**Green Valley Baptist Church Facility Use Policy**

**Religious Activities**

All Green Valley Baptist Church property and facilities (including furniture, fixtures, and equipment) are holy and set apart to worship God, regardless of the location of the facility.  (Colossians 3:17).  Green Valley Baptist Church facilities are consecrated to our religious ministry and mission because they are a provision from God. Use of Green Valley Baptist Church property shall be for the propagation of the Christian faith, for fellowship, witnessing, religious teaching, and charity.  Therefore, all use and occupancy of Green Valley Baptist Church property shall be limited to persons of our particular religion, the propagation of religion, or related religious purposes.

All activities on church property must cohere with the religious purpose of Green Valley Baptist Church and further its Christian mission, whether the activity has an overt liturgical religious purpose (preaching, worship services, Bible instruction, communion, baptism) or a non-liturgical religious purpose (social service, mentorship, community service, mentorship, benevolence, charity, schools).  Green Valley Baptist Church conducts all activities in order to advance or express its Christian mission, message and viewpoint.  Church facility use shall be exclusively conditioned on whether the use promotes Green Valley Baptist Church’s mission, message and viewpoint, as all facility usage is an opportunity to glorify God.  In addition, church property is exclusively reserved for persons and organizations who agree to abide by Green Valley Baptist Church’s Holy Word the Bible as given by God, Green Valley Baptist Church Constitution, Green Valley Baptist Church Mission Statement, Green Valley Baptist Church Purpose Statement, Green Valley Baptist Church Statement of Faith on Marriage and Human Sexuality, Green Valley Baptist Church Statement of Faith on Abortion (the “Written Statements of Faith”), which are incorporated herein by reference, as if fully set forth herein.

            Likewise, Green Valley Baptist Church facilities are not generally open to the public and may not be used by persons or groups holding, advancing, or advocating beliefs that conflict with the Green Valley Baptist Church’s faith or moral teachings – including but not limited to Green Valley Baptist Church Written Statements of Faith, which are incorporated herein by reference, as if fully set forth herein.

Any facilities that are made available to approved non-members for usage are meant to further the Green Valley Baptist Church’s calling to minister to others, in the vein of charity and witnessing to our faith.  For this reason, Green Valley Baptist Church property cannot be used for purposes that contradict the church’s beliefs, which would constitute a grave violation of the church’s faith and religious practice, as well as degrade the Green Valley Baptist Church’s religious integrity.  (*II Corinthians 6:3; and 14; I Thessalonians 5:22.)*

**Ownership / Control**

            Green Valley Baptist Church’s Pastor possesses the exclusive power to enforce conformity of belief.  In regards to facility usage, Green Valley Baptist Church seeks to avoid member confusion, formal or material cooperation with evil, and scandal by associating with any conduct that contradicts its religious beliefs.  (*1 Peter 2:12*.)  Church property issues or disputes are directly related to religious doctrine and practice, as all facilities are utilized in a manner to advance or express Green Valley Baptist Church’s Christian mission, message, and viewpoint. (*Colossians 3:17*.)  In the event that church facility use departs in any way from Green Valley Baptist Church’s doctrine, mission, Written Statements of Faith, teaching or policies, Green Valley Baptist Church’s designated religious authority shall exclusively resolve any disputes.  The Pastor alone may make inquiry into the religious law and usage of Green Valley Baptist Church facilities and is therefore essential to the resolution of the controversy.

**Facility Usage Fee Rate** Green Valley Baptist Church is a not-for-profit corporation.  Because the facility is exclusively utilized for religious and ministry purposes, it may be reserved for the below-market rate of $­                                   .  The fee is intended to be used for general maintenance and cleaning of church facilities.

**Guidelines and Requirements**

Each individual, group, or organization utilizing Green Valley Baptist Church facilities (including equipment and property) is required to abide by all church guidelines, requirements and use restrictions at all times.  Each individual, group, or organization is required to sign Green Valley Baptist Church’s Facilities Usage Agreement. Green Valley Baptist Church incorporates by reference its Code of Conduct, as if fully set forth herein.  Green Valley Baptist Church incorporates its Statement of Faith on Marriage, Sexuality, and Gender Identity, as if fully set forth herein.

Use of any controlled substances, including alcohol, tobacco products, and marijuana, is strictly prohibited on church property.

Church facilities are to be used with care and left in good, clear condition.

Licensee(s) or Invitee(s) reserving Green Valley Baptist Church facilities or property must confine said usage to pre-approved areas of the church property, as provided for in their Facility Usage Agreement.

Any events involving children and youth require adequate adult supervision, provided by the reserving licensee(s) or invitee(s). Green Valley Baptist Church reserves the right to coordinate and schedule alternative activities and events in other church facilities. Green Valley Baptist Church reserves the right to accept or deny any applicants who seek to utilize or reserve Green Valley Baptist Church facilities.  Permission that is granted to licensee(s) or invitee(s) to utilize Green Valley Baptist Church facilities or property shall not be transferred or passed to any alternative individual, group, or organization without the permission of Green Valley Baptist Church.

**Insurance and Indemnity**

Non-member facility users will be required to provide their own general liability insurance coverage with a combined single limit of not less than $                                               , naming Green Valley Baptist Church as an additional insured.

Any and all damage occurring to Green Valley Baptist Church facilities as a result of their use or reservation, shall be repaired and replaced by the licensee(s) or invitee(s), at a cost determined by Green Valley Baptist Church Facility and Property Committee or their designee.

All who reserve Green Valley Baptist Church property or facilities for use agree to release, protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless Green Valley Baptist Church and its trustees, officers, employees, members and other representatives from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney’s fees and other legal costs) directly or indirectly arising out of their use of any Green Valley Baptist Church facilities.

**Application**

All of our members, employees, and volunteers must affirm and adhere to this Facility Use Policy and church policies referenced therein to qualify for involvement with the ministry.  This is necessary to accomplish our religious mission, goals and purpose.

Any non-members who wish to utilize the Green Valley Baptist Church’s facilities must acknowledge receipt and review of this Facility Use Policy.  Further, non-members must agree to conduct themselves and their event, as well as utilize church facilities, in a manner consistent with the Green Valley Baptist Church’s purpose, ministry, Written Statements of Faith and policies, as set forth herein.

**FACILITY USAGE AGREEMENT**

Name of Licensee(s) or Invitee(s):

Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Contact Person:

E-mail Address:

Website:

Licensee(s) or Invitee(s) Membership Status:

Description of Licensee(s) or Invitee(s) Ministry:

Date(s) and time(s) of event:

Purpose of event:

Nature of event:

Facility/Room being reserved:

Facility Usage Fee:

*I have received, reviewed and agree to adhere to all Green Valley Baptist Church’s policies, including but not limited to the Statement of Faith on Marriage, Sexuality, and Gender Identity, Bylaws, Standards of Morals and Conduct, and Statement of Religious Authority.  I have read and fully understand the Facility Use Policy and the Facility Use Agreement and hereby expressly agree to adhere to all guidelines, requirements, restrictions and other provisions set forth therein.*

*I request to use the church facilities for the express purpose indicated above, and will utilize said facilities in a manner consistent with these stated purposes.  To the best of my knowledge, I am not aware that the reserving individual, group, or organization holds, advances, or advocates beliefs that conflict with the church’s faith or moral teachings.*

*It is agreed and understood that this contract shall remain in force only for the term in which I comply with Green Valley Baptist Church policies, as set forth herein, and as long thereafter as I comply.  I understand that all facilities privileges automatically terminate if I engage in any conduct or avocation of conduct that stands in contradiction to Green Valley Baptist Church’s stated beliefs, policies, and mission as set forth herein.  I agree to notify Green Valley Baptist Church authority immediately upon the knowledge that church facilities or properties are being utilized in a manner inconsistent with church policies.  I submit to the designated authority of Green Valley Baptist Church to resolve any disputes relating to church property or facility use.*

Invitee(s)/Licensee Signature(s)

Title

Date

Approved by Green Valley Baptist Church:

Signature(s)

Title

Date