

Article V Membership

This organization shall have a limited voting membership. The Senior Leadership Team may create a membership program that further details the requirements of membership.

Section 1 Membership Process

Prerequisites for being eligible for membership are: The individual must give evidence of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, voluntarily subscribe to The Emmanuel Baptist Church's Statement of Faith, read and agree to be governed by the Bylaws of this church, have been water baptized, agree to attend a membership seminar, agree to strive to conduct himself in accordance with Biblical practices. This church is a fellowship of believers participating in the labors of the Holy Spirit in this community. An individual seeking to become a member of this church must submit in writing, that they wish to become a member. The applicant must include the following information with their request:

- A. The name of the applicant must be listed.
- B. There must be a statement attesting that the member meets all prerequisite requirements, including a testimony of receiving Christ and evidence of in water baptism.
- C. The corporate membership will then vote whether or not the applicant will be accepted at the next membership meeting at which new members are accepted.

Section 2 Change of Membership Status

- A. A member may be listed inactive if they miss six consecutive Sunday Worship Services.
- B. A communication will be sent indicating inactive status and process of renewing membership.

- C. Procedure for reactivation is a conversation with a Senior Leadership Team member expressing a desire to return.
- D. The Senior Leadership Team reserves the right to remove by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of a quorum, without warning, any member which is deemed to be harming the flock or to be in purpose and willful contention with the church.
- E. Reasons for removal include
 - a. Voluntary withdrawal from membership
 - b. Deceased
 - c. Propagation of doctrines and practices contrary to the Tenets of Faith (Romans 16:17,18; Galatians 1:8,9; Titus 3:9-11; II Thessalonians 3:6)
 - d. Living in unrepentant sin or in a manner which is inconsistent with Biblical standards of holiness (I Corinthians 5:11; Galatians 5:19-21; Hebrews 12:14).
- F. The Senior Leadership Team shall be authorized to revise the membership roll of the corporation as needed.
 - a. Any person who may have been terminated as a church member shall be noticed of this action in writing by the church secretary and shall have the right to appeal to the Senior Leadership Team for reconsideration of said action.
 - b. The Senior Leadership Team may by a two-thirds vote of a quorum restore to membership any person previously excluded, upon request of the excluded person, and upon evidence of the excluded person's repentance and reformation. This should be done in the Spirit of forgiveness and love (II Corinthians 2:6-8).

Section 3 Voting Rights

This is a limited voting membership church. Each corporate member shall be entitled to one vote as a member of this church on approved issues. Voting in this corporation is limited to those individuals that have been fully accepted into membership and whose

status as a corporate member is active. Binding decisions made by this corporation shall be by a vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting.

A. The Corporate Membership shall vote only on the following:

- a. Installation of members of the Senior Leadership Team; Prospective Senior Leadership Team members shall be presented to the membership at a membership meeting and may only be approved as Senior Leadership Team members by a two-thirds majority vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting.
- b. Removal of members of the Senior Leadership Team; All accusations against members of the Senior Leadership Team must be brought to the Senior Leadership Team in writing. In the case that the removal of a member of the Senior Leadership Team is being considered, the Senior Leadership Team member shall be presented to the membership at a membership meeting and may only be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting.
- c. Appointment of Senior Pastor/President; Prospective candidates for Senior Pastor/ President shall be presented by the Senior Leadership Team to the membership at a membership meeting and may only be approved as Senior Pastor/President by a three-fourths majority vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting.
- d. Removal of Senior Pastor/President; All accusations against the Senior Pastor must be brought to the Senior Leadership Team in writing with 2 or 3 witnesses testifying on said document. In the case that the removal of the Senior Pastor/ President is being considered, the Senior Pastor/President shall be presented to the membership at a membership meeting convened for that purpose. The Corporate members shall make an investigation of

accusations against him and make a determination as to whether the Senior Pastor/President has committed any of the following accusations which are grounds for dismissal:

- i. Adultery
 - ii. Embezzlement
 - iii. Compulsive Lying
 - iv. Sexual Impurity
 - v. Conviction of a felony that is a violation of Scripture
 - vi. The Senior Pastor/President not acting in the best interest of the church
- e. The Senior Pastor/ President may only be removed by a three-fourths majority vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting.
- f. Appointment of Pastors; Prospective candidates for Pastors shall be presented to the membership at a membership meeting and may only be approved as Pastors by a two-thirds majority vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting.
- g. Removal of Pastors; In the case that the removal of an Pastor is being considered, the Pastor shall be presented to the membership at a membership meeting and may only be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting.
- h. Appointment of Deacons; Prospective candidates for Deacons shall be presented to the membership at a membership meeting and may only be approved as Deacons by a two-thirds majority vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting.
- i. Removal of Deacons; In the case that the removal of a Deacon is being considered, the Deacon shall be presented to the membership at a

membership meeting and may only be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting.

- j. Approval of the Annual Budget; The proposed annual budget shall be presented to the membership at the last corporate members meeting of the corporation year in order to establish the budget for the following corporation year meeting and may only be approved by a simple majority vote of the corporate membership present at any corporate meeting

B. All other governing and financial decisions shall be made and carried out by the Senior Leadership Team.

Article VI Mutual Interest

The behavior of anyone in fellowship with this church is of common interest to the Senior Leadership Team and congregation. (Gal. 6:1) This church requires every member of the Senior Leadership Team and every congregant to adhere to a Lifestyle that is consistent with the doctrines of this church as taught in the Holy Scriptures. Therefore, this church reserves the right to refuse service to any individual that is not submitting their Lifestyle to this Scriptural model of conduct. This refusal would include services, benefits, and any use of church assets.

Article VII Prohibited Activities

This church is prohibited from engaging in activities which violate its written doctrines. This church is also prohibited from condoning, promoting, or allowing any of its assets to be used for activities that violate its written doctrines.