

**BYLAWS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
BLUE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF JACKSON COUNTY, A MISSOURI CORPORATION**

ARTICLE I

These bylaws are subordinate to the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA)* and the laws of the State of Missouri.

ARTICLE II

Name

The name of this church is “**THE BLUE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI,**” incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri. When and wherever in these bylaws the word “church” or “BRPC” is used it shall be construed as meaning “**THE BLUE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**” and its members.

ARTICLE III

Purpose and Mission

BRPC has been called by God to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and to promote the Kingdom of God on Earth through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our motto in our every-day life as a congregation is to “Build Relationships with People in Christ.”

The mission of BRPC is to:

- Proclaim and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ;
- Worship God with dignity, warmth, and beauty;
- Nourish personal faith and commitment through study, prayer, fellowship, stewardship and mission;
- Work for love, justice and peace;
- Be a caring community witnessing to God’s love day by day;
- Partner locally and beyond with our denomination and the larger Christian church and
- Be a telling presence in the community.

ARTICLE IV

Governance

This church shall be governed in accordance with the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*. The most recent version of *Roberts Rules of Order (Newly revised)* shall be used for parliamentary guidance.

ARTICLE V

The Officers of the Corporation

The officers of the corporation shall be president, vice president, and secretary. The president shall be the moderator of the Property Committee. The vice president shall be the moderator of the Finance Committee. The secretary shall be the Clerk of Session.

ARTICLE VI

Board of Trustees

Section 1 – Membership and Officers. The members of the session serve as the Board of Trustees and the moderator of the session serves as the moderator of the Trustees. The officers of the Board of Trustees are the same as for the corporation.

Section 2 - Powers and Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees shall have, hold and exercise only such powers as are vested in it by civil statute and these laws and shall:

- (a) Be keeper of the corporate seal
- (b) Be the keeper of all legal papers pertaining to the corporation
- (c) Be the legal holders of all church property for the corporation
- (d) Negotiate all mortgages and notes that are written against the church and submit such to the presbytery for approval

Section 3 – Meetings. The Board of Trustees shall meet upon the call of the president or at the request of any two trustees. Meeting of the Board of Trustees are open to members of the congregation unless closed by a vote of the Board. There shall be a minimum of two Sunday public notices both verbally from the pulpit or lectern during worship and in writing in the bulletin prior to the day of the Board of Trustees meeting.

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERS of the Corporation

Section 1

The membership shall consist of all those who have been received into membership of Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church and who continue to be listed on the active roll of the church. BRPC welcomes into membership all baptized persons who wish to follow Jesus Christ without regard to their race, sexual orientation, economics status, or any other personal characteristic.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings of the Corporation

Section 1 – Annual Meeting. There shall be an annual meeting of the corporation on the same day as the annual meeting of the congregation. The officers of the corporation will be elected by the congregation during this meeting.

Section 2 – Special Meetings. A special meeting(s) may be called by the trustees, by the moderator of the Board of Trustees, by a petition signed by one-fourth (1/4) of the active members of this church or at the discretion of the presbytery. Notice of such a special meeting(s) shall be announced from the pulpit along with the purpose of the meeting on two Sundays prior to the day of the meeting.

Section 3 – Quorum and Participation. A quorum of a meeting of the corporation shall consist of one-tenth (1/10) of the active members of the church. All active members of the congregation present at either the annual or special meetings are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy is not allowed. Non-members do not have voice unless granted by a vote

of the congregation. If a quorum is not present at any regular or special meeting, those present shall be sufficient to adjourn the meeting.

Section 4 – Minutes. The church and the Board of Trustees are required to keep and maintain minutes of all meetings of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX

General Provisions

Section 1 – Requirements for Office. No person who is not a member of this church shall be eligible to hold office in this church.

Section 2 – Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the church shall correspond to the calendar year.

Section 3 – Amendment of Bylaws. These bylaws may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of the corporation providing that at least two-thirds (2/3) of those present approve the amendments and providing that the proposed amendment(s) shall have been given from the pulpit or lectern during the notice of the meeting.