

Proposed Revisions to Constitution and Bylaws of Resurrection Ministries
April 29th, 2018 Congregation Meeting
in response to a review by the CNH District Committee

Summary of Changes

Editorial changes such as punctuation, etc. were made.

Terms

- The term “Voter Assembly” was changed to “Congregation Meeting” or “congregation” as appropriate, to provide clarity.

Substantive Changes

The review by the district contained the following directive:

“The constitution should contain the minimal framework required for governance and only whatever confessional clarifications are needed so as to may any change available, but seldom necessary. It should be changed only as needed.”

And

“The bylaws are the “nuts and bolts” of the (constitution and Articles of Incorporation) and “should contain enough specificity for clarity but not so much as to restrict needed flexibility of function and should be the easiest to amend. (They should be) carefully reviewed and refreshed as needed.”

Moving articles from the Constitution

Therefore, several articles were *moved from the Constitution to the Bylaws*, including:

- Detailed information about membership
- Specific powers of the congregation
- Duties of the Board of Directors

In addition, the article in the draft bylaws governing the “Formation and Governance of Wee Care Children’s Center” was *moved to the policies and procedures manual* that the Board of Directors is currently working to update.

The reference to the “Business Administrator” was also moved to the *policies and procedures manual*.

Clarifications/Explanations

Instances where there was confusion or contradiction between wording in the bylaws and constitution have been resolved, and are noted in *italics*. These include:

- Explanation of what a proxy vote is and how it be may used
- The number of Board of Directors and the specified officers within the BOD
- The format of a special congregation meeting formed to terminate an ordained or commissioned worker

Voting

- The following changes are proposed:
- Calling a pastor will require a majority vote
- Removing a pastor or called staff will require a 2/3 vote
- Changes to the bylaws will require a majority vote

Additions

- Maintaining church records and documents under supervision of the pastor
- Supervision of staff as outlined in the policies and procedures