

The following is a translation made from the German as found in the original Church Record of the Stanwood Congregation, made by David Kuhlins September 1 1943.

August 5 1841

On August 5 1841 The Reformed Congregation assembled in the Jerusalem Church and resolved to accept the Church rules of this Congregation.

ARTICLE 1

The Election of Church Officers.

1. All Church meetings shall be opened with prayer and closed with thanksgiving.
2. All active Church members shall have the privilege of attending these meetings.
3. All meetings shall be announced three days in advance.
4. All meetings shall have a President and Secretary. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep all records. The duty of the President shall be to preside at the meetings and preserve order.
5. In each Congregation the Minister, the Elder and Presiding Elder compose the Church Board.
6. All matters pertaining to the Church shall be brought to the attention of the Church Board. Important business matters, such as the selection of a Minister or Elder or buying or selling the Congregation shall be called together for a meeting on a chosen date.
7. Only members of the Church who are confirmed and take part in the Holy Communion may take part in voting. In matters pertaining to Church property those who are regular contributors and regular in attendance have the right to voice their opinions.

ARTICLE 2.

Discipline

1. The rules of the Christian Church are different from the law and if a member does something contrary to the Christian rules, he should repent and become reconciled with his brethren so that no hatred may exist.

2. In case any one sins against the pure teaching and is a stumbling block, in such cases we have the right to do as Jesus has taught in Mat. 18.
3. If any one sins openly it should not be brought before the Church Board but before three witnesses and he be admonished.
4. Members who sin openly may not partake of the Holy Communion and if they do not repent they may be removed from Church membership.
5. The Church Board shall notify such an individual not to partake of the Holy Communion and if the Church Board refuses then it becomes the duty of the Minister. Then also the Congregation shall be notified of any such person.
6. Persons refused the right of Holy Communion can still be members of the Church. They are not to be looked upon as enemies but as brethren and should be considered as Paul states in 2 Thess. 3: 6, 14 and 15. If the admonishing is fruitless we should have no more dealings with them and let them be as heathen or publicans. Mat. 18 : 15 - 17.
7. Should the sin be so great that it would bring shame on the religion of Jesus Christ, then the Church Board has the authority to remove them from the Church membership as Paul states in 1 Cor. 5:1,13.
8. The refusal of the Holy Communion and the separation from the Church should be brought before the whole Church and be acted upon as in 1 Cor. 5: 3 - 5 and 1 Tim. 5 : 20. The accused person shall have the privilege of setting himself right before the Church Board.
9. If an individual has sinned and does not repent the Church Board shall have the right to revoke his Church membership and refuse the privilege of Holy Communion.
10. If such an individual has been visited by the Church Board or the Minister and is willing to do what is right and is penitent and sorry, he can then be received again as a member.

11. The following sins will remove an individual from membership:- false doctrine; blasphemy; false witness; adultery; theft; drunkenness; lying; dishonesty; desecration of the Sabbath; cruelty.

12. If an Elder or Presiding Elder shall commit any of the above mentioned sins, his office shall be taken away immediately.

If the Minister commits any of them the matter should be brought before the Church Board and Synod. The Synod only has the right to remove him from his Congregation.

13. If any one accuses the Minister, Elder or Presiding Elder of any evil doing let him be certain it is true before acting upon it.

14. If the Minister, Elder or Presiding Elder has done a wrong his office should not be returned to him until he has repented. This is especially true of the Minister as he should walk in the fear of God before all men.

15. Holy Communion shall be celebrated twice a year or if the Church Board deems it necessary, to do so more often.

16. The Minister shall not accept any money for administering Holy Communion or Baptism.

17. Election of officers shall take place once a year at a convenient time.

18. A Register of all members shall be made at the time of the making of these rules.

Names of Members at the time of Organization
of Jerusalem Church

George Schlosser	Minister
Leonard Hoover	Elder
John Oberlin	Elder
Peter Spangler	Deacon

Elias Spangler
Catherine Spangler
Jacob Spangler
Daniel Wahler
Henry Fry
Jacob Ulrich
Maria Poorman
Wm. McFadden
Anne Sailor
Elisebeth Fryberger
Mary Fry
Abraham Linsey
Sarah Saal
Nancy Anne Fry
Rachel Dungen
Elisebeth Mumaw
Rebecca Nillis
Susanna Densler
Lydia Stump
Harriet Siford
Catherine Davis
Lydia Fraker
Jacob Fraker
Mergery McFadden

Barbara Wahler
Jacob Mumaw
Catherine Spangler
Hannah Linsey
Catherine Anne Linsey
Sophia Spangler
Polly Spangler
Conrad Oberlin
Mary Oberlin
Conrad Hauser
Magdalene Hauser
Elisebeth Oberlin
Daniel Oberlin
Mary Butler
Elisebeth Lasure
Rachel Frost
Eve Donaldson
Wm. Heister

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Jane Doaldson
Mary Donaldson
Susannah Foltz
Wm. Donaldson
Susannah Everet
Charles Straw
Polly Straw
Eliza Stump
Catherine Koegel
Rebecca Nickolas

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By mutual Agreement the German part of this
Congregation elected the Rev. D. Kemmerer their
Pastor. The following is the list of the members
of the English part of the Church remaining under
his pastoral care on the 1st. of October 1843.

Peter Spangler Pastor

John Oberlin
Catherine Spangler
Henry Fry
Maria Poorman
Wm. McFadden
Anne Sailor
Elisebeth Fryberger
Mary Fry
Sarah Reinoehl
Nancy Anne Fry
Elisebeth Mumaw
Lydia Fraker
Jacob Fraker
Mergary McFadden
Jacob Mumaw
Elisebeth Leisure
Elisebeth Oberlin
John Oberlin
Conrad Oberlin
Rachel Frost
Eve Donaldson
Jacob Spangler
Jane Donaldson
Mary Donaldson
Christina Selders
Eliza Heberstick
Lewis Fraker
Sidney Fraker
Wm. Nelson

Catherine Roan
Mary Anne Cadwalader
Mary A. Pierson
Nancy Selders
Elisebeth Leeper
Thomas Richard
Harriet Richard
Samuel Paxton
Peter Fraker
Catherine Paxton
Maria Haberstick
Rebecca Nelson
Polly Spangler
Rebecca Grubb
Barbarra Grubb
Anne Rothacker
Wm. Donaldson Sr.
Daniel Haberstick
Catherine Haberstick
Racheal Dungens
Polly Straw
Peter Oberlin Sr.
? Roan
David Nelson
Lydia Oberlin
Sophia Fraker
Catherine Linsea
William Halter
Clementine Warden
Harison Wordon
July An. Traxler
Sharet Donilson

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