

ARTICLE VI. CHURCH GOVERNANCE

(1) The Church Council

The governance of the Church shall be vested in its members through the Church Council.

The terms of office of Church Council members shall be three (3) years, with a one-time option to serve an additional year. After serving a full elected term on the Church Council (excluding any time served by appointment to fill a partial term), a member shall, for one year thereafter, be ineligible for re-election to Church Council. Youth members (under age 20) shall serve a term of any length (1-3 years). In no event may a member be eligible to serve more than five (5) consecutive years. Elections shall be held annually and be so arranged that the terms of office of one-third of the Church Council members shall expire each year.

The Church Council shall meet regularly as deemed necessary by the moderator or a majority of Council members.

Membership

The Church Council shall consist of at least thirteen (13) and no more than seventeen (17) persons, who shall be elected by the members of the Church in accordance with the laws of Illinois and Article VII of this Constitution. Elders elected into service on Council will take office upon their ordination in a worship service at a date to be set by Council. A quorum shall consist of seven (7) members. In addition, the Pastor(s) shall be member(s) ex-officio without vote.

Members and former members of the Church Council shall be eligible to membership and office in the higher judicatories of the denominations with which the Church is affiliated.

Functions

The functions of the Church Council shall be as follows:

- a. (same)
- b. In consultation with the Nominating Committee, it shall organize itself and the church each year with a structure that is responsive to the ongoing needs of the congregation (including education, finance, property, mission, fellowship, worship, etc.) Further, the Council will present a "Ministry Outline" to the congregation each year at the annual meeting, which will specifically detail how the church shall be structured.

- c. It shall, upon resolution, delegate specific duties and discretionary authority to each Standing Committee and may from time to time change the specific duties and discretionary authority of any Standing Committee. It shall have the power to reconfigure existing or constitute additional Standing Committees, *ad hoc* committees and task forces to assist in carrying forward an integrated program for the whole Church.
- d. It shall elect from its lay membership its Chairperson and a Church Clerk. The Chairperson and the Clerk shall be elected for a one-year term and shall be eligible for re-election to one additional one-year term. The Chairperson of the Church Council shall also serve as the Moderator of the Church, and shall be entitled to cast a vote on any matter at any meeting only in the event that the voting on that matter would otherwise result in a vote evenly divided between the affirmative and the negative.
- e. (same)
- f. (same)
- g. (same)
- h. (same)
- i. (same)
- j. (same)
- k. (same)
- l. (same)
- m. (same)
- n. (same)

(2) Nominating Committee

The Congregation shall have a Nominating Committee that shall consist of one (1) member of Church Council and not less than four (4) other members elected at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall work with the Council in creating the Ministry Outline and implementing it.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTION PROCEDURES
(REMAINS THE SAME)

ARTICLE VIII. THE CHURCH STAFF
REMAINS THE SAME EXCEPT ...

Clergy Staff

Paragraph 3, sentence 3, change “Senior Pastor(s)” to “Lead Pastor”

Non-Clergy Staff

Change “Senior Pastor(s)” to “Lead Pastor”

ARTICLE IX. BUSINESS MEETINGS
REMAINS THE SAME EXCEPT ...

Special Meetings

First sentence change “Senior Pastor(s) to “Lead Pastor”.