

# **Constitution and Bylaws**

## **Restoration Fellowship Tabernacle**

# Constitution

## Preamble

WHEREAS, it is the express purpose of God our Heavenly Father to call out of the world a saved people who shall contribute to the Body of Christ, built and established on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the Chief Cornerstone.

WHEREAS, the members of the Body of Christ are enjoined to assemble themselves together for worship, fellowship, counsel, and instruction in the Word of God and the work of the ministry and for the exercise of those spiritual gifts and offices provided for in the New Testament, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we recognize ourselves as a body of Christian believers working together for the common purpose of spreading the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and that under the laws of the State of Michigan we may exercise all the rights and privileges granted to religious bodies.

## Article I Name

The name of this corporation shall be Restoration Fellowship Tabernacle.

## Article II Purpose

The purpose of this corporation shall be:

1. To establish and oversee places of worship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (Titus 1:5; Ps. 107:3; Acts 2:42, 46, 47; Heb. 10:25).
2. To create departments as may be necessary in order to establish places of worship, to spread the Gospel by all necessary means, and to support other religious activity as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors to further our exempt purposes (Matt 28: 19, 20).
3. To have the right to own, hold in trust, use, possess, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or dispose of such property, real or chattel, as may be needed for the prosecution of its work.
4. To license and ordain ministers of the Gospel and be their covering (1 Thess. 5:12; 2 Thess. 2:15; 3:4; Heb. 13:17).

## Article III Tenets Of Faith

The human phraseology employed in this statement is not inspired nor contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential to a interdenominational full Gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all the truth in the Bible, only that it covers orthodox fundamental matters.

## **The Scriptures Inspired**

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to men, the infallible rule of faith and conduct, and superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason (2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Pet. 1:23-25; Heb. 4:12).

## **The One True God**

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent, self-revealed "I AM," and has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association, by simultaneously existing as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29; Isa. 43:10, 11; Matt. 28:19).

## **Man's Fall and Redemption**

Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let us make man in our image and after our likeness." Man, by voluntary transgression, fell, and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Gen. 1:26-31; Gen. 3:17; Ro. 5:12-21).

## **The Salvation of Man Conditions of Salvation**

The Grace of God, which brings salvation, has appeared to all men, through the preaching of repentance toward God and through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; man is saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, and being justified by grace, has become heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 2:11; 3:5-7; Ro. 10:13-15; Luke 24:47).

## **Evidences of Salvation**

The inward evidence to the believer of his/her salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Ro. 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of holiness (1 Thess. 4:7, 2 Tim.1:9).

## **Baptism in Water**

The ordinance of baptism by burial with Christ should be observed (as commanded in the Scriptures) by all that have repented of their sins and in their hearts have believed on Christ as their Savior and Lord. In doing so, they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they have also been released to walk with Him in newness of life (Matt. 28:19; Ro. 6:4).

## **The Lord's Supper (Communion)**

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements, bread and fruit of the vine, is the symbol expressing our sharing in a memorial to His suffering and death, and a prophecy of His second coming, and is enjoined to all believers "until He comes" (John 6:48,51,53-57; Luke 22:19,20; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Cor. 11:25).

## **The Promise of the Father**

All believers should ardently expect and earnestly seek the Promise of the Father, which is the baptism in the Holy Spirit. With it comes the infilling of power for life and service, and the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:1-31). This experience may be distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the New Birth (Acts 2:38; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9).

## **Sanctification Process**

By the power of the Holy Spirit we strive to obey the command, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Sanctification is the will of God for all believers, and should be earnestly pursued by walking in obedience to God's Word (Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet. 1:15, 16; 1 Thess. 5:23, 24; 1 John 2:6).

## **The Church**

The church is the holy Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer is an integral part of the church, and their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. (1 Thess. 2:4)

## **Ministry**

Divinely called and Scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a two-fold purpose: (1) The evangelization of the world, and (2) The edification of the Body of Christ (Mark 16:15, 20; Eph. 4:11-13).

## **Divine Healing**

Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement of Christ and is the privilege of all believers (Isa. 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:16, 17; Mark 16:18; John 5:14).

## **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 Lord, is imminent and is the blessed hope of the church (1 Thess. 4:16; Ro. 6:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Cor. 15:51,52).

## **The Millennial Reign of Jesus**

The revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, the salvation of national Israel, and the millennial reign of Christ on the earth are Scriptural promises and our hope (2 Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:11-16; Ro. 11:25; Rev. 20:1-7).

## **The Lake of Fire**

The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and whosoever is not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burns fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Rev. 19:20; 20:10-15).

## **The New Heavens and New Earth**

We, as promised in the Scriptures, look for a new heavens and a new earth wherein righteousness dwells (2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21: 1).

## **Article IV Ordinances**

### **Water Baptism**

The ordinance of water baptism (Matt. 28:19) shall be administered by all established places of worship to all those who have repented of their sins and who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls (Ro. 6:3-5; Col.2:12).

### **The Lord's Supper**

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

## **Article V Membership**

This organization shall have a non-voting membership. The Board of Directors may create a membership program that details the requirements of membership and procedures for dismissal.

## **Article VI Government**

### **Board of Directors**

1. There shall be a Senior Pastor/President.
2. There may be an Executive Pastor/Executive Vice-President.
3. There shall be an Assistant Pastor/2nd Vice-President.
4. There shall be a Treasurer.
5. There shall be a Secretary.
6. Other individuals may be added as needed.

### **Official Board and Voting Power**

1. The Board of Directors is that group of persons vested with the management of the business and affairs of the corporation.
2. The official board shall consist of individuals listed above and those added by official action of the board of directors.
3. The majority shall serve without remuneration and not be related by blood or marriage.

4. The Senior Pastor/President shall be chairman of the board and chief executive of the corporation.
5. Each member of the board shall have equal voting power among all of the other members.
6. A decision of the Board of Directors is considered valid with a simple majority vote and the approval of the Senior Pastor/President, unless otherwise specified in the Constitution and Bylaws.
7. The Senior Pastor/President shall be an ex officio member of every committee and can at his/her discretion be the chair of such committee at the time of its creation.
8. The official board members are numbered in position as shown in the paragraph above. The numbering shall serve as the order in which the Senior Pastor/President shall be replaced if any of the following events take place:
  - A. The Senior Pastor/President passes away unexpectedly, or
  - B. The Senior Pastor/President is legally removed by the Accountability Board, or
  - C. The Senior Pastor/President resigns and refuses to appoint a new Senior Pastor/President.

### **Removal From the Board**

Any board member may be removed from office with or without cause by a simple majority vote of the board including the Senior Pastor's/President's approval. However, the removal of the Senior Pastor/President is subject to Article X.

The following reasons are considered just cause for board member removal that must be observed by the board of directors:

1. In absentia at three consecutive board meetings;
2. Violation of the mutual interest clause of Article XI;
3. Not acting in the best interests of the organization;
4. Willful nondisclosure of a conflict of interest as interpreted by a majority vote of the board.

### **Process for removal from the board**

A board member may be removed from the board in the following manner:

1. By letter of resignation submitted to the Senior Pastor/President;
2. By action of the board of directors in which a simple majority of the board, including the Senior Pastor/President's vote in favor for removal.

## **Article VII Meetings**

### **Church Services**

In any established place of worship the appointed Pastor will be responsible for regular church services.

### **Corporation Meetings**

The corporation year shall coincide with the calendar year beginning on January 1st, and running through December 31st.

The Senior Pastor/President will call the official board meeting to discuss the direction of the corporation. The Senior Pastor/President shall set dates and times for board meetings. The board may have invited guests present at any meeting so long as the Senior Pastor/President has approved it.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate account of the minutes that were discussed at any board meeting. He/she then has to submit them at the next board meeting for discussion by the official board and approval by the Senior Pastor/President. Upon approval by the majority of the Board of Directors, the minutes shall be adopted, and all policy and procedure in them will continue to be enforced.

### **Waiver of Notice**

Attendance of a Director at any meeting of the Board of Directors will constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where such Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

### **Meetings by Remote Communications Technology**

Subject to the notice provision aforementioned in this Article, the Directors may also hold meetings by means of a remote electronic communications system, including video or telephone conferencing technology or the Internet, or any combination, only if each person entitled to participate in the meeting consents to the meeting being held by means of that system, and the system provides access to the meeting in a manner or using a method by which each person participating in the meeting can communicate concurrently with each other participant. Participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting, except participation for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

### **Action by Unanimous Written Consent Without Meeting**

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or

other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Bylaws of this corporation authorize the Directors to so act and such statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

## **Article VIII Quorum**

Two-thirds of the board members (including the Senior Pastor/President) at an official board meeting constitutes a quorum.

## **Article IX Ecclesiastical Power**

This organization is theocratic in government. In any growing congregation, there will be people at all stages of spiritual growth and maturity. For that reason, it is not proper to submit the affairs of the church to a democratic vote as the same is not God's way, for the purpose of the church is not to do the will of the majority, but the will of God.

Any disputes that arise over the interpretation of these bylaws shall be deferred to the highest authority of this church. In this case it would be the Pastor, with the advice of the Board of Directors. The Pastor shall be responsible for the day-to-day decisions and shall run the affairs of the church. In *Watson v. Jones*, the court ruled that:

“Whenever the questions of discipline, or of faith, of ecclesiastical rule, custom, or law have been decided by the highest church judicatory to which the matter has been carried, the legal tribunals must accept such decisions as final, and as binding on them . . .”

## **Article X Accountability Board**

There shall be an Accountability Board made up of no less than three (3) persons and no more than five (5). The Accountability Board shall be made up of individuals nominated by the Senior Pastor/President of the corporation and confirmed by a simple majority of the Board of Directors after careful consideration. (II Timothy 3:16, 17; Acts 15). The Board of Directors shall consider the nominations and vote to have each nomination appointed.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Accountability Board is to:

1. Provide a spiritual covering by prayerfully giving necessary aid, instruction, guidance, protection and correction as well as counsel, wisdom and fellowship to the Senior Pastor/President (II Timothy 3:16, 17; Acts 15) and,
2. To hear accusations against the Senior Pastor/President of the corporation brought to them unanimously by the official Board of Directors excluding any disqualified individuals serving on the Board of Directors and make a determination as to whether the Senior Pastor/President has committed any of the infractions listed below.



3. The Board of Directors may call the Accountability Board into session to conduct an investigation for the following accusations against the Senior Pastor/President:
  - A. Adultery
  - B. Embezzlement
  - C. Compulsive Lying
  - D. Sexual Impurity
  - E. Conviction of a felony that is a violation of Scripture.
  - F. The Senior Pastor/President not acting in the best interest of the church.
4. The Accountability Board may dismiss the Senior Pastor/President if they find him/her guilty of any of the following action:
  - A. Adultery
  - B. Embezzlement
  - C. Compulsive Lying
  - D. Sexual Impurity
  - E. Conviction of a felony that is a violation of Scripture.
  - F. The Senior Pastor/President not acting in the best interest of the church.

The Accountability Board will determine if the Senior Pastor/President is guilty or innocent and whether to discipline or dismiss him/her from office. The Accountability Board is the only entity that has the authority to dismiss the Senior Pastor/President from his/her position if, after being called into session in accordance with the provisions of this Article and after considering all accusations against him; they determine that it is the best course of action for him/her and the church. The decision of the Accountability Board is final.

### **Structure**

Any Member of the Accountability Board may be replaced or removed at any time deemed necessary by request of the Senior Pastor/President and confirmation of the Board of Directors of the corporation, provided that it not be after the Accountability Board has been called to officially meet in accordance with section 3 of this Article.

The representative nominated by the Senior Pastor/President and confirmed by the Board of Directors shall chair the Accountability Board.

Future vacancies shall be nominated by the Senior Pastor/President and voted on by the Board of Directors.

A record of the current and past Members of the Accountability Board shall be kept in a log under the custody of the official Board of Directors. The log shall clearly list the names of each member and the current chairman.

Any successor Senior Pastor/President to the founding or current Senior Pastor/President shall keep the Accountability Board that was in existence at the time he/she became Senior Pastor/President. He/she may, after a six-month period, make nominations for replacements of no more than one representative per year. He/she must follow the procedure set forth in section 2 of this Article.

### **Quorum**

100% of the Accountability Board must be present to constitute a quorum. The Accountability Board may only meet if it has been called to do so unanimously by the official board according to the provisions of this Article.

### **Determinations**

Any action taken by the Accountability Board is valid by a two-thirds majority.

### **Power**

The Accountability Board shall have no innate power or authority as a legal organizational entity, except that which is invested in them by these bylaws. Their decisions, when called together in accordance with the "Purpose" section of this Article, shall be final.

## **Article XI Mutual Interest**

The behavior of anyone in fellowship with this church is of common interest to the board of directors and membership. (Gal. 6:1) This church requires every Board member and Congregational member to adhere to a life style that is consistent with the doctrines of this church as taught in the Holy Scriptures. Therefore, this church reserves the right to refuse service to any individual, whether member or not, that is not submitting their life style to this Scriptural mode of conduct. This refusal would include services, benefits and any use of church assets.

## **Article XII Prohibited Activities**

This church is prohibited from engaging in activities which violate its written doctrines. This church is also prohibited from condoning, promoting or allowing any of its assets to be used for activities that violate its written doctrines.

## **Article XIII Founder's Vision**

To establish an efficient leadership infrastructure, the Senior Pastor/President shall be responsible to clearly articulate in clear, concise and simple language, a policy and procedures document. The purpose of this document is to create a consistent and logical

framework which empowers staff and volunteers to participate in the decision making processes that reflect the Senior Pastor/President's heart and vision for the church.

## **Article XIV Ministry Of Helps**

This recognizes the ministry of helps during worship services and shall train and equip ushers to assist the Senior Pastor in maintaining order and decency. To that regard, ushers shall:

1. be trained in the policies and procedures of the altar ministry
2. maintain a worshipful atmosphere in the church
3. attend to any disruption or emergency situation during worship services.

The department head in charge of the usher's ministry shall:

1. be trained in CPR
2. ensure that at least one usher, or duly appointed person, trained in CPR be present in the building during all worship services
3. designate at least one usher to keep a cell phone available to call for help in case of an emergency.
4. train all ushers on the church's altar ministry policy and procedures.

## **Article XV Membership Review Of Church Records**

### **Requests Made by Members**

To ensure the trust of the membership and to also ensure that a public interest is being served, all church records, financial information and all kinds of financial transactions must always be available for membership inspection and review. Any questions by any members shall be addressed to the treasurer either in writing or by scheduled appointment. No member may request personal information regarding other members.

### **Required Provisions of the Request**

The request must state the name of the member, the reason for the request and that the information shall in no way be made public or shared with any other member in a way that will jeopardize the church.

### **Confidentiality**

In order to keep the records of the church confidential, records shall not be released to any outside agency, person or entity unless due process has been served and a certified subpoena has been personally delivered. This includes the IRS, except under the provisions of section 7611 which shall be limited only to information deemed to be relevant to the

inquiry being made. At all times the IRS will be expected to comply with all of the provisions of section 7611.

### **Denying a Request**

The board of directors reserves the right to deny such a request for any of the following reasons:

1. The request is considered by the board of directors and deemed to be frivolous.
2. The member making the request has a history of being divisive.
3. The member does not adequately provide the required information on the request as stated in paragraph 1 of this article.
4. The person making a request is a non-member or a person whose membership was terminated.

### **Article XVI Amendments**

Amendments to this constitution may be made by two-thirds vote of the official board, including the Senior Pastor/President.

# Bylaws

## Article I Order

For the purpose of conducting business, the Senior Pastor/President shall, in an orderly manner, preside over all of the affairs of the corporation.

## Article II Finances

### Audit

The Treasurer and or other Board appointed person shall complete an internal audit. This audit of all financial records shall be made after the close of the calendar year, prior to the end of February.

### Checks and Withdrawals

1. Any check or withdrawal at or more than \$1,000.00 shall require the signatures of two officers who are also authorized signees on the bank account.
2. The signature of the Treasurer (Chief Financial Officer) must be on any check or withdrawal at or more than \$1,000.00.

### Salaries

All salaries shall be determined in the following manner:

1. A compensation committee shall be formed which will consider each candidate and create a compensation package that shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.
2. The Board of Directors shall appoint members of the committee.
3. The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendation of the compensation committee and shall vote on the package.

Only uncompensated individuals of the Board of Directors shall vote on any recommended compensation package.

All salaries shall be reviewed each year during the last meeting of the calendar year.

## Article III Property Rights

All property, real or chattel, shall be taken, held, sold, transferred or conveyed in the corporation's name.

No real or chattel property of the corporation shall be sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise alienated without authorization of the Senior Pastor/President.

The Senior Pastor/President of the corporation shall certify in such conveyances, leases, or mortgages.

In the event that the corporation ceases to exist, all assets of THIS CHURCH shall at the discretion of the Board of Directors be given to organizations that are exempt as described in section 501(c)(3) and/or 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The receiving organization must be of similar purpose.

## **Article IV Government And Official Functions**

### **Senior Pastor/President Qualifications**

The Senior Pastor/President shall have wisdom in handling the corporation's affairs. He/she shall be of sound doctrine and good judgment.

### **Duties**

The Senior Pastor/President shall be the leader of the church as provided by the Holy Scriptures.

The Senior Pastor/President shall be chairman of the official board and preside over all corporation meetings.

### **Manner of Appointment**

The Senior Pastor/President shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

### **Term of Office**

The term of office of the Senior Pastor/President shall be reviewed every two years. He/she is subject to removal at anytime in accordance with Article X of the constitution.

### **Executive Pastor/Executive Vice-President Qualifications**

The Executive Pastor/Executive Vice-President shall have wisdom in handling the corporation's affairs. He/she shall be of sound doctrine and good judgment.

### **Duties**

He/she will serve as chief advisor to the Senior Pastor/President.

He/she shall carry out the responsibilities that the Senior Pastor/President delegates to him/her.

### **Manner of Appointment**

The Senior Pastor/President shall nominate and the Board of Directors shall confirm the Executive Pastor/Executive Vice-President to office by majority vote.

### **Term of Office**

The term of office of the Executive Pastor/Executive Vice President shall be reviewed every two years. He/she is subject to removal at any time in accordance with Article VI of the Constitution.

### **Assistant Pastor/2nd Vice-President Qualifications**

The Assistant Pastor/2nd Vice-President shall have wisdom in handling the corporation's affairs. He/she shall be of sound doctrine and good judgment.

### **Duties**

He/she will serve as chief advisor to the Senior Pastor/President.

He/she shall carry out the responsibilities that the Senior Pastor/President delegates to him/her.

### **Manner of Appointment**

The Senior Pastor/President shall nominate and the Board of Directors shall confirm the Assistant Pastor/2nd Vice-President to office by majority vote.

### **Term of Office**

The term of office of the Assistant Pastor/2nd Vice-President shall be reviewed every two years. He/she is subject to removal at any time in accordance with Article VI of the Constitution.

### **Secretary Qualifications**

The Secretary shall be a spiritually minded person and of sound judgment. He/she must be administratively minded with the ability to multi-task.

### **Duties**

By virtue of his/her office, the Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of all meetings, including business meetings of the corporation. He/she shall perform clerical duties, and shall be the custodian of all legal documents.

### **Manner of Appointment**

The Senior Pastor/President shall nominate and the Board of Directors shall confirm the Secretary to office by majority vote.

## **Term of Office**

The term of office of the Secretary shall be reviewed every two years. He/she is subject to removal at any time in accordance with Article VI of the Constitution.

## **Treasurer Qualifications**

The Treasurer shall be a spiritually minded person, and of sound business judgment. He/she shall be capable of doing the accounting required to maintain the corporation books.

## **Duties**

By virtue of his/her office, the Treasurer shall keep, in a business-like manner, an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements of moneys committed to his/her trust and shall make reports to be presented during the official board meetings. He/she shall deposit and make withdrawals in a manner prescribed in Article II of the bylaws.

## **Manner of Appointment**

The Senior Pastor/President shall nominate and the Board of Directors shall confirm the Treasurer to office.

## **Term of Office**

The term of office of the Treasurer shall be reviewed every two years. He/she is subject to removal at any time in accordance with Article VI of the Constitution.

## **Directors Qualifications**

Directors shall be a spiritually minded persons, and of sound business judgment.

## **Duties**

By virtue of their office, Directors shall carry out the responsibilities that the Senior Pastor/President or Board of Directors delegate to them.

## **Manner of Appointment**

The Senior Pastor/President shall nominate and the Board of Directors shall confirm Directors to office.

## **Term of Office**

The term of office of the Directors shall be reviewed every two years. They are subject to removal at any time in accordance with Article VI of the Constitution.



## Article V Other Considerations

Anything that has not been discussed in this constitution and bylaws shall be discussed and decided upon at an official board meeting.

## Article VI Ministers Of The Gospel

The Senior Pastor/President of this ministry shall by virtue of his/her office automatically be recognized as an ordained minister.

### Classes of Ministers

This ministry shall have three classes of ministers. Each class of minister will have distinct rights and privileges; they are listed below:

**Commissioned Minister:** They are not authorized to perform any sacerdotal services, but primarily assist others in the Body of Christ. Individuals in this category may include, but are not limited to: deacons, teachers, worship leaders, instructors, hospital and jail visitation, ministerial assistance, and lay persons.

**Licensed Minister:** This recognition is given by the Senior Pastor/President of this ministry. This recognition is for those who are somewhat seasoned in the ministry, but need further experience. Many of these are individuals that have been working in their chosen vocation, but for some reason or another have never entered full-time ministry, or have only been in full-time ministry for less than three (3) years. Such persons are authorized to perform the following religious functions:

1. Conduct religious worship
2. Religious instruction
3. Administer communion
4. Provide spiritual counseling
5. Serve on the board of directors of a church
6. And other sacerdotal functions including
  - A. Conduct baby dedication ceremonies
  - B. Perform baptisms
  - C. Perform weddings
  - D. Conduct funerals
  - E. Visit the sick and shut-in
  - F. Minister in prisons

However, this person is not in charge of a congregation. Limited authority is granted to run the affairs of the ministry.

**Ordained Minister:** This recognition is given by the Senior Pastor/President to those persons who have an "established" or "proven" ministry. Ordained ministers are authorized to perform all functions of the Christian ministry and religious functions, and must be capable of doing so. Ordained ministers are authorized to perform all religious functions:

1. Conduct religious worship
2. Religious instruction
3. Administer communion
4. Provide spiritual counseling
5. Ministry administration
6. And other sacerdotal functions including
  - A. Conduct baby dedication ceremonies
  - B. Perform baptisms
  - C. Perform weddings
  - D. Conduct funerals
  - E. Visit the sick and shut-in
  - F. Minister in prisons

He/she must be capable, as determined by the Senior Pastor/President, to take charge of a congregation.

### **Senior Pastor/President's Authority**

The Senior Pastor/President of this ministry shall have ecclesiastical authority to decide who, how or if a person will be licensed by this ministry to hold any of the three classes mentioned above (Matthew 16:13-19).

### **Article VII Privacy**

This church shall diligently watch to keep private all records concerning polity, doctrine, counseling and information on individuals in fellowship with this church. This church must not disclose any records that may compromise information about a member's attendance, membership status, giving and counseling records.

## **Article VIII Amendments**

Amendments to the bylaws may be made by a two-thirds vote of the official board, including the Senior Pastor/President.

These bylaws adopted on this day make null and void all prior addendums and these bylaws supersede and replace all previous bylaws voted on prior to this day.

Signed and certified, to be effective immediately.

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Senior Pastor/President of Restoration Fellowship Tabernacle

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Secretary of Restoration Fellowship Tabernacle

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Treasurer of Restoration Fellowship Tabernacle