

three witnesses every word shall be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the Church; but if he shall neglect to hear the Church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." (*Matt.* 18:15-17).

All complaints shall be made to the Pastor and Board of Elders who shall hear and weigh them, keeping a permanent written record of such hearings and decisions. Any aggrieved member may appeal from the decision of the Pastor and Board of Elders to the Church at any periodic or special business meeting.

**Dismissal:** Any member of the Church will be dismissed for any one of the following causes:

1. If absent from the Church services continuously for one year without reasonable cause (*Heb.* 10:24, 25), provided that any such members whose address is known shall not be dropped without having first been communicated with, or personally visited by at least two members of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses or the Board of Elders or the Pastor.

2. If living a sinful life and refusing to change. (*II Thess.* 3:6, 10; *Gal.* 5:19-21; *Eph.* 5:3-7; *I Cor.* 5:11-13).

3. If known to promulgate doctrines inconsistent with commonly accepted teachings of the General Council of the Assemblies of God or the Outlines of Belief of this Church. (*Jude* 3:4; *II Tim.* 1:13; *I Tim.* 6:3-5; *Rom.* 16:17).

4. If engaged in the disruption of fellowship by sowing

discord among the brethren; persisting in gossip; and in general creating trouble (*James* 3:2-12; *Prov.* 6:19; *Rom.* 2:1-3).

5. Any divorced member who shall remarry while a former spouse is still living, or any member marrying a divorced person who has a former spouse still living, shall automatically be dismissed from membership. (*Mark* 10:11, 12).

Any member whose name has been dropped for any of the above causes shall be notified by the Church Clerk.

**Suspension:** Any member who shall be under charges shall be temporarily suspended from active voting membership pending investigation and final decision in such case.

## ARTICLE XVI

### *Amendments*

The foregoing Articles may be altered or amended, by a three-fourths vote of the members present and entitled to vote (see Article V—Quorum), at any periodic business meeting of the Church, or a special meeting called for that purpose: Provided the proposed amendment has been read at a previous business meeting and two public notices given from the pulpit not more than three weeks in advance of the meeting.

### STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Any resolution or motion made at any business meeting relating to the future action or policy of the Church may be made a Standing Resolution and included with others in permanent form for reference, Provided the same is presented in writing in proper form and design-