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FOR  
SHELBY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSEMBLY OF GOD, INC.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY RESULATION AND  
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
SHELBY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
MAIN STREET, COLUMBIANA ALABAMA  
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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 Spirit may be honored according to our distinctive testimony; to assume our share of the responsibility and privilege of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both at home and in foreign lands; we, whose names appear upon the assembly roster under above date, do hereby recognize ourselves as a local assembly in fellowship with and a part of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and adopt the following articles of Church Order and submit ourselves to be governed by them.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this assembly shall be: Shelby Christian Fellowship Assembly of God, Main Street, Columbiana, Al. P.O. Box 588, Columbiana, Alabama 35051

ARTICLE II. PREROGATIVES

Section I. This assembly 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 the fullness of Christ."  
(Eph. 4:3, 13)

Section II. In connection therewith, or incidental thereto, it shall have the right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequest or otherwise, either directly or as 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 By-Laws or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended.

#### ARTICLE III. AFFILIATION.

While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs, this assembly shall voluntarily enter into full co-operative fellowship with churches of like precious faith associated in the Alabama District Council, and the General Council of the Assemblies of God; with headquarters at Springfield, Missouri; and shall share in the privileges and assume the responsibilities enjoined by that affiliation.

#### ARTICLE IV. TENETS OF FAITH

This assembly shall accept the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule for faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts the Statement of Fundamental Truths approved by the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

##### I. The Scriptures Inspired.

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man, the infalliable, authoritative rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason.

(2 Tim. 3:15-17. I Pet. 1:23-25. Heb. 4:12.)

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## 2. The one True God.

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent, self-revealed "I AM"; and has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association; i.e., as Father, Son and Holy Ghost. (Deut. 6:4. Mark 12:29. Isa. 43:10. Matt. 28:19.)

## 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 (Matt. 1:23. Luke 1:31,35)
- B. His sinless life (Heb. 7:26. I Peter 2:22)
- C. His miracles (Acts 2:22. 10:38)
- D. His substitutionary and atoning death on the cross (I Cor. 5:3. II Cor. 5:21)
- E. His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matt. 28:6. Luke 24:39. I Cor. 15:4)
- F. His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9,11; 2:33. Phil. 2:9-11. Heb. 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." But man by voluntary transgression fell, and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. (Gen. 1:26-31. 3:1-7. Rom. 5:12-21.)

## 5. The Salvation of Man.

(a) Conditions to Salvation. The grace of God, which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, through the preaching of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ; man is saved by the washing to regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, and being justified by grace through faith, he becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 2:11. Rom. 10:13-15. Luke 24:47. Titus 3:5-7.)

(b) Evidences of Salvation. The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Rom. 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. (Eph. 4:24. Titus 2:12.)

## 6. Ordinances of the Church.

(a) Baptism in Water. The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on 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. (Matt. 28:19. Mark 16:16. Acts 10:47,48. Rom. 6:4.)

(b) Holy Communion. The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements--bread and the fruit of the vine--is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (I Cor. 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (I Cor. 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers until His return.

## 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 endowment 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. I Cor. 12:1-11.) This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the New Birth. (Acts 2:38. 10:44-46. 11:14-16. 15:7-9.)

With the baptism in the Holy Ghost come such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39. Acts 4:8.), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43. Heb. 2:28.), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

## 8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

The full consummation of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is evidenced by initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Acts 2:4. 10:44-46. 19:1-6), and by the subsequent manifestation of spiritual power in public testimony and service. (Acts 1:8. 2:42-43.) The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (I Cor. 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 (Rom. 12:1, 2. I Thes. 5:23. Heb. 13:12.). The Scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14) By the power of the Holy Ghost we are able to obey the command: "Be ye holy, for I am holy" (I Peter 1:15, 16).

Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:1-11, 13. 8:1, 2, 13. Gal. 2:20. Phil 2:12, 13. I Peter 1:5.).

## 10. The Church .

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 the Church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven. (Eph. 1:22. 2:19-22. Heb. 12:23.)

## 11. The Ministry.

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a twofold purpose: (1) the evangelization of the world, and (2) the edifying of the body of Christ. (Mark 16:15,20. Eph. 4:11-13.)

## 12. Divine Healing.

Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers. (Isa. 53:4-5. Matt. 9:16-17. Mark 16:18. James 5:14.)

## 13. The Blessed Hope.

The resurrection of those who fallen asleep in Christ and their translation, together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, is imminent and is the blessed hope of the Church. (I Thes. 4:16-18. Rom. 8:23. Titus 2:13. I Cor. 15:51-52.)

#### 14. The Millennial Reign of Jesus.

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zech. 14:5. Matt. 24:27, 30. Rev. 1:7. 19:11-14. 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21, 22. Zeph. 3:19, 20. Rom. 11:26, 27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isa. 11:6-9. Ps. 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. The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

(Matt. 25:46. Mark 9:43-48. Rev. 19:20. 20:11-15. 21:8.)

#### 16. The New Heavens and New Earth.

We, "according to His promise, look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." (II Pet. 3:13. Rev. 21:1.)

### ARTICLE V. ORDINANCES

Section 1. Water Baptism. The ordinance of Baptism by immersion in water (Matt. 28:19) shall be administered to all those who have repented of their sins and who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls, and who give clear evidence of their salvation. (Rom. 6:3-5. Col. 2:12.) This ordinance will be administered to the believer upon his or her request. (Acts 8:36-37.)

Section 2. Holy Communion. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall regularly be observed as enjoined in the Scriptures. (Luke 22:19-20. I Cor. 11:23-26.)

# ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this assembly shall be eligible to all those who give evidence of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and who voluntarily subscribe to its tenets of faith, and agree to be governed by its Constitution and By-Laws as herein set forth.--The membership of this assembly shall be classified as follows:

Section 1. Active Membership. All those who meet the scriptural standards for membership, whose names appeared on the original membership roll of this assembly when this assembly was first organized, together with those names which shall be added from time to time shall be considered Active Membership of this assembly provided they regularly attend the means of grace and take part in the services and are living consistent Christian lives and are in agreement with our distinctive testimony.

Section 2. Inactive Membership. Enrolled members who will negligently and willfully absent themselves from the regular services of the assembly for a period of two consecutive months or more; and those who cease to contribute of their means to the support of the assembly and who may be out of harmony with its teachings or its ministries, or who may be under charges for unscriptural conduct, and who fallen under condemnation through sinful or worldly practices shall be considered Inactive Members, and as such will lose their voting privileges until they are restored to the Active Standard of fellowship with the assembly through its elected officers.

Section 3. Voting Membership. The legal voting membership of this assembly shall be those of active membership who are 16 years of age or older.



# ARTICLE VII. GOVERNMENT

The government of the assembly shall be vested in the active membership of the assembly, whose action by the majority vote (except when otherwise specified in the By-Laws), shall be decisive in all matters, its decisions to be executed by its duly elected officials.

## ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

- Section 1. Officers - There shall be a Pastor, a Board of Deacons, Trustees, a secretary/treasurer. Other officers shall be added as may be needed.
- Section 2. Deacons - There shall be a Board of Deacons of at least seven members to whom, together with the pastor, shall be committed the spiritual management of the assembly. The Board of Deacons along with the Secretary-Treasurer shall be the Official Board."
- Section 3. Trustees - There shall be a Board of Trustees of at least three members, who shall qualify for the office according to the laws of the State. They shall be the custodians of all the church property.
- Section 4. Secretary/Treasurer - There shall be a Secretary/Treasurer.
- Section 5. Nominating Committee - There shall be a nominating committee of mature christian experience, chosen from the active membership of the assembly. This committee shall be appointed by the pastor and ratified by the Official Board. Purpose of this committee is to review qualification and present names of nominees for all offices for election,
- Section 6. Other Officers - Herein is provided for the election by the assembly, or the appointment of same by the Official Board as outlined in the By-Laws, of any and all other officers that may be needed to meet the requirement of the assembly.

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ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

- 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 Board of Deacons.
- Section 2. There shall be an annual business meeting of the assembly, at which time the election of officers shall take place and reports from each officer and department shall be given. This meeting shall be held annually after the 1st of January, the date, time and place to be announced by the Pastor. Notice is to be given two Sundays prior to the date of the meeting.
- Section 3. 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 Official Board. Special meetings may also be called by petition having been signed by not less than one-third of the active membership of the assembly, the petition to be placed in the hands of the Pastor or secretary and announcement made two Sundays prior to the date of the meeting.
- Section 4. Members of local assembly may nominate their choice for the offices of church leaders that may be open by putting it in writing and turning it over to any member of the nominating committee no later than two weeks before the Annual Business Meeting, or any special called business meetings.
- Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the active membership of the assembly present shall constitute a quorum.

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Section 6. The Official Board of the assembly shall meet as needed, for the transaction of routine business for the assembly, time and place to be announced by the Pastor.

Section 7. The Board of Trustees shall meet for the discharge of their duties as necessity may demand, upon the request of the Pastor.

#### ARTICLE X. FINANCES

All funds for the maintenance of the assembly shall be provided by the voluntary contributions of the tithes and offerings of the members and friends of the assembly. Offerings shall be accepted by the assembly at such times and in such ways as agreed upon by the Pastor and Board of Deacons, and shall be administered by the Treasurer under their direction. (Mat. 3:10. Luke 6:38. I Cor. 16:1-2. II Cor. 9:6-8.)

#### ARTICLE XI. DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. The assembly shall hereby provide for the establishment of the School of Discipleship Department, Christian Education Department, Women's Ministries Department, Men's Ministries Department, and committees (i.e. Finance Committee, Missions Board, etc.) as the need arises. All such departments shall be subordinate to the assembly, and shall contribute to the harmony and development of the whole program of the assembly. They shall be under the general supervision of the Pastor and the Board of Deacons, and the Pastor shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and departments.

#### ARTICLE XII. PROPERTY

All property of the assembly shall be deeded to the assembly and held in its name by the Secretary/Treasurer. No real property of the assembly shall be sold, leased, or mortgaged or otherwise disposed of without the same

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shall have first been recommended by a vote of at least two-thirds of the voting membership of the assembly who are in attendance at a regular or special meeting of the assembly which has been called for the consideration of the proposal. The Pastor and 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 certificate shall be held to be conclusive evidence thereof.

#### ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Active Members of the assembly who are in attendance at any regular or special business meeting of the church provided due notice of such proposed change(s) shall have been made at least two Sundays prior to that meeting.

#### BY-LAWS

##### ARTICLE I. PARLIAMENTARY ORDER

In order to expedite the work of the assembly and to avoid confusion in its deliberations, all business meetings shall be governed by accepted rules of parliamentary procedure, in keeping with the Spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

##### ARTICLE II. QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

###### Section 1. Pastor

- A. Qualifications - The Pastor of this assembly shall be a recognized minister of the Assemblies of God with an up-to-date fellowship certificate. Any exception to this qualification must have the written approval of the Executive Committee of the Alabama District Council.
- B. Duties of the Pastor - The Pastor shall be considered as the spiritual overseer of the assembly and shall direct all of its activities. He shall be the president of the corporation and shall act as chairman of all the business meetings of the assembly and of the of the Official Board. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees or departments. He shall

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provide for all the services of the assembly and shall arrange for all special meetings, conventions, or revival campaigns. No person shall be invited to speak or preach in the assembly without his approval.

Section 2. Qualifications for General Officers - Inasmuch as the Deacon Board and all officers of various departments represent the local church in spiritual, moral and business matters, each member serving in these offices should reflect a high moral and spiritual standard and should be an example of stewardship by faithfully attending all services of the local assembly and consistently supporting the assembly with their tithes and offerings as well as promoting a harmonious fellowship among its members.

Section 3. The Board of Deacons

A. Qualifications - The Deacon Board shall be men of mature experience, sound judgment, recognized ability, and Christian character according to I Tim. 3:1-13 and Acts 6:3, and shall have the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. They shall be chosen from the active membership of the assembly, not under twenty-five years of age, and shall be in full agreement with all the doctrines of the assembly as set forth in the statements of Fundamental Truths.

No person shall serve on the Board of Deacons who does not faithfully tithe.

B. Duties - The Deacon Board is chosen to serve the assembly 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. They shall act in the

examination of applications for membership, and also in the administration of the discipline of the assembly.

C. Chairman of Official Board - Since the Official Board is composed of the Pastor and Deacon Board, the Pastor shall be chairman of the Official Board, also, the Official Board shall be empowered to provide for its own recording secretary. No meeting of the Official Board shall be called in the absence of the Pastor. In the event the assembly is temporarily without a pastor, the Official Board shall be empowered to provide a temporary chairman from its membership in order to transact business for the assembly.

D. Quorums - A majority present at any meeting of the Official Board shall constitute a quorum, provided all the members have been notified to be present.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees - The Trustees shall be chosen from the active membership of this assembly. The Board of Trustees shall be the custodians of all the property of the assembly, and shall be responsible for the maintenance of same. They shall be men of wisdom and sound judgment and show evidence of good business management. They shall meet for the discharge of their duties as necessity may demand, upon the request of the Pastor.

Section 5. Secretary/Treasurer - The secretary shall keep minutes 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

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of the corporate seal. 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 Official Board, and a summarized report to the assembly at its regular business meetings. His accounts shall be audited under the direction of the Official Board.

### ARTICLE III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Pastor - The Pastor may be recommended by any Active Member of the assembly to the Official Board. Recommendations may also be received from the District Superintendent. The Official Board will present the nominee for pastor to the congregation. Election should be by secret ballot with a two-thirds majority of the votes. Term of office of the Pastor may be for a designated period of time or indefinitely, decided upon by the Official Board of the assembly at the time of the election.

Section 2. Initial Election of Deacon Board - At the initial election of the Deacon Board, three members of the Board shall be elected for a period of three years; two shall be elected for a period of two years; and two for a period of one year. Thereafter the terms would be for a period of three years. They shall be elected by secret ballot and a majority vote shall be necessary for election.

Section 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be nominated by the Official Board and ratified by secret ballot of the assembly. A majority vote shall be necessary for election.

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Section 4. Initial Election of Trustee Board - At the initial election of the Trustee Board one member of the Board shall be elected for a period of three years; one shall be elected for a period of two years; and one for a period of one year. Thereafter the terms would be for a period of three years. They shall be elected by secret ballot and a majority vote shall be necessary for election. No member of the Board shall succeed himself after serving a three-year term.

Section 5. Vacancies

A. In the event the office of Pastor should be declared vacant, the Official Board shall act as the Pulpit Nominating Committee, and shall arrange for all supply preachers in the interim period.

B. The Pastor - 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 officary.

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C. Other Officers

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

(2) Ground for such action shall be: (a) unscriptural conduct, (b) Doctrinal departure from the tenents of faith, (c) Incompetency in office, (d) For any good and sufficient cause.

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

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 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; I 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; I John 1:6,7. (c) To fully subscribe to the tenents of faith as set forth in the Constitution. (d) Readiness to be governed by the constitutional rules of order adopted by the assembly. (e) Willingness to contribute regularly to the support of the assembly according to his or her ability.

Section 2. Reception of Members - (a) Persons desiring to be 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 services and their names inscribed on the roster.

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Section 3. Discipline

(a) Any member of the assembly who shall wilfully 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) Un-Scriptural conduct or doctrinal departure from the tenents 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; I Cor. 5:11; Gal. 1:8-9; Titus 3:1-15.

Section 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.

Section 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. 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

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member may appeal to the congregation. The action of the assembly, by a majority vote, shall be considered final. Matt. 18:15-17; Rom. 16:17, 18; I Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Thes. 3:6-15.

# ARTICLE V. DEPARTMENTS

Section 1. School of Discipleship - There shall be a School of Discipleship. It shall be under the general supervision of the Pastor. The superintendent, assistant superintendent, and secretary of the School of Discipleship shall be elected annually by secret ballot. A majority vote shall be necessary for election.

Section 2. Youth Department - The Youth Department shall be under the general supervision of the Pastor. It shall be conducted as a branch of the activities of the assembly and shall come under the direct supervision of the Minister of Youth.

Section 3. Women's Ministries - There shall be a Women's Ministries organization. It shall be under general supervision of the Pastor. It shall be conducted as a branch of the activities of the assembly and shall have the right to elect its own officers.

Section 4. Men's Department - There shall be a Men's Department. It shall be under the general direction of the Pastor. It shall be conducted as a branch of the activities of the assembly and shall have the right to elect its own officers.

Section 5. Children's Department - The Children's Department shall be under the general supervision of the Pastor. It shall be conducted as a branch of the activities of the assembly and shall come under the direct supervision of the Children's Pastor.

Section 6. Music Department - The Music Department shall be under the general supervision of the Pastor. It shall be conducted as a branch of the activities of the assembly

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and shall come under the direct supervision of the Minister of Music.

Section 7. Christian Education Department - The Christian Education Department shall be under the general supervision of the Pastor. It shall be conducted as a branch of the activities of the assembly and shall come under the direct supervision of the Minister of Christian Education.

#### ARTICLE VI. OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Section 1. Should other departments be created they shall be under the general supervision of the pastor. They shall be conducted as branches of the activities of the assembly and shall have the right to elect their own officers.

Section 2. Each department shall be governed by its own constitution as approved by the Pastor and the Board of Deacons.

#### ARTICLE VII. PROPERTY RIGHTS

In the event that the assembly herein mentioned ceases to function as a church body, then the said property, real or chattel, shall revert to the Alabama District Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc. The Alabama District Council of the Assemblies of God shall forthwith have full authority to use or dispose of the property at their discretion. In the event of the sale of the property by the Alabama District Council of the Assemblies of God, the proceeds derived therefrom shall be used by the said Alabama District in the furtherance of the gospel of Christ.

#### ARTICLE VIII. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The regular order of business for the annual 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 officers
7. New business
8. Adjournment

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be amended at any regular or special business meeting of the assembly by a majority vote of the membership present, provided the proposed amendment has been announced publicly on the two Sundays prior to the date of meeting, announcement to be made by the Pastor or secretary.

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