

BY-LAWS OF
RIVERDALE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
RIVERDALE, NEBRASKA

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section I

Any individual desiring to become a member of Riverdale Christian Church must apply to the official Church Board. The board shall consider candidates for membership based on their statement of faith, which can be shown by their baptism by immersion, or their public confession of faith. The Board will also consider letters of transfer on an individual basis.

Section II

It shall be the duty of members to support the church with free-will offerings, personal commitment and regular attendance at worship services.

Section III

Upon request, any member in good standing may receive a letter of membership transfer to another congregation.

Section IV

Any member found guilty of unchristian conduct shall be subjected to the discipline set forth in the scriptures in Matthew 18:15-17.

Section V

Every member shall have a copy of these BY-LAWS and Articles of Incorporation. Each new member shall receive a copy of the church BY-LAWS and Articles of Incorporation upon becoming a member.

ARTICLE II - GOVERNMENT

Section I

The governing board of this Corporation shall be duly elected Elders, officially called Minister, duly elected Secretary and duly elected Treasurer. This shall herein be referred to as the Official Board, and each member shall have one vote on the Board.

Section II

The Official Board shall meet at least once a month for the purpose of transacting the business of this Corporation: the time and place will be established by the Board.

Section III

Procedures in conducting the business affairs of this Corporation shall be guided by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE III - ELECTION

Section I

All members who are in good standing and at least sixteen(16) years old may vote in the business affairs of the Corporation.

Section II

The Official Board shall be empowered with the responsibility to encourage the corporate members to submit nominees for each office, determine the qualifications of each nominee based upon scriptural precepts, personally contact each proposed candidate and gain their acceptance and approval, and post the list of offices and nominees in a conspicuous place in the church house at least two(2) Sundays prior to the election date.

Section III

All voting at the annual and special congregational meetings shall be by private ballot. Candidates for the office of Elder must receive 51% of the votes cast to be elected to said office.

ARTICLE IV - THE OFFICIAL BOARD

Section I

The number of Elders shall be determined by the Board.

Section II

The Board shall elect, at the first regular meeting of the Official Board, a Chairman, who shall preside at all regular and called meetings of the Board, at annual meetings, and all other business meetings of this Corporation.

Section III

By two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the members of the Corporation, a Board member whose conduct is uncommendable to the dignity of the office, may be relieved of his office and its responsibility.

Section IV

The Official Board shall have the responsibility of the general oversight in the business and spiritual matters of the church.

Section V

If the office of a Board member has been left vacant, the Official Board may, by common consent, appoint a successor to fill the office until the next annual election.

Section VI

The Official Board is directed to carefully and thoroughly screen all candidates for the office of Minister or Ministers.

Section VII

Before hiring a minister, the Board must secure congregational approval of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes cast at a meeting called for that purpose.

Section VIII

Two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Official Board will compose a quorum.

Section IX

The Board shall endeavor to coordinate all the activities of the church to effectively and efficiently carry out the purpose of this corporation, which is to promote Christian unity and to establish a Bible-centered church.

ARTICLE V - MINISTER

Section I

The Minister, if a member of the church, shall be recognized as an Official member of the Board.

Section II

The Minister shall give his attention and efforts to the calling on the sick, comforting the bereaved, preaching the Gospel, encouraging the weak, cultivating prospective members, propagating love and understanding, conducting soul-winning campaigns, plan and lead in an aggressive church program, guide the congregation into a closer walk with Jesus Christ, and by word and deeds, set an example for all the congregation to follow.

Section III

By two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the members of the Corporation, a minister whose conduct is uncommendable to the dignity of the office may be relieved of his office and its responsibility.

ARTICLE VI - ELDERS

Section I

Elders shall be proven men of God, bearing the qualifications set forth in the scriptures in Titus 1:6-9, I Timothy 3:1-17 and 1 Peter 5:2.

Section II

The Elders shall be elected for a term not exceeding three (3) years. Terms of office of one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) shall expire each year.

Section III

The Elders shall promote the growth and spiritual welfare of the church: consider applications for church membership, serve at the Lord's Table, give thoughtful consideration to the policies of the church that will enable it to complete its mission, and supply counsel and encouragement to the Minister. Elders shall also encourage by example and word, the missionary, evangelistic, education and stewardship responsibilities of the church.

Section IV

At age 65, Elders can be appointed Honorary Elders.

ARTICLE VII - DEACONS

Section I

Deacons shall be proven men of God, bearing the qualifications set forth in scriptures in 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

Section II

The Deacons shall be appointed by the Official Board for a term not to exceed three (3) years. Terms of office shall be arranged so that approximately one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the offices as deacons will expire each year. The number of Deacons will be at the discretion of the Official Board.

ARTICLE VIII - CHURCH TREASURER

Section I

The Church Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting of this Corporation, and shall service for a term of three (3) years.

Section II

The Church Treasurer shall receive, record and deposit to the proper account all funds received directly or indirectly for the promotion of the program of this Corporation.

Section III

Only with the authorization of the Official Board shall the Treasurer make disbursements from corporate funds.

Section IV

The Church Treasurer shall maintain an accurate account of disbursements and present a comprehensive financial report at each board meeting and annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX - CHURCH SECRETARY

Section I

The Church Secretary shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and serve for a term of three (3) years.

Section II

The Church Secretary shall copy and keep a permanent and complete record of all business meetings of the Official Board and corporation, maintain records of church membership, and issue letters of membership transfer.

ARTICLE X - CHURCH PROPERTIES

Section I

Church properties and facilities shall never be used for questionable activities. Church properties shall only be used for the purpose of promoting Christian fellowship and the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Section II

The use of the church equipment outside the church premises will be with the permission of the Official Church Board.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

The BY-LAWS of this Corporation may be amended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the members present at any called meeting. Notice of this meeting and the proposed amendments shall be given at the services on the two (2) Sundays prior to such meeting.