

LAZY MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

The purpose of this church is to honor God by:

1. Winning others to Jesus Christ in our community and throughout the world.
2. Building up Christians to live pleasing to God.
3. Equipping believers for Christian ministry.

We desire to advance this purpose through Biblical instruction, worship, prayer, Christian fellowship, and evangelism.

ARTICLE II - STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired of God and completely inerrant in the original writings and are the supreme and final authority for faith and life. (2 Tim 3:16,17; 2 Pet 1:20-21)

2. THE GODHEAD

We believe in the one Holy, Almighty God, eternally existing in three co-equal Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deut 6:4; John 10:30, 14:16-18; Matt 3:16,17)

3. SATAN

We believe that Satan is a personal being, the enemy of God; and the author of sin and rebellion; the deceiver, corrupter and destroyer of men; who is justly condemned to be cast into the lake of fire forever. (Isa 14:12-17; Eph 6:10-16; 1 Pet 5:8; John 8:44; 2 Cor 11:13-14; Matt 25:41; Rev 20:1-10)

4. THE DEPRAVITY OF MAN

We believe that man was created by God in His own image, but that he voluntarily sinned against God, resulting in physical decay, spiritual death, and a soul independent of God's laws. Therefore, mankind is born with a sinful nature and is guilty, incurring God's penalty which is eternal damnation. (Gen 1:26-27, 2:17; Rom 5:12-19, 6:23, 3:19; Eph 2:1-3; John 3:36)

5. SALVATION FOR MAN

We believe that lost mankind can only receive spiritual life as a gift of God's grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. His shed blood is the basis for our forgiveness and freedom from sin's penalty, making possible our spiritual birth into the family

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of God by the Holy Spirit, who gives us God's life in our spirit. (John 3:16, 36; Eph 2:5-9; Rom 3:21-26; John 10:28; Rom 8:15-16; Titus 3:5)

We believe that all who are born of the Holy Spirit are united with the Lord Jesus Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. This relationship makes available to each believer's soul the power necessary to live abundantly and victoriously over the power of sin, our sin nature, the world, and Satan. (Rom 6:1-14, 8:11-13; Col. 2:9-13; Eph 1:17-21, 6:10-18; 1 Cor 10:13, 12:13; 1 John 2:15-17, 5:3-5)

We believe that the bodies of all believers, living or dead, shall be changed at the coming of Christ to be eternally free from death and the presence and bondage of sin. Unbelievers will be resurrected to final judgement and will continue in everlasting conscious punishment in the lake of fire. (John 5:28-29; Matt 25:46; 1 Cor 15:51-57; Rev 20:4-6, 11-15)

6. GOD THE FATHER

We believe that salvation is an action by God which is rooted in the will, power, and glory of God the Father. The Father has initiated the salvation of all who will be saved by choosing us for Himself before creation, and drawing us to the Son by His grace, bringing many sons into glory. For those who thus trust in Christ, the Father has willed eternal safekeeping and fruit for His praise. Our relationship to the Father is now that of children in His family. Our purpose is to worship the Father and glorify Him by serving Jesus Christ. The Father's plan and ultimate purpose is that He will be glorified by all creation throughout eternity. (Eph 1:13-14; John 6:37, 44; Heb 2:10; John 6:39-40; 15:8-16, Rom 8:15-17; John 4:23, 24, 12:24-26; 1 Cor 15:24-28; Phil 2:11; Rev 5:13)

7. GOD THE SON

We believe that Jesus Christ, being truly God and co-equal with the Father, was begotten of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, becoming truly man. The Lord Jesus lived sinlessly on this earth and gave to fallen man a visible representation of the invisible God. He was crucified for our sins as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are declared to be righteous on the basis of His shed blood. (John 1:1-3, 14, 10:30; Luke 1:26-28; Heb 4:15; Col 1:15; 1 Cor 15:3; Rom 3:21-26, 5:9)

We believe in the physical resurrection of the crucified body of the Lord Jesus Christ, ascension into heaven where He is now exalted at the right hand of the Father, and His high priestly ministry as our mediator, intercessor, and advocate with the Father. (Luke 24:39, 40, 49-51; Heb 1:3, 8:1-2; 1 Tim 2:5,6; Rom 8:34; 1 John 2:1)

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We believe the imminent appearing of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ to take away His bride the Church, and His pre-millennial return to set up His kingdom on earth. (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess 4:16-18, 5:9-10, Rev 1:7, 19:11-16, 20: 4-6)

8. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the agent of God's salvation, bringing conviction to men and illuminating them to an understanding of the Gospel. He regenerates those who believe in Christ, imparting to them a new divine nature, making them sons in the family of God. Simultaneous to this new birth, the Holy Spirit permanently indwells every believer, sealing him until the day of his final redemption. He also baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ, equipping them with spiritual gifts for mutual edification. The abiding presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit is the basis for His continuing work in the believer's life, as He desires to control, guide, and teach the believer, producing the fruit of the Spirit and good works. (John 16:8-13; Titus 3:5-8; John 3:5-6,16; 2 Cor 5:17; 2 Pet 1:14; Rom 8:9,14,17; 1 Cor 6:19; Eph 4:30; 1 Cor 12:12-13; Eph 1:3; John 4:16-17; Eph 5:18; Gal 5:16, 22-23)

9. THE CHURCH

We believe that the universal Church consists of all believers from Pentecost to the return of Christ. Christ is the Head of the Church, which is His Body and espoused Bride. We also believe that a local church is made up of fellowshiping believers in a particular place. The establishment and order of local churches is defined and taught in the New Testament Scriptures. (Eph 1:22-23, 4:1-6, 5:22-32; Heb 10:24-25; 1 Tim 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11)

10. OUR COMMISSION

We believe that those who have never heard or believed the Gospel are lost and guilty, and that it is therefore our divine commission to preach to people everywhere their need to repent of sin and believe in Jesus Christ for salvation. (Matt- 28:18-20; Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8, 2 Cor 5:10-21, Rom 1:18-19, 10:9-17)

ARTICLE III- AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution must be approved by the board of elders, then submitted for congregational approval. Proposed amendments will be announced weekly during Sunday worship services for three consecutive months. Passage requires a two-thirds quorum at a called meeting. Eligible voters must be physically present and are limited to those who have maintained active membership status for at least three years prior to the vote. Unanimous approval is required for passage.

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ARTICLE IV – DOCUMENT OF RECORD

This Constitution was duly considered and approved by the active membership of Lazy Mountain Bible Church, in accordance with the provisions contained herein, on September 25, 2022, and supersede previous editions.

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this incorporated Christian church is Lazy Mountain Bible Church.

ARTICLE II- MEMBERSHIP

Those who testify their faith in Christ as Savior and indicate their agreement with the Constitution and Membership Covenant below are eligible for membership.

SECTION A- HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Those desiring membership should familiarize themselves with the church Constitution and these Bylaws. Prospective members will meet with representatives of the board of elders. A membership class will be available. The board of elders will consider and approve new member applications. Those approved are received into the fellowship of the church.

SECTION B - RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Those who have been approved as members shall be welcomed into the fellowship at a church service.

SECTION C - STATUS OF MEMBERS

The membership of this church will consist of active membership and inactive members.

1. Active members are those approved and received according to the provisions of these Bylaws. Active members are full members regardless of other church affiliation.
2. Inactive Membership consists of the following:
 - a. Those not currently residing in the local area, but still desire to retain their membership.
 - b. Those absent from Sunday worship services for six consecutive months without providing satisfactory reason for their absence.
 - c. Those reclassified as inactive members under the disciplinary terms specified by the board of elders.
3. Inactive members will not exercise voting privileges or hold church office.

SECTION D - RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

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All members should:

1. Regularly attend church services and membership business meetings.
2. Submit themselves by faith, doctrine, and practice to the Word of God.
3. Exercise the privilege and responsibility to vote on church business.
4. Welcome new members into church fellowship.

SECTION E - MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having been born again by the grace of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and being justified on the basis of His shed blood, I do now solemnly and joyfully enter into the following covenant with my fellow members in the body of Christ at Lazy Mountain Bible Church. Being enabled by God, I commit myself to:

MY GOD. I will strive toward the discipline of daily prayer, (Ps 86:1-11; Phil 4:6-8) and personal study of God's Word, (Ps 1:1-6; 119:11, 105; Acts 10:11; 2 Tim-3:16-17) that I might know Him better, (Ex 34:1-8; Jer 9:23-24; Phil 3:8-10) trust Him more, (Prov 3:5-6; Lam 3:22-26) love, and obey Him more fully, Luke 10:27; Rom 12:1-2; James 4:6-8)

MY SINGLENES OR MARRIAGE. I believe that singleness with contentment is a gift from God. (Matt 19:11-12; 1 Cor 7:7) Also, I believe God instituted marriage and that marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman into a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25; Matt 19:4-6; Eph 5:31-32)

MY FAMILY. I will consistently make an effort to strengthen the following family values that are indicated in Scripture. A love and respect for God and His word, (Deut 31:13; Prov 1:7; 14:26; Luke 10:27; Tim 3:15-17) faith in Jesus Christ, (Acts 16:31) a love for each other, (Matt 19:4-6; Eph 5:25-29; Titus 2:3-5) the honor of and obedience to parents, (Ex 20:12; Eph 6:14; Heb 12:9-11) Biblical instruction, (Deut 6:4-9; Ps 78:3-7, Prov 22:6; 23:24) and gentleness in the home (Eph 6:4; Col 3:19-21; I Pet 3:24, 7-8).

MY CHURCH. I will endeavor to fulfill my God given role by praying for others in this fellowship, (Eph 1:15-19; 3:14-21; 6:18) by demonstrating Christian love, (1 John 3:11, 16-18, 23; 4:7-12) by endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, (Eph 4:1-3) by investing my skills and spiritual gifts in service to others, (1 Cor 12:1-26; 1 Pet 4:10) by contributing cheerfully and regularly to its ministry, (2 Cor 9:5-15) by strengthening and encouraging one another, (Eph 4:11-16; Heb 10:24-25) by caring for and aiding one another in sickness or distress, (Gal 6:9-10; James 1:27) by upholding the church's doctrine, (1 Tim 4:6, 16) and submitting myself to the Biblical leadership of the church Elders (1 Tim: 5:17; Heb 13:17; 1 Pet 5:5)

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MY WORLD. I believe that God has given me a new life in Christ (2 Cor 5:11) so that I might be a visible example of Christ likeness in my home, (1 Tim. 3:4-5) at work, (Eph 6:5-9) and in the community, (Matt 5:13-16; Rom 12:20-21; 13:1-7; Eph 2:8-10; Phil 2:15-16; 1 Tim 2:1-4; 1 Pet 2:9-17) so that those around me will be drawn to Christ. I will share in Christ's concern for extending the Gospel to the world (Matt 28:18-20; John 17:15, 18).

SECTION F - DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

Members of this church are subject to mutual accountability and discipline of the church according to scripture.

1. Responsibility for discipline is shared by the entire church membership.
2. The purpose of discipline is the restoration of the offender. (Gal 6:1)
3. The board of elders will initiate disciplinary action in cases of:
 - a. Open sin recognized by a clear statement of Scripture.
 - b. Promoting or practicing doctrine contrary to the Word of God. (Matt 18:15-20, 1 Cor 5:1-13; Rom 16:17-18; 1 Tim 6:3-5)
4. Disciplinary action may include:
 - a. Removal from church office
 - b. Reclassification as an inactive member
 - c. Exclusion of church activities
 - d. Revocation of church membership
 - e. Other measures, as deemed appropriate
5. The board of elders will restore and return to fellowship for disciplined members who show convincing evidence of sincere repentance, but will apply restrictions to privileges and responsibilities.

SECTION G - TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Upon request, members who no longer reside in the local area will receive a letter of introduction and standing to another church.

ARTICLE III - ORDINANCES

This church observes the two ordinances in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ: Baptism and the Lord's supper.

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SECTION A - BAPTISM

The ordinance of Christian baptism was given by Christ in the Great Commission, practiced by the New Testament church, and explained in the epistles. Baptism by immersion is the believer's testimony of his identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. It signifies the believer's confession that he is dead unto sin but alive unto God, living in newness of life. Baptism shall be taught as an act of submission to Christ and testimony of faith, bringing blessing to the believer. (Matt 28:19-20; Rom 6:34; Col 2:12-13; Acts 2:38, 41; 19:5, Gal-2:20)

SECTION B - THE LORD'S SUPPER

This ordinance of the church was instituted by the Lord as a symbolic memorial of His death for our sins, and is to be observed until He returns. The bread speaks of His body, which bore our sins on the cross. The cup speaks of His blood which was shed as an offering for our sin, and instituted God's new covenant for all who believe in Christ's death. The Lord's supper shall be observed regularly as determined by the board of elders and is open to all believers. (Matt 26:26-29; 1 Pet 2:24; Rom 3:25, Heb. 9:14-15; 1 Cor 11:23-28)

ARTICLE IV – GOVERNMENT

The government of this church is vested in the active membership and administration through an elected board of elders in accordance with all the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION A - THE BOARD OF ELDERS

1. The board of elders shall consist of at least five men.
2. The Lead Pastor will retain a permanent position on the board of elders.
3. The board of elders will determine the number of board members needed to direct the ministries of the church.
4. Elders will be elected to serve three-year terms. Elder Terms will be staggered so that no more than three will expire in a given year.
5. Three-fifths of the board of elders constitute a quorum. A majority vote of those present is required to pass any measure.

SECTION B - QUALIFICATIONS OF THE BOARD OF ELDERS

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1. All elders must be active members of this church.
2. Elder board members must meet the qualifications set forth in 1 Tim 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9.
3. The moral conduct of each elder should be beyond reproach. They should practice total abstinence from carnal indulgences or such things which are harmful, offensive, a stumbling block to others, or otherwise incompatible with a life dedicated to Christ. (Rom 9:12-13, 12:1-2; 13:14; 2 Cor 7:1; Gal 5:16-25; Eph 4:22-24; Col 3:1-10; 1 Thess 5:23; 1 Pet 1:14-16; 1 John 3:5-9)
4. In order to promote peace and edify others for the glory of God, each member of the board of elders should be willing to forego the use of certain rights which may offend fellow believers. (Rom 14:12-23; 15:1-6; 1 Cor 8:113; 2 Cor 6:3-4)

SECTION C - ELECTION OF BOARD OF ELDERS

1. Nominating Committee
 - a. The board of elders will appoint a Nominating Committee composed of the lead pastor, two board elders, and two active members of the church, not later than two months prior to the annual meeting.
 - b. The Nominating Committee will meet to consider the qualifications of active members. Elder board candidates will be presented to the board of elders.
 - c. The Nominating Committee will announce the names of elder board candidates during Sunday worship services one-month prior to the annual meeting.
2. Congregational additions or deletions:
 - a. Active members of the church who object to any of the candidates, or who want to nominate additional candidates, must notify the Nominating Committee in writing, including reasons for their action, within two weeks of the congregational announcement.
 - b. All nominations must be approved by the Nominating Committee.
3. Election Procedure:

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- a. Elder board elections will be held at the annual business meeting.
 - b. An affirmative seventy-five percent vote of active members physically present is required to elect each elder board member.
4. Vacancies:
- a. In the event of an elder board position is vacated, the remaining members may appoint a qualified replacement to fill this position until the next annual business meeting.
 - b. The remaining unexpired term of any such vacancy will be filled according to the procedures outlined in the section.

SECTION D - RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF ELDERS

The board of elders are responsible for the spiritual direction and managerial oversight of the church. Specific responsibilities include:

1. Meetings:
 - a. The board of elders shall meet monthly, and other times when necessary.
 - b. The board of elders call and arrange the details of all member meetings.
2. Election of Officers:
 - a. Elder Board Officer positions include Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Elder Board Officer responsibilities include:
 - 1) Chairman- calls, determines the agenda, and directs all elder board meetings. Paid staff members may not serve as Chairman.
 - 2) Vice Chair- fulfills the duties of the Chairman in his absence.
 - 3) Secretary – records and submits minutes for all elder board and called meetings; updates the active membership list; ensures a historical record of the church constitution and these Bylaws, including all previous editions, are retained on file.
 - 4) Treasurer - responsible for the integrity of the funds of the church in its various ministries and shall submit a monthly report to the board of elders. The financial

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books of the church are subject to an annual audit at the direction of the board of elders.

- b. Elder Board Officers will be nominated and elected at the first elder board meeting following the annual business meeting.
 - c. Elder Board Officers elections require a three-fifths quorum, and the unanimous approval of elder board members present.
3. Business:
- a. The board of elders has oversight responsibility for all church business matters and legal transactions.
 - b. The board of elders presents the annual budget to the membership.
 - c. Board of elders has the oversight of staff through the lead pastor.

SECTION E – DEACONS

1. Nomination of Deacons:
 - a. The board of elders will determine the number of deacons needed to serve the needs of the church.
 - b. Those nominated to serve as deacons must meet the qualifications set forth in 1 Tim 3:8-13 and Acts 6:1-6.
 - c. The board of elders will announce the names of deacon candidates at Sunday worship services one month prior to the annual meeting.
2. Election procedure:
 - a. The deacons shall be elected at the annual meeting of the church and require a seventy-five percent affirmative vote required to elect each deacon.
 - b. Deacons will be elected to three-year terms. The terms of deacons may be adjusted so that not all shall terminate at the same time.
 - c. The deacons shall be accountable to the board of elders or their designee.
 - d. The purpose of the Deacons is to serve God's church through good works such as demonstrated in Acts 6:1-7.

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3. Vacancies:
 - a. In the event a deacon position is vacated, the board of elders may appoint a qualified replacement to fill the position until the annual business meeting.
 - b. The remaining unexpired term of any such vacancy will be filled according to the procedures outlined in this section.

SECTION F – MEETINGS

The chairman of the board of elders, or an elder board appointed moderator, will preside over all membership business meetings.

1. Annual Business Meetings:
 - a. The board of elders will call and prepare the agenda for an annual business meeting of the membership to be held during January of each year.
 - b. The agenda will include the election of board members and deacons. The agenda may also include the presentation of reports by the officers, ministry teams, organizations, and Pastors of the church, and other matters as are deemed necessary. The annual meetings will center on the fiscal year which will be the same as the calendar year.
2. Special Business Meetings:
 - a. Special business meetings may be called as needed by the board of elders, or by written request from the membership.
 - b. Written request from the membership will be submitted to the chairman of the board of elders and must include a clearly state purpose and detailed agenda. The request must be also signed by at least twenty-five percent of the active membership.
 - c. The call and purpose of special business meetings will be announced by the board of elders during Sunday worship services for two consecutive weeks preceding the meeting.
3. Voting:
 - a. Eligible voters are active members, at least eighteen years of age.
 - b. Eligible voters must be physically present in order to constitute a quorum or cast a vote at any business meeting.

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- c. Twenty-five percent of eligible voters physically present constitute a quorum at all membership business meetings.
- d. Except as noted elsewhere in the Constitution or these Bylaws, when less than fifty percent of eligible members are physically present, a two-thirds majority is required to pass any measure. If fifty percent or more of eligible voting members are physically present, a simple majority is required.

ARTICLE V – LEAD PASTOR

SECTION A - LEADERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE PASTOR

- 1. Qualifications of the lead pastor:
 - a. The lead pastor shall be a man who gives evidence of the call of God to the ministry of the gospel, be ordained, and of adherence to the scriptural principles governing church leadership.
 - b. Any man to be considered as a candidate for the position of lead pastor must read this Constitution and Membership Covenant and other provisions of these Bylaws and signify his unreserved agreement in writing.
- 2. Call of the lead pastor:
 - a. The board of elders will serve as a Pulpit Committee to evaluate candidates for the position of lead pastor. A background investigation will be conducted to include pastoral experience, references, and biblical qualifications. A visit by members of the board of elders to his present pastorate should be considered. The board of elders will arrange for candidates to speak at Sunday worship services.
 - b. After a pastoral candidate has spoken at two Sunday worship services the board of elders may present his name for a vote at a specially called membership meeting. The membership will consider only one candidate at a time. An eighty-five percent vote of the active members physically present shall be required to extend a call.
- 3. Duties of the lead pastor:
 - a. The lead pastor will lead and shepherd the flock. He will become a member of this church and assume those duties generally associated with his office, to include the ministry of

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the Word, administration of the ordinances, and care of the spiritual welfare of the members. The lead pastor will become an ex-officio member of all committees and organizations of the church.

- b. The lead pastor will serve an indefinite term of office.
- c. Additional staff members are accountable to the lead pastor and perform duties as determined by the board of elders.

SECTION B -TERMINATION

1. Termination for cause:
 - a. The board of elders may terminate the lead pastor for cause.
 - b. If terminated for cause, the lead pastor will receive 60 days remuneration.
2. Termination without cause:
 - a. The board of elders may terminate the lead pastor without cause.
 - b. The active membership must ratify the termination within thirty days at a called special business meeting. Ratification requires an affirmative vote by two-thirds of active members physically present.
 - c. If termination is ratified by the active membership, the lead pastor will receive one year of remuneration.
3. Termination by the membership:
 - a. The lead pastor may be terminated by the active membership, with or without cause. A written petition for termination, signed by at least twenty-five percent of the active membership, must be presented to the chairman of the board of elders. The petition for termination must include recommended terms of remuneration consistent with termination with cause or without cause.
 - b. The board of elders will call and moderate a special business meeting within thirty days to consider the issue. A two-thirds affirmative vote by the active members is required to terminate the lead pastor and set the terms of remuneration.

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ARTICLE VI - FINANCES AND PROPERTY

SECTION A – FINANCES

1. Offerings:
 - a. Freewill offerings will provide the primary means of support for the financial needs of the church.
 - b. Gifts to the church designated in support of a specific purpose or person must receive the approval of the board of elders.
2. Expenditures:
 - a. The membership will be notified whenever gross expenditures are projected to exceed the annual budget by more than ten percent.
 - b. Funds budgeted for a specific purpose may not be reappropriated without membership approval.

SECTION B - PROPERTY

The title to all property of this church both real and personal shall be and remain vested in that portion of the active membership that shall remain faithful to the Statement of Faith as in Articles I and II of the Constitution.

1. Acquisition and sale of property:
 - a. The board of elders may acquire and hold property, both real and personal, for the benefit and general use of the church. All property so acquired shall be in the name of the church.
 - b. The sale, mortgage, or transfer of real property must be authorized by the board of elders and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of active members physically present at a called business meeting.
2. Use of property:
 - a. All properties belonging to the church will be available to the membership and local community, subject to the approval by the lead pastor or designee.

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- b. Membership or community use of church property must conform with the ministry and teaching positions of the church.
3. Distribution and Dissolution of Property:
- a. No part of the earnings, property, or assets of this corporation will accrue to the benefit of a donor, member.
 - b. No donor, member, any private individual, or officer of the corporation is entitled to share in the corporation assets.
 - c. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of elders will make provisions to pay all the liabilities of the corporation, then dispose of any remaining assets of the corporation. Disposal of the remaining assets will be exclusively for the purposes of the corporation, as determined by the board of elders.
 - d. Dissolution of assets will be distributed to organization(s) that both qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3), and operate exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes.

ARTICLE VII - ORDINATION

SECTION A - COUNCIL OF ORDINATION

When in the judgment of the board of elders, a man in this membership, or in special cases, a non-member, is called to the Christian ministry, the board of elders may call and conduct a Council of Ordination.

1. This Council of Ordination will consist of at least three ordained Christian ministers invited to participate.
2. The Council of Ordination will thoroughly examine the applicant regarding his personal Christian experience, call to the ministry, educational training, doctrinal belief, reputation, and demonstrated effectiveness in Christian service.
3. The applicant shall give evidence of his agreement with those provisions of the church Constitution and these Bylaws regarding doctrine and scriptural qualifications for church leadership.

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4. Following examination of the applicant, a unanimous affirmative vote of the council members is required in order to recommend his ordination by the church.
5. If ordination is recommended, the Council of Ordination will arrange-the details of a public ordination service.
6. The minutes of the Council or Ordination and details of the public ordination service will be incorporated into the record of church meetings, and a Certificate of Ordination will be provided for the newly ordained minister.

SECTION B - DISCIPLINE OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

The board of elders reserves the full authority to discipline or revoke the ordination credentials of any minister ordained under these procedures. In such cases, the minister must be found guilty of doctrinal or moral defection, following an impartial hearing is conducted in the spirit of 1 Corinthians 13.

ARTICLE VIII- AMENDMENTS

SECTION A

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws must be approved by the board of elders, announced during Sunday worship service for two consecutive weeks, and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the active members physically present at a called business meeting.

ARTICLE IX - DOCUMENT OF RECORD

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