

Dear Solid Rock Family,

The Bylaws committee has completed their work, to review and bring current the Bylaws of the church. Below, we have listed some of the “significant” changes we are proposing. We did do some grammatical cleanup and removed an apostrophe, comma or improper spacing here and there, so please be aware that the following list does not represent a complete list of changes. It does represent the changes that the committee found “significant”. Please take the time and review the entire document, and feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

## Proposed Amendments and Changes of the Bylaws, for consideration in January 2021

1. Article 1 name was changed to be a catch all for statements in the document. Articles 8 & 9 of the current were moved to Article 1 of the new, and 1.09, 1.10 and 1.11 were added.
2. Article 2 had many changes throughout the Article to better organize and clarify membership, voting rights and discipline of a member.
3. Article 3 was changed to clarify the moderator. Clarification for assistants were added, and removal from office was added for officers where it wasn't present.
4. Article 4 on the current was removed, as it is stated in the doctrinal statement.
5. Article 5 and 6 now becomes Article 4 in the proposed. Specific programs and committees were removed. Authority to form committees was given to the church, and authority as to which programs and ministries that exist was given to the office of Pastor.
6. Article 7 would become Article 5 in the proposed. Clarification of the authority of the moderator is made, and the two types of business meetings were cleaned up and further defined.
7. Article 10 for amending the bylaws would become Article 6. It was renamed to include changes to the Doctrinal Statement, and clarification to the process was added.

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# **NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SOLID ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH BYLAWS as amended January 2021**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name, Purpose and Other Statements**

#### **Section 1.01 - Name**

This congregation of believers shall be known as Northwest Arkansas Solid Rock Baptist Church, also known as Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church, or the church as stated within this document.

#### **Section 1.02 - Purpose**

This congregation is organized as a church exclusively for religious, charitable, & educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law), including, but not limited to, for such purposes, the establishing and maintaining of religious worship, the building of churches, parsonages, schools, radio stations, television stations and camps; the evangelizing of the unsaved by the proclaiming of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; the educating of believers in a manner consistent with the requirements of Holy Scripture, both in Sunday and weekday schools of Christian education; and the maintaining of missionary activities in the United States and any foreign country.

#### **Section 1.03 – Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the church, all trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all the liabilities of the church, dispose of all the assets of the church to Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Sheridan AR.

#### **Section 1.04 – Racial Nondiscrimination**

The church shall have a racially nondiscriminatory policy and, therefore, shall not discriminate against members, applicants, students, and others on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin.

#### **Section 1.05 – Limitation of Activities**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, the church shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes stated in Section 1.02.

#### **Section 1.06 – Privet Inurement**

No part of the net earnings of the church shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other privet persons, except that the church shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in section 1.02 hereof.

### **Section 1.07 – Political Involvement**

No substantial part of the activities of the church shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The church shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

### **Section 1.08 – Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the church will begin on January 1 and run through December 31.

### **Section 1.09 – Succession of Authority**

If the office of Pastor is vacant, or in the event of physical or mental impairment that prevents the ability of the Pastor from fulfilling his role, the authority of the Pastor, as stated in this document, will become the authority of the majority vote of those in the office of Deacon. Should the offices of Pastor and Deacon be vacant, or there be physical or mental impairment that prevents those in the offices of Pastor and Deacon from fulfilling their role, all authority of Pastor and Deacon, as stated in this document, will become the authority of the majority vote of those in the office of Trustee.

### **Section 1.10 – Doctrinal Statement**

The church shall keep a Doctrinal Statement, to accompany and attach to this document. The Doctrinal Statement is also known as Appendix A. All statements contained in the Doctrinal Statement shall be used as guidance in the interpretation of this document. The Doctrinal Statement is to be used to state the theological positions of the church. Any amendment or amending to the Doctrinal Statement shall follow Article VII as stated in these bylaws.

### **Section 1.11 – Private Property**

Although the general public is invited to all of the church's worship services, the church remains private property. The Pastor has the authority to suspend or revoke the right of any person, including a member, to enter or remain on church property. If after being notified of such a suspension or revocation, the person enters or remains on church property, the person may, in the discretion of the pastor be treated as a trespasser.

## **ARTICLE II Membership**

### **Section 2.01 - General**

This is a sovereign and democratic Missionary Baptist church under the lordship of Jesus Christ. The membership retains unto itself the exclusive right to self-govern in all phases of the spiritual and temporal life of this church.

The membership reserves the exclusive right to determine who shall be members of this church and the conditions of such membership.

## **Section 2.02 – Qualifications**

To be considered for membership, a person must:

- A. Be saved as described by the Doctrinal Statement.
- B. Be baptized by immersion after salvation either by Solid Rock or a church of like faith and order.

## **Section 2.03 – New Member Process**

- A. If the candidate is a new convert:
  1. The candidate should begin by meeting with the Pastor for counsel about their spiritual condition.
  2. The candidate should be saved as described by the Doctrinal Statement.
  3. The candidate should request baptism as a declaration of their new life in Christ. The church will baptize any believer upon a recommendation by the Pastor.
  4. Once baptized, the candidate shall request that they be made a member of the church. The church will vote on this request at the direction of the Pastor.
  5. The Pastor may request that the candidate complete a New Member Class before recommending membership to the church.
- B. If the candidate is transferring membership from another church:
  1. The candidate should begin by meeting with the Pastor to discuss their previous spiritual history.
  2. If the Pastor is satisfied with their testimony and the compatibility of their salvation and baptism with the Doctrinal Statement of the church, they will be recommended for membership by the Pastor. The church will vote on their membership. They may join either by the transfer of a letter from their previous church or by personal statement of their salvation and baptism. If joining by statement, the candidate must attend for three months before requesting membership.
  3. If the Pastor is not convinced of their salvation as described by our doctrinal statement, the candidate should follow the membership process as described in section 2.03 (A) of the bylaws.
  4. If the Pastor is not convinced of the compatibility of their baptism with our doctrinal statement, they will be asked to submit to baptism by the church before requesting membership. Once baptized, the candidate should request that they be made a member of the church. The church will vote on this request at the direction of the Pastor.
  5. The Pastor may request that the candidate complete a New Member Class before recommending membership to the church.

## **Section 2.04 – Duties of Members**

Members are expected to love, honor, and esteem the pastor; to pray for him; to cherish a brotherly love for all members of the church; to support the church in prayer, regular in person attendance,

tithes, offerings and with other financial support as the Lord enables; and in accordance with Biblical commands, to support through a lifestyle walk affirming the beliefs and practices of the church.

### **Section 2.05 – Voting Rights of Members**

- A. Every member, in good standing of the church, is entitled to vote at all elections and on all questions submitted to the church in conference provided:
  - 1. The member is physically present
  - 2. The member has himself/herself made arrangements with the Pastor or other appointed moderator to use a method of technology such as video conferencing, at least 2 hours prior to the start of any meeting.
  - 3. The member has himself/herself made provisions for absentee balloting, at least 2 hours prior to the start of any meeting, by making arrangements with the Pastor or other appointed moderator, clearly indicating their vote on the issue. All absentee ballots shall be given by statement of the voting member, or in writing. Should the motion that makes it to the floor for a vote be different from the motion on the agenda, for which the absentee ballot was cast, the ballot shall be determined void. In no instance should the moderator, any officer, or any member try to interpret the intention of the absentee ballot.
- B. Any member absent three (3) months without a serious health condition, physical impairment, military active duty, has extended family serious health conditions, or any other condition approved by the Pastor or appointed moderator, shall not be recognized as a member in good standing, and their vote shall not be counted on any issue before the church.
- C. The pastor has the authority to suspend or revoke the right of any person, including a member, to enter or remain on church property. If after being notified of such a suspension or revocation, the person enters or remains on church property, the person may, in the discretion of the pastor, be treated as a trespasser.

### **Section 2.06 - Termination of Membership**

Termination of membership shall be by:

- A. Death
- B. Letter to another church of like faith and order.
- C. Confirmation of membership in another church.
- D. Exclusion by action of this church.
- E. Lack of response to correspondence from the church.
- F. By request to be removed by the member

### **Section 2.07 - Discipline of a Member**

- A. It is the basic purpose of Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church to emphasize to its members that every reasonable measure will be taken to assist any troubled member. Redemption rather than punishment should be the guideline which governs the attitude of one member toward another.
- B. Should it be determined that a serious condition exists which would cause a member to become a liability to the general welfare of the church, every reasonable measure will be taken by the pastor, deacons and or trustees to resolve the problem. If a deacon or trustee is the

subject of a disciplinary matter they shall be entitled to the same steps as other church members and will also be subject to the same discipline.

- C. If there is a credible accusation of a crime committed by one of the members, Pastors, Deacons, or Trustees of the church, the accusation will be presented to the appropriate legal authorities. The church may also execute the disciplinary process described in this section, but that process will not serve in place of the legal proceedings.
- D. Members are expected to demonstrate special loyalty and concern for one another. When a member becomes aware of an offense of such magnitude that it hinders spiritual growth and testimony, he is to go alone to the offending party and seek to restore his brother. Before he goes, he should first examine himself. When he goes, he should go with a spirit of humility and have the goal of restoration.
- E. If reconciliation is not reached, a second member, trustee, deacon or the pastor, is to accompany the one seeking to resolve the matter. This second step should also be preceded by self-examination and exercised in a spirit of humility with the goal of restoration. The second person should not go with the intent of reinforcing the accusation, but with the goal of understanding the truth of the situation and either holding the accused accountable or correcting the accuser.
- F. If the matter is still unresolved after the steps outlined in subsections (D) and (E) have been taken, the offending member should be brought before the church to determine the truth of the matter and either find the accused innocent or call them to repentance.
- G. If the matter is still unresolved after the steps outlined in subsections (D), (E), and (F), such members who refuse to repent and be restored are to be removed from the membership of the church upon a two thirds vote of the membership present at a special called business meeting, (outlined in Section 7.04), for the purpose of considering disciplinary action.
- H. If an unrepentant offending party is removed from the church membership, all contact with him from that point forward (except by family members) must be for the sake of restoration.
- I. The procedures provided in this section are based on Matt. 18:15-20; Rom. 16:17-18; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; 2 Cor. 2:1-11; Gal. 6:1; 1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Thess. 3:6, 10-15; 1 Tim. 5:19-20; and Titus 3:10-11.
- J. In the event that the person accused of a sin is a Pastor of the church, Sections D and E should be followed, but step F should not unless there are at least two witnesses to the sin. No accusation against a Pastor may be considered by the church without at least two witnesses unless he is convicted of a crime. If he is convicted of a crime, the government's finding shall stand as a second witness. If the accusation is of a criminal nature, the process found in Second 2.07 (C) should be followed. In the event that Section 2.07 (F) is executed against the Pastor, and the church finds him guilty, he must publicly confess and repent of his sin at a Sunday morning service chosen by the Deacons. If he refuses, he should be removed from his office immediately and shall receive no further pay or compensation. (1 Timothy 5:19-20) Also see Article 3.01 (H).

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Church Officers and Staff**

All church officers must be a member of the church. Exception will be made for a newly hired Pastor as outlined in 3.01. Once hired, a new Pastor shall present himself for membership on the first

Sunday possible. Exception will also be made for an interim pastor, should there be a vacancy in the office of Pastor. The offices of this church shall be as follows:

### Section 3.01 - Pastor

- A. Qualifications-
  - 1. Biblical qualifications shall be those listed in I Timothy 3:8-13 and other qualifications listed in the New Testament which applies to any minister of the church.
  - 2. Other qualifications would include total support of the church and its programs with faithful stewardship, attendance, and involvement.
- B. The pastor is leader of pastoral ministries in a church. As such he works with the church staff and membership to:
  - 1. lead the church in performing its tasks,
  - 2. lead the church and engage in a fellowship of worship, witness, education, ministry, and application,
  - 3. proclaim the gospel to believers and unbelievers,
  - 4. care for the church's members and other persons in the community,
  - 5. assist in the hiring of paid church staff, provided the church has approved the hiring of such,
  - 6. assist in the placement of volunteer staff and officers, provided the church has approved the placement of such,
  - 7. manage, lead and otherwise act as the direct report and supervisor for all paid church staff,
  - 8. manage, lead and otherwise act as the direct report and supervisor for all volunteer staff or officers.
- C. A pastor shall be chosen and called by the church whenever a vacancy occurs. His election shall take place at a special business meeting, (outlined in Section 7.04), called for that purpose.
- D. A pulpit committee shall be appointed by the church to seek a suitable pastor and its recommendations will constitute a nomination. Any member has the privilege of making other nominations according to the policy established by the church. The committee shall bring to the consideration of the church only one name at a time. The pastor, thus elected, shall serve until the relationship is terminated by his request or by the church's request. He shall serve as moderator during meetings of the church.
- E. The pastor shall be required to give a minimum of 2 weeks notice at the time of his resignation before terminating his responsibilities as pastor.
- F. Pastors meeting the notice to resign requirements will be granted 1 month compensation, to be calculated from the date his responsibilities as pastor cease.
- G. In the event of death, while currently holding the office of pastor of the church, his wife shall receive his normal compensation for the office of pastor for 6 months.
- H. Should the need arise to dismiss the pastor, no action will be taken or recommendation will be made to the pastor for dismissal by any member, including by deacons and trustees, without approval of a three-fourths vote of members present at a business meeting called for such purpose. Such business meeting must be called by the deacons, for such purpose and must be announced at all regular meetings of the church two weeks prior to the meeting. The deacons shall present to the church members present at this meeting all information to be

used as the basis for such dismissal action and voting shall be counted publicly by the active deacons and or trustees. Also see Article 2.07 (J).

### **Section 3.02 - Deacons**

#### **A. Deacon Qualifications**

1. Biblical qualifications shall be those listed in Acts 6:3-5 and I Timothy 3:8-13 and other qualifications listed in the New Testament which applies to any minister of the church.
2. Other qualifications would include total support of the church and its programs with faithful stewardship, attendance, and involvement.

#### **B. Deacon Selection**

1. All men seeking office of a Deacon shall be evaluated and examined by the pastor for recommendation to the church regardless if they have been an active Deacon of another church or not.
2. All men seeking office of the Deacon, if elected, must complete a six (6) week training course led by the pastor, no less than three (3) months before assuming the office.
3. All recommendations for the office of Deacon shall be made by the pastor to the church. Deacons will be selected by a vote of at least three fourths of the membership present at a special business meeting, (outlined in Section 7.04), called for the purpose of electing the office of the Deacon. The pastor shall determine the number and term of the deacons.

#### **C. Duties of Deacons**

1. In accordance with the meaning or the work and practice of the New Testament, deacons shall be servants of the Church. The task of the deacon is to serve with the pastor and staff in performing ministry tasks; proclaim the gospel to believers and unbelievers; care for church members and other persons in the community; lead the church to engage in fellowship of worship, witness, education, ministry, and application; and lead the church in performing its tasks.
2. Deacons shall meet no less than quarterly, with the pastor present.

**D. Upon the recommendation of the Pastor to the church, should the need for removal from office arise, the church, upon a majority vote, can remove a Deacon from office. The church shall be notified of such recommended removal, and the need for it, no less than two weeks prior to considering such action. Any consideration for removal from office shall occur at a regular or special called business meeting.**

### **Section 3.03 - Moderator**

The moderator shall be the Pastor. In the Pastor's absence, the moderator shall be appointed by the Pastor. At the discretion of the Pastor, he may appoint a substitute moderator for whatever period of time he deems appropriate.

### **Section 3.04 - Clerk**

The Clerk shall be church elected and perform the following duties:

- A. Record and process all records of church business meetings and maintain them in a suitable book of record.



- B. Keep and maintain a register of the names of members, with dates of admission, removal, or death.
- C. Preserve on file all communications and written official reports
- D. Preserve minutes and related materials for present and future use. Copies of all minutes and related documents should be kept in a safe place in the church. Original legal documents should be placed in a safe place or in a safety deposit box.
- E. Upon the recommendation of the Pastor to the church, should the need for removal from office arise, the church, upon a majority vote, can remove the Clerk from office. The church shall be notified of such recommended removal, and the need for it, no less than two weeks prior to considering such action. Any consideration for removal from office shall occur at a regular or special business meeting.
- F. Should the need arise to replace this officer, due to a vacancy in the office, it shall be done in a regular or special business meeting, with majority vote of the church.
- G. An assistant for this office shall be voted on by the church, and approved by majority vote, at the annual election of officers. Should a vacancy arise in the office of assistant, it shall be filled by the church at the next regular business meeting, or in a special called business meeting.

### **Section 3.05 - Treasurer**

The church shall elect a treasurer to perform the following duties:

- A. For proper receipt, accounting, and disbursement of church funds within proper policies established by the church for adequate financial control.
- B. Work closely with the Pastor to recommend and/or implement approved church policies relating to church finances.
- C. Keep accurate records of all monies received and disbursed.
- D. Record each contributor's contributions and dispense a report of their own contributions, to contributors annually.
- E. Check supporting data prior to issuing checks.
- F. Render to the church at each regular business meeting, a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements since the last regular business meeting.
- G. Be responsible for filing with various governmental agencies all forms and reports related to social security taxes, occupational taxes, tax withholdings, etc.
- H. Upon rendering the annual account at the end of each fiscal year and its acceptance and approval by the church, the records shall be delivered by the treasurer to the church clerk, who shall keep and preserve the account as part of the permanent record of the church.
- I. Upon the recommendation of the Pastor to the church, should the need for removal from office arise, the church, upon a majority vote, can remove the Treasurer from office. The church shall be notified of such recommended removal, and the need for it, no less than two weeks prior to considering such action. Any consideration for removal from office shall occur at a regular or special called business meeting.
- J. Should the need arise to replace this officer, due to a vacancy in the office, it shall be done in a regular or special called business meeting, with majority vote of the church.

### **Section 3.06 – Trustees**

#### A. Qualification and Selection

1. Any member in good standing, whom has demonstrated consistent faithfulness to the church, and is of legal age, shall be eligible to serve as a trustee.
2. The Pastor will make recommendations for the office of trustee to the church. The church will elect trustees at a business meeting.
3. Vacancies created by death, disability, resignation and non-participation will be filled as soon as possible.
4. The pastor shall determine the number and term of the trustees.

#### B. Duties

1. They shall serve as legal representatives of Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church.
2. They shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer any property without a specific vote of the church authorizing each action.
3. They shall affix their signatures, when trustee signatures are required, to mortgages and legal documents related to church for approved purchases, rental agreements, transfer of property, insurance, and other legally binding church approved business matters.
4. They shall purchase, hold, lease, or otherwise acquire real and personal property on behalf of the church, and to take real and personal property by will, gift, or bequest on behalf of the church.
5. They shall be expected to act as a reasonable and prudent person would act, if an emergency or fiscal situation were to arise that needs immediate attention, given the facts and circumstances of the situation. They will be required to report their actions to the church at the next regular business meeting.
6. To exercise all powers necessary for the dissolution of the church corporation.

K. Upon the recommendation of the Pastor to the church, should the need for removal from office arise, the church, upon a majority vote, can remove the Trustee from office. The church shall be notified of such recommended removal, and the need for it, no less than two weeks prior to considering such action. Any consideration for removal from office shall occur at a regular or special called business meeting.

L. Should the need arise to replace this officer, due to a vacancy in the office, it shall be done in a regular or special called business meeting, with majority vote of the church.

### Section 3.07 - Church Staff

- A. All church staff, whether paid or volunteer, shall be under the supervision of the pastor, or his designee. The Pastor has the sole authority to dismiss the same. No employee or volunteer shall be hired, appointed, or retained who fails to adhere to, or expresses disagreement with the Doctrinal Statement of the church.
- B. The pastor shall call or employ such staff members as he needs within the confines of the approval of the church and the approved church budget.
- C. Members of the church staff may resign by giving at least two weeks' notice, but no more than four weeks' notice to the pastor.

### Section 3.08 – Annual Office Elections

- A. An annual election will take place at the first called business meeting of each fiscal year to determine by simple majority vote the offices of:
  1. Clerk and their assistant

2. Treasurer and their assistant
  3. Trustee
- B. At the annual election of officers, assistants for the offices of Clerk and Treasurer shall be placed, by a simple majority vote of the church. In the absence or inability of the elected officer to fulfill their role, the assistant officer shall assume the role of the officer, until such time the officer is present and able to fulfill their role. Should the assistant need replaced, such can be done at any regular or special called business meeting by majority vote of the church, but no later than the next regular scheduled business meeting.
- C. The Offices of Pastor and Deacon are not subject to annual office elections and selection of the Pastor and Deacons office should be followed as outlined in section 3.01 for pastors and section 3.02 for deacons.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Committees and Programs**

#### **Section 4.01 – Committees**

From time to time, the church may deem it necessary to establish committees for the purpose of accomplishing the many aspects of the church's role and purpose. The guidelines established for the forming and governance of said committees are:

- A. Committees shall be established by majority vote of the church at any regular or special called business meeting.
- B. The duration of the committee shall be established by the church, and at any time, may be dissolved by the church at any regular or special called business meeting.
- C. The authority of each committee shall be established by the church, but shall not supersede any authority set forth by this document.
- D. At the time of formation of the committee, the church shall nominate members to participate on the committee.
- E. All nominees must be members of the church. Officers of the church are not excluded from participating on committees.
- F. The number of members on any committee established shall be an odd number.
- G. The church, or at the first meeting of a newly formed committee, shall nominate a committee chair for the purpose of organizing meeting times, setting agendas for any meetings, and reporting committee progress to the church at regular business meeting.
- H. All authorities and recommendations of the committee will be governed by majority vote of the committee.

#### **Section 4.02 – Programs and Ministries**

The Pastor, at his discretion and from time to time, may allow different programs and ministries to be established. Programs and ministries are defined as smaller meetings of members. These should be formed to promote fellowship, the spiritual growth of the church, and should be edifying to Jesus Christ and His church. All programs and ministries must be done in keeping with the Doctrinal Statement of the church. The Pastor, at his discretion, may dissolve any program or ministry at any time.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Church Business Meetings**

#### **Section 5.01 – General**

- A. All decisions made by the church shall be in a regular or special called business meeting.
- B. All matters shall be determined by a simple majority vote unless otherwise specified in this document.
- C. For any meeting under this article, the moderator, with the consent of the deacons, shall have full and unilateral authority to require nonmembers to leave the meeting room. If the moderator determines that compliance with his order of removal is unsatisfactory, the moderator may, in his sole discretion, revoke the disruptive person's right to remain on the premises and treat the person as a trespasser.
- D. The moderator shall determine the rules of procedure according to his sense of fairness and common sense, giving all members a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the matter. The moderator has the final authority on questions of procedure, and his decision is final and controlling.

#### **Section 5.02 - Worship Services**

The Pastor, with church approval, will establish meeting times for the church.

#### **Section 5.03 - Regular Business Meetings**

Regular business meetings shall be held quarterly, the second Sunday evening of the month, beginning the first month of the fiscal year. At any point, the Pastor, with the approval of the Trustees, may choose to delay a regular business meeting, but no more than one month.

#### **Section 5.04 - Special Called Business Meetings**

The church may have special called business meetings to consider matters of special nature and significance. At least fourteen days notice, including subject, time, date, and location must be given for a special called business meeting. The pastor, deacons, and/or the trustees shall have the authority to call a special called business meeting. Announcement in all forms of current communication to the church is required, and day one for the 14 days of notice for such meeting shall be on the first day of announcement. The following are examples of communication for a special called business meeting, and should only be used as examples of announcement. Should one of the examples listed not be a current form of communication, then such is not required. Some examples of acceptable communication are:

- A. Announcement at church meetings (i.e. Sunday morning worship)
- B. All digital platforms (i.e. website, emails and mobile text messages)
- C. All printed forms of communication that would be considered common (i.e. printed church bulletin)

The goal is to reach all members in good standing, and all reasonable measures should be taken to do so.

### **Section 5.05 - Quorum**

The Quorum for a regular or special called business meeting of the church shall consist of those members in attendance that are of good standing.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Bylaws and Doctrinal Statement Amendment**

- A. These Bylaws and Doctrinal Statement may be amended at any regular business meeting or special called business meeting.
- B. Each proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to all members in good standing, no less than thirty days prior to the meeting date set to amend these Bylaws and/or Doctrinal Statement. Once the proposed change or amendment has been presented in writing to all members in good standing, day one begins.
- C. The announcement for such meeting shall follow the same notification requirements of a special called business meeting as outlined in Article 5.04.
- D. Amendments to the Bylaws and Doctrinal Statement shall be approved by two thirds vote of the church.