

Constitution for the government  
of the congregations of Tuscarawae Charge

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> Sec. 1: This Association shall be known  
by the name of New Jerusalem  
Church Tuscarawae Charge of the  
Reformed church in the United States  
of America

Sec 2.

Its object shall be to provide its  
members with the stated preaching  
of the gospel of Jesus Christ, to afford  
them facilities for the observance of  
the duties and ordinances of the  
Christian religion, and to adopt  
and prosecute from time to time  
such measures as may be calculated  
to promote the general spread of  
the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Sec 3. It shall be subject to the control  
of the Synod of the Reformed  
Church in the United States  
and shall in all respects, be governed  
by its rules and regulations.

Article 2<sup>d</sup>

Sec 1<sup>st</sup> The officers of this Congregation  
shall be, a Pastor Two (2) Elders, and  
Two (2) Deacons

Sec 2<sup>d</sup> The duties of the Pastor, shall be to  
preach the Gospel, administer the  
sacraments and perform all other  
duties, belonging to a Minister of  
Jesus Christ

Sec 3<sup>d</sup> The duties of the Elders shall be  
in connection with the Pastor.

to take the oversight of the congregation, to exercise ecclesiastical discipline and to take heed that christian order be maintained in all things. To see that their Pastor, together with their fellow elders and Deacons, faithfully discharge their respective duties. To aid in visiting the sick, and to contribute according to their ability to the institution, improvement, and consolation of the members.

Sec 4<sup>th</sup>. The duties of the Deacons shall be to assist the other officers of the congregation in promoting its general welfare, to collect the Alms and other contributions which are designed for the relief of the poor or the necessities of the congregation to distribute the Alms, willingly and conscientiously, and to provide for the support of the Pastor.

Sec 5<sup>th</sup>. The Pastor, Elders & Deacons shall constitute the Consistory of the congregation of which the Pastor shall be ex-officio president, and a secretary and treasurer shall be elected by themselves and from their own number, from time to time as occasion may require. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Sec 6<sup>th</sup>. It shall be the duty of the consistory to provide for the faithful enforcement of discipline according to the Constitution of the Reformed Church, and to

transact all the other business of the congregation in the name of the congregation, provided however whenever any measure of general interest and importance presents itself, such as the buying or selling of property, the borrowing of money or the erection of buildings &c. they first ascertain the will of the congregation, assembled at a meeting called for the purpose, of which due notice shall be given.

Sec 7<sup>th</sup> The consistory shall meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January Annually, for the transaction of business and final settlements, and such other business as the occasion may require

Article 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sec 1<sup>st</sup> Every member in good and regular standing shall be entitled to vote,

Sec 2 An election for Pastor shall be held as soon as his situation becomes vacant (according to the mode and regulations mutually adopted and prescribed by the joint Consistory of the Charge, to which this Congregation belongs.

Sec 3<sup>rd</sup> Every minister of the Gospel, who may become a candidate for the office of Pastor, must before he can be chosen to, or at least inducted into office be in good standing, in connection with the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

Sec 4<sup>th</sup> An election for one elder and one  
Deacon shall be held annually, at  
least three weeks previous to the  
Annual Meeting of Claspis to serve  
as Elder or Deacon for the term of  
two years or until their successors  
are elected,

Sec 5<sup>th</sup> Two weeks previous to the day of  
election for Elder or Deacon as announced  
by the Consistory through the Pastor  
or on the day of election the  
Consistory shall nominate a double  
number of candidates for the several  
offices, to be submitted to the Congre-  
gation, for their choice, and no  
previous terms of office shall  
disqualify any person from being  
such candidate,

Sec 6<sup>th</sup> Should any of the offices become  
vacant by death removal, or otherwise  
between the regular times for  
holding the election, they shall  
be filled by a new election and  
the person thus elected shall  
serve during the time for which  
his predecessor was elected.

#### Article 4<sup>th</sup>

Sec 1<sup>st</sup> To constitute any person a member  
of this congregation, he must possess  
the qualifications and be received  
according to the mode prescribed  
and required by the Constitution of  
the reformed Church in the U.S. States

Sec 2<sup>nd</sup> It shall be the duty of every  
member of this congregation to  
labor to promote its general welfare,  
and to contribute according to his

Ability and pleasure to the support  
of the Pastor

Sec 3<sup>d</sup> It shall be the duty of every member  
of this Congregation when removing  
out of its bounds to apply for a  
certificate of dismissal and all  
who come from other congregations  
must present such a certificate  
in order to obtain membership except  
in special cases, of the nature of  
which the Consistory constitute the  
proper judges.

Sec 4<sup>th</sup> In all other cases not provided  
for in this Constitution, those whose  
conduct may be such as to render  
them fit subjects for discipline  
shall be dealt with according to the  
constitution of the Reformed Church in  
the United States.

Art 5<sup>th</sup>

Sec 1<sup>st</sup> The Consistory may from time to time  
enact such by-laws for their government  
in the transaction of business as they  
may deem necessary provided however  
they do not conflict with this Constitution  
or the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the  
United States.

This Constitution or any part of  
it may be altered or amended by  
a vote of two thirds of the members  
present at a meeting called for the  
purpose, provided that at least two  
weeks notice of the meeting  
shall have been given

Harrison Spangler was born the 7<sup>th</sup> of  
April, <sup>1842</sup> baptised the 4<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1842. parents  
Elias and Catharine Spangler

Henry Armstrong was born Oct. 17. 1847

Henry baptised February the 20<sup>th</sup> 1848 —