

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I - CALLED SERVANTS

A. Nominations

When a vacancy occurs in the office of ministry, or other professional church workers are deemed necessary to help carry out the purpose and goals of this congregation, a list of qualified candidates for the office shall be sought from the District President as well as from congregational members. This list shall then be presented by the Board of Elders to the congregation at a properly convened meeting of the Voters' Assembly for adoption. This adopted list shall be read and/or published at the following Sunday service.

B. Elections

The election of a pastor or other professional church worker from the list of candidates submitted to the congregation, shall be by ballot by the voters present. The candidate receiving the majority of all notes cast shall be considered elected. The election shall be made unanimous by a standing vote and the call shall be sent to the pastor or other professional church workers elected.

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

A. Regular Meetings

The regular meetings of the Voters' Assembly shall be on the third (3rd) Sunday of April and November. The time of the meeting shall be set by the Council. The Church Council shall have the power to postpone regular Voters' Meeting when such action is necessary or desirable.

B. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President or any two members of the Church Council, or 10 percent of the communicant members.

C. Regular and Special Voters' Meetings

Regular and Special Voters' Meetings shall be announced at the two (2) Sunday services prior to the meeting. Due notice having been given for the Voters' Meeting, the voting membership present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND CHURCH COUNCIL

All confirmed, active, resident members of the congregation who have reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday are eligible to hold elective or appointive office in the congregation, except that women may not serve in positions that are directly involved in the specific functions of the pastoral office. Women shall not serve as Pastor, as a member of the Board of Elders, or as President or Vice-President of the congregation. The elected officers of this congregation shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Six (6) Trustees, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, Chairman of the Board of Evangelism, Chairman of the Board of Stewardship, Chairman of the Board of Education, Chairman of the Board of Christian Care, Chairman of the Board of Youth Ministry and one (1) Elder for every fifty (50) communicant members, or fraction thereof.

The following elected officers of the congregation shall be members of the Church Council: President, Vice- President, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Board of Elders, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, Chairman of the Board of Education, Chairman of the Board of Evangelism, Chairman of the Board of Christian Care, Chairman of the Board of Youth Ministry and Chairman of the Board of Stewardship.

The Pastoral staff shall be members of the Church Council.

The Church Council shall yearly review and, if necessary, revise the duties of the various church officers and any Special committees as stated in the Officer's Manual.

ARTICLE IV - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, composed of the Chairman of the Board of Stewardship and two (2) other members appointed by the President of the congregation, shall nominate at least one candidate for each of the elective offices to be filled.

B. Nomination Committee Procedures

A slate of candidates is to be presented in written form by the Nominating Committee to the congregation at least two (2) weeks before the November Voters' Meeting. Additional nominations may be received from the floor.

C. Elections

All church officers shall be elected by a majority ballot of voters present at the November Voters' Assembly.

D. Term of Office

A secretary shall be elected for a term of one (1) year.

The Elders and Trustees shall be elected for three (3) year terms, with approximately one-third (1/3) retiring each year.

Each of the other members of the Church Council shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The terms of President, Vice-President, Financial Secretary, Chairman of the Board of Stewardship and Chairman of the Board of Christian Care shall expire in the odd-numbered years. The terms of the Chairman of the Board of Education, Chairman of the Board of Evangelism, Chairman of the Board of Youth Ministry and the Treasurer shall expire in even-numbered years.

All terms of office shall begin on January 1 of the year following election and end on December 31 in the year in which the term is to be completed.

E. Vacancies

Should a vacancy occur, the Church Council shall elect a successor for the expiring term. (Except in the case of a vacancy in the office of President, in which case the Vice-President shall succeed to the office of the President.)

ARTICLE V - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly-elected officers of the congregation shall ordinarily be installed into office during the worship service on the first Sunday in January.

ARTICLE VI - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

A. Boards

Each of the various chairmen on the Church Council may, with the approval of the Council, appoint a board from the communicant membership of the congregation to assist in the work of the chairman. The size of these boards may vary and shall be concurrent with that of the board's chairman, and they shall be eligible for reappointment. The various boards shall meet as often as necessary for the efficient conduct of their work.

B. Committees

A Financial Review Committee consisting of three (3) voting members of the congregation shall be appointed annually by the President of the Church Council. This Committee shall have authority to review all financial matters of the congregation.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws shall be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present at a regular meeting of the Voters, provided the congregation has been notified at least one (1) week prior to the meeting.