

# Charity Church History

Incorporated: January 9, 1956

It is Pentecostal in belief and stands for the fundamental truths of the New Testament; it is dedicated to the Lord for the propagation of the Gospel.

The church is known as:

**Charity Church, Inc.  
of  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

## VISION STATEMENT

TO COMMUNICATE THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH OUR MINISTRY GIFTINGS AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, REACHING OUT TO ALL PEOPLE AND GUIDING THEM TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST. AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER WE WILL CREATE A PLACE OF UNITY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO MINISTER AND TO DEMONSTRATE CHARITY TO OUR FAMILIES, CONGREGATION, AND THE COMMUNITY.



## **THE SOLEMN AND SACRED COVENANT OF CHARITY CHURCH**

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and profession of our faith having been baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We purpose by the help of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian Love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship ordinance; disciplines, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all the nations.

## **PREAMBLE**

Our purpose is to establish and maintain a place for the worship of Almighty God, our heavenly Father; to promote 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 spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both at home and in foreign lands, we, whose names appear upon the assembly roster (membership roll or record), adopt the following articles of church order and submit ourselves to be governed by them.

## **Constitution**

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this Christian assembly shall be Charity Church of the City of Indianapolis, Inc.

### **ARTICLE II: PREROGATIVES**

#### **SECTION 1**

This assembly shall have the right to govern itself according to the standard 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.” Ephesians 4:3, 13

#### **SECTION 2**

This assembly shall implement its New Testament Christianity commissioned by these prerogatives:

- (a) To adhere to the articles of faith defined in Article III and to administer the regular ordinances therein defined;
- (b) To establish and maintain such departments, institutions and services within the assembly for the spreading of the Gospel and its work embraced by the purpose of this corporation;
- (c) To examine candidates for the ministry, and to license and ordain those who shall have been approved by the Pastor of the assembly according to standards set forth by the New Testament;
- (d) To examine and support missionary programs according to standards set forth by the New Testament;
- (e) To establish and define policy by which this assembly shall be governed.

#### **SECTION 3**

We also maintain 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 as may be necessary for the furtherance of its Constitution and Bylaws or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended.

### **ARTICLE III: ARTICLES OF FAITH**

#### **SECTION 1: THE SCRIPTURES INSPIRED**

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and the product of Spirit-controlled men and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (II Timothy 3:15-17; I Thessalonians 2:13; II Peter 1:21). Unless otherwise stated we have used the KJV Bible.

## **SECTION 2: THE ONE TRUE GOD**

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent “I AM”, the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind; inexpressively glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10, 11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22).

## **SECTION 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 (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35; Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14).
- (b) His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; I Peter 2:22).
- (c) His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).
- (d) His atonement for our sins (I Corinthians 15:3; II Corinthians 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; Acts 2:33; Phil. 2:9-11; Hebrews 1-3).

## **SECTION 4: CREATION**

We accept the Genesis account of creation and believe that man came by direct creation of God and not of evolution (Gen. 1; Gen. 2; Col.1:16, 17; John 1:3; Psalm 33:6, 9).

## **SECTION 5: THE FALL OF MAN**

Man was created good and upright; for God said, “Let us make man in our image.” However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

## **SECTION 6: SATAN**

We believe in the personality of Satan that he is the author of all powers of darkness and is destined to the judgment of an eternal justice in the lake of fire. (Matt. 4:1-3; II Cor. 4:3,4; Rev. 20:10).

## **SECTION 7: THE SALVATION OF MAN**

- (a) Conditions to Salvation:

The grace of God, which brings salvation, hath appeared to all men, through the preaching of repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Man is saved by believing in Jesus Christ, having cleansed him from all unrighteousness, and being justified by grace through faith, he becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:45-47; John 3:3; Rom. 10:13-15; Eph. 4:24; Titus 2:12).

(b) The 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).

## **SECTION 8: THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH**

(a) Baptism in Water

The ordinance of Baptism: Baptism is an act that is simulated by being immersed in water, which represents “burial with Christ”. We believe that it should be observed as commanded in the scriptures, by all who have really repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as their Savior. In so doing they declare to the world that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Acts 10:47, 48; Rom. 6:4; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 19:5).

Believers are baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sin we baptize this our sister/brother in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit according to Matthew 28:19.

## **SECTION 9: THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST**

All believers are entitled to and should expect and receive the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Ghost, 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 word of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8; I Cor. 12:1-31).

This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 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. 12:28), 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).

## **SECTION 10: THE EVIDENCE OF BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST**

The full consummation of the Baptism of Believers in the Holy Ghost is evidenced by manifestation of spiritual power in public testimony and service (Acts 2:4; 10:42-46) and the initial and physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. The speaking of 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.

## **SECTION 11: SANCTIFICATION**

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Rom. 12:1, I Thess. 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 the will of God for all believers, and should be earnestly pursued by walking in the light of God’s word (Heb. 12:14; I Peter 1:15, 16; I Thess. 5:23, 24; Rom. 8:3, 4).

Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, 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).

## **SECTION 12: THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION**

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, 23; 2:22, Heb. 12:23).

God’s purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by man, and to build a body of believers in the image of His Son.

## **SECTION 13: THE MINISTRY AND EVANGELISM**

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the three-fold purpose of leading the Church in:

- (a) Evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20);
- (b) Worship of God (John 4:23, 24);
- (c) Building and edifying a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Eph. 4:11-16).

## **SECTION 14: PRAYER**

We believe that prayer is the believer’s communion with God and includes such elements as adoration, praise, thanksgiving and intercession; that true prayer, in faith believing is heard and answered by God, when the believer prays in the spirit and according to His will; that it is for us “always to pray and not faint.” We believe that if we regard iniquity in our heart, the Lord will not hear us and answer our prayer. (Rev. 3:20; Ex. 25:22; Jer. 29:13; Rom. 8:26,27; Jude verse 20; Luke 18:1; Luke 11:13; I Thess. 5:17; Isa. 59:1; Psa. 66:18; Prov. 28:9).

## **SECTION 15: DIVINE HEALING**

Deliverance from infirmities is provided for in the atonement and is the privilege of all believers (Isa. 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:16, 17; Mark 16:18; James 5:14).

## **SECTION 16: THE BLESSED HOPE**

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Jesus 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 Thess. 4:16,17; Rom. 8:23; Titus 2:13; I Cor. 15:51,52).

### **SECTION 17: THE MILLENIAL REIGN OF CHRIST JESUS**

The second coming of Christ includes the catching away of the saints, which is our blessed hope, and 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 establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalm 72:3-8; Micah 4:3, 4).

### **SECTION 18: THE FINAL JUDGMENT**

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophets, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake that burns with fire, which is the second death (Matt. 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Rev. 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8).

### **SECTION 19: THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH**

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

### **SECTION 20: APPEARANCE**

We believe that the Christian should adorn themselves in modest apparel exemplifying Christian virtue.

### **SECTION 21: MARRIAGE AND GENDER**

God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman, and that intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively within that union. God created and sanctioned marriage to bring together men and women, the complementary halves of humanity, by joining them in “one-flesh” unions. (Gen 2:18-25.) Marriage between one man and one woman for life uniquely reflects Christ’s relationship with His Church. (Eph 5:21-33.) Marriage also serves as the foundational unit of a stable society. (1 Cor 7:2.) God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female, and these distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Neither the church nor any minister of the church may by law of the land or constitution be forced to perform any perversion of marriage as defined by our Creator.

### **SECTION 22: SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps 139.)

### **SECTION 23: FINAL AUTHORITY FOR MATTERS OF BELIEF AND CONDUCT**

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Charity Church's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Pastor and Elders are Charity Church's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application. Should the matter of interpretation involve acts or omissions of the Pastor, then the Elders are the final authority.

## **ARTICLE IV: ORDINANCES**

### **SECTION 1**

The ordinance of Baptism by immersion in water (Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38) 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). We offer classes to all candidates for water baptism to ensure an understanding of this important step in their Christian walk.

### **SECTION 2**

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

### **SECTION 3**

Infants and small children may be dedicated to the Lord in the assembly whenever requested (Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15, 16).

### **SECTION 4**

The sick and afflicted shall be anointed with oil and prayed for with the laying on of hands upon their request (Mark 16:18; James 5:14).

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I: ORDER**

#### **SECTION 1**

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

#### **SECTION 2**

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

- (a) Reading of the minutes of the last business meeting.
- (b) Report of Trustee
- (c) Unfinished Business
- (d) New Business
- (e) Adjournment

### **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

- (a) Membership in this assembly shall be open to all those who give evidence of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and who voluntarily subscribe to its Articles of Faith and agree to be governed by its constitution and bylaws as herein set forth. Persons desiring to become active members of the assembly shall make the fact known to the Pastor, who shall examine the applicant according to the standards of membership.

#### **SECTION 2: THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The requirements for membership into this assembly shall be:

- (a) Evidence of a genuine experience in the new birth, (John 1:12, 132; 3:3-8; I Peter 1:18-25).
- (b) Evidence of a consistent Christian life, (Romans 6:4; 8:1-4; 13:13-14; Eph. 4:16-32; 5:1, 2, 15; I John 1:6-7).
- (c) To fully subscribe to the Articles of Faith as set forth in the Constitutional Rules of Order adopted by this assembly.
- (d) Willingness to contribute regularly to the support of the assembly according to his or her ability. (Tithes and offerings) (Mal. 3:7-12; Matthew 23:23; I Cor. 9:1-19; II Cor. 9:1-15).
- (e) 18 years of age or older.
- (f) Regular attendance at services, unless medically or otherwise excused by the Pastor.
- (g) Evidence of living consistent Christian lives.
- (h) In agreement with our distinctive testimony.

#### **SECTION 3: VOTING MEMBERSHIP**



All those who meet the Requirements for Membership, whose names appear on the membership roll of the assembly at the time of adoption of this constitution and bylaws, together with those names which shall be added from time to time, shall constitute the membership of the assembly. If question should arise concerning eligibility of a voter, it shall be determined by the Board of Elders whether he or she is eligible to vote or not.

#### **SECTION 4: DISCIPLINE**

The threefold purpose of church discipline is to glorify God by maintaining purity in the local church (1 Cor 5:6), to edify believers by deterring sin and promoting purity (1 Tim 5:20), and to promote the spiritual welfare of the offending believer by calling him or her to return to a biblical standard of doctrine and conduct (Gal 6:1).

The Lord Jesus Christ has entrusted the local church with the authority and responsibility to discipline members for flagrant sin or serious doctrinal error, with the goal of the restoration of the offender. This discipline is entrusted to the Pastor and the Elders is to follow the biblical pattern as set forth in Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; 2 Corinthians 2:7-8; Galatians 6:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; Titus 3:10-11; and 2 John 7-11. Any member of this church who practices or affirms a doctrine or conduct that, in the judgment of the Pastor and Elders, is opposed to the teaching of the Word of God, or is threatening to the testimony of this church, or is divisive to the body, shall be subject to church discipline.

Discipline will follow the said biblical pattern, and is an effort to bring the individual to repentance and protect the church from unrepentant sin. Discipline may involve exclusion from participation in ministry and communion, as well as dismissal from the fellowship of this church. An individual may be disciplined by the Pastor and Elders short of dismissal from the fellowship, as the Pastor and Elders deems appropriate for the specific circumstance (for example, an individual may remain in certain circumstances a member of this church but be denied the privilege of serving in a particular ministry). The Pastor and Elders, as is required by Scripture, may report to the congregation the names of those who have lost membership by reason of church discipline, and the reason for that discipline, as described in Matthew 18:15-20.

The members of this church further knowingly and voluntarily agree that a member cannot voluntarily withdraw or resign his or her membership in the midst of the discipline process, and may only voluntarily withdraw or resign his or her membership if they are not the subject of a discipline proceeding at the time or only after a disciplinary process, of which they are the subject, has been concluded as determined by the Pastor and Elders.

#### **SECTION 5: TERMINATING MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) Members who without good cause absent themselves from the services of the assembly for a period of three (3) consecutive months or more, and who cease to contribute of their means to its support, shall be considered sufficient grounds upon which said person shall be disqualified as a member.
- (b) 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 Pastor for a letter, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, said letter to be signed by the Pastor and the Secretary of the Assembly.
- (c) The Pastor and Elders may terminate the membership of a member as a form of discipline, as further outlined in Section 4, above.

## **ARTICLE III: PROPERTY**

### **SECTION 1**

In as much as the Trustees and Elders have the responsibility to oversee the finances and properties belonging to the assembly, it shall be their duties as prudent servants of God and representatives of the Assembly to buy, sell, and control the properties that belong to the Assembly, all properties shall be deeded to them.

### **SECTION 2**

The Elders have authority within itself to borrow, spend, buy real property or to use the assembly finances. If and single transaction (or series of transactions comprising one event, such as the purchase of property) equals or exceeds One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000), the plan must be presented to the membership, which need not approve the same but only needs be informed.

### **SECTION 3**

Should at any time the dissolution of this Assembly become a reality, all assets remaining in the hands of the Trustees shall be distributed to such charitable organizations or organization they may deem appropriate, as long as such organization(s) are exempt from Federal Taxation of Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS**

### **SECTION 1: OFFICERS**

There shall be a Pastor, a Board of Elders, Trustees, and Secretary. Other officers shall be added as may be needed and shall be appointed by the Pastor and the Board of Elders.

### **SECTION 2: PASTOR**

The Pastor shall be considered the spiritual overseer of the Assembly and shall direct its activities. The Pastor shall be the President and Chairman of the corporation and an ex-officio member of all Boards and Committees. The Pastor will be the keeper of the corporate seal. The Pastor shall provide for the services of the assembly and shall arrange for special meetings, conventions, or revival campaigns. No person shall be invited to speak or preach in the assembly without the approval of the Pastor.

### **SECTION 3: ELDERS**

The Board of Elders consisting of not fewer than five (5) members, working in harmony and guidance with the Pastor, shall be responsible for the spiritual management of the assembly (I Timothy 3:1-7). The Pastor and Elders shall be of mature Christian experience and knowledge, who meet the requirements as set forth in I Timothy 3. All matters of church governance shall be carried on by the Pastor and Board of Elders, as further defined in Article II, Section 23. Members of the Board of Elders shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

The term "Elders" as used in these Bylaws refers to the Directors of the corporations as that term is defined in the Indiana Nonprofit Corporations Act.

#### **SECTION 4: TRUSTEES**

The Trustees shall consist of not fewer than (5) members working in harmony and guidance with the Pastor and Board of Elders. The Trustees shall be entrusted with all the finances of the assembly. The Trustee shall keep an itemized account of the receipts and disbursements. With the exception of normal monthly disbursements, expenditures that exceed \$2000.00 but are less than \$100,000 will be agreed upon by a majority vote of the Trustees, (the vote can be taken by telephone or electronically). Expenditures in excess of \$100,000 shall be handled according to Article III, Section 2, above.

The Trustees will provide an itemized financial report for the assembly at its regular business meeting.

The Trustees are, for the purposes of the Indiana Nonprofit Corporations Act, a committee of the Board of Elders, although a Trustee need not be an Elder to serve as a Trustee. The use of the term Trustee or Trustees in no way creates a trust as that term is generally understood in the law, nor modifies in any manner the fiduciary obligations and legal duties of the officers and directors of the corporation.

#### **SECTION 5: SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the official board meetings and of the annual and special business meetings of the assembly. The Secretary shall keep a record of the membership of the assembly and custodian of all legal documents.

#### **SECTION 6: TERM OF OFFICE**

Terms of officers of this local assembly shall be until such time as there is a resignation, or proven incapability of performing the duties of his office. If misconduct is proven and the Board of Elders cannot persuade them to resign, then they shall be brought before the church.

#### **SECTION 7: VACANCY OF OFFICES**

Any applicants for vacancies in the Lead Pastor or other pastorate positions shall be screened by the Board of Elders, and then brought before the assembly. The Pastor and Board of Elders shall have the authority to declare any office vacant after a fair hearing with the incumbent before the Board of Elders. Grounds for removal shall be: (1) Unscriptural conduct; (2) Doctrinal departure from the tenets of faith; (3) Unable to function in office; (4) For any good and sufficient cause as defined in the sole discretion of the Board of Elders and Pastor (or, if the Lead pastor is the subject of the proceedings, then in the discretion of the Board of Elders). The action of the Board of Elders shall be considered final and the incumbent may have no further recourse.

### **ARTICLE IV: FINANCES**

#### **SECTION: 1**

All funds for the maintenance of the assembly shall be provided by the tithes and offerings or by the voluntary contributions of the members and friends of the organization. Offerings shall be

accepted by the assembly at such times and in such ways as agreed upon by the Pastor and Trustees and shall be administered under their direction (Mal. 3:10; Luke 6:38; I Cor. 16:1-2; and II Cor. 9:6-8.)

## **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 1: Public Worship**

Meetings for public worship shall be held on each Lord's Day and during the week as under the direction of the Pastor.

### **SECTION 2: Annual Business Meeting**

There shall be an annual business meeting of the assembly, at which time the financial record is read. This meeting shall be held within the first quarter of each year. The time and place shall be announced by the Pastor. Notice shall be given two (2) Sundays prior to the date of said meetings.

### **SECTION 3: Special Business Meeting**

Special business meetings of the assembly may be called when necessary upon the call of the Pastor or a majority of the Board of Elders. Notice of the meeting and its subject matter shall be given in the same manner as notice for regular meetings, but in no event fewer than three (3) days in advance of the meeting. Special meetings may also be called by Petition having been signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the membership of the Church, the Petition to be placed in the hands of the Pastor and announced on the two (2) Sundays prior to the date of meetings.

### **SECTION 4: Quorum**

Quorum for meetings of the membership is defined as five percent (5%) of the membership roll.

### **SECTION 5: Board Meetings & Quorum**

The Board of Elders and Trustees will meet monthly for the transaction of routine business for the assembly. The time and place to be announced by the Pastor. Quorum sufficient to conduct regular business constitutes one-third (33.3%) of the Board of Elders. An elder is considered present for the purposes of this section when the elder is attending by telephonic, videographic, Skype, Google Talk or similar means in which the elder can hear and be heard throughout the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION 1: Amendments**

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or these Constitution and Bylaws are deemed passed upon the two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Elders present at a duly called and held meeting. Said Amendments shall be presented to the Assembly for its information and edification at the next duly held meeting of the Assembly.

## **ARTICLE VII: CIVIL GOVERNMENT**

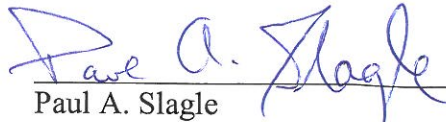
Whereas the scriptures declare the government is of God, the powers that be ordained of God as ministers of God, to us for good. Whosoever therefore, resists the powers, resists the ordinance of God. Wherefore, we are subject not only for wrath but for conscience sake, rendering to all the dues, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor (Romans 13:1-13).

Therefore, be it resolved: That this church hereby declare its loyalty to our government and to its chief executives and that we do hereby state our fixed purpose to assist in every way possible consistent with our faith.

### ARTICLE VIII: ORDINATION

The Church shall be clothed with authority to ordain ministers of the gospel.

I, the undersigned officer hereby verify and affirm subject to penalties of perjury that these are the Constitution and Bylaws of Charity Church as in effect as of this 21st day of February, 2016.

  
Paul A. Slagle  
President