



CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS OF BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Adopted this 30th day of May, 1984

PREAMBLE

For the purpose of establishing and maintaining a place for the worship of Almighty God, our heavenly Father; to provide for Christian fellowship for those of like precious faith, where the Holy Ghost may be honored according to our distinctive testimony; to assume our share or responsibility and the privilege of propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both at home and in foreign lands; we, whose names appear upon the assembly roster under above date, do hereby recognize ourselves as a local assembly in fellowship with and a part of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and of the Potomac District Council of the Assemblies of God, and adopt the following articles of church order and submit ourselves to be governed by them.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this Assembly shall be BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD of the county of WARREN, State of VIRGINIA with address from the Front Royal, Virginia, Post Office.

ARTICLE II. PREROGATIVES

Sec. 1. This assembly shall have the right to govern itself according to the standards of the New Testament Scriptures, "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,...Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:3,13.

Sec. 2. In connection therewith, or incidental thereto, it shall have the right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequest or otherwise, either directly or as trustee, and to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of any real estate or chattels as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes; all in accordance with its constitution and bylaws or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended.

ARTICLE III. AFFILIATION

This assembly declares itself to be voluntarily in full cooperative fellowship with all other churches affiliated with the Potomac District Council, and The General Council of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri; and share in the privileges and assumes the responsibilities enjoined by this affiliation.

- A. As a member of the General Council this assembly agrees to:
 - a. Cooperate by every possible means in extension of God's work and kingdom throughout the world.
 - b. Support the missionary program agreed upon by the District and General Councils.
 - c. Participate in District and General Council sessions via duly chosen delegates.
 - d. Invite the counsel of the district officary in the event of church difficulty and when changing pastors.
 - e. Share in support of the District and General Council. (See General Council Bylaws, Article XVIII, Section 1.C.(2), and Section 2.)
 - f. Recognize that the District Council or The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall have the right and authority to:
 - i. Approve scriptural doctrine and conduct;
 - ii. Disapprove unscriptural doctrine and conduct, as stated in Article III, paragraph f., or the General Council constitution; and
 - iii. Withdraw its certificate of membership if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE IV. TENETS OF FAITH

This assembly accepts the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, to wit:

1. The Scriptures Inspired

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

2. The One True God

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM," the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10,11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22).

3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare:

- a. His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31,35)
- b. His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22)
- c. His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38)
- d. His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- e. His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 15:4)
- f. His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9,11; 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1-3)

4. The Fall of Man

Man was created good and upright; for God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26,27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

5. The Salvation of Man

Man’s only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

- a. Conditions of Salvation—Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).
- b. The Evidences of Salvation—The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12).

6. The Ordinances of the Church

- a. Baptism in Water—The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Saviour and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47,48; Romans 6:4).
- b. Holy Communion—The Lord’s Supper, consisting of the elements—bread and the fruit of the vine—is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers “till He come!”

7. The Baptism in the Holy Ghost

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4,8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Ghost come such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost

The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:4-10,28), but different in purpose and use.

9. Sanctification

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Romans 12:1,2; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12). The Scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). By the power of the Holy Ghost we are able to obey the command; "Be ye holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15,16).

Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Romans 6:1-11,13; 8:1,2,13; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:12,13; 1 Peter 1:5).

10. The Church and Its Mission

The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22,23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23).

Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by men, and to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, the priority reason-for-being the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is:

- a. To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16).
- b. To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (1 Corinthians 12:13).
- c. To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 1 Corinthians 14:12).

The Assemblies of God exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to the reason-for-being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This experience:

- a. Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15-20; Acts 4:29-31; Hebrews 2:3,4).
- b. Adds a necessary dimension to a worshipful relationship with God (1 Corinthians 2:10-16; 1 Corinthians 12,13, and 14).
- c. Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edifying of the body of Christ (Galatians 5:22-26; 1 Corinthians 14:14; Ephesians 4:11,12; 1 Corinthians 12:28; and Colossians 1:29).

11. The Ministry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the three-fold purpose of leading the Church in: 1) Evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20); 2) Worship of God (John 4:23,24); 3) Building a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11-16).

12. Divine Healing

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:16,17; James 5:14-16).

13. The Blessed Hope

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the church (1 Thessalonians 4:16,17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51,52).

14. The Millennial Reign of Christ

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27,30; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This millennial

reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21,22; Zephaniah 3:19,20; Romans 11:26,27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalm 72:3-8; Micah 4:3,4).

15. The Final Judgment

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8).

16. The New Heavens and the New Earth

“We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness” (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21,22).

ARTICLE V. ORDINANCES

Sec. 1. The ordinance of Baptism by immersion in water (Matthew 28:19) shall be administered to all those who have repented of their sins and who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls, and who give clear evidence of their salvation (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12).

Sec. 2. The ordinance of the Lord’s Supper shall be observed regularly as enjoined in the Scriptures (Luke 22:19,20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Membership Eligibility—Membership in this assembly shall be open to all those who give evidence of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and who voluntarily subscribe to its tenets of faith and agree to be governed by its constitution and bylaws as herein set forth.

Sec. 2. Voting Membership—All those who meet the scriptural standards for membership, whose names appeared on the original membership roll of the assembly at the time the assembly was first organized, together with those names which shall be added from time to time, shall constitute the legal voting membership of the assembly, provided they are eighteen years of age or over, that they regularly attend the means of grace and take part in the services, that they are living consistent Christian lives and are in agreement with our distinctive testimony.

Sec. 3. Junior Membership—There shall be a nonvoting Junior Membership for young people over twelve and under eighteen years of age who give evidence of the New Birth, having received Christ as personal Savior and who meet the usual qualifications for membership established by this assembly.

Sec. 4. Inactive Membership—Enrolled members who shall without good cause absent themselves from the services of the assembly for a period of three consecutive months or more, and who cease to contribute of their means to its support, who may be out of harmony with its teachings or its ministries, or who shall be under charges of misconduct, or who may have fallen under condemnation through sinful or worldly practices, shall be considered as inactive members and shall lose their voting privileges until they are restored to the fellowship, their standing to be settled by the definite action of the assembly through its elected officers.

Sec. 5. Honorary Members—Honorary members shall consist of those members who have entered the ministry as District Officers, Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries, Religious Educators, or those serving in the Armed Services, which makes it impossible to serve as active members. Honorary membership recognition shall continue as long as the member maintains a consistent Christian life and remains sound in doctrine and maintains a cooperative attitude toward the Home Assembly. (Voting privilege may be granted at the discretion of the Assembly.)

Sec. 6. Associate Members—The Official Board shall be authorized to make provisions for associate (nonvoting) members when such persons may have to be absent from their home assembly for prolonged periods of time such as attending college in the city where this church is located.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

Sec. 1. Officers—There shall be a Pastor, Official Board, Trustees, Secretary and Treasurer. Other officers shall be added as may be needed.

Sec. 2. Official Board

- a. The Official Board consisting of not less than three members, under the oversight and guidance of the Pastor, shall be responsible for the spiritual management of the assembly. Of this Official Board, one may be the Secretary and one the Treasurer.
- b. The Official Board shall be men or 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.
- c. All matters of church government shall be carried on by the Official Board except in matters affecting the entire body. In such cases they shall present their recommendations to the church for ratification. Members of the Official Board shall be at least 21 years old, and shall have been members of the assembly for at least six months.

Sec. 3. Trustees—The Board of Trustees, consisting of not less than three members, under the oversight and guidance of the pastor, shall be responsible for the holding of all church property.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

Sec. 1. Meetings for public worship shall be held on each Lord's Day, and during the week as may be provided for under the direction of the Pastor and the Official Board.

Sec. 2. There shall be an annual business meeting of the assembly, at which time the election of officers shall take place and the report of all officers shall be read. This meeting shall be held on the last Wednesday of March of each year. The time and place shall be announced by the Pastor. Due notice shall be given on the two Sundays immediately prior to the date of said meeting.

Sec. 3. Special business meetings of the assembly may be called when necessary, after proper notice has been given by the Pastor or by the Secretary of the assembly, provided the meeting has been agreed upon by a majority of the Official Board. Special meetings may also be called by petition having been signed by not less than one-third of the active membership of the assembly, the petition be placed in the hands of the Pastor or the Secretary and announcement made on the two Sundays immediately prior to the date of meeting.

Sec. 4. Quorum—No record of any special or regular business meeting of the assembly shall be made unless one-third or more active members shall be present to constitute a quorum.

Sec. 5. The Official Board, with the Pastor, shall meet monthly for the transaction of routine business for the assembly, time and place to be announced by the Pastor.

ARTICLE IX. DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. Sunday School—There shall be a Sunday School created and conducted as a branch of the church activities.

Sec. 2. Christ's Ambassadors—There shall be a Christ's Ambassadors Department created under the supervision of the Pastor and Official Board, which shall be conducted as a branch of the church activities. Its policies shall be approved by the Pastor and Official Board.

Sec. 3. Men's Ministries and Women's Ministries—There shall be a Men's Ministries and a Women's Ministries Department created under the supervision of the Pastor and Official Board, which shall be conducted as a branch of the church activities. Their policies shall be approved by the Pastor and Board.

Sec. 4. Other Departments—As need arises, other departments or committees may be established.

Sec. 5. Relationship—All departments and committees shall be subordinate to the assembly and shall contribute to the harmony and development of the whole. They shall be under the general supervision of the Pastor and Official Board, and the Pastor shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and departments.

ARTICLE X. FINANCES

All funds for the maintenance of the assembly shall be provided by the voluntary contributions or the tithes and offerings of the members and friends of the organization. Offerings shall be accepted by the assembly at such times and in such ways as agreed upon by the Pastor and Official Board, and shall be administered by the Treasurer under their direction (Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38; 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

ARTICLE XI. PROPERTY

Sec. 1. All property of the assembly shall be deeded to the assembly and held in its name or, if the church is not incorporated, in the name of the district.

Sec. 2. In the event defection shall occur from the tenets of faith of this church as the same are stated in the Statement of Fundamental Truths in the Constitution of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, or from affiliation with The General Council of the Assemblies of God, any portion of the membership subscribing to and practicing the aforesaid tenets of faith and retaining membership with the Bethel Assembly of God shall retain possession of, and title to, all properties of said church with full rights thereto as provided in its constitution and bylaws.

Sec. 3. In the event this church shall cease to function for the purpose as declared heretofore in its Articles of Agreement and/or the Articles of its Constitution, then after providing for the payment of its debts, the remaining assets will not inure to the benefit of any private person or persons but all such remaining assets shall revert to, and be transferred to, the parent body The General Council of the Assemblies of God, a Missouri Corporation with headquarters at Springfield, Missouri. The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall have full authority to sell such property and to use the proceeds derived therefrom for the extension of the work of the Assemblies of God within the Potomac District and under the direction of the presbytery of said district.

In the event of cessation of this church, its Board of Trustees shall within one year thereafter transfer all properties and any remaining assets to The General Council of the Assemblies of God in accordance with the foregoing provisions. If such transfer is not made within the time

prescribed therein or if the aforesaid The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall be unable or unwilling to accept the aforesaid transfer as an organization operated exclusively for religious purposes with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, then disposition thereof shall be made by the court of the county in which this church is located, provided that in such case proceeds of the dissolution shall be distributed to an organization or organizations having purposes nearest the purposes of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, and which are organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes, and which have established tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the assembly in attendance at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided due notice of such proposed change shall have been made at all the services on at least two consecutive Sundays immediately prior to the time of such meeting. It shall be understood that this does not apply to the Article of Faith, which stands regardless of majority.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The Pastor shall be considered as the spiritual overseer of the assembly and shall direct all of its activities. He shall be the President of the Corporation and shall act as Chairman of all the business meetings of the assembly and of the Official Board. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees or departments. He shall provide for all the services of the assembly and shall arrange for all special meetings, conventions, or revival campaigns. No person shall be invited to speak or preach in the assembly without his approval.

Sec. 2. The Official Board is chosen to serve the church and therefore shall act in an advisory capacity with the Pastor in all matters pertaining to the assembly in its spiritual life and in the ministry of its ordinances. They shall act in the examination of applicants for membership, and also in the administration of any discipline.

A majority present at any meeting of the Official Board shall constitute a quorum, provided all the members have been notified to be present. In the event the assembly is temporarily without a Pastor, or the Pastor is unable to be present, the Official Board shall be empowered to provide for its own Chairman from its membership in order to transact business for the assembly.

Sec. 3. The Trustees shall be the custodians of all the real property of the assembly. They shall meet for the discharge of their duties as necessity may demand, subject to the call of the Pastor, who shall serve as Chairman.

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the official meetings of the Official Board and of the annual and special business meetings of the assembly. He shall keep a record of the membership of the assembly and perform any other clerical work necessary to the proper discharge of his duties. He shall be the custodian of all legal documents.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall be entrusted with all the finances of the assembly which may be committed to him. He shall deposit all funds in a responsible bank in the name of the assembly, and shall disburse the same by check, as authorized by the Pastor and Official Board. All checks shall be countersigned by a person appointed by the Official Board. The Treasurer shall keep an itemized account of the receipts and disbursements. He shall make an itemized report at the regular meeting of the Official Board and at the Church regular business meetings. His accounts shall be audited under the direction of the Pastor and Official Board.

ARTICLE II. ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

Sec. 1. The Pastor shall be elected to serve for an indefinite period of time. He shall be nominated by the Official Board after consultation with the district officary regarding available candidates. Only one name shall be voted upon at a time. Election shall be by secret ballot at the annual business meeting of the assembly or at a special meeting called for that purpose. A two-thirds majority vote of all votes cast shall be required to constitute an election.

Sec. 2. Other Pastors and Employees—All associate and assistant pastors, directors of music, youth, education, and any other members of the pastoral or church staff, and all other church employees shall be appointed by the pastor, with salary determined by the Official Board.

Sec. 3. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected annually. They shall be chosen from the membership of the assembly and shall be nominated by a secret ballot and shall be elected by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual business meeting. Their terms of office shall be for one year from the time of election.

Sec. 4. The Official Board shall be chosen from the membership of the assembly. They shall be nominated by secret ballot and shall be elected by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual business meeting. Their terms of office shall be for one year from the time of election.

Sec. 5. The Trustees shall be nominated by a secret ballot, and shall be elected by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual business meeting of the assembly. Their term of office shall be for three years from the time of election.

Sec. 6. Vacancies

- A. The Pastor—In the event a pastor has serious charges proffered against him or his ministry has ceased to be effective, and no provision has been made for the termination of his ministry, responsibility is vested in the Official Board to ask for the resignation of the Pastor at any of its regular business meetings. If such resignation is refused, the pastorate shall not be considered vacant until the action of the Official Board has been sustained by a majority vote of the membership present and voting at a meeting called for the purpose, such meeting to be presided over by a district officer. When a vacancy in the pastorate shall occur, a supply shall be arranged for by the Official Board until a pastor shall be chosen as prescribed in Section 1. In the case of a pastor's removal from office, a report of such action shall be made to the District Council office.
- B. Other Officers
 - a. Any office may be declared vacant by an act of a majority of the membership of the Official Board at any regular or special business meeting.
 - b. Ground for such action shall be: 1) Unscriptural conduct; 2) Doctrinal departure from the tenets of faith; 3) Incompetency in office; 4) For any good and sufficient cause.
 - c. Any incumbent under charges shall have opportunity for a fair and impartial hearing of his case before the assembly if he so desires.
 - d. In the event that an office is vacated, the unexpired term shall be filled by appointment by the Pastor and Official Board.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. The Standard of Membership—The standard of membership of this assembly shall be: a) Evidence of a genuine experience in regeneration (the new birth). John 1:12,13; 3:3-6; 1 Peter 1:18-25; b) Evidence of a consistent Christian life. Romans 6:4; 8:1-4; 13:13,14; Ephesians 4:17-32; 5:1,2,15; 1 John 1:6,7; c) To fully subscribe to the tenets of faith as set forth in the constitutional rules of order adopted by the assembly; d) Willingness to contribute regularly to the support of the assembly according to his or her ability.

Sec. 2. Reception of Members

- a) Persons desiring to become active members of the assembly shall make the fact known to the Pastor, who shall examine the applicant according to the standard of membership.
- b) The Pastor shall present the names of those who apply for membership with his recommendation to the Official Board who shall act upon said recommendation and render a final decision. All persons who shall have met the membership requirements and have been passed on favorably shall be received into the assembly publicly at any of the regular Sunday services and their names inscribed in the roster.

Sec. 3. Discipline

- a) Any member of the assembly who shall willfully absent himself from the regular services for a period of three consecutive months, or who shall be under charges, shall be temporarily suspended from active voting membership pending investigation and final decision in his case.
- b) Unscriptural conduct or doctrinal departure from the tenets of faith held by this assembly shall be considered sufficient grounds upon which any person may be disqualified as a member. (Matthew 18:15-18; Romans 16:17,18; 1 Corinthians 5:11; Galatians 1:8,9; Titus 3:1-15).

Sec. 4. Members in good standing, who may wish to sever their relationship with the assembly, or who may desire to be transferred to some other congregation, may apply to the Secretary for a letter which shall be granted on the approval of the Pastor and Official Board, said letter to be signed by the Pastor and the Secretary of the assembly.

Sec. 5. The Pastor and Official Board shall be authorized to revise the membership roll of the assembly annually, and to remove from the list of active members all names of those who may have become deceased during the year, together with the names of those who may have withdrawn from the fellowship, or who may have fallen into sin and whose lives may have become inconsistent with the standards and teachings of the assembly. The following rules and instructions shall be observed as occasion may require (Matthew 18:15-17; Romans 16:17,18; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15).

ARTICLE IV. SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Superintendent of the Sunday School be chosen from the membership of the assembly. He shall be nominated by secret ballot and shall be elected by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual business meeting. Term of office shall be one year from the time of election. The Pastor and the Sunday School Superintendent shall have the right to appoint all officers, teachers, and other workers of the Sunday School, and, in consultation with the workers of the school, determine all policies and programs of the school.

ARTICLE V. CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

A Christ's Ambassadors organization shall be formed. It shall be under the general supervision of the Pastor and the Official Board and shall have the right to elect its own officers.

ARTICLE VI. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

A Men's Ministries and a Women's Ministries organization shall be formed. They shall be under the general supervision of the Pastor and the Official Board and shall have the right to elect their own officers.

ARTICLE VII. PROPERTY RIGHTS

Sec. 1. All property, real or chattel, shall be taken, held, sold, transferred, or conveyed in the corporate name of the assembly, by trustees and their successors in office.

Sec. 2. No real or chattel property of the assembly shall be sold, leased, or mortgaged, or otherwise alienated without the same shall have first been authorized by a vote of at least two-thirds of the voting membership who are in attendance at a regular or special meeting of the assembly which has been called for the consideration of the proposal.

Sec. 3. The Pastor and the Secretary of the assembly shall certify in such conveyance, lease, or mortgage, that the same has been duly authorized by the vote of the membership. Such certificates shall be held to be conclusive evidence thereof.

Sec. 4. In the event that this assembly ceases to function as a church body, then the said property, real or chattel, shall revert to The General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc., whose headquarters are located at Springfield, Missouri. The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall forthwith have full authority to use or dispose of the property at its discretion. In the event of the sale of the property by The General Council of the Assemblies of God, the proceeds derived therefrom shall be used by the said General Council in furtherance of the gospel of Christ.

ARTICLE VIII. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The regular order of business for the annual meeting of the assembly shall be as follows:

1. Devotional
2. Reading of previous minutes by Secretary
3. Report of Treasurer
4. Report of Committees
5. Unfinished business
6. Election of officers
7. New business
8. Adjournment

ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY ORDER

In conducting of its affairs, the church shall be governed by parliamentary procedure as set forth in the current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised, in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

The bylaws may be amended at any regular or special business meeting of the assembly by a two-thirds vote of the membership present.