

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **Prairie Partners Baptist Association** Revised and Adopted September 16, 2006

### **Preamble**

We declare and establish this constitution to govern the body in an orderly manner. This constitution will preserve the liberties of each congregation (defined as church or mission) and the freedom of action of this Association in relation to other Southern Baptist Entities.

### **I. Name**

This body shall be known as the Prairie Partners Baptist Association. A partnership is defined as “two or more autonomous bodies that have formed a trusting relationship, and fulfill agreed-upon expectations. They do this by sharing complimentary gifts and abilities in order to achieve a common goal.”

### **II. Objectives**

The Association is committed to partnership, prayer, and giving. We exist to support, strengthen, and encourage one another. The role of this association is to assist and resource member congregations.

### **III. Statement of Basic Beliefs**

We affirm the Holy Bible as the inspired word of God and the basis for our beliefs. This Association subscribes to the doctrinal statement of “The Baptist Faith and Message” as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

### **IV. Polity and Relationships**

The government of this Association is vested in the congregations who compose it. This Association is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation common among Baptist Entities.

Congregations received by the Association shall constitute the membership.

All groups formed and empowered by the Association will report to and be accountable only to the Association, unless otherwise specified by Association action.

### **V. Amendments**

Changes in the constitution and bylaws may be made at either the annual meeting or special called business meeting provided written copies of the proposed amendment shall have been furnished to each member church at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

Amendments to the constitution shall be by two-thirds vote of messengers voting. Amendments to the bylaws shall be a majority of the messengers voting.