

Appendix A – Specific Scripture References by Article Section

Article, Section	Section Title	Attribute Description	Scripture Reference
I.A, I.B	Membership Qualifications	Attending corporate worship	Psalm 109:30; Psalm 122:1; Eccl. 4:10-12; Matt 26:30; Acts 2:42-43;- Acts 11:25-26; 1 Cor. 11:23-34; 1 Cor. 12:14-26; Eph. 4:11-13; Eph. 5:18-20; Col. 3:16; Hebrews 3:13; Hebrews 10:24-25
		Praying for one another	Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 2:3-4; Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28; 1 Tim. 2:1-4; 1 Thess 5:25; Hebrews 13:18-19
		Regularly supporting the financial needs of the church	<i>Gen. 14:18-20</i> Malachi 3:6-12; Mark 12:42; Acts 11:29-30; Gal. 6:6-10 1 Cor. 9:4-10; 1 Cor. 16:1-3; 2 Cor 9:5-10; Heb. 13:16

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(I.A, I.B)	(Membership Qualifications)	Making full use of their talents & gifts as their sacred duty in the Lord's service	Matt. 25:14-30; 1 Cor 12; Eph 4:11-20; 1 Tim. 4:14; 1 Peter 4:10; Rom. 12
		Developing their own spiritual life through Bible reading, meditation, and prayer	Josh 1:8; Ps 1:2; 119; 143:5 Mark 12:24; John 17:17 Eph 3:14-19; Col 3:16; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-16;
		Teaching and leading their household in the ways of Christ	Prov 22:6; Eph. 5:22-33; Eph 6:4; 1 Tim. 3:4; 1 Tim 5:3-8
		Lead a peaceful life, and working to attend to their own affairs	1 Thess 4:11
		Free of unlawful activity or serious offense in the community	Phil 2:15; Col. 4:5; 1 Tim. 3:7; 1 Thess. 4:12
		Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. ... so that their work will be a joy and not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.	Hebrews 13:17
		I.D	Membership, Discipline
Do not associate with anyone who calls himself a Christian who is sexually immoral, and unrepentant	1 Cor 5		

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(I.D)	(Membership, Discipline)	Restore repentant believers back into fellowship with love & acceptance	2 Cor 2
		Seek the restoration of those found in sin, with grace, gentleness & humility	Galatians 6
		Accusations against an elder must be by 2-3 eyewitnesses; discipline congregationally.	1 Timothy 5:19-22;
		Maintain clear boundaries from those who claim Christ, but live in willful sin	2 Timothy 3
		Do not receive or tolerate a divisive person after 2-3 warnings	Titus 3:10
II.A.1	General Organization, Church Officers	Elders (Congregational Overseers / Pastor(s)) shall be men only	1 Tim. 2:11-14; 1 Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9
		Deacons & Trustees allow elders to focus on the ministry of the word of God & prayer.	Acts 6:3; James 5:14
		Paul commends Phoebe (a deaconess)	Romans 16:1-2
II.A.4	General Organization	Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel ...	Philippians 1:27
		So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.	Luke 11:9-10;
		Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.	Philippians 2:3;
		But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, for his eating is without faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.	Romans 14:23;
II.B.1	Vocational Pastors – Qualifications	Vocational (Elder/ Congregational Overseeing) pastors shall be men only	1 Tim. 2:11-14; 1 Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9
II.C.3.b	Lay Officers	Members should <u>know and appreciate</u> the good work of their leaders.	1 Thess 5:12-13

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II.D.1	Elders - Purpose	Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Guard against unsound teaching/doctrine.	Acts 20:28-31
		Build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith, and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.	Eph 4:11-16
		Teach sound doctrine to the flock. Refute those who oppose sound doctrine.	2 Tim 2:2;
		Faithful to teach the Word & able to refute those who oppose sound doctrine.	Titus 1:9
		Keep watch over the flock as men who must give an account.	Hebrews 13:17
		Pray for the sick, and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.	James 5:14-16
		Willing to shepherd the God's flock that is under your care; Not greedy for money, but eager to serve; Not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.	1 Peter 5:1-3
II.D.3	Elders - Qualifications	The husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. Not a recent convert. He must have a good reputation with outsiders.	1 Tim 3:1-7
		Husband of but one wife, whose children believe and are not wild/disobedient. Not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Hospitable. Loves what is good. Self-controlled. Upright. Holy. Disciplined. Holds firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.	Titus 1:6-9
II.E.1, II.F.1	Deacons & Trustees -Purpose	Minister to needs within the local church.	Acts 6:1-6
		Support missionaries, other local congregations.	Acts 11:29-30
		Leaders in the church	Philippians 1:1

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II.E.2, II.F.2	Deacons & Trustees - Qualifications	May be male or female (Paul cites Deaconesses Tabitha/Dorcas, Phoebe)	Acts 9:36, Romans 16:1-2
		Known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom.	Acts 6:3;
		Worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. Keeps hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. Monogamous. Manages their children and household well. Has served well.	1 Tim 3:8-13

Appendix B – Summary of Meeting, Notice, Quorum and Percentage Vote Requirements

Article III Meetings	Meeting / Issue Type	Who May Call Meeting	Meeting Notice Required	Quorum (II.G.5)	% Vote Required
III.A	Worship (Sunday AM)	N/A	N/A - Std	N/A	N/A
III.B	Annual Business Meeting (each September)	Elders		25%	Varies by Issue Type
III.D.1, III.E.1	Regular & Special Business Meetings	25% of church officers or 25% of church members	2 Sundays prior	25%	Varies by Issue Type
III.E.2	Amend Constitution	Regular Business Meeting only	2 Sundays prior (4 Sundays prior for specific articles)	50% or 75%	>= 66% or 75%, as per Constitution
III.E.2	Purchase Real Estate	N/A	N/A	50%	50% + 1
III.E.2	Call / Dismiss Vocational Pastor (per Article II.B.3 and II.B.4)	N/A	N/A	50%	>= 75%
III.E.3	Absentee ballots must be received 48 hours prior to meeting	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
III.F.1,2,3,4,5,6 (Meeting Procedures)	Meetings normally open to non-members.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Closed Meetings (members only)	Elders	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Items not on the Agenda may be presented for inclusion on a future agenda, but may not be acted upon	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	All attendees may speak when recognized by the moderator	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Non-members may not vote.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Moderator may limit discussion after a reasonable period of time has been allowed for persons wishing to comment on item being voted upon.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A