

(b) Ground for such action shall be: (1) Unscriptural conduct. (2) Doctrinal departure from the tenets of faith. (3) Incompetency in office. (4) For any good and sufficient cause.

(c) Any incumbent under charges shall have opportunity for a fair and impartial hearing of his case before the assembly if he so desires.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. The Standard of Membership.

The standard of membership of this assembly shall be: (a) Evidence of a genuine experience in regeneration (the new birth). John 1:12, 13; 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:18-25. (b) Evidence of a consistent Christian life. Rom. 6:4; 8:1-4; 13:13, 14; Eph. 4:17-32; 5:1, 2, 15; 1 John 1:6, 7. (c) To fully subscribe to the tenets of faith as set forth in the Constitutional rules of order adopted by the assembly; (d) willingness to contribute regularly to the support of the assembly according to his or her ability.

Sec. 2. Reception of Members.

(a) 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 standard for membership.

(b) The Pastor shall present the names of those who apply for membership with his recommendation to the Board of Deacons, who shall act upon said recommendation and render a final decision. All persons who shall have met the membership requirements and have been passed on favorably shall be received into the assembly publicly at any of the regular Sunday services and their names inscribed on the roster

Sec. 3. Discipline.

(a) Any member of the assembly who shall willfully absent himself from the regular services for a period of three consecutive months, or who shall be under charges, shall be temporarily suspended from active voting membership pending investigation and final decision in his case.

(b) Unscriptural conduct or doctrinal departure from the tenets of faith held by this assembly shall be considered sufficient grounds upon which any person may be disqualified as a member. Matt. 18:15-18; Rom. 16:17, 18; 1 Cor. 5:11; Gal. 1:8, 9; Titus 3:1-15.

Sec. 4. 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 of Deacons, said letter to be signed by the Pastor and the Secretary of the assembly.

Sec. 5. The Pastor and Board of Deacons shall be authorized to revise the membership roll of the assembly annually, and to remove from the list of 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, or who may have fallen into sin and whose lives may have become inconsistent with the standards and teachings of the assembly. The following rules and instructions shall be observed as occasion may require. Matt. 18:15-17; Rom. 16:17-18; 1 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Thess. 3:6-15.

If a name is removed for cause, the one whose name is removed shall be notified of the action of the Pastor and Board of Deacons 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 congregation. The action of the assembly, by a majority vote, shall be considered final.

ARTICLE IV. SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Board of Deacons shall appoint the Superintendent of the Sunday school from among the members of the church, which appointment shall be submitted for ratification to the church as a