

CONSTITUTION (Current, last updated in 2014)

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AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH 10451 Huron
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The doctrine of Crossroads Church:

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Section 1A. Senior Pastor:

The senior pastor of Crossroads Church will be theologically trained with a Masters of Divinity degree or greater from a trusted and recognized seminary. His role is summarized as “Shepherd” and described in four categories:

1. Teacher/Preacher. The senior pastor preaches and teaches God’s word in a competent, skilled and relevant manner. He guards the integrity of Scripture as God’s inspired, inerrant, infallible word.
2. Leader. He leads the church into spiritual growth and into the future. He is the primary visionary for the direction Jesus wants Crossroads Church to go.
3. Counselor. He gives biblical counsel to boards and committees to which he is an ex officio member. He depends on the Holy Spirit through active prayer.
4. Overseer. He oversees the operations of Crossroads Church and the equipping of the body of Christ for the work of ministry. The senior pastor has the authority to hire any staff with the understanding that the campus Diaconate approves the nominated candidate for campus pastor. The senior pastor has the authority to terminate any staff.

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2. Primary Leader of Leaders. This role has two functions: leading up and leading around. The senior pastor should provide leadership for the board and elders above them along with his own leadership staff.
3. Primary Vision-Caster. The senior pastor does not have to develop the vision on his own. The body of Christ, represented by Church Council, should work together to discern where God is calling the church to go. However, the senior pastor must be the lead communicator of this vision. He is the main voice and advocate for the future of where God is calling the church.
4. Primary Champion of Culture. Culture must start at the top. If the senior leadership team is preaching and teaching values and practices that the senior pastor does not exhibit, there will be disconnect and tension. It is the senior pastor’s responsibility to set the tone for their team and lead the church by example.

<p>Section 1B. Campus Pastor: A campus pastor at Crossroads Church will be nominated by the senior pastor and they will have theological training and/or equivalent ministry experience to lead a Crossroads Campus. The Diaconate Board may approve or disapprove the candidate. Campus pastors are the active shepherd of their campus whose role is:</p> <p>1. Leader. They lead their campus staff, volunteers and worship services. 2. Overseer. They oversee their campus operations, outreach, ministry and strategies. 3. Relationship Builder. They are the shepherd of their campus. They invest time, counsel, serving and prayer into the lives of the people at their campus. Campus pastors are accountable to the senior pastor.</p> <p>Section 2A. Moderator: The moderator's role is to facilitate the alignment of objectives, resources, programs, and priorities between Crossroads staff and the congregation; and to moderate disputes between these areas when they arise.</p> <p>The moderator will serve this role by creating clear and consistent communication between Crossroads staff and the congregation, including but not limited to leading the quarterly meeting. The moderator is to be a member of the church. The church moderator is an elected officer of the church, voted on annually by the congregation.</p>	<p>The senior pastor is accountable to the Church Council.</p> <p>I Peter 5:1-4, Ephesians 4:11-12, Acts 20:28-32</p> <p><i>(DELETED SECTION)</i></p> <p>Section 2A. Moderator: The moderator of Crossroads serves as the chair of Church Council to facilitate the alignment of objectives, resources, programs, and priorities between Crossroads staff and the congregation; and to moderate disputes between these areas when they arise.</p> <p>The moderator will serve this role by creating clear and consistent communication between Crossroads staff and the congregation, including but not limited to leading the quarterly meeting. The moderator is to be a member of the church. The church moderator is an elected officer of the church, voted on annually by the congregation.</p>
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The church council functions primarily as overseers for the entire church. They are not expected to oversee specific projects or ministry areas in their capacity as council members. The council members evaluate the effectiveness and direction of the church according to three criteria:

- (1) The mission and vision,
- (2) The church's resources,
- (3) The church's doctrine.

The council is responsible for evaluating programming based on its appropriateness and effectiveness in furthering the overall mission and vision of Crossroads Church. The Church Council does not determine programming. This responsibility falls to the respective staff. The Church Council has final say in any and all matters concerning the overall direction of the church, except as determined by congregational vote.

There are four decisions that the church council may not make without membership approval at a church quarterly meeting.

- (1) The Church Council may not terminate or appoint a new senior pastor.
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Section 3B. Trustee Board:

The trustees' primary function is to ensure the financial health of the church as an advisory board to the Church Counsel. The senior pastor or his appointee will attend all trustee meetings.

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Section 3C. The Diaconate Board:

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The campus diaconate team is led by a campus captain and accountable to the campus pastor. The campus captain in concert with their campus pastor, is responsible for recruiting, assigning, overseeing and encouraging their respective teams in serving the specific needs of their campus.

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Quarterly meetings shall be held in January, April, July and October or a specially called meeting as determined by the Church Council and moderator. The moderator shall set the meeting dates, which shall be announced to the congregation for two consecutive weekends.

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