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## **Article I. Meetings**

**Section 1.** Regular worship services of the church shall be held on Sunday and on Wednesday evening, unless otherwise agreed upon by the church. The Lord's Supper shall be observed at least once a quarter.

**Section 2.** The church shall hold regular business meetings quarterly. Special business meetings may be called by the Lead Pastor, the Chair of the Deacons or by a petition of 100 or more resident members, provided notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting is given to the congregation at least one regular worship service in advance of the meeting. The Lead Pastor shall serve as moderator of the business meetings of the church. In the Lead Pastor's absence, or upon the Lead Pastor's request, the Chair of the Deacons, or other person elected by the church, may serve as moderator. The most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall serve as the basis for business procedures.

**Section 3.** The Lead Pastor may call a special meeting of the Deacons or any committee after attempting notice to affected members.

**Section 4.** If any person seeks to disrupt or to interfere with any church meeting, the Lead Pastor or other members shall take action as appropriate.

## **Article II. Officers**

All officers of the church and its organizations, unless otherwise specified by the Constitution or the Bylaws, shall be elected by the church from its membership for a term of one year. The term of office may be extended at the request of the Enlistment

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Committee and a majority vote of members attending a church meeting. All terms are effective January 1, after the Enlistment Committee submits its nominations and opportunity is given for additional nominations.

## **Article III. Standing Committees and Ministry Teams**

**Section 1.** Number of Committees and Ministry Teams. The church shall commission from its membership such standing committees and ministry teams as necessary to carry on the ministries and programs of the church, in accordance with the latest organizational plan and ministries adopted by the church.

**Section 2.** Members and chairs of all committees shall be elected by the church from its membership after the Enlistment Committee submits its nominations and opportunity is given for additional nominations.

**Section 3.** Election of Committees. Committee members shall be elected for a term of three years with one-third of the number being elected each year. After completion of a full three-year term, the committee member shall be ineligible to serve on that particular committee until after the lapse of one year. The term of service may be extended at the request of the Enlistment Committee and a majority vote of members attending a church meeting.

**Section 4.** Each committee and ministry team shall be responsible to keep the church informed as to its significant transactions and notable accomplishments in addition to any other duties or responsibilities imposed herein or in the Constitution.

## **Article IV. Special Committees**

Special committees shall be named for specific purposes as desired by the church. These committees and their chair shall be elected by the church from its membership after the Enlistment Committee submits its nominations and opportunity is given for additional nominations. Special committees shall not exercise the functions of a standing committee.

## **Article V. Adoption and Amendments**

**Section 1.** These Bylaws shall be adopted and in effect after an affirmative vote by a majority of the members present at a business meeting. This vote shall be taken at least 30 days after presentation of the Bylaws in a business meeting.

**Section 2.** Any part of these Bylaws may be amended or repealed by majority vote at any business meeting of the church. Written notice of such amendment or repeal must be presented to the church in business session at least 30 days prior to the business meeting at which the vote is taken.