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ARTICLE VIII—ANNUAL OR SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP

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Notice for the Annual or any Special Congregational Meeting shall be given at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting by the Rector or Senior Warden. Notice shall be published in the weekly bulletin the two (2) Sundays prior to the meeting and shall be given during the announcements at the services on those Sundays. The notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. The notice shall direct the members of the Congregation to electronic or paper copies of any amendments to the By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation of the Congregation. Such meetings shall have a quorum of the ~~Communicant~~ Members present in order to conduct business. A quorum is defined as a simple majority of ~~Communicant~~ Members present.

Section 2: ~~Membership in the Congregation shall extend to those who have reached an age of majority, have been baptized (and preferably, confirmed). Such members must have received communion at least monthly, and have regularly attended worship services of Redeemer Anglican Church (regular attendance is here defined as at least monthly, to the greatest extent possible at a worship service, or if shut in, to have received communion monthly), be serving in ministry, and be known to the Treasurer (a contributor of temporal resources during a period of at least three (3) months immediately prior to the Annual Meeting, eligibility for appointments, etc.) Such persons shall be deemed "Communicant Members".~~

Section 3: The Rector shall prepare, and the Executive Committee shall review and certify, a list of persons who meet the above standard two (2) Sundays prior to the date of the Annual Congregational Meeting (The List of ~~Communicant~~ Members).

Section 4: Special Congregational Meetings may be called by the Rector, the Executive Committee, or by any three Vestry Members. The List of ~~Communicant~~ Members for the most recent Annual Congregational Meeting, with additions and subtractions made since its preparation, shall be updated by the Rector and Executive Committee, and shall be the basis of eligibility for voting as necessary.

Section 5: Emergency Meetings may be called by the Rector, the Executive Committee, or any three Vestry Members. Such meetings are to be called in the event of an emergency situation wherein the fourteen (14) days notification requirement is an impediment to handling the affairs of the Congregation in a timely manner. Notice of such meetings shall be announced the Sunday prior to the meeting by the Rector or Senior Warden, or in their absence, the Junior Warden, and the agenda for any such meeting shall be limited to the specific purpose for which it is called.

Proposed Amendments

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Section 2 **Membership in the Congregation shall extend to those who: have reached the age of majority; have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (and preferably Confirmed or Received by the Bishop); assent unreservedly to the three Ecumenical Creeds (Apostles', Nicene, Athanasian); sacrificially steward their time, talent, and treasure in the furtherance of Redeemer's Shared Vision*; Regularly attend the public worship of Redeemer Anglican Church (regular attendance being here defined as at least monthly, to the greatest extent possible at a worship service, or if shut-in, to have received communion monthly); and, publicly sign the Redeemer Parish Registry (*The Big Green Book*).**

Section 3 (new) Membership shall be considered Inactive when voluntarily withdrawn or transferred, or after a period of two years (24 months) of inactivity.

Section **4**: The Rector shall prepare, and the Executive Committee shall review and certify, a list (previously Section 3) of persons who meet the above standard two (2) Sundays prior to the date of the Annual Congregational Meeting (The List of **Active** Members).

Section **5**: Special Congregational Meetings may be called by the Rector, the Executive Committee, or (previously Section 4) by any three Vestry Members. The List of **Active** Members for the most recent Annual Congregational Meeting, with additions and subtractions made since its preparation, shall be updated by the Rector and Executive Committee, and shall be the basis of eligibility for voting as necessary.

Section 6: Emergency Meetings may be called by the Rector, the Executive Committee, or any (previously Section 5) three Vestry Members. Such meetings are to be called in the event of an emergency situation wherein the fourteen (14) days notification requirement is an impediment to handling the affairs of the Congregation in a timely manner. Notice of such meetings shall be announced the Sunday prior to the meeting by the Rector or Senior Warden, or in their absence, the Junior Warden, and the agenda for any such meeting shall be limited to the specific purpose for which it is called.

***Redeemer's Shared Vision is: "*To proclaim and promote the Gospel; giving ever more time, talent, and treasure to seeking the flourishing of our neighbors.*" (new)**

Highlighting indicates a change from the original.