



Constitution & Bylaws

Officially Constituting a Local Church in Aachen



Articles and Bylaws



Structure of Articles

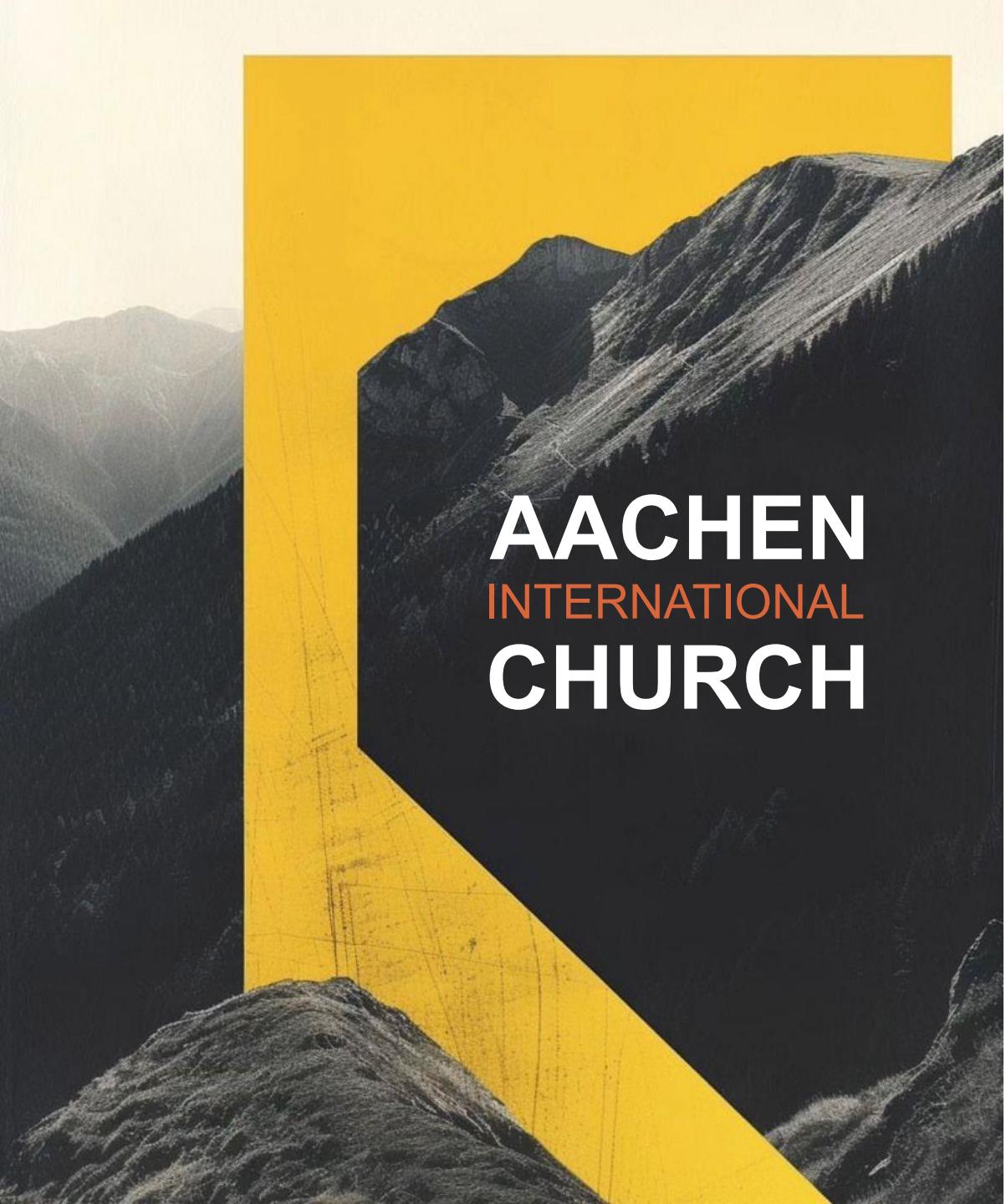
The constitution includes twelve articles covering identity, governance, mission, and operational rules of the church.

Function of Bylaws

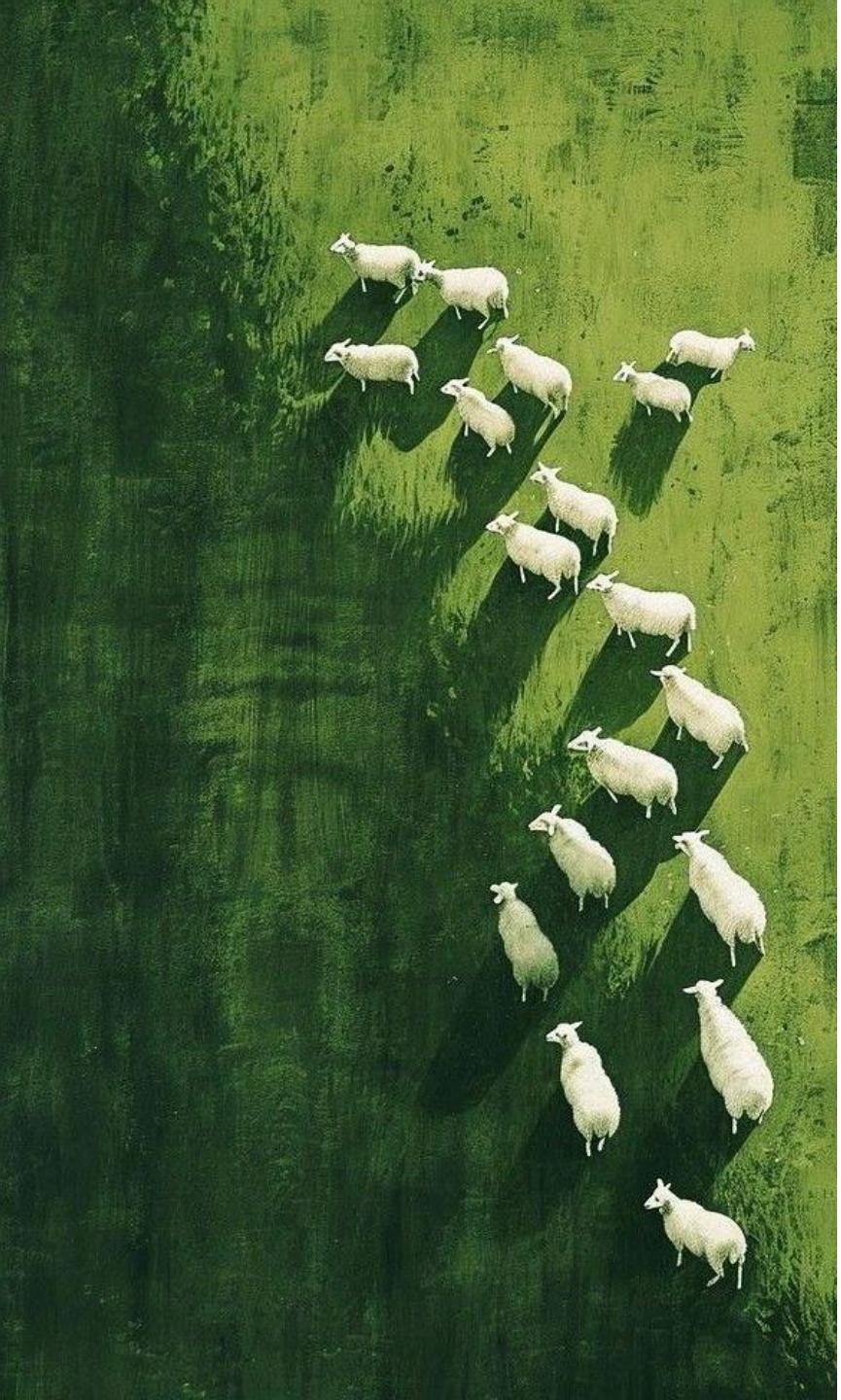
Bylaws provide detailed procedures for meetings, elections, financial management, ministry oversight, and church planting.

Governance and Compliance

The constitution ensures transparent governance and compliance with legal and fiscal regulations for church operations.



Core Articles



Article 1

Purpose

Aachen International Church (AIC) establishes this constitution to preserve faith principles, protect member liberties, and ensure orderly governance. AIC is a daughter church of the International Baptist Church of Cologne until its independence. Upon independence, this constitution remains in effect unless amended.

Article 3

Mission

AIC exists to glorify God as a Spirit-filled church dedicated to proclaiming Jesus Christ crucified and risen. Our mission is: **Reaching the nations for Jesus Christ one disciple at a time.**





Article 4

Statement of Faith



1. We teach that the **Bible** is the inspired, infallible Word of God and the final authority for faith and life (2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20–21).
2. We teach that there is one **God** who exists eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).
3. We teach that **Jesus Christ** is fully God and fully man; He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died as a substitute for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, ascended to heaven, and will return in glory (John 1:1–14; 1 Corinthians 15:3–4).
4. We teach that the **Holy Spirit** convicts of sin, regenerates, indwells, and empowers believers for godly living and service (John 16:7–13; Romans 8:9–11).
5. We teach that **salvation** is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8–9).



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6. We teach that the **Church** is the body of Christ, called to worship, fellowship, and mission (Acts 2:42–47).
7. We teach that Christ instituted two **ordinances** for believers: baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper as symbols of faith and obedience (Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26).
8. We teach that the Holy Spirit grants **spiritual gifts** to every believer. These gifts should be utilized to demonstrate love, provide service, and promote the growth of the Church in alignment with the biblical definition and purpose of such gifts, ultimately leading to the glorification of God. (Ephesians 1:13–14; 1 Corinthians 12:1–31, 14:1–40; Ephesians 4:16; Hebrews 2:4; Romans 12:4–8)
9. We teach that there will be a rapture, a resurrection of the dead, that **Christ will return**, a final judgment, and eternal life for believers (1 Thessalonians 4:16–7; 1 Corinthians 15:51–52; Revelation 20:22).