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CONSTITUTION OF THE

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SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

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PREAMBLE

4 We, the members of Springs Mennonite Church, being a fellowship of persons who
5 confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and who by that confession are bound into a covenant
6 community in order to discover Spirit-given gifts and offer them in mutual response to God
7 and to people, declare and establish this constitution to preserve and secure the principles of
8 our faith.

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ARTICLE I – NAME

10 This congregation, located at Springs, Pennsylvania, shall be known as the Springs
11 Mennonite Church.

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ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

13 Our purpose is to know Jesus Christ and make him known by our words and deeds,
14 through the power of the Holy Spirit, in worship, nurture, fellowship, service, and outreach;
15 so that God is glorified by our lives.

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ARTICLE III – AUTHORITY

17 Authority in all spiritual and business affairs is vested in the membership.

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ARTICLE IV – AFFILIATION

19 Section 1. The prevailing Mennonite Confession of Faith adopted by the Mennonite
20 Church USA is accepted as our statement of faith.

21 Section 2. This congregation is a member of the Mennonite Church USA and participates
22 fully in its general and regional procedures and activities.

23 Section 3. This congregation is a member of the Allegheny Mennonite Conference and
24 participates fully in its procedures and activities. It expresses willingness to take counsel from,
25 and give counsel to the Conference.

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ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

27 Any person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, expresses a commitment to follow Him,
28 and declares a willingness to participate in the life and work of this congregation shall be
29 eligible for membership. When recommended by the Board of Elders and accepted by the
30 congregation, such person shall become a member by believers' baptism, presentation of a
31 qualified church letter, or by personal confession of faith in Jesus Christ.

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ARTICLE VI – ORGANIZATION

The members shall establish a Plan of Congregational Organization which shall be responsible for the various functions and duties to be carried out for and by the congregation. This Plan shall be reviewed periodically.

ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION PROVISIONS

Section 1. If for any reason the Springs Mennonite Church is dissolved, any remaining funds after all bills are paid shall be turned over to its successor or to any tax exempt organization(s) within the church with similar ideals and purposes. Such dissolution shall be completed under the laws for corporations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Church Council and the Board of Elders should also be in contact with Allegheny Mennonite Conference and follow their guidelines for the “Dissolution of a Congregation”.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments may be made to this Constitution at any congregational meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership present, provided the amendments to be considered have been circulated in written form among the membership at least one month prior to the meeting.

Section 2. At the end of a five-year period after adoption of this Constitution and every five-year period thereafter, a Constitution Revision Committee selected by the Church Council and approved by the congregation shall review the Constitution and suggest revisions if needed. Any revision process shall be governed by the same regulations regarding announcement and voting as for amendments.

ARTICLE IX – ENACTING CLAUSE

This Constitution was acted upon and accepted by the members of the Springs Mennonite Church on Nov. 4, 2007. It supercedes all previous Constitutions and such rules as are in conflict with it. All incumbent officers shall continue to serve under this Constitution until the term for which they have been appointed is completed.