**Constitution of Hope Church of San Diego**

**Preamble**

We, the members of Hope Church do hereby establish this Constitution in order

that our purpose be realized to its fullest extent.

**Article I – Name of Student Organization**

 The organization shall be called Hope Presbyterian Church at UCSD.

**Article II – Statement of Purpose**

Section A: Hope Church is established for the expressed purpose of spreading the gospel

 of Christ to UCSD students, to seek the truths of God's Word; and to bring

 believers and non-believers into the daily enjoyment of Christ as life

 according to God's purpose.

Section B: Hope Church understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of

 abiding by University of California San Diego policies.

**Article III – Nonprofit Statement**

 Hope Church of San Diego at UCSD is a non-profit student organization.

**Article IV – Requirements for Membership**

Section A: Active membership shall be limited to persons officially connected with the

 University of California San Diego as faculty, staff or registered students.

 Students enrolled in at UCSD are eligible for membership for those who desire

 to learn more about Jesus Christ.

Section B: At this time, Hope Church does not have a dues requirement.

Section C: Attendance of at least 75% of all meetings during a given semester.

Section D: Active participation in all activities sponsored by Hope Church unless the

 activity interferes with either scholastic or financial constraints.

Section E: Hope Church openly admits students to its membership and does not

 discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital

 status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical

 or mental disability, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment

 of the United States Constitution.

**Article V – Frequency of Organization Meetings**

All meetings will occur on a weekly basis or other regular basis at a time selected by Hope Church and will follow the procedure set forth below:

 #1) Attendance

 #2) Report by the President

 #3) Committee reports

 #4) Vote on all committee motions and decisions

 #5) Any other business put forward by the members of the club

 #6) Dismissal by the President

**Article VI – Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers**

 Only registered UCSD students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UCSD students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization’s officers.

 Section A: Hope Church shall have 2 Co-Leaders.

 Section B: All officers must be members of Hope Church

 Section C: The term of office shall be from May of the year elected to May of the following academic year.

 Section D: Selection of officers shall be held annually.

 Nominations for new Co-Leaders can be made by any current member. The final decision of the new Co-Leaders will be made by the current Co-Leaders.

 Section E: Any vacancy which may occur in an office shall be filled by appointment by the remaining Co-Leader and general membership.

Section F: Club members shall also elect a Secretary-Treasurer who will handle all dues, accounts, new members, rule observances at stated meetings, protocol, etc.

Election Process

All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of eligible voting members of Hope Church. All elections will be held on an annual basis during the month of May.

The President will take nominations from the floor, the nomination process must be closed and the movement seconded. The nominated parties will be allowed to vote.

All voting shall be done by secret ballot to be collected and tabulated by the Secretary-Treasurer and one voting member of Hope Church appointed by the outgoing President.

Removal

Any officer of Hope Church in violation of the Organization's purpose or constitution may be removed from office by the following process:

a. A written request by at least three members of the Organization.

b. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to speak.

c. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is necessary to remove the officer.

**Article VII – Risk Management**

Hope Church of San Diego at UCSD is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Hope Church of San Diego at UCSD understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Hope Church of San Diego will NOT be working with minors or the elderly, be providing any kind of medical assistance, engaged in any international travel or be handling any hazardous chemicals, materials, equipment or machinery.

**Article IX – Financial Management**

Section A: Hope Church will finance the activities it engages in by the following means:

 Fundraisers and donations from the members.

Section B: Hope Church will submit a budget to the Student Government Association

 Finance Committee or Graduate Student Government Finance Committee on

 an annual basis and request funding appropriate to the effective operation of

 the organization for each year.