

AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSTITUTION
of

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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PREAMBLE

We, the members of Central Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky, a self-governing body, in order to promote the work of the Church in the spirit of Christ and thus advance His Kingdom, do hereby establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AFFILIATION

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Section 2. Affiliation. This organization shall be affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada and shall be committed to the historic principles of that body. This organization shall further cooperate with the region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky, the appropriate ecumenical group in Lexington, the Kentucky Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and the World Council of Churches.

ARTICLE II. GOVERNING AUTHORITY

The exercise of all authority in the government of this Church is vested in the membership, but certain administrative functions may be and herein are delegated to official representatives of the church.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

Section 1. Lay officers of the Church. The lay officers of this church shall be: Trustees, Elders, Deacons, and Moderator of the Congregation.

A. The Board of Elders. The Board of elders shall consist of such number as may be determined by the members of the Church in business session. The duties of the Elders shall be to promote the spiritual welfare of the church and to help in the regulation of its affairs. They shall elect their own chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary, and hold meetings as the occasion may arise.

B. The Board of Deacons. The Board of Deacons shall consist of such number as may be determined by the members of the church in business session. Their duties shall be to cooperate with the elders in conducting the worship and promoting the spiritual welfare of the church. They are to have special responsibility concerning the material affairs of the church. They shall elect their own chairperson, vice chairperson, and a secretary, and hold meetings as the occasion may arise.

C. The Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall consist of five (5) members. The duties of the trustees shall be to represent the church in all of its legal affairs. Legal title of the church property shall rest in this board and the sale, mortgage, or purchase of real estate by the church shall be conducted by this board upon approval by the members of the church in business session. The trustees shall constitute the Board of Directors of Central Christian Church Foundation, Inc.

D. The Moderator. It shall be the duty of the moderator of the congregation to call and preside at all meetings of the members of the church in business session.

ARTICLE IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section I. Administrative Board.

A. Members. The Administrative Board of the church shall be composed of the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Chair of the Board of Elders, Chair of the Board of Deacons, nine (9) elders, twenty-one (21) deacons, moderator of the congregation, ministry chairs, president of Christian Women's Fellowship, two (2) members of Christian Youth Fellowship, and the elected officers of the Administrative Board. The senior minister, associate minister and program directors are nonvoting members.

B. Officers. This board shall elect annually at the April meeting a chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer.

C. Election and Voting. Officers shall be elected annually at the April meeting by ballot. All other voting shall be viva voca unless the board should decide otherwise. A majority of those voting shall carry.

The two (2) representatives of the Christian Youth Fellowship shall be elected by that group for two-year (2-year) terms, becoming members of the board at the time the new officers of the board assume office.

D. Quorum. A majority of the membership of the board shall constitute a quorum.

E. Committees. The board shall authorize the appointment of such ministries and committees as may be necessary to the performance of its duties.

F. Duties. The board shall conduct the business of the church except in those cases which, under other articles of this constitution, require action by the members of the church in business session.

G. Meetings. The board shall meet on the second Wednesday of January of each year, prior to the annual church meeting, or as near that time as may seem advisable to the chair of the board, and thereafter at least every three months. The minutes of each board meeting shall be distributed to all board members within three (3) weeks of each meeting. At least two (2) week's notice of time and place of all meetings shall be given.

H. Budget Recommendations. The board shall prepare annually the church budget and submit it for approval to the congregation of the church in business session.

Section 2. Executive Committee

A. Members. The Executive Committee of the Administrative Board shall be composed of the officers of the Administrative Board, moderator of the congregation, chair and vice-chair of the Board of Elders, chair and vice-chair of the Board of Deacons, president of the Christian Women's Fellowship and the chairperson of the Board of Trustees. The senior minister shall be a non-voting member. The chair of the Administrative Board shall be chair of this committee.

B. Tenure, Duties, Quorum. The tenure of office of the members of the committee is for such time as they retain the office of the body from which eligibility was drawn. The committee may perform the functions and duties of the Administrative Board between meetings of the Administrative Board except: (1) to make or amend the constitution of the church; (2) such other functions and duties as the board may reserve.

It shall keep minutes of all meetings and submit them for approval at the next meeting of the Administrative Board. A majority of the members of this committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V. CHURCH STAFF

Section 1. Senior Minister, Associate Ministers, and Program Directors. The professional staff of the church shall consist of the senior minister, associate ministers, program directors, and such other employed personnel as the Administrative Board may deem necessary for the proper operation of the church.

A. Election and Tenure. The senior minister, associate ministers, and program directors shall be elected by the members of the church in business session on recommendation of the Administrative Board. Tenure shall be for an indefinite period and may be terminated upon two (2) months' written notice by either party.

B. Duties of the Senior Minister. Duties of the senior minister shall be those usually performed by a senior minister of a church. Included shall be the duties:

- 1) to serve as chief administrative officer of the church;
- 2) to refer individual matters, with or without recommendation, to the appropriate ministries or committees of the church;
- 3) to make recommendations to the Administrative Board and to the various committees and ministries of the church;
- 4) to advise the Administrative Board.

C. Duties of Associate Ministers and program directors. The associate ministers, program directors, and all other personnel shall be responsible for such duties as shall from time to time be assigned to them by the senior minister.

ARTICLE VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee

A. Members. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of the moderator of the congregation, three (3) elders elected by the Board of Elders, three (3) deacons elected by the Board of Deacons, and three (3) representatives of the congregation. The representatives of the congregation shall be elected by the members of the church at the annual meeting.

B. Chair. The moderator of the congregation shall be the chair of this committee. The moderator shall serve a term of three (3) years.

C. Terms. Committee members' terms shall be staggered so that one (1) elder, one (1) deacon, and one (1) congregational representative shall be elected each year.

D. Duties. It shall be the duty and responsibility of this committee to consider advance recommendations for, nominees for lay officers of the church submitted by members of the church and by ministers and program directors within a reasonable time prior to the annual meeting of the congregation. The Nominating Committee shall report its nominations for lay officers to the congregation at the annual business meeting.

Section 2. Elections.

A. Elders, Deacons, Moderator. The elders, deacons, and moderator of the congregation shall be elected by the members of the church at the annual church meeting, one-third (1/3) of the elders and one-third (1/3) of the deacons to be elected each year. They shall not succeed themselves after having served a full term.

B. Trustees. The trustees shall be elected by the members of the church at the annual church meeting, one (1) trustee to be elected annually. They shall not succeed themselves after having served a full term.

Section 3. Term of Office.

A. Elders and deacons shall serve a term of three (3) years.

B. Trustees shall serve a term of five (5) years.

C. Lay officers and officers of the Administrative Board shall assume office on July 1 following their election.

Section 4. Vacancies. Any vacancies that occur may be filled by the congregation for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual church meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday in January or as near to that time as may seem advisable to the moderator of the congregation.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the congregation may be called by the moderator, and shall be called by the moderator upon request of the Administrative Board or ten (10%) percent of the members of the church.

Section 3. Notice. At least two (2) weeks' notice of the time, place and purpose of all meetings shall be given in the church paper.

ARTICLE VIII. BYLAWS

The Administrative Board is authorized to adopt such bylaws as it may deem necessary as long as they do not violate the provisions of this constitution.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the church in attendance at a meeting of the congregation. The proposed amendment(s) shall be posted on the bulletin board for at least two (2) months prior to the meeting, and shall be published in the church paper.