



**AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF  
CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE COLONY, TEXAS**

**Christ Community Church of The Colony, Texas, is a Texas non-profit corporation originally formed pursuant to the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act and the Articles of Incorporation filed in the Office of the Secretary of State Texas on September 18, 1978 (originally named The Colony Church of Christ. These Amended and Restated Bylaws, duly adopted by the Board of Directors, are the code of rules adopted for the regulation or management of the corporation.**

**We unashamedly believe in the core tenants of the Christian faith as represented in the Apostle's creed:**

***“[We] believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and [sits] on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from [there] He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

***[We] believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy [universal] Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.”***

**We believe many “divisional” issues are simply preferences. Our primary goal is to lift up Jesus and point people to Jesus for understanding God’s will and nature. We believe God is more than capable of translating what His will is for each believer.**

**While we recognize that all baptized believers are part of the universal Body of Christ, “members” shall refer to those baptized believers who state publicly their desire to commit their time, tithes, and talents to supporting God’s work at Christ Community Church of The Colony, Texas, through whatever means God gives them for as long as God has them here. “Voting Members” shall be those members ages 18 years and older.**

**The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than three (3) Directors or Elders, hereafter called the Elder Leadership Team (ELT), and the Members shall have the authority to increase or decrease the number of Elders so long as there are minimum of three (3) Directors or Elders. Upon the adoption of these Bylaws, the number of Directors or Elders shall be four (4). All Elders have responsibility for the oversight of the church body and the shepherding of its members, and shall have ultimate responsibility for managing the affairs of the church. While additional staff may be asked to direct various ministries of the church, the Elders provide the overarching protection of the flock. Elder responsibilities/expectations include, but are not limited to,**

- 1. Protecting the Flock from attacks within and/or without the congregation**
- 2. Seeing to the congregation’s spiritual well-being**
- 3. Faithfully administering the church’s tangible resources**
- 4. Providing a spiritual role model for the congregation and community**
- 5. Serving in any additional capacity as determined by the ELT**



Each year, at a time designated by the ELT, new elders will be elected as needed according to the following procedure:

Nomination forms shall be distributed to voting members during the month preceding the designated Election Day. The ELT shall use the last two weeks of that month to vet candidates. On Election Day, the ELT will distribute ballots to voting members; Elders will be selected by who has the most votes; ties will be settled by a run-off election. An Elder shall be elected for a four-year term. (For the first election under this system, the ELT shall determine term lengths of newly elected Elders: 1-year, 2-year, 3-year and/or 4-year as necessary.) The senior elder shall rotate out of service for one year, after which he/she is again eligible for nomination.

The ELT shall hold meetings, which may be regularly scheduled or special called, at any location designated. Any Elder may call a meeting of the ELT, preferably with 24-hour advance notice; said notice may be waived by the ELT. Elders may attend meetings electronically or in such other manner that allows each person participating in the meeting to communicate concurrently with each other participant. Paid staff may attend meetings and offer input; voting on issues will remain the responsibility of the ELT.

In order to conduct business at a meeting of the ELT, a minimum of three (3) Elders must be in attendance, and a vote by the majority of Elders in attendance will affect stated business. In addition to other powers, the ELT may also:

1. Increase the number of Elders
2. Accept Elder resignations
3. Remove an Elder if he/she ceases to reflect the above mentioned expectations
4. Hire, review, and terminate paid staff positions
5. Appoint persons to facilitate specific ministries
6. Call special congregational meetings/elections as needed
7. Appoint from within the ELT the following Officers, who shall serve terms decided by the ELT
  - a. **President:** responsible for facilitating ELT meetings
  - b. **Vice-President:** responsible for facilitating ELT meetings in the absence of the President
  - c. **Secretary:** responsible for maintaining the records of the corporation, and can attest to the signatures of the Officers of the corporation
  - d. **Treasurer:** responsible for maintaining the financial books and records of the corporation and presenting an annual budget to the ELT

Any Elder may sign checks or contracts approved by the ELT.

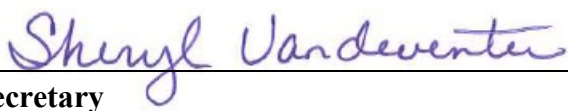
The ELT is authorized to create committees and appoint individuals to serve as chairpersons of those committees. Specific duties for paid or unpaid staff will be outlined in a Christ Community Church of The Colony, Texas job description document. The ELT and Officers of the corporation are authorized to take all other actions as permitted by the laws of the State of Texas.



**The Elder Leadership Team may appoint a new member of the Elder Leadership Team if for any reason none of the nominated candidates agree to accept the nomination. In this situation an Elder Leadership Team member who has been in rotation to step down may be eligible for another one year term.**

**If at any point the number of the Elder Leadership Team falls below four the ELT may select a replacement who will serve in same position and remaining term as the departing member. If at any point the number of Elder Leadership Team members falls below three A special election is required to fill open positions. Replacements will serve in same position and term as departing member(s).**

**These Bylaws are hereby adopted this 3rd day of April 2019.**

  
Secretary