

BY-LAWS OF TAHOE COMMUNITY CHURCH

ARTICLE I

NAME, DURATION, AND STATEMENT OF FAITH

This church shall be known as TAHOE COMMUNITY CHURCH, and shall exist perpetually, until lawfully dissolved. Tahoe Community Church shall remain an independent congregation, but shall cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention and shall adhere to the statement of faith as set forth in the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention Annual.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

This church shall exist for the purpose of bringing glory to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ through worship, evangelism, discipleship, and through all the ministries of the church, always being conscious of our community witness.

ARTICLE III

PLACE OF WORSHIP

The place of worship shall be at the current property at 145 Daggett Lane, Stateline, Nevada, or wherever the elders of the church (in conjunction with the congregation) shall choose.

ARTICLE IV

GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1. The government of the church shall be by a board of elders, wherein the elders seek to find the mind of Christ, who is the Head of the church. The elders must bring two issues before the congregation for a congregational vote: 1. The sale or purchase of real property, and 2. The call or dismissal of any pastoral staff. These votes by the congregation shall require a two-thirds majority of those members voting to be passed.

SECTION 2. All elder decisions shall be made by unanimous, rather than majority, decision. This will, as much as is possible, ensure that the decisions will be guided by the Holy Spirit (Acts 15:28, 20:28).

SECTION 3. Elders shall be chosen by unanimous vote of the current elders, followed by confirmation and ordination by the congregation. The qualifications for choosing elders shall be those listed in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. In summary, elders shall be chosen based on: 1. Their godly personal character and conduct, and 2. Their ability to teach Biblical truth for the building up of the body of Christ and for protecting the doctrinal purity of the church.

SECTION 4. The primary tasks of the elders shall be the shepherding and the oversight of the church body, carried out with a servant attitude (Acts 15 and 20:28, Mark 10:42-45, 1 Peter 5:1-4, 1 Timothy 5:17).

SECTION 5. Elders shall serve for life, unless they 1. Voluntarily resign from the position of elder, 2. No longer are a part of the local church for whatever reason (moving, health, etc.), or 3. Are disqualified in accordance with 1 Timothy 5:19-20 and/or Matthew 18:15-20.

SECTION 6. In matters which directly affect an individual elder, that elder may give input, but shall not have a vote.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERS

SECTION 1. Prerequisites for membership

1. To have accepted Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.
2. To have followed Jesus Christ in the obedience of Christian baptism.
3. To have made a public confession of items #1 and #2 above before the church body.

SECTION 2. Expectations of Church Members

1. Regular worship attendance
2. Regular giving in tithes and offerings
3. Service to the Lord through the church ministries
4. Support of ministries through prayer
5. Attendance at Church Meetings
6. Attendance at a TCC Member Orientation Class.

SECTION 3. Voting Members

Voting members must be resident members age 18 or older with regular worship attendance.

SECTION 4. Removal of Membership

Under certain conditions, a person may be removed from the membership rolls of Tahoe Community Church. These include:

1. Death
2. Request of member to transfer membership to another church
3. Inactivity - those who do not attend worship or Bible study for one year will be removed for inactivity.
4. Relocation - a person may request to be put on the Non-Resident membership roll, in which case he/she would continue to receive limited correspondence, but would not be active for the purpose of voting.
5. Pastor/Elder discretion - if there is a question as to the sincerity of a person's commitment to Christ or the church body, a person's membership may be removed.

SECTION 5. Reinstatement of Membership

A person who has been removed from membership may be reinstated:

1. If the reason for removal has been corrected, and
2. If all prerequisites for membership stand, and
3. Item 3 of Section 1, Article 5 is repeated.

ARTICLE VI

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Congregational meetings of the church shall consist of at least an annual meeting and may be called as deemed necessary by the board of elders. Such meetings shall require at least two weeks notification to the congregation from the pulpit. At all congregational meetings, fifteen (15) members of the church or fifty percent (50%) of the current membership who are in good standing, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for such purposes.

ARTICLE VII

THE MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

SECTION 1. The body of deacons shall consist of deacons appointed by the elders and approved and ordained by the church (Acts 6:1-6). Deacons may be either men or women, and shall be chosen according to the qualifications listed in I Timothy 3. The deacons are not a decision-making body, but rather shall assist the elders and staff in carrying out the ministries of the church.

SECTION 2. The board of elders shall appoint individuals and/or committees as they deem necessary to carry out the various ministries and meet various needs of the church. These individuals and/or committees may be appointed to deal with such areas of concern as Preschool, Finances, Buildings and Grounds, Christian Education, Music and Worship, Administration, Youth Ministry, and so forth, at the discretion of the board of elders. All the ministries of the church shall be under the leadership, responsibility, and authority of the board of elders, who are accountable to God.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

Amendments and changes to these By-Laws may be made by a two-thirds majority of a quorum of the congregation, as set forth in Article VI. Any member in good standing may propose changes or amendments. Such proposals must be made to the elders at least thirty (30) days prior to a regularly scheduled congregational meeting, proposed at that meeting, and then voted on at the next regularly scheduled congregational meeting. The congregation must be notified by mail of such proposed amendments at least two weeks prior to the congregational meeting at which the vote shall occur.