

8. Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member and shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on minutes unless ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decisions may be taken to the whole body, which shall decide without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of Messengers shall be enrolled by the Clerk and call over when thought necessary.

20. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

21. Immediately after the organization of the Association, the Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair.

22. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration by amendment at the regular meeting of the Association by a majority vote of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, one and the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God; that they are divine authority; that they contain the whole of the divine purpose as revealed to man, and that they are the only standard of divine truth, and the only and sufficient rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people in the eternal and unconditional election of all His spiritual children to grace and glory.

4. We believe in the everlasting covenant, grace treasured upon Christ to insure the regeneration, sanctification, preservation of all God's people, so that none of them will finally be lost.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God and by righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

6. We believe that there is one mediator between God and man, Jesus Christ, who by the sanctification, He was made to law and justice in coming and offering of sin, hath forever redeemed His people from the curse of the law that they might be accepted in the beloved.

7. We believe the good works are not meritorious; that they are the fruits, and follow after justification, and that it is the duty of all believers, perform them from principal of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

OBJECT AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION

1. The Association acknowledges and maintains that each Church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of the Churches composing her body, but may withdraw from any Church which may hold false doctrines or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the Churches, to inquire into any differences between the Churches and remove them if possible, to give the Churches the best advice they can in different matters when solicited and in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in every way they may deem it practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions of our country, we believe it to be the inalienable right of every Association of every Church of every individual member of the Church to support them or not to support them, according to their views of duty, and to the dictates of their conscience, and this right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby the right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith and order of practice, and no other. All Messengers must bear letters of identification from their respective bodies.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association but not have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by, and with their consent to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of its proceedings and have them printed when necessary.