

of the annual and special business meetings of the assembly. He shall keep a record of the membership of the assembly and perform any other clerical work necessary to the proper discharge of his duties. He shall be the custodian of all legal documents, and be in possession of the corporate seal (where the assembly is incorporated).

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall be entrusted with all the finances of the assembly which may be committed to him. He shall deposit all funds in a responsible bank in the name of the assembly, and shall disburse the same by check, as authorized by the Pastor and Board of Deacons. All checks shall be countersigned by the Secretary. The Treasurer shall keep an itemized account of the receipts and disbursements. He shall make an itemized report at the regular meetings of the Board of Deacons and a summarized report to the assembly quarterly and at its regular business meetings. His accounts shall be audited under the direction of the Pastor and Board of Deacons.

ARTICLE II. ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

Sec. 1. The Pastor may be elected to serve for one or more years or for an indefinite period of time as may be determined at time of election. He shall be nominated by the Board of Deacons, or by secret ballot. Election shall be by secret ballot at the annual business meeting of the assembly or at a special meeting called for that purpose. A two-thirds majority vote of all votes cast shall be required to constitute an election.

Sec. 2. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected annually. They shall be chosen from the membership of the assembly and may be nominated by a nominating committee or from the floor and shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual business meeting. Their terms of office shall be for one year from the time of election.

Sec. 3. The Board of Deacons shall be chosen

from the membership of the assembly. They may be nominated by a nominating committee, or from the floor and shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual business meeting. Their terms of office shall be for one year from the time of election.

Sec. 4. The Trustees shall be nominated by a nominating committee or from the floor, and shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual business meeting of the assembly.

Sec. 5. Vacancies.

(A) The Pastor.—When the pastor has been called for a definite period of time, such as one or two years, the tenure of office shall terminate at the end of his term of service. It would then be necessary to vote for his re-election by a two-thirds majority vote, just as though his name came before the assembly for the first time. In the event a pastor has serious charges preferred against him or his ministry has ceased to be effective, or no provision has been made for the termination of his ministry, power is vested in the Board of Deacons to ask for the resignation of the Pastor at any of its regular business meetings. If such resignation is refused, the pastorate shall not be considered vacant until the action of the Board of Deacons has been confirmed by a majority vote of the congregation at a meeting called for the purpose, such meeting to be presided over by the District officary. When a vacancy in the pastorate shall occur, a supply shall be arranged for by the Board of Deacons 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.

(B) Other Officers:

(a) Any office may be declared vacant by an act of a majority of the membership of the Board of Deacons at any regular or special business meeting.