

CONSTITUTION OF CALVARY CHAPEL

Article 1. Name

The corporate name of this fellowship shall be Calvary Chapel of the Assemblies of God.

Article II. Purpose

Our greatest prayer, vision, desire, motive and joy is that we might exist "to the praise of His glory" (Eph. 1:12) - that our very existence, not to speak of our words, thoughts, and actions, might be a living hymn of praise to our Lord Jesus Christ. "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9).

Article III. Goals

To the extent that we achieve the goals Jesus has given us, we will achieve the purpose of bringing glory to Him. We have phrased these goals in terms of "community" - not in the narrow sense of a group of Christians all living in one house, but in the sense of the warmth and joy that comes from total unity and commitment to one another. The spirit of community is captured in these words: "Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose...let each of you regard one another as more important than himself" (Phil. 2:2-3). Our goals are that we might be:

1. A worshipping community. Direct ministry to the Lord is foundational to all we are and do.
2. A healing community. We live in a broken world with broken people whom God longs to bring to wholeness. Healing can take place and wholeness maintained as we minister love, acceptance, and forgiveness one to another, just as our Lord has ministered to us.
3. An equipping community. Only as we minister to one another in training will we come "to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13). As we are conformed to the image of Christ, He will be glorified more and more.
4. A witnessing community. Jesus will not be truly glorified unless and until we proclaim His excellencies among those who do not yet have Him as the Lord of their lives.

5. A growing community. As we are faithful to our calling, God will add to His church and increase our numbers. Therefore, we are a community that seeks to provide for that growth, especially through the establishment of new fellowships.
6. A sending community. We will labor in the task of world evangelization and send out as many as we can into the harvest fields.
7. A serving community. Jesus commends to us a lifestyle of servanthood; in our service we glorify Him. We determine to resist the world's exaltation of self and its concentration on personal pleasure in order that we might meet the needs of those around us, both local and worldwide, in the name of Jesus our Lord.
8. A committed community. We strive to joyfully live up to the calling we have received from the Lord, including the calling to make disciples of all people: children, youth, college-age students, and adults.

Article IV. Prerogatives

Section 1.

This fellowship shall have the right to conduct its own affairs and to govern itself according to the standards of the New Testament as this constitution and bylaws specify.

Section 2.

In connection with, or incidental to, this fellowship's right to conduct its own affairs, it shall have the right to buy, rent, acquire by gift or otherwise, and to own, operate, maintain and use, such real estate and personal and mixed property as shall be necessary for the maintenance, operation, and carrying on of the business of the fellowship; and to lease, sub-rent, sell, assign, transfer, convey and otherwise dispose of said properties upon such terms and conditions as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes; all in accordance with its constitution and bylaws, or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended.

Section 3.

In connection with, or incidental to, this fellowship's right to conduct its own affairs, it shall have the right to borrow money for the purpose of purchasing such real estate, personal and mixed property as may be necessary to properly and adequately carry on the purposes and goals of the fellowship, and to execute notes, deeds of trust, mortgages, and other evidences of indebtedness, on behalf of the fellowship; all in accordance with its constitution and bylaws, or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended.

Article V. Affiliation

This fellowship is sovereign in the conduct of its own affairs and shall voluntarily enter into full cooperation with the Northwest District Council and the General Council of the Assemblies of God and shall share in the privileges and assume the responsibilities enjoined by that affiliation.

Article VI. Tenets of Faith

This fellowship accepts the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. We summarize our beliefs in the following Statement of Faith:

Section 1.

There is one living and true God, perfect in love and righteous in all His ways; He is eternally existent in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Section 2.

God the Father has spoken to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God became a man to reveal the Father to us and to save us from our sins. Forever He is fully God and fully man.

Section 3.

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin became our vicarious and atoning sacrifice through His death, was raised from the dead bodily, ascended to His Father, and will personally return in power and glory to the earth.

Section 4.

All people are sinful and need a Savior. Jesus Christ is the only Mediator between God and man and salvation is only through Him. By God's grace alone and through faith alone we are reconciled to God.

Section 5.

The Father and the Son have given the Holy Spirit to call us to repentance, to regenerate us, transform us into the image of Christ, and equip us for service. It is the privilege and responsibility of all believers to be filled with the Spirit, as according to Acts 2:4, to manifest the fruit of the Spirit, and to exercise the gifts of the Spirit as He enables them.

Section 6.

We long for the return of Christ, at which time He will set everything right that is still wrong. Until then, we are to work faithfully to bring the world to Him through evangelism and discipling. We are also called to minister to all needy people through acts of generosity, kindness, compassion, and prayer.

Section 7.

When Christ returns, the dead will be raised and all will be judged. The wicked shall be forever separated from God, but the righteous, in glorious new bodies, shall live and reign with Him forever.

Section 8.

The church is comprised of all those who have believed God unto salvation, and every member is an integral part of the whole. The church is to be marked by holiness and true unity, both of which are gracious gifts of God in Christ. Its reason for being is:

1. To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world
2. To be a corporate body in which man can worship God
3. To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of God's saints being perfected in the image of His son.

Section 9.

Ultimately, we believe whatever the Bible teaches on any subject. It is our absolute and infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct because it is inspired by God.

Article VII. Membership

Voting and associate membership shall be open by application to all who have expressed faith in Jesus Christ as Lord, who fulfill the requirements for voting and associate members as stated in the bylaws, and who wish to make known publicly their commitment to the fellowship.

Article VIII. Government

Section 1.

The governing body of the fellowship shall be the Elders Council. The elders shall seek to determine God's direction for the fellowship in conjunction with the voting and associate membership. As much as is possible, decisions of import shall be made on the basis of a consensus among the elders and the congregation. Further definition of these relationships is provided in the bylaws.

Section 2.

The officers of this fellowship shall be the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The office of president shall at all times be filled by the Lead Pastor.

Article IX. Meetings

Section 1.

The time, number, and places of regular church services shall be decided by the elders.

Section 2.

A Body Check-up Meeting shall be held at least twice yearly to provide for communication between the elders and the congregation, and to dispense with business. Special Body Check-up Meetings may be called as need should arise.

Article X. Finances

Funds for the maintenance of the fellowship will be provided by the voluntary contributions of the tithes and offerings of the members and friends of the fellowship, except as provided in Article IV, Section 2 and 3.

Article XI. Dissolution

Should Calvary Chapel ever be dissolved through a two-thirds vote of its voting membership, the elders shall assume the responsibility of the dissolution and all assets shall be transferred to the Assemblies of God, Northwest District. The Assemblies of God, Northwest District shall forthwith have full authority to use or dispose of the property at their discretion.

Article XII. Amendments

This constitution may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the voting membership of the fellowship, who are in attendance at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided due notice of such proposed change shall have been made at all the services at least two Sundays preceding the time of such meeting and a copy of the proposed change shall have been posted.

BYLAWS OF CALVARY CHAPEL

Article I. Order

The business of the fellowship will be conducted in an orderly and satisfactory manner.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Types and Qualifications

- a) **General membership - Every "member" of the body of Christ - every Christian who is faithfully serving Jesus, fellowshiping with us regularly, taking communion with us, in basic agreement with our beliefs and desires, and willing to receive the teaching and oversight of the elders, may consider himself or herself a member of Calvary Chapel.**

- b) **Voting membership - Because there is a need to establish the legal identity of the church and to provide a structure in which major decisions of the church are to be made, we recognize a constituency of voting members. They must be:**
 - 1) **converted and water-baptized**
 - 2) **in full agreement with our statement of faith**
 - 3) **demonstrating commitment to the body by regular attendance and service to others as God has gifted them**
 - 4) **submitted to the authority of this church and its elders**
 - 5) **demonstrating a consistent Christian lifestyle**
 - 6) **committed financially to the body, demonstrated by consistently giving "in keeping with his income" (I Cor. 16:2)**
 - 7) **sixteen years of age or older**

- c) **Associate membership - Because many who attend our body are students who are only temporary residents in Seattle, yet who wish to commit themselves fully to the life and ministry of Calvary Chapel, we recognize a constituency of associate members. They must fulfill all the qualifications of voting members. They, however, will be able to maintain membership in their home church.**

Section 2. Prerogatives

- a) **General membership - Those who qualify as being in general membership shall have the following privileges:**

- 1) The right to receive regularly the benefit of all the services of the church: teaching, preaching, benevolence, care, love, counsel, discipline, Holy Communion, etc.
 - 2) The right to participate fully in the Body Check-up meetings, to voice their opinion and evaluate the ministry, with the exception of the right to vote when a vote is called for.
 - 3) The right to serve in positions of ministry in the body as God gifts them, with the exception of the office of elder and deacon.
- b) **Voting membership** - Those who qualify as voting members shall have all the privileges of a general member as well as the following privileges:
- 1) The right to join in decisions brought to the body by the elders that are put to the vote.
 - 2) The right of appeal or petition to the elders, church assembly, or district officials as outlined in this document.
 - 3) The right to serve in all positions of ministry in the body as God gifts them, including the office of elder and deacon.
 - 4) The right to a letter of transfer in case of a move.
- c) **Associate membership** - Those who qualify as associate members shall have all the privileges of a voting member, with the exception of the right to a letter of transfer.

Section 3. Reception

- a) **General membership** - There will be no formal reception of general members, but their names shall be included in the regularly updated address list.
- b) **Voting and associate membership**
 - 1) **Process of reception** - When a person desires to become a voting or associate member, he or she shall attend a membership class which shall be offered at least twice yearly. Following the class, he or she shall submit a commitment statement sheet to the elders. The elders shall review the application and provide appropriate response.

Upon recommendation of the elders, the applicant shall be received into voting or associate membership in a public service.
 - 2) **Frequency of reception** - New members shall be received into voting or associate membership at least twice a year.

Section 4. Reaffirmation of Commitment by Voting and Associate Members

Voting and associate members shall be required to submit a reaffirmation of commitment sheet yearly, in the spring no later than May 15.

Section 5. Termination of Voting and Associate Membership

- a) **Voluntary Termination - Voting and Associate Members may apply to terminate their membership by submitting a letter requesting termination of membership to the Secretary of the Elders Council or by choosing to discontinue their voting membership at the yearly reaffirmation of commitment. This termination shall not be effective until approved by the Elders Council. Once termination is approved the members name shall be removed from the official register of voting or associate members.**

- b) **Involuntary Termination - Those who wish to continue in the voting or associate membership but who are deemed as greatly failing in their commitments may be removed from the membership list by consensus of the elders. It is expected that this would be done only after loving and supportive communication between the elders and the member in question. If the member is not satisfied with the action of the elders, he or she may call for a hearing before the entire voting and associate membership, whose action by majority vote shall be considered final.**

Section 6. Discipline of Members

Those who claim to be servants of Jesus and members of His body, but whose lives testify that they are purposefully living in rebellion against the Lord and His Word, and who bring dishonor to our Lord and His Church by continuing in open rebellion and sin, and/or who willfully cause discord within the church or those who defy the basic tenets of the faith, may be removed from the fellowship and ministry of this church by the elders. Scriptural warrant for such action is provided in I Corinthians 5:1-13. No such action will be taken unless and until patient and persistent effort shall have been made to win such individuals back to the standard of faith and conduct of this fellowship, according to the pattern described in Matthew 18:15-20. The purpose of such removal shall be not only to purify the church's witness and unity, but also and primarily with the hope that the person in question might through discipline be restored.

Restoration is possible if and when the person demonstrates true repentance, the terms of which shall be outlined by the elders.

Section 7. Transfer of Members

When any voting members leaves the church in good standing and requests a letter of commendation to membership in another church body, said letter shall be supplied to that church and the person's name removed from the official register of voting members.

Article III. Leadership

Section 1. Elders Council

a. **Composition:** The Elders Council shall be comprised of those who are appointed to be elders in the fellowship and shall be chaired by the Lead Pastor. The number of elders on the council who are not on the pastoral staff of the congregation shall be limited to six (as was amended at the Body Check-up meeting in February 1988). The elders shall also reserve the right to appoint certain individuals to meet with the Council who are not elders but who serve in a representative capacity.

b. **Qualifications:** The elders shall be persons of mature spiritual development, who, by life and ministry are able to lead and shepherd the flock of God. They shall meet scriptural qualifications: I Timothy 3:2-6; Titus 1:6-9; I Peter 5:2,3.

c. **Ministry:** The elders shall have all the responsibilities ascribed to "pastors", "elders", or "overseers" in the New Testament. These particularly include spiritual oversight, counsel, exhortation, teaching, prayer, administering discipline, overseeing specific ministries, handling financial matters, and setting and evaluating goals and plans for the church. In the exercise of these responsibilities the elders shall be in close relationship to the body and sensitive to the needs of the individual members. They shall seek to insure that open principles of communication are employed.

d. **Appointment:** We believe that it is God who ordains elders in the church, and we merely recognize what God is doing. therefore, at least once every two years, or as often as the need shall arise, the elders shall ask the members of the congregation to indicate in writing the names of men and women whom they perceive to be functioning in the role of elder. The persons named shall then be prayerfully considered by the elders and some shall be personally interviewed. After a period of prayer and fasting by all those involved, the elders shall appoint those whom God has commended and shall place the name or names before the body. Body members shall be given two weeks to express to the elders Council any concern over the appointments. After that period of time, if the elders are not dissuaded from their appointment, the voting and associate members shall be asked to confirm the appointments by vote in a Body Check-up meeting called for that purpose. If a person fails to receive a two-thirds majority "yes" vote, he or she shall continue to function in ministry within the body as God has gifted, but shall not be given the title of elder.

e. **The Term of Office:** The term of office for elders who are not on the pastoral staff of the congregation shall be limited to six consecutive years (as was amended at the Body Check-up meeting in February 1988). (An elder who has served for six consecutive years may be reappointed after a two year leave.) Every two years they shall evaluate their ministry and calling along with the counsel of the rest of the elders. At such a time their appointment shall either be reaffirmed or they shall be

asked to resign. (Such a move may not be negative. Perhaps it has been revealed that the person's ministry lies in another area.)

f. **Removal:** Should the Elders Council or a majority of the voting and associate membership (by petition) request the resignation of a member of the Elders Council, and the member refuses to resign, a hearing shall be held before the voting and associate membership. After the hearing, a majority vote of the voting and associate membership shall be considered final. Grounds for such action shall be unscriptural conduct, departure from the tenets of the faith, or incompetency in office.

g. **Meetings:** Meetings shall be held at least bimonthly for purposes of prayer, fellowship, and handling business. At least one half of the Council members (including one officer) must be present in order to constitute a quorum. A meeting may be called by any of the officers. Decisions shall be made on the basis of consensus. If a consensus cannot be reached a vote may be taken if two-thirds of all Council members agree to a vote. If not the matter will be tabled.

Section 2. Lead Pastor

a. **Qualifications:** He or she shall meet all the qualifications of an elder. In addition he or she must be a minister in good standing with the Assemblies of God, either ordained by them or preparing to be ordained by them.

b. **Ministry:** As an elder, the Lead pastor shall fulfill all the responsibilities of an elder. In addition, he or she shall be spiritual overseer of the fellowship and shall direct all of its activities with the elders. He or she shall be the Chairman of the Body Check-up meetings of the fellowship and of the Elders Council. He or she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and departments.

c. **Appointment:** The elders shall seek a qualified person to replace the Lead pastor should he or she resign, be removed, or die. After due deliberation, prayer, fellowship with, and study of a prospective Lead pastor, the elders shall present him or her to the fellowship. After they shall have sufficient time to pray and acquaint themselves with him or her, a Body Check-up meeting will be held in order to discuss the appointment. At that meeting the voting and associate members shall proceed to affirm or deny the elders' recommendation. If they should reject the appointment of the elders, the process shall begin again and continue until a Lead pastor is duly approved by the voting and associate membership. The appointment of Lead Pastor must be confirmed by a two-thirds majority of members present at any regular or special meeting providing the congregation has been given due notice of said meeting.

d. **Term of Office:** The Lead Pastor shall be appointed to serve for an indefinite period. However, he/she or the elders or a majority of the voting and associate membership (by petition) may call for a vote of confidence should serious questions arise concerning his or her ministry. Should he or she receive less than a simple

majority of such a vote, he/she should in consultation with the elders and the voting and associate members either resign or take appropriate action to correct whatever situation has led to dissatisfaction. If corrective action is acceptable to the Lead Pastor and the voting and associate members, and the pastor elects not to resign, another vote of confidence may be called (but is not required) in like manner as above six months from the date of the first vote of confidence. If the Lead Pastor again fails to receive a simple majority, he or she shall resign.

e. **Removal:** In the event the Lead Pastor has serious charges preferred against him or her, or he or she departs from the tenets of the faith, or his or her ministry has ceased to be effective, power is vested in the Elders Council to ask for the resignation of the Lead Pastor at any of its regular council meetings. If such resignation is refused, the Lead pastorate shall not be considered vacant until the action of the elders Council has been confirmed by a majority vote of the voting members at a meeting called for that purpose, such meeting to be presided over by the District Officiary of the Northwest District of the Assemblies of God. The incumbent in such circumstances shall have the right to a fair and impartial hearing of his or her case before the voting and associate members, such hearing to be directed by the District Officiary.

f. **Notice of Termination:** It shall be agreed between the Lead Pastor and the fellowship at the time of his or her appointment that, should he or she voluntarily resign, he or she will give the fellowship at least thirty days notice before vacating the pulpit. If he or she is asked to resign or is removed, the fellowship shall give him or her thirty day notice or thirty days salary in advance.

Section 3. Associate Pastors

a. **Qualifications:** They shall meet all the qualifications of an elder.

b. **Ministry:** They shall function as shepherds of the flock and give particular attention to their separate areas of responsibility in conjunction with and in the oversight of the Lead Pastor. They shall serve on the Elders Council.

c. **Appointment:** They shall be appointed by consensus of the elders.

d. **Term of Office:** They shall be appointed for an indefinite period. Every two years they shall evaluate their ministry and calling along with the counsel of the rest of the elders. At such time their appointment shall be either reaffirmed or they shall be asked to resign. (Such a move may not be negative. Perhaps it has been revealed that the person's ministry lies in another area.)

e. **Notice of Termination:** It shall be agreed between the Associate Pastor and the elders at the time of his or her appointment that, should he or she voluntarily resign, he or she will give the elders at least thirty days notice before leaving. If he or she is asked to resign, the elders shall give him or her thirty days notice or thirty days salary in advance.

Section 4. Secretary

- a. **Qualifications:** He or she must be an elder.
- b. **Ministry:** The Secretary of the fellowship shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Elders Council and of the regular and special Body Check-up meetings of the fellowship. He or she shall keep a record of the voting membership of the Assembly, and perform any other clerical work necessary to the proper discharge of his or her duties. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all legal documents.
- c. **Appointment:** The Secretary shall be appointed by the elders for a period of two years. He or she may be reappointed but may not serve as Secretary for more than six years consecutively.
- d. **Removal:** The Secretary may be removed from office by the consensus of the elders.

Section 5. Financial Secretary

- a. **Qualifications:** He or she must be a person of mature Christian character who meets the qualifications for a deacon as found in I Timothy 3:8-13. The Financial Secretary need not be an elder.
- b. **Ministry:** The Financial Secretary shall be responsible for the reception of funds in the fellowship. He or she shall deposit all funds in his or her care in a responsible bank in the name of the church. The Financial Secretary shall take care to assure that the counting of funds is witnessed by at least one other responsible member of the fellowship.
- c. **Appointment:** The Financial Secretary shall be appointed by the elders for a period of two years. He or she may be reappointed but may not serve as Financial Secretary for more than six years consecutively.
- d. **Removal:** The Financial Secretary may be removed from office by consensus of the elders.

Section 6. Treasurer

- a. **Qualifications:** He or she must be a person of mature Christian character who meet the qualifications for a deacon as found in I Timothy 3:8-13. The Treasurer need not be an elder.
- b. **Ministry:** The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the fellowship and shall disburse same under the direction of the elders. He or she shall make all disbursements by check except in those instances when petty cash funds are authorized. The Treasurer shall keep a true and accurate record of all monies received and disbursed. He or she shall make reports as may be requested. The Treasurer's books shall be audited yearly and when he or she may retire from office.

Section 7. Other Staff

Staff persons other than the Lead and Associate Pastors may be added as needed by appointment of the elders. They shall be persons of mature Christian character who are gifted by God to serve in the area for which they are given responsibility.

Section 8. Deacon Council

a. **Composition:** The elders shall have the right to provide for the selection of deacons who will assist in service of the body. The number of deacons will be determined by the Elder Council and their service will correspond to clearly delineated areas of ministry oversight.

b. **Qualifications:** Deacons must meet scriptural qualifications for leadership in terms of their character (I Timothy 3:8-12), and be well known by the fellowship. Like Elders, Deacons shall be persons of mature spiritual development, who, by life and ministry are able to lead and shepherd the flock of God.

c. **Ministry:** Each ministry of the church will remain under the leadership of a pastor and under the general guidance of the Elder Council. However, each pastor will delegate aspects of this leadership in a specific ministry or ministry area to one or more deacons. The delegated aspects may include:

- * supporting ministry leaders.
- * presiding at ministry meetings.
- * serving as a liaison to the elders.
- * delivering the annual report.
- * ensuring that minutes of team meetings are maintained and distributed to members and elders.
- * proposing an annual budget for their area(s) of ministry to the elders.
- * overseeing ministry spending.
- * overseeing recruiting and training of ministry team members.

In summary, Deacons will function as ministry coordinators.

d. **Appointment:** Deacons will be selected by the elders from out of the nomination(s) put forward by the members of the ministry or ministries they will serve. He or she must be a voting member of Calvary Chapel, demonstrate leadership skills, and have a strong interest in their area of service. Prior service in the ministry or ministries is highly recommended.

e. **The Term of Office:** The Deacon's term of office shall be two years and may be renewed twice after review by the elders. Six consecutive years of service shall be the limit of the Deacon's term of service. Every two years they shall evaluate their ministry and calling along with their pastoral partner and those in the ministry they are serving. At such a time their appointment shall either be reaffirmed to the elders or they shall be asked to step aside. (Such a move may not be negative. Perhaps it has become clear that the person's ministry or giftedness lies in another area.)

f. **Removal:** Should the Elders Council or a majority of the voting and associate membership (by petition) request the resignation of a Deacon, and the member refuses to resign, a hearing shall be held before the voting and associate membership. After the hearing, a majority vote of the voting and associate membership shall be considered final. Grounds for such action shall be unscriptural conduct, departure from the tenets of the faith, or incompetence in office.

g. **Meetings:** Each Deacon shall call for and preside over meetings specific to the ministry(ies) they serve. As liaison to the Elder Council, each Deacon will also attend at least one Elder meeting annually for the purpose of reporting on the status of the ministry(ies) they serve. The Deacon Council will meet together with the Elders twice a year for the purposes of prayer, fellowship, training, and sharing of vision. Deacons will also attend both Body Check-Up meetings each year.

Article IV. Body Check-up Meetings

Section 1. Purpose

In order to facilitate a free and open communication among all of the members of this fellowship, a Body Check-up meeting shall be held at least twice yearly. One Body Check-up meeting shall occur in the winter (no later than February 28th) and shall include an evaluation of current ministries and articulate plans and goals. One Body Check-up meeting shall occur in late spring (no later than June 30th) and shall include a presentation of the annual budget and annual ministry reports.

Section 2. Agenda

The agenda shall be determined by the elders and published at least one week in advance of the meeting. Any member may make suggestions to the elders concerning the agenda. An item must be placed on the agenda if it is requested (by petition) by twenty percent of the voting and associate membership, providing the petition is made at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. The date of all regular Body Check-up meetings must be published three weeks in advance.

Section 3. Special Meetings

Body Check-up meetings may be called at various times as the need arises. The elders shall call for such meetings and publish the agenda. In addition, a Body Check-up meeting may be called for by twenty percent of the voting and associate membership (by petition). Two weeks notice of such a meeting must be given.

Section 4. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of at least 10% of the voting and associate membership and shall be able to conduct the business of the fellowship providing proper notification has been given of said meeting.

Article V. Finances

Section 1. Deposit of Moneys

All moneys received from offerings and all other sources shall be deposited by the Financial Secretary or other appropriately designated individual in a bank designated by the elders.

Section 2. Expenditures

The Treasurer shall authorize expenditures upon the direction of the elders.

Section 3. Annual Budget

Each year the elders shall prepare an annual budget for presentation at the late spring Body Check-up meeting. The budget shall be based on a fiscal year beginning August 1st and ending July 31st. It shall serve as a guide for the management of all financial resources through the year. In addition, the elders shall review and approve annually the terms of compensation for paid staff.

Section 4. Indebtedness

A major purchase of property which incurs indebtedness on the part of the fellowship must be approved by two-thirds of members present at a regular or special Body Check-up meeting.

Article VI. Property Rights

Section 1. Real or Chattel Property

All property, real or chattel, shall be taken, held, sold, transferred, or conveyed in the Calvary Chapel, of the Assemblies of God corporate name.

Section 2. Sale Restrictions

No real property of Calvary Chapel, of the Assemblies of God, except real property received as a charitable gift, bequeathed, or property held as an investment asset, shall be sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise alienated without the same having been authorized by at least two-thirds majority vote of the voting and associate members present at a regular or special Body Check-up meeting.

Section 3. Certification

The Pastor (President) and the Secretary of the fellowship shall certify in such conveyance, lease, or mortgage, that the same has been duly authorized by the vote of the membership. Such certificate shall be held to be conclusive evidence thereof.

Article VII. District Assistance

In any time of need, a request to the District Council for assistance may be made (a) by the Lead Pastor, (b) by majority vote of the Elders Council, (c) by majority vote of those present at any duly called Body Check-up meeting, (d) by written petition signed by not less than twenty percent of the voting and associate membership of the fellowship. Requests for District assistance shall be made in writing addressed to the District Secretary, and shall state under which clause (a to d above) the request is being made.

Article VIII. Amendments

The Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special Body Check-up meeting of the fellowship by a majority vote of the voting and associate membership present, providing that notice of the meeting has been properly given as stated in the Bylaws.