

RESOLUTION ON CHURCH ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT

Whereas: “Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word” (Ephesians 5:25-26).

Whereas: Christ purchased the church of God with his own blood (Acts 20:28).

Whereas: We know—through the writings of God, given us by the Apostle Paul—(1) that the local “church is not to be an organization, but an organism, the body of Christ; instinct with His life, and heavenly in calling, promise, and destiny;” (2) “the nature, purpose, and form of organization of the local church, and the right conduct of such gatherings.”

Whereas: The local church is to be an eternal heavenly organism true to her espoused, the Lord Jesus Christ, as opposed to a temporal worldly organization joined with the state or any other entity in any manner.

Resolved: [Name of Church] repents of her sin of operating as an earthly entity, by [incorporating and getting a federal tax-exempt status and conducting herself according to the laws of man for many purposes] or [by holding property and a bank account and operating and conducting herself in other ways consistent with the traditions of men and laws of civil government and contrary to God’s principles].

Resolved: [Name of Church] commits herself to begin the transition from a worldly organization to a heavenly organism.

Resolved: [Name of Church] commits herself to completing the transition as expeditiously as possible.

Resolved: [Name of Church], upon completion of the transition, will cease to exist.

Resolved: The members of [Name of Church], in the period of transition, will effect a new church, the [Name of new church], patterned after New Testament Church doctrine.

On behalf of [Name of Church], I certify that I have read the foregoing RESOLUTION ON CHURCH ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT, and that said RESOLUTION correctly states the unanimous resolution made on [Insert Date] as attested to by the members [Name of Church] at a duly noticed and attended meeting held on said date.

Signature of Name of Pastor, Pastor of [Name of Church]

EXECUTED and DULY ADOPTED on this ____ day of _____, 2023, in the City of ____, County of ____, in the State of ____ at a special meeting of the [Name of Church] on this ____ day of _____, 2023, specially noticed for such purpose.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERS OF [NAME OF CHURCH]

Below are the signatures of adult members in good standing of [Name of Church] (with names printed in brackets and the date of signing following each signature), recognizing that the foregoing is a true copy of the RESOLUTION

ON CHURCH ORGANZATION AND CONDUCT duly adopted by the church body at a special meeting duly held on _____, 2023.