

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS
TO BE VOTED ON AT THE CONGREGATION'S FEBRUARY 9, 2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

*The following changes to **Section 5 of ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP** and to **Sections 1-9 of ARTICLE X – BOARDS** have been approved by the Church Council and are recommended to the congregation.*

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Section 5. Termination of Membership or Change of Status.

- A. Members may on request:
 - 1. Be granted a letter of transfer to any Christian Church; or
 - 2. Be dismissed with a certificate of Church membership if wishing to join a body not in fellowship with this Church.
- B. ~~Requests shall be considered by the Board of Deacons.~~ **A summary of terminations and/or status changes shall be shared with the Board of Deacons upon request or at least annually.**
- C. ~~If, because of change of faith or for other reasons, members request in writing to be released from their covenant obligations, the Board of Deacons shall endeavor to secure their continuance in its fellowship; failing in such effort, the Board of Deacons shall grant the request and terminate the membership.~~ **An individual requesting a termination or change in status will be informed by church staff that they may discuss the change with a Minister or the Board of Deacons Chair if desired.**
- D. When any status change is granted, the Clerk shall issue the appropriate letter of transfer or release.

ARTICLE X – BOARDS

Section 1. General.

A. The Boards of this Church are the Boards of Trustees, Deacons, Christian Outreach, Christian Education, ~~Art and Music~~ **Arts Ministry**, Youth, Pastoral Care, and Life Ministries. All Boards shall report to the Church Council.

Section 2. Board of Trustees.

A. The Board of Trustees shall consist of ~~not less than~~ **at least** twelve (12) adult members, ~~of whom four (4)~~ **one-third of whom** shall be elected annually ~~and to~~ serve for a term of three (3) years, plus one (1) youth member from grades 9-12 may also be elected annually for a one (1) year term.

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Section 3. Board of Deacons.

A. The Board of Deacons shall consist of ~~not less than~~ **at least** twenty-four (24) adult members, ~~eight (8)~~ **one-third** of whom shall be elected annually to serve a term of three (3) years; plus two (2) youth members from grades 9-12 may also be elected annually for a one (1) year term.

Section 4. Board of Christian Outreach.

A. The Board of Christian Outreach shall consist of ~~not less than~~ **at least** twelve (12) adult members, ~~four (4)~~ **one-third** of whom shall be elected annually **and to** serve for a term of three (3) years; plus one (1) youth member from grades 9-12 may also be elected annually for a one (1) year term.

Section 5. Board of Christian Education.

A. The Board of Christian Education shall consist of ~~not less than~~ **at least** twelve (12) adult members, **one-third** of whom ~~four (4)~~ shall be elected annually **and to** serve for a term of three (3) years; plus one (1) youth member from grades 9-12 may also be elected annually for a one (1) year term.

Section 6. Board of ~~Art and Music~~ Arts Ministry.

A. The Board of ~~Art and Music~~ **Arts Ministry** shall consist of ~~not less than~~ **at least** six (6) adult members, ~~two (2)~~ **one-third** of whom shall be elected annually **and to** serve a term of three (3) years, plus one (1) youth member from grades 9-12 may also be elected annually for a one (1) year term.

B. The Board of ~~Art and Music~~ **Arts Ministry**, in conjunction with the program staff, shall have responsibility for the arts ministry of music at the Church:

1. To give guidance and support to the ~~Minister of Music~~ **Director of Arts Ministry** and his or her staff;
2. **To help develop and sustain multidisciplinary arts programming for all ages, including, but not limited to, musical, visual and performance arts and education that enrich spiritual and community life at Countryside;**
3. To help **recruit, engage, and sustain program participants; establish,** ~~recruit and sustain choirs, ensembles, other musical groups and performance arts that enrich spiritual and community life at Countryside;~~
4. To help facilitate good communication between **program participants** ~~choir members~~ and the **arts ministry** ~~music program~~ staff; and
5. To provide guidance in the selection of **arts ministry** staff.

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Section 7. Board of Youth.

A. The Board of Youth shall consist of ~~not less than~~ **at least** nine (9) adult members, ~~three (3)~~ **one-third** of whom shall be elected annually ~~and to~~ serve for a term of three (3) years, plus one (1) representative from the Countryside Youth (CoYo) Senior High Youth Group and one (1) Faith Singers representative may also be elected annually for a one (1) year term.

Section 8. Board of Pastoral Care

A. The Board of Pastoral Care shall consist of ~~not less than~~ **at least six (6)** ~~twelve (12)~~ adult members, with representation drawn from the Care Team, the Stephen Ministry Team, **the Agape Team**, and the congregation at large. ~~Each~~ **One-third of the total number of members** shall be elected **annually** for a term of three (3) years, plus one (1) youth member from grades 9-12 may also be elected annually for a one (1) year term.

Section 9. Board of Life Ministries

A. The Board of Life Ministries shall consist of ~~not less than~~ **at least** six (6) adult members, ~~two (2)~~ **one-third** of whom shall be elected annually to serve a term of three (3) years; plus one youth member from grades 9-12 may also be elected annually for a one (1) year term.