

## CONSTITUTION

## **ARTICLE 3**

**OBJECT** 

The object of this Church, and any subsidiaries joined to it, shall be to unify in, with, and under the mind of Christ as directed by the Holy Spirit, and to extend to all parts of the world, the work of promulgating the everlasting gospel, and all facets of the foundation of our faith as found in the historic platform of Seventh-day Adventists as established by the pioneers including Ellen G. White, and fully subscribed and adhered to by Elder J. W. Manns as co-founder of the Free Seventh-day Adventist movement.

- **SECTION 1**. The Historic Platform, above all else, elevates the Bible, God's Holy Word, as the foundation for all truth, and that everything must agree and adhere to the Law and the Testimony or else there is no truth in them. **Isaiah 8:20**.
- **SECTION 2**. The Historic Platform equally recognizes, acknowledges, and incorporates the work of God's voice to the Church, Ellen G. White. God appointed her as His messenger/ prophet to the church for these last days, whom, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, confirmed, contributed, and/or corrected the works of the other pioneers in the establishment of God's present truth for today. **Amos 3:7**.
- **SECTION 3**. This Historic Platform recognizes, acknowledges, and incorporates the work of certain of the pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, persons blessed and inspired of God through the Holy Spirit to form the foundation of His final movement in these last days. **Revelation 14:13**.
- **SECTION 4.** This Historic Platform was fully and completely recognized, acknowledged and incorporated by Elder J. W. Manns when he co-founded the Free Seventh-day Adventist movement. *In the April, 1921 edition of the Free*

Advent Banner, the following is stated:—"Therefore comes the church of Free Seventh-day Adventists. We come believing all of the fundamental principles of the original body of Seventh-day Adventists. We believe that this people have been entrusted with the greatest message ever entrusted to mortals. .... We are free—

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Because it is not Christian to estimate men by their outward appearance nor color. Acts 17:26; 2Samuel 14:14.
- **2<sup>nd</sup>.** Because birth, nationality, color, nor station do not elevate nor degrade men. **Acts 10:28-35**.
- **3**<sup>rd</sup>. Because we accept the Bible alone as our supreme rule of faith and practice, **2Timothy 3:16, 17**, and we accept only such other writings as harmonize with God's Word. **Isaiah 8:20**.
- **4**<sup>th</sup>. Because the Lord is that Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **2Corinthians 2:17**.
- **5**<sup>th</sup>. Because we respect not the person of men, but condescend to high and low. Romans 12:16; James 2:5-9.
- **6**<sup>th</sup>. Because we are working and praying to realize that promise: 'We are all one in Christ.' **Galatians 3:27-28**.
- **7**<sup>th</sup>. Because we plead for freedom in Christ for each and every one. Free to think, to believe and act as the Word and Spirit of God shall direct. **Exodus 5:1**.

All of this is in harmony with the teaching of Sister White."

It is in this spirit and purpose we stand as a church and confederation of Free Seventh-day Adventists.