

Previously, church members received a copy of the proposed Bylaws. The following are changes made by the Bylaw Review Committee to those proposed Bylaws. That which is highlighted in red is to be deleted, and that highlighted in green has been added.

(Article II. DEFINED TERMS, p. 9)

Ex-Officio — a member of a committee (e.g. Pastor) who has the right, but not the obligation, to participate in committee or Diaconate proceedings, is not counted in the quorum and is not eligible to vote

(Article V. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, Section 1. Candidacy for Church Membership, p. 11)

(e.) With respect to a person who, for reasons of health or other circumstances, cannot physically attend the Church or be baptized, may be accepted by proxy after professing a personal belief and faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, accepting the promises and commands of Scriptures. , being baptized by immersion, subsequent to, to, salvation.

(Article VI. CHURCH ORDINANCES, Section 2. Business Meetings, p. 18)

7.9(3) When a vote is to be held, the Moderator, at his discretion, may call for a secret ballot. If a secret ballot is held, the Moderator shall appoint a committee to assist in the counting of the ballots. The Moderator shall certify the ballot count and be responsible for reporting the results of the vote to the Church.

(Article IX. THE PASTOR, Section 5. Breach or Impairment of Office, p. 23)

9.5(1) Believing that the person holding the office of Pastor cannot be the overseer of the Church if he has breached the scriptural qualifications of the office of the Pastor, or is physically or mentally unable to uphold the office of Pastor, or his leadership materially compromises the welfare or Articles of Faith of the Church, and upon submission of evidence of aforementioned breach as brought by a minimum of three witnesses, or evidence of physical or mental inability, the Diaconate shall decide by majority vote of a quorum of active deacons if the allegations presented are valid or if physical or mental impairment is obvious. Upon an affirmative vote, the Diaconate shall recommend the Pastor's termination to the Church membership.

(Article XII. LAITY LEADERSHIP ROLES, p. 29)

Section 7. Church Clerk and Recording Secretary

12.7(3) The Church may appoint an assistant Church clerk if deemed necessary.

12.7(4) The church shall elect annually a recording secretary whose function shall be to take and transcribe the minutes of each business meeting and special conference of the church. The recording secretary will see that such minutes are preserved and a copy thereof maintained in the church office. At the end of the church year, the original minutes transcribed shall be delivered to the church clerk, who shall keep and preserve them as a part of the permanent records of the church.

(ARTICLE XII. LAITY LEADERSHIP ROLES, Section 9. Sunday School, p. 31)

12.9(1) The Sunday School shall be the basic organization for the Bible teaching program. Its tasks shall be to teach the biblical revelations, reach persons for Christ and Church membership, perform the functions of the Church within its consistency, and provide and interpret information regarding the work of the Church and denomination. The Sunday School shall be organized by departments and/or classes as appropriate for all ages, and shall be conducted under the direction of the Sunday School director elected by the Church. Persons shall have been a member of this Church for not less than one year before serving as Sunday School Director, Assistant Director or Departmental Director. In regard to the one year period, this policy does not apply to members who are called to be teachers, class officers, and other Sunday School officers or leaders who are not elected by the Church, nor to previous members in good standing who have moved their membership back to this Church.

12.9(2) The Sunday School Council consists of Directors of all Sunday School Departments, Preschool, Children, Youth, Adult and Senior Adult. The Sunday School Council is led by the Sunday School Director. This Council will provide strategic leadership and organization, including staffing, as outlined in the Sunday School Handbook.

(Article XIII. STANDING COMMITTEES, Section 9. Committee Officers and Duties, p. 35)

13.9(1) Annually, each standing committee shall elect a chairman. The chairman should not serve two consecutive years as chairman.

(Article XIV. SPECIAL COMMITTEES, Section 4. Terms and Vacancies, p. 36)

14.4(1) The number of persons who serve on a special committee shall be determined by the Nominating Committee and shall be comprised of an odd number of members with including a voting chairperson.

