

Bay Leaf Baptist Church Constitution and By Laws Amendment Recommendations

The following recommendations are being presented by the Constitution Committee as amendments to the 2010 Constitution and By Laws.

1. Add the Missions Committee and its guidelines of operation to the list of standing committees which would make the **Article IV, Section 9**, page 17. The guidelines of the operation will be as follows:

The Missions Committee will work with the Minister of Missions to oversee the work of missions through Bay Leaf Baptist Church. This committee will assist in producing the annual missions budget for the church. The Missions Committee is to consist of at least five (5) members, elected to three (3) year rotating terms.

2. **Article IV, Section 9**, page 17 - Section 9 renumbered as Section 10

3. **Article VIII, Section 1**, page 7 - Add Missions Committee to the list of standing committees

4. Add wording to **Article I (Church Officers), Section 4 (Sr. Pastor)**, page 9, Sentence #6 to read:

Election shall be by written ballot cast on a pre-determined Sunday Morning Business Meeting. An affirmative vote of at least three fourths of the members present and voting shall be necessary for a call.

5. Add wording to **Article I (Church Officers), Section 6 (Trustees)**, page 11- end of paragraph page 12 Sentence #5 to read:

The Trustees are responsible for administering the will of the Church in all legal matters, but the Trustees have no power or authority to buy, sell, mortgage, lease, dispose of, or otherwise transfer or exercise control over the use of the real property owned by the Church, or to contractually bind the Church without the specific vote of the Church authorizing such action. The signatures of all three (3) Trustees are required to buy, sell, mortgage, lease, dispose of, or otherwise transfer or exercise control over the use of real property owned by the church.

6. Add wording to **Article II (Church Staff), Section I (Associate Pastors and Assistant Pastors)**, page 13, sentence #5 to read:

Election shall be by written ballot cast on a pre-determined Sunday Morning Business Meeting. An affirmative vote of at least three fourths of the members present and voting shall be necessary for a call.

7. Add wording to **Article IV, Section 8 (Election and Duties of Committee/Constitution)**, page 16, sentence #3 to read:

The duties of the Constitution Committee shall be to keep its own members fully educated on the scope and meaning of the current constitution, to educate the Church members concerning the contents of the Constitution, to make interpretations and ruling of the application of.....

8. Add a paragraph to **Article IV, Section 3** (Stewardship), page 15, between paragraph #2 and #3 to read as follows:

The Business Manager works under the supervision of the Senior Pastor and at the direction of the Stewardship Committee in the day to day financial operations of the Church. This includes the authority to lease, purchase, and sell Church property in accordance with the approved budget or as otherwise approved by the Stewardship Committee.

9. Change wording of **Article III, Section 2** (Nominating Committee), page 14 to read: This committee shall consist of at least six (6) members elected to a three (3) year rotating term with as close as possible to one third of its members elected each year.

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