

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS OF NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Changes in ARTICLE III – Meeting of Members

Section 1. ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting of the members of the Church shall be the last Sunday of February of each year. Ballots shall be made available for eligible members including shut-ins and absentee parties for business requiring voting.

Section 1 will be eliminated

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of the members shall be held when directed by the Board of Elders or when requested in writing by not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of all the membership entitled to vote. The meeting requested by the members shall be called for a date not less than ten (10), nor more than sixty (60) days after the request is made unless the members requesting the meeting designate a later date.

The first sentence of Section 2 will read:

Section 2. MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH. Meetings of the members of the church shall be held when directed by the Board of Elders or when requested in writing by not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of all the membership entitled to vote.”

Changes in ARTICLE V - Elders, Ministry Leaders (Deacon/Deaconess), Ministers

Section 6. TERMS OF OFFICE: Elders will be elected for three year terms, after which the Elder must observe a one year sabbatical. If the office of any Elder is vacated between elections, the remaining Elders may determine to appoint a replacement to complete the unexpired term. If the unexpired term is one year or less, the appointee will not be required to observe a sabbatical before he is eligible for election to a full term.

Section 6 will read:

Section 6. TERMS OF OFFICE: Elders will serve a three year term with possibility of a second three year term followed by a mandatory one year off. If the office of any Elder is vacated the position may be filled in accordance with the existing selection process

The following paragraph in Section 6 will be deleted :

The election of Elders shall take place at the annual meeting of the Church and shall be by secret ballot. Elders must be elected by no less than seventy-five percent (75%) affirmative votes of the eligible members present and voting and valid absentee ballots.

The following paragraph will be added to Section 6:

The number of elders will be determined by the existing elders based upon the needs of the church. The minimum number will be 2. There is no maximum number of elders required.

Section 7. NOMINATION FOR SELECTION OF ELDERS: In January of each year the church will be provided an opportunity to submit the names of those they would like to be considered for the position of Elder. A screening committee consisting of Elders and the Senior Minister will take the names under advisement, contact the individuals named to see if they are interested in being considered for the position of Elder and prepare a list from which Elders will be selected.

Section 7 will read:

Section 7. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF ELDERS. Potential elders will be presented to the congregation in accordance with the procedure outlined in the Policy and Procedures manual.