- C12.01. The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor(s), the officers of the congregation, and five (5) members of the congregation at least one of whom shall be a youth and one of whom shall be a young adult. Any voting member of the congregation may be elected, subject only to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. A member's place on the Congregation Council shall be declared vacant if the member a) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation or b) is absent from four successive regular meetings of the Congregation Council without cause. Consistent with the laws of the state in which this congregation is incorporated, the congregation may adopt procedures for the removal of a member of the Congregation Council in other circumstances.
- C12.02. The members of the Congregation Council except the pastor(s) shall be elected at the legally called Annual Meeting of the congregation. Their term of office shall be for three two (2 3) years, with the term of office beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st. Newly elected Congregation Council members shall be installed at worship on a Sunday prior to the date they assume office.

## **Bylaws Changes:**

- B.12.01. Congregation Council. The terms of the Congregation Council shall be arranged such that one-third of the terms expire each year. No member shall serve more than one two consecutive terms. A member elected by the Congregation Council to fill a vacated position is eligible to stand for election to the Congregation Council at the next annual meeting of the congregation. At the next annual meeting, vacated positions are filled for the remainder of the original term.
- B.13.09. If the congregation is operating a Day School, then the Day School shall have a standing committee. Day School shall have at least one (1) chairperson.

## The committee is charged with:

- Making recommendations to the church on all matters pertaining to the tuition, budget requirements, salaries, personnel, and other needs.
- 2. Developing and monitoring an annual operating budget.
- 3. Determining policies and procedures for operating and administering the program with the approval of the Congregational Council.
- 4. Enlisting personnel to direct and teach in the program.
- Seeing that the program complies with legal and licensing requirements.
- 6. Organizing efforts to involve church members and parents.

- 7. Directing a public relations effort to inform church members and the public in general about program activities.
- 8. Reviewing reports and records to insure a proper operation.
- Coordinating the work with other committees and groups in managing the activities and affairs of the program.
- 10. Reporting monthly to the church council, annually to the congregation, and each December submitting a copy of their fiscal operating budget for inclusion in the Congregational Annual Report.

## Chapter 14

## **ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CONGREGATION**

B.14.01. Organizations within this congregation who represent themselves as affiliated in any manner with this congregation shall have the authority of a continuing resolution, by this congregation at the annual meeting. Any activity, activities or public statements of position or purpose by organizations within this congregation which do not conform to Chapter 2, Chapter 3, Chapter 4 or Chapter 6 of the Constitution may lead to the revocation of the continuing resolution and dissociation of this congregation with the organization.

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No action at this time.