

**RENEWED LIFE CHURCH**

**BYLAWS**

*of*

**Renewed Life Church**

*of*

Long Beach, CA

*A California Nonprofit  
Religious Corporation*

Bylaws of  
Renewed Life Church  
of  
Long Beach, CA

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**ARTICLE I**  
**Corporate Name**

The name of this Corporation is Renewed Life Church of Long Beach, CA. It is a California nonprofit religious Corporation.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Purpose**

The purpose of the Church shall be to worship God; to foster and support the gospel Ministry, Evangelism, Missionary work, and Christian Education through the financial agencies of the Church; to provide care for the underprivileged and the aged as providence afford the opportunity and means and to operate a Learning Center for Pre-Schoolers ages 2-5. This Corporation is organized for exclusively religious purposes (including charitable and eleemosynary purposes common to a pastoral Church ministry as defined by Scripture). Our commission is summarized as follows: "And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20 - New American Standard).

**ARTICLE III**  
**Statement of Faith**

This Corporation's statement of faith is incorporated in its Articles of Incorporation as filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of California. It is supplemented and clarified by Renewed Life's *What We Teach* and other doctrinal statements that the Pastor and Ministerial Staff may subsequently issue.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Source of Authority**

Renewed Life Church is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body. As a corporation, the Chief Executive Officer (Pastor) and the Trustee Board constitute the Officers of the Corporation. Disciples of the congregation constitute the source of the governmental body in which Renewed Life Church operates. The ultimate source of authority for Renewed Life Church is the Holy Bible.

## **ARTICLE V Discipleship**

### **Section 1: Christian Living and Conduct**

Members of Renewed Life Church shall be known as “disciples” (Matthew 28:19-20) who have confessed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, have been baptized by immersion, and expressed their desire to unite with this congregation. Disciples pledge to be governed by the rules and regulations of the Church named above as adopted by the Church and enforced by its Pastor.

Renewed Life Church disciples agree to the following:

- a) Live by the moral standards defined in the scriptures of the Holy Bible, specifically, Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 1:24-28, 13:1-2, 5-8, 11; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Leviticus 18:22.

**The Sanctity of Marriage.** Based on Scripture, we believe "Each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband" and that marriage, as ordained by God, is between one man and one woman. No other version will be recognized or performed by Renewed Life Church. (Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:24; Leviticus 18:22; Jeremiah 29:6; Romans 1:24-28; I Corinthians 7:2; Ephesians 5:22-23, 25, 28-29, 31, 33).

- b) meet the discipleship standards set forth in Art. V, Sec. 2 below; and,
- c) be subjected to rightful discipline by the officers and governing authorities of Renewed Life Church.

### **Section 2: Qualifications and Discipleship Process**

Any person may become a disciple of Renewed Life Church by complying with the following procedures:

- a) Upon confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord followed by baptism by immersion, or by presentation of a letter demonstrating membership in another Church of like faith and order, or by prior discipleship in another Church of like faith and order ("Christian experience"); and,
- b) Disavowal and cessation of any behavior or conduct that is inconsistent with scriptural conduct; and,
- c) Completion of orientation and any other Christian education requirements established by the Pastor.

### **Section 3: Discipleship Standards**

Disciples are expected to meet the following standards. The following affirms a disciple in good standing:

- a) Weekly/Monthly financial support of the Church (1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5) and
- b) Active participation in Church ministries and Bible Study/ Church School.

#### **Section 4. Responsibilities of Disciples**

Church members shall seek to exercise their spiritual gifts for the mutual benefit of all the Church body and shall submit to the loving rule of the Pastor and Ministerial Staff (1 Corinthians 16:16; Hebrews 13:17).

#### **Section 5: Meetings of Disciples**

1. Meetings of the disciples shall be held at any place designated according to the policies and procedures of Renewed Life Church.
2. There shall be an annual meeting of the disciples to present special reports, if necessary. The date and time of this annual meeting shall be coordinated through the Pastor, Trustee Board, and Church Officers
3. Special meetings of the disciples may be called at any time by the Pastor. The Deacons Ministry Leader may call a special meeting when the Pastor is incapacitated or in case of an emergency.
4. All notices of scheduled meetings of the disciples shall be announced at a Church service prior to the date of the meeting. This notice shall state the specific nature of the meeting.
5. Any number of disciples in good standing (See Section 2a and Section 3 above) and present at a duly called and noticed meeting of the disciples shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
6. Disciples in good standing, who are not under any disciplinary action, and who are sixteen years of age or older on the date of the meeting shall be eligible to vote at a meeting of the disciples. Voting can be done either by voice or ballot.
7. Each disciple, eligible to vote at a meeting, shall be entitled to cast one vote on any item presented for vote by the Church. No proxy votes may be cast. Any action taken shall pass with a majority of the disciples' present.
8. There will be no transfer of membership rights upon the death of a member, and no heirs or devisees will automatically become members.

**Section 6: Quorum** - At all meetings of Church members, the Church disciples present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 7: Applications for Membership** – The Pastor, Ministerial Staff and Deacon Chairman must approve all membership requests. Upon request, a person is given a membership application, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation's Statement of Faith, and a copy of the Bylaws. Following application receipt, a Minister or Deacon/ Deaconess meets with the applicant. Each applicant must assent to the Statement of Faith, subscribe to the Bylaws for prospective Church members. Disagreements with the Statement of Faith or the Bylaws must be noted on the application for membership. The Pastor, Ministerial Staff, and Deacon Chairman will evaluate these questions or disagreements to determine whether the request for membership will be approved.

### **Section 8. Denial of Membership**

If, upon review of a membership application or after meeting with a prospective Church disciples, the Pastor, Ministerial Staff, and Deacons determine that the applicant does not confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior or that there is a lack of evidence of a godly lifestyle, membership shall be denied. The decision made by the Pastor, Ministerial Staff, and Deacons shall be final, and there shall be no appeal to any court.

### **Section 9: Disciplinary Procedures**

Disciples of this Church and all other professing Christians who regularly attend or fellowship with this Church who err in doctrine or who engage in conduct that violates Scripture as determined by the Scripture (Matthew 18:15–18), shall be subject to Church discipline, including dismissal. It shall be the duty of the Pastor, Ministerial Staff, and Deacons to serve as the disciplinary agents of Renewed Life Church.

- a. Anyone failing to observe, respect or be governed by the rules and regulations of the Church shall be removed from any position of authority, leadership or office whether such regulations were drafted by the Pastor or Church.
- b. Anyone guilty of spreading malicious gossip, lies or sowing discord among the Church disciples shall have the hand of fellowship withdrawn and/or have their name removed from the Church's roll. Matthew 18:15-18 says:
  1. “Now if your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have gained your brother.
  2. But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that on the testimony of two or three witnesses every matter may be confirmed.
  3. And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church; [then it becomes a Church matter and a hearing shall be arranged for a disposition]
  4. And if he refuses to listen even to the Church, he is to be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector (He shall be cut off from the fellowship of the congregation).

### **Section 10: Public Offenses-**

- a. Public offenses constitute a violation of the code of Christian Ethics, such as:
  1. False Doctrine (Gal. 1:9)

2. Disregard of Authority (Mat. 18:17)
3. Contention & Strife (Rom. 16;17)
4. Immoral Conduct (1 Cor. 5:11)
5. Disorderly Walk (II Thess. 3:6-9)
6. Covetous Spirit (II Cor. 5:11)
7. Arrogant Conduct (III John 9)

One coming in contact with such offenses should first seek the offender, ascertain the facts and attempt to reconcile or remove the difficulty.

- b. If the "B" approach is unsuccessful, then any member having knowledge of the facts shall confer with the Pastor and/or Deacons as to the best course to pursue.
- c. If the "C" approach is unsuccessful, then it must be brought before the Church, and if all efforts fail to reclaim the offender, the Church shall withdraw the right hand of fellowship.
- d. All discipline shall be conducted in the spirit of Christian meekness and love, with a desire to remove offenses and to win offenders. It must also be done under a deep sense of responsibility to maintain the honor of Christ's name, the purity of His Church, and the integrity of His truths. The Church shall hold itself bound to restore to its fellowship any excluded member when they give evidence of repentance.

**Section 11: Termination of Discipleship**

A disciple may be expelled from discipleship upon the recommendation of the Pastor acting in conjunction with the Deacons.

**Section 12: Procedures for Expulsion**

The Pastor and Deacons shall make a recommendation to the Church that a disciple be expelled.

**ARTICLE VI  
Church Officers**

The Church Officers, according to 1 Timothy 3:1-18 shall be the following:

1. Pastor/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and;
2. Deacons



### **Section 1: Pastor/Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**

1. **Duties.** The Pastor shall preach and teach the Gospel and administer the ordinances of the Church; monitor the disciples; promote the spiritual interest of Renewed Life Church; and organize Renewed Life Church materially to develop it to the greatest extent for the best possible service. The Pastor shall serve as moderator at business meetings and shall be an ex-officio member of all ministries and committees of Renewed Life Church. The Pastor shall have the authority to make any basic or organizational changes. The Pastor shall appoint Deacons, Deaconesses, committee members, and those teaching in any capacity at Renewed Life Church.
2. **Pastoral Vacancy.** The pulpit shall be vacant in the event of the Pastor's death, resignation, removal, or retirement. When the Pastor recommends a successor, an official Church meeting will be called. The majority of disciples present and eligible (in good standing) shall be required to receive the recommendation. If the disciples refused the recommended candidate, the Pastor and Deacons will continue searching for another recommendation.

In the event of the death, removal, or resignation of the Pastor, an official Church Meeting will be called by the Deacon Chairman within thirty days to begin the process of selecting a search committee for a Pastor.

The Search Committee will take the necessary steps to secure a prospective Pastor to be presented to Renewed Life Church disciples for approval and for selection. The Committee shall investigate the merits of every person under consideration concerning personal character, including but not limited to the call to the Gospel ministry, educational preparation, ministerial and administrative leadership record, preaching ability and, personal financial management in determining his fitness to serve as Pastor. The Search Committee shall recommend one (1) candidate to Renewed Life Church disciples. The Deacons' Ministry Leader shall call a meeting of Renewed Life Church disciples to consider the recommended Renewed Life Church Bylaws. Those disciples in good standing and eligible to vote shall be required to select and approve the successor as Pastor.

If less than a majority of Renewed Life Church disciples are present and eligible to vote to accept the recommendation of the Search Committee, the Deacons' Ministry Leader shall dismiss the said committee. Another committee shall be selected in the same manner.

3. **Terms of Service.** The congregation selects the Pastor to serve for an indefinite period. The Pastor will receive compensation and other amenities that customarily accompany the call to serve as a Pastor. These amenities may include but are not limited to housing allowance, reimbursement expenses in accordance with ministry, and other gratuities, which shall be viewed at the time of selection. The Pastor shall receive an annual vacation of 30 days per year, including a bi-annual review for a salary increase. After 10 years of serving, the pastor will accrue a one-month sabbatical each year.

4. **Termination.** In the event the Pastor elects to resign, he may do so by presenting a written thirty (30) days' notice to the Deacons' Ministry Leader. The Deacons shall consult with the Pastor and, after full consideration of all the facts and circumstances surrounding the resignation, they shall present the Notice of Resignation to the Trustee Board and then the Church.
  
5. **Dismissal.** A pastor may be removed from office at any special meeting of the Deacon Board if he is found to be physically or mentally incapacitated or spiritually unqualified (according to pertinent Scripture, including 1 Timothy 3:1–7 and Titus 1:5–9), after a thorough corroborating investigation by the Deacons (or a duly appointed Committee of the Trustee Board, in accord with the procedures prescribed by pertinent Scripture, including Matthew 18:15–18 and 1 Timothy 5:19. When an Elder is removed because of sin that is deemed sufficient to disqualify him from shepherding, and if he refuses to repent from that sin, the removal shall be accompanied by a public rebuke, and notice shall be made before the Church and the congregation thereof at a regularly-scheduled worship service as prescribed in 1 Timothy 5:20.

If there is cause for removal and dismissal of the Pastor, the Deacons' Ministry Leader shall call a meeting of the congregation to discuss the removal/dismissal. A motion to remove the Pastor shall be presented to the Church if the Pastor is to be removed based on a majority of the votes from eligible disciples' present. The Deacons' Ministry Leader shall prepare a Notice of Termination of Office, effective thirty (30) days from the vote date. The Pastor shall be placed on administrative leave with full benefits.

## **Section 2: Deacons**

1. **Duties.** The Deacons shall assist the Pastor in performing the Pastor's duties. They shall assist in matters relating to the disciples, including removing them, if necessary. Deacons shall provide leadership for prayer services and devotions with the Pastor; visit the sick, needy, and distressed; make recommendations for administering such funds as the Church may provide for the assistance of the sick, needy, and distressed; promote the fellowship of the Church in support of worthy causes; and observe the ordinances of the Church. The Deacons shall assist the Pastor in promoting the various evangelistic endeavors of the Church.
  
2. **Appointment of Deacons/Deaconesses.** The Pastor shall appoint those disciples who will serve as deacons and deaconesses (1 Timothy 3:8-13).
  
3. **Removal of Deacons.** The Pastor shall have the right to remove a deacon who fails to maintain appropriate moral standards or perform duties assigned.
  
4. **Leadership of the Deacons.**
  - Chairman
  - Vice Chairman
  - Secretary

- Treasurer
- Corresponding Secretary

## **ARTICLE VII Trustee Board**

The Corporate Officers will consist of the following:

- I. Pastor/Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
2. Trustee Board

**Section 1. Chief Executive Officer** - Subject to such supervisory powers as may be given by the Board to the Chairperson, the Pastor shall be the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and shall supervise, direct and control the Corporation's day-to-day activities, business and affairs. The Chief Executive Officer shall be empowered to hire, manage and fire all of the employees of the Corporation, under such terms and having such job responsibilities as the chief executive shall determine in his sole discretion, subject to the rights, if any, of the employee under any contract of employment. The Chief Executive Officer may delegate his responsibilities and powers subject to the control of the Board. Additionally, the Chief Executive Officer shall be an officer of the Corporation. As an ex-officio member, the Chief Executive Officer has voting rights, as do all Trustee Board members.

### **Section 2. Responsibilities of Officers**

1. **Chairperson of the Board** - The Chairperson of the Board (the "Chairperson"), if any, shall be a Trustee and shall preside at meetings of the Board and exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board or prescribed by these Bylaws. The Chairperson must work with the Pastor and Board members to fulfill the Church's mission; leads meetings and sets up agendas with the Pastor; organizes and plans with other Board members to meet the Church vision and ministry goals; maintains a healthy and growing spiritual life.
2. **Vice Chairperson**. The Vice Chairperson of the Board (the "Vice Chair") shall, in the absence or disability of the Chairperson, perform all the duties of the Chairperson and, when so acting, have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chairperson. The Vice-Chair shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board.
  - a. **Secretary** The secretary of the Corporation (the "Secretary") shall attend to the following:
    - 1) **Bylaws**. The Secretary shall certify and keep or cause to be kept at the Corporation's principal office the original or a copy of these Bylaws as amended to date.

- 2) Minute Book. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a minute book of all meetings and official actions of the Board.
  - 3) Notices. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, a notice of all meetings of the Board in accordance with these Bylaws.
  - 4) Corporate Records. Upon request, the Secretary shall exhibit or cause to be exhibited at all reasonable times to any Trustee, or to his or her agent or attorney, these Bylaws and the minute book.
  - 5) Corporate Seal and Other Duties. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept the seal of the Corporation, if any, in safe custody, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties incident to the office of Secretary as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws.
- b. Finance Manager (Treasurer). The Treasurer of the Corporation (the "Treasurer" shall attend to the following:
- 1) Books of Account. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct books and records of accounts of the properties and transactions of the Corporation, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses, capital, retained earnings and other matters customarily included in financial statements. The books of account shall be open to inspection by any Director at all reasonable times.
  - 2) Financial Reports. The Treasurer shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify, or cause to be certified, the financial statements to be included in any required reports.
  - 3) Deposit and Disbursement of Money and Valuables. The Treasurer shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, all money and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the Board; shall disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board; shall render, or cause to be rendered to the CEO and Trustees, whenever they request it, an account of all their transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation; and shall have other powers and perform such other duties incident to the office of Treasurer as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws.
- c. Additional Officers. The Board may empower the Chairperson to appoint or remove such other Officers as the business of the Corporation may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as are provided in these Bylaws or as the Board from time to time may determine.

### **Section 3: Trustees**

1. **Authorized Numbers.** There shall be as many serving Trustees (if applicable) as needed to oversee the financial functions of Renewed Life Church, as determined by the Pastor/CEO.

## 2. **Selection of Trustees**

The Pastor/CEO shall appoint the members of the Board of Trustees and designate a Chair of the Board. The Pastor in collaboration with said Chair shall designate the Vice Chair. The Pastor shall select other officers set forth in subsection 4 of this Article.

## 3. **Qualifications**

- a) Trustees shall be a disciple of Renewed Life Church;
- b) A weekly and or monthly giver; and,
- c) Qualified to obtain a fidelity bond at the appropriate amount.

- i. Officers
  - Chair of the Trustees.
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer

## 4. **Duties and Responsibilities shall include the following:**

- a) Trustees shall have the responsibility of caring for the property of Renewed Life Church;
- b) Trustees shall act as fiduciaries concerning the real and personal property of the Church
- c) Trustees shall handle all legal and financial details relating to the property;
- d) Trustees are responsible for overseeing the offerings of Renewed Life Church membership;
- e) Trustees shall sign deeds, transfers of stock, banknotes, and mortgages upon authorization of Renewed Life Church;
- f) The personal property of Trustees will not be assessable or involved if Renewed Life Church fails to meet a financial obligation;
- g) Trustees shall learn as much about the law as possible and be persons in good standing with the Church;
- h) Trustees shall participate in regular training as developed by the Pastor and Renewed Life Church; and
- i) Trustees shall be bonded (see Section 3c Qualifications)

5. **Term of Office.** A trustee appointed by the Pastor as a result of a vacancy shall serve for one year, commencing on the date the trustee assumes the office. A trustee may be reappointed and ratified by the church disciples for a full term of 3 years, not to exceed three (3) consecutive terms for a total of ten (10) years..

6. **General Corporate Power.** The Corporation is subject to the provisions and limitations of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, any other applicable laws, and any limitations of the Articles of Incorporation and the current Bylaws. The activities

and affairs of the Church shall be managed, and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the ultimate direction of the Trustee Board.

7. **Specific Powers.** Without prejudice to these general powers, but subject to the same limitations, the Trustees shall have power to:
  - a) Change the principal office or the principal business office in the State of California from one location to another.
  - b) Adopt and use a corporate seal and later the form thereof.
  - c) Incur debt on behalf of the Church; cause to be executed and delivered for the purpose of the Church in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds, mortgages, pledges, hypothecations, and other evidence of debt and securities.
  - d) Direct and monitor the preparation and presentation of the Church's Annual Estimated Expenditures, financial report and Annual Receipts.
8. **Vacancies.** A vacancy among Trustees shall exist upon death, removal, suspension, or resignation of any Trustee; or the declaration by resolution of the Trustees that a vacancy exists. The CEO shall fill any vacancy among Trustees when a Trustee has been declared to be of unsound mind by order of judgment of any court and has violated Section 5230 of the California Corporation Code and the California Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law.
9. **Removal.** The CEO shall remove any Trustee who fails to perform their duties.
10. **Meetings.** Trustee meetings shall be held in a designated office within the Church or as assigned at such place as assigned.
11. **Regular Meetings.** Trustees shall hold meetings throughout the calendar year.
12. **Special Meetings.** The Trustee Chairperson, along with CEO, may call a special meeting anytime there is a need.
13. **Manner of Notification.** Notification of the time and place of a special meeting shall be given to each Trustee by one of the following procedures:
  - a) By a telephone call to the Trustee's home, place of work, by text, or by e-mail.
  - b) All such notices shall be given or sent to the Trustee's address and or telephone number as listed in the Church's directory.
14. **Notice of Contents.** The notice shall state the time of the meeting and the place if the place is other than the regular meeting office at the Church.
15. **Quorum.**
  - a) A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

- b) A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue transacting business. If any action is approved, it must be by a majority of the Trustees at that meeting.

**16. Participation by Electronic Means; No Proxy Votes**

Trustees may participate in Board meetings by electronic means, such as telephone or internet applications or means, and such participation is deemed personal presence. Trustees may not vote by proxy given to another, whether a member of the Board of Trustees or not.

**17. Removal of Trustees**

A Trustee may be removed by the Pastor/CEO or by the vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees at a meeting duly called with notice, including notice to the director in question, with the issue of their removal that will be a subject at the meeting.

- 18. Waiver of Notice:** Notice of a meeting need not be given to a Board member who provided a waiver of notice or consent to holding the meeting or approval of the minutes thereof in writing, whether before or after the meeting or who attends the meeting without protesting the lack of notice to that Director before the meeting or at its commencement. Any such waiver, consent, or approval shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the meeting minutes.

**19. Action Without a Meeting**

Any action required or permitted by the Board of Trustees may be taken without a meeting if all Trustees individually or collectively consent in writing to the action. Such written consent shall be filed with the Minutes of the Board's proceedings and shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of the members.

**20. Compensation of Trustees**

The Trustees shall serve without compensation, although maybe reimbursed for incidental expenses incurred which are reasonably related and required for performing their duties.

**21. Parliamentary Procedure**

To the maximum extent possible, meetings and proceedings of the Board of Trustees shall comply with the provisions of the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

**ARTICLE VIII  
Ministerial Ministry**

**The Ministerial Ministry consists of the following:**

**Section 1: Ministerial Ministry** The Pastor shall select the ministerial ministry and prescribe duties as necessary. The needs of the Church shall determine the number of ministerial staff.

## **ARTICLE IX Ministry Leaders**

**Section 1: Duties** The ministry leaders/appointees of various ministries and support services shall direct the activities of said ministries, and shall work in cooperation with the Pastor.

**Section 2: Selection** - The Pastor shall appoint/approve each ministry's ministry leaders. The Pastor may also delegate the appointment to be selected by disciples of their respective ministries. The Pastor may discontinue/establish a ministry as needed.

**Section 3: Removal**. The Pastor may remove a ministry leader for immoral conduct or failure to perform duties of their respective position.

## **ARTICLE X Indemnification**

**Section 1. Indemnification Clause**- The Church shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless any officer, Deacon, or Trustee of any and all claims, demands, liability, loss, expense, damages or costs arising out of or relating to their service as an officer, Deacon or Trustee, including but not limited to administrative actions or proceedings, governmental actions or proceedings, lawsuits, legal actions, arbitration or other claims of any kind, except in instances where the officer, Deacon or Trustee is duly adjudged in any such actions or proceedings to be liable for their own negligence or misconduct in the performance of their duties. This indemnification shall be in addition to any other rights to which those so indemnified may be entitled under any law, Bylaw, agreement, or otherwise.

**Section 2: Insurance**. Renewed Life Church shall purchase and maintain insurance to the full extent permitted by law on behalf of the officers, Trustees, employees, and other agents of the Church, against any liability asserted against or incurred by an officer, Trustee, employee, or agent in said capacity or arising out of their status.

## **ARTICLE XI Records and Reports**

### **Section 1. Maintenance of Records**

- I. The Church shall maintain:
  - a) All records in accordance with federal and state retention laws and in accordance with prescribed accounting laws and regulations;



- b) Minutes of annual Church proceedings and Trustee meetings;
- c) Records of disciples' names, addresses, and phone numbers; and,
- d) Results of annual audits.

**Section 2. Inspection by Trustees**- Every Trustee shall have the right, at any reasonable time, to inspect all books, records, and documents, including any physical properties of the Church and records of its subsidiary corporations. This inspection by a Trustee must be made in person, with the right to obtain copies of documents in question.

**Section 3. Annual Report**. The Pastor and Trustees shall cause an annual report to be presented to Renewed Life Church disciples within one hundred twenty (120) days after the close of the calendar year. Annual reports shall contain standardized financial statements.

**Section 4. Audit of Financial Statements**.

The Board of Trustees shall assure an independent Certified Public Account audits the annual financial statements of the Corporation and a letter is received concerning the accountant's opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly the financial condition of the Corporation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and any qualifications to such opinion.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **BUSINESS MEETINGS**

**Section 1:** The Church shall hold business meetings at the call of the Pastor at such times as the Holy Spirit leads him. Such meetings may be called for counsel, reports of committees, or any such item of business deemed necessary for the Church's peace, progress, or general welfare.

**Section 2:** The business meeting shall be composed of members of Renewed Life Church who are in good standing

**Section 3:** Only business meetings called or approved by the Pastor shall be deemed legal, and the business transacted in such meetings shall only be outlined in writing by the Pastor.

**Section 4:** In the absence of the Pastor, the Chairman of Deacons and Trustee Board shall have carte blanche to call or conduct a business meeting and shall manage the affairs of the Church until the calling of a new Pastor.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Amendments**

**Section 1: Action by Trustees**. These Bylaws may be amended or repealed, and new Bylaws may be adopted at the Pastor's discretion but by a majority vote of the Trustees.

**Section 2: Limitation Action by Trustees** - When any provision of these Bylaws requires the vote of a larger portion of the Trustees than otherwise is required by law, such provision may only be altered, amended, or repealed by the vote of such greater number. Except at the Pastor's discretion, no amendment can increase a Trustee's term beyond the period for which that Trustee was appointed.

**Section 3: Maintenance of Bylaws** -The Secretary of the Corporation shall see that a true and correct copy of all amendments of the Bylaws, duly certified by the Secretary, is attached to the official Bylaws of the Corporation, and is maintained with the official records of the Church.

**ARTICLE XIV  
Fiscal Year of The Church**

**Section 1:** The Fiscal Year of the Church shall end at midnight each December 31.

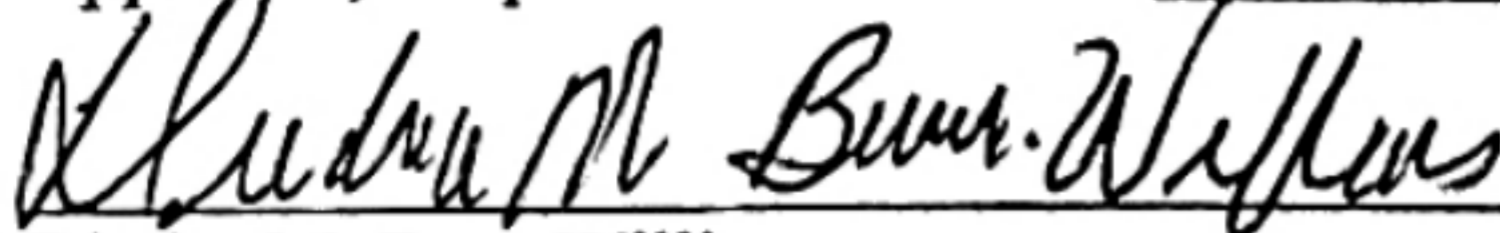
**ARTICLE XV  
CESSATION AND DISSOLUTION**

**Section 1:** In the unlikely event cessation of the Church and dissolution of the Corporation is considered, the Board of Trustees shall decide by a majority vote to cease and to dissolve the Corporation, as may be the case. Such plan shall be considered by the Board of Trustees and approved, along with any modifications, by majority vote. Such plan shall include, among other things, (i) all procedures which must be undertaken with cognizant federal and state authorities, (ii) payment of debts, loans and other obligations, and (iii) followed by distribution(s) of any remaining assets to recipient(s) which have the same level of tax-exempt status as the Corporation. If there are no Trustees then remaining to give effect to this Article XV, any corporate officer may undertake the above steps.

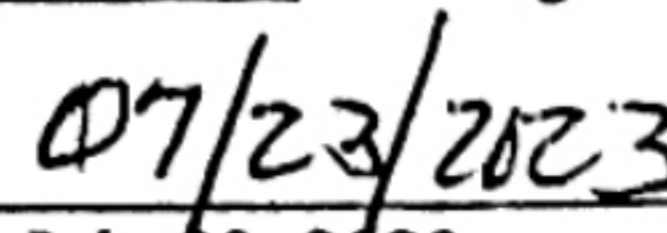
**Certificate of Secretary**

I, the undersigned, certify that I am presently serving as the Secretary of Renewed Life Church, Incorporated, a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation, and the above Bylaws of this Corporation as adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on June 24, 2023.

Approved, adopted and ratified on JULY 23, 2023 at Long Beach California.



Diedra M. Burr-Williams  
(Secretary Signature)



July 23, 2023  
(Date)