

## City Life Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Bylaws

### ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

1. All members shall meet the qualifications as stated in our constitution and as decided upon by the Governing Board. (See Article III).
2. Active members actively attend worship services, support the church, and are faithfully fulfilling their membership qualifications.
3. Inactive members are people who have not attended, supported, and participated in the ministries and programs of this church for six months or more, without reasonable excuse. Such persons shall be advised by letter thirty days prior to their change of status and/or removal from the membership rolls. Inactive members are ineligible to vote.
4. Honorary members are in full-time Christian service and are unavailable to participate in our church activities. Honorary members are not eligible to vote but may participate in activities should they become available.
5. The Governing Board shall constitute the Committee on Membership and the Committee on Discipline. It is to be understood that the purpose of church discipline is not only to preserve the character, strength, vitality and spiritual life of the church, but to restore a person gently (Galatians 6:1). They shall render the final decisions pertaining to delinquent and absent members.

### ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1. There shall be an annual membership meeting that will take place prior to March 1.
2. The Lead Pastor or the Governing Board may call special meetings of the membership.
3. An announcement with written notice of the coming membership meeting must be made two weeks in advance.
4. A quorum of any properly called congregational business meeting shall consist of those members who are present.
5. Only business included in the announced agenda may be voted on at any membership meeting. New business raised at a membership meeting may be discussed, but must be tabled for a vote at a future meeting which is properly announced.

### ARTICLE III – CHURCH GOVERNING BOARD

1. The Governing Board shall consist of no less than five and no more than eleven members. Members of the Governing Board shall include: the Lead Pastor, Elders, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, and other members of the congregation as nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the congregation at the annual membership meeting.
2. At least two or more of the above positions are to be filled by an elder in order for there to be a majority of elders.
3. For purposes of legal business, the members of the Governing Board shall be the trustees of the corporation.
4. Members nominated by the Nominating Committee to the offices of Elder, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected at the annual membership meeting.
5. Vacancies of office shall be filled by appointment of the Governing Board for the unexpired terms.
6. Terms of office begin at the annual meeting where elected and are for 3 year terms. No more than 2 consecutive terms may be served. After serving 2 consecutive terms a person must not serve on the board for 1 term.

### ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES AND MINISTRY TEAMS

1. The Nominating Committee will be elected as needed and as described in the constitution.
2. Ministries and committees exist at the discretion of the Governing Board.