

RESOLUTION #1: *Correct Grammar and Confusing Wording*

Whereas various articles of The Neighborhood Church’s Bylaws contain incorrect grammar or confusing wording,

Be it resolved to amend our Bylaws with the following corrections:

- **Article I:** Move the period (.) inside the quotes as appropriate.
- **Article VI(c):** Replace “Notice of all business meetings, annual and/or special, is to be communicated *consistent* with RCW 24.06.105 ...” with “Notice of all business meetings, annual and/or special, is to be communicated *in alignment* with RCW 24.06.105 ...”
- **Article VI(c):** Remove the text of RCW 24.06.105 to avoid having to update it every year.
- **Article X(1)(a):** Replace “Be been born again (John 3:3-7)” with “Be born again (John 3:3-7)”.
- **Article X(3):** Replace “Non-active members shall *consistent of* those who ...” with “Non-active members shall *be* those who ...”.
- **Article X(5):** Add the missing comma after the word *service* in “New members shall be publicly recognized at any regular service and their ...”.
- **Article XVI(1)(b):** Replace “... receipt of a written petition of at least two voting members *with* the official board ...” with “... receipt of a written petition of at least two voting members *by* the official board ...”.
- Update the capitalization of the titles (e.g., “Senior Pastor” instead of “senior pastor”) throughout the Bylaws.

RESOLUTION #2: *Consistent Gendered Pronoun Usage*

Whereas Article XIV sections (1), (4), and (5) of The Neighborhood Church’s Bylaws uses gendered pronouns “he/she” while sections (2) and (3) use the name of the office (“the official board” or “elders”),

Be it resolved to replace “He/she” in Article XIV sections (1), (4), and (5) with the appropriate office (e.g., “The senior pastor”, “The secretary”, “The treasurer”).

RESOLUTION #3: *Drop Unnecessary Word*

Whereas Article XI section (3) of The Neighborhood Church’s Bylaws includes the word “elders” unnecessarily as the section is only referencing elders,

Be it resolved to remove the word “elders” from Article XI section (3) sections (1) in the sentence “They, male or female *elders*, must be voting members of the assembly ...”.

RESOLUTION #4: *Clarify Membership Requirement*

Whereas Article X section (1)(k) of The Neighborhood Church's Bylaws describes the attendance requirement for prospective members in a confusing manner,

Be it resolved to replace "Attend an average of once per month for the *preceding six consecutive months*" with "Attend an average of once per month for the *six consecutive months prior to acceptance as a member*" in Article X section (1)(k).

RESOLUTION #5: Clarify Treasurer Duties

Whereas Article VII and Article XIV of The Neighborhood Church's Bylaws describe the treasurer's responsibilities in a manner different than the current practice,

Be it resolved to replace "All funds shall be administered by *the treasurer under the direction of the official board and reviewed annually as directed by the official board*" with "All funds shall be administered *under the direction of the treasurer and official board*" in Article VIII.

Be it resolved to replace "... shall be accountable for all the finances of the assembly ..." with "... shall be accountable *for the oversight* of all the finances of the assembly ..." in Article XIV section (5)(a).

Be it resolved to add the following subsection to Article XIV section (5): "The treasurer may delegate clerical duties to others following approval by the official board."

RESOLUTION #6: Clarify Requirements for Pastoral Candidates

Whereas Article XI section (1) of The Neighborhood Church's Bylaws uses the phrase "member in good standing", which can be nebulous, and doesn't align with the recommendations from the Northwest Ministry Network,

Be it resolved to replace "The senior pastor shall be a *member* in good standing with the General Council of the Assemblies of God" with "The senior pastor shall be a *credentialed minister currently* in good standing with the General Council of the Assemblies of God" in Article XI section (1).

RESOLUTION #7: Clarify Presentation Requirements for Pastoral Candidates

Whereas Article XII section (3) of The Neighborhood Church's Bylaws indicates only a single candidate shall be *considered* at a time, which doesn't align with the practice used during previous pastoral transitions,

Be it resolved to replace "Only one candidate shall be *considered* at a time" with "Only one candidate shall be *presented to the membership* at a time" in Article XII section (3).

RESOLUTION #8: Remove Unapplicable Article

Whereas Article XV section (4)(b) of The Neighborhood Church's Bylaws allows the official board to appoint a qualified person to fill offices other than the senior pastor, deacon, or elder, despite such offices not existing,

Be it resolved to remove Article XV section (4)(b) and change Article XV section (4)(a) to comprise the entire section (i.e., drop "(a)" from the subsection).

RESOLUTION #9: *Removal Threshold*

Whereas Article XVI section (2)(b) of The Neighborhood Church's Bylaws maintains a different voting threshold for removal of deacons and elders than the senior pastor,

Be it resolved to replace "... removal requires a *simple majority* vote of all deacons and elders ..." with "... removal requires a *two-thirds majority* vote of all deacons and elders ..." in Article XVI section (2)(b).

RESOLUTION #10: *Local Credentialing*

Whereas BNC may, from time to time, need to issue a local credentialing and the Northwest Ministry Network has a well-established process for issuing local credentials,

Be it resolved to introduce a new section to Article XIII titled "Commissioned Minister" with the following text:

The official board may grant a local credential as a commissioned minister to an individual actively participating in ministry at the church and is in the process of becoming credentialed with the Northwest Ministry Network and the General Council. The local church credential holder shall be referred to as a commissioned minister. This credential cannot be valid for longer than two years and will be rescinded if the individual is no longer actively participating in ministry at the church.