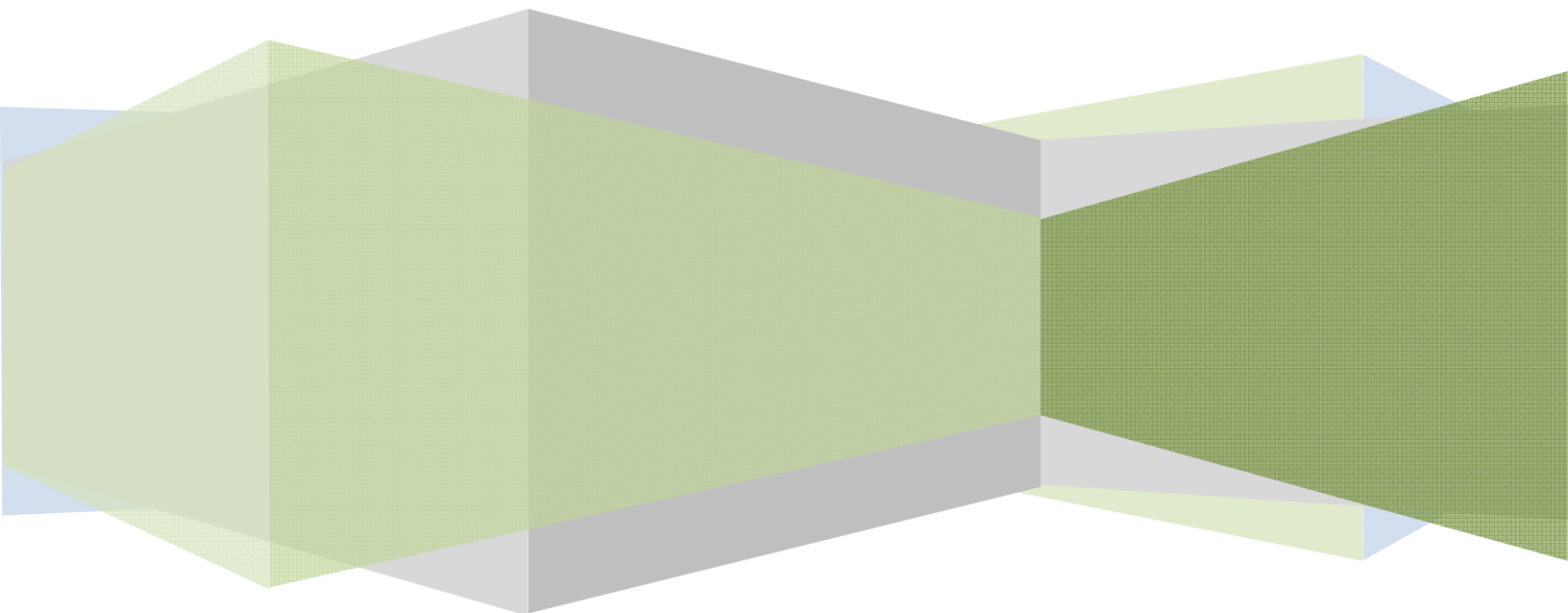


BETHEL ASSEMBLY

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Amended Articles and By-Laws

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Amended Articles of Incorporation of Bethel Assembly

These amended Articles of Incorporation were approved and adopted by the Board of Trustees and the members as prescribed by law. They supersede any previous versions, including those adopted by the church on September 7, 1948

1. Article One - Name

The name of this church shall be Bethel Assembly.

2. Article Two – Registered Office

The registered office of Bethel Assembly is 34647 410th St. SE Fosston, MN. 56542

3. Article Three - Purpose

The purpose of Bethel Assembly shall be to establish and maintain a place of worship of the one and only true God: to promote worship, to disciple, to evangelize, to promote fellowship and to demonstrate God's love through serving others.

4. Article Three - Government

- 4.1. The government of this church shall be vested in the Board of Trustees and the members as prescribed in the bylaws. The power to amend the bylaws shall be vested exclusively in the members and not in the Board of Trustees.
- 4.2. This church, although an independent body having no authoritative affiliation with other religious bodies, recognizes and cooperates with other likeminded churches for the furtherance of the Gospel at home and abroad.
- 4.3. This church is and shall always remain an independent and sovereign church and shall always function as such. It shall never become a part of a denominationally organized religious body, having a centralized form of government outside or beyond the local church.

5. Article Four - Membership

The membership of Bethel Assembly shall consist of those Christian believers accepted as members of this church according to the provisions detailed in the bylaws.

6. Article Five – Statement of Faith

We believe:

- 6.1. The Bible is the only inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God. (John 16:13, II Timothy 3:15-17, II Peter 1:21, I Thessalonians 2:13).
- 6.2. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 43:10-11, Matthew 28:19, Luke 3:22, John 14:16).

- 6.3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 1:1, Philippians 2:6-11, John 1:14, Isaiah 9:6, John 20:28-29, Colossians 2:9), including:
- 6.3.1. His virgin birth. (Matthew 1:18, Luke 1:34-35, Isaiah 7:14).
 - 6.3.2. His sinless life. (II Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 7:26, I John 3:5, Hebrews 4:15, 7:26-27, I Peter 2:22).
 - 6.3.3. His miracles. (Matthew 4:23, Luke 6:17-19, John 3:2).
 - 6.3.4. His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood. (Colossians 1:14, 20, Romans 5:8-9, Ephesians 1:7).
 - 6.3.5. His bodily resurrection. (I Cor. 15:3-4, Luke 24:4-7, 36-48, Rev 1:17-18).
 - 6.3.6. His ascension to the right hand of the Father. (Acts 2:23, 5:30-31, I Pet 3:22).
 - 6.3.7. His personal return in power and in glory. (Acts 1:11, Philippians 2:9-11, I Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13-18, John 14:1-3).
- 6.4. That justification by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful man. (Romans 3:24-25, John 3:3-7, Ephesians 2:1-16, Revelation 5:9, Acts 4:12, I Cor. 6:11, John 5:11-13).
- 6.5. The prime agency for the work of God's Kingdom is the Christian local church functioning under the sovereignty of our Lord Jesus Christ. To the church have been entrusted the ordinances of Believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper. (Acts 16:4-5, Matt 16:18, Matt 28:18-20, Acts 2:41-47, Eph 1:22-23, I Cor. 12, II Cor. 11:23-26).
- 6.6. In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, which includes: the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as an experience distinct from salvation; His indwelling by which the Christian is enabled to live a godly life; His supernatural gifting and empowering of the church for its work, life and worship. (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-8, Acts 2:1-4, 10:4-46, I Cor. 12, 14).
- 6.7. In the return of Jesus Christ to consummate His Kingdom; in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, those who are saved unto the resurrection of life and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (John 5:28-29, Revelation 20:4-5, 11-12, Mark 14:62, Revelation 1:5-7, II Thessalonians 1:2-10).
- 6.8. In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 17:11, 21-23, Romans 12:4-5, Ephesians 4:11-16).
7. **Article Six – Changing Articles of Incorporation**
These amended Articles of Incorporation, subject to the special provisions of Article Two and Article V, may be changed by a two thirds vote of the members present at any of its regular or special meetings, called for that purpose, with notice of the same given according to provisions stated in Article 8 of the bylaws. It shall be understood that this does not apply to Article II and Article V of these amended articles which can only be changed with a three fourths vote of the membership at a regular or special meeting duly called for that purpose.
8. **Article Seven – Dissolution**
In the event of dissolution of this Corporation, any assets remaining after payment of its obligations shall be distributed to the work of home and/or foreign missions as determined by the joint Board of Trustees and Elders, provided that such home and/or foreign mission organization(s) are IRC

501c3 organizations or recognized by the IRS as a qualified organization under IRC 501(C)(3). Such assets may be transferred to one or more regional Fellowship of Christian Assembly's Churches for administration and distribution. Such transfer of assets must be in accordance with applicable laws governing such transactions at the time of dissolution.

9. **Article Eight – Capital Stock**

There shall be no capital stock issued in this corporation and this corporation is not organized for profit nor shall any person or member derive any benefit whatsoever. There shall not be any pecuniary profit or benefit inure to the members of this corporation.

In witness whereof, each of the undersigned comprising the Board of Trustees has subscribed his or her name on the date indicated. (Space for signatures, dates, and notary subscription)

Mike Vasilakes

Date

David Olson

Date

Miriam Buchanan

Date

Michelle Landsverk

Date

Kevin Larson

Date

Brian Ose

Date

Kevin Penner

Date

By-laws of Bethel Assembly

These By-laws have been updated, June 1, 2009 and supersede any previous versions, including those adopted by the church on August 22, 1948 and updated January 2, 1993.

1. Article One – Principles

1.1. This church is set in order under the authority of the Bible, and at the request of the company of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, with the understanding that it shall be scripturally independent as its faith and government, in full accord with the 12th, 13th, and 14th chapters of 1 Corinthians as its conduct and practice, and in co-operative fellowship with all other churches of like precious faith, who are earnestly contending for the faith once delivered unto the Saints, Ephesians 2:19, Jude 3.

2. Article Two – Name

2.1. This church shall be known as Bethel Assembly, located in the town of Fosston, County of Polk, State of Minnesota.

3. Article Three – Purpose

3.1. The purpose of Bethel Assembly shall be to establish and maintain a place of worship of the one and only true God; to promote worship, to disciple, to evangelize, to promote fellowship and to demonstrate God's love through serving others.

4. Article Four – Ordinances

4.1. The ordinances of the church include: believer's baptism by immersion, observance of the Lord's Supper, prayer and anointing the sick with oil, dedication of little children to the Lord.

5. Articles Five – Finance

- 5.1. The church shall be financed by the scriptural system of tithes and offerings. All the finances shall pass through the treasurer and be accounted for.
- 5.2. Financial statements will be presented at the annual meeting and are also available to members upon request.

6. Article Six - Membership

6.1. An individual may become a member by attending any required membership classes and presenting his or her name to the Elder board and pastor. In order to qualify for membership the individual must be at least 18 years of age, born of the Spirit (John 3:5), living a consistent Christian life, be in co-operative fellowship with the testimony of the church and contribute to the support of the church according to his or her ability. Upon the approval of the Elder board and senior pastor the name shall be inscribed upon the church roster.

6.2. Members of the church who shall willingly absence themselves from regular church services for the period of six consecutive months may be dropped from the roster at the discretion of the Elder board. Unscriptural conduct shall be grounds for discipline. Discipline shall be by reproof, exclusion from membership and finally suspension from active participation in the worship and service of the church. Discipline shall be administered in accordance with the principles listed and purported in the New Testament scriptures: Matt. 18:16, 20, Romans 16:17, 18, I Corinthians 5:15, II Corinthians 2:6, Titus 3:10 & 11, II Thess. 3:12. The oversight and administration of discipline shall be the responsibility of the Elder board.

6.3. Members who are in active ministry in other locations (such as travelling ministers, missionaries, pastors) need not meet the attendance or financial support requirements. Such members will not be counted toward the requirement of a quorum unless in attendance.

7. Article Seven (Government and Official Functions)

7.1. Senior Pastor Qualifications

7.1.1. The senior pastor shall be a mature Christian, conforming to the Scriptural standards for ministry as recorded in I Timothy 3:2-7, Titus 1:6-9, I Peter 5:2-3.

7.1.2. The senior pastor shall be a Spirit-gifted teacher of the Word of God, of good reputation and evangelical theology, Christ-centered, Spirit-filled, and willing to serve a non-denominational church without promoting denominational interests or affiliations.

7.1.3. The senior pastor shall be an ordained minister.

7.2. Senior Pastor Ministry

7.2.1. The senior pastor shall minister unto the Lord in regular personal worship and praise. He shall give himself to the ministry of the Word and prayer (Acts 6:4) and seek to walk uprightly before the Lord in his personal life. He shall seek the mind of God.

7.2.2. The senior pastor shall be the teaching-shepherd of the Church. He shall give considerable time to study of the Word and shall teach the Scriptures to the flock by precept and example. He shall aim to feed the flock, equip the saints for ministry, and guard the church against the attack of the enemy.

7.2.3. The Senior Pastor shall be considered the Spiritual Leader or over-seer of the church and all activities. He shall be over-seer of the board of Trustees, and an ex-officio member of all committees. The Pastor shall be responsible for all spiritual services, and with the Elder board, shall have oversight in arranging for

special meetings and conventions. No person shall be invited to speak or preach in the church unless by understanding and in harmony with the Elder board and the Pastor's wishes.

7.2.4. The senior pastor shall be the chairman of the board of elders.

7.2.5. The senior pastor shall give leadership to the associate and/or assistant pastors, the professional church staff, the elders and trustees.

7.3. Senior Pastor Term – the senior pastor shall be elected for an indefinite term of ministry; however, this provision so stated does not imply a lifetime appointment.

7.4. Senior Pastor Termination by Resignation: The resigning senior pastor shall present the elder board with a formal letter of resignation sixty (60) days prior to his desired termination. The elder board may, by mutual consent, waive the requirement for the sixty (60) day period prior notice.

7.5. Senior Pastor Termination by Removal:

7.5.1. The process for removing a senior pastor on the basis of incompetency, or incompatibility shall be as follows: A complaint may be lodged with the elder board against the incumbent pastor by any three (3) or more members in good standing. The complaint shall be in writing and shall be signed by the complainants. The elder board shall consider the complaint and may present the matter to a vote of the membership, should they deem such advisable. The pastor shall be removed if the complaint is supported by at least two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and voting in a special corporate meeting duly called for said purpose. In the event of removal by said action, the pastor shall be given sixty (60) days in which to arrange his affairs and remove himself per recommendation of the board of elders.

7.5.2. Removing a senior pastor on the basis of immoral conduct, radical departure from the Statement of Faith, or other serious charges shall be as follows: the elder board shall have the authority to remove the pastor upon proven charges deemed in their collective opinion, to be of a serious nature. Upon said proof, removal shall be effective immediately.

7.6. Senior Pastor Compensation:

7.6.1. The senior pastor shall be given regular and adequate financial support. The amount shall be determined annually by agreement between the senior pastor and the board of trustees, with congregational ratification.

7.7. Interim pastors: in the event of a termination of pastoral ministry, the elder board shall arrange for interim pulpit ministry until such time as another senior pastor is appointed according to the provisions of Article 8, Section 8.9

7.8. Appointing a Senior Pastor:

7.8.1. The elder and trustee boards, together with appointed members of the congregation, shall in the event of a senior pastor vacancy, constitute a pulpit committee for the purpose of selecting, screening and recommending a prospective pastor to the voting membership of the church. The pulpit committee shall recommend only one (1) prospective senior pastor at a time.

7.8.2. Following an adequate period for the presentation of his ministry, a review of his resume and ministry recommendation, the prospective senior pastor must receive the endorsement of the elders and trustees by a minimum affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3). Such a vote shall constitute a recommendation for presentation to the membership of the church for a vote of acceptance.

7.8.3. The prospective senior pastor shall be given ample opportunity to become acquainted with and present his ministry to the membership. The membership shall vote by secret ballot at a special corporate meeting duly called for such a purpose. Absentee ballots will be available at the discretion of the joint board, to those members who have heard the candidate but are unable to attend the special meeting. Having a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those voting, a formal call shall be extended by the Elder board to the candidate.

7.8.4. The resigned or retiring senior pastor, with the approval of the pulpit committee, may recommend a successor and/or participate in the selection of his successor.

7.9. Associate and/or Assistant Pastors

7.9.1. Qualifications:

7.9.1.1. The associate and/or assistant pastors shall meet the qualifications listed in Article 8, Section 8.2.1 and 8.2.2.

7.9.1.2. An associate or assistant pastor shall minister unto the Lord in regular personal worship and praise. He shall give himself to the ministry of the Word and prayer (Acts 6:4), and seek to walk uprightly before the Lord in his personal life. He shall seek the mind of God.

7.9.1.3. The senior pastor and elder board shall define the ministry of an associate or assistant pastor upon his appointment. He shall be under the direction of the senior pastor and shall serve with the senior pastor and elder board in fulfilling the pastoral ministry to the church.

7.9.2. Appointment

7.9.2.1. Any candidate for associate or assistant pastor shall be recommended by the senior pastor to the boards of elders and trustees.

7.9.2.2. Following an adequate period for the presentation of his ministry, a review of his resume and ministry recommendation, the prospective associate or assistant pastor shall receive the endorsement of the elders and trustees by a minimum affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3). Such a vote of the elders and trustees shall constitute a recommendation for presentation to the membership of the church for a vote of acceptance. The prospective associate or assistant pastor shall receive a formal call from the church upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the congregation.

7.9.3. Term: The associate or assistant pastor shall be elected for an indefinite term of ministry, unless otherwise specified in his call; this provision so stated does not imply a lifetime appointment. In the event of a senior pastor change, an associate or assistant pastor may continue to serve with the approval of the new senior pastor and elder board.

7.9.4. Termination:

7.9.4.1. By Resignation: in the event of his resignation, the associate or assistant shall present the elder board and senior pastor with a formal letter of resignation at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of resignation. The elder board may, by mutual consent, waive the requirement for the sixty (60) day period prior notice.

7.9.4.2. By Removal: An associate or assistant pastor shall be considered for removal on the basis of the provisions of Section 8.6 of the Bylaws.

7.9.4.3. By Request: it shall be the prerogative of the senior pastor, with the majority approval of the elders, to request the resignation of pastoral associates or assistants if they are not in harmony with the ministry of the church as directed by the senior pastor.

7.9.4.4. Compensation: the associate or assistant pastor shall receive compensation according to the provision of Article 8, Section 8.7.

7.10. Elders

7.10.1. With Christ as Head, the elder board shall seek to promote the spiritual welfare of the congregation as a whole. Each member of the board shall have a vote in conducting business whether meeting jointly or separately. The senior pastor is a voting member of the elder board.

7.10.2. The elders shall serve alongside the senior pastor to provide general oversight, spiritual leadership and ministry to the church; praying for the spiritual and physical well being of the people (Acts 14:23; Acts 15:6; Acts 20:17-28; James 5:14, 16).

7.10.3. The qualifications and responsibilities of the elders shall be those outlined in the Scriptures (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-3).

7.10.4. The person must also be a member of the church for not less than three years.

7.10.5. Responsibilities: Elders are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the church, including:

7.10.5.1. Prayer:

Leading (or assisting) prayer meetings; prayer for the sick or for those in need (Acts 6:3-4). Elders also provide a prayer shield for the pastoral team and the church.

7.10.5.2. Ministry oversight:

The Elder board provides leadership for the church as overseers (1 Pet 5:1-3). The Senior Pastor, by virtue of his office, is the Senior Elder as “first among equals.” Lay elders are more than just “advisors” to the pastors. They are active participants in seeking God for spiritual direction, leadership, and evaluation of ministries in the church.

7.10.5.3. Teaching:

A Scriptural qualification of elders is that they are able to teach (1 Timothy 3:1-2, 5:17), a gift that can be expressed in a variety of settings, from preaching to personal mentoring.

7.10.5.4. Shepherding:

The Elders assist the Pastors in caring for the flock (1 Peter 5:2) by visiting those who are sick or shut-in, seeking out those who are straying from the faith, and providing counsel and prayer when appropriate. Shepherding also includes church discipline and protecting the flock from false teaching (Acts 20:28, Titus 1:9). The shepherding responsibilities of lay elders are especially important during times of pastoral transition. At all times, the Elders are

expected to defend, protect and support the integrity of the pastoral team and the church.

7.10.5.5. Ordination:

The Elders facilitate, implement and execute licensing and ordination requirements and procedures (1 Timothy 5:22, 2 Timothy 1:6).

7.10.5.6. Vacancies in any office in the church may be declared by a majority vote of the Elder board whenever the incumbent has disqualified himself by unscriptural conduct, by a spirit of insubordination, or by a change of belief contrary to the articles of faith herein.

7.10.6. The number of elders will be determined by the needs of the church and the availability of those qualified to serve.

7.10.7. Selection of Elders: the Body of Elders recognizes elder candidates through prayer, fasting, and discernment. The elder candidate is presented before the congregation, where they are affirmed by a vote of at least three fourths of the members present at an annual or special meeting of the membership.

7.10.8. Duration of Service: no specific term of office is prescribed for elders since none is indicated in Scripture. The Bible does clearly teach that God intends periodic rest for his creation. As an example for us, God rested on the seventh day after six days of creative work. The Jews were given a Sabbath rest each Saturday. The land of Israel was to be left fallow and not worked at all every seventh year. In this spirit, elders will be given opportunity for Sabbatical every seventh year.

7.10.9. Disqualification: every member is subject to accountability within the church and therefore the elder may be disciplined according to Biblical principles (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; 2 Thessalonians 3:14, 15). Scripture does dictate that no accusation against an elder is to be taken seriously unless there are two or three witnesses to verify the charges. When a confronted elder 'continues in sin,' they are rebuked by the elders before the congregation, that 'others may fear' (1 Timothy 5:19, 20). An elder is subject to scrutiny in areas which call for church discipline (unrepentant sin) and circumstances which might affect their continuing qualification to serve as an elder. When an elder ceases to meet those qualifications, they are asked to remove themselves from the office for a time so that they may put their life in order in that area. Such action is taken only by the unanimous agreement of the other elders. If an elder feels unable to serve for any reason, they may request to be relieved from office either temporarily or permanently. The process of possible reinstatement at a later time is determined by the elders in relation to the circumstances.

7.10.10. Accountability: in carrying out their duties, the elder is immediately responsible to the other elders, continually responsible to his brothers and sisters in the congregation, and ultimately responsible to the Lord Jesus Christ.

7.10.11. Regular meetings: regular meetings of the Elders may be set from time to time by agreement of the Elders.

7.10.12. Special Meetings: meetings of the Elders may be called by the Senior Pastor or two other Elders. Notice for a special meeting shall be written, verbal or electronic notice of three days, unless a shorter time is mutually agreed upon.

7.10.13. Quorum: a simple majority of the members of the Elder board will constitute a quorum and is required for any official votes. Official voting may also occur through polling via telephone or other electronic means.

7.10.14. Members of the Elder Board may not be members of either the Trustee Board or the CE Board.

7.11. Trustees

7.11.1. There shall be a board of Trustees of not less than three and not more than nine. The Trustees shall act as trustees and custodians of the church property.

7.11.2. There shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

7.11.3. The Trustees shall also act as Ministry Coordinators, overseeing the areas of Building, Finance, Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Outreach, and Women's Ministry. An area of responsibility will be assigned to each Trustee at the beginning of each ministry year.

7.11.4. The Trustees shall be men and women of mature Christian experience and knowledge who shall as closely as possible, meet the requirements as set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. They shall help in matters pertaining to the church in its practical operation. They shall have the oversight of the property and business matters of the church. They shall control the same in a business like manner. They must be at least 21 years of age and members of the church at least six months.

7.11.5. The secretary shall by virtue of office be a member of the board, keep the minutes of the official meetings of the board, the annual meetings and special meetings of the church, and keep a record of the membership. He or she shall also have charge of all legal documents.

7.11.6. Regular meetings of the Trustees shall be held monthly unless otherwise deemed appropriate.

7.11.7. Special Meetings: Meetings of the Trustees may be called by the chairman or two other Trustees. Notice for a special meeting shall be written, verbal or electronic notice of three days, unless a shorter time is mutually agreed upon.

7.11.8. Quorum: A simple majority of the members of the Trustee board will constitute a quorum and is required for any official votes. Official voting may also occur through polling via telephone or other electronic means.

7.11.9. Vacancies and Elections for Trustees

7.11.9.1. Elections shall be by secret ballot. In addition, there shall be a nominating committee to process nominations. The committee shall consist of one trustee and two members of the congregation (non-trustees). The nominating committee for the following year's election shall be appointed at the annual meeting each year.

7.11.9.2. The open positions for the board of Trustees shall be elected during the annual membership meeting. They shall be elected by written ballot with those receiving the most votes filling the vacant positions.

7.11.9.3. The term of office shall be for 3 years and arranged that one third of the terms expire each year. Trustees may serve two consecutive terms of three years each if elected. After that time they are ineligible to be re-elected for one year.

7.11.9.4. Trustees cannot serve simultaneously as a member of the Elder Board or the CE Board.

7.12. Christian Education:

7.12.1. Purpose: there shall be a Christian Education Board ([CE Board](#)) to organize and administer effective Christian education ministry programs for all ages. They shall recommend a budget and set their own goals and within the scope of the church's mission, "loving God and loving people."

7.12.2. Board: the board will consist of not more than 7 members. The open positions for the Christian Education board shall be elected during the annual membership meeting. They shall be elected by written ballot with those receiving the most votes filling the vacant positions. The term of office shall be for three years and

arranged so that one third of terms expire each year. They may serve for two consecutive terms. After that time they are ineligible to be reelected for one year.

7.12.3. CE Board members cannot serve on the Trustee or Elder board at the same time.

7.12.4. Regular meetings of the CE Board shall be held monthly unless otherwise deemed appropriate.

7.12.5. Special Meetings: Meetings of the CE Board may be called by the chairman or two other members. Notice for a special meeting shall be written, verbal or electronic notice of three days, unless a shorter time is mutually agreed upon.

7.12.6. Quorum: A simple majority of the members of the CE Board will constitute a quorum and is required for any official votes. Official voting may also occur through polling via telephone or other electronic means.

8. Article Eight – Membership Meetings & Voting

8.1. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the church shall be held in Fosston, Minnesota at the church on the last Sunday or Monday in January or the first Sunday or Monday in February. Notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the house of worship at least fifteen days before the date of the meeting and in addition, the pastor or some other officer of the church shall give public notice from the pulpit at two regular Sunday services before the date of the meeting. The agenda for the annual meeting shall be published one week in advance of the meeting.

8.2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the church shall be called by the elders when they deem necessary or upon a written request of the Trustee board. Special meetings may also be called by a minimum of 10% of the membership. Membership requests for a special meeting must be in writing, signed and presented to the Elder and Trustee Boards. Notice of special meetings will be the same as provided in Section 1 of this article for the calling of annual meetings. The notice shall state specifically the time, place and purpose of such meetings.

8.3. Voting Members

All members of the church in good standing and who have been in reasonable attendance to its public worship in the six months preceding the meeting and contributed to its support shall be eligible to vote.

8.4. One-third of the members of the church qualified to vote shall constitute a quorum.

9. Article Nine – Property

- 9.1. All property real and personal of the church shall be taken, held, sold, transferred, assigned, or conveyed by the trustees in its corporate name.
- 9.2. Subject to applicable State law, no real property of the church shall be sold, leased, mortgaged or otherwise alienated without the same shall be first recommended by a vote of at least two thirds of the voting membership of the church, being present at the regular or special meeting of the church duly called for that purpose. Notice of time and place and object of such a meeting shall be given for a least four successive Sundays immediately preceding said meeting.
- 9.3. Personal property of the church shall be sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise assigned or transferred by a majority vote of the Trustee board.
- 9.4. In the event of dissolution of this Corporation, any assets remaining after payment of its obligations shall be distributed to the work of home and/or foreign missions as determined by the joint Board of Trustees and Elders, provided that such home and/or foreign mission organization(s) are IRC 501(C)(3) organizations or recognized by the IRS as a qualified organization under IRC 501(C)(3). Such assets may be transferred to one or more regional Fellowship of Christian Assembly’s Churches for administration and distribution. Such transfer of assets must be in accordance with applicable laws governing such transactions at the time of dissolution.

10. Article Ten – Amendments

- 10.1. These bylaws may be changed by a two thirds vote of the members present at any of its regular or special meetings, called for that purpose, with notice of the same given according to provisions stated in Article 8.