

BYLAWS
ANCHORAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANCHORAGE, KENTUCKY

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this church shall be Anchorage Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, Kentucky. Anchorage Presbyterian Church is a member church of the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery in the Synod of Living Waters of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION

Section 1. All meetings of the congregation shall be held at Anchorage Presbyterian Church building, Anchorage, Kentucky, or other suitable place as designated by the session. Each congregational meeting shall be called to order by the pastor as moderator, or, in the pastor's absence, by the associate pastor or a special moderator appointed by the pastor with the concurrence of the session, or by a moderator chosen by the presbytery, who shall preside at such meetings. The clerk of the session shall be secretary of each congregational meeting. In the absence of the clerk, a secretary pro tem shall be appointed by the moderator.(replaces "elected")

Section 2. Meetings of the congregation, including the annual meeting, shall be held on the dates and at the times as fixed by the session or by the presbytery, but there must be at least one (1) meeting each year. (removed "The fourth Sunday of March shall be designated as the regular day for the Annual meeting for the election of officers and conducting any other business that is appropriate.") Special meetings may be called by the session. Such calls shall state clearly the purpose of such special meetings, and business shall be restricted to that which is specified in the call.

Section 3. Notice of each congregational meeting shall be given on two successive Sundays, with the second Sunday being the day the meeting is held. (replaces "given from the pulpit for two (2) Sundays next preceding the day of such meeting.")

Section 4. The quorum for such a meeting is 10% of the congregation. (replaces "Fifty-five (55) active members or one-tenth (1/10) of the active membership, whichever is greater, shall

constitute a quorum at any congregational meeting”) If a quorum is not present, the meeting may be adjourned from time to time until a quorum is present.

Section 5. The church has been incorporated as a Kentucky nonprofit corporation consistent with the laws of Kentucky, both ecclesiastical and corporate business may be conducted at the same meeting of the congregation or session. A member of the session shall be invited to moderate the meeting when corporate matters appear on the agenda.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Section 1. The officers of this congregation shall be a session consisting of twelve (12) elders divided into three (3) classes of four (4) each, together with the pastor and the associate pastor. Elders shall serve three-year terms with four (4) being elected annually.

Section 2. Officers and members of the Nominating committee shall be active members of the congregation.

Section 3. One (replaces “Two”) additional elder may be elected for a one-year term. She or he (replaces “These elders”) shall be elected from among high school or college-age students who are active members. (removed “and have completed their sophomore year”)

ARTICLE IV

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The congregation shall form a nominating committee in the following manner:

- 1) There shall be at least three (3) but no more than six (6) active members on the nominating committee. Each member of the nominating committee shall be elected to serve for one-year terms, not to exceed three (3) consecutive terms.
- 2) At least one (1) of the members shall be a ruling elder who is currently serving on the session.
- 3) At least one (1) member shall be a deacon who is currently active in service.
- 4) The pastor shall be a member ex officio and without vote.
- 5) The nominating committee shall bring to the congregation nominations only for the number of positions to be filled.
- 6) Opportunity shall be given to the congregation for nominations from the floor of the congregational meeting by any active member of the congregation.

- 7) Before any person is nominated, consent of the nominee to serve must be procured.
- 8) A majority of all active members present and voting shall be required to elect.

(Section 1 above replaces: “Section 1. A nominating committee of five (5) members shall be selected annually, and shall be composed of two (2) members designated by and from the session, one of whom shall serve as chairperson and three (3) additional members elected by the congregation at the annual meeting. The pastor shall be a member ex officio without vote. Section 2. The nominating committee shall nominate one person for each vacant office on the session and three (3) persons to serve on the Nominating committee. Each person nominated to an office shall be contacted by the nominating committee and shall agree to serve before the name shall be placed in nomination. The names of all nominees shall be published at least two weeks next preceding the day of the meeting. Additional persons may be nominated from the floor, provided the person nominated has agreed to serve.”)

Section 2. One class of elders and the elective members of the nominating committee shall be elected at a meeting of the congregation. Elders shall serve for the term elected or until their successors are elected and qualified. Elders having served a three-year term shall be eligible for election to another term, full or partial. An elder having served a total of six (6) years shall be ineligible for reelection to the session for a period of at least one (1) year.

Section 3. The congregation may elect deacons divided into three (3) classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year for a three-year term. Deacons having served a three-year term shall be eligible for election to another term, full or partial. A deacon having served a total of six (6) years shall be ineligible for reelection to the board of deacons for a period of at least one (1) year. Removed “14” in front of “deacons” in first line.

Section 4. Vacancies on the session and among elective members of the nominating committee may be filled for the unexpired term by persons nominated by the nominating committee and elected at any meeting of the congregation duly called for that purpose.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The session shall have general supervision, oversight, control, and management of both the temporal and spiritual affairs of this congregation, including the oversight of the total financial condition of the church. The powers and duties of the session shall be such as are conferred upon the session by the laws and by the Form of Government, Rules of Discipline, and other constituent parts of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A quorum shall consist of the moderator and four (4) elders. The members of the session shall act as Trustees in all matters pertaining to the corporate affairs of the congregation.

ARTICLE VI

PROPERTY

Anchorage Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, Kentucky, a religious corporation, duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, shall hold title to all property, real and personal, in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

ARTICLE VII

BUDGET

Section 1. The **finance (replaces "administrative")** committee of the session shall prepare and recommend to the session the financial budget covering the ministry, mission, worship, nurture, activities, and business operations of the congregation for the ensuing year. The budgeted expenditures shall not exceed funds available. After adoption by the session, the budget shall be reported to the congregation.

Section 2. All expenditures shall be made in conformity with the budget as approved. Transfer of funds within a category of the budget may be made by the responsible committee. Transfers of funds from one category to another shall be made only with the approval of the session.

Section 3. The session shall obtain an annual financial review of the business and finances of the congregation and shall report to the congregation at its annual meeting a summary of said review. When requested by the congregation, it shall submit the review in detail.

ARTICLE **VIII**

ELECTRONIC AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Section 1. Session Meetings: The session may meet by electronic means if all active elders have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, and discern the will of God and vote on business items mentioned in the call. The quorum for such a meeting is 50% +1 of active elders and one moderator, temporary or called.

Section 2. Congregational Meetings: The congregation may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice; given on two successive Sundays, with the second Sunday being the day the meeting is held, and the ability to discuss and vote on the business mentioned in the call. The quorum for such a meeting is 10% of the congregation.

ARTICLE IX

CONSTITUTION

The Form of Government, Rules of Discipline, and all other parts of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pertaining to the organization and government of churches and to discipline, shall be considered a part of these bylaws. And in case of any conflict between said constitution and these bylaws, the constitution shall prevail.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the congregation by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present constituting a quorum, provided that notice of the amendment must be given as (removed "at least") one of the purposes for which the meeting was called, and that such notice of the amendment shall have been given from the pulpit for two (2) Sundays next preceding the day of the meeting.

ARTICLE XI

REPEALER

All rules of government and all bylaws at any time heretofore adopted and now in force and effect are hereby repealed.

Approved by the congregation this ____ day of _____, 20__

ANCHORAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANCHORAGE, KENTUCKY

Clerk of Session

Moderator