

The Constitution of The Miami Valley Yearly Meeting

Article 1. This Yearly Meeting or Association shall be called the Miami Valley Yearly Meeting, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 2. The Conference of this Yearly Meeting or Association shall consist of one delegate from each ~~Quarterly Meeting~~ Church of which it is composed.

Article 3. The officers, of this Yearly Meeting or Association shall be a standing clerk and treasurer and a moderator who shall be chosen at every session of the Yearly Meeting or Association, with assistants as may be found necessary.

Article 4. Any well-organized and well-regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the practices, and adopt the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination, as published in the Treatise of their faith, and in the Minutes of the National Association, and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time, on application by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This Yearly Meeting or Association shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decisions, nor to interfere with any of their internal relations.

Article 6. The sessions of this Yearly Meeting or Association shall be held on the first Friday and Saturday of October, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings of which this Yearly Meeting or Association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates, and report their standing, prospects, and statistics; at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor to the practices of the denomination, as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interests of the churches and Quarterly Meetings within the limits of this Yearly Meeting or Association.

Article 7. This Yearly Meeting or Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws, not inconsistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

Article 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Yearly Meeting or Association at any regular session; notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing, and recording at the next previous session.

BY-LAWS

1. This Yearly Meeting shall be called the Miami Valley Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists.
2. The voting power of this body shall consist of Ordained Ministers, Licensed Ministers, Ordained Deacons and appointed delegates.
3. The standing officers shall be: a Clerk and a Treasurer.
4. The Moderator shall be chosen at ^{the close of} each annual session.
5. The Clerk and the Treasurer shall make a report at each session.
6. The Yearly Meeting shall pay the Clerk \$8.00 at each session.
7. Letters from all quarterly conferences shall be read and approved by the respective conferences when in session.
8. A free-will offering will be taken at each session for the support of the Yearly Meeting.
9. Each minister shall pay the sum of \$1.00 for dues at each session.
10. Each conference shall send the sum of \$2.00 for each Church in the Conference.
11. Anyone desiring to speak must rise to his feet and address the Moderator and shall not speak further until granted permission.
12. The Moderator in charge will be deemed judge of order.
13. The Moderator shall seat the voting power.
14. Any person refusing to take their seat after having been called out-of-order, the penalty will depend upon the discretion of the Meeting.
15. This body shall convene the First ^{Friday and} Saturday of October each year at a designated place chosen by the Meeting.
16. These by-laws are subject to amendment by 2/3 majority vote of those present.