# **Sample Membership Policy**

Membership in this Church shall consist of all persons who have met the requirements for membership, been approved by the congregation and are listed on the membership role.

#### **Qualifications for Membership**

- A personal commitment of faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.
- Baptism by immersion as a testimony of salvation.
- Completion of the Church's membership class and its requirements.
- Basic agreement with the Church's statement of faith.

#### **Membership Classification**

In an effort to properly reflect the membership of the Church the following membership roll will be maintained.

- Active/Resident Members: All members who reside within the Church's ministry area or are currently active in the church.
- Non-active/Non-Resident Members: All member who do not reside within the Church's ministry area or are not currently active in the church.

#### Rights of Membership

Every active/resident member shall have the right to participate in the following matters: The annual budget of the church, the disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Church, the merger or dissolution of the Church, acquisition of property, and amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Church.

## **Termination of Membership**

Members shall be removed from the Church roll for the following reasons:

- Death.
- Transfer of membership to another church.
- By personal request of the member.
- Dismissal by the congregation/or officers according to the following conditions:
  - The member's life and conduct is not in accordance with the Statement of Faith in such a way that the member hinders the ministry influence of the Church in the community.
  - Procedures for dismissal of a member shall be according to Matthew 18:15-17 or Titus 3:10-11.

### **Restoration of Members**

Members dismissed by the Church shall be restored by the vote of the Church or the unanimous agreement of the officers according to the spirit of 2 Corinthians 2:7-8.

## **Voting Limitations**

Each member is entitled to one vote. Voting by proxy is prohibited.