

**ACCREDITED CHURCHES OF
THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY
ALLIANCE**

Each accredited church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance shall adopt and be governed by the following Constitution.

PREAMBLE

The New Testament teaches that the local church is the visible organized expression of the Body of Christ. The people of God are to live and serve in obedience to the Word of God and under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance operates on the presupposition that the congregation finds broader meaning and outreach in fulfilling its biblical responsibilities within the life and witness of the denomination.

This Constitution has three objectives:

1. Set out in general an outline for organization and administration for this church.
2. Define the relationship of this church to the district of which it is an integral part.
3. Relate this church to the denominational framework through which the worldwide work of The Christian and Missionary Alliance is carried out.

The Uniform Constitution for Accredited Churches has been framed and adopted by the General Council, the denomination's highest governing body. The accredited churches of The Christian and Missionary Alliance have participated in this process through their authorized

**BYLAWS OF
NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE CHURCH
OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY
ALLIANCE
IN RIVERTON, WY**

delegates. This church can, in accordance with this Constitution and in a manner that is consistent with the bylaws of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, formulate its bylaws so as to carry out its ministry appropriately and efficiently.

This church is an integral part of the district, national, and worldwide fellowship of The Christian and Missionary Alliance and is united in governance, fellowship, and service in order to promote unity of faith in the fullness of Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King, and to facilitate the spread of the gospel at home and abroad under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The official name under which this church is incorporated or organized is _____ (shall include the words "The Christian and Missionary Alliance").

**ARTICLE II
RELATIONSHIP**

This church is connected with and subordinate to its parent religious organization, The Christian and Missionary Alliance, a Colorado nonprofit corporation. In consideration of the mutual benefits generated and derived from this relationship, and understanding that The Christian and Missionary Alliance is relying hereon in agreeing to initiate or continue such relationship, this church agrees to be subject to and abide by the terms and conditions of Article XVI hereof relating to the reversion of property of accredited churches.

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

A. The official name under which this church is incorporated or organized is Neighborhood Alliance Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Riverton, WY.

**ARTICLE II
RELATIONSHIPS**

- A. This church shall conform to The Christian and Missionary Alliance Statement of Faith, the Uniform Constitution for Accredited Churches of The Christian and Missionary Alliance and District Bylaws.
- B. Lay Delegate(s) to General Council: Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6.2 paragraph a of the Bylaws of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, lay delegates to General Council shall be appointed annually by the elders. The delegate(s) shall be certified by the senior pastor and reported to the proper authority upon request.
- C. Lay Delegate(s) To District Conference: Pursuant to Article II, Section I, paragraph a. of the Uniform

Constitution for Districts of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, lay delegates to District Conference shall be appointed annually by the elders.

D. The delegate(s) shall be certified by the senior pastor and reported to the proper authority upon request.

BIBLICAL CHARACTER AND STANDARDS

1. Exercise and Expression of the Church's Biblical Beliefs. As described in Bylaw article 2- Relationships, the Church is a Christian community of faith that exists to exercise and express its biblical beliefs within the broader community of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. These beliefs are grounded in a shared understanding of Holy Scripture including those beliefs and standards specifically addressed in the Manual. The Church exercises and expresses its biblical beliefs and standards in the following ways:

a) As a Community. The Church understands that the local Church is the visible organized expression of the Body of Christ and that the local Church finds broader meaning and outreach in fulfilling its biblical responsibilities within the life and witness of the denomination. In addition, those who participate in the life of the Church, including the Church's members and employees, are following the biblical command to live out their faith in community and association with other believers. Accordingly, the Church community is itself an exercise and expression of the Church's biblical beliefs and standards.

b) Through its Activities. The Church believes that all Church activities, including the responsibilities of every Church member and employee, should be rendered in service to God as a form of worship. Therefore, the Church as a community of faith exercises and expresses its biblical beliefs and standards in every activity, action, and responsibility.

2. Standards for Church Activities and Facilities. The Church shall engage in activities and use its facilities solely to exercise and express the biblical beliefs of the Church and the C&MA and to further the mission of both. In furtherance of this mission, the Church may provide services or goods to, and may allow use of its facilities by, other groups and persons

who are not members of the Church. No Church activity, nor any use of Church facilities by another group or person, may be conducted or permitted if the Church determines that such activity or use expresses a message of support by the Church for any view contrary to the biblical beliefs of the Church and the C&MA. The determination as to whether any particular activity or use of Church facilities is not permitted requires spiritual discernment applied to each particular circumstance and shall be made in the sole discretion of the spiritual leaders of the Church designated by either the Governing Board of the Church or the senior pastor and elders. With respect to uses by other groups or persons, the Church may consider without limitation both the content of the proposed activities and whether the group or person is generally perceived as advocating views contrary to the biblical beliefs of the Church and the C&MA.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications.

1. Confession of faith in Jesus Christ and evidence of regeneration.
2. Belief in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; in the verbal inspiration of the Holy Scriptures as originally given; in the vicarious atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ; in the eternal salvation of all who believe in Him and the eternal punishment of all who reject Him.
3. Acceptance of the doctrines of the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King.
4. Full sympathy with the mission and core values of The Christian and Missionary Alliance and cooperation by systematic support of its work.
5. Such other qualifications for membership as may be stated in the bylaws.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- A. Application for Membership.
 1. All people interested in becoming members of Neighborhood Alliance Church shall attend the membership classes, which will be held periodically throughout the year. (All classes that are missed must be made up before an application can be accepted).
 - a. A Membership Committee, made up of the elected elders, will approve or deny membership.
 - b. The qualifications for membership will be those listed in Article III of the Constitution. A candidate for membership must be approved by a majority of the Membership Committee to be admitted to membership. Denial of membership must be based on a candidate's failure to meet the qualifications for membership as listed in the Constitution. The Membership Committee shall notify the candidate by letter explaining the reason for denial.
 - c. Those interested in membership shall receive a new member's packet. Included in the packet will be a copy of the Constitution of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, the current bylaws of

Section 2. Removal. Persons may be removed from membership under one or more of the following circumstances:

1. Submission of a written letter of resignation to the elders of the church.
2. Failure to meet the qualifications of membership as stated above.
3. Disciplinary action taken under the Uniform Policy for Discipline, Restoration and Appeal of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

An appeal of decisions made to remove a person from membership for reasons of qualification or a disciplinary action may be submitted to the district superintendent within 30 days of the action.

Neighborhood Alliance Church and directions to access a digital copy of The Uniform Policy on Discipline, Restoration and Appeal. Further, each applicant must affirm their willingness to subscribe to the constitution, bylaws and uniform policy on discipline, restoration and appeal, as found in the current edition of the Manual of the Christian & Missionary Alliance. Applicant's signature signifies that they have read and consent to the above.

d. Children age 14 and above may be received into membership of the church upon approval by the senior pastor and the other elders with the consent of their parents or guardian, provided they meet all qualifications stated herein. Voting will begin at age 16 except on issues concerning church leadership or property/building concerns. Full voting rights begin at age 18.

2. At the conclusion of the final membership class those interested in becoming members shall fill out and sign the Neighborhood Alliance Church membership application form and turn it into the Membership Committee.

3. When the Membership Committee has received the application for membership, the applicant will then meet with the elders to give their personal testimony of conversion and commitment to Neighborhood Alliance Church.

4. Having completed these steps, the application for membership shall be acted upon by the Membership Committee.

5. Those approved for membership will then be received as members of the church on a Sunday morning scheduled for receiving new members.

B. Types of Membership

1. Active Membership. Active members shall consist of those members who adhere to the conditions stated in the Constitution and Bylaws, and are regularly attending this church.

2. Inactive Membership

a. Those who have permanently moved from the community, but have not transferred their

membership to another church shall be placed on the inactive membership list. A letter shall be sent informing them of this action.

b. Those, who for any cause, except physical disability or who are temporarily absent from the community, have absented themselves from the regular services of this church for six months or more, shall be placed on the inactive membership list. A letter shall be sent informing them of this action.

c. An inactive member may be placed on the active membership list again by request to and approval of the Membership Committee. This action must be approved by at least two thirds of the Membership Committee.

d. Inactive members shall not be eligible to vote on any question.

3. Honorary Membership.

a. Those who have moved away from the community to serve the Lord full-time or in the armed forces who desire to have a relationship with the church may be placed on the honorary membership list.

b. An honorary member who returns to the community may be placed on the active membership list again by request to and approval of the Membership Committee. This action must be approved by at least two thirds of the Membership Committee.

c. Honorary members shall not be eligible to vote on any question.

C. Membership List:

1. The membership list shall be examined each year by the Membership Committee at least one month prior to the annual meeting of the members so that the church will have a current membership list.

2. After efforts have been made to contact inactive members as to their relationship to the church, the Membership Committee shall have the power to

remove inactive members from the rolls who have exceeded the one year mark or to extend inactive status for another year.

3. A letter shall be sent to the inactive members informing them of this action.

D. Transfer of Membership:

1. Upon request, members in good standing may be granted a letter of transfer to other evangelical bodies upon approval of the senior pastor and a majority of the Governing Board.

**ARTICLE IV
ORDINANCES**

Baptism and the Lord's Supper are recognized as the two ordinances of the church.

Believers' baptism by immersion is taught and practiced as the scriptural mode. The pastor or other elders shall oversee baptism. They shall provide the instruction about baptism and shall administer the baptisms themselves or choose other spiritually respected people to do these ministries.

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**ARTICLE V
GOVERNMENT**

There shall be an annual meeting of the members of this church to be held at a time specified in the bylaws at which time the members shall receive reports of ministries, including audited reports of the treasurers, and shall elect church officers, elders, and members of the

**ARTICLE IV
ORDINANCES**

A. The Lord's Supper shall not be restricted to members of this church but shall be open to all who trust in Christ as their Savior. The Lord's Supper shall be administered by one of the elders or another spiritually mature believer appointed by them.

B. Baptism, while not required to be saved or to be a member of this church, is a sign of obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ and a symbol of His death, burial, and resurrection. As such baptism will be a strongly encouraged practice of this church. Baptism shall be administered by one or more of the elders or other spiritually mature believers appointed by them.

**ARTICLE V
GOVERNMENT**

A. Annual Meeting of the Members.

1. The annual meeting of the members shall be held in the first quarter of each year. The Governing Board shall determine the actual time and location. The Governing Board also shall have the authority to change this in a given year when necessary.

governance authority. Additional ministry positions shall be filled as specified in the local church bylaws. The governance authority, as specified in the local church bylaws, shall conduct the affairs of the church between annual meetings and shall be amenable to the membership and the district superintendent as constitutionally defined. Other meetings of the members may be called by proper notice to the membership as specified in the bylaws. On general church matters in which no legal questions are involved, it is understood that all members in good and regular standing who have reached the age of 16 years are entitled to vote, but in matters involving titles of property or legal procedure, the laws of the state determine the age at which members are eligible to vote.

**ARTICLE VI
GOVERNANCE AUTHORITY**

2. Annual reports are to be submitted by the pastor(s), elder board, governing board secretary, governing board treasurer and others deemed necessary by the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall also determine the method of reporting.

3. Those to be elected at the Annual Meeting shall be the elders and the Governing Board (see Article XV). All other ministry positions shall be determined and appointed by the Governing Board at their first meeting following the annual meeting of the members. This authorization does not apply to other positions that may become necessary and require election by constitutional authority.

4. The Governing Board has the authority to fill vacancies in its membership or the membership of any other committee or organization within this church, until the next Annual Meeting.

B. Special Meetings of the Members.

1. When determined appropriate by the Governing Board, special meetings of the members may be called. Notice of it shall be placed in the bulletin and announced from the platform for two consecutive Sundays prior to the time of the meeting.

C. Authority.

1. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all church business meetings.

D. Quorum.

1. A quorum of any properly called meeting of the members shall be those active members who are present.

2. A properly called meeting of the members is one that has had notice placed in the bulletin and announced from the platform for two consecutive Sundays prior to the time of the meeting.

**ARTICLE VI
GOVERNANCE AUTHORITY**

A. Name.

Section 1. General. Each local church shall structure its governance authority in accordance with the governing documents of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, the responsibilities of elders as defined in Article X, Section 1, the bylaws of the district, and the laws of the state in which the church is located. The members of the governance authority shall satisfy the scriptural standards for church leadership and shall be members of this church.

The senior pastor shall be chairman or, at his request, the governance authority shall elect an elder as chairman. An elder also shall be elected as vice chairman. Meetings shall be held for prayer and business, and abbreviated minutes shall be reported to the church as the church may decide. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or by written request of one-half of the governance authority membership. All officers, committees, and organizations except the Nominating Committee are amenable to the collective oversight of the elders.

Section 2. Removal. In consultation with the district superintendent and the senior pastor, any officer or auxiliary official, except licensed pastoral staff, of this church, whether elected at the church annual meeting or appointed by the governance authority, or any individual member of the governance authority, may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the governance authority and the approval of the district superintendent if, in the judgment of the governance authority, the best interests of this church will be served thereby.

1. The governance authority of Neighborhood Alliance Church shall be known as the Governing Board.

B. Number.

1. The number serving as the Governing Board shall be seven including the senior pastor with a majority of elders. All elders serve on the Governing Board.

C. Composition.

1. The Governing Board shall consist of the senior pastor, governing board secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer and three at large members. Except during a senior pastor vacancy, there shall not be less than a majority of elders serving on the Governing Board.

2. At the first meeting of the Church Governing Board after the Annual Meeting, the Governing Board shall elect an elder as Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Church Governing Board in the event the church is without a pastor. Should the pastor be absent or physically disabled, the Vice-Chairman may call meetings of the Church Governing Board for the transaction of business.

D. Qualifications.

1. The qualifications for elders are set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:6-9. Members of The Governing Board are expected to maintain a lifestyle in keeping with the spirit and intent of these same references. Further, each must be an active member of this church.

E. Term.

1. Except for the pastor, all members of the Governing Board shall be elected to a two (2) year term. An absence of at least one year is required from the elders and Governing Board after one has served three (3) full two (2) year terms.

F. Quorum.

1. A quorum for the legal conduct of business shall be a majority of the board members.

G. Frequency of Meetings.

**ARTICLE VII
OFFICERS**

The officers shall be members of this church and shall satisfy the scriptural standards for church leadership. They shall consist of the following who, with the exception of the senior pastor, shall be elected at the annual meeting of the church: senior pastor, secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, and such other officers as may be designated in the church bylaws or in the state law.

**ARTICLE VIII
PASTORAL STAFF**

The governance authority shall not give consideration to any candidate for the pastoral staff without the approval of the district superintendent. Pastoral staff members shall be called by the governance authority and appointed by the district superintendent. The district superintendent shall suggest to the governance authority the names of such workers as in his judgment have proper qualifications for pastoral staff. Upon appointment by the district superintendent, a pastoral staff member and spouse become members of this church. Pastoral staff include all those whose position calls for licensing as an "official worker," as defined in the General Regulations in the *Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance*.

Any member of the pastoral staff may resign from this church by giving due

1. Meeting of the Governing Board shall be held monthly. Failure to attend duly appointed business meetings and regular services of the church for a period of three months shall constitute grounds for dismissal from office unless the person submits a reason for their absence that is satisfactory to the majority of the church Governing Board.

**ARTICLE VII
OFFICERS**

A. The treasurer and missionary treasurer shall be the same person.

**ARTICLE VIII
PASTORAL STAFF**

A. Staff Salaries and Benefits.

1. Staff salaries and benefits shall be presented to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting of the members through the budget report. The Governing Board may consult with the District office as may be deemed necessary in making the appropriate recommendations.

2. Vacations, pulpit supply, etc. of the pastor(s) shall be determined by the Governing Board.

notice of this intention to the district superintendent and the governance authority. The governance authority may, in conjunction with the district superintendent, ask for the resignation of any member of the pastoral staff. Before such action is taken, the governance authority and that member shall follow the guidelines as prescribed by the district superintendent. The district superintendent, with the approval of the District Executive Committee, shall have the authority to remove or transfer a member of the pastoral staff when the governance authority is in disagreement or whenever circumstances make such removal or transfer advisable.

ARTICLE IX DUTIES OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Section 1. Senior Pastor. The senior pastor shall have oversight of this church. He shall be chairman of the governance authority except as he may choose to proceed according to the provisions in Article VI. He shall preside at all regular or special meetings of the church membership. He is a member ex officio of all church committees and organizations. When the membership has no pastor, the chairman or vice chairman of the governance authority shall have oversight of the church in conjunction with the district superintendent. The senior pastor shall be the president of this church where such office is required by law.

Section 2. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of membership meetings and conduct the correspondence of this church as directed by the governance authority. The secretary shall attend and keep minutes of other meetings as specified in the local church bylaws.

ARTICLE IX DUTIES OF CHURCH OFFICERS

- A. Ministry Descriptions.
 - 1. The Governing Board shall issue individual position descriptions regarding all ministry positions. Such position descriptions are considered directive in nature and shall define responsibilities, delegate authority and specify accountability.
- B. Secretary.
 - 1. The Governing Board secretary shall keep the minutes of membership meetings and conduct the correspondence of this church as directed by the Governing Board. The secretary shall attend and keep minutes of other meetings as specified in the local church bylaws.

Section 3. Treasurer. The treasurer shall receive all monies of this church and shall be responsible for the payment of all bills on the order of the governance authority as specified by the local church bylaws, keeping proper book records of all transactions, and filing canceled vouchers and receipts for payments made. The governance authority shall determine where funds of this church shall be kept. No offerings shall be solicited from the membership except upon approval of the governance authority.

Section 4. Missionary Treasurer. When required by local church bylaws, the missionary treasurer shall account for all missionary monies and oversee the forwarding of the same to the treasurer of The Christian and Missionary Alliance on or before the tenth of the following month.

Section 5. Assistant Treasurer. The assistant treasurer shall, with another person or persons appointed by the governance authority, be responsible to count all monies and keep a separate record of all receipts. The assistant treasurer may be empowered to issue receipts to the donors.

ARTICLE X COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1. Elders. The call of Christ the Chief Shepherd to men to serve as elders is both discerned and confirmed by the church membership. Elders shall therefore be male members of this church and shall be elected as specified in the church bylaws. The pastor and the other elders are the highest level of servant leadership in the church. As undershepherds, elders shall serve with the senior pastor to oversee both the

ARTICLE X COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

- A. Deaconesses.
 - 1. There may be three deaconesses appointed annually by the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall appoint the Head Deaconess. Each deaconess appointed shall be a member of this church.
- B. Deacons.
 - 1. There may be three to five deacons appointed annually by the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall appoint the Head deacon. Each deacon appointed shall be a member of this church.

temporal and spiritual affairs of the local church in order to accomplish Christ's mission. They shall constitute the Committee on Membership. They shall be the Committee on Discipline in accordance with the Uniform Policy on Discipline, Restoration, and Appeal of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. All officers, committees, and organizations except the Nominating Committee are amenable to the collective oversight of the elders through the governance authority.

Section 2. Deacons. The deacons shall be members of this church and shall be appointed or elected as specified in the local church bylaws. The deacons shall have charge of those ministries and charities of the church as specified in the bylaws, receive offerings for such purposes and dispense the same, and make monthly reports as directed. Where there are no deacons, the governance authority shall assume responsibility for their ministries until such are elected or appointed.

Section 3. Deaconesses. Deaconesses shall be members of this church and shall be appointed or elected as specified in the local church bylaws. The deaconesses shall have charge of those ministries as specified in the bylaws. Where there are no deaconesses, the governance authority shall assume responsibility for their ministries until such are elected or appointed.

Section 4. Trustees. The trustees shall be members of this church and may be appointed or elected as specified in the local church bylaws. Trustees shall have charge of those ministries and duties as specified in the bylaws, or the laws of the state in which the church is located. Where there are no trustees, the governance authority shall assume

responsibility for those ministries and duties until such are elected or appointed.

Section 5. Alliance Women Ministries.

Local church Alliance Women Ministries may be established. They shall be organized according to the Alliance Women Ministries policies as contained in the C&MA Policy and Procedure Manual for Districts and Churches.

Section 6. C&MA Men’s Ministry.

A C&MA Men’s Ministry may be established in the local church. They shall be organized according to the C&MA Men’s Ministry policies as contained in the C&MA Policy and Procedure Manual for Districts and Churches.

**ARTICLE XI
MISSIONS MOBILIZATION**

The church shall participate in the worldwide missions and church planting ministries of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, and the support of the Great Commission Fund. The Governance Authority shall specify the means by which it purposes to mobilize members’ involvement, including prayer, recruitment of men and women for vocational ministry both at home and abroad. A Missions Conference or congregation-wide event for missions mobilization shall be held each year.

**ARTICLE XI
MISSIONS MOBILIZATION**

- A. Missions Committee.
 - 1. A Missions Committee will be established by the Governing Board and consist of no less than three individuals. Missions Committee members shall be appointed to a two year term. The Governing Board will make Missions Committee appointments as needed.
 - 2. This Committee will develop, encourage and assist in promoting, throughout the year, the worldwide missions and church planting ministries of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.
 - 3. In addition, this team shall raise awareness and support of the Great Commission Fund both financially and in recruitment of workers.
 - 4. This Committee is also responsible to assist the Senior Pastor in hosting an annual missions conference to mobilize the church to Great Commission completion.

**ARTICLE XII
DISCIPLEMAKING MINISTRIES**

A major ministry of this church shall be making disciples of Jesus Christ. The discipling process includes evangelism, building up believers, equipping workers, and multiplying leaders, among adults, youth, and children. The Governance Authority shall specify how discipling is to be pursued. The purpose of discipling ministries is to bring people to a saving knowledge of Christ, teach biblical principles emphasizing missions and the centrality of Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King, and equip people for evangelism and Christian service.

**ARTICLE XIII
PROPERTY AND RECORDS**

Section 1. Property. This church may acquire, own, dispose of, improve, encumber, and convey property, real and personal, for church purposes, in conformity with the laws of the state where the property is situated.

Real property may be purchased, sold, conveyed, exchanged, mortgaged, or encumbered only by order of the membership through the governance authority in consultation with the district superintendent. In states where trustees are required, the order of the membership shall proceed through them.

Section 2. Records. The official records of all officers of the church and all its departments are the property of the church. In the event of the death or resignation of the incumbent or upon the election of his successor, the current records of the office shall be passed on to the newly elected officer. All records other than current shall be kept in a

**ARTICLE XII
DISCIPLEMAKING MINISTRIES**

- A. Discipling Ministries.
 - 1. There shall be no less than three members appointed annually by the Governing Board.
 - 2. They shall be responsible to encourage the growth of all children, students and adults in the ways of the Lord. This shall include but not be limited to instruction on evangelism, building up believers, equipping workers and multiplying leaders. This shall be done in the context of Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King.
 - 3. The Discipling Ministries Committee shall initiate a Governing Board approved plan that is reviewed no less than every other year.

**ARTICLE XIII
PROPERTY AND RECORDS**

- A. Records: The Governing Board and various committees and organizations shall keep accurate, complete records of their business and finances. All records are the property of the church.
- B. Audit Review Committee: The Governing Board shall annually appoint 3 active members to an audit review committee, none of whom is a financial officer of the church or a church staff member.. They shall follow procedures set forth in the current edition of the Manual for Alliance Church Treasurers (and Pastors). The Governing Board shall authorize actions to conform to additional audit standards that may be required by the jurisdiction in which the church is located. The results of the audit shall be reported to the Governing Board and the membership.

secure repository selected by the governance authority.

Section 3. Audit. All financial records shall be examined annually or at more frequent intervals on order of the governance authority. At least three persons, none of whom is a financial officer or a church staff member, shall be appointed by the governance authority to conduct the examination. They shall follow procedures set forth in the current edition of the Manual for Alliance Church Treasurers (and Pastors). The governance authority shall authorize actions to conform with additional audit standards that may be required by the jurisdiction in which the church is located.

ARTICLE XIV NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee shall consist of the senior pastor, two members from the church membership, selected by, but not necessarily from the governance authority, and two elected from the church membership in a manner stipulated by the local church bylaws, at least one month prior to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE XV ELECTIONS

In consideration of elections, the Nominating Committee shall present at least one name for each office to be filled. Other nominations may be made by the membership as stipulated in the church bylaws. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE XIV NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- A. Nominating Committee.
 - 1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the senior pastor as Chair, two members elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting of the Members and two elected by the Governing Board. Such members shall serve to bring qualified nominations for election at the following year's Annual Meeting.
 - 2. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a written report of its work, and publish it at least 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting of the Members.

ARTICLE XV ELECTIONS

- A. Those to be Elected.
 - 1. Those to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Members shall be the elders, Governing Board Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and three at large members
- B. Process.

Where only one name is presented, the ballot may be waived by unanimous vote.

1. Any active member may nominate another active member by submitting the name(s) to the church office no later than 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The nomination must be dated and signed by the person making the nomination in order to be valid.

2. The active member nominating another active member for an office shall not secure their permission first, but shall allow the Nominating Committee this task after their names and qualifications have been reviewed.

3. If the nominated individual is not confirmed by the Nominating Committee, the nominator shall be made aware of this decision in writing. This communication shall not state the specific reason—only that their name was declined.

4. There will be no nominations from the floor.

ARTICLE XVI REVERSION OF PROPERTY

Recognizing the purpose of the members of this congregation to support both the doctrines and the mission of The Christian and Missionary Alliance through the contribution of their tithes, offerings, and special gifts, and to ensure that the future use of such assets and real property as this church may from time to time acquire shall not be diverted from this purpose, this church adopts the following property reversion clause.

1. Property Reversion Events. Any of the following shall constitute a "property reversion event:" (a) the decision or action of this church to disaffiliate or otherwise separate itself from The Christian and Missionary Alliance without the prior written approval of such decision or action by the District Executive Committee (or its equivalent) of the district in which this church is located, (b) the failure for any reason of this church to be subject to or abide by

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NO BYLAWS REQUIRED

any of the purposes, usages, doctrines, or teachings of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, (c) the failure for any reason of this church to qualify as an "accredited church" of The Christian and Missionary Alliance (as such term is defined in the Bylaws of The Christian and Missionary Alliance), or (d) the termination of this church's existence for any reason.

2. Determination of a Property

Reversion Event. The determination of whether a property reversion event has occurred shall be considered and decided by the District Executive Committee (or its equivalent) of the district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in which this church is located in accordance with procedures established from time to time by the Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. The decision of such District Executive Committee (or its equivalent) shall be final and binding on The Christian and Missionary Alliance, the district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in which this church is located, and this church, and may not be challenged by any party in the absence of fraud, collusion, or arbitrariness. Should any party choose to challenge a decision based on fraud, collusion, or arbitrariness, such appeal shall only be made to the Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. In order to expedite review of such appeals, the Board of Directors may establish a Board of Directors committee of not less than five Board members for the purpose of handling such appeals. The decision of the Board of Directors or its committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

3. Consequences of a Property

Reversion Event. Upon the occurrence of a property reversion event as determined in accordance with item 2 above, legal title to all real and personal property

(tangible and intangible), appurtenances, fixtures, and effects of whatever type then owned, held, or used by this church, without regard to how or from whom acquired, shall, upon the demand of the district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in which this church is located, revert to and become the property of such district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. During the period of time between the occurrence of the property reversion event and the complete and final transfer of legal title to the district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in which this church is located, this church shall hold such property in trust for such district to be used exclusively to further the purposes, usages, doctrines, and teachings of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

4. Waiver of Certain Property

Reversion Events. In the event of a property reversion event attributable to differences in doctrine between this church and The Christian and Missionary Alliance, the property reversion process set forth above may be waived upon the approval of (a) at least two-thirds of the members in good standing of this church, (b) the District Executive Committee (or its equivalent) of the district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in which this church is located, and (c) Church Ministries of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

ARTICLE XVII BYLAWS

Church bylaws not in conflict with this Constitution, the provisions of the Bylaws of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, the bylaws of the district within which the church is located, or the laws of the state are required and will be adopted by a duly called meeting of the church. As a minimum, the church bylaws will include

ARTICLE XVII BYLAWS

NO BYLAWS REQUIRED

provisions for the composition and name of its governance authority that is in keeping with Article VI above. A copy of such bylaws shall be filed with the district superintendent.

**ARTICLE XVIII
AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended only by the General Council of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.2 of the Amended and Restated Constitution and Bylaws of The Christian and Missionary Alliance as applied to the Uniform Constitution for Accredited Churches

**ARTICLE XIX
CONFORMANCE WITH
APPLICABLE LAW**

In cases where any provision of this Constitution may not conform to state laws, the district concerned shall be authorized to make such adjustments as necessary in counsel with the vice president for Church Ministries of The Christian and Missionary Alliance so as to conform to such laws.

**ARTICLE XVIII
AMENDMENTS**

A. Bylaw Amendments.

1. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by active members present at any officially called meeting of the membership.

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NO BYLAWS REQUIRED

Approved by the Members 02/2015