

**Recommended Bylaws for
Local Assemblies**

BYLAWS OF

PARKWAY ASSEMBLY OF GOD, INC.

Adopted this 29th day of January, 2017.

Preamble

For the purpose of establishing and maintaining a place for the worship of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father; to provide for Christian fellowship for those of like precious faith, where the Holy Spirit may be honored according to our distinctive testimony; to assume our share of responsibility and the privilege of propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ, by all available means, both at home and in foreign lands; we, the members of this assembly, do hereby recognize ourselves as a local assembly in fellowship with, and as a part of, the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and the Georgia District Council of the Assemblies of God; and that we do hereby adopt the following articles of church order and submit ourselves to be governed by them.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this assembly shall be **Parkway Assembly of God, Inc.**

ARTICLE II. PREROGATIVES AND PURPOSES

The prerogatives and purposes of a General Council affiliated assembly shall be:

1. To Govern

This assembly shall have the right to govern itself and to conduct its own affairs according to the standard of the New Testament Scriptures and of the Georgia District Council and the General Council of the Assemblies of God. This right shall specifically include such matters as the calling of a pastor, the election of the church board, and the discipline of its members and the conducting of its own services and church program.

2. To Acquire and Dispose

In connection therewith, or incidental thereto, this assembly shall have the right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequest or otherwise, either directly or as trustee, and to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of any real estate or chattels as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes, and to exercise all other

powers conferred upon it by its charter or by the applicable nonprofit corporation law of this state; all in accordance with its bylaws as the same may be hereafter amended.

3. To Worship, Fellowship, and Propagate

The purpose of this assembly shall be to establish and maintain a place for the worship of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, to provide for Christian fellowship for those of like precious faith, where the Holy Spirit may be honored according to our distinctive testimony, and to assume our share of responsibility and the privilege of propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both at home and in foreign lands.

4. To Cooperate

This assembly shall cooperate with the District Council and the General Council to extend the work and kingdom of God throughout the world. It shall support the missionary program as agreed upon. It shall participate in District Council and General Council sessions through its chosen delegates and share in the support of the ministries of these bodies.

5. To Recognize

This assembly shall recognize that the District Council and the General Council have the authority and right to approve scriptural doctrine and conduct; also to disapprove unscriptural doctrine and conduct and to withdraw their certificates of membership if deemed necessary. See Article IX of the Bylaws of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

ARTICLE III. AFFILIATION

While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs as herein set forth, this assembly shall voluntarily enter into full cooperative fellowship with assemblies of like precious faith, associated in the Georgia District Council of the Assemblies of God, and the General Council of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri; and shall share in the privileges and assume the responsibilities enjoined by that affiliation. Officers of the District Council and General Council shall be recognized and respected by the pastor and members of this assembly.

As a member of the General Council, this assembly has the right to request the assistance of both the General Council and the District Council in dealing with any of its problems, upon the request of the pastor, a majority of the church board, or a petition signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the active voting members of the assembly. Only those members who have regularly attended services of, and supported, this assembly for a period of at least three consecutive months prior to signing the petition shall be counted.

It is understood and agreed that this assembly shall conform its standards of membership, qualifications for deacons, and requirements for a pastor to those standards set by the District Council and the General Council.

By its affiliation, the assembly—directors, officers, and members—agree that no provision of these Bylaws shall be inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of both the Georgia District Council of the Assemblies of God and the General Council of the Assemblies of God as now in effect or hereafter amended.

ARTICLE IV. TENETS OF FAITH

The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This Statement of Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e., that we all speak the same thing, 1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42). The phraseology employed in this statement is not inspired or contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential to a full-gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all biblical truth, only that it covers our need as to these fundamental doctrines.

1. The Scriptures Inspired

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

2. The One True God

The one true God has revealed himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM," the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10, 11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22).

The Adorable Godhead

(a) Terms Defined

The terms *trinity* and *persons*, as related to the Godhead, while not found in the Scriptures, are words in harmony with Scripture, whereby we may convey to others our immediate understanding of the doctrine of Christ respecting the Being of God, as distinguished from "gods many and lords many." We therefore may speak with propriety of the Lord our God, who is One Lord, as a Trinity or as one Being of three persons, and still be absolutely scriptural (examples, Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 14:16,17).

(b) Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead

Christ taught a distinction of persons in the Godhead which He expressed in specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but that this distinction and relationship, as to its mode is inscrutable and incomprehensible, because unexplained (Luke 1:35; 1 Corinthians 1:24; Matthew 11:25-27; 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 1:3,4).

(c) Unity of the One Being of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Accordingly, therefore, there is **that** in the Father which constitutes Him **the Father** and not the Son; there is **that** in the Son which constitutes Him **the Son** and not the Father; and there is **that** in the Holy Spirit which constitutes Him **the Holy Spirit** and not either the Father or the Son. Wherefore the Father is the Begetter; the Son is the Begotten; and the Holy Spirit is the One proceeding from the Father and the Son. Therefore, because these three persons in the Godhead are in a state of unity, there is but one Lord God Almighty and His name one (John 1:18; 15:26; 17:11,21; Zechariah 14:9).

(d) Identity and Cooperation in the Godhead

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are never **identical** as to **person**; nor **confused** as to **relation**; nor **divided** in respect to the Godhead; nor **opposed** as to **cooperation**. The Son is **in** the Father and the Father is in the Son as to relationship. The Son is **with** the Father and the Father is **with** the Son, as to fellowship. The Father is not **from** the Son, but the Son is **from** the Father, as to authority. The Holy Spirit is from the Father and the Son proceeding, as to nature, relationship, cooperation, and authority. Hence no person in the Godhead either exists or works separately or independently of the others (John 5:17-30, 32, 37; 8:17,18).

(e) The Title, Lord Jesus Christ

The appellation **Lord Jesus Christ** is a proper name. It is never applied in the New Testament either to the Father or to the Holy Spirit. It therefore belongs exclusively to the **Son of God** (Romans 1:1-3, 7; 2 John 3).

(f) The Lord Jesus Christ, God with us

The Lord Jesus Christ, as to His divine and eternal nature, is the proper and only Begotten of the Father, but as to His human nature, He is the proper Son of Man. He is, therefore, acknowledged to be both God and man; who because He is God and man, is "Immanuel," God with us (Matthew 1:23; 1 John 4:2,10,14; Revelation 1:13,17).

(g) The Title, Son of God

Since the name *Immanuel* embraces both God and man, in the one person, our Lord Jesus Christ, it follows that the title *Son of God* describes His proper deity, and the title *Son of Man*, His proper humanity. Therefore, the title *Son of God* belongs to the **order of eternity**, and the title *Son of Man* to the **order of time** (Matthew 1:21-23; 2 John 3; 1 John 3:8; Hebrews 7:3; 1:1-13).

(h) Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ

Wherefore, it is a transgression of the doctrine of Christ to say that Jesus Christ derived the title *Son of God* solely from the fact of the Incarnation, or because of His relation to the economy of redemption. Therefore, to deny that the Father is a real and eternal Father, and that the Son is a real and eternal Son, is a denial of the distinction and relationship in the Being of God; a denial of the Father and Son; and a displacement of the truth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh (2 John 9; John 1:1,2,14,18,29,49; 1 John 2:22,23; 4:1-5; Hebrews 12:2).

(i) Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord

The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, angels and principalities and powers having been made subject unto Him. And having been made both Lord and Christ, He sent the Holy Spirit that we, in the name of Jesus, might bow our knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father until the end, when the Son shall become subject to the Father that God may be all in all (Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 3:22; Acts 2:32-36; Romans 14:11; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28).

(j) Equal Honor to the Father and to the Son

Wherefore, since the Father has delivered all judgment unto the Son, it is not only the **express duty** of all in heaven and on earth to bow the knee, but it is an **unspeakable** joy in the Holy Spirit to ascribe unto the Son all the attributes of deity, and to give Him all the honor and the glory contained in all the names and titles of the Godhead except those which express relationship (see paragraphs b, c, and d), and thus honor the Son even as we honor the Father (John 5:22,23; 1 Peter 1:8; Revelation 5:6-14; Philippians 2:8,9; Revelation 7:9,10; 4:8-11).

3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare:

- (a) His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31,35).
- (b) His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).
- (c) His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).
- (d) His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
- (e) His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 15:4).
- (f) His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9,11; 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1:3).

4. The Fall of Man

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26,27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

5. The Salvation of Man

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

(a) Conditions to Salvation

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).

(b) The Evidences of Salvation

The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12).

6. The Ordinances of the Church

(a) Baptism in Water

The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47,48; Romans 6:4).

(b) Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements--bread and the fruit of the vine--is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!"

7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church. With it comes the enduement of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4,8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Spirit come such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:4-10,28), but different in purpose and use.

9. Sanctification

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Romans 12:1,2; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12). Scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command: "Be ye holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15,16).

Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Romans 6:1-11,13; 8:1,2,13; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:12,13; 1 Peter 1:5).

10. The Church and Its Mission

The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her Great Commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22,23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23).

Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshiped by man, to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, and to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world, the priority reason for being of the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is:

- a. To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16).
- b. To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (1 Corinthians 12:13).
- c. To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 14:12).
- d. To be a people who demonstrate God's love and compassion for all the world (Psalm 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).

The Assemblies of God exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this reason for being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This experience:

- a. Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15-20; Acts 4:29-31; Hebrews 2:3,4).
- b. Adds a necessary dimension to a worshipful relationship with God (1 Corinthians 2:10-16; 1 Corinthians 12-14).
- c. Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edifying of the body of Christ and care for the poor and needy of the world (Galatians 5:22-26; Matthew 25:37-40; Galatians 6:10; 1 Corinthians 14:12; Ephesians 4:11,12; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Colossians 1:29).

11. The Ministry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the fourfold purpose of leading the Church in: (1) evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20), (2) worship of God (John 4:23,24), (3) building a Body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11,16), and (4) meeting human need with ministries of love and compassion (Psalm 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27).

12. Divine Healing

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the Atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:16, 17; James 5:14-16).

13. The Blessed Hope

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:16,17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52).

14. The Millennial Reign of Christ

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27,30; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21, 22; Zephaniah 3:19, 20; Romans 11:26, 27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalm 72:3-8; Micah 4:3,4).

15. The Final Judgment

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8).

16. The New Heavens and the New Earth

"We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21 and 22).

ARTICLE V. ORDINANCES

Section 1. Baptism in Water

The ordinance of baptism by immersion in water (Matthew 28:19) shall be administered to all who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls, and who give clear evidence of their salvation (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12).

Section 2. Holy Communion

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed regularly as enjoined in the Scriptures (Luke 22:19,20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

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ARTICLE VI

Membership

Section 1. Ex-Officio Membership of Ministerial Staff and Spouses. The lead pastor, the pastoral team and their spouses, by virtue of their positions, shall become active, voting members with termination effective at the end of service in their respective offices.

Section 2. General. Membership shall consist of all persons who have met the qualifications and are listed on the membership roll.

Section 3. Qualifications for Membership. Membership shall be open to those who give evidence of:

- a. A personal commitment of faith in Jesus Christ
- b. Water baptism by immersion as a testimony of salvation
- c. Completion of the church's membership class
- d. Willingness to abide by all membership commitments, including supporting the local Assembly financially as God enables, attending services regularly, and adhering to the Tenets of Faith.

Section 4. Reception of Members. Individuals who desire to become members must notify the lead pastor who shall examine the applicants in accordance with the standards for membership. The lead pastor shall then present the name(s) with his recommendation to the board of trustees for discussion and a final decision. Applicants receiving approval will be received into the church at an appropriate regular service.

Section 5. Designation of Membership. Considerable care and precision should be exercised to properly reflect the church membership through the maintenance and periodic updating of three rolls:

- a. Active Members: Individuals whose names appeared on the original membership roll of the church and those who have been added

constitute the legal voting membership, provided they regularly attend the fellowship, live consistent Christian lives and are in agreement with (and voluntarily submit to) the Tenets of Faith of the Assemblies of God.

- b. Junior Members: Non-voting attendees under sixteen years of age who give evidence of the New Birth after receiving Christ as their personal Savior and who otherwise meet the qualifications for membership.

- c. Inactive Members: Members who without good cause absent themselves from services of the church for a period of three consecutive months or more, cease to contribute to the church's support or who may be out of harmony with its teachings and ministries shall be considered inactive members and are ineligible to vote in church proceedings until membership is restored by action of the lead pastor and board of trustees.

Section 6. Voting Rights of Membership.

- a. Every active member will have the right to vote on the following matters:
 - a. Ratification of nominees to the board of trustees
 - b. Merger or dissolution of the church including disposition of all, or substantially all, of the church assets
 - c. Amendments to bylaws
 - d. Calling or removing the lead pastor
 - e. Motions brought forth at the annual business meeting
 - f. Other matters forwarded by the Pastor and the Board of Trustees.

- b. Active members hindered from attending the annual business meeting or a special called meeting due to illness or an unavoidable work conflict may vote by absentee ballot by notifying the lead pastor and board of trustees prior to the scheduled meeting.

Section 7. Termination of Membership. Members shall be removed from the membership rolls for the following reasons:

- a. Death
- b. Transfer of membership to another church
- c. By request of the member
- d. Dismissal by the lead pastor and board of trustees if the member's life and conduct are not in accordance with the membership commitments specified in Section 3 and if continued membership might hinder church functions or the influence of the church in the community. Dismissal shall be in accordance with Matthew 18: 15-17.

Section 7. Restoration of Members. Members dismissed by the lead pastor and board of trustees shall be restored according to 2 Corinthians 2: 7-8 and with their compliance with membership commitments.

ARTICLE VII

Membership Meetings

Section 1. Place. Meetings of the members shall be held on the church property unless specified in advance by the lead pastor and board of trustees.

Section 2. Annual Business Meeting. An annual business meeting for all active members shall be held during the first quarter of each calendar year at a time designated by the lead pastor. The agenda for the meeting will include a review of the financial report from the previous year, the certification of nominees to the board of trustees and to discuss the church's future vision. Any other business also may be discussed at this time subject to the approval of the lead pastor and board of trustees.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special business meetings may be called at any time after approval by the lead pastor and board of trustees. Special meetings may also be called in response to a petition signed by at least one-third of the active

membership. The petition must be presented to the lead pastor along with the announcement of the meeting at least two Sundays before the scheduled date.

Section 4. Meetings. In order to expedite the work of this assembly and to avoid confusion in its deliberations, this assembly's meetings shall be governed by parliamentary procedure as set forth in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, and in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

Section 5. Membership Notification Requirements. Notification must be given at least two weeks in advance of any meeting requiring membership action. Notification may be given in any of the following:

- a. Distribution of a written notice to all attendees at a regular weekend service
- b. Oral announcement at weekend services
- c. Delivery by U.S. mail to each member identified on the membership roll.

Section 5. Quorum. At least one-third of active members must be present (or approved to cast an absentee ballot) to constitute a quorum for any regular or special business meeting.

ARTICLE ~~VII~~ VIII

Official Board of Trustees

Section 1. Qualifications.

- a. All board members must meet all qualifications for membership.
- b. Candidates must be at least 25 years old, and, except for the lead pastor, must have been members for at least one year.
- c. Candidates must be persons of spiritual maturity and knowledge, in accordance with requirements set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and

Titus 1. They must also display an excellent spirit per Daniel 6:3, commit to serve in unity with others and display a desire to support the vision of the lead pastor.

Section 2. Ratification, Number and Term.

- a. Perspective board members must be ratified at the annual business meeting after being nominated by the lead pastor, existing board and active members of the church. Names must be submitted to the board in writing no less than two weeks

prior to the annual business meeting. Ratification will be accomplished by a simple majority of eligible active members attending the annual business meeting. Ratification shall be by secret ballot.

- b. The authorized number of board members shall not be less than three or more than six, consisting of the lead pastor and non-employed, active members. The initial Board of Trustees shall consist of four members, and the Senior Pastor.
- c. Each board member may serve one term and shall hold office until a successor has been elected. The term of service shall be for four years. Initially, in order to stagger terms, one member will be elected each year, to serve a four-year term. Departing members will not become eligible for board participation until at least one year has elapsed.

Section 3. Powers. The board shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. General corporate powers to conduct the business and affairs of the church.
- b. Specific powers, exercised by the lead pastor and board, shall include:
 1. Select and remove all officers except for the lead pastor and prescribe all powers and duties for church officers subject

to law and church bylaws.

2. Borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the church and cause promissory notes to be executed along with other evidence of debt and securities for church purposes and in the church's name
3. Provide financial accountability and overall council to the lead pastor
4. Determine the compensation of the lead pastor
5. Conduct other duties as the lead pastor may request.
6. All Deeds, legal documents, promissory notes, and other such legal documents shall be signed by the Senior Pastor and Secretary/Treasurer after being approved by a vote of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Section 1. Place of Meeting. Regular or special meetings of the board shall be held at the principal office of the church unless otherwise designated.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the board shall be held at least monthly unless changed by the lead pastor and board members.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called for any purpose and at any time by the lead pastor or board. The board shall not hold meetings without the lead pastor or, in case of a pastoral vacancy, without the board chairman.

Section 4. Notice.

- a. Notice of the time and place of meetings shall be given to each board member by one of several methods: personal written notice, first

class mail, telephone, fax to the board member's office or home, text e-mail.

- b. Notices should be issued at least 24 hours in advance.
- c. The notice shall state the time and place for the meeting along with the meeting's purpose(s).
- d. Any board member may waive the notice interval for any meeting and the waiver will be equivalent to the giving of proper notice. A member's attendance at a meeting waives any required notice unless the member objects to holding the meeting at the meeting's beginning.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of current board members must be present at any duly called meeting to constitute a quorum. A meeting that began with a specified quorum may continue if a member must withdraw.

ARTICLE ~~X~~

Officers

Section 1. Officers.

- a. There shall be a lead pastor and a secretary/treasurer. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held simultaneously by the same person.
- b. The lead pastor shall act as president and chairman of the board of trustees.
- c. The secretary shall be an active voting member of the church for at least one year immediately preceding election to office.
- d. The treasurer shall be an active voting member of the church for at least one year immediately preceding election to office.

Section 2. Duties.

a. The lead pastor shall:

1. Be the spiritual overseer of the assembly and shall direct its activities.
2. Be recognized as a member of the church board of trustees, president of the assembly and shall act as chairman at all business meetings both of the church and board.
3. Provide for all services of the assembly and specifically arrange for all special meetings, conventions and revival campaigns. No person shall be invited to preach or teach at the assembly without the lead pastor's approval.
4. Chair all nominating committee meetings for the selection of board members. The lead pastor shall privately interview the nominees regarding their eligibility and availability for service as board members.
5. Act as an ex officio member of all church committees.

b. The secretary shall:

1. Keep minutes of the official meetings of the church board and of the annual church business meeting or at any special meeting meetings of the church or board.
2. Keep a record of the church membership and perform other clerical work necessary to the discharge of duties.
3. Act as custodian of all church legal documents.
4. File annual reports with the secretary of state as may be required.

c. The treasurer will:

1. Be trusted with all the finances of the church, subject to the supervision of the church board and shall deposit all funds in prudent fashion. All checks issued on behalf of the church must be signed by the treasurer and at least one additional officer designated by the church board.
2. Maintain an itemized account of receipts and disbursements and present a report for each regular meeting of the church board and an accounting at the church's annual business meeting.
3. Assist in acquiring and maintaining applicable tax exemptions under state and local law.
4. Provide a record of giving to each donor at least annually.
5. Act as custodian of all church financial records.

ARTICLE XI

Elections, Vacancies, Removals

Section 1. Elections.

a. Pastor

1. The pastor shall be nominated by the church board although recommendations may be made to the board by any church member.
2. The term of the lead pastor shall be for an indefinite period of time.
3. Election shall be by secret ballot at the annual business meeting or at a special business meeting. Only one candidate will be considered at any designated meeting.

4. A two-thirds majority of all votes cast will be required for election.
 5. Should the validity of the election be challenged, the matter shall be referred to the District Executive Presbytery for arbitration.
 6. The board shall arrange for competent ministerial leadership until a permanent selection is made.
- b. Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by the church board from among active church members with terms of office as the board shall designate.

Section 2. Vacancies

- a. Pastor. When there is a vacancy in the pastorate, the board shall appoint an interim chairman until the election of a lead pastor. The board or appointed individuals shall act as a nominating committee to interview candidates and select one candidate for presentation to the church membership. Should the required two-thirds majority not be realized, the board or appointed individuals shall continue the process until a candidate is approved by the voting members of the church.

Section 3. Removal of Lead Pastor, Officers and Board Members

1. Lead Pastor. In the event the lead pastor has serious charges preferred against him or his ministry has ceased to be effective, the board has the responsibility to ask for his resignation at any regular or specially called board meeting. If the call for resignation is refused, the lead pastor may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the active church membership present at a regular or specially called meeting presided over by a district officer.
2. Other officers may be removed with or without cause by the lead pastor and board at any regular or special meeting of the

church board.

3. The Board of Trustees and Lead Pastor may recommend removal of board members for cause to the voting membership, and action of the voting membership shall be considered final, and that the board member being removed be provided an opportunity to defend himself/herself.

Section 4. Other Pastors and Employees. All team pastors and paid team leaders and all other church employees shall be hired or appointed by the lead pastor with board ratification. Compensation will be determined by the lead pastor and board. The lead pastor shall conduct annual performance evaluations and review the call and compensation of each employee.

ARTICLE XII

Dissolution

Section 1. Reversion. If the church ceases to function as an Assemblies of God or otherwise severs the relationship or it ceases to function as a church body by discontinuing regular worship services for a period of six months or it otherwise dissolves, then all church debts must be paid. Also, any remaining assets, whether real or personal, shall not ensue to the benefit of any private person or persons but shall revert to and become the property of the Georgia District Council, Assemblies of God, Incorporated.

Section 2. Authority of Council. The District Council will have full authority to sell or dispose of such property and to use the proceeds derived there from for the extension of the work of the Assemblies of God within the Georgia District, under the direction of the District Presbytery.

Section 3. Section 501©(3) Purposes Only. In the event that the District Council is unable or unwilling to accept the transfer of all church property, the remaining church assets shall be transferred to an organization operated exclusively for religious purposes with tax-exempt status under Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code whose purposes are nearest the purposes of the General Council.

The transfer shall be made by the remaining trustees and custodians of the property or, if necessary, by the appropriate court in Bibb County.

ARTICLE ~~XIII~~

Records and Reports

The church will maintain the following records and reports:

- a. Adequate and correct books and records of accounts (financial)
- b. Minutes of the proceedings for all membership and board meetings
- c. A record of church membership, setting forth the member's name and address specifying also whether the member is active, inactive or a junior member
- d. Contribution statements for each contributor

All records shall be maintained at the church's principal office.

ARTICLE ~~XIV~~

Construction and Definitions

Unless the context specifies otherwise, the general provisions, rules of construction and definitions in the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Law shall govern the construction of these bylaws.

ARTICLE ~~XV~~

Amendment to the Bylaws

Section 1. Recommendation by Pastor and Board

The pastor and board will recommend proposed amendments to the membership unless the board elects, because of a conflict of interest or other special circumstances, to make no recommendation. The pastor and board may condition its submission of the proposed amendment on any basis.

Section 2. Notice

The notice of the regular or special meeting at which a proposed amendment will be considered must state the purpose of the meeting and must include a copy or summary of the amendment. Notice of the meeting must be issued to the church membership at least two Sundays in advance of the meeting date.

Section 3. Approval by Membership

The voting membership must approve any amendment by a two-thirds majority vote among those attending the regular or special church meeting.

Section 4. Written Consent or Ballot

The board may determine, by a majority vote, to submit the proposed amendment(s) to the church voting membership for approval by written consent or written ballot. In this case, the material soliciting the approval will contain (or be accompanied by) a copy or a summary of the proposed amendment(s).

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently elected and acting secretary/treasurer of Parkway Assembly of God, Inc., a Georgia Nonprofit Religious Corporation, and that the bylaws contained herein are the bylaws of this church as adopted by a vote of the members on January 29, 2007.

Executed in Macon, Georgia, this DATE

NAME

Mickey L. Carroll

TITLE

Secretary