

_____ Seventh Day Home Church By-laws (Draft Copy)

- 1 Name: This organization shall be called: _____ Seventh Day Home Church
- 2 Location of office
 - 2.1 The present (January 1, 2019) location of the office of this organization is _____
 - 2.2 Location shall be subject to change, and is to be determined by the pastor or presiding elder.
- 3 Pastor is currently _____. The pastor can be hired or fired by the majority vote of the members present at a members meeting.
- 4 Membership
 - 4.1 Members must have been baptized by immersion.
 - 4.2 Members shall be accepted or rejected by a majority vote of the members
 - 4.3 Members must have covenanted to keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus, and must show evidence by their lives that they have made a surrender to Christ.
 - 4.4 Members should be familiar with what we believe, stated in article 14, and should be in basic agreement with it.
 - 4.5 A requirement of membership shall be that the individual withdraws from any other church before being accepted into membership
- 5 Conducting Business
 - 5.1 Regular business meetings shall be held at least quarterly.
 - 5.2 Every member unless under discipline, is considered a voting member and is invited to attend the business meetings.
- 6 Powers of the members
 - 6.1 The church members shall have the power by majority vote to make all decisions relative to the conduct of the affairs of the church, including acquiring, buying, or selling properties, accepting or rejecting requests of membership in the organization, hiring Gospel workers, secretaries or others. It shall have the power to authorize the disbursement of funds for any purpose it deems necessary in harmony with its mission as stated in the articles of its Charter, to make contracts, to organize meetings, and to organize institutions for education, health, or otherwise. Its powers shall not be limited except in any other place in this document, to promote the mission of the church, as stated in its charter.
 - 6.2 The members shall have the power to replace any of the trustees by a 2/3 majority vote.
 - 6.3 The members shall have the power to credential ministers and other Gospel workers, and to recommend individuals to the ministry for ordination.
- 7 Officers
 - 7.1 Officers shall be chosen by the members in the business meeting at least once a year, and shall consist of a
 - 7.1.1 A pastor (from someone that is ordained as an elder or minister), when possible.
 - 7.1.2 An Elder (from someone that is ordained), when possible.

- 7.1.3 A secretary
- 7.1.4 A treasurer
- 7.1.5 An Auditor (optional)
- 7.2 Term of office
 - 7.2.1 Term shall be one year.
 - 7.2.2 Elections shall take place during the first quarter of the year
- 7.3 Duties of officers
 - 7.3.1 The officers shall be responsible to carry out the decisions of the members between business meetings.
 - 7.3.2 The Church Pastor shall organize members' business meetings, and be responsible to chair the meetings, as well as his other ministerial and pastoral duties.
 - 7.3.3 The local church elder shall fill these responsibilities of the pastor in his absence or at his request.
 - 7.3.4 The secretary shall keep and submit reports when requested by the officers business meeting, of names of officers and members, minutes, proposals, decisions, resolutions etc. of the business meetings. Duties of the Pastor/Elder shall fall to the secretary in the event that the Pastor/Elder fails to perform his duties.
 - 7.3.5 Treasurers shall submit reports at each regular members meeting, and when asked by the officers or business meeting. Duties of the secretary shall fall to the treasurer in the absence of the Pastor/Elder and the secretary.
- 8 Executive Committee
 - 8.1 The committee shall be made up of the officers and pastor/s and Bible workers of this church.
 - 8.2 A quorum shall consist of at least 1/2 of committee members to conduct business.
- 9 Powers of the Committee
 - 9.1 The committee shall conduct business between sessions of the regular business sessions of the church.
 - 9.2 All the powers exercised by the members in a business meeting may also be exercised by the committee between sessions, but not to act contrary to the decisions of the members.
- 10 Funding
 - 10.1 Members are expected to systematically give tithes and offerings to support the Gospel ministry, and the mission purposes of this organization. Funding shall come from this source as well as any other donations.
- 11 Legal Representation
 - 11.1 The officers shall have authority to sign legal documents, such as real-estate, government paper-work etc. on behalf of this organization. The signatures of two officers shall be required for legal documents.
 - 11.2 The treasurer shall have the authority to open a bank account in the name of this organization and the pastor and or elder shall also be a signer on the account. At the present one signature on checks is acceptable
- 12 Amendments
 - 12.1 The Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present at a members

meeting.

13 Impeachment, church discipline, or dis-fellowshipment

13.1 Any member, officer, or committee member may be removed from office, disciplined by removing voting rights and ability to hold office, and, or put out of the church for open sin. The church shall deal with the offender following the steps marked out by Matthew 18, and a majority of members present in a members meeting shall be required to make a decision.

14 Beliefs

14.1 We believe that the Bible is our creed, and the attached 1872 statement of beliefs, most closely expresses our current understanding of certain of its major teachings. It is understood that “new light” will not contradict “old” light, or undermine the foundation or pillars of our faith revealed in the Word of God and Testimony of Jesus.

14.2 We believe that the spiritual gift of prophecy was given to Ellen G. White, (and is referred to in Revelation 19:10 as the testimony of Jesus) and we hold to the teachings that the Spirit has brought to light through her ministry, revealed in the works she published while alive. This includes much counsel in regard to temperance and healthful living which is to be followed.