

BYLAWS FOR
NETWORK AFFILIATED CHURCHES
(Amended October 10, 2017)

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this church shall be _____.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

To obey Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations and to establish and maintain a place of worship of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, through the Holy Spirit, and for the promotion of Christian fellowship and edification.

ARTICLE III. PREROGATIVES

The church shall have the prerogative of developing a membership according to the Bylaws and the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network Church Handbook and to disciple and discipline its members according to the Scriptures.

ARTICLE IV. GOVERNMENT

1. This Assembly shall be affiliated with The Rocky Mountain Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God.
2. The Network Pastor, acting as President and Chairman, Network Secretary-Treasurer acting as Legal Secretary, the Sectional Presbyter, the Sectional Committee members, together with the Pastor, shall comprise the Official Board. If there are members in the local congregation who qualify according to the Scriptures to serve as a Deacon, they may be appointed by the official board to serve as an Advisory Committee, the Pastor serving as the chairperson of the Committee.
3. The Pastor shall be appointed by the Network Presbytery, upon the recommendation of the local Sectional Presbyter, and shall be appointed for an indefinite period of time.
4. The Pastor shall be the spiritual overseer of the Assembly, providing for the care, nurture and discipleship of the congregation. He/She shall direct the business affairs and administration of the church. The church ministry leadership shall be appointed and supervised by the Pastor. He/She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
5. All action taken under the Bylaws and Agreement shall be subject to review and approval of the Network Presbytery.
6. An annual evaluation of the Pastor shall be conducted under the auspices of the Official Board. Other church leaders and ministries may be evaluated by the Official Board at its discretion.

ARTICLE V. TENETS OF FAITH

This Assembly shall accept the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule for faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, shall adopt the Statement of Fundamental Truths approved by the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligibility. Active voting membership in this Assembly shall be open to those who meet the following qualifications.
 - a. A testimony of an experience of "new birth."
 - b. Baptism in water by immersion.
 - c. Evidence of a consistent Christian life (Romans 6:4; 8:1-4; 13:13, 14; Ephesians 4:17-32; 5:1, 2,15; 1 John 1:6, 7).
 - d. Evidence of contributing regularly to the financial support of the church of which they are to become a member.
 - e. Acceptance of the Tenets of Faith as set forth in Article V of these bylaws.
 - f. Members shall be a minimum of 18 years of age.
 - g. Regular attendance and support of the services of this Assembly for a period of at least three consecutive months prior to the date of application for membership.
 - h. Agreement to be governed by the bylaws of this Assembly and the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God, as both may be amended from time to time.
2. Application and approval.
 - a. Any person interested in membership in this Assembly shall complete and submit the Application for Membership approved by the Official Board.
 - b. The Pastor and the Advisory Committee shall review applications for membership, in consultation with the Sectional Presbyter, and approve or decline applications based on the above qualifications.
 - c. Every person approved for membership shall be publicly recognized in a regular Sunday service of the Assembly

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

1. Whereas the Scriptures clearly state, "the workman is worthy of his hire" (Luke 10:7; 1 Timothy 5:18), the church shall accept the responsibility of faithfully supporting its ministries with their tithes and offerings. An equitable financial arrangement for the Pastor shall be reached at the time of appointment and reviewed annually by the Network Pastor, Network Secretary-Treasurer, or their designated agent.
2. This church shall endeavor to support Home and World Missions.
3. All church funds shall be properly accounted for in appropriate financial records, as directed by the Official Board.
4. A financial report shall be prepared for presentation at the annual meeting by the Pastor, or by someone selected and instructed by him/her.
5. The Pastor shall ensure that financial reports are submitted according to the Ministry Network requirements.
6. The church shall abide by a financial plan approved by the Official Board.
7. The purchase or sale of property, as well as any indebtedness, shall be brought to the Network Presbyter for their consideration and approval.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

1. The Pastor shall provide and prepare for such regular Sunday services of the Assembly as are deemed appropriate, in consultation with the Official Board.
2. The Pastor shall call a meeting of the church membership at least once a year. The meeting shall include the presentation of a thorough financial report by the Pastor or someone selected

by him/her. The Bylaws of this Assembly, as approved by the Official Board, shall be made available and/or read at this annual meeting.

3. The Official Board of the Assembly shall meet at the direction of the Network Pastor.
4. The Advisory Committee of the Assembly shall be at the discretion of the Pastor.

ARTICLE IX. DISCIPLINE

1. If general dissatisfaction arises in the Assembly, a business meeting may be called by the Network Pastor.
2. The discipline of members shall be the responsibility of the Senior Pastor and the Sectional Presbyter, under the direction of the Official Board. A member has the right of appeal to the Network Executive Presbytery.
3. If at any time the Pastor wishes to leave the church, he/she shall resign to the Official Board. In the event a pastor has serious charges preferred against him/her, or if his/her ministry ceases to be effective, the Network Presbytery may terminate his/her appointment.

ARTICLE X. SUPERVISION

1. All Network affiliated churches shall function under the authority of the Network Presbytery. Direct supervision shall be carried out by the Network Pastor, Network Secretary-Treasurer, or their designated agent.
2. Construction or remodeling of Network affiliated facilities, including parsonages, shall be under the supervision of the Network Presbytery.
3. Operational direction will be according to the Network Church Handbook.

ARTICLE XI. PROPERTIES

All properties shall be secured to the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God.

ARTICLE XII. OBJECTIVES

Each minister pastoring a Network affiliated church will endeavor to develop the church to a place of maturity at which it may be organized into a General Council affiliated assembly.

ARTICLE XIII. REPRESENTATION

Each Network affiliated church shall be given the privilege of sending one accredited delegate to the Network Council and sectional councils.