

## E16

### AGENDA FOR ORGANIZING AN ACCREDITED ALLIANCE CHURCH

At the accreditation meeting, the following resolutions shall be addressed:

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. Appointment of a Secretary Pro Tem.

BE IT RESOLVED that \_\_\_\_\_ be elected Secretary Pro Tem for this meeting.

2. Resolution to organize as an accredited Christian and Missionary Alliance church.

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the following named persons, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

having affixed our signatures to the Application for Church Membership and having been duly approved for membership in The Christian and Missionary Alliance, a religious denomination incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Colorado and of which \_\_\_\_\_ District, incorporated under the laws of the state of \_\_\_\_\_, is an integral part, do now organize ourselves as an accredited local church of said Christian and Missionary Alliance.

3. Resolution adopting an official name.

BE IT RESOLVED that this organization be known as

\_\_\_\_\_  
of The Christian and Missionary Alliance,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City & State)

4. Resolution adopting charter membership list.

BE IT RESOLVED that the persons named in the Resolution #2 above shall constitute the charter Membership of \_\_\_\_\_ of The Christian and Missionary Alliance,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City and State)

5. Resolution determining closing date for charter membership.

BE IT RESOLVED that all persons completing the Church Membership Application Form and having been duly approved for membership in The Christian and Missionary Alliance and being approved on or before \_\_\_\_\_ (date) shall be included on the charter membership list of the church.

6. Resolution for the adoption of The Christian and Missionary Alliance Constitution.

BE IT RESOLVED that we adopt verbatim, and agree to abide by, the Uniform Constitution for Accredited Churches as approved by the General Council and found in the *Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance*.

7. Resolution determining the date of the annual congregational meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED that the annual meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of organization)  
shall be held \_\_\_\_\_ (date  
decided upon, which should take the following form: e.g.: “The first Tuesday after a Monday  
in the month of December.”)

8. Resolution authorizing the chairman to appoint temporary officers and acting committees until the annual business meeting or a special congregational meeting is held.

BE IT RESOLVED that the chairman of the meeting be and is hereby authorized to appoint temporary officers and a temporary governance authority. The said appointees shall serve until the congregation shall elect such officers and committee members at a congregational meeting.

9. Resolution to authorize the inserting of the usual property reversion clause in all property deeds and church Charters (Articles of Incorporation/Articles of Association).

BE IT RESOLVED that the church governance authority be authorized to take any and all legal steps which are necessary for the insertion in all church property deeds and in the church Charter (Articles of Incorporation/Articles of Association), the following property reversion clause of The Christian and Missionary Alliance: Accredited Churches:

This church is connected with and subordinate to its parent religious organization, The Christian and Missionary Alliance, a Colorado nonprofit corporation. Recognizing the purpose of the members of this congregation to support both the doctrines and the mission of The Christian and Missionary Alliance through the contribution of their tithes, offerings, and special gifts, and to ensure that the future use of such assets and real property as this church may from time to time acquire shall not be diverted from this purpose, this church adopts the following property reversion clause.

A. Property Reversion Events. Any of the following shall constitute a “property reversion event:”

- The termination of this church’s existence for any reason.
- The failure for any reason of this church to be subject to or abide by any of the purposes, usages, doctrines, or teachings of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.
- The decision or action of this church to disaffiliate or otherwise separate itself from The Christian and Missionary Alliance without the prior written approval of such decision or action by the District Executive Committee (or its equivalent) of the district in which this church is located.
- The failure, for any reason, of this church to qualify as an “accredited church” of The Christian and Missionary Alliance (as such term is defined in the Bylaws of The Christian and Missionary Alliance).

- B. Determination of Property Reversion Event. The determination of whether a property reversion event has occurred shall be considered and decided by the District Executive Committee (or its equivalent) of the district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in which this church is located in accordance with procedures established from time to time by the Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. The decision of such District Executive Committee (or its equivalent) shall be final and binding on The Christian and Missionary Alliance, the district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in which this church is located, and this church, and may not be challenged by any party. Should any party choose to challenge a decision based on fraud, collusion, or arbitrariness, such appeal shall only be made to the Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. In order to expedite review of such appeals, the Board of Directors may establish a Board of Directors committee of not less than five Board members for the purpose of handling such appeals. The decision of the Board of Directors or its committee shall be final and binding on all parties.
- C. Consequences of Property Reversion Event. Upon the occurrence of a property reversion event as determined in accordance with b. above, legal title to all real and personal property (tangible and intangible), appurtenances, fixtures, and effects of whatever type then owned, held, or used by this church, without regard to how or from whom acquired, shall, upon the demand of the district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in which this church is located, revert to and become the property of such district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. During the period of time between the occurrence of the property reversion event and the complete and final transfer of legal title to the district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in which this church is located, this church shall hold such property in trust for such district to be used exclusively to further the purposes, usages, doctrines, and teachings of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.
- D. Waiver of Certain Property Reversion Events. In the event of a property reversion event attributable to differences in doctrine between this church and The Christian and Missionary Alliance, the property reversion processes set forth above may be waived upon the approval of all of the following:
- At least two-thirds of the active, attending members of this church.
  - The District Executive Committee (or its equivalent) of the district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in which this church is located.
  - Church Ministries of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.
- E. Exclusion of Certain Property. Paragraph C above shall not apply to any real or personal property which (i) this church owned prior to its becoming an accredited church, and (ii) is expressly identified as property not subject to paragraph C above in a written agreement entered into in connection with such accreditation between this church and the district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in which this church was located upon its accreditation. The exclusion of property pursuant to this paragraph E, and the agreement described in the preceding sentence, shall (1) terminate ten (10) years after this church's accreditation, and (2) not apply to any church that was in developing status prior to its accreditation.

10. Resolution to authorize the incorporation (or association) of the church according to the laws of the State.

BE IT RESOLVED that the church governance authority be authorized to file Articles of Incorporation (or Association) with the Secretary of State of the state of \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Resolution authorizing filing of copies of all official documents and minutes related thereto to the District Office.

BE IT RESOLVED that true copies of all official documents such as deeds, charter, mortgages, and all official minutes related to these items, as well as minutes of this current organizational meeting, be prepared and sent to the district office for filing.

12. Resolution to either:

- A. adopt proposed bylaws, or
- B. appoint a bylaw committee.

13. Adjournment.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Signature (Secretary)

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Signature (District Superintendent)