

STATUTES OF THE UNION CHURCH OF SAN SALVADOR

DENOMINATION, PURPOSE AND DOMICILE

ARTICLE 1

The "Union Church of San Salvador" is founded as a strictly non-political religious association in accordance with the Laws of the Republic. The objective of the Church is to offer opportunities to those persons, so wishing, to join in prayer and Christian faith in the service of the community.

ARTICLE 2

The domicile of the "Union Church of San Salvador" shall be San Salvador the capital city of the Republic, but the church may carry out its activities in any part of the country.

THE MEMBERS

ARTICLE 3

All persons who make a declaration of faith in Jesus Christ and having the firm intention of working and cooperating with others through the church for the advent of the Kingdom of Christ in the world may present application for membership to the Board of Directors. After the approval of the Board of Directors, they may become members of the Union Church of San Salvador. Only members over eighteen years of age will have a right to vote. Only members over twenty one years of age may be elected to board positions.

ARTICLE 4

The members of the Union Church of San Salvador may have their names removed from the membership list by the Board of Directors under any one of the following conditions:

- Upon permanently leaving the country of El Salvador
- At their own request
- Upon an apparent lack of interest in the activities of the Union Church of San Salvador for a period exceeding twelve months except due to illness or other causes beyond their control.

THE CHURCH GOVERNMENT

ARTICLE 5

The Union Church of San Salvador shall be governed by a General Assembly of its members and by a Board of Directors.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ARTICLE 6

The Supreme authority of the Church is the General Assembly, which shall be constituted by the reunion of its members duly convened and its resolutions shall be binding for a all members, whether present or not at the ordinary or extraordinary meetings.

ARTICLE 7

The General Assembly, ordinary or extraordinary, may only be constituted with the attendance of a minimum of one half of the membership plus one member and its resolutions shall be passed by a majority vote of the members present. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE 8

The Ordinary General Assembly shall be held on the fourth Sunday in January of each year and extraordinary General Assemblies shall be held whenever, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, circumstances vital to the church should so require; or whenever at least five members of the Church should request it in writing, setting forth the reason for the meeting.

ARTICLE 9

Aside from the attribute conferred by the Law and these Statutes, the General Assembly shall have the following attributes:

- Approve or disapprove the annual report of the Board of Directors, the Committees, and other organizations of the Church
- Approve the expense budget
- Elect the members of the Board of Directors
- Resolve any other matter submitted by the Board of Directors

ARTICLE 10

The bylaws of the Union Church of San Salvador must be approved by the General Assembly.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE 11

The Board of Directors shall be made up of: One President, One Secretary, One Treasurer, and four members. All of these must be Active Members.

ARTICLE 12

The Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a period of one year: they can be reelected. The General Assembly will fill Board vacancies in an ordinary or an extraordinary session, convoked previously.

ARTICLE 13

The Board of Directors must meet ordinarily one time each month and extraordinarily whenever necessary. In order that the Board may pass valid resolutions, it shall be requisite that the meeting be attended by a minimum of four members and their resolution will be passed by a majority vote of those Members present.

ARTICLE 14

The terms of the Members of the Board of Directors end the day that a new slate of directors is elected during an ordinary session of the General Assembly. The reports on the Financial State and other activities of the Church shall be presented at the General Assembly before the 31st of December.

ARTICLE 15

The Board of Directors must submit a list of active members to the Ministry of Interior during the first day of the month of January each year. Within two weeks after the election of the new Board of Directors, a certification of *papel sellado* of the minute of the election of the board, and at the same time provide the Ministry with whatever other information it might require.

ARTICLE 16

Aside from the attributes conferred by the Law and these statutes, the Board of Directors shall have the following specific attributes:

- Exercise the management of the property of the Church
- Make the expenditures stipulated in the budget.
- Advise the General Assembly on the financial status of the Church

ATTRIBUTES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE 17

The President of the Board shall:

- Call meetings of the board of Directors and the General Assembly
- Look after the proper functioning and order of the Union Church of San Salvador
- Render a report to the General Assembly on the work and activities carried out during the year of his tenure at the meeting at which the new board is inaugurated.
- Represent the Union Church of San Salvador judicially and extrajudicially, for which purpose he shall prove his legal capacity with the certified copy of the Minutes relate to his appointment which shall be issued by the Secretary.

ARTICLE 18

The Secretary shall:

- Serve as a means of communication between the Board of Directors and the Authorities, members and other persons.
- Assist the President at the General and Board meetings
- Keep the Book of Minutes and all other records required in the development of the activities of the church.
- Receive and send the correspondence of the church.

ARTICLE 19

The Treasurer shall:

- Receive and diligently keep the offerings and donations.
- Disburse the offering and donations for the good of the Union Church of San Salvador, with the consent of and under the safeguards stipulated by the board of Directors
- Present a monthly report to the Board of Directors of the income and expenditures of the Union Church of San Salvador.
- Draft a written report every three months to be distributed to the Members of the Church.

ARTICLE 20

The Trustees shall:

- Cooperate with the board of Directors in matter pertaining to the finance and property of the Church
- Encourage Members of the Church to give financial help within their means.
- Cooperate with the Treasurer in carrying out his duties.

THE PATRIMONY

ARTICLE 21

The Patrimony of the Church consists of:

- Tithes and offerings of its members.
- Fixed and liquid assets it possesses and may acquire in accordance with the laws
- Donations and endowments it may accept
- All other income it may obtain through legal activities

ARTICLE 22

The Union Church of San Salvador may acquire at any time the real estate immediately and directly necessary for the purpose of its mission. The purchase of real estate shall be approved at an extraordinary General Meeting, at which the President shall also be authorized to sign the corresponding contract. At the same kind of meeting the sale of real estate no longer needed by the Church may be agreed upon according to the law.

GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

ARTICLE 23

The dissolution of the Union Church of San Salvador and reforms in its statutes must be approved at an extraordinary General Meeting with the written consent of at least seventy-five percent of the members authorized to vote.

ARTICLE 24

In the case of the dissolution of the Union Church of San Salvador, all fixed and liquid assets owned by the Church shall, after the liquidation has been completed, be transferred to a Salvadoran institution of benevolence designated by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 25

The summons to a General Meeting in ordinary session shall be made at least fifteen days prior to the meeting by publishing the notice in the *Diario Oficial* or other widely circulated local newspaper, indicating therein the purpose of the meeting, the place, day and time it is to be held. In the case of an extraordinary meeting, the summons may be made in less than fifteen days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE 26

The previous Statutes of the Union Church of San Salvador, approved by Executive Agreement No 299 issued in the Branch of the Interior on October 25, 1978 and published in the *Diario Oficial* No 214 Volume 261 of November 17 of the same year are hereby revoked.

ARTICLE 27

The foregoing Statutes will become effective as of the day of their publication in the *Diario Oficial*.

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