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Constitution and By-Laws of First Assembly of God

PREAMBLE

For the purpose of establishing and maintaining a place of worship of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father; to provide for Christian Fellowship for those of like precious faith, where the Holy Ghost may be honored according to our distinctive testimony; to assume our share of responsibility and the privilege of propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both at home and in foreign lands; we, recognize ourselves as a local assembly in fellowship with and a part of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and of the Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God; and declare that we hereby adopt the following articles of church order and submit ourselves to be governed by them.

Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this church shall be First Assembly of God of the City of Independence, State of Kansas.

ARTICLE II. PREROGATIVES

Section 1. This Assemblies of God church shall have the right to govern itself according to the standards of the New Testament Scriptures, "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.....till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:3, 13)

Section 2. In connection therewith, or incidental thereto, it 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 constitution and bylaws or as the same may be amended hereafter.

ARTICLE III. AFFILIATION AND RELATIONSHIP

This assembly declares itself to be voluntarily in full cooperative fellowship with all other churches affiliated with the Kansas District Council, and the General Council of the Assemblies of God, with the headquarters in Springfield, Missouri; and shares in the privileges and assumes the responsibilities enjoyed by this affiliation.

A. As a member of the General Council this assembly agrees to:

1. Cooperate by every possible means in extension of God's work and Kingdom throughout the world.

2. Support the missionary program agreed upon by the District and General Council.

3. Participate in District and General Council Sessions via duly chosen delegates.

4. Invite the Council of the district officiary in the event of church difficulty and when changing Pastors.

5. Share in support of the District and General Council. (See General Council By-Laws, Article XIX, Section 3, Paragraph b, and all of Section 4.)

6. Recognize that the District Council or the General Council of the Assemblies of God shall have the right to:

   a. Approve scriptural doctrine and conduct;
   b. Disapprove unscriptural doctrine and conduct, as stated in Article II, paragraph f, of the General Council Constitution; and
   c. Withdraw its certificates of membership if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE IV. TENANTS OF FAITH

This assembly accepts the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God, and the all sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, to wit:

1. The Scriptures Inspired

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired from God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (2Timothy 3: 1517; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 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; Isa43:10, 11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22).

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; 1 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; 1 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 may by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1 :26, 17; 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. Condition of 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 evidence of Salvation
The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 3:16).

The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:13).

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 in Christ as Savior 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 fruit of the vine - is a symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers "till He comes!"

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; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:4446; 11:14-16; 15:7-10). With the baptism in the Holy Ghost comes 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 work and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

8. The 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 (1 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; 1 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" (1 Peter 1:15,16).

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).

11. The Ministry

Our Lord has provided a divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry for the three-fold purpose of leading the Church in:

1. Evangelization of the World (Mark 16: 15-20).
2. Worship of God (John 4:23, 24r
3. Building a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:1116).

12. Divine Healing

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for 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 (1 Thessalonians 4:16. 17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13, 1 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 and His Saints to reign for one thousand years (Zech. 14:5; Matthew 25:27; Rev. 1:7, 19:11-14,20:1-6). The millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezek. 37:21, 22; Zeph. 3:19-20; Romans 11:26, 27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalms 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 burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Rev. 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." (2 Peter 3:13; Rev 21:1)

Article V. ORDINANCES

Section 1:

The ordinance of Baptism by immersion in water (Mathew 28:19) shall be administered to all who have repented of their sins and who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls, and who give clear evidence of their salvation (Romans 6:3-5; Col. 2:12)

Section 2:

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed regularly as enjoined in Scriptures (Luke 22:19, 20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26).

Article VI. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the assembly in attendance at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided due notice of such proposed change shall have been made at all the services at least two consecutive Sundays immediately prior to the time of such meeting. It shall be understood that this does not apply to the Articles of Faith which stands regardless of majority.

First Assembly of God

Bylaws

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Membership Eligibility: Membership in this Assembly shall be to all those who give evidence of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and who voluntarily subscribes to its Tenants of Faith and agree to be governed by its Constitution and Bylaws as herein set forth. No applicant for membership shall be considered until after a period of not less than three months of faithful attendance. No new or transferring member, from another Pentecostal denomination, shall be eligible to vote during any business meeting that comes within a period of two months of becoming a member. Those transferring in from another Assemblies of God church in good standing will not be required to wait the two month period.

Qualifications for Membership:

1. Evidence of a genuine experience in regeneration (the new birth) Jo. 1:12, 13;3:3-8; 1Peter 1:18-25
2. Evidence of a consistent Christian life. Ro 6:4; 8:1-4; 13:13,14; Eph. 4:17-32, 5:1,2,15; 1John 1:6,7
3. To fully subscribe to the tenets of faith as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaw rules of order adopted by this Assembly
4. Willingness to contribute of tithe and offering for the support of the assembly according to his or her ability.
5. Baptism by immersion in water (Mathew 28:19) shall be administered to all who have repented of their sins and who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls.

Reception of Members:

1. Persons desiring to become active members of the assembly shall make the fact known to the pastor, who shall examine the applicant according to the standards of membership.
2. The pastor shall present the names of those who apply for membership with his recommendation to the Board who shall act upon said recommendation and render a final decision. All persons who have met the requirements and have been approved shall be received into the assembly publicly at any of the regular Sunday services and their names inscribed on the roster.

Section 2:

Voting Membership: All those whose name are on the membership roll and meet the scriptural standards for membership shall constitute legal voting member of the assembly. The members eligible to vote shall be eighteen (18) years of age or over, they regularly attend and take part in the services, they are living consistent Christian lives and are in agreement with our distinctive testimony.

Membership shall be available for young people under eighteen (18) years of age who give evidence of the new birth, having received Christ as their personal savior, and who meet the usual qualifications for membership established by this assembly. They shall have voting privileges at eighteen (18).

Section 3:

Members who can no longer be active in church affairs, but who wish to be associated with the church and who are in good standing, may be placed on a non-voting membership list.

A. Sever/Transfer: Members in good standing who may wish to sever their relationship with the assembly, or who may desire to be transferred to some other congregation, may apply to the secretary for a letter, which shall be granted on the approval of the Pastor and Board. Said letter shall be signed by the Pastor and the secretary of the assembly.

B. Revise Membership

a. The Pastor and Board shall be authorized to revise the membership role of the assembly at least annually, and to remove from the active members all names of those who may have become deceased during the year, together with the names of those who may have withdrawn from the fellowship. Those who may have fallen into sin and whose lives may have become inconsistent with the standards and teachings of the assembly shall be moved to inactive or removed. The following rules and instructions shall be observed as occasion may require. Matt 18: 15-17, Ro. 16:17-18; 1 Cor 5:1-5; 2 Thess. 3:2,6-16

b. If a name is removed for just cause, the one whose name is removed shall be notified of the action of the pastor and board through the secretary. If appeal is made to the Board for reconsideration of their action and reinstatement is not granted, the dismissed member may appeal to the active membership at a called meeting. The action of the assembly, by a majority vote, shall be considered final.

Section 4: Elected Pastor:

The elected Pastor and his wife shall be members of the assembly and hold all voting privileges except that which pertains to the election of the Pastor.

Section 5: Inactive Membership:

Active member's who shall, without a good cause, do any following:

A. Be absent from the assembly for three (3) consecutive months or more
B. Cease to contribute their means of support
C. Out of harmony with the assembly teachings
D. Shall be under charges of misconduct
E. Have fallen under condemnation through sinful or worldly practices

Shall be considered an inactive member and lose their voting privileges until they are restored to the fellowship. Restoration to the fellowship to be settled by the definite action of the assembly through its elected officers.

Discipline

A. Any member of the assembly who shall willfully absent themselves from the regular services of the assembly for a period of three (3) consecutive months, or who is under charges, shall be temporarily suspended from active membership pending investigation and final decision of their case.
B. Unscriptural conduct or doctrinal departure from the Tenets of Faith held by this assembly shall be considered grounds upon which any person may be disqualified as a member. Matt 18:15-18; Ro. 16:17-18; 1Cor 5:11; Gal. 1:8-9; Titus 3:1-15

Article II. Officers

Section 1 Pastor:

A. Duty shall be considered as the Spiritual overseer of the Assembly and shall direct all of its activities. He shall be president of the corporation and shall act as a chairman of all the business meetings of the assembly and of the Board. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees or departments. He shall provide for all the services of the assembly and shall arrange for all special meetings, conventions, or revivals campaigns. No person shall be invited to speak or preach in the assembly without his approval.

B. There shall be a Board of Deacons, a secretary, and a treasurer. Other officers shall be added from the membership of the assembly in good standing as may be needed.

Section 2 Deacons:

A. The purpose of the First Assembly of God Church Board of Deacons is to provide prayerful advice and council to help the pastor. The church board of Deacons will consist of not less than five members and shall function under the leadership of the Pastor.

B. Qualifications for the Church Board is that they shall be mature individuals in full fellowship with the assembly, praying soul winners whose faithfulness shall have been in evidence and whose lives and conduct shall conform to following scriptures: Acts 6:3; 1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter 5:1-5; and 1 John 4:7-8. A church board member must be filled with the Holy Spirit or in earnestly seeking the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Deacons on the Church Board shall also be expected to meet the requirements as set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Acts 6. Qualified individual who have divorced and remarried are allowed to serve as deacons on the board if they meet the qualifications as stated by the General Council and Kansas District By-laws revision regarding credential holders.

C. Administrative affairs of the church shall be carried on by the board except in matters affecting the entire body. In such cases, they shall present their recommendations to the entire church for ratification.

D. The Board is chosen to serve the church and therefore shall act in an advisory capacity with the pastor in all matters pertaining to the Assembly in its spiritual life and in the ministry of its ordinances. The Board shall act in the examination of applicants for membership, and also in the administration of discipline.

E. A majority present at any meeting of the Board shall constitute a quorum, provided all the members have been notified to be present. In the event the assembly is temporarily without a pastor, or the pastor is unable to attend, the Board is empowered to provide for its own chairman from its membership in order to transact business for the assembly.

F. The Board shall be the custodians of all the real property of the assembly. They shall meet for the discharge of the duties as necessity may demand,, subject to the call of the pastor, who shall serve as chairman.

G. Secretary – Chosen by the Board he or she shall keep all the minutes of the official meetings of the assembly. He or she shall keep a record of the membership of the assembly and perform any other clerical work necessary to properly discharge their duties. He or she shall be the custodian of all legal documents and the corporate seal.

H. Treasure – Chosen by the Board he or she shall be entrusted with all the finances of the assembly which may be committed to them. The Board shall deposit all funds in a responsible bank in the name of the assembly, and shall disburse the same by check or electronic check, as authorized by the pastor and the board. The treasurer shall keep present an itemized report at the regular meetings of the board and summarized report to the assembly quarterly and at its regular business meetings. The account shall be audited under the direction of the pastor and board.

Section 3: Election of Pastor and Deacons:

Pastor:

A. The Pastor shall be elected, for a two year term, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any legal meeting of the assembly members. He or she shall be nominated by the Church Board after consultation with the District Officers regarding available candidates. Only one name shall be voted on at a time. The election shall be taken at the Annual Business Meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. After (2) years the Pastor shall be voted on by a secret ballot and a 2/3 majority vote of the members to retain his position.

B. The Pastor that is elected to serve, after a two year term, shall have a confidence vote taken by secret ballot every two years thereafter. Ballots will be given to the Pastor who will review them privately.

Pastor Removal:

In the event a Pastor has serious charges preferred against him or his ministry has ceased to be affective, and no provision has been made for the termination of his ministry, the responsibility is vested in the Church Board to ask for the resignation of the Pastor at any of the regular business meetings. If such resignation is refused, the pastorate shall not be considered vacant until action of the Church Board has been sustained by a majority vote of the membership present and voting at a meeting called for the purpose, such meeting to be presided over by a district officer.

When a vacancy in the pastorate shall occur, an Interim shall be arranged for by the Church Board until a Pastor shall be chosen as prescribed in Section 1. In the case of a Pastor's removal from office, a report of such action shall be made to the District Council office.

Upon receiving the resignation of the Pastor by the Church Board, the resigning Pastor shall have up to, and no longer than, thirty (30) days from resignation date to finalize personal activities and vacate the church parsonage, unless extenuating circumstances occur and approval is given by the Church Board for more time.

Deacons:

The Board of Deacons shall be chosen from the membership of the assembly. They shall be nominated by a nominating committee appointed by the Church Board and elected by a 51% majority vote at the Annual Business Meeting. Their terms of office shall be for three (3) years from the time of election by voting on (2) deacons one year and (1)deacon the following in a repeating cycle. The nominating committee will be comprised of the Pastor, one Deacon, and two members outside of the Board, to be "appointed by the Pastor and Church Board".

Qualifications of a Deacon:

1 Timothy 3: Acts 6: Titus 1

a. Be responsible within the community
b. Earnest wholehearted follower of Chirst
c. Involved in ministry within the Assembly
d. Refrains from alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs
e. Their spouses must not be guilty of gossip but faithful in everthing they do
f. Have only one spouse i.e. not guilty of polygamy
g. Fulfill their family responsibilities
h. A good example of Chirstian stewardship; time, talent, and tithe
i. Full of the Holy Ghost\
j. Not driven by worldly pleasures
k. Must have been a member of the assembly at least one (1) year
l. Must be 23 years of age

B. Officer Vacancies:

Any office may be declared vacant by an act of a majority of the membership of the Church Board at any regular business meeting of the Church Board. In the event that an office is vacated, the unexpired term shall be filled by appointment by the Pastor and Church Board.

Ground for such action shall be: (1) unscriptural conduct; (2) departure from the Tenants of Faith; (3) incompetence in office; and, (4) any good and sufficient cause.

Any incumbent under charges shall have the opportunity for a hearing of his case before the Assembly if he so request.

C. Absentee Ballots:

Absentee ballots may be accepted in any election in the church which has been legally announced, provided proof is presented to the residing officer (Pastor) that unavoidable circumstances have prevented the voter from being present at such meeting at least three (3) days prior to the election. Such ballots must be signed by the absentee voter and presented in a signed and sealed envelope.

Article III. Worship / Business

Section 1:

Meetings for public worship shall be held on each Lord's Day and during the week as may be provided for under the direction of the Pastor and the Church Board.

Section 2:

There shall be an Annual Business Meeting of the Assembly at which the election of a deacon for a three (3) year term shall take place. This meeting shall be held in the month of January each calendar year. The time and place shall be announced by the Pastor. Due notice shall be given two Sundays immediately prior to the date of the said meeting.

Section 3:

A. Special business meetings of the Assembly may be called when necessary, after proper notice has been given by the Pastor or by the secretary of the Assembly, provided the meeting has been agreed upon by a majority of the Church Board.

B. Special meetings may also be called by petition having been by not less than 51% of the active membership of the assembly, the petition to be placed in the hands of the Pastor or the secretary, and the announcement made on two Sundays immediately prior to the date of meeting. However, before the right of petition is exercised, the church shall request the help of the district officiary.

Section 4:

No record of any special regular business meeting shall be made unless 2/3 or more of the active members shall be present to constitute a quorum.

Section 5:

The Church Board, with the Pastor, shall meet at least monthly for the transaction of routine business for the Assembly. Time and place to be announced by the Pastor.

ARTICLE IV. DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1:

Appointments and Duties – Sunday School

A. The church shall sponsor a Sunday School Department to serve as an Evangelistic and Educational Agency in which individuals of all ages are grouped by age, school grade or interest for Bible learning sessions.

B. The activities of the Sunday School Department shall be under the general oversight of the Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent.

C. The Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Secretary shall be elected annually by simple majority.

D. The Sunday School shall operate according to a Sunday School policy as outlined in a separate document. All Sunday School officers shall be appointed as outlined by the Sunday school policy.

Section 2:

Youth Ministries

A. Authorization and Purpose

There shall be a Youth Department whose purpose shall be to promote the spiritual life of the youth of the church by providing opportunities for worship, fellowship, training, and evangelism.

B. Officers

The Youth Department may elect their own officers, subject to the approval of the Pastor and the Church Board.

C. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held weekly or otherwise as determined by the Youth Department, provided such services do not conflict with nor detract from the regular meetings.

D. Relationships

1. To the Pastor

The Youth Department shall be under the general supervision of the Pastor, whose counsel, advice, and direction shall be respected in all actions. He shall be considered an honorary member of the organization and an ex officio member of all its committees.

2. To the Church

The Youth Department shall be considered a ministry of the local church and their activities shall be conducted in harmony and cooperation with the regular services of the church.

3. To the District

This organization shall cooperate to the fullest possible extent with the District Youth Programs, including; area and sectional rallies, Speed the Light and District retreats and conventions.

Section 3: Men's and Women's Fellowship

A. Men's Ministry

1. Purpose and Objectives

In general, the purpose of this department is to provide opportunity for the men of this church to have a closer fellowship with each other and to cooperate in assisting the Pastor in accomplishing the objectives for which the church exist.

2. Officers

All officers shall be chosen from the active membership in good standing with the local church.

B. Women's Ministry

1. Authorization and Purpose

The local Women's Ministries group shall function as a department of the local church. Its primary responsibility shall be to act as an agency of the church in fulfilling its three-fold mission; ministry to the Lord, to the church, and to the world.

2. Officers

All officers shall be chose from the active membership in good standing with the local church.

Section 4: Other Departments as needed, other departments or committees may be established after consultant with, and then under, the general supervision of the Pastor and Board.

Article V. Sunday School Policy

See Attached Policy

Artilce VI. Finances and Property

All funds for the maintenance of the assembly shall be provided by the tithes and offerings of the members and friends of the organization. Offering shall be accepted by the assembly at such times and ways as agreed upon by the Pastor and Church Board, and shall be administered by the treasurer under their direction (Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38; 1 Corinthians 16:12; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

Section 1:

Property All property of the assembly shall be deeded to the assembly and held in its name, or, if the church is not incorporated, by the Church Board and their successors in office: No real property of the assembly shall be sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise disposed of without having first been recommended by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership who are in attendance at a regular meeting or special meeting of the assembly which has been called for the consideration of the proposal. The Pastor and the secretary of the assembly shall certify in such conveyance, lease, or mortgage that the same has been duly authorized and recommended by a vote of the assembly. Such certificates shall be held to be conclusive evidence thereof.

No promissory notes, bonds, or other obligations which are to be secured by mortgages or real estate of the church, shall be issued nor shall such mortgage be executed without having been authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special business meeting of the church.

Section 2: Defection

In the event defection shall occur from the tenants of faith of this church as the same are stated in Statement of Fundamental Truths in the Constitution of General Council of the Assemblies of God, or from affiliation with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, said tenants of faith and retaining membership with First Assemblies of God shall retain possession of, and title to, all properties of said church full rights thereto as provided in its Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 3: Cease to Function/Cessation

In the event this church shall cease to function for the purposes as declared hereto in its Articles of Agreement and/or the Articles of its Constitution, then after providing for the payment of its debts, the remaining assets will not benefit any private person or persons, but all such remaining assets shall revert to, and be transferred to the Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God, a Kansas Corporation with headquarters in Wichita, Kansas. The Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God shall have full authority to sell such property and to use the proceeds derived there from for the extension of work of the Assemblies of God within the Kansas District and under the direction of the presbytery of said district.

In the event of cessation of this church, its Church Board shall within (1) one year thereafter transfer all properties and any remaining assets to the Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God in accordance with the forgoing provisions. If such transfer is not made within the time prescribed herein, or if the aforesaid The Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God shall be unable or unwilling to accept the aforesaid transfer as an organization operated exclusively for religious purposes with tax-exempt status under section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, then disposition thereof shall be made by the court of the county in which this church is located, provided that in such case proceeds of the dissolution shall be distributed to an organization or organizations having purposes nearest the purposed of the Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God, which have established tax-exempt status under Section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article VII: Admendments

This By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the assembly in attendance at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided due notice of such proposed change shall have been made at all the services at least two consecutive Sundays immediately prior to the time of such meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: ORDER OF BUSINESS

The regular order of business for the Annual Business Meeting of the assembly shall be as follows:

1. Devotional
2. Reading of previous minutes by secretary
3. Report of treasurer
4. Report of committees
5. Unfinished business
6. Election of Boards
7. New business
8. Adjournment

ARTICLE XIV: REVIEW

A committee, made up of the *Pastor* as chairman, two Deacons, and five layman elected by the membership by a two-thirds vote of the members at any said business meeting, be made up to review the Constitution and Bylaws, with the possibility of a revision every year.