

Governing Documents

The following summary explains how MPBC's governing documents work together to define the Church's legal foundation, congregational authority, and day-to-day operations.

Together, these documents function in a hierarchy: the Articles of Incorporation establish MPBC's legal standing, the Constitution defines its foundational identity and authority, and the Bylaws provide the operating rules for carrying out church governance.

Document	Role
Articles of Incorporation	Establishes MPBC as a legal corporation under Virginia law and defines its basic legal purpose, membership structure, director selection process, and protections for congregational authority.
Constitution	States MPBC's foundational identity, beliefs, mission, autonomy, and commitment to operate through congregational processes under the lordship of Jesus Christ.
Bylaws	Explain how MPBC operates in practice, including membership, congregational meetings, voting, leadership roles, elections, finances, property decisions, and amendments.