

Proposed Bylaw Change to the Bylaws for the Shelbourne Street Church of Christ
Voted on at the Annual General Meeting, January 25, 2026

Current Wording:

Article I - TERMS OF ADMISSION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

1. Any person approved by the Elders shall be accepted for membership in the Church.
2. Only members shall have the right to attend, speak, and vote at Annual or Special Meetings, as prescribed in Article III of these bylaws
3. Each member shall uphold the Constitution and comply with the Bylaws and subscribe wholeheartedly, in writing, to the following obligations:
“I commit to God and to the other members of the Shelbourne Street Church of Christ the following Membership Covenant”:
 - (a) The willingness to be baptized as a sign of the grace I have received through faith in Christ.
 - (b) The desire to cultivate a hunger and thirst for God—expressed in regular participation in Sunday worship.
 - (c) The intention to conform to Christ in all areas of my life, and, with God’s help, not to engage in ongoing acts of sin.
 - (d) The desire to contribute regularly and faithfully, as God blesses me, toward the work of the Church and throughout the world. This includes, but is not limited to, giving of my money, time, and talents to the ongoing mission of this Church.
 - (e) The recognition of my own sinfulness and the desire to maintain a humble attitude toward God and a forgiving and loving attitude toward fellow members.
 - (f) The willingness to permit myself to be lovingly admonished according to Scripture and those procedures followed by the Church (subject to the provisions of Article II).

Proposed Changes of Wording:

Article I - TERMS OF ADMISSION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

1. Any person **who commits to the Membership Covenant (3., below) and is approved by the Elders shall be accepted for membership in the Church.**
2. Only members **of our legal society** shall have the right to attend, speak, and vote at Annual or Special Meetings, as prescribed in Article III of these bylaws.
3. Each member shall uphold the Constitution and comply with the By-laws and subscribe wholeheartedly **to the following obligations. Commitment to this Membership Covenant shall be in writing or made verbally to an Elder or Senior Minister (who will record this as witnesses in writing):**
“I commit to God and to the other members of the Shelbourne Street Church of Christ the following Membership Covenant”:
 - (a) **I am a Christian, believing in and confessing Jesus as Lord, repenting of my sins, and I have received baptism as one capable of making a personal decision about who Jesus is for me.**
 - (b) **I desire** to cultivate a hunger and thirst for God—expressed in regular participation in Sunday worship.
 - (c) **I intend** to conform to Christ in all areas of my life, and,

with God's help, not to engage in ongoing acts of sin.

(d) **I desire** to contribute regularly and faithfully, as God blesses me, toward the work of the Church and throughout the world. This includes, but is not limited to, giving of my money, time, and talents to the ongoing mission of this Church.

(e) **I recognize** my own sinfulness and desire to maintain a humble attitude toward God and a forgiving and loving attitude toward fellow members.

(f) **I am willing** to permit myself to be lovingly admonished according to Scripture and those procedures followed by the Church (subject to the provisions of Article II).