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Additions to the Church Constitution are bolded, items recommended for removal are struck through.

1. Article I, Section 4: Watchcare, C. (Page 6)

“Although not a member, a person in Watchcare of the church may receive all of the ministries and participate in all the programs and activities of the church with the exception of voting, holding office, exercising elected positions of leadership, **and long-term teaching roles.**

2. Article II, Church Officers and Spiritual Leaders (Page 7)

“The spiritual leaders of this church shall consist of **male** elders, ordained ministers, and deacons as set forth in this Article, in addition to any other staff members called by this church.”

3. Article II, Church Officers and Spiritual Leaders, Section 1: Elders, B: Duties and Responsibilities, **3.** (Page 8)

An addition of the following:

3. “Elders have the responsibility to oversee all teachers, teaching material, and Bible studies.

4. Article II, Church Officers and Spiritual Leaders Section 6: Deacons, C. (Page 14)

“A questionnaire will be used by the Deacon Nominating Committee to assist in the examination process. Representative(s) from the Deacon Nominating Committee will ~~visit~~ **communicate with** each nominee to give the nominee the Prospective Deacon’s Questionnaire and then to ascertain his willingness and availability to serve.”

“The church membership shall be advised ~~--by mail or church bulletin--~~ **by written communication** at least two weeks in advance of the election date and names of the candidates.”

6. Article II, Church Officers and Spiritual Leaders Page 15, Article II, Section 6: Deacons, **H. I.** (Page 15)



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Addition of the following:

H. Voluntary resignation- a deacon may step down at any time he chooses. The deacon should prayerfully reflect on this decision and seek counsel from the board of elders before making a final decision. Another eligible man of the church may be nominated and voted on to fulfill the remainder of that deacon's tenure.

I. Involuntary dismissal- If a church member believes that a deacon has compromised his office, they should express their concern to the elder body. The elders will decide whether disciplinary action is appropriate. If action is necessary, the deacon will be rebuked and restoration should be sought in accordance with the instruction of 1 Timothy 5:19-20; Galatians 6:1, and Matthew 18:15-18. If the issue cannot be resolved, the matter will be presented to the church for a vote on the removal of the deacon.

7. Article II, Church Officers and Spiritual Leaders, Section 7: Other Church Officers, D. Secretary (Pages 15-16)

~~"Secretary. The Secretary shall keep in~~ **oversee** a suitable book of record of all church actions taken at regular and specially called church business meetings and a register of all members, their dates of admission, baptism, and dismissal- either by letter, action or death. ~~Officers, members of committees, and delegates shall be notified of their election or appointment by the Secretary. The Secretary shall also~~ **oversee the issuing of** letters of dismissal when granted by the church, **the writing of** official reports and ~~give~~ required legal notice of all meetings.

8. Article II, Church Officers and Spiritual Leaders, Section 7: Other Church Officers, E. Treasurer (Page 16)

~~"Payments of bills for local work and expenses shall be made promptly by check, and all funds received for denominational or other causes shall be remitted by check at least quarterly. Each month, The Treasurer shall render an accounting of the income and expenses of the church for the previous month, which is given to the finance committee and within thirty days of the end of a calendar year, s/he shall render an annual report of the income and expenses to the church. Financial reports will be shared regularly with the finance committee.~~



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9. Article III, Church Committees, Section 2: Finance Committee (Page 17)

“The committee shall be responsible for monitoring the finances of the church throughout the church year and shall meet ~~at least quarterly~~ **as needed.**”

10. Article VI, Church Finances, Section 1: Financial Responsibilities of Membership (Page 21)

“Membership in this church involves a financial obligation to support the church and its causes with regular, ~~proportionate~~ **Biblical** gifts.