

Our Beliefs

Articles of Faith & Constitution

Preamble

The name of this organization shall be Wildwood Baptist Church of East Moline, Illinois. We, the members of Wildwood Baptist Church, do ordain and establish the following articles to which we voluntarily submit ourselves. The date of this document is March 22, 2015, and it will be in effect from that date forward, after having been properly voted for and passed as hereinafter set forth, and at least one copy signed by every member of the executive board has been filed with the Church Clerk.

Article I

Our Articles of Faith

A. Of Our Objective

Our objective is to build people up in their faith, equip them to serve, and win people to Christ until we multiply by planting churches. In short, we build, equip and win people.

B. Of The Church

We believe that the church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers

(a) associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the gospel;
(b) observing the ordinances of Christ; (c) governed by His laws; and
(d) exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word; (e) that its officers are Pastors who have been ordained, and Elders whose qualifications, claims, and duties are clearly defined in

the Scriptures; (f) we believe the true mission of the Church is found in the Great Commission: to win people to Christ, then to build them up in the faith, so that they are equipped to win and build others, so that followers of Christ are multiplied among all nations. (g) We hold that the local church has the absolute right of self-government, free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and that the one and only superintendent is Christ, through the Holy Spirit; (h) that it is scriptural for the true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the gospel; that every church is the sole and only judge of the measure and method of its cooperation; (i) on all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final.

(a) Acts 2:41-43

(b) I Cor. 11:2; Acts 2:42

(c) Eph. 1:22-23

(d) Eph. 4:11; I Cor. 12:4; 8-11

(e) Acts 14:23; 6:5-6; 15:23; 20:17-28; I Tim. 3:1-7; 8-13

(f) Matt. 28:19-20

(g) Col. 1:18; Eph. 5:23-24; I Pet. 5:1-4

(h) Acts 15:22; Jude 3-4; II Cor. 8:23-24; I Cor. 16:1; Mal. 3:10, Lev. 27:32; I Cor. 16:2

(i) I Cor. 6:1-3; 5:11-13

C. Of Our Ordinances

We believe that Christian baptism is (a) the immersion in water of a believer; (b) in the Name of the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit; (c) to show faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; (d) and that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation. We believe in participating in the Lord's Supper from time to time in which (e) the members of the body of Christ by the sacred use of bread and cup are to commemorate the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

- (a) Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:6; John 3:23; Rom. 6:4-5
- (b) Matt. 28:19
- (c) Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12
- (d) Acts 2:41-42; Matt. 28:19-20
- (e) I Cor. 11:23-30

D. Of The Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible (a) was written by men supernaturally inspired; (b) has truth without any admixture of error for its matter, and (c) therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the age, the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to man, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried. By The Holy Bible, we mean the collection of sixty-six books, from Genesis through Revelation, which, as originally written, does not contain and convey the Word of God, but IS the very Word of God. By Inspiration, we mean that the books of the Bible were written by holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Spirit in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally inspired and free from error, as no other writings have ever been or ever will be inspired.

- (a) II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:19-21; Acts 1:16; 28:25
- (b) Ps. 119:105; 130, 160; Luke 24:25-27, 44-45; John 17:17
- (c) Ps. 119:39; Prov. 30:5-6; Rom. 3:4; I Pet. 1:23; Rev. 22:19; John 5:39, 45-47, 12:48; Isa. 8:20; Eph. 6:17; Rom. 15:4; Luke 16:31; Ps. 19:7-11

E. Of The True God

We believe that there is one, and only one living and true God, (a) an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth; (b) inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; (c) that in the unity of the Godhead there are three Persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but

harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

(a) Ex. 20:2-3; Gen. 17:1, I Cor. 8:6, Eph. 4:6; John 4:24; Ps. 83:18; 90:2; 147:5; Jer. 10:10

(b) Ex. 15:11; Rev. 4:11; I Tim. 1:17; Rom. 11:33; Mark 12:30

(c) Matt. 28:19; John 10:30, 15:26, 17:5; I Cor. 2:10-11 12:4-6; I John 5:7; Acts 5:3-4; Phil. 2:5-6; Eph 2:18; II Cor. 13:14

F. Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He has (a) always existed as eternal God the Son. While retaining (b) His absolute deity, He became and remained a perfect man, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He (c) died on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for our sins according to the scriptures. He (d) rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where at the right hand of God the Father, He is (e) now our High Priest and Advocate. He is the Head of His body, the Church, and ultimately, (f) every knee will bow to Him and confess that He is Lord.

(a) John 1:1; Col 1:15-17

(b) Luke 1:35; Phil 2:5-8

(c) I Cor. 15:3

(d) I Cor. 15:4; Acts 1:9; Heb. 1:3; Heb. 4:15; I John 2:1

(e) Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18

(f) Phil. 2:9-11

G. Of the Holy Spirit

That the Holy Spirit is a divine person; (a) equal with God the Father and (b) God the Son and (c) of the same nature; (d) that He was active in the creation; (e) that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the Evil One until God's purpose is fulfilled; (f) that He bears witness to the truth of the gospel in preaching and (g) testimony; (h) that He is the agent in the new birth; (i) that He seals, baptizes, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies, and helps

the believer.

(a) John 14:16-17

(b) Matt. 28:19

(c) Heb. 9:14; John 14:26; Luke 1:35

(d) Gen. 1:1-3

(e) II Thes. 2:7

(f) John 16:8-11

(g) John 15:26-27; Acts 5:30-32

(h) John 3:5-6

(i) Eph. 1:13-14; Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; 24:49; John 1:33; 14:26; 16:13; Acts 11:16; Rom. 8:14, 16, 26-27; II Thes. 2:13; I Pet. 1:2

H. Of The Devil or Satan

We believe that Satan was once (a) holy and enjoyed heavenly honors; but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty One, fell and (b) and drew after him a host of angels; that he is now (c) the malignant prince of power of the air, and the unholy god of this world. (d) We hold him to be mans great tempter, (e) the enemy of God and His Christ, (f) the accuser of the saints, (g) the author of all false religions, the chief power back of the present apostasy; (h) the lord of the anti-Christ, and (i) the author of all powers of darknessdestined, however, (j) to final defeat at the hands of God's Son, and (k) to the judgment of an eternal justice in a place prepared for him and his angels.

(a) Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:14-17

(b) Rev. 12:9; Jude 6; II Pet. 2:4; Eph. 2:2; John 14:30

(c) I Thess. 3:5; Matt. 4:1, 3

(d) I Pet. 5:8

(e) Zech. 1:3; I John 3:8; Matt. 13:25; 37-39; Luke 22:3-4

(f) Rev. 12:10

(g) II Cor. 11:13-15; Mark 13:21-22

(h) I John 4:3; 2:22; II John 7

(i) Rev. 13:13-14; II Thess. 2:8-11

(j) Rev. 12:7-9; 19:11, 16, 20; 20:1-13

(k) Rev. 20:10; Matt. 25:41

I. Of The Creation

We believe in the Genesis account of creation, and (a) that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; (b) that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness; (c) that man's creation was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary change of species, or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms; (d) that all animal and vegetable life was made directly, and God's established law was they should bring forth only after their kind.

(a) Gen. 1:1; Ex. 20:11; Acts 4:24; 17:23-26; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 11:3; John 1:3; Rev. 10:6;

Rom. 1:20; Jer. 10:12, Neh. 9:6

(b) Gen. 1:26-27; I Cor. 11:7

(c) Gen. 2:7; 21-23

(d) Gen. 1:11; 24

J. Of The Fall Of Man

We believe (a) that man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker, but (b) by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state, (c) in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but of choice; and (d) therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

(a) Gen. 3:1-6, 24

(b) Rom. 5:12-19

(d) Rom. 1:20, 28, 32; Gal. 3:22

K. Of The Virgin Birth

We believe (a) that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit in a miraculous manner; (b) born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever or can ever be born of woman, and (c) that he is both the Son

of God, and God, the Son.

(a) Gen. 3:15

(b) Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; Mark 1:1; John 1:14; Ps. 2:7; Gal. 4:4

(c) I John 5:20; I Cor. 15:47

L. Of The Atonement For Sin

We believe (a) that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace (b) through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who by appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin honored the divine law by His personal obedience and by His death made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins; (c) that His atonement consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr, but was the voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinners place, the Just dying for the unjust; Christ, the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; (d) that, having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, He is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and all-sufficient Savior.

(a) Eph. 2:8; Acts 15:11; Rom. 3:24

(b) John 3:16; Matt. 18:11; Phil 2:7; Heb. 2:14; Isa. 53:4-7; Rom. 3:25; I John 4:10; I Cor. 15:3; II Cor. 5:21

(c) John 10:18; Phil. 2:8; Gal. 1:4; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18; Isa. 53:11; Heb. 12:2

(d) I Cor. 15:20; Isa. 53:12; Heb. 7:25; 9:12-15; I John 2:2

M. Of Grace in The New Creation

We believe (a) that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; (b) that the new birth is a new creation in Jesus Christ; (c) that it is instantaneous and not a process; (d) that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; (e) that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, not by culture, not by character, not by the will of man, but wholly

and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; (f) that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

(a) John 3:3

(b) II Cor. 5:17

(c) Luke 5:27; I John 5:1; John 3:6-7; Acts 2:41; 16:30-33

(d) II Pet. 1:4; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:1; II Cor. 5:19; Col. 2:13

(e) John 3:8; 1:12-13

(f) Gal. 5:22; Eph. 5:9

N. Of The Freeness Of Salvation

We believe (a) in God's electing Grace; (b) that the blessings of salvation are made free to all in the gospel; (c) that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent, and obedient faith; and (d) that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; (e) that such rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

(a) I Thess. 1:4; Col. 3:12; I Pet. 1:2; Titus 1:1; Rom. 8:29-30

(b) Matt. 11:28; Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; Rom. 10:13; John 6:37

(c) Isa. 55:6; Acts 2:38

(d) Isa. 55:7; John 3:15-16; 5:40; I Tim. 1:15; I Cor. 15:10; Eph. 2:4-5

(e) John 3:18, 36

O. Of Justification

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is Justification; (a) that Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the gift of eternal life on principles of righteousness; (b) that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works or righteousness which we have done; but solely through faith in the Redeemers blood whereby His righteousness is imputed unto us.

- (a) Acts 13:39; Isa. 53:11; Zech. 13:1; Rom. 5:1, 9; 8:1
- (b) Titus 3:5-7; Rom. 1:17; 4:1-8; Heb. 2:4; 10:38; Gal. 3:11

P. Of Repentance And Faith

We believe that repentance and faith are (a) solemn obligations, and (b) also inseparable graces, (c) wrought in our souls by the quickening Spirit of God; (d) thereby, being deeply convicted of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; (e) at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ and openly confessing Him as our only and all-sufficient Savior.

- (a) Acts 20:20
- (b) Mark 1:15
- (c) Acts 2:27-28
- (d) Luke 18:13; Rom. 10:13; Ps. 51:1-4, 7; Isa. 55:6-7
- (e) Luke 12:8; Rom. 10:9-11

Q. Of The Perseverance Of The Saints

We believe (a) that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; (b) that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; (c) that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and (d) that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation.

- (a) John 8:31-32; Col. 1:21, 23
- (b) I John 2:19; Matt. 13:19-20
- (c) Rom. 8:28; Matt. 6:30; Ps. 121:3; Heb. 1:14
- (d) I Pet. 1:15; Phil. 1:6; John 10:28-29; 16:8; Rom. 8:35-39

R. Of The Righteous And The Wicked

We believe that (a) there is a radical and essential difference

between the righteous and the wicked; (b) such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God, are truly righteous in His esteem; (c) while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse; (d) this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting joy of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost.

(a) Mal. 3:18; Gen. 8:23; Rom. 6:17-18; Prov. 11:31; I Pet. 4:18

(b) Rom. 1:17; I Cor. 15:22; Acts 10:34-35; I John 2:29; 3:7; Rom. 6:16

(c) I John 5:19, 3:7; Gal. 3:10; Rom. 6:23; 7:6

(d) Prov. 14:32; Luke 9:26; 16:25; Matt. 7:13-14; 25:34, 41; John 8:21; 12:25

S. Of The Return Of Christ

We believe in the personal, bodily return of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, at the end of this present age. Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:10-11; Titus 2:11-14

Article II

Authority

The authority is vested in the Executive Board duly elected by the body of believers of which the church is composed, subject to conditions as hereinafter set forth.

Article III

Annual and Special Meetings

A. The fiscal year of the church shall be from September 1 through August 31 of each year. The church officers shall take office on April 1 of each year and hold office for a term as set forth in this

constitution. (Two regular business meetings of the church shall be held; one during the months of September and March in the church building at which time shall occur the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, all reports, and all other necessary business of the church.)

These meetings must be announced on two consecutive Sundays immediately preceding the appointed day. The election of church officers shall be at the March meeting. The Church Clerk shall keep the minutes, and the meeting shall be governed by Parliamentary rules. The meeting shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Executive Board or in his absence by the Vice-Chairman.

The church members shall elect all officers by ballot, and a majority of all votes shall be required to elect. If a majority vote is not cast on the first ballot the two nominees with the highest number of votes will become the nominees on the next ballot. The church may be called together for the transaction of any legitimate business by the Pastor, by the Chairman of the Board, by a majority vote of the Board, or by a resolution setting forth the nature of the business to be considered and signed by thirty percent (30%) of the membership.

Dates of all such special meetings shall be set by the Chairman of the Board within thirty (30) days after having received such a request provided that notice of such meetings shall be given on two consecutive Sundays immediately preceding the day appointed.

Article IV

License to Preach

We believe that from time to time Spirit-filled men will be called out from among us to proclaim the Gospel of the Grace of God. Such men may be given a license to preach by a two-thirds vote of the church members present, provided the Board is unanimous in their convictions that the candidate has considerable gifts, and

provided that their judgment is based upon actual experiential success, rather than their hopes of what he may do, and provided this experience shall be for one (1) year. After one (1) year, it may be renewed for such length of time as the Board may decide.

Article V

The Executive Board

All executive power shall be vested in the Executive Board consisting of Elders as voting members, the Church Clerk and the Church Treasurer. Four elders shall constitute a quorum. Voting is governed by a majority vote. All Elders have equal voting privileges. A regular meeting shall be held each month in the church at such time as may be agreed upon and announced by the Board. The Elders shall elect one of their members as Chairman and one of the members as Vice Chairman in April of each year. The Chairman of the Executive Board shall be responsible for and have the authority to sign all legal documents for Wildwood Baptist Church.

Article VI

Church Officers

All Pastors shall be chosen by a two-thirds vote of church members casting a proper vote. Together they shall advise and guide the spiritual life of the congregation. A special role of all Pastors is to equip people for the work of the ministry. All Pastors may serve as a non-voting member of any committee as appropriate.

A. Senior Pastor by virtue of his office, is the primary vision-setter for the body. As one that is accountable to God, his role as encourager, teacher, and preacher aids and trains people in all functions of the ministry. He will be subject to a job description and annual evaluation as provided by the Executive Board.

B. Associate and Assistant Pastors shall work under the leadership of the Senior Pastor and will be evaluated annually by their supervisor. Each Pastor shall have a job description approved by the Executive Board.

C. There shall be seven Elders elected for a period of three years. Terms shall be arranged so that no more than three seats are elected each year. No person may be elected to a third consecutive term, serve more than seven consecutive years, nor be appointed to the board for one calendar year after serving two consecutive terms with the exception for the following specific circumstances in that should a candidate not be available to present to the congregation for voting the current board members shall remain on the board until a candidate can be presented to be voted on at the next regularly scheduled congregational meeting. No person is limited as to the total number of terms.

Elders are responsible for the creation, approval, and oversight of all church ministries, committees, organizations and activities. They are responsible for the oversight of all building and grounds issues. They may not sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber church property without a majority vote of the Executive Board, and the consent of a two-thirds vote of church members present called together for that special purpose. Vacant seats may be filled by appointment by the Executive Board until the next election. Appointments more than one year count as an elected term.

D. The Treasurer shall be elected for a one year term. The Treasurer shall hold and disperse funds as approved by the Executive Board. The Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board shall be signers on all accounts. Monthly reports shall be submitted to the Board. Reports shall be made available to the congregation at each Semi-annual meeting. Audits will be conducted at the discretion of the Executive Board.

E. The Clerk shall be elected for a one year term. The Clerk shall keep a record of all business transactions of all Congregational and Executive Board meetings. The Chairman and the Clerk shall sign all approved minutes. Records of all meetings shall be kept at the Church after approved by the Board or congregation, as

appropriate.

Article VII Election of Board Members

The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

Appointment should give sufficient time to seek input from the congregation, gain approval of nominees by the Elders, and Executive Board approval of the final slate of nominees. Board members are elected by a majority vote of members present.

Article VIII Church Membership

A. Receiving of New Members

All members rising, the following Covenant is to be read: We affirm our Articles of Faith because we believe they summarize both a knowledge and belief of the truth necessary for sound doctrine and required for Christian fellowship. We do not intend by this affirmation to set aside or undervalue any of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, but we believe the Bible to be God's own written Word, given to us through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In seeking to follow Jesus as Lord and the instructions of God's Word, we pledge together in the power that only the Holy Spirit supplies to keep away from evil desires because they fight against our souls; we will get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior and be kind to each other, forgiving each other, just as God through Christ has forgiven us. We will, every time we get the opportunity, do good to everyone, especially to our Christian brothers and sisters; we will remember and appreciate our church leaders who teach us the Word of God, taking a good look at the way they live, and let their faithfulness as well as truthfulness teach us; we will give as generously as we can in relation to income, not reluctantly or in response to pressure, because God loves the person who gives cheerfully.

(Then the new members are welcomed into fellowship.)

I Pet. 2:11; Eph. 4:31-32; Gal. 6:10; Heb. 13:7; I Cor. 16:2; II Cor. 9:7; Heb. 13:20-21

B. Receiving by Experience

1. A person may be received by experience of a former baptism by immersion in a church of like faith, a personal testimony of faith, and the completion of the application process designated by the Executive Board.

2. A pastor's wife will become a member of Wildwood at the time when the congregation votes to call the pastor provided she meets the other requirements for membership. A pastor's children will follow the membership process outlined in the Constitution.

C. Receiving New Members

All new members shall be considered a member when received by the congregation at the reading of the Church Covenant at a regular Sunday Service. Voting privileges begin at this time.

D. Voting & Nonvoting Membership

1. Nonvoting membership – After professing faith in Jesus Christ and having been baptized by immersion, children up to thirteen years of age can request of the Elders nonvoting membership. The nonvoting status will remain in effect until the person has fulfilled all the requirements to be a voting member or reached the age of 25. A nonvoting member must transition to voting member before age 25 or they will be removed from the membership role. They will be contacted prior to this date and encouraged to transition to voting membership. Nonvoting members would have the same requirements and opportunities as voting members except serving as an Elder or voting on items with the church. “Continued Membership” rules apply for nonvoting members.

2. Membership – Individuals who are thirteen years or older may apply for full membership. Full membership will be issued to an individual who has:

- Publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ

- Been baptized by immersion

- Reached thirteen years or older in age

- Completed the newcomer's class and filled out an application

for membership

Been interviewed and approved by the elders.

Upon approval they will be received by the congregation as a member.

E. Continuing Membership

Membership continues indefinitely on the basis of a members participating in the services of the church by attendance, contributions, and communications. A six month lapse in the participation of a member will result in removal from the rolls of the church except for the conditions listed below:

1. Members temporarily leaving the area must keep the church informed of their whereabouts through correspondence with the Church Clerk or Pastoral Staff every six months. Temporary will be defined by Board Policy.

2. The Board may make exceptions for members not participating due to health, physical disability, or other special situations. When a membership has lapsed, the person involved will be contacted by the church and given up to a three-month period to renew their participation in the services of the church or to move their membership to a church of like faith. After the three-month period, his/her name will be removed from the rolls of membership.

F. Church Discipline

From time to time cases of disorderly conduct or heretical doctrines so opposed to the church's life and faith as to destroy the possibilities of fellowship must be confronted. One of two consequences will result from these proceedings. The individual found guilty of such disorderly conduct or heresy will be restored to fellowship or he/she will face public dismissal. The suspected person shall first be dealt with and interviewed as directed in Matthew 18:15-18. From this point if fellowship is not restored, as determined by the Elders, written charges shall be made available to the suspected one. In addition, the suspected person is to be summoned to a hearing convened by the Executive Board. If the member chooses to participate he/she may choose a member of the church for representation and assistance at the hearing. With or without the participation of the suspected one, the hearing will be

held to ascertain all of the facts available. If a majority believes him/her to be guilty and he/she still refuses to repent, the name of the guilty party shall be stricken from the church roll and publicly read as dismissed at the first Sunday Morning Service following the hearing.

Article IX Changes

The church may make any change in this document which seems necessary. Such changes not originating with the Executive Board must be submitted in the form of a written resolution, signed by thirty per cent (30%) of the membership, to the Executive Board in time for their consideration at a regular meeting of the Board prior to the date of the special, annual, or semi-annual meeting. If, after due consideration, the Board favors by a majority vote to present the proposed changes to the church, notice will be given as set forth in Article III, Section C, and a two-thirds ($2/3$) vote of the church members present in favor of the changes will cause them to be adopted into and considered a part of this document.