee will be incorporated into a FINAL revision of the proposed Church Constitution.
- iii. Two (2) weeks prior to the vote, a FINAL version, of the proposed Church Constitution will be made available to the Riceville members.
- iv. A date to vote on the FINAL version of the Church Constitution will be set for on or about **August 7, 2010**, subject to change. The vote on the FINAL (2010) version of the Church Constitution will be in compliance with the current Church Constitution as recorded in Article XII, Amendment Clause.

Prayerfully Yours, The Constitution Committee

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" Psalms 37:5.
