

BYLAWS
of
TRINITY MISSIONARY CHURCH of YALE

Article 1

NAME

The name of this church shall be “Trinity Missionary Church of Yale”

Article 2

LOCATION

The church shall be located at Yale, St. Clair County, Michigan

Article 3

PURPOSE

The purpose of Trinity Missionary Church of Yale shall be to:
“Reach, build, and equip people for Jesus, across the street, and around the world.”

Article 4

CLAUSES

Dissolution Clause:

Should Trinity Missionary Church of Yale cease to operate, its facilities and property shall revert to the Missionary Church Inc., Michigan District.

Disassociation Clause:

Should Trinity Missionary Church of Yale find it necessary to sever ties with the Missionary Church, Inc., a ¾ vote of the qualifying membership would be required. Should such a vote be carried, Trinity Missionary Church of Yale would maintain ownership of its facilities and property in independent status from the denomination.

Article 5

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Regular members are persons who give clear testimony to, and evidence of, saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been subsequently baptized by immersion, and have been examined and publicly received by the church, in accordance with Article XVII, B 1.A, of the Constitution of the Missionary Church Inc., USA.

Section 2. Other requirements for membership shall be those as set forth in Article XVII, B, of the Constitution of the Missionary Church Inc., U.S.A.

Article 6
MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- Section 1.** The annual meeting of the members for the purpose of reviewing annual reports and transacting the general business of the church shall be held on a Sunday evening. In the first quarter of the calendar year (preferably February), the date to be selected by the Administrative Board. Twenty percent of the membership of Trinity Missionary Church shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- Section 2.** The annual meeting of the members for the election of the church officers shall be held at the church on a Sunday evening in November or December, the date to be selected by the Administrative Board. Twenty percent of the membership of Trinity Missionary Church shall constitute the quorum for the transacting of business.
- Section 3.** Special meetings of the members may be called by a majority of the Administrative Board or by the written petition of 25% of the voting membership.

Article 7
CHURCH LEADERSHIP

- Section 1.** The Administrative Board shall consist of the Senior Pastor, the Senior Sitting Elder, the Senior Sitting Deacon, and six individuals who have been members in good standing for at least three years, elected from the church membership.
- Two at-large board members shall be elected each year for a three-year term. After serving two subsequent terms, a one-year hiatus is required before eligibility for election resumes.
- The Administrative Board shall appoint a Church Treasurer no later than one month prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year. The Church Treasurer shall serve a one-year term. The Church Treasurer shall serve on the Administrative Board in a non-voting capacity.
- The Associate Pastor(s) may serve on the Administrative Board in a non-voting advisory capacity at the discretion of the Senior Pastor.
- The Administrative Board shall appoint a secretary prior to the January board meeting for a one-year term. The Administrative Board Secretary is a non-voting administrative position.

- Section 2.** Nomination for election of Administrative Board at-large members shall be made by the nominating committee.
- Section 3.** With the Senior Pastor as convener in the January board meeting, the Administrative Board shall elect a chairperson and assistant chairperson from among its voting members. The chairperson shall be considered a non-voting member of the board. However, should any vote of the board result in a tie, the chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.
- Section 4.** Vacancies in the Administrative Board shall be filled by appointment by the remainder of the board member at any regular or special meeting. Appointments will fulfill the remainder of the original term. Vacancies with less than three months of the term remaining will be filled at the next scheduled election.
- Section 5.** Regular meetings of the Administrative Board shall be held each month at the discretion of the board. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or Senior Pastor, or at the request of at least three members of the board. A simple majority of the board members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- Section 6.** The duties of the Administrative Board shall be the transaction of business, prayer, management of the policies of the church, and church membership approval. The board shall make arrangements for the support of the pastor(s) and church staff. The Administrative Board, exclusive of the Senior Pastor, shall represent the church in negotiating for a Senior Pastor. The Administrative Board, as it deems necessary, will yearly appoint ministry directors and sub-committees.
- Section 7.** The Administrative Board, at each January meeting, shall appoint from its organization three members who will transact the business as officers of the church.
- Section 8.** Deacons
- A. Requirements and duties as set forth in Article XVII, D.5, b, of the Constitution of the Missionary Church Inc., U.S.A.
 - B. The Deacon Board shall consist of the Senior Pastor and four individuals who have been members in good standing for at least three years, elected from the church membership. The members shall be elected for a four-year term. The terms are to be staggered so that each year only one position is to be filled. The chairman and secretary shall be elected from amongst the members of the Deacon Board.

Section 9. Elders

- A. Duties as set forth in Article XVII D.4, b, of the Constitution of the Missionary Church Inc., U.S.A.
- B. An Elder Board consisting of three appointed members in addition to the Senior Pastor shall be constituted. The members shall be appointed for a three-year term. The terms are to be staggered so that each year only one position is to be filled. An Elder may serve two consecutive three-year terms. After serving two consecutive terms, at least one year must be taken off before being eligible to serve again. New Elders will be appointed by the Elder Board, at which time the Administrative Board will vote to affirm or not. An Elder may not serve simultaneously on the Deacon Board nor may he be voted onto the Administrative Board (however, the longest serving Elder shall attend and vote at the Administrative Board meetings as an Elder).

Section 10. Senior Pastor

Requirements and duties as set forth in Article XVII D.1 of the Constitution of the Missionary Church Inc., U.S.A.

Article 8

POLICY/ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The local church ministry structure is defined and governed by the church
Policy and Procedure Manual.

Article 9

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Senior Pastor, two Deacons with the most seniority, and three individuals who have been members in good standing for three years, elected from the church membership for a one-year term. The Senior Pastor shall act as convener for the first meeting of the Nominating Committee at which time he shall conduct the election of a chairperson from among the members of the committee. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for the preparation of various ballots for the elective positions:

1. Elective offices of the church according to the bylaws.
2. Delegates to Michigan District Conference.
3. Delegates to General Conference of the Missionary Church Inc., U.S.A.

Article 10

These bylaws may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the church membership present at either of the annual meetings or special meetings convened for such purpose.