

CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

**First Assembly of God, Inc.
Doing business as
Family Christian Center
In Socorro, New Mexico**

Adopted this 29th day of March, 2009

INTRODUCTION

For the purpose of establishing and maintaining a place for the 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 responsibility and the privilege of propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ, by all available means, both at home and in foreign lands; we the members of this church, do hereby recognize ourselves as a local church in fellowship with, and as a part of, the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God; and we do hereby adopt the following articles of church order and submit ourselves to be governed by them.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this church shall be ***First Assembly of God, Inc.*** doing business as ***Family Christian Center.***

ARTICLE II. PREROGATIVES AND PURPOSES

The prerogatives and purposes of a General Council affiliated church shall be:

1.To Govern

This church shall have the right to govern itself and to conduct its own affairs according to the standard of the New Testament Scriptures and of the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God. This shall specifically include such matters as the calling of a pastor, the election

of the church board, discipleship of its members and the conducting of its own services and church activities.

2.To Acquire and Dispose

In connection therewith, or incidental thereto, this church shall have the right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequest or otherwise, either directly or as trustee, and 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, and to exercise all other powers conferred upon by the applicable nonprofit corporation law of this state; all in accordance with its Bylaws as the same may be hereafter amended.

3.To Worship, Fellowship, and Propagate

The purpose of this church shall be to establish and maintain a place for the 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, and to assume our share of responsibility and the privilege of propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both at home and in foreign lands.

4. To Cooperate

This church shall cooperate with the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God and the General Council of the Assemblies of God to extend the work and kingdom of God throughout the world. It shall participate in District Council and General Council sessions through its chosen delegates and share in the support of the ministries of these bodies.

5. To Recognize

This church shall recognize that the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God and the General Council of the Assemblies of God have the authority and right to approve scriptural doctrine and conduct; disapprove unscriptural doctrine and conduct; to withdraw their certificates of membership, if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE III. AFFILIATION

This church shall maintain its inherent rights to sovereignty in conducting its own affairs. It shall voluntarily enter into cooperative fellowship with churches of like, precious faith, which are associated with the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God and the General Council of the Assemblies of God. It shall share in the privileges and assume the responsibilities dictated by this affiliation.

ARTICLE IV. TENETS OF FAITH

This church accepts the Holy Spirit as the revealed will of God and the all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. For the purpose of maintaining general unity, it adopts the following Statement of Fundamental Truths:

1. The Inspired Scriptures

We believe the Bible is the inspired and only infallible, authoritative Word of God. (II Timothy 3:15, 16; I Peter 2:2)

2. The One True God

We believe there is one true God; eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10; Matthew 28:19; Mark 12:29)

3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His personal return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. (Isaiah 7:14; Hebrews 7:26; Acts 2:22; I Corinthians 15:3, 4; Acts 1:9-11)

4. The Fall of Man

We believe man was created good and upright, but he sinned; thereby incurred both physical and spiritual death—which is separation from God. (Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 5:12-19)

5. The Salvation of Man

We believe the only means of our being cleansed from sin is through repentance and through faith in the precious blood of Christ. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. (Luke 24:47; Romans 6:16; Romans 10:13-17; Titus 2:11, Titus 3:5-7)

6. Ordinances of the church

We believe the ordinances of the church are the Communion of the Lord's Supper and Baptism by immersion—in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (I Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4)

7. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is granted to all who ask for it. Further, we believe that this experience is distinct from the New Birth and follows it; that it was a normal experience of the New Testament Christians; and that it brings an endowment of power for Christian living and service.

(Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8)

8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

We believe the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is witnessed to believers by the initial, physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. This is the same, in essence, as the "gift of tongues" but is different from its purpose and use. (Acts 2:4; I. Corinthians 12:4-10, 28)

9. Sanctification

We believe that the Holy Scriptures teach a life of holiness. Sanctification is a separation from that which is evil and a dedication unto God; and that all believers should earnestly pursue sanctification by walking in obedience to God's Word. Further, we believe that a Christian is able to live a godly life by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (Hebrews 12:14; I Peter 1:15, 16; Philippians 2:12, 13)

10. The Church

We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ. Each believer, born of the Holy Spirit, is a part of the "...general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven." (Ephesians 1:22, 23; Ephesians 2:22; Hebrews 12:23)

11. The Ministry

We believe our Lord has provided a divinely called ministry for two purposes: (a) Evangelizing the world and (b) Edifying the Body of Christ. (Mark 16:15-20; Ephesians 4:11-13)

12. Divine Healing

We believe that Christ's death on the cross provides healing for the human body, in answer to a believer's prayer. (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:16, 17; James 5:14-16)

13. The Blessed Hope

We believe in the resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord. This is the imminent and Blessed Hope of the Church. (I Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Romans 8:23, Titus 2:13; I Corinthians 15:51, 51)

14. The Millennial Reign of Christ

We believe that the Second Coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints (which is the Blessed Hope), followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to rule on the earth for a thousand years (which is the Millennium) and that this reign will bring the salvation of national Israel and establish universal peace. (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27, 30; Revelation 1:7; Revelation 19:11-21; Revelation 20:1-6; Romans 22:26, 27; Isaiah 11:6-9; Micah 4:3, 4)

15. The Final Judgment

We believe there will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whoever is not found in the Book of Life will be consigned to everlasting punishment, which is the second death. (Matthew 25:31-46; Mark 9:42-48; Revelation 19:20; Revelation 20:11-15; Revelation 21:8)

16. The New Heavens and the New Earth

We, "...according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." (II Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:22)

ARTICLE V. ORDINANCES

Section 1. Baptism in Water

The ordinance of baptism by immersion in water (Matthew 28:19) shall be administered to all who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their soul, and who give clear evidence of their salvation (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12).

Section 2. Holy Communion

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed regularly as enjoined in the Scriptures (Luke 22:19, 20; I Corinthians 11:23-26).

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regular or special business meeting of the church by a majority vote of the membership present. The voting members shall be properly notified of such a purpose at least two (2) Sundays preceding the meeting. The proposed amendment shall be posted in the church in the same period.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Standard of Membership

- A. Evidence of a genuine experience in regeneration, the New Birth; (John 1:12, 13; John 3:3-8; I Peter 1:18-25)
- B. Having been baptized in water by immersion (Matthew 3:15; 28:19; Acts 2:38; 8:36-38; Romans 6:3-5)
- C. Evidence of a consistent Christian life – including regular attendance of services and a cooperative, submissive, humble and Christ-like spirit; (Hebrews 10:35; Romans 6:4; Romans 13:13, 14; I John 1:6, 7; Ephesians 4:17-32; Ephesians 5:1, 2, 15)
- D. Regular contribution to the support of the church, according to the scriptures. (Malachi 3:10; I Corinthians 16:2; II Corinthians 8-9)
- E. Subscription to the Tenets of Faith, as set forth in the Constitution.
- F. Having reached at least 18 years of age.
- G. Having regularly attended the services of, and supported, this assembly for a period of at least three consecutive months prior to the date of application for membership.
- H. Agreement to being governed by the bylaws of this assembly, and of the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God, as both may be amended from time to time.

Section 2. Pastor and Spouse

- A. By virtue of office, the pastor shall be a member of this church during his tenure.
- B. The pastor's spouse shall be considered an active voting member during pastor's tenure.

Section 3. Reception of Membership

- A. Persons desiring to become active members of the church shall make the fact known to the pastor, who shall examine the applicant according to the Standard of Membership;
- B. The pastor shall present the names of those who apply for membership with his recommendations to the church board

who shall act upon said recommendations and render a decision.

- C. Persons who wish to become active members of this church shall attend the Membership Class presented by the church. All persons who have met the membership requirements; have been passed on favorably; and have attended the class shall be considered members of the church. They shall be received in to the church publicly at a designated Sunday service, and their names shall be inscribed on the roster.

Section 4. Classification of Membership

- A. Voting Members: All active members, 18 years or older, in good standing, shall constitute the legal voting membership of the church.
- B. Associate Members: All active members below the age of 18 are considered associate members. They shall not have voting privileges or have a voice in the business meetings of the church. At age 18, associate members may apply for voting membership. Failure to apply will automatically revert to inactive membership.
- C. Inactive Membership: Those persons who have moved from the community, but have not transferred their membership to another church, shall be considered inactive members. Also, members who have absented themselves from the regular church for a period of ninety (90) days (for reasons other than physical disability or temporary absence from the community) shall be classified as inactive. Inactive members shall not be qualified to participate in the business of the church. If an inactive member desires to become active again by resuming attendance at the services, the board shall return the name to its voting membership list upon written request without formal reception. (This does not apply to persons who have been dismissed from the church for disciplinary action or who are on probation.) After one year of inactive membership, the board may consider their membership removal.

Section 5. Obligation of Membership

- A. Cooperative Action: The members of this church shall give consent to its form of government, with policies mutually agreed upon; and uphold fundamental unity in doctrine, conduct and action. They shall be subject to those who are

leaders as the Word of God teaches. (I Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:2-6; Hebrews 13:17)

- B. Attitude Toward Strife: No Christian institution can comply with plain teaching of Scripture unless unity and harmony predominate. No member of this body shall incite or engender strife. All members shall work in harmony with the church and its officers, as did the early church. If there is cause for concern, it shall be called to the attention of the Pastor or a member of the church board. Each concern shall be considered and a response with the necessary adjustments shall be made. (Matthew 18:15-18; Acts 2:42; Acts 6:1-7; Hebrews 13:17)
- C. Financial Support: All members shall be supporting members in proportion as the Lord prospers them. (Malachi 3:10; I Corinthians 16:1, 2; II Corinthians 9:6-9)

Section 6. Transfers

There may be members in good standing who wish to sever their relationship with the church, or desire to be transferred to some other congregation. These members shall apply to the secretary of the church board or to the pastor for a letter of release or transfer—signed by the pastor or the secretary of the church board.

Section 7. Membership Roster Revision

The pastor and the church board shall be authorized to revise the membership roll of the church. This will be done thirty (30) days prior to any business meeting. Roster revision is the removal from the list of active members all names of those who are deceased and those who have withdrawn from the church or those deemed inactive according to Article I, Section 4c of the Bylaws.

Section 8. Discipline and Probation

- A. Conduct inconsistent with a pure Christian testimony or a radical departure from the Tenets of Faith shall be sufficient grounds for placing a member under charges. (Matthew 18:15-18; I Corinthians 5:11; Galatians 1:8, 9; Titus 3:1-15)
- B. The church board, together with the pastor, shall recognize its duty to interview and encourage a proper attitude in those under discipline, pressing for the biblical resolution in each case.

- C. Any member who shall be on probation under charges shall be temporarily suspended from voting, pending prompt investigation and decision. Any member who has been disciplined has the right to appeal to the church board, then to the church.

ARTICLE II. GOVERNMENT

Section 1. The Church Board

A. In General

The government of this church shall be vested in the church board, which shall consist of the pastor and a minimum of three (3) board members, to the extent that such authority is not limited by district supervision as provided by under the Bylaws of the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God.

Section 2. Board Members

The board members shall be persons of mature Christian experience and knowledge, and filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues who shall be expected to meet the requirements set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Acts 6. Board members shall be at least 21 years old, and shall have been members of this church for at least 12 months. They shall currently support the church with their tithes and offerings, have a cooperative spirit, and faithfully attend church services. (Unless there is a valid hindrance.) They shall not hold Assemblies of God credentials or any other ministerial credentials.

A. Duties of Church Board

1. The board shall cooperate with the pastor in the affairs, funds, and property of the church. The church board shall have the authority to carry out the purposes of the church according to its Bylaws.
2. The church board shall act in the examination of applications for membership and in the administration of discipline.
3. In cases when the church is temporarily without a pastor, the remaining members of the church board shall be empowered to select a temporary chairman of the board.

4.The church board shall appoint a secretary and treasurer from among the active board members who meet the qualifications for such office.

Section 3. Deacons/Deaconesses

- A. Two or more Deacons/Deaconesses may be appointed to serve when qualified individuals are available and willing to serve. They shall be nominated by the Pastor and approved by the Church Board.
- B. They shall be individuals of mature Christian experience and knowledge (full of faith and of the Holy Spirit) whose lives and conduct conform to the following Scriptures: Acts 6:3; 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and Titus 1. They shall have been members of the Church for at least one (1) year. Members of the Board may also serve as Deacons/Deaconesses simultaneously with their term on the Board.
- C. They shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Pastor in spiritual matters, and shall assist in administering discipline.
- D. Their term of office shall be for one (1) year.

Section 4. Officers

A. In General

There shall be a president, secretary, and a treasurer. The pastor, by virtue of office, shall be the president and chairman of the church board. One board member may hold the offices of secretary and treasurer simultaneously.

B. Qualifications

(1) Pastor

The pastor shall be a licensed or ordained minister in good standing with both The General Council of the Assemblies of God and the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God, holding a current fellowship card.

(2) Secretary

The secretary shall be an active voting member of this church for at least one (1) year immediately preceding appointment to office, shall

currently support the church with tithes, shall have a cooperative spirit, and shall be faithful in attendance at church services.

(3) Treasurer

The treasurer shall be an active voting member of this church for at least one (1) year immediately preceding appointment to office shall currently support the church with tithes, shall have a cooperative spirit, and shall be faithful in attendance at church services.

C. Duties of Officers

(1) Pastor

- A. The pastor shall be responsible for the spiritual oversight of the church and shall direct its activities.
- B. The pastor shall be recognized as a member of the church board, president of the church shall act as chairman of all the business meetings of the church, and of the church board.
- C. The pastor shall arrange for all services of the church and shall specifically arrange for all special meetings, conventions, and revival campaigns. No person shall be invited to speak or preach in the church without his approval.
- D. The pastor shall, as chairman of the church board, be chairman of the nominating committee for the selection of board nominees. The pastor shall privately interview those nominated and ascertain their eligibility and availability to serve as board members.
- E. The pastor shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

(2) Secretary

- A. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the official meetings of the church board and of the annual and special business meetings of the church.
- B. The secretary shall keep a record of the membership of the church and perform any other clerical work necessary to the proper discharge of his or her duties.
- C. The secretary shall be the custodian of all legal documents.
- D. The secretary shall file such annual corporation reports with the Secretary of State as may be required by state law.

(3) Treasurer

- A. The treasurer shall be entrusted with all the finances of the church, subject to the supervision of the church board, and shall deposit all funds in local federally insured accounts or with institutions approved by the General Council of the Assemblies of God in the name of the church. The treasurer shall keep an itemized account of receipts and disbursements, shall present a report for each regular meeting of the church board, and shall present an annual report to the church in its annual business meeting.
- B. The treasurer shall assist the church in acquiring and maintaining available tax exemptions under state and local law.
- C. The treasurer shall provide a contribution record to each donor annually.
- D. The treasurer shall be the custodian of all the financial records of the church.

Section 4. Fiduciary Duties

The law imposes several fiduciary duties on officers and board members, including the duties of due care and diligence, loyalty, avoidance of self-dealing, expending designated contributions for the purposes specified, and not commingling personal and corporate funds.

Section 5. Temporary Church Board

Should irreconcilable differences arise between the pastor and other members of the church board, destroying the unity and the successful ministry of the local church, the District Executive Presbytery along with the Sectional Presbyter (the investigating committee), upon request from the pastor or a majority of the church board members, shall investigate such differences. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the investigating committee, they may declare the church under District supervision. The term "District supervision" means that the investigating committee has the authority to: (1) suspend the Constitution and Bylaws of the church, (2) suspend the church board, (3) reclassify the church as a District Council affiliated church, and (4) appoint and establish a temporary church board vested with the authority to manage both the secular and ecclesiastical affairs of the church until such strife shall cease.

If the pastor is also the Sectional Presbyter, a Sectional Committeeman may be appointed as a member of the investigating committee in his place.

ARTICLE III. ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, AND REMOVALS

Section 1. Elections

A. Pastor

1. The church board shall nominate the pastor. Any member of the church may make recommendations to the church board.
2. Election shall be by secret ballot at the annual business meeting of the church or at a special business meeting called for that purpose. Only one candidate shall be considered at a time.
3. The initial election of the pastor shall be to serve for two (2) years. The election to continue to serve shall be indefinite.
4. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote shall be required to constitute an election. A majority vote is necessary for a pastoral re-election.
5. In the event either the pastor or any other member or members of the church shall challenge the validity of an election, the District Executive Presbytery, or any three (3) persons of its choice shall arbitrate the validity of the election, and its decision shall be final.

B. Secretary And Treasurer

The board shall appoint secretary and treasurer from the board. The term of office shall be one (1) year, and the secretary and treasurer may serve consecutive terms in accordance with Section C.

C. Board Members

Board members shall be nominated by a nominating committee made up of pastor and church board and they shall be ratified or elected by a majority vote of those active voting members present at an annual business meeting of the church at which an election is to be conducted. Active voting members may recommend nominees to the nominating committee; however, nominations for board members shall not be accepted from the floor during any business meeting. Board members shall be elected for a three (3) year term, and shall hold office until the annual business meeting at which time their successor is elected. When other qualified individuals are available and willing to

serve. board members may not serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms after which he/she shall take one (1) year off before being eligible to serve on the board again. The terms of board members shall be staggered appropriately as designated at time of election.

D. In General

Any office or position of leadership in the church (other than that of the pastor) may be terminated by a majority vote of the board.

E. Filling Vacancies

Any office or position of leadership in the church (other than the pastor) may be filled by appointment of the church board for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings for Worship

Meetings for public worship shall be held on each Lord's Day and during the week as may be arranged for under direction of the pastor or the church board, if there is no pastor.

Section 2. Annual Business Meeting

There shall be an annual business meeting of the church at which time the election of officers shall take place and the report of all officers shall be presented. This meeting shall be held at a time chosen by the official board. The pastor shall announce the time and place. Notice of the date, time and place of each annual business meeting shall be announced from the pulpit during morning worship services on each of the two (2) Sundays immediately preceding the date of the meeting.

Section 3. Special Business Meetings

Special business meetings of the church may be called by the pastor, or by a majority of the church board.

No business other than that specified in the notice of meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the church.

Section 4. Parliamentary Order

All business meetings of the church shall be governed by parliamentary procedure as set forth in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order", in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

A. Transfer Members

Transfer members shall have voting privileges after 30 days of transfer of members (Article I, Section 4).

B. Members Under Process of Discipline

No member under the process of discipline shall be entitled to a vote until the process is completed (Article I, Section 8).

Section 6. Quorum

The voting constituency shall consist of all active members of the church who are 18 years of age or older, who are in good standing, and not under charges.

All active members of the church responding to the call for a regular or special business meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. Order of Business

The regular order of business for the annual business meeting of this church shall be as follows:

- A. Devotional
- B. Reading of previous minutes
- C. Report of treasurer
- D. Report of committees
- E. Unfinished business
- F. New Business
- G. Election of officers
- H. Adjournment

Section 8. The Church Board

The church board shall meet monthly or at the call of the pastor for the transaction of business for the church, time and place to be announced by the pastor. A majority of the board members present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 9. Membership Roll

The church board shall review the list of active voting members at least annually, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the board immediately preceding the annual business meeting, and compile a current list of active voting members.

ARTICLE V. DEPARTMENTS

Section 1. In General

This church shall create and maintain such departments and sub organizations as may be necessary and advisable for the extension of its work. All such departments and organizations shall be subordinate to the church and shall contribute to the harmony and development of the whole. They shall be under the general supervision of the pastor and church board, and the pastor shall be an ex officio over members of all committees or departments. The pastor shall have the right to appoint all officers, teachers, and workers of this church.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCES

Section 1. In General

The voluntary contributions, tithes, and offerings of the members and friends of the organization shall provide all funds for the maintenance of the church. Offering shall be accepted by the church at such times and in such ways as agreed upon by the church board and shall be administered by the treasurer under their direction (Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38; I Corinthians 16:1, 2; II Corinthians 9:6-8).

Section 3. Pastoral Remuneration

A. Regular Remuneration

The pastor shall be compensated for his services by a salary or by other means agreed upon by the church board and him. The church board shall review the pastor's compensation at least annually and determine vacation time.

B. Reimbursement for Expenses

The pastor shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred by his attendance at District Councils, General Councils, and other District functions, conferences, seminars, training and classes according to the ability of the church as determined by the church board.

C. Severance Pay

In the event a pastor is removed from office by a vote of the active voting membership of the church, or shall fail to be sustained by vote of the active voting membership at the end of a term, he shall be given a minimum of two (2) months regular or average remuneration as severance pay, except in the case of moral turpitude.

ARTICLE VII. PROPERTY

Section 1. Title

All property of the church shall be deeded to the church and held in its name or, if required by law, to trustees acting on behalf of the church and their successors in office. Should the church choose to do so, it may request the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God to act as its trustee to hold title.

Section 2. Purchases and Sales of Property

All purchases of furnishings, equipment, and other items of tangible personal property, exceeding \$5,000.00 in cost, and all purchases and sales of real property shall be authorized by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership who are in attendance at a regular or special meeting of the church.

Section 3. Discontinuation of Church Services

Should this church cease to maintain a weekly worship service for a period of three (3) months under the direction of a leader duly authorized by and in good standing with the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God, it shall be dissolved and its properties disposed of according to Article VII, Section 4, of these Bylaws.

Section 4. Disaffiliation

Title to all real property now owned or hereafter acquired by the church shall be held in trust as a place of divine worship in full cooperative fellowship and affiliation with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, of Springfield, Missouri, and New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God. In the event that the church shall be divided over doctrinal or any other issues, or shall vote to disaffiliate from the Assemblies of God, all property of the church shall remain with those members, whatever their number, desiring continued affiliation with the Assemblies of God and adhering to its Statement of Fundamental Truths. The determination of which group of members desires continued affiliation with the Assemblies of God and adheres to its Statement of Fundamental Truths shall be arbitrated by the district Presbytery of the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God, and its decision shall be final and binding. If all of the members of the church shall vote to disaffiliate from the Assemblies of God for doctrinal or any other reasons, then all of the property of such church shall revert to the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God and shall be used by the District as an Assemblies of God church, if possible, and if not possible, the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God may sell the property and apply the proceeds in any manner consistent with its stated purposes.

Section 5. Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the church, none of its funds or assets shall be distributed to any officer, board member, or any other individual. The church board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the church, dispose of all of the funds and assets of the church by conveying the same to the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God for the purposes of the church, and

provided that said District Council of the Assemblies of God, at the time qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE VIII. DISPUTES

Disputes will be resolved in accordance with God's Holy Word (Matthew 18:15-17, I Corinthians 6:1-8).

ARTICLE IX. QUORUM

The voting constituency shall consist of all active members of the church who are 18 years of age or older, and who are in good standing and not under charges (Article IX, Section 6). Members present shall set the quorum.

ARTICLE X. MISSIONS

In order to fulfill the Great Commission and to see that this gospel of the kingdom be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations, a home and foreign missions program shall be established. This program shall be maintained to support missionaries, both spiritually and financially.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at any regular or special business meeting of the church by a majority vote of the membership present. The voting members shall be properly notified of such a purpose at least two (2) Sundays preceding the meeting. The proposed amendment shall be posted in the church in the same period.