

Excerpt from Bylaws of Great Plains Church of Wichita, Inc.

Regarding membership eligibility and rolls of members

(excerpt from pages 1 and 2)

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

A. Eligibility for Membership

In order to be eligible for membership in this corporation/church, the following qualifications must be met:

1. The individual must have a genuine experience of regeneration through faith in Jesus Christ.
2. The person must subscribe to the Statement of Faith and must agree to be governed by the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.
3. The individual must have demonstrated a commitment to this Church, the evidences of which shall include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Protecting the unity of this church;
 1. By acting in love toward other members,
 2. By refusing to gossip,
 3. By following the leaders,
 - b. Sharing the responsibility of this church;
 1. By praying for its leaders and its growth
 2. By inviting the unsaved to attend,
 3. By warmly welcoming those who visit,
 - c. Serving the ministry of this church;
 1. By discovering their gifts and talents,
 2. By taking risks of faith prompted by the Spirit
 3. By being equipped to serve along with their pastor,
 4. By developing a servant's heart,
 - d. Supporting the testimony of this church;
 1. By attending faithfully,
 2. By living a godly life,
 3. By giving regularly,

B. Membership Rolls Prospective members shall submit a signed Statement of Faith (as set forth in Article III-A above) in which the applicant verifies that he or she meets the qualifications for membership set forth in Article III-A, and that he or she agrees to be governed by the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. A prospective member may also be required to complete a new members' course provided from time to time by this church. The applicant may then be accepted as a member upon the majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall add the names of new members to the list of active members. This list shall be reviewed and updated periodically by this church to ensure that all members are in good standing according to the provisions hereof.

C. Removal from Membership.

1. Causes for removal shall be:

- a. Significant disagreement with or deviation from the Statement of Faith as set forth in the Bylaws.
 - b. Continued lack of cooperation with the Pastor(s) of this church or disruption of this church so as to cause fellow members to stumble in their walk with God or so as to promote schism.
 - c. Significant departure from Scriptural behavioral norms without demonstrated repentance.
2. Process for removal: If cause for removal shall be found in any member, a Pastor or a member of the Board of Directors shall go to the member privately and confront the member in an effort to bring that person to repentance and to restore that person to a proper place with God and this church. If this fails to correct the problem, two Pastors or a Pastor and member of the Board of Directors shall go to the member and again confront the person with the problem. If this attempt also fails, the Senior Pastor shall bring the matter to the Board of Directors. If after a reasonable length of time (the length of which shall be determined by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion) the person has failed to resolve the matter, the Board of Directors shall consider removal from membership. Removal must be approved by 3/4 of the Board of Directors
- a. The removal and causes for removal may, in the discretion of the Senior Pastor, be announced before this entire church or some smaller group. The members may be instructed to cease fellowship with such person until he or she is reinstated by a unanimous decision of the Board of Directors.
 - b. Other forms of discipline may be instituted by agreement of 3/4 of the Board of Directors. Other forms of discipline may include but are not limited to: barring a person from attendance at any small group or kinship meeting; barring a person from participation in the Lord's Supper; barring a person's participation in any ministry activity of the Church or any other discipline which may, in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, be appropriate in the circumstances.

D. Forfeiture of Membership Members who without good cause absent themselves from this church for a period of six (6) months or willfully cease to contribute financially to this church may forfeit their membership. The Senior Pastor shall interpret this section in his or her sole discretion, provided however, that an affected member may appeal such forfeiture to the Board of Directors.

E. Resignation of Membership

- 1. Any member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Secretary of this church. The resignation shall be effective only when accepted by the Board of Directors.
- 2. The provision immediately preceding notwithstanding, no member may resign in an attempt to circumvent the exercise of disciplinary proceedings instituted against such member by the Pastor(s) and Board of Directors.