

10. Encouraging local churches to form active partnerships with Foursquare Missions International

11. Making local churches aware of district camping programs

- B. Maintain district offices at locations approved by the Board.
- C. Visit the Foursquare churches within their respective districts.
- D. Divide their districts into divisions and from each division select a minister residing therein to be the divisional superintendent; supply the divisional superintendents with operational guidelines as provided by the general supervisor.
- E. Appoint such other representatives as needed to carry out specific district assignments.
- F. Receive from ministers or churches at a district level the fees and assessments that have been previously authorized by the Board.
- G. Refer to the general supervisor any matter that may create an actual or potential conflict of interest or the appearance thereof. The general supervisor shall act as the district supervisor of any church whose pastor is serving as a district supervisor.
- H. Exercise the authority and discharge the duties of a Church Council for a Foursquare church with no Church Council.

8.2.3 Removal. In the event that a district supervisor is not functioning in the best interests of the corporation or the district, the general supervisor, with the concurrence of the president and with majority approval of the Board, shall have power to remove the supervisor and appoint a replacement.

8.2.4 District Council. Each district supervisor shall appoint an advisory committee of no less than five persons to serve as a district council. Appointees shall include any Board member residing in the district, and the district's selected four-year term Cabinet representative. Other appointees may be lay persons, retired ministers, licensed ministers of Foursquare churches of the district and superintendents of the district who are not employed by a district office. District council members may be removed by the district supervisor with concurrence of the general supervisor. The district supervisor shall cause minutes of the meetings of the district council to be maintained and copied to the general supervisor. The district council shall meet no less than quarterly to

- A. Pray for and minister to the district supervisor.
- B. Review district finances.
- C. Review district programs and plans.
- D. Assist the district supervisor to select nominees to offer to the ministers of the district for vote as members of the Board and Cabinet from the district pursuant to Article VI, Section 6.3.B. and Article XI, Section 11.1.1.B.

- E. Assist the district supervisor to fill vacancies, as needed, to the Board and Cabinet from the district pursuant to Article VI, Section 6.3.B. and Article XI, Section 11.1.1.B.
- F. Assist the Board, the general supervisor, and the district supervisor in resolving church- or minister-related crises and disputes, including matters of ethics, pastoral and Church Council removals, and church closures.

8.3 DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS

8.3.1 **Selection.** Divisional superintendents shall be appointed for one year from among the ministers ministering in that district. Appointments by the district supervisor of divisional superintendents shall be subject to approval by the general supervisor and confirmation by the Board.

8.3.2 **Powers and Duties.** The divisional superintendents

- A. Shall be members of the Executive Council.
- B. Shall participate in district functions and shall be responsible to the district supervisor to carry out district programs at the divisional level and such other assignments as specified by the district supervisor.
- C. May be appointed to the district council of their district unless they are district employees.

8.3.3 **Removal.** In the event it appears that a divisional superintendent is not functioning in the best interest of the district or the division, the district supervisor, with the concurrence of the general supervisor, shall have the power to remove the superintendent and to appoint a replacement.

8.4 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

8.4.1 **Selection.** The director of missions shall be chosen for his or her missionary vision from among the missionaries or missions-minded ministers of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

8.4.2 **Powers and Duties.** The director of missions shall

- A. Have general supervision of all missionary activities and personnel. The director of missions shall carry out the Board's instructions in all mission activities.
- B. Be devoted to the building up of the missionary fields in accordance with the Articles and these Bylaws. The director of missions shall present the needs of the missionary fields and make recommendations to the Board. The director of missions shall assist in the preparation of the missionary budget and in its presentation to the Board for approval or revision, assist in raising the budgeted funds, and oversee the disbursement of authorized funds. The director of missions shall be responsible for the use of funds approved by the Board. The director of missions shall communicate the activities, objectives and needs of the missionary fields to local Foursquare churches in the United States.

ARTICLE IX

Assets and Finances

9.1 ASSETS

- A. **Corporate property.** All property shall be held in the name of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, except as otherwise expressly authorized by the Board, and at all times shall be used to carry out the purposes for which this corporation has been established.
- B. **Property of Charter and District Foursquare churches.** Title to all property of all Charter and District Foursquare churches shall at all times stand in the name of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, except as otherwise expressly authorized by the Board or these Bylaws, and shall be used to carry out the purposes of the Foursquare movement.

While individual members, including an entire congregation of a Foursquare church, have the right at any time to resign as members, the Foursquare church of which they were formerly members, including all property both real and personal, shall remain at all times vested in the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, or as otherwise expressly authorized by the Board, and shall remain irrevocably dedicated to the Foursquare movement.

Consistent with the provisions of its Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, operating through its Board, has the authority to determine the use or disposition of all property standing in the name of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and formerly used by an inactive or seceding Charter or District congregation.

- C. **Other Legal Entities.** The provisions of Article IX, Section 9.1.B notwithstanding, a Charter or Covenant Foursquare church may establish with Board approval a special purpose legal entity or a property holding legal entity as a subsidiary of International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. Such local entities, to the satisfaction of the Board, shall satisfy these requirements:
 - 1. The organizing documents of the local legal entity evidence a nonprofit purpose unequivocally related to the propagation of the Christian faith and message
 - 2. The organizing documents of the local entity do not govern the operations, personnel or ministry of the church
 - 3. The local entity is granted federal tax exempt status or qualifies to be included within the group exemption of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel
 - 4. Any other requirements the Board deems necessary or appropriate.

9.2 FINANCES

- 9.2.1 **General Funds.** The corporation's funds shall be kept in the depositories designated by the Board. Disbursements of funds shall be made by check or draft, which shall be signed by any

two officers or other persons authorized or designated by the Board to sign and whose names shall be registered or recorded with the bank(s) in which the funds are kept, according to the rules and regulations of the bank(s).

9.2.2 **Special Funds.** The Board shall have power to set up special funds as it may deem desirable for the achievement of the corporation's objectives and purposes. There shall be the following special funds:

- A. **Global Missions Fund.** This fund shall consist of missionary offerings received from Foursquare churches and other donors and shall be used for the worldwide propagation of the Foursquare Gospel.
- B. **Ministry Extension Tithe Fund.** Foursquare churches embrace the biblical principle and blessing of tithing. This is expressed by Foursquare churches setting aside ten percent of the tithes and offerings received locally as a church tithe, referred to as the "Ministry Extension Tithe Fund." The Board may receive and/or allow to be retained locally the Ministry Extension Tithe Fund. Amounts of the Ministry Extension Tithe Fund authorized by the Board to be retained by the local church shall be used for missional activity. Local churches shall provide to their district offices annual reports regarding the use of those retained funds. All of the Ministry Extension Tithe Fund not retained by the local church shall be transmitted promptly each month, according to provided instructions. This fund shall be used by the Board for central, national and district offices operations and for ministry advancement.
- C. **Ministerial Benevolent Fund.** This fund shall consist of a portion of the fees received for issuance of credentials, as determined by the Board. Proceeds of this fund shall be disbursed at the discretion of and on such terms as may be established by the Board as gifts to assist Foursquare ministers in case of sickness, accident or death. At the discretion of the Board, a minister's spouse may be allowed to participate by contributing an annual amount fixed by the Board.
- D. **Designated Missions Funds.** This fund shall consist of offerings received for special, approved world missions projects, disaster relief, and funds designated for missionary personnel endorsed by Foursquare Missions International. Upon receipt, all designated funds are the property of International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. Designated funds shall be accounted for separately from other funds and shall be used for the purpose for which they were given. A reasonable charge may be deducted to cover handling expenses and costs involved. The Board reserves the right to accept or refuse any gift to be designated as "designated funds."

ARTICLE X

Special Ministries

The Board shall have the power to establish special ministries to augment the work of Foursquare churches based on the Board's determination of special needs and the availability of financial resources. The ministers for these ministries shall be selected by the Board and shall serve at its pleasure. The Board shall periodically review these ministers and ministries to evaluate their accomplishments and the need to continue such ministries.

ARTICLE XI
Foursquare Cabinet and Executive Council

11.1 FOURSQUARE CABINET

11.1.1 Members. Members of the Cabinet shall be

- A. **Members by Office.** Members of the Board, executive officers, the president of Life Pacific College, district supervisors and the director of Foursquare chaplains.
- B. **Members by Selection.** One Cabinet member shall be selected from each district to serve a four-year term and until his or her successor is duly selected.

A selected Cabinet member from a district shall be selected from among the currently Foursquare licensed and ordained ministers in good standing and under appointment to a Foursquare church in the district that the minister will represent.

The selection of the district Cabinet member shall be as follows: (1) Ministers of the district holding a current Foursquare license shall recommend the names of various qualified ministers to the district supervisor for consideration. (2) The district supervisor and the district council, shall select three nominees (based upon criteria provided by the Board). The district supervisor shall transmit the names of the nominees to the corporate secretary. (3) The district Cabinet member shall then be selected by an election conducted by the corporate secretary. Voting shall be by secret ballot of the ministers of the district holding current ordination, international license or district license from among the three nominees voting by mail. An independent accounting firm selected by the corporation's secretary shall oversee the tallying of ballots. Voting procedures shall be established and supervised by the secretary, who shall certify the results to the Board. No Cabinet members selected in this manner shall serve consecutive terms of office.

A selected district Cabinet member's term of office begins at the first regularly scheduled annual meeting of the Cabinet after the minister has been selected to serve, and shall continue until the next regularly scheduled annual meeting of the Cabinet after a successor is selected four years thereafter. The selection process should be initiated and concluded between September 1 and November 30 in the year the current term of office expires.

When a selected Cabinet member becomes ineligible to serve on the Cabinet because of a geographical move from the district that elected the Cabinet member, the Cabinet member shall be deemed to have resigned. The effective date of resignation may be delayed by the Board, in its discretion, to allow completion of the resigning Cabinet member's current term, so long as the resignation is effective within one year of the date of the Cabinet member's relocation from the district that elected the Cabinet member.

Should the seat of a selected Cabinet member become vacant before the expiration of the Cabinet member's term, the Board shall appoint one of the two final nominees previously selected by the ministers of the district to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

- C. **Members by Appointment.** Other persons appointed to the Cabinet for a one-year term by the Board or the president with the approval of the Board. Appointed Cabinet members may be reappointed for successive years. An appointed Cabinet member's term of office begins at the first regularly scheduled annual meeting of the Cabinet after the minister has been appointed to serve, and shall continue until the next regularly scheduled annual meeting of the Cabinet.
- D. **Removal.** If the Board determines that a member of the Cabinet is failing to function in the best interests of this corporation, the Board shall have the power to remove the Cabinet member by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

11.1.2 Powers and Duties. The Cabinet has the power and duty to recommend to the Board ways to improve and to carry out the ministry of the Foursquare movement as will best honor the kingdom of God throughout the United States and around the world through its missionary efforts. The Cabinet shall advise the Board on such subjects as the following:

- A. Foursquare mission, vision and strategy within the United States and around the world, especially in matters concerning leadership development, evangelism and church planting
- B. Financial accountability and alignment to Foursquare's mission
- C. The effectiveness of Foursquare leadership structures and governance
- D. Foursquare doctrine, polity and values
- E. The convention business agenda

11.1.3 Selection of Presidential Candidates. The Cabinet shall select candidates for the office of president as set forth in Article VII, Section 7.1.2 of these Bylaws.

11.1.4 Meetings. The Cabinet shall meet at least annually and may meet at any time upon call of the Board. The Board shall designate the moderator of the meeting.

11.2 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

11.2.1 Members. The Executive Council shall consist of all members of the Cabinet, district supervisors, divisional superintendents, and such other persons as the Board shall appoint.

11.2.2 Powers and Duties. The Executive Council shall

- A. Advise the president and the Board on matters to be considered on the agenda of each convention.
- B. Serve in an advisory capacity to the president and the Board on matters pertaining to the accomplishment of the mission of The Foursquare Church.
- C. Implement the policies and directives of the convention and the Board.
- D. Strive to accomplish the objectives determined by the convention and the Board.

- 11.2.3 **Meetings.** Meetings of the Executive Council shall be held at least annually immediately prior to or concurrently with the convention at a time set by the Board. Other meetings, including telecommunication meetings, may occur from time to time as called by the Board, the president or the general supervisor.

ARTICLE XII

Ministers of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

Ministers of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel are persons who are licensed or ordained by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; who have a current credential card; and who are in good standing and in compliance with the Articles, these Bylaws, the "Declaration of Faith," and "Minister's Code of Ethics."

12.1 MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL

- A. **National Credentials.** The secretary shall issue to each minister of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel appointed by the Board to a place of service in the United States or as a missionary sent from the United States a certificate, which shall bear the signatures of the president and the secretary, attesting to the ordination or licensing of the named person by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.
- B. **Annual Credential Fee.** Upon the payment of a fee fixed by the Board, each minister shall be issued a credential card for the current year.
- C. **Credentials Issued by Other National Foursquare Organizations.** The Cabinet and general supervisor shall formulate policies and procedures for recognizing for ministry appointment to a Foursquare church in the United States or extension ministry through Foursquare Missions International, persons with ministry credentials issued by and in good standing with Foursquare organizations of other nations, ensuring adherence to Foursquare doctrine, polity, ethics, and applicable immigration laws of the United States.

12.2 MINISTERIAL STANDING

- 12.2.1 **Active Status.** To have active status, as a minister of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, a minister must carry current credentials with the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and must satisfy one of the requirements for Foursquare appointment or authorized non-Foursquare appointment as described herein after.

- A. **Foursquare Appointment.** A minister serving in a Foursquare appointment may, in some instances but not necessarily, be an employee of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. A Foursquare appointment may be any of the following:
 - 1. A Foursquare licensed minister appointed, engaged and sponsored by, or serving with the permission of the Board as a director, officer, administrator, supervisor, missionary, chaplain, teacher in an approved Foursquare Bible college or other ministry

2. A Foursquare licensed minister engaged and sponsored by a local Foursquare church as a pastor, evangelist, staff minister, teacher in an approved training institution, or other ministry of a local Foursquare church

3. A recognized retiree of one of the foregoing

D. **Recognized Non-Foursquare Related Place of Service.** The Board may recognize a Foursquare licensed minister as serving as a director, officer, administrator, supervisor, missionary, chaplain, teacher, or minister of a local church or other ministry position with an organization legally unrelated to the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. Board-recognized ministers serving with an organization legally unrelated to International Church of the Foursquare Gospel shall not be subject to loss of Foursquare minister's license for failure to be appointed to a Foursquare place of service. Ministers serving with an organization legally unrelated to the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel are not employees or agents of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

12.2.2 **Inactive Status.** A minister of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel not under Foursquare ministry appointment, authorized non-Foursquare appointment or a recognized retiree under the provisions stated above shall be considered "inactive."

12.2.3 **Suspension.** At the discretion of the Board, the credentials of any Foursquare minister may be suspended. Credentials may be suspended while any of the following conditions exist:

- A. The minister is estranged and separated from a spouse or is involved in proceedings of divorce or legal separation.
- B. The minister is engaged in any legal action against this corporation.
- C. The minister is under investigation by the corporation for having committed any of the grounds of revocation of credentials set forth in Bylaw Article XII, Section 12.2.5.A.
- D. The minister is in violation of the Articles or these Bylaws.

12.2.4 **Secession.** A Foursquare minister who voluntarily withdraws from membership in this corporation shall be regarded as having seceded.

12.2.5 **Revocation.** At the discretion of the Board, the credentials of any Foursquare minister may be revoked.

A. **Grounds.** Any of the following shall constitute grounds for revocation of ministerial credentials:

- 1. Heresy
- 2. Unchristian conduct

3. Willful failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of the "Declaration of Faith," the Articles, or these Bylaws as applicable to the minister's place of appointment or service
4. Willful neglect of ministerial duties
5. Illegal, immoral, or fraudulent conduct
6. Remarriage after divorce while having a living former spouse (However, this ground shall be subject to waiver by the Board upon appropriate findings and a recommendation by an ethics committee appointed by the Board.)
7. Levying ecclesiastical war against this corporation
8. Conspiring to divide either the corporation or any Foursquare church
9. Uniting with or forming any other organization having purposes similar to this corporation without prior Board approval
10. Accepting ordination or licensing from any other similar organization, other than Foursquare Association church, without prior Board approval
11. Willful or negligent failure to keep, or the destruction of, church records
12. Willful or negligent failure to comply with governmental regulations
13. Willful or negligent failure to maintain the legal existence and good standing of any local church legal entity

B. Procedures. The Board shall have the power to remove from a previously authorized Foursquare appointment any minister licensed by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel whom it may find to have violated the Articles or these Bylaws. The Board may refer charges against a minister licensed by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel that ecclesiastical rules or beliefs have been or are being violated to an ethics committee appointed by the Board for investigation and a written recommendation. The Board, as an alternative to revoking Foursquare credentials, may impose suspension or discipline in an effort to achieve restoration.

C. Reinstatement. Any minister who has had credentials suspended or revoked and who seeks reinstatement as a minister of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel shall make written application to the Board. Upon proper proof of repentance, restitution, and correction, the Board may restore credentials.

ARTICLE XIII

Local Foursquare Churches

The Board shall have the power to determine the requirements, procedures and regulations of every local Foursquare church. Requirements, procedures and regulations of Foursquare churches not stated herein below are to be found in other materials. At any point of potential conflict, these Bylaws shall control.

13.1 ESTABLISHING FOURSQUARE CHURCHES

- A. **Newly Formed Foursquare Churches.** Establishing a new Foursquare church within a district's geographical boundary requires the approval of the district supervisor.
- B. **Incoming Churches.** A local church not initially established by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel may seek to become a local Foursquare church by making application. Approval of an application is solely within the discretion of the Board.

To apply to become a local Charter or Covenant Foursquare church, the applicant church shall

1. Agree to propagate and disseminate the religious principles embraced in the Foursquare Gospel as set forth in the "Declaration of Faith," compiled by Aimee Semple McPherson and adhere to the Foursquare Global Distinctives and Values.
 2. Take all necessary legal steps to be governed by the Articles and Bylaws of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and to be received as a local Foursquare church. Covenant church applicants shall satisfy this requirement by entering into an authorized covenant agreement with the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.
 3. Show proof of having named International Church of the Foursquare Gospel as an additional insured on its casualty insurance policies for claims arising out of its premises, operations or activities.
 4. Transfer title to all property to the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, if applying for Charter church status.
- C. **Local Churches in Other Nations.** A church of the Foursquare movement may be established outside the bounds of the United States only with the knowledge and consent of Foursquare Missions International and the governing body, if any, of the recognized Foursquare organization in the other country. Where there is not yet a Foursquare governing body within the receiving country, consent must be obtained from the Foursquare Regional Council.

13.2 PUBLIC IDENTIFICATION

- A. **Trade Name.** The word “Foursquare” is a registered trade name of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. Use of the trade name “Foursquare” is by consent of the Board of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, which consent may be withdrawn at any time by the Board in its discretion. Unauthorized use is prohibited.
- B. **Names and Consent to Use Trade Name.** Local Foursquare churches may use the name “Foursquare” (e.g. “a Foursquare church”; “Any town Foursquare Church”) and are encouraged to include the wording “Church of the Foursquare Gospel,” “Foursquare Church,” or “Foursquare Gospel Church,” in its identifications to the public. The selected wording shall be prominently displayed. The name of the city or community may be added to the church name, provided it does not conflict with the name of another local Foursquare church. Use of any slogan name requires prior approval of the district supervisor and the district council, the Church Council, and a majority of the church membership, according to national church office policies and procedures.

13.3 REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Each local Foursquare church shall
 - 1. Display in the main auditorium of the church the motto: “Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever” (Heb.13:8).
 - 2. Qualify applicants for church membership.
 - 3. Receive tithes and offerings for the ministry, maintenance, and expansion of the church. A tithe of the tithes and offerings received by the local church shall be designated as its “ministry extension tithe.” A Board-determined portion of the ministry extension tithe shall be retained by the local church and used for missional activity. Amounts of the extension tithe not retained by the local church shall be transmitted promptly each month, according to provided instructions.
 - 4. Contribute offerings monthly for the support of Foursquare Missions International’s Global Missions Fund, special world missions projects and locally funded Foursquare missionaries; and shall transmit missions offerings promptly, according to provided instructions.
 - 5. Prepare church reports, monthly and annually, as required by the Board. Reports shall be attested by the pastor and transmitted according to provided instructions.
- B. It is recommended that each Foursquare church
 - 1. Participate in the programs of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and its departments.

2. Cooperate in the use, distribution, or display of literature, music, and other materials authorized or furnished by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and its departments.
3. Support approved Foursquare Bible colleges through offerings and gifts. (It is recommended that one percent (1%) of the church's tithes and general offerings be designated for this purpose.)
4. Encourage those inclined to prepare for the ministry to attend Foursquare Bible colleges or other Foursquare approved training.

13.4 **DISCONTINUING A FOURSQUARE CHURCH.** In extreme cases it may be in the best interests of the Foursquare movement for the Board to assume direct control over or close a Foursquare church either temporarily or permanently or to otherwise take other action, including suspension or dismissal of the pastor or the Church Council in accordance with these Bylaws.

A. **Charter Churches.** A Charter Foursquare church may be permanently or temporarily closed and its charter revoked by the Board, upon the recommendation of the district supervisor and the general supervisor, for any of the following reasons:

1. Willful noncompliance with these Bylaws
2. Decline in attendance below the point of viability
3. Profound discord among congregants or lack of unity with leadership
4. Loss of pastoral authority
5. Financial insolvency

B. **District Churches.** The district supervisor may temporarily or permanently close a District church for any of the reasons stated above or when, in the considered opinion of the district supervisor, the attempt to establish a Foursquare church has failed.

C. **Covenant Churches.** Though the Board may not close a local Foursquare Covenant church or end its legal existence, the Board may terminate the covenant agreement between the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and the legal entity of the Covenant Foursquare church for any of the reasons stated above. When the covenant agreement is terminated, the church shall have no affiliation with the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

13.5 CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

A. **Requirements.** In order to be entitled to membership in a Foursquare church, a person shall

1. Show evidence of a born-again experience and a Christian life.
2. Have been baptized in water by immersion.
3. Subscribe and adhere to the "Declaration of Faith," compiled by Aimee Semple McPherson.
4. Agree to comply with the Articles and these Bylaws.

B. **Application.** A person desiring to become a member of a Foursquare church shall

1. Fill out and sign the church membership application form prescribed by the Board.
2. Meet the requirements set forth in Article XIII Section 13.5.A of these Bylaws.
3. Be approved by the pastor and any membership committee of the local Foursquare church.
4. Be accepted into the church membership.

C. **Standing.** A person's membership may be "active," "inactive," "suspended," or "terminated."

1. **Active Membership.** In order to be considered active and entitled to vote, a member shall have signed the membership roll and shall have
 - 1.1 Regularly contributed to the support of the church.
 - 1.2 Regularly attended church services if physically able to do so.
2. **Inactive Membership.** A member who does not fulfill the requirements of active membership shall be an inactive member.
3. **Suspension of Membership.** Pending a hearing with the Church Council on a proposed dismissal, a member may be suspended upon the recommendation of the pastor and a majority vote of the Church Council.

The pastor and the Church Council, after receiving proper proof of repentance and restitution, may reinstate a member who has been suspended or dismissed.

4. **Termination of Membership.** Membership in a Foursquare church shall terminate only upon one of the following events:

- 4.1 Withdrawal from membership by the member
- 4.2 Transfer of membership as specified in these Bylaws
- 4.3 Absence of at least one year without response to church attempts to reestablish relations
- 4.4 Death
- 4.5 Dismissal from membership as specified in these Bylaws
- 4.6 In addition to the above, membership in a Foursquare Covenant church shall terminate when the covenant agreement between the local church and the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel is ended.

- D. **Service.** Members should serve the church by faithfulness in fellowship, perseverance in prayer, generosity in giving, diligence in missions, dedication in devotion, readiness in responsibility, with the objective of always working in the best interests of their church and the Foursquare movement.

- E. **Privileges.** Active members shall be entitled to

- 1. Participate in all church activities
- 2. Vote on all matters with respect to which a vote of members of the church is authorized, as long as they are 18 years of age or older
- 3. Serve the church in any capacity to which they are appointed or elected
- 4. Attend Foursquare district meetings that are open to members
- 5. Attend Foursquare conventions

- F. **Transfer.** Transfer of membership from one local Foursquare church to another or to any other church shall be deemed to have occurred when the member applies for and is accepted into membership with that receiving church.
- G. **Dismissal.** A member of a Foursquare church, following a hearing before the Church Council and concurrence of the district supervisor, may be dismissed from membership, by written notice where possible from the Church Council, for any of the following reasons:
1. Refusal to adhere to the "Declaration of Faith," or to comply with the provisions of the Articles or these Bylaws
 2. Willful unchristian or unscriptural conduct
 3. Acting contrary to the best interests of the church
 4. Causing dissension or conspiring to divide the church
 5. Failure to meet the requirements of service set forth in Bylaw Article XIII, Section 13.5.D
- H. **Marriage.** Marriage is a biblical covenant relationship between a man and a woman established initially by God. Among Christian people there are those who, before they were converted, became entangled in their marriage relations and do not see how these matters can be adjusted. In these cases, it is recommended that the matter be left in the hands of the Lord and that such people walk in the light according to the Word of God. High standards of marriage are very essential to the individual, to the family, and to the cause of Christ. In order to maintain high standards, divorce is discouraged.
- I. **Church Membership Meetings.** The pastor or a designated representative shall preside at all church membership meetings.
- J. **Annual Meetings.** The pastor shall call an annual meeting of the church's members upon not less than two weeks' prior written notice to church members. It is sufficient to post the written notice in a prominent place at the church.
1. All vacancies on the Church Council shall be filled at the annual meeting by a vote of or ratification by a majority of members present and members submitting absentee ballots.
 2. Any member who finds it necessary to be absent from an annual meeting may request an absentee ballot from the church secretary; the ballot must be submitted prior to the conclusion of the election.

- K. **Special Meetings.** The following people may call special meetings upon not less than one week's notice in the manner provided for annual meetings, stating the purpose of the meeting:
1. The pastor
 2. A majority of the members of the Church Council after receiving prior written permission for such meeting from the district supervisor, who shall preside at the meeting or who shall name a representative to preside
 3. The Board of directors, president, general supervisor or district supervisor. At such a membership meeting, a Board member, the president, general supervisor or district supervisor shall preside at the meeting.

ARTICLE XIV

Pastors of Foursquare Churches

- 14.1 **QUALIFICATIONS.** The pastor of a Foursquare church shall be a licensed or ordained minister of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel who has a current credential card. Every Foursquare church shall have one minister appointed as senior pastor.
- 14.2 **SELECTION.** When a Charter or Covenant Foursquare church is in need of a pastoral change, the district supervisor shall appoint a pastor after the district supervisor or his or her representative consults with the divisional superintendent and meets with the Church Council. When a District Foursquare church is in need of a pastoral change, the district supervisor shall assign a pastor with Board approval. Appointments shall be confirmed by the president and shall continue upon the recommendation of the district supervisor and the approval of the Board.

The spouse or other relative of a former senior pastor of a Foursquare church must receive prior Board approval before a district supervisor may appoint him or her to the position of senior pastor of that same church.

14.3 REMOVAL

- A. **Charter and Covenant Churches:** In the event it shall appear that a pastor of a Charter or Covenant Foursquare church is not functioning in the best interests of the church, the Church Council may request a meeting with the district supervisor and the pastor to discuss the issue. If the issue cannot be resolved satisfactorily, then the district supervisor, after consulting with the divisional superintendent and the district council, may submit a report to the Board with a recommendation concerning whether to continue or terminate the pastoral appointment. The final decision on the district supervisor's recommendation shall be made by the Board.

- B. **District Churches:** In the event it appears that a pastor of a District church, or other Foursquare church without a Church Council, is not functioning in the best interests of the church, the district supervisor, after consulting with the divisional superintendent and the district council and after receiving confirmation from the Board, shall have the power to remove the pastor.
- C. **Board Authority to Intervene:** Notwithstanding action or inaction by the Church Council, the Board may investigate a problem relating to any pastor and, after consultation with the respective district supervisor, may take action based on its findings. The pastor shall have the right to appeal to the Board. The Board may discipline, suspend, or remove the pastor from his appointment. In cases involving removal, the district supervisor shall proceed in the selection of a new pastor as set forth in Article XIV, Section 14.2 of these Bylaws.

14.4 PASTORAL DUTIES. The pastor of a Foursquare church shall

- A. Serve as the executive officer of the church. Serve as the manager or executive officer of any Board authorized subsidiary entity which has been established to facilitate the ministry or property management of the church. Distribute the current Bylaws to each member of the Church Council and, together with the members of the Church Council, have general responsibility for the church. The pastor shall be the chairperson of the Church Council and shall be responsible for its compliance with the Articles, these Bylaws, covenant agreements, other entity organizational documents (if applicable) and other applicable regulations.
- B. Evangelize the community, strive for the salvation of souls, edify the church, and build up Christian life throughout the church by preaching, teaching, conducting services, and administering ordinances, including marriage only between a man and a woman. (It is recommended that Foursquare ministers not solemnize the remarriage of divorced people, except for those divorced on biblical grounds.)
- C. Keep or cause to be kept written records of all active and inactive members and preside at membership meetings.
- D. Ensure, jointly with the rest of the Church Council, the fiscal integrity of the church by seeing that all funds or gifts given to the church are deposited in the proper church bank account. The senior pastor shall be one of the co-signers on all church accounts as set forth in Bylaw Article XVI, Section 16.1. F.1.3.
- E. Execute documents at the direction of the Church Council on behalf of the church, subject to the express understanding that a pastor is not an authorized officer or agent of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel except for acts expressly authorized by

these Bylaws. Further, any agreement involving real estate or any material transaction involving personal property that could be construed as binding the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel shall be subject to the prior approval of the Board. With respect to any such agreement or transaction, the pastor shall include on the document the following language, immediately prior to his or her signature: "This agreement shall not be effective until approved by the Board of Directors of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel."

Any agreement involving real estate or any material transaction involving personal property that could be construed as binding an authorized legal entity of a Charter or Covenant church shall be subject to the prior approval of the Church Council, compliance with Article XVII of these Bylaws (if pertaining to real property) and other requirements set forth in the governing documents of said legal entity.

- F. Appoint the church and pastoral staff to carry out the responsibilities of the local church. Payment of all church and pastoral staff compensation must be within the council approved annual budget of the church.
- G. Encourage financial support of the church through tithes and offerings to meet all of the church's obligations.
- H. Present the cause and encourage the financial and prayerful support of Foursquare missions.
- I. Oversee the safety program of the church in order to prevent injuries to persons using church property and to the church staff, and to prevent damage to the church's property.
- J. Assure that the church's property and all its activities are covered by adequate insurance at all times.
- K. Implement policies and procedures to properly select and supervise volunteers and paid staff members in order to prevent abuse of children at church activities or on church premises. The pastor and other Foursquare ministers shall report suspected child abuse, as required by law.
- L. Carry adequate personal insurance for property damage, medical payments and public liability on each personal vehicle the pastor or church owns.
- M. Oversee compliance with and fulfill all applicable governmental laws, rules, regulations, procedures, and reporting.
- N. Endeavor to attend conventions, district and divisional pastoral events.

O. Comply with the following upon termination of a pastoral assignment:

1. Submit a letter of resignation to the district supervisor stating the intended date of resignation. The letter shall be given as far in advance of resignation as possible.
2. Confer with and follow the advice of the district supervisor or the supervisor's appointed representative in announcing the resignation to the congregation.
3. Leave for the incoming pastor a complete record of the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all members, along with details of all activities and transactions involving the church.
4. Release the church from any claim for unpaid compensation that the church has been unable to pay, unless the creation of a continuing obligation to pay was approved in writing by the Church Council, the district supervisor, and the Board.
5. Release the church from any claim for labor or an investment of personal finances in the church, unless the creation of an obligation to the pastor for such items was previously approved in writing by the Church Council, the district supervisor, and the Board.
6. Remove the pastor's name from all church accounts and agreements involving the church (which, if not accomplished by the terminating pastor, may be performed by the district supervisor, or the supervisor's appointed representative, as attorney-in-fact for the terminating pastor).
7. Break off contact with the members of the church except with the approval of the new pastor.

14.5 **COMPENSATION.** The amount of compensation due the pastor of a Foursquare church shall be established by the Church Council, or if there is no Church Council, by the district supervisor. It shall be paid only to the extent that the church receives sufficient tithes and offerings to pay the church's other obligations, and, further, only to the extent of the balance of the church's funds received during the pastor's employment. The pastor shall expect no additional compensation from the church except upon the prior approval of the Church Council and the concurrence of the district supervisor.

ARTICLE XV

Chartering of Foursquare Churches

15.1 **APPLYING FOR A CHARTER.** Upon the recommendation of the district supervisor, a congregation or a District church may be granted a charter by the International Church of the

Foursquare Gospel when it has organized and submitted a charter application signed by not less than 30 members or regular attendees who are 18 years of age or older. Notwithstanding the criteria listed above, a district supervisor may initiate the chartering process when he or she deems a congregation or District church to be both viable and missionally effective.

15.2 PROCEDURES. The following steps shall be taken to charter an existing Foursquare congregation, District church or incoming church:

- A. A properly executed application for charter shall be submitted through the district supervisor to the Board for consideration.
- B. If the application is approved by the Board, a special meeting of the church's members shall be called for the purpose of establishing a Charter Foursquare church. A registry of charter members shall be drawn; upon the recommendation of the pastor, the district supervisor, or the supervisor's appointed representative, the initial Church Council shall be appointed to serve for a term of two years.
- C. A presentation of Foursquare responsibilities and benefits shall be given by the district supervisor or the supervisor's appointed representative. The supervisor or the supervisor's representative shall also inform the Church Council about the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel including the Articles, and these Bylaws, applicable other organizing documents of any authorized local legal entity, handbooks, report forms, information regarding monthly reports, district, division and national functions, and banking and insurance procedures and requirements.
- D. If applicable, title to any real property vested in the name of the applicant church shall be deeded to the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel or to a Board-authorized local subsidiary legal entity that has been granted federal tax exempt status and whose nonprofit purpose is unequivocally related to the propagation of the Christian faith and message, or be qualified to be included within the group exemption of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.
- E.. Show proof of having named International Church of the Foursquare Gospel as an additional insured on its casualty insurance policies for claims arising out of its premises, operations or activities.
- F. Any separate legal entity under which the church previously existed and operated shall be dissolved and wound up in accordance with applicable state laws.

ARTICLE XVI

Operating Charter, Covenant and District Foursquare Churches

- 16.1 **CHURCH COUNCIL.** Every Charter and Covenant church shall have a Church Council. Every District church with 30 or more regular adult attendees is encouraged to receive members and establish a Church Council and become a Charter or Covenant church. Until such time, the district supervisor shall exercise the authority and discharge the duties of a Church Council for a District Foursquare church

While the senior pastor is ultimately responsible for the spiritual life of the church, the Church Council shares with the senior pastor the stewardship of the financial assets and property of the local church. The Church Council does not employ the pastor; nor does the pastor appoint or employ the Church Council.

- A. **Council Members.** There shall be not less than four and not more than 12 members in addition to the pastor, except upon prior written approval of the district supervisor. Members must be 18 years old or older. Paid staff and people related to the pastor(s) of the local church by blood or marriage may serve on the Church Council only with the prior written consent of the district supervisor after review by the district council. The pastor shall serve as the chairperson of the Church Council.
- B. **Selection.** Upon the expiration of the initial two-year term of the Church Council members appointed by the district supervisor or the supervisor's appointed representative, the members of the church shall elect or ratify one half of the Church Council's members to serve for one year and the other half to serve for two years at the church's annual membership meeting.

Prior to each annual membership meeting thereafter, the Church Council shall agree upon the nominees for the vacant Church Council positions. The members of the church shall elect or ratify from the group of nominees, council members to serve two-year terms. Church Council members may serve for two consecutive terms; serving for a third term is contingent upon the request of the pastor, with the written permission of the district supervisor and election or ratification by the members of the church.

- C. **Vacancies.** In the event of the death or resignation of any Church Council member, the pastor shall, subject to the approval of the remaining council members, appoint another member of the church to complete the unexpired term. If the church is without a pastor or is operating with an interim pastor, the district supervisor shall make the appointment.

D. Removal

1. **Removal of Individual Members.** If a Church Council member fails to comply with the provisions of the "Declaration of Faith," the Articles, or these Bylaws, or if the member causes dissension or dissatisfaction in the church, the pastor and Church Council, with the written concurrence of the district supervisor, may remove that member of the Church Council. If the council member believes that the removal is unjust, he or she may appeal in writing to the district supervisor. If no resolution is reached, a written appeal may be made to the general supervisor. If, after an appeal to the general supervisor, the issue remains unresolved, a written appeal may be sent to the Board, in care of the president. The determination of the Board shall be final.
2. **Removal of Church Council.** If a Church Council (a) fails to comply with the provisions of the "Declaration of Faith," the Articles, or these Bylaws, or (b) if the Church Council causes dissension or dissatisfaction in the church, the district supervisor may, following consultations with the pastor and the Church Council, call a special meeting of the church members who may, by a majority vote, remove any or all Church Council members. The district supervisor or an appointed representative shall preside at the special meeting of the church members. In the event of the removal of Church Council members, their successors shall be elected at a special meeting of the church members called by the pastor or the district supervisor. The terms of Church Council members so elected shall be in accordance with Article XVI, Section 16.1.B of these Bylaws.
3. In case of an extreme necessity, the district supervisor, with the prior written approval of the Board, may remove one or more members of the Church Council.

E. Meetings

1. The council shall meet as often as necessary, but not less often than once each month, to care for the business of the church. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the pastor, or upon written request to the pastor by a majority of the council members, or by the district supervisor or the supervisor's appointed representative. However, nothing in this Section is intended to prohibit an unofficial meeting by the district supervisor or the divisional superintendent with any or all of the members of the Church Council.
2. By a majority vote of its members, a Church Council can request that the district supervisor or the supervisor's appointed representative attend a council meeting.

3. In a church without a pastor, the district supervisor or the supervisor's appointed representative may hold council meetings after giving notice to each Church Council member.
4. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Church Council, including the pastor, or, in the case of a church without a pastor, the district supervisor or the supervisor's appointed representative.
5. In the case of a church without a pastor and without a functioning Church Council, the church shall operate directly under the district supervisor or his or her appointee until such time as a Church Council is duly elected and a pastor is appointed.

F. Powers and Duties. The Church Council shall

1. Be responsible for the fiscal integrity of the church, including any authorized legal entities operated by and for the benefit of the church.
 - 1.1 The Church Council shall assure that all funds received by the church shall be deposited in a bank account in the legal name of the church and assure that all disbursements of church funds are made by check, debit, credit or other electronic means of disbursement, using Board-approved internal controls.
 - 1.2 In the event of abandonment of a project or purpose for which any fund was created, the Church Council shall return the money in such fund to the donor(s) if possible; however, upon approval by the donor, the gift may be used for another project or purpose.
 - 1.3 The Church Council shall authorize the pastor and treasurer and, if deemed advisable, one or two other people, all unrelated by blood or marriage, to sign on church bank accounts.
 - 1.4 The Church Council shall require two signatures for all disbursements of church funds by check. One of the signatures shall always be that of the pastor or treasurer.
 - 1.5 When making disbursements of church funds via on-line transactions, the Church Council shall pre-approve establishment of each electronic account prior to conducting a transaction via the account.

- 1.6 Bank account statements and reconciliation summaries shall be presented at each council meeting.
 - 1.7 Council members shall have viewing access to online accounts and supporting documentation for bank account reconciliations shall be made available for review to any council member for any proper purpose relating to the council's duties upon request.
2. Act as a ways and means committee and make provision for the prompt payment of all church obligations, including but not limited to extension tithe, support of Foursquare missions, taxes, loan payments, insurance premiums, salaries, employer retirement contributions, if any, and other miscellaneous obligations and commitments based upon an annual budget approved by the council. Loan payment(s) shall have first priority on available church funds, after the payment of the extension tithe.
3. Transact such other business as may be required, review the monthly report, hear other reports, order the payment of bills.
4. Work with the pastor, the divisional superintendent, and the district supervisor for the betterment of the church, and assist the pastor in submitting constructive proposals to the membership.
5. Keep records of all active and inactive members, dedications, and baptisms.
6. Transmit monthly all tithes, offerings, and reports to the appropriate locations, according to any administrative procedures prescribed by the Board.
7. Transmit monthly all missionary offerings received from the congregation to the appropriate locations, according to any administrative procedures prescribed by the Board.
8. Supervise the use of church property, equipment, and furnishings for the purposes authorized in these Bylaws and any applicable organizing documents of any authorized local entity.
9. Establish the pastor's compensation. The council may consult with the district supervisor or the supervisor's appointed representative. The personnel expenses of the church shall at all times be within the funding ability of the church.
10. Establish a pastor's retirement program, if financially feasible, from the current income of the church, following consultation with the district supervisor or the

supervisor's appointed representative. Contributions to the program shall be in addition to and based on a percentage of the pastor's salary.

11. Obtain, if possible, a term life insurance policy on the life of the senior pastor for the benefit of the pastor's spouse, in a benefit amount of at least \$100,000.
12. Maintain full, written reports of the proceedings of any Church Council or church membership meeting and provide reports to the Board or district supervisor upon request.
13. Appoint, with the pastor's approval, one or more delegates to represent the church at conventions, as authorized in these Bylaws.
14. Counsel with the pastor in the selection, engagement, or termination of assisting staff members and others as needed.
15. Require that all employment agreements and service agreements with contractors allow for termination by the church without penalty on not more than 30 days' prior written notice.
16. Act as a nominating committee to select candidates for the Church Council, subject to a vote or ratification of the members at the annual meeting of the church's members, and post the names of candidates at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.
17. Be responsible for securing insurance coverage (as stated in Bylaw Article XVII, Section 17.6) on all church property, vehicles and activities, which shall be maintained by the prompt payment of applicable premiums.
18. Obtain written permission from the Board through the district supervisor before initiating any litigation.
19. Obtain written permission from the Board through the district supervisor before operating any school, preschool, nursery school, daycare center, camp, or other similar church operation or legal entity that could result in any of the following consequences:
 - 19.1 A material increase in intensity of use of church property
 - 19.2 The imposition of special zoning requirements
 - 19.3 The need for a special license or permit
 - 19.4 An increase in the church's normal insurance coverage

20. Be responsible for assuring that all school-related activities maintain a nondiscriminatory policy as required under law, and furnish the office of the general supervisor with information as requested, establishing compliance.
 21. Ensure that the church and all Board authorized subsidiary entities established by and/or for the benefit of that the church shall at all times fully comply with all applicable governmental laws, rules, regulations, procedures, reporting, and generally accepted accounting principles.
 22. Appoint a safety committee whose responsibility shall be to regularly inspect church grounds and properties. The committee shall observe activities to identify any unsafe conditions or practices and shall make recommendations to the Church Council for corrective measures. The safety committee and Church Council shall closely oversee the wellbeing of children and the prevention of the occurrence of child abuse on church properties or at church activities. If necessary, the Church Council may act as the safety committee.
 23. By majority vote of the council, direct any serious disagreement between the pastor and the Church Council to the district supervisor or the supervisor's designated representative if, after repeated attempts to reconcile the issue, the disagreement remain.
- G. **Church Council Appeal Procedure.** Upon an affirmative vote by two thirds of its members, the Church Council may appeal any decision having to do with the wellbeing of the church, the pastor, assisting ministers who serve the church, or administration of church property. The initial appeal must be made in writing to the district supervisor. If the issue remains unresolved, a written appeal may be made to the general supervisor. If the issue remains unresolved after an appeal is made to the general supervisor, a written appeal may be made to the Board, in care of the president. The determination of the Board will be final.

16.2 OFFICERS/OFFICES

- A. **Qualifications.** To hold office in a Foursquare church, a person must be a member in good standing of that church and must have received the baptism with the Holy Spirit or be an earnest seeker thereof.
- B. **Officers.** The following are the officers of a Charter Foursquare church: members of the Church Council, secretary, and treasurer.

16.3 **SELECTION**

- A. Members of the Church Council shall be selected by the active members of the church pursuant to Bylaw Article XVI, Section 16.1.B.
- B. The secretary and treasurer shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Church Council and the pastor.
- C. All other offices shall be filled by the appointment of the pastor, and those appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the pastor.

16.4 **SECRETARY.** The secretary shall

- A. Act as recording secretary at meetings of the members of the church, the Church Council, and of any other body or committee as the pastor directs.
- B. Keep or cause to be kept accurate records of members, dedications, baptisms, and other statistical information required for the monthly report.
- C. Act as custodian of the church books and records, membership records, documents and communications, except the books of account, which are required to be kept in the treasurer's custody.
- D. Submit reports and records to the pastor and Church Council, and send to the Board or district supervisor full written reports of proceedings of any Church Council or church membership meeting on request.

16.5 **TREASURER.** The treasurer shall

- A. Receive and disburse all church funds as authorized by the Church Council, and keep a strict written account thereof. All records shall be available to the pastor, Church Council, district supervisor and Board upon request.
- B. Deposit or cause to be deposited all church funds in an account or accounts authorized by the Church Council.
- C. Issue checks on the church's account(s) only upon prior authorization by the Church Council in accordance with these Bylaws.
- D. Remit to the proper national or district office the funds specified in these Bylaws.
- E. Make monthly financial reports to the Church Council and the pastor and, upon request, to the church membership, district supervisor, general supervisor, or Board.

- F. Keep an accurate record of identified contributions and make available to the contributor a receipt at the end of each year.
- G. Submit to the pastor and Church Council an annual report of all transactions.
- H. Submit to the pastor, the district supervisor, general supervisor or the Board special reports when requested.
- I. In case of incapacity, permanent absence, or refusal of the pastor or treasurer to sign checks for payment of church obligations, the district supervisor shall be empowered to sign such checks as attorney-in-fact, or to designate another to act on his or her behalf.

ARTICLE XVII

Administration of Local Foursquare Church Property

All property and equipment acquired by any Foursquare church, whether by purchase or gift or otherwise, and whether held in the name of International Church of the Foursquare Gospel or held in the name of another Board authorized federal tax exempt entity, is private property and shall be secured, held and used solely for purposes unequivocally related to the of propagation of the Foursquare Gospel.

For Charter and District churches, all such property shall be secured and held in the name of the "International Church of the Foursquare-Gospel," except as otherwise expressly authorized by the Board, as permitted in these Bylaws, for the use of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. The form of any deed, conveyance, or declaration of trust concerning the transfer of any interest in real property to or from the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel or the use of real property by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, shall be subject to prior written approval of the Board. All Charter and District church land purchases, plans for construction or reconstruction, financing and other real property related transactions shall require the prior written approval of the Board.

For Covenant churches, real property related transactions for real property held in the name of the Covenant church's local entity shall not require prior approval by the Board, but shall be subject to this Article XVII and the local entity's governing documents.

17.1 ACQUISITIONS

- A. **Charter churches.** Should a Charter church desire to acquire, or encumber real property by lien, trust deed, or mortgage, or incur any liability or make any contract that might result in a mechanic's or material lien against real property, the pastor and Church Council shall obtain the prior written consent of the Board.

1. Prior to acquisition of any real property by purchase, or any proposed construction, assurances shall be obtained, in writing if possible, from the applicable city, county, or state agencies that the real property is or will be zoned to meet the needs of the church operation and its functions.
2. Plans and specifications for any proposed project shall at all times require that construction comply with all applicable city, county, and state building codes and all safety requirements.
3. Prior to undertaking any construction or acquisition of real property, a written resolution approving the construction, or acquisition and estimating the costs thereof shall have been passed by a two-thirds vote of the church members present at a duly called meeting. Each member of the Church Council shall certify the vote of the membership by signing the resolution. Whenever construction is required, plans, specifications, cost estimates, and method of financing, together with the resolution and the complete "PT" forms, which are available from the district office, shall be sent to the district supervisor. The district supervisor shall send a written recommendation and copies of the resolutions, together with all documents relating to the proposed transaction, to the general supervisor, who shall present them to the Board. The action of the Board shall be evidenced by the passage of a specific written resolution authorizing the corporation's president and secretary, and/or any other persons the Board authorizes, to sign documents in connection with the transaction. No other person shall sign any document committing the corporation unless specifically authorized by the Board.

B. Covenant churches. Should a Covenant church desire to acquire, or encumber real property by lien, trust deed, or mortgage in the name of the Covenant church, or incur any liability or make any contract that might result in a mechanic's or material lien against real property held in the name of the Covenant church, the pastor and Church Council shall obtain the prior consent of two-thirds of the members of the Covenant church present at a duly called meeting.

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1. Prior to acquisition of any real property by purchase, or any proposed construction, assurances shall be obtained, in writing if possible, from the applicable city, county, or state agencies that the real property is or will be zoned to meet the needs of the church operation and its functions.
2. Plans and specifications for any proposed project shall at all times require that construction comply with all applicable city, county, and state building codes and all safety requirements.

3. Prior to undertaking any construction or acquisition of real property, a written resolution approving the construction, or acquisition and estimating the costs thereof shall have been passed by a two-thirds vote of the church members present at a duly called meeting. The supervisor should be informed before and during the progress of the project. No person shall sign any document committing the Covenant church unless specifically authorized by the Church Council and the members and by the governing documents of the Covenant church entity.

17.2 LEASES OF PROPERTY

- A. **Personal Property.** The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel will not be responsible for the lease of personal property entered into by an individual or church for the personal benefit of an individual. Leases of personal property for the benefit of a church may be entered into upon approval of the Church Council. The Church Council may approve only such leases as are financially feasible from the current income of the church.
- B. **The Church as a Tenant of Real Property.** Prior to the acquisition of real property as a tenant:
 1. **Charter churches.** For a lease or rental agreement for a Charter church, a written resolution approving the lease or rental agreement and estimating the build out costs, if any, shall have been passed by a two-thirds vote of the church members present at a duly called membership meeting. Each member of the Church Council shall certify the vote of the membership by signing the resolution. A copy of the resolution, together with any applicable "PT form," shall be submitted to the district supervisor. The district supervisor shall send a written recommendation and copies of the resolutions, together with all documents relating to the proposed lease, and any build out, to the general supervisor, who shall present them to the Board. The action of the Board shall be evidenced by the passage of a specific written resolution authorizing the corporation's president and secretary, and/or any other persons the Board authorizes, to sign documents in connection with the transaction. No person shall sign any lease, rental agreement or other document obligating the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel unless specifically authorized by the Board.

Covenant churches. For a lease or rental agreement in the name of a Covenant church, a written resolution approving the lease or rental agreement and estimating the build out costs, if any, shall have been passed by a two-thirds vote of the church members present at a duly called membership meeting. Each member of the Church Council shall certify the vote of the membership by signing the resolution. A copy of the resolution, together with any applicable "PT

form,” shall be submitted to the district supervisor. No person shall sign any lease, rental agreement or other document obligating the Covenant church unless specifically authorized by the Church Council and the members and by the governing documents of the Covenant church entity.

District churches. For a lease or rental agreement in the name of a District church, a written resolution approving the lease or rental agreement and estimating the build out costs, if any, shall have been passed by the Church Council, if any, and approved by the district supervisor. Each member of the Church Council shall certify the vote of the Church Council by signing the resolution. A copy of the resolution, together with any applicable “PT form,” shall be submitted to the district supervisor. The district supervisor shall send a written recommendation and copies of the resolutions, together with all documents relating to the proposed lease, and any build out, to the general supervisor, who shall present them to the Board. The action of the Board shall be evidenced by the passage of a specific written resolution authorizing the corporation’s president and secretary, and/or any other persons the Board authorizes, to sign documents in connection with the transaction. No person shall sign any lease, rental agreement or other document obligating the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel unless specifically authorized by the Board. The Board may also determine that the lease should be made in some other name.

2. For a month-to-month rental agreement, the same process shall be followed as provided immediately above, except that no congregational vote is needed for month-to-month rental agreements.
3. Renewals of leases or rental agreements in which the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel is a tenant, other than month-to-month rental agreements, also shall be approved by the Board, by the procedures set forth above, if the new monthly rental amount will be an increase of greater than ten percent (10%), if additional space will be added to the premises, or if other terms of the agreement will be substantially altered.

C. **The Church as Landlord of Real Property:**

1. **Property Held in the Name of International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.** If the title to the subject property is held in the name of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, prior to the letting of church real property by lease or rental agreement, a written resolution approving the lease or rental agreement and estimating the landlord paid build out costs, if any, shall have been passed by the Church Council. Leases or rental agreements of more than five years, or containing renewals which, if exercised, would extend the term of the

agreement more than five years, in addition to Church Council approval, shall have been passed by a two-thirds vote of the church members present at a duly called membership meeting. Each member of the Church Council shall certify the vote of the membership by signing the resolution. A copy of the resolution and the Church Council certification, together with any applicable "PT form," shall be submitted to the district supervisor. The district supervisor shall send a written recommendation and copies of the resolution, together with all documents relating to the proposed lease, and any build out, to the general supervisor, who shall present them to the Board. The action of the Board shall be evidenced by the passage of a specific written resolution authorizing the corporation's president and secretary, and/or any other persons the Board authorizes, to sign documents in connection with the transaction. No other person shall sign any lease, rental agreement or other document committing or obligating the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel unless specifically authorized by the Board.

Renewals of leases or rental agreements in which additional space is being added to the premises, or if other terms of the agreement are being substantially altered, shall also be approved in manner set forth above.

No lease or rental agreement shall be terminated prior to the expiration of the term stated in the agreement without the prior written approval of the Board

2. **Property Held in the Name of a Local Entity.** If the title to the property is held in the name of a Covenant church or other Board authorized legal entity, prior to the letting of church real property by lease or rental agreement, a written resolution approving the lease or rental agreement and estimating the landlord paid build out costs, if any, shall have been passed by the Church Council. Leases or rental agreements of more than five years, or containing renewals that, if exercised, would extend the term of the agreement more than five years, in addition to Church Council approval, shall have been passed by a two-thirds vote of the church members present at a duly called membership meeting. Each member of the Church Council shall certify the vote of the membership by signing the resolution. A copy of the resolution and the Church Council certification, together with any applicable "PT form," shall be submitted to the district supervisor. No person shall sign any lease, rental agreement or other document committing or obligating the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel unless specifically authorized by the Board, or committing or obligating a Covenant church or other Board authorized legal entity unless specifically authorized by the Church Council (and church members, if required) and by the governing documents of the Covenant church or other Board authorized legal entity.

Renewals of leases or rental agreements in which additional space is being added to the premises, or if other terms of the agreement are being substantially altered, shall also be approved in manner set forth above.

No lease or rental agreement shall be terminated prior to the expiration of the term stated in the agreement without the prior written approval of the Church Council.

- 17.3 **PROPERTY OF A DISTRICT CHURCH.** In the case of a District church, property may be acquired and encumbered by the district supervisor with the prior written authorization of the Board. A vote of those attending the District church shall not be required.

17.4 **DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY**

- A. **Active Charter and Covenant Churches.** In the event an active Charter or Covenant church desires to sell, give away or otherwise dispose of a church building, real property or other significant church asset, the pastor and Church Council shall follow the procedures described in Section 17.1.A or B, as applicable. The proceeds shall first be used to clear any church indebtedness, and the balance shall be held for the benefit of the church.
- B. **Active District Churches.** In the event an active District church or other church without a Church Council desires to sell, give away or otherwise dispose of a significant church asset, the pastor shall follow the procedures described in Section 17.1.A and shall obtain the prior written consent of the district supervisor. The proceeds shall first be used to clear any church indebtedness, and the balance shall be held for the benefit of the church.
- C. **Inactive Churches.** If a Charter church ceases to function and if the district supervisor and district council decide that the church building or other property should be sold, an appraisal shall be secured and presented to the Board with the district supervisor's recommendation. The Board shall have power to approve the sale of the property. After all indebtedness and costs have been satisfied, the net proceeds of the sale shall be deposited to the credit of the district for further church development, preferably in the same area.

If a Covenant Foursquare church ceases to function and dissolves, the Church Council shall have power to approve the sale of the property, if not inconsistent with applicable local law. After all indebtedness and costs have been satisfied, the net proceeds of the sale shall be donated to another nonprofit entity whose purpose is to propagate the Gospel, preferably to another Foursquare church in the same area.

If a District church ceases to function, after all indebtedness and costs have been satisfied, the net church assets shall be deposited to the credit of the district for further church development, preferably in the same area.

- D. **Liquidation.** To prevent foreclosure on church facilities that could result in a complete loss of the delinquent property, the Board, upon giving proper notification to the church, may dispose of the property of a Charter or District Foursquare church to pay any and all debts, including any money advanced by the corporation or district. The net proceeds shall be held for further church development, preferably in the same area.

17.5 **MERGER.** No pastor shall take steps toward merging with another church without the prior concurrence of the district supervisor, the district council and written approval of the Board.

17.6 **INSURANCE.** Each Foursquare church shall maintain adequate insurance on all church properties, vehicles and activities. This obligation shall be the joint responsibility of the pastor and the members of the Church Council. It is recommended that every Foursquare church insure church properties and activities with the insurance program of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, handled through its insurance department, if available. Unless the coverage is written through the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel insurance program, the following requirements must be satisfied:

- A. Copies of all insurance policies shall be filed with the insurance department.
- B. The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel shall be named as an additional insured.
- C. All auxiliary activities and endeavors shall be properly covered.
- D. The amounts of required minimum coverage shall be determined by the Board.
- E. The policies shall be placed preferably with "A-" to "A++" carriers as listed in Alfred M. Best's insurance guide. Reciprocal or assessable mutual companies are not acceptable.
- F. The coverages listed below shall be secured when applicable. Detailed specifications and assistance are available from the insurance department.

- 1. **CASUALTY**
 - Public Liability
 - Malpractice
 - Errors and Omission
 - Defamation
 - Medical Payments

Property Damage
Hired and Non-Owned Auto
Personal Injury

2. **PROPERTY**
Course of Construction
Replacement Cost

3. **ACTIVITIES**
Student Accident
Sports
Volunteer Workers
Accidental Injury

4. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

ARTICLE XVIII

Foursquare Churches in Other Countries

Inasmuch as local laws permit and to the extent as may be applicable, these Bylaws, as may be translated into the local language shall be considered as the general pattern of organization in a country where the Foursquare Gospel is preached.

The organization of a local church shall follow the general pattern of organization as set forth in Article III, Sections 3.3 and 3.10, Article XIII, Sections 13.1, 13.3, 13.4 A and B, 13.5. A through K of these Bylaws.

The licensing of national ministers and appointment of pastors shall follow the general pattern as set forth in Articles XIV, XV, and XVI of these Bylaws, with the pioneering missionary serving in the capacity of the district supervisor, until such a time as the local churches may be formally organized with their separate registration or incorporation and bylaws.

The separate registration or incorporation and bylaws shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Upon the formal and approved registration or incorporation and the establishment of bylaws, the national church shall have the privilege of sending an official delegate to the Foursquare convention.

ARTICLE XIX

Amendments

The Articles of Incorporation of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel are filed with the secretary of state of the state of California. Any amendments shall be made in a manner acceptable to the state and shall be filed promptly as amendments to the original of these Bylaws. The amendment(s) must first be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board. The Board shall then submit

the approved amendment to the qualified voting members at either a regular or interim convention or by mail as provided for in these Bylaws. If the amendment to the Articles is for the purpose of complying with state or federal requirements, a simple majority shall be sufficient for passage. If the amendment is for any other purpose, a two-thirds vote shall be required.

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and entitled to vote in any corporate business session at a regular convention or an interim convention properly called for that purpose.

Members are invited to submit suggestions in writing for the betterment of the Foursquare movement, its Bylaws, its operation, and the selection of personnel to fill offices. Suggestions should be sent to the following address:

Board of Directors
c/o Corporate Secretary
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel
PO Box 26902
Los Angeles, CA 90026



The Foursquare Church

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

Dr. Sterling Brackett
Corporate Secretary

February 23, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to verify that *Van Nuys Hispanic Foursquare Church*, in Van Nuys, CA (EIN: 90-0918579) also known as "*La Iglesia en el Camino*" is subordinate unit in good standing with the parent organization of International Church of the Foursquare Gospel (ICFG) and has been in existence since November 1, 2012. Rev. Frank Nuño is the senior pastor. Rev. Nuño is authorized to open up an account and conduct business on behalf of Van Nuys Hispanic Foursquare Church, as well as be a designated signer on the church's bank account; this in accordance with the Bylaws of International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. A copy of our Corporate Resolution has been provided for your review which verifies this. As a subordinate, the church operates under the same bylaws and articles of incorporation of ICFG.

For your convenience we are providing you with the church's current mailing address:

**Van Nuys Hispanic Foursquare Church
14800 Sherman Way
Van Nuys, CA 91405-2233**

Van Nuys Hispanic Foursquare Church is under the Group Exemption Number 1061 of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and is tax exempt. This is verified by the enclosed copy of the letter from the Department of the Treasury of the Internal Revenue Service, which remains in effect. We are not required to file IRS Form 990 because we are a church.

International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and its subordinates (Organizational Number C0126840) is registered as a Domestic Non-profit Corporation with the California Secretary of State. The enclosed copy of letters from the California Franchise Tax Board verifies this fact which remains in effect.

International Church of the Foursquare Gospel became incorporated under the laws of the State of California on December 30, 1927. This is verified by the copy of the Certificate of Status as Domestic Corporation issued by the State of California; a copy of the Articles of Incorporation; a copy of the Statement of Information Biennial Report; and a copy of the Business Entity Detail Page; all on file with the California Secretary of State Office.

International Church of the Foursquare Gospel is located at the following address:

**1910 W Sunset Blvd. Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90026-0176**

Sincerely,

Sterling Brackett, VP Secretary
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

SB:att

Enc.: Copy of IRS Determination Letter
 Copy of Letters from CA Franchise Tax Board
 Copy of Certificate of Status
 Copy of Articles of Incorporation
 Copy of Statement of Information
 Copy of Business Entity Detail Page
 Copy of Corporate Resolution

Corporate Secretary

Offices of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel
PO Box 26902 • Los Angeles, CA 90026 • 213.989.4380 • 213.989.4541 fax • sbrackett@foursquare.org • www.foursquare.org

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In reply refer to: 0248367584
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INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE
FOURSQUARE GOSPEL

 1910 W SUNSET BLVD STE 200
LOS ANGELES CA 90026

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Employer Identification Number: 95-1684062
Group Exemption Number: 1061
Person to Contact: Mrs. Scheper
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Jan. 06, 2016, request for information about your tax-exempt status.

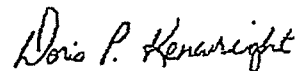
Our records indicate that you were issued a determination letter in October 1949, and that you are currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Based on the information supplied, we recognized the subordinates named on the list you submitted as exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Doris Kenwright, Operation Mgr.
Accounts Management Operations I

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INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE
FOURSQUARE GOSPEL



1910 W SUNSET BLVD STE 200
LOS ANGELES CA 90026

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Employer ID Number: 95-1684062
Form 990 required: NO

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request dated Jan. 06, 2016, regarding your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in October 1949, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

Our records also indicate you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If a return is required, you must file Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N, or 990-PF by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. IRC Section 6033(j) provides that, if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked on the filing due date of the third required return or notice.

For tax forms, instructions, and publications, visit www.irs.gov or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 1-877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific Time).

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INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE
FOURSQUARE GOSPEL

1910 W SUNSET BLVD STE 200
LOS ANGELES CA 90026

Sincerely yours,

Doris P. Kenwright

Doris Kenwright, Operation Mgr.
Accounts Management Operations 1



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
PO BOX 942857
SACRAMENTO CA 94257-0540

Entity Status Letter

Date: 1/12/2016

ESL ID: 3171762350

According to our records, the following entity information is true and accurate as of the date of this letter.

Entity ID: 0126840

Entity Name: INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL

- ☒ 1. The entity is in good standing with the Franchise Tax Board.
- ☐ 2. The entity is **not** in good standing with the Franchise Tax Board.
- ☒ 3. The entity is currently exempt from tax under Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 23701d.
- ☐ 4. We do not have current information about the entity.

The above information does not necessarily reflect:

- The entity's status with any other agency of the State of California, or other government agency.
- If the entity's powers, rights, and privileges were suspended or forfeited at any time in the past, or the entity did business in California at a time when it was not qualified or not registered to do business in California:
 - The status or voidability of any contracts made in California by the entity at a time when the entity was suspended or forfeited (R&TC Sections 23304.1, 23304.5, 23305a, 23305.1).
 - For entities revived under R&TC Section 23305b, any time limitations on the revivor or limitation of the functions that can be performed by the entity.

Internet and Telephone Assistance

Website: ftb.ca.gov

Telephone: 800.852.5711 from within the United States

916.845.6500 from outside the United States

TTY/TDD: 800.822.6268 for persons with hearing or speech impairments



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
PO BOX 1286
RANCHO CORDOVA CA 95741-1286

In reply refer to
755:G :GRW

January 20, 2016

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL
1910 W SUNSET BLVD STE 200
LOS ANGELES CA 90026-3295

Purpose : CHURCH
Code Section : 23701d
Form of Organization : Corporation
Accounting Period Ending: December 31
Organization Number : 0126840

EXEMPT DETERMINATION LETTER

This letter confirms the organization's previous tax-exempt status from California franchise or income tax as stated in the above Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) section. In confirming the organization's tax-exempt status, we made no examination of the organization's current activities. You must immediately report to us any changes in the organization's operation, character, or purpose since the original tax-exempt status.

The tax-exempt status is effective as of 02/01/1970.

To retain tax-exempt status, the organization must be organized and operating for nonprofit purposes within the provisions of the above R&TC section. An inactive organization is not entitled to tax-exempt status.

For filing requirements, get Pub. 1068, Exempt Organizations - Filing Requirements and Filing Fees. Go to ftb.ca.gov and search for 1068.

EXEMPT UNIT
EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS
BUSINESS ENTITIES SECTION
TELEPHONE 916.845.4171
FAX NUMBER 916.845.9501

RTF:

State of California

Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF STATUS

ENTITY NAME:

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL

FILE NUMBER: C0126840
FORMATION DATE: 12/30/1927
TYPE: DOMESTIC NONPROFIT CORPORATION
JURISDICTION: CALIFORNIA
STATUS: ACTIVE (GOOD STANDING)

I, ALEX PADILLA, Secretary of State of the State of California,
hereby certify:

The records of this office indicate the entity is authorized to
exercise all of its powers, rights and privileges in the State of
California.

No information is available from this office regarding the financial
condition, business activities or practices of the entity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate
and affix the Great Seal of the State of
California this day of January 25, 2016.

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT
OF
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE

International Church of the Foursquare Gospel,
A California nonprofit corporation

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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State
Deputy

ROLF K. MCPHERSON, D.D., and LELAND B. EDWARDS, certify:

1. That they are the duly elected and acting President and Secretary, respectively, of said corporation.

2. That the following resolution restating and amending the Articles of Incorporation of The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, a California nonprofit corporation, was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of said corporation at a duly noticed meeting thereof held May 3, 1977, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

RESOLVED, THAT the Articles of Incorporation are amended and restated to read in full as follows:

"Articles of Incorporation
of
International Church of
the Foursquare Gospel
(A Religious Corporation)

Article I

The name of this corporation is INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL.

Article II

A. The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to maintain and operate a religious corporation and to propagate and disseminate the religious principles embraced in the Foursquare Gospel.

B. The general objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for charitable, religious or educational purposes, to include, but not limited to the following:

1. To establish, maintain and conduct a suitable organization to supervise the affairs of this corporation.

2. To license and/or ordain ministers of the gospel and missionaries for the furtherance of the work of this corporation in the United States and all foreign countries in accordance with such regulations for ordination as shall be promulgated by the Board of Directors.

3. To assist in the establishment of, and/or to grant charters to churches and religious organizations for the dissemination and propagation of the Foursquare Gospel in the United States and all foreign countries; such churches and religious organizations shall be subject to the Articles and Bylaws of this corporation.

4. To establish, own and operate schools of collegiate grade and of less than collegiate grade.

5. To establish, maintain, and conduct missionary endeavors for the furtherance of the Gospel in the United States and all foreign countries, according to the regulations promulgated by the Board of Directors.

6. To do any and all acts or things necessary, suitable or convenient for accomplishment of any purposes, or for attainment of any one or more objects herein specified, or which shall at any time, appear conducive thereto, or expedient therefor, if not inconsistent with provisions of any laws which might apply to accomplishment of such purposes or attainment of objects.

C. It is intended that the foregoing objects and purposes of this Article shall not, unless otherwise specified herein, be in any way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clause of this or any other Article in these Articles of Incorporation, but that the objects and purposes specified in these Articles shall be regarded as a statement of general objects and purposes and not intended to limit the activities of this corporation as a charitable, religious and educational organization.

Article III

POWERS

This corporation shall have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on corporations under the laws of the State of California; provided, however, that this corporation is not empowered to engage in any activity which in itself is not in furtherance of its objects and purposes as set forth in ARTICLE II.

Article IV

NO PECUNIARY GAINS OR PROFITS

This corporation is not organized, nor shall it be operated, for pecuniary gain or profit, and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits or dividends to the members thereof and is organized solely for nonprofit purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of this corporation are irrevocably dedicated to religious, scientific or charitable purposes, and no profits or net income of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for religious, scientific and/or charitable purposes, and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 23701 (d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code and/or Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If this corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the County of

which this corporation's principal office is located, upon petition therefor by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

Article V

LIMITATION OF ACTIVITIES

This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation. This corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article VI

This corporation is organized pursuant to the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of California.

Article VII

The county in the State of California where the principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is to be located is the County of Los Angeles.

Article VIII

A. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised and its affairs conducted by a board to be known as the Board of Directors. The number of Directors of this corporation shall be seven. The number of directors herein provided for may be changed by a Bylaw duly adopted by the members entitled to vote.

B. The names and addresses of the persons who are appointed to act as the first directors are:

AIMEE SEMPLE MCPHERSON

1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

REV. JOHN GOBEN

1126 Lemoyne St., Los Angeles, California

MAE WALDRON EMMEL

1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, California

HARRIET A. JORDAN

1120 N. Coronada Terrace, Los Angeles, California

HERMAN REITZ

1660 Elevado St., Los Angeles, California

T. A. OVERGARD

312 N. Irving Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.


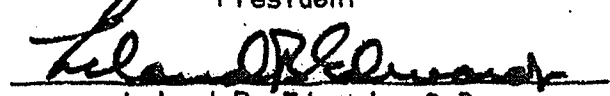
JAMES M. ABBETT

1705 Diamond Ave., So. Pasadena, Calif."

3. The foregoing resolution was approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and entitled to vote at the


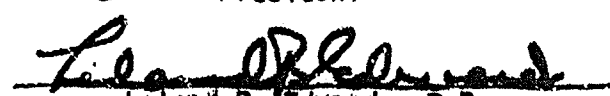
Annual Meeting held at 2:00 ^{P.}~~A.~~M., May 26, 1977
at Portland, Oregon. The number of members constituting a quorum
was 602 and the number of votes in favor of the foregoing
amendment was 661.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this
Certificate on October 14, 1977.


Rolf K. McPherson, D.D.
President

Leland B. Edwards, D.D.
Secretary

The undersigned, ROLF K. McPHERSON, D.D., and Leland B. Edwards, D.D.
the President and Secretary, respectively, of INTERNATIONAL CHURCH
OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL, each declares under penalty of perjury
that the matters set out in the foregoing Certificate are true of
his own knowledge.

Executed at Los Angeles, California, on October 14,
1977.


Rolf K. McPherson, D.D.
President

Leland B. Edwards, D.D.
Secretary



I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of 4 page(s) is a full, true and correct copy of the original record in the custody of the California Secretary of State's office.

JAN 25 2016

Date: _____

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Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA, Secretary of State



State of California Secretary of State

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Statement of Information

(Domestic Nonprofit, Credit Union and Consumer Cooperative Corporations)

Filing Fee: \$20.00. If this is an amendment, see instructions.
IMPORTANT – READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

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Secretary of State
State of California

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1. CORPORATE NAME

C0126840
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel
PO Box 26902
Los Angeles, CA 90026-0176

2. CALIFORNIA CORPORATE NUMBER

C0126840

25/20/CC
This Space for Filing Use Only

Complete Principal Office Address (Do not abbreviate the name of the city. Item 3 cannot be a P.O. Box.)

3. STREET ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN CALIFORNIA, IF ANY	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
1910 W Sunset Blvd. Suite 200	Los Angeles	CA	90026-0176

4. MAILING ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PO Box 26902	Los Angeles	CA	90026-0176

Names and Complete Addresses of the Following Officers (The corporation must list these three officers. A comparable title for the specific officer may be added; however, the preprinted titles on this form must not be altered.)

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ Pres.	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
Glenn C. Burris, Jr.	1910 W Sunset Blvd. Suite 200	Los Angeles	CA	90026-0176

6. SECRETARY	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
Sterling Brackett	1910 W Sunset Blvd. Suite 200	Los Angeles	CA	90026-0176

7. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/ Treas	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
Ron Thigpen	1910 W Sunset Blvd. Suite 200	Los Angeles	CA	90026-0176

Agent for Service of Process If the agent is an individual, the agent must reside in California and Item 9 must be completed with a California street address, a P.O. Box address is not acceptable. If the agent is another corporation, the agent must have on file with the California Secretary of State a certificate pursuant to California Corporations Code section 1505 and Item 9 must be left blank.

8. NAME OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS
Joshua Best

9. STREET ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS IN CALIFORNIA, IF AN INDIVIDUAL	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
1910 W Sunset Blvd. Suite 200	Los Angeles	CA	90026-0176

Common Interest Developments

10. ☐ Check here if the corporation is an association formed to manage a common interest development under the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act, (California Civil Code section 4000, et seq.) or under the Commercial and Industrial Common Interest Development Act, (California Civil Code section 6500, et seq.). The corporation must file a Statement by Common Interest Development Association (Form SI-CID) as required by California Civil Code sections 5405(a) and 6760(a). Please see instructions on the reverse side of this form.

11. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Oct. 1, 2015

Sterling Brackett

Secretary

DATE

TYPE/PRINT NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM

TITLE

SIGNATURE



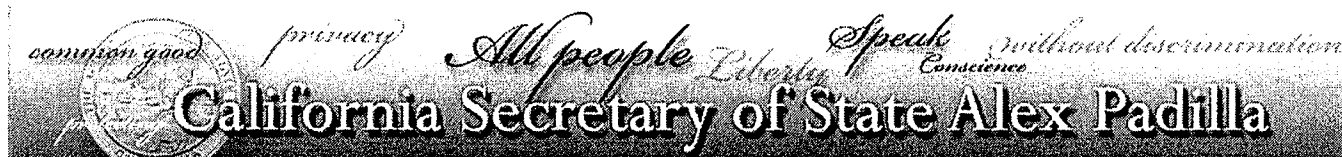
I hereby certify that the foregoing
transcript of 1 page(s)
is a full, true and correct copy of the
original record in the custody of the
California Secretary of State's office.

OCT 26 2015

Date: _____

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA, Secretary of State


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Data is updated to the California Business Search on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Results reflect work processed through Friday, January 08, 2016. Please refer to [Processing Times](#) for the received dates of filings currently being processed. The data provided is not a complete or certified record of an entity.

Entity Name:	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL
Entity Number:	C0126840
Date Filed:	12/30/1927
Status:	ACTIVE
Jurisdiction:	CALIFORNIA
Entity Address:	PO BOX 26902
Entity City, State, Zip:	LOS ANGELES CA 90026-0176
Agent for Service of Process:	JOSHUA BEST
Agent Address:	1910 W SUNSET BLVD STE 200
Agent City, State, Zip:	LOS ANGELES CA 90026-0176

* Indicates the information is not contained in the California Secretary of State's database.

- If the status of the corporation is "Surrender," the agent for service of process is automatically revoked. Please refer to California Corporations Code [section 2114](#) for information relating to service upon corporations that have surrendered.
- For information on checking or reserving a name, refer to [Name Availability](#).
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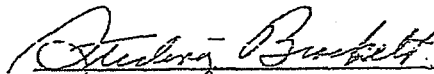
CORPORATE RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: By the Board of Directors of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, a religious corporation, authorizes the National Church Office to grant a local Foursquare Church, as a subordinate unit of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, to open Savings and Checking accounts in the LEGAL NAME of the FOURSQUARE CHURCH with signatures for said account to be in accord with Article XVI, Section 16.1, page 41 #F of the 2003 Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws:

"To designate the Pastor and Treasurer and, if deemed advisable, one or two other persons who shall be signers on bank accounts, two of these designated persons, one of which shall be the pastor or treasurer, shall sign all checks for disbursements of Church funds. Such names shall be registered or recorded with the bank or banks in which such funds are deposited. Disbursement from such funds shall be made by check or draft."

I, Sterling Brackett, Secretary/Treasurer of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, a religious corporation, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of International Church of the Foursquare Gospel at a regular meeting held on the fourth day of January, 1995; that the resolution was unanimously adopted; that the resolution has not been rescinded; but is in full force and effect.

DATED AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA THIS 31st DAY OF July, 2006.



STERLING BRACKETT, Secretary-Treasurer

State of California)
County of Los Angeles)

On July 31, 2006 before me, K. A. Sutton, personally appeared Sterling Brackett, personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.


Signature of Notary