

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
RECTOR, WARDENS AND VESTRY
OF
ST. GREGORY’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DEERFIELD, ILLINOIS
(as approved at the Annual Meeting {INSERT DATE})

ARTICLE I. Organization of the Corporation

This organization is a Religious Corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, a Parish of that branch of the Holy Catholic Church known as the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ARTICLE II. Name of the Corporation

The name of this corporation and Parish is “The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church, Deerfield, Illinois”.

ARTICLE III. The National Church and the Diocese of Chicago

Section 1. This corporation accedes to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and to *The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago* (“*Diocese of Chicago Canons*”), now or hereafter enacted, and recognizes the authority of the Conventions of the same.

Section 2. No person not adhering and submitting to the Constitution and Canons and the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Church, known in law as the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in the Diocese of Chicago, shall become or remain a member or officer of this corporation, or be entitled to vote at any meeting thereof, or to participate in the conduct of any of the corporate affairs thereof. All property held or acquired by this corporation at any time, either in its own name or in the name of any person or persons in trust for its use, shall be subject to and shall be governed by the laws, usages and Ecclesiastical Authority of the said Protestant Episcopal Church as to the modes and use thereof and shall be subject to and governed by such rules with regard to conveying and encumbering church property as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by the Constitution and Canons of said Church in the Diocese of Chicago.

Section 3. In every conveyance to or for the use of this corporation there shall be inserted the following clause, viz; “This property is to be used or conveyed only in conformity with the Constitution and Canons of the Church, known in law as the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in the Diocese of Chicago”.

ARTICLE IV. The Officers of the Corporation

The officers of this corporation, and of this Parish shall be the Rector, two Wardens and members of the Vestry who shall be elected and perform the duties and exercise the powers hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE V. The Rector

The Rector shall be elected, and all other clergy of the Parish shall be appointed, as provided in the Canons of the Diocese of Chicago.

Section 1. The Authority of the Rector
See *Diocese of Chicago Canons*, Canon 9 Section 1

Section 2. The Authority of the Rector
See *Diocese of Chicago Canons*, Canon 9 Section 2

Section 3. Instruction of Children and Adults
See *Diocese of Chicago Canons*, Canon 10 Section 1

Section 4. The Rector shall deliver to the parishioners at the Annual Parish meeting a report of the spiritual condition of the Parish.

ARTICLE VI. The Wardens
See *Diocese of Chicago Canons*, Canon 19 Sections 1-6

ARTICLE VII. The Vestry
See *Diocese of Chicago Canons*, Canon 20 Sections 2-5

ARTICLE VIII. Agents of the Vestry
See *Diocese of Chicago Canons*, Canon 21 Sections 1-6

ARTICLE IX. Parish Meetings and Elections
See *Diocese of Chicago Canons*, Canon 22 Sections 1-6

ARTICLE X. The Church Building
See *Diocese of Chicago Canons*, Canon 23 Section 1

ARTICLE XI. A Quorum

At all duly called Meetings of the Parish, twenty-nine Parishioners qualified to vote for Wardens and Vestry as herein prescribed and defined shall constitute a quorum.

In all other cases in which a Canon of the Diocese of Chicago directs a duty to be performed, or a power to be exercised, by the Vestry or any body consisting of several members, a majority of the members thereof, the whole having been duly called to meet, shall be a quorum; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act.

The Presiding Officer of any such body shall not abate nor be excluded from voting, and may in addition give a casting vote in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE XII. Sale or Encumbrance of Real Estate
See *Diocese of Chicago Canons*, Canon 24

ARTICLE XIII. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended in any manner consistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States and the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Chicago, either at the Annual Meeting of this Parish or at any Special Meeting thereof called for that purpose, provided, however, that no amendment shall be voted upon unless it shall have been submitted to the Vestry and approved by a majority of the whole number thereof at a meeting held at least one week prior to such meeting of the Parish. The scope of any proposed amendment shall be announced and the text thereof made available to the Parishioners at least one week prior to the convening of a Parish Meeting called to consider such proposed amendment.