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INSTRUCTIONS

ADOPTION OF THE INITIAL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS

A church, hereinafter called Assembly, making application for affiliation with the MINNESOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD is entitled to receive help from the district officials in its preparation for the adoption of the initial Articles of Incorporation and by-laws.

NOTICE of the business meeting must be in writing and posted in a conspicuous place in the place of worship, stating the purpose, time, date and place of the scheduled meeting. This notice must be read once each Sunday during the main worship service for four (4) consecutive Sundays prior to the date of the business meeting.

Arrangements must be made with the Minnesota District Office to schedule a district officer to preside at the business meeting held for the purpose of adopting the Articles of Incorporation and the corporation by-laws.

Copies of the proposed Articles of Incorporation and by-laws should be made available to the incorporators and members of the congregation prior to the date of the business meeting so that all persons may be fully informed of the provisions of the corporate documents to be acted upon.

The District Officer shall preside at this initial meeting. He shall assist and guide the Assembly in its decisions as it considers and adopts each Article, one by one, and then finally adopts the Articles of Incorporation and by-laws as a whole. The district office will recommend an attorney where there is need for legal council, and if requested by the Assembly.

A secretary must be appointed by the incorporators to record the official minutes of this business meeting. The secretary should be instructed to record the time the meeting was convened, and the time of adjournment; and to record all motions, resolutions and the voting results of each.

USE OF THE SUGGESTED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The suggested Articles of Incorporation are as indicated on the title: They are suggested by the MINNESOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE the Articles, Constitution and By-laws of the Minnesota District Council of the Assemblies of God. The blanks provided for information such as date of incorporation, name of the church, its address and the names of each of the incorporators who constitute the first Board of Trustees must be filled in, in the event the suggested set of Articles are to be adopted, as is, at this organizational session.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned, of full age, for the purpose of forming a religious, non-profit corporation under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317A of the Minnesota Statutes Annotated, known as the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, and laws amendatory thereto, do hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the undersigned incorporators held on the _____ day of _____, 199____, in _____ (City _____, Minnesota, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317A, Minnesota Statutes Annotated, did associate ourselves as a body corporation and did adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I.
NAME

The Name of the corporation shall be _____

ARTICLE II.
REGISTERED OFFICE

The location and post office address of the registered office of this corporation shall be, _____ City of _____, County of _____, State of Minnesota. The name of the registered agent at this address is _____ (The Corporate Secretary) _____.

ARTICLE III.
MEMBERSHIP

Any person who gives scriptural evidence of the saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, subscribes to the Tenets of Faith as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A", adopted by the corporation, and agrees to be governed by its bylaws as herein set forth, shall be eligible for membership in this corporation.

ARTICLE IV.
PURPOSES

The purpose of this corporation shall be to establish and maintain a Missionary and Evangelistic church for the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both in our homeland and in foreign lands, and to provide a place of worship of the Almighty God, our heavenly Father, and to provide for Christian fellowship of those of like faith, where the Holy Ghost may be honored according to our distinctive testimony. The purposes of this corporation shall be charitable, religious, educational or scientific in nature.

ARTICLE V.
MANAGEMENT

- A. OFFICIAL MEETINGS: All meetings of the corporation membership shall be held at the registered office of the corporation, or as otherwise directed by the Board, in the City of _____, County of _____, State of Minnesota.
- B. ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held as directed and authorized by its bylaws.
- C. BYLAWS: This corporation is authorized to adopt and establish bylaws, and to make all rules and regulations deemed necessary and expedient for the management of its affairs in accordance with its Articles and bylaws at a duly called meeting of the members.
- D. BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The management of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of Trustees as outlined in its bylaws consisting of at least three (3) members, and not more than seven (7) members in addition to the pastor.
- E. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: The officers of this corporation shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall, by virtue of office, be members of the Board of Trustees, unless otherwise provided by the bylaws of this corporation. The terms of office shall be a period as designated by the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI.
AFFILIATION

While maintaining its inherent rights to autonomy in the conduct of its own affairs, this corporation shall be in cooperative fellowship and affiliation with and a member of the Minnesota District Council of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and affiliated with and a member of The General Council of the Assemblies of God with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri. It shall have the right of representation at the meetings of The General Council and/or Minnesota District Council by a delegate appointed by the church board.

ARTICLE VII.
NON-PROFIT

There shall be no capital stock issued, and this corporation is not organized for profit, nor shall any person or member derive any benefit whatsoever, nor shall any pecuniary profit or benefit inure to the members of this corporation, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay

reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV. hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation, or is not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

There shall be no personal liability of members for corporate obligations.

ARTICLE VIII.

EXISTENCE.

The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual until the return of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for the rapture of His Church.

ARTICLE IX.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Bible shall be the rule and guide of faith as set forth in the Statement of Fundamental Truths of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, of which this corporation is a member, and whose Declaration of Faith it hereby adopts. (See attached Exhibit "A")

ARTICLE X.

ORDINANCES

- A. The ordinance of Baptism 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).
- B. The ordinance of the Lord's supper shall be observed regularly as enjoined in the Scriptures. (Luke 22:19, 20, and I Corinthians 11: 23-26).

ARTICLE XI.

OTHER MINISTRIES

- A. Infants and children may be dedicated to the Lord upon request. (Mark 10: 13-16; Luke 18:15-16).
- B. The sick shall be ministered unto according to Mark 16:18, and James 5:14.

ARTICLE XII.

PROPERTY

This religious, non-profit corporation shall have the right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequest or otherwise, either directly or as a 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 bylaws, or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended.

- A. DIVISION: In the event of a split or division of the membership of this religious corporation, all property, real, personal or mixed, shall belong to the members who hold to the original tenets of faith and maintain fellowship and affiliation with the Minnesota District Council of the Assemblies of God.

- B. DISSOLUTION: In the event the corporation should cease to exist as a church and ceases to use its property for church purposes, then in that event the property, real, personal or mixed, shall revert to and become the property of the Minnesota District Council of the Assemblies of God, a non-profit corporation with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with full authority to sell this property or use it in any way it sees fit for the cause of Christ. In the event the Minnesota District Council of the Assemblies of God is unwilling or unable to accept the assets at the time of dissolution, it shall become the property of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri. In the event that The General Council of the Assemblies of God is unwilling or unable to accept the assets at the time of dissolution, it shall be distributed for exclusively religious and charitable purposes, to corporations as shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- C. DISAFFILIATION: In the event the corporation should disaffiliate from the Assemblies of God, then, in that event, the Minnesota District Council of the Assemblies of God has the right to assume or not to assume the assets of said corporation, at the District's discretion.

ARTICLE XIII.
FINANCES

All funds for the maintenance of the corporation shall be provided by voluntary giving of tithes and offerings by the members and friends of the corporation. Offerings shall be received, disbursed, and transactions properly recorded by the corporation at such times and in such manner as authorized by the Board of Trustees, and shall be administered by the treasurer under the direction of the Board. (Malachi 3:10, Luke 6:38, I Corinthians 16:1-2, II Corinthians 9:6-8).

ARTICLE XIV.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The incorporators, which constitute the first Board of Trustees of this reorganized corporation, are:

_____, MN
 (Name) (Address) (City) (Zip)

_____, MN
 _____, MN
 _____, MN
 _____, MN
 _____, MN
 _____, MN

ARTICLE XV.
AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made by a two-thirds vote of members attending, subject to a quorum being present, at any regular or special business meeting. Such amendment shall have been posted in a conspicuous place in the place of worship for four consecutive Sundays directly preceding such meeting, and that due notice of the date, time, and place of such meeting to amend the Articles of Incorporation shall be made during the regular Sunday services for four consecutive Sundays directly preceding such meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: the undersigned have hereto set their hands and seals at _____, Minnesota, this ____ day of _____, 199____.

SUGGESTED FORMS TO BE USED

NOTICE

TO THE CONGREGATION OF

_____ (Name of Church) _____ :

That on _____, 199__, at _____ (a.m./p.m.), a meeting was held of the incorporators and members of the congregation of _____ church, located at _____, Minnesota:

That all of the incorporators were present pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317A of the Minnesota Statutes Annotated, and we, the undersigned incorporators, did associate ourselves as a body corporate, and did adopt the Articles of Incorporation and by-laws as attached hereto;

That we further certify that the resolutions adopting the Articles of Incorporation and the attached by-laws were voted upon and were unanimously approved and adopted during the above scheduled meeting.

In Testimony thereof, we the incorporators have hereunto set our hands and our seals this ____ day of _____, 199__.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

) ss.

COUNTY OF _____)

On this ____ day of _____, 199__, before me, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared

_____ to
me personally known to be the persons named in and who executed the foregoing
Certificate of Incorporation, and each acknowledged that they executed the
Articles of Incorporation as his free act and deed, for the uses and purposes
therein expressed.

Notary Public
_____, Minnesota
My Commission expires:
_____ 199_____

(S E A L)

EXHIBIT "A"

**GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS**

The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This Statement of
Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e.,
that we all speak the same thing,
I Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42). The phraseology employed in this Statement is
not inspired or contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential to a full-

gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all Biblical truth, only that it covers our need as to these fundamental doctrines.

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 (II Timothy 3:15-17; I Thessalonians 2:13; II 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).

THE ADORABLE GODHEAD

(a) Terms Defined

The terms "trinity" and "persons" as related to the Godhead, while not found in the Scriptures, are words in harmony with Scripture, whereby we may convey to others our immediate understanding of the doctrine of Christ respecting the Being of God, as distinguished from "gods many and lords many." We therefore may speak with propriety of the Lord our God, who is One Lord, as a trinity or as one Being of three persons, and still be absolutely scriptural (examples, Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14; John 14:16,17).

(b) Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead

Christ taught a distinction of Persons in the Godhead which He expressed in specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, but that this distinction and relationship, as to its mode is inscrutable and incomprehensible, because unexplained. Luke 1:35; I Corinthians 1:24; Matthew 11:25-27; 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14; I John 1:3,4).

(c) Unity of the One Being of Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Accordingly, therefore, there is that in the Son which constitutes Him the Son and not the Father; and there is that in the Holy Ghost which constitutes Him the Holy Ghost and not either the Father or the Son. Wherefore the Father is the Begetter; the Son is the Begotten; and the Holy Ghost is the one proceeding from the Father and the Son. Therefore, because these three persons in the Godhead are in a state of unity, there is but one Lord God Almighty and His name one. (John 1:18; 15:26; 17:11, 21; Zechariah 14:9).

(d) Identity and Cooperation in the Godhead

The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are never identical as to Person; not confused as to relation; nor divided in respect to the Godhead; not opposed as to cooperation. The Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son as to relationship. The Son is with the Father and the Father is with the Son, as to fellowship. The Father is not from the Son, but the Son is from the Father, as to authority. The Holy Ghost is from the Father and the Son proceeding, as to nature, relationship, cooperation and authority. Hence, neither Person in the Godhead either exists or works separately or independently of the others. (John 5:17-30,32,37; 8:17,18).

(e) The Title, Lord Jesus Christ

The appellation, "Lord Jesus Christ," is a proper name. It is never applied, in the New Testament, either to the Father or to the Holy Ghost. It therefore belongs exclusively to the Son of God. (Romans 1:1-3,7; II John 1:3).

(f) The Lord Jesus Christ, God with Us

The Lord Jesus Christ, as to His divine and eternal nature, is the proper and only Begotten of the Father, but as to His human nature, He is the proper Son of Man. He is, therefore, acknowledged to be both God and man; who because He is God and man, is "Immanuel," God with us. (Matthew 1:23; I John 4:2,10,14; Revelation 1:13,17).

(g) The Title, Son of God

Since the name "Immanuel" embraces both God and man, in the one person, our Lord Jesus Christ, it follows that the title Son of God describes His proper deity, and the title Son of Man, His proper humanity. Therefore, the title Son of God belongs to the order of eternity, and the title Son of Man to the order to time (Matthew 1:21-23; II John 1:3; I John 3:8; Hebrews 7:3; 1:1-13).

(h) Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ

Wherefore, it is a transgression of the doctrine of Christ to say that Jesus Christ derived the title Son of God solely from the fact of the Incarnation, or because of His relation to the economy of redemption. Therefore, to deny that the Father is a real and eternal Father, and that the Son is a real and eternal Son, is a denial of the distinction and relationship in the Being of God; a denial of the Father and the Son; and a displacement of the truth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh (II John 1:9; John 1:1,2,14,18,29,49; I John 2:22,23; 4:1-5; Hebrews 12:2).

(i) Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord

The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, angels and principalities and powers having been made subject unto Him. And having been made both Lord and Christ, He sent the Holy Ghost that we, in the name of Jesus, might bow our knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God the Father until the end, when the Son shall become subject to the Father that God may be all in all (Hebrews 1:3; I Peter 3:22; Acts 2:32-36; Romans 14:11; I Corinthians 15:24-28).

(j) Equal Honor to the Father and to the Son

Wherefore, since the Father has delivered all judgment unto the Son, it is not only the express duty of all in heaven and on earth to bow the knee, but it is an unspeakable joy in the Holy Ghost to ascribe unto the Son all the attributes of deity, and to give Him all the honor and the glory contained in all the names and titles of the Godhead except those which express relationship (see paragraphs b,c, and d), and thus honor the Son even as we honor the Father (John 5:22,23; I Peter 1:8; Revelation 5:6-14; Philippians 2:8,9; Revelation 7:9,10; 4:8-11).

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; I 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; I 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 to 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 (II Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (I Corinthians 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (I 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 enduement 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; I 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 Initial Physical 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 (I 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; I 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" (I 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; I 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 worshiped by man, and to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, the priority reason-for-being of 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 (I 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; I Corinthians 12:28; 14:12).

The Assemblies of God exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this 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 26:15-20; Acts 4:29-31; Hebrews 2:3,4).
- (b) Adds a necessary dimension to a worshipful relationship with God (I Corinthians 2:10-16; I Corinthians 12-14).
- (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 14:12; Ephesians 4:11,12; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Colossians 1:29).

11. The Ministry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the threefold purpose of leading the Church in: (1) evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20), (2) worship of God (John 4:23,24), and (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 (I Thessalonians 4:16,17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; I 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; 10:1-6). 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: (II Peter 3:13; Revelation 21,22).

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USE OF THE SUGGESTED BYLAWS

The Suggested Bylaws may be used as prepared, or may be modified, as long as the changes do not conflict with the adopted Articles of Incorporation, State laws, or the Minnesota District Council of the Assemblies of God.

Where the Suggested Bylaws indicate Option or Option 2, one of the options or a substitute option must be selected before adoption.

The blank left for the maximum number of Deacons and the date for the annual business meeting must be filled in before the Bylaws are adopted. Be sure ample time is left from the close of the fiscal year before the annual meeting date is set to allow time for financial and other reports.

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Democratic Process

Business meetings of the Assembly shall be governed by the accepted rules of parliamentary procedure in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

Fundamentals of the Democratic Process

1. Justice and courtesy for all.
2. Do only one thing at a time, however, elections may be handled throughout the meeting.
3. The majority rules.
4. The minority must be heard.

5. Each proposition is entitled to full and free debate.
6. The purpose is to facilitate action, not to obstruct it.

Regular Order of Business

1. Call to order by the Chairman.
2. Reading and approval of minutes.
3. Reports of treasurer, other officers, and standing committees.
4. Unfinished business.
5. New Business.
6. Program.
7. Adjournment.

The Secretary of the Assembly records all official actions taken at each meeting.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Qualifications

Those eligible for membership in this Assembly must:

- (a) Be born again. (Jn. 1:12, 13; 3:3-8; I Pet. 1:18-25).
- (b) Be baptized in water by immersion except where deemed physically impossible. (Mt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47, 48; Rom. 6:4-6).
- (c) Be baptized in the Holy Spirit with the physical evidence of speaking in tongues or earnestly seeking according to Acts 2:4.
- (d) Give evidence of a consistent Christian life in line with moral principles of Scripture (Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 5, 6, 7; Rom. 6:4; 8:1-4; 13:13,14; I Cor. 6; Gal. 5:19-25; Eph. 4:17-5:21; I Jn. 1:6, 7).

The Bible prohibits specific acts such as stealing, all forms of dishonesty, profane language, gossip, sexual abuses (such as premarital sex, adultery, and homosexual behavior), physical abuse, and occult practices. The Word of God teaches the sacredness of human life and therefore opposes abortion. Scripture encourages openness, trust, patience, generosity, courage, and a forgiving spirit. Given the atmosphere where such attitudes prevail, destructive forces such as resentment, hypocrisy, and harmful discrimination (based on race, sex, or economic status) are overcome. We know that finally we are responsible to God as individuals to control our actions and attitudes in ways consistent

- with His righteousness and love.
- (e) Refrain from being a stumbling block or an offence or an occasion of falling to a weaker Christian (Rom. 14:1-15; I Cor. 8; 10:14-11:1). There are standards and rules concerning social practices which this Assembly considers to be harmful or offensive such as gambling, dancing, membership in secret societies, and the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and non-medical drugs. Careful Christian judgement must always be exercised in regard to reading matter, movies, music, television viewing, and other forms of entertainment. The Bible does not always explicitly address some of these matters but it does emphasize the highest Christian principles which must be followed.
- (f) Contribute regularly to the financial support of this Assembly with tithes and offerings (Prov. 3:9, 10; Mal. 3:8,-11; I Cor. 16:1, 2; Lev. 27:30-32).
- (g) Fully subscribe to all the Tenets of Faith as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, Exhibit A.

- (h) Be at least eighteen years of age.
- (i) Give evidence of a consistent Christian life even though the persons life may have been complicated by divorce and remarriage. Because circumstances are different in each case, a judgment for membership eligibility should be made on an individual basis, by the Board of Deacons, based on Scripture and in accord with the current standard of the Assemblies of God on "Divorce and Remarriage." (I Cor. 7:15, 17, 20, 24, 27, 28 Mt. 19:9)
- (j) Not be living in a common-law state of matrimony or living in a homosexual relationship. (Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:21-27; I Cor. 6:9,10; I Tim. 1:9-10)
- (k) Regularly attend the services. (Heb. 10:25)

Sec. 2. Types of Membership

- (a) Active
Those whose names appear on the membership roll of the Assembly shall constitute the legal voting membership of the Assembly provided that they support and regularly attend the services.
- (b) Youth
Be at least thirteen (13) years old and fulfill all qualifications for membership except the age requirement. A youth member must request active membership status when reaching the age of eighteen (18) to receive voting privileges.
- (c) Inactive
Members who:
 - (1) Shall without good cause absent themselves from the

services of the Assembly for a period of three or more consecutive months.

(2) Fail to contribute to the support of the Assembly.

(3) May have a spirit of insubordination or be out of harmony with the teachings or ministries of the Assembly.

(4) Shall be under charges for misconduct.

(5) May have fallen under condemnation through sinful or worldly practices.

These members shall be considered inactive and shall lose their voting privileges until they are restored to the fellowship. Their standing to be established by definite action of the Board of Deacons.

(d) Honorary

Those members who have entered into the ministry either as District Officers, Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries, Religious Educators, etc. together with those who are serving in the armed forces or attending college away from home which makes it impossible to serve as active members.

Also, shut-ins and members in good standing who have moved from the area. Honorary membership shall continue as long as the member maintains a cooperative attitude toward the home Assembly. Voting privileges may be granted at the discretion of the Board of Deacons.

- (e) The Senior Pastor and spouse and any Associate/Assistant Pastor and spouse, upon appointment, automatically become active members of the church.

Sec. 3. Reception of Members

- (a) Persons desiring to become a member of the Assembly shall make it known to the Pastor, Deacon, or designated committee.

- (b) After interview, the Pastor shall present the names of those who apply for membership along with recommendations to the Board of Deacons, who shall render a decision. Persons who have met the membership requirements and have been approved by the Board of Deacons shall have their names added to the membership list. They shall be then received into the Assembly publicly at any of the regular services and their names added to the roster.

Sec. 4 Revision of Membership Roll

The Board of Deacons shall be authorized to revise the membership roll of the Assembly periodically and to remove from the list of active members all names of those who may have become deceased since the last revision, together with the names of those who 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. If a member's name is to be removed for cause, the procedure described in Article III, Sec. 1. must be followed.

- (a) **Transfer or Withdrawal**
Members in good standing, who may wish to sever their relationship with the Assembly, may apply for a letter of transfer or withdrawal signed by the Pastor or Secretary. Such a letter shall be granted upon request and shall be addressed to the Pastor or Secretary of the receiving Assembly and shall state whether or not the member is in good standing. If the member is not in good standing, reasons shall be given.

- (b) **Absenteeism**
Any member of the Assembly who shall willfully be absent from the regular services for a period of three (3) consecutive months, shall be subject to being removed from the Active Membership list. When a name is to be removed from the Active Membership list, the member must be notified in writing of the action at least 15 days

prior to making this move. The member may then consent to the action or may give reason orally or in writing why the action should not be taken. An absentee's name may be retained by special request under unusual circumstance.

- (c) **Conduct**
When a member's name is removed for unscriptural conduct or doctrinal departure from the Tenets of Faith held by this Assembly, the procedure outlined in Article III, Sec. 1. must be followed.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS

Sec. 1. Pastor

- (a) **Qualifications:** The Pastor of this Assembly must be a member in good standing with the General Council and/or the District Council of the Assemblies of God. (I Tim. 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-9; I Pet. 5:2,3).
- (b) **Responsibilities:** The Pastor is called by God to be a minister and a servant of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Assembly finds its direction from the Lord Jesus Christ under the leadership of the Pastor as overseer and shepherd of the Assembly. The Pastor shall:
 - (1) Equip the Assembly for the work of the ministry, through training and discipleship, by the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. (Eph. 4:11-13)
 - (2) Be the president of the corporation and shall act as chairman of the business meetings of the Assembly and of the Board of Deacons/Trustees.
 - (3) Be an ex-officio member of all committees and

departments.

(4) Approve of all those who are invited to speak or lead in any ministry of the Assembly, considering the needs and wishes of the Assembly.

(c) Vacancy: In the event a vacancy occurs in the pastorate, the Board of Deacons should seek the counsel and help of the district officials. The pulpit ministry shall be under the supervision of the Board of Deacons until a Pastor is elected by the Assembly.

(d) Elections: When there is a vacancy in the pastorate, the Board of Deacons shall act as a nominating committee. When a candidate they can recommend is found, they shall present the name of the one (1) candidate to the Assembly to be voted upon. When the candidate receives a two-thirds majority of the votes cast the

candidate is elected.

Only one nominee shall be considered at any one business meeting. This meeting may be a special meeting or the annual business meeting.

All elections shall be by secret ballot.

(e) Term of Office: (Select Option 1 or 2)

(Option 1) Term of Office: The first term of office shall be for three (3) years. At the expiration of the first term of office, an election shall be held to determine if the pastor shall continue to serve. He shall be elected for an indefinite period of time if he carries a majority of the votes cast. If the pastor is not re-elected to office, the pastor shall receive salary and benefits for up to sixty days or until a new pastorate is located, whichever occurs first.

(Option 2) Term of Office: The first term of office shall be approximately three years. In order to coincide with the annual business meeting the said term of office shall be at least thirty (30) months but not more than forty-two (42) months. At the expiration of the first or succeeding terms of office, an election shall be held to determine if the pastor shall continue to serve the Assembly. The pastor shall be re-elected for a four (4) year term with a simple majority of the votes cast. If the pastor is not re-elected to office the pastor shall receive salary and benefits for up to sixty (60) days or until a new pastorate is located, whichever occurs first.

Sec. 2 Pastor's Assistants

(a) Definition: A Pastor's Assistant includes a staff member that is assigned a ministerial responsibility but does not include secretarial, clerical, janitorial, or most forms of volunteer help.

- (b) Qualifications: The Pastor's Assistants shall have the same qualifications as the Pastor as set forth in Sec. 1. (a).
- (c) Responsibilities: The responsibilities and duties shall be assigned by the Pastor in cooperation with the Board of Deacons.
- (d) Appointment: The Pastor's Assistants shall be appointed by the Pastor with the approval of the Board of Deacons.

Sec. 3. Deacons

- (a) Qualifications: A Deacon shall be at least twenty-one (21) years old and shall have been a member of the Assembly for at least the twelve (12) preceding months. Each Deacon shall be full of faith and the Holy Spirit with lives and conduct that conform as closely as possible to the Scriptures. (Acts 6:3; I Tim. 3:8-13).
- (b) Limitations: No person shall be eligible to serve as Deacon while another immediate family member is serving as Deacon or staff member.
- (c) Number of Deacons: The number of Deacons of this Assembly shall be at least three (3) but not exceeding (_____).
- (d) Responsibilities: The Deacons are to provide counsel and mutual assistance to the Pastor in the administration, business, and work of the Assembly. As a body, they shall:
 - (1) Act in cooperation with the Pastor in providing counsel in matters pertaining to the spiritual life of the Assembly and the ministry of its ordinances.
 - (2) Review all applicants for membership.
 - (3) Assist in the administration of discipline of members of the Assembly. See Article III, Sec.1.
 - (4) Perform all the duties of Trustees when a Trustee Board does not exist as a separate board.
 - (5) Oversee the finances of the Assembly. Salaries and wages shall be reviewed at least annually.
 - (6) In the event the Assembly is without a Pastor, the Board of Deacons shall provide their own Chair from their membership in order to transact business for the Assembly.
- (e) Vacancies: A vacancy occurs when:
 - (1) A member of the Board of Deacons term is completed.
 - (2) A member becomes deceased.
 - (3) A member resigns.
 - (4) It is determined, by the Board of Deacons, that a member is unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the office because of health or because of a move to a different

geographical location.

- (5) A Deacon is removed for disciplinary reasons as outlined in Article III, Sec. 2.

An election may be held to complete an unexpired term at the next regular business meeting or a special meeting may be called to replace the Deacon for the unexpired term. A special meeting may be called at the discretion of the remaining members of the Board of Deacons.

- (f) A nominating committee shall be appointed annually by the Board of Deacons to provide a list of qualified candidates to fill all vacancies. This nominating committee shall consist of at least three (3) but not more than seven (7) members in addition to the Pastor who shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. At least one (1) but not more than two (2) members of this committee

shall be from the Board of Deacons. Nominating Committee members' names shall be announced and posted for two (2) weeks before nominees are selected to allow input from interested members of the Assembly. There shall be no nominations from the floor.

- (g) Term of Office: The term of office shall be for three (3) years and shall be arranged, as near as possible, so that one-third (1/3) of the terms shall expire each year.
- (h) Elections: The Board of Deacons shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the annual or special meeting called for that purpose. All elections shall be by secret ballot.

Sec. 4. Trustees

- (a) The Board of Deacons will serve as Trustees of the Corporation unless a separate Board of Trustees is elected. When a separate Board of Trustees is elected, Sec. 3 will apply for election, term of office, and vacancies.
- (b) Qualifications: Members of the Board of Trustees shall be members in good standing.
- (c) Responsibilities: The Board of Trustees shall:
- (1) Serve the Assembly in the selling or acquiring of property as outlined in Article VII.
 - (2) Be custodians of all property of the Assembly.
 - (3) Be responsible for its maintenance and cleanliness for the comfort of the congregation.
- (d) In the event the membership of the Board of Trustees falls below the number of three (3) required by law, the Pastor may appoint a Trustee to serve until an election can be held.

Sec. 5. Secretary

- (a) Qualifications: The Secretary should be one with clerical ability, faithfulness in character, and possessing a spirit of cooperation.
- (b) Responsibilities: The Secretary shall:
 - (1) Keep the minutes of all board meetings.
 - (2) Keep the minutes of all business meetings of the Assembly.
 - (3) Keep a record of the membership of the Assembly.
 - (4) Have charge of all legal documents.
 - (5) Have responsibilities for all clerical work necessary for these duties.
- (c) Election: The office of Secretary shall be filled from the members of the Board of Deacons or Board by a majority vote at the first meeting of the Board of Deacons following the annual meeting. If such a person is not available from the Board, the Board may appoint an assistant to the Secretary to perform the clerical tasks.
- (d) Term of Office: The term of office shall be for one (1) year.

Sec. 6 Treasurer

- (a) Qualifications: The Treasurer should have a good financial understanding, faithful in character, and possessing a spirit of cooperation.
- (b) Responsibilities: The Treasurer shall:
 - (1) Keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements.
 - (2) Provide a financial statement or report at all regular meetings of the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees.
 - (3) Provide a summarized statement at the annual business meeting.

Other treasurers may be appointed for special funds or departments.
- (c) Election: The office of Treasurer shall be filled from the members of the Board of Deacons or Board of Trustees by a majority vote at the first meeting of the Board of Deacons following the annual meeting. If such a person with financial capabilities is not available, a Financial Secretary may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.
- (d) Term of Office: The term of office shall be for one (1) year.

ARTICLE III. DISCIPLINE

Sec. 1. Members

- (a) Purpose. In accordance with Article I, Sec. 4, (c), this Assembly is committed to uphold its standards of faith and conduct considered to be acceptable, and to keep under control unacceptable doctrines and conduct. It is important that members comply with these standards. A remedial process has been adapted by this Assembly to deal with the violations in accordance with the scriptural procedures hereinafter set forth.
- (b) A member's name may be removed from the Active Membership list for cause. However, no such action shall be taken until patient and persistent effort has been made to win such member back to the standard of faith and conduct upheld by this Assembly. (Gal. 6:1)
- (c) Remedial Procedures (To comply with Minnesota Statutes Annotated 317A.411 or as thereafter amended) See Exhibit "A."

Sec. 2. Deacons

A vacancy in any office of the church (Deacon, Secretary, or Treasurer) may be declared whenever the incumbent has been disqualified by unscriptural conduct, by a spirit of insubordination, or by a change in belief contrary to the Tenets of Faith. Such action shall require at least a sixty percent (60%) majority vote of the other members of the Board of Deacons.

The accused office holder may by request appeal to the congregation. When requested, a special business meeting shall be called to be held within 30 days of the time the appeal is made. Said meeting time and purpose to be announced at least three (3) consecutive Sundays immediately prior to the meeting. A Deacon's office may be declared vacant by a sixty percent (60%) majority of the active voting members present at such a meeting.

Sec. 3. Pastor

If at any time a situation should arise, where due to unscriptural conduct, a change in doctrinal views, or inefficiency, the Board of Deacons believes a Pastor can no longer serve the Assembly acceptably, it shall be the duty of the Board of Deacons by board action, or upon exercise of the right of initiative by the Assembly, to call a special meeting of the Assembly, duly announced at least three (3) consecutive Sundays. The Office of Pastor may be declared vacant by a sixty percent (60%) majority of the active voting members present at such a meeting.

Such action on the part of the Assembly is not to be considered as affecting the standing of the Pastor with the General Council

fellowship.

Article IV. Finances

- Sec. 1. The Assembly shall be financed by the scriptural system of tithes and offerings. A Treasurer or Financial Secretary shall keep a written account of all finances. Mal. 3:10, Luke 6:38, I Cor. 16:1,2.
- Sec. 2. The Assembly will support World Missions with at least ten percent (10%) of the total offerings.

Article V. Departments

There shall be a Christian Education Department and a Youth Department. Other Departments (Women's Ministries Department, Men's Ministries Department, etc.), may be added as needed.

Article VI. Property

- Sec. 1. The Board of Deacon, as Trustees, shall have the oversight of all real and personal property of the Assembly.
- Sec. 2. All property, real or personal, shall be held in corporate name.
- Sec. 3. Personal property of the Assembly may be acquired, sold, leased, exchanged, mortgaged, encumbered, or otherwise assigned or transferred by the officers of the Board of Deacons, as Trustees, with authorization from the Board of Deacons.
- Sec. 4. No real property shall be acquired, sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise alienated until:
- (1) The Board of Deacons, as Trustees, shall have approved a resolution recommending the sale, exchange, mortgage, encumbrance, or other disposition of real property.
 - (2) Such resolution is submitted for adoption by the members at an official business meeting with due notice for three (3) successive Sundays immediately preceding the meeting by church publication and announcement. Notice of said meetings shall state the purpose for such meeting.
 - (3) The resolution is recommended by a vote of at least two-thirds of the voting members present.
- Sec. 5. Upon passing of the above resolution, the Board of Deacons, through its elected officers, as Trustees, shall complete the documents necessary to fulfil the wishes of the Assembly.

Article VII. Official Meetings

Sec. 1. Business Meetings

- (a) The annual business meeting shall be held in the month of _____ at such time and place as the Board of Deacons shall decide, for the election of officers as well as other matter pertaining to the business of the Assembly. Due notice of said meeting shall be given for at least three (3) successive Sundays immediately preceding it, by church publication and by announcement.
- (b) Special business meetings may be called by the Pastor, the Board of Deacons, or any ten (10) members of the Assembly who sign a petition and place it in the hands of the Pastor or Secretary of the Board of Deacons. Special meetings called by petition must be scheduled between fourteen (14) and forty (40) days of its receipt. Due notice shall be given for three (3) successive Sundays immediately preceding the meeting by church publication and announcement. Notice of said meetings shall state the purpose for such meeting.
- (c) Quorum (Select Option 1 or 2)
- (Option 1) At least thirty percent (30%), or fifty (50) members, whichever is less, must be present and sign the roster at a business meeting to constitute a quorum.
- (Option 2) The active voting members of the Assembly present at a business meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- (d) The business of the Assembly shall be decided by a majority of the voting members present at any of its regular or special meetings except as specified herein.
- (e) Business meetings of the Assembly (Church Corporation) shall be governed by the acceptable rules of parliamentary procedure in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

Sec. 2. Board Meetings

- (a) The Board of Deacons shall meet at least once a month at such time and day as agreed upon.
- (b) A majority of the Board of Deacons being present at any of their meetings shall be considered a quorum.

Sec. 3. No member, or any number of members, shall conduct any private meeting with divisive intent. (Rom. 16:17, 18; Titus 3:10,11)

Article VIII. Relationship

This Assembly shall be in cooperative fellowship with the General Council of the Assemblies of God and the Minnesota District Council of the Assemblies of God as stated in the Articles of Incorporation.

Article IX. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special business meeting of the Assembly by a majority vote of the membership present.

EXHIBIT "A"

Remedial Procedures

(To Comply with Minnesota State Statute Annotated 317.411)

- I. "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell his fault between thee and him alone." (Matt. 18:15) The information will be kept in strict confidence and the Pastor may assist.
- II. If the alleged violation continues, another warning of such violation should be given him in the presence of two (2) other witnesses.
- III. If the member continues in the alleged violation after steps (1) and (2) have been taken, a complaint shall be filed with the corporate Secretary, requesting a hearing of this matter by the Board of Deacons. If after investigation, the Board does not deem the evidence conclusive, the Board may exercise its discretion to dismiss the action. See Matt. 18:17 and Bylaws Article II, Sec. 3, (d).
- IV. The Board of Deacons, having officially received the complaint, shall schedule a hearing for the purpose of resolving the issue of violation and membership.
- V. The Secretary shall mail a notice of the hearing not less than 15 days from the date of the hearing, to the complainant and the alleged violator. The notice shall set forth the date, time, place, and purpose of this hearing. The notice should instruct the parties to be fully prepared with their evidence and witnesses relating to the issues. The alleged violator may be heard orally or in writing.

VI. Hearing

- A. The Pastor is the Chairman who conducts the hearing.
- B. Standards are found in the Articles of Incorporation, Tenets of Faith and Bylaws. Guidelines from the Scriptures include Matt. 18:15-18; Rom. 16:17, 18; I Cor. 5:1-5, 11; II Cor. 2:6, 7; II Thess. 3:11-15.
- C. Each party has the right to ask questions of the other party in the order directed by the Chairman of the hearing.
- D. After receiving all of the evidence during a fair hearing wherein the proof of the allegations were presented, the Board of Deacons, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members present, may remove the name of a member from the membership record. Such removal of the name is effective seven (7) days after the Board decision has been issued. If an appeal is made, such member shall be temporarily suspended from active voting membership pending the action of the Assembly.
- E. The decision of the Board of Deacons shall stand unless reversed by a majority vote of the membership present at an Assembly

(corporation) business meeting.

VII. The disciplined party has a right of such appeal to the membership of the Assembly. Such application for an appeal hearing shall be filed with the Secretary within seven (7) days from the date the Board of Deacons issued its decisions to remove the name of the disciplined member from the membership record. The Assembly has no jurisdiction to hear the matter if the time for appeal by the disciplined party has expired, and the action of the Board of Deacons will stand.

VIII. A special meeting of the Assembly to conduct this appeal hearing must be called within thirty (30) days from the date the appeal is filed. A decision by the majority vote of the members present at such a meeting shall be final with no further appeal.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. **Articles of Incorporation.**
Articles of Incorporation is a document filed with the State of Minnesota by the Assembly electing to be governed by the Minnesota Corporation Law, which empowers the Assembly to act as a legal entity, allowing it to transact business like a natural person. (See Article I, Sec. 1, (g).
2. **Assembly.**
A congregation incorporated under the religious (MSA 315) or non-profit (317A) corporation statutes of the State of Minnesota, and affiliated with the Minnesota District Council of the Assemblies of God. (See Article I Sec. 1.)
3. **Board of Deacons.**
The Board of Deacons consists of the Pastor and duly elected Deacons. Deacons shall act in an advisory capacity and work in cooperation with the Pastor in all matters pertaining to the Assembly in its spiritual life and in the ministry of its ordinances. (See Article II, Sec. 3.)
4. **Board of Trustees.**
This Board shall manage all of the affairs, property, and business of the church corporation. (See Article II, Sec. 4.)
5. **Bylaws.**
Corporation provisions relating to the management or regulation of the affairs of the corporation consistent with the law and the Articles of Incorporation.
6. **Common Law State of Matrimony.**
In the State of Minnesota, a Common Law Marriage occurs when contracted without a marriage license; and not contracted in the presence of two witnesses; and not solemnized by one authorized by

the laws of the State. Such marriages are null and void in Minnesota. (See Article I, Sec. 1, (j).

7. **Minnesota District Council of the Assemblies of God.**
Legal and corporate name for the association of churches and ministers that make up the Minnesota District is the Minnesota District Council of the Assemblies of God. (See Article II, Sec. 1, (a).
8. **Exofficio Member.**
A member by virtue of office or position. (See Article II, Sec. 1, (b), (4).
9. **General Council of the Assemblies of God.**
The legal, corporate name of the central governing body of the United States affiliates of the Assemblies of God ministers and churches, with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri. (See Article II, Sec. 1, (a).
10. **Membership Roll.**
Any person eighteen (18) years of age, or more, whose name has been submitted to the Board of Deacons of this church corporation for its consideration and approval, and has been received into the Assembly publicly shall be included in a record known as the membership roll. (See Article I, Sec. 4.)
11. **Ordinances.**
A religious rite or ceremony. (See Article II, Sec. 3, (c), (1).
12. **Personal Property.**
A chattel, or a movable article of property. (See Article VI, Sec. 1.)
13. **Quorum.**
The minimum number of members of a corporate body required to be present at a meeting for the legal transaction of business. The number of members constituting a quorum is set by the bylaws. Two options of a required quorum for Assembly action at the business meeting may be found in the suggested bylaws. (See Article VII, Sec. 1, (c).
14. **Real Property.**
Land, including whatever is made part of or attached to it by man or nature, as trees, buildings, etc. (See Article VI, Sec. 1.)
15. **Right of Initiative.**
The power of initiating corporate action. A member in good standing may present a proposition or suggestion in writing to the Pastor or Secretary, who shall present the same to the corporate body for consideration. (See Article III, Sec. 3.)
16. **Tenets of Faith.**

As set forth in specific terms in Exhibit "A" of the suggested Articles of Incorporation which constitutes the doctrine of this Assembly. (See Article I, Sec. 1, (g).