

The English translation of the 1806 Constitution for the Hopeful Church in Boone Co., KY follows:

We, the undersigned, living in Boone County, State of Kentucky, members of the Evangelical Lutheran and Evangelical Reformed Church, unite in the following articles of agreement for our government: -

1. We will unite in the establishment of public worship in our midst, according to the Protestant faith, and by God's help we will continually uphold it.
2. We will unite in the erection of a small house, which shall be regarded as a union house of worship, in which we will unitedly worship God.
3. One of us, for whom it is most convenient, shall give an acre of ground upon which said house shall be built. And this acre of ground, with all that shall be built thereon, or that pertains to it, shall forever belong to this united congregation and their successors; so that he who gives it shall not have the power to sell it to any other person.
4. To prevent discord and offenses, no one shall be permitted to conduct public worship in the house owned by us, unless he is a regular Lutheran or Reformed minister.
5. We will assemble ourselves every Sabbath or as often as circumstances will permit, and by reading a sermon and with singing and prayer we will strengthen one another when we have no pastor.
6. We will unite in inviting a worthy minister, at least once a year, or oftener if possible, to preach the word of God to us, according to the foundation of the prophets and apostles, and administer the holy sacraments; for which we will reward him according to our ability.
7. It shall be the duty of each one belonging to his congregation to lead an orderly, Christian, and virtuous life; to abstain from all gross sins, such as cursing, swearing, card playing, drunkenness, and all such ungodly actions.
8. Should any one be guilty of any of the above sins, which may God in his mercy prevent, then the remaining brethren shall have the power and it shall be their duty to deal with him according to the directions of our Savior: Matt. xviii. 15-17.

The above articles shall remain unchanged until all the members, or at least a majority of them, shall deem it necessary to alter or amend them.

Adopted on the 6th day of January 1806,
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