

Grand Centre Alliance Church Bylaws
Relating to the Articles that make up the
Constitution for Local Churches of
The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this church shall be Grand Centre Alliance Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Our mission at Grand Centre Alliance Church is “to enable people to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ, growing in their love for God, each other, and the world”.

ARTICLE III – STATEMENT OF FAITH

See note below.

ARTICLE IV – RELATIONSHIP

This church is a constituent member of the district and national organizations of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada as such organizations are defined in the Manual. The policies and regulations of this church shall be consistent with, and the church shall operate in accordance with, the Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE V – ORDINANCES

See note below.

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP

Members are defined as being at least 16 years of age, residents of the Cold Lake area, regularly attending and supporting the church. Members are permitted to vote at regular and special meetings.

Memberships at Grand Centre Alliance Church shall be limited to three years at a time and will need to be renewed/recommitted at the end of each term.

In addition to **Members**, the following category has been established:

Honorary Members – This category is for members who have left the local fellowship in order to take up full time Christian service elsewhere. Honorary members do not have the right to debate or vote.

Section 1: Privileges and Qualifications

It shall be a condition of membership that persons meet the membership requirements specified in “Article VI – Membership” of the “Local Church Constitution of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada”. It shall also be a condition of membership that persons accept and comply with the “Discipline and Restoration Policy for Members of Local Churches”.

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Removal of Membership

Any member not attending for more than six months, for reasons other than sickness or temporary duty away from home, shall be removed from the membership list. That person may reapply for membership should they return as a regular attender and meet the membership requirements.

Failure to renew a membership, within 90 days of expiry, will result in removal from the membership list.

Section 2: Discipline

Discipline of a member shall be the responsibility of the Board of Elders or its designate, and shall be in accordance with the “Discipline and Restoration Policy for Members of Local Churches” as set forth in the current edition of the “Manual of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada”.

ARTICLE VII – GOVERNMENT

Time and Date of Annual Meeting

The fiscal year for the church is from 1 January to 31 December. Therefore, the Annual Meeting shall not be later than the end of February, except in exceptional circumstances, in order to elect Board members and carry out business matters in a timely fashion.

The time and date of the meeting and the agenda will be set by the Board of Elders. Any requests from members to present additional items to the agenda of the annual meeting must be submitted to the Chairman of the Board of Elders for consideration a minimum of 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Proper Notice of Membership Meetings

Due notice of the Annual Meeting shall be at least three weekends prior to the meeting in order to precede the posting of the nominating committee report. Notice shall be made by pulpit announcements, in the weekly bulletin and other notices deemed appropriate.

Due notice of any other business meeting shall be either by pulpit announcement on two consecutive Sundays immediately preceding the meeting or five days notice in writing to each church member in exceptional circumstances.

Quorum for Meeting of Membership

The quorum for any meeting of members shall consist of those members present.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD

The governing board shall be called the Board of Elders.

Criteria for Board Membership

As per the Local Church Constitution, the criteria for membership on the Board are the biblical qualifications of elder.

Number of Elders

The Board of Elders shall have, including the Pastor, a maximum of nine members. Prior to the work of the Nominating Committee, the Board of Elders shall specify the number of Elders to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

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Term of Office

The Board of Elders shall be elected for a two year term with approximately one-half of the Board elected annually.

Soliciting of Offerings

No offerings may be solicited without the approval of the Board of Elders.

ARTICLE IX – PASTOR AND LICENSED WORKERS

See note below.

ARTICLE X – ORGANIZATIONS

See note below.

ARTICLE XI – MISSIONS

See note below.

ARTICLE XII – PROPERTY AND RECORDS

Records

The church's financial records shall be prepared annually by an independent accounting firm. The minimum standard shall be a Notice to Reader and internal audit by two board members. More stringent standards shall be applied on an "as required" basis. The financial statements will be made available upon request.

A member wishing to inspect the official records of the church may make such a request in writing to the Board. The request must specify the item the individual wishes to review.

ARTICLE XIII – NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee when required shall consist of the senior pastor and four members with equal representation from the Board and the membership and shall function in accordance with the local church constitution in the Manual of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

ARTICLE XIV – ELECTIONS

In preparation for elections at the annual meeting, the nominating committee shall present and post, at least three weekends prior to the annual meeting, one name for each office to be filled.

Other nominations, if any, shall be made in writing, signed by any two members in good standing, and filed with the chairman of the nominating committee for posting before the public services on the Sunday prior to the annual meeting. Any such nominations must meet the criteria for Board membership as defined in Article VIII.

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ARTICLE XIV – BYLAWS

Bylaws and subsequent revisions become valid upon adoption by a majority of the membership and approval of the District Executive Committee.

NOTE: Each of the foregoing Articles wherein this “NOTE” is referenced is complete within the Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada under the subtitle “Local Church Constitution”. No further documentation in these bylaws is required.