

## **Template for Church Bi-Laws**

### **Statement of Faith Concerning:**

Scripture, Godhead, man/fall/redemption, new birth, water baptism, infilling of the Holy Spirit, sanctification, divine healing, resurrection, return of the Lord, hell/retribution, communion, laying on of hands, blessings of the believer

### **Members and Membership:**

What are the voting privileges of members?

### **The Governing Body:**

Senior Overseer, Local Presbytery, General Overseers, etc.

What are the terms, process of selection, and responsibilities of church leadership?

### **Meeting of the Local Presbytery:**

Example: Determined by Senior Overseer

### **Ecclesiastical Government:**

Appointment of Ministering Elders, Deacons and Deaconess by the approval of the Senior Overseer;

Protocol for allegations by Ministering Elders concerning members of Local Presbytery and the specific guidelines they must meet

Non-Governmental Positions of Ministering Elders, Deacons and Deaconess: Specific responsibilities and parameters of each group

**Outside Presbytery:**

Selected by the Senior Overseer from outside the local Church. Holds the Senior Overseer accountable financially and morally. Any allegations brought against a member of the Local Presbytery that is left unresolved within the local governing process, the Outside Presbytery renders a decision as to guard the local church and restore the leadership and spiritual health of the Local Presbytery member

**International Presbytery:**

Provision for the Local Presbytery to create an International Board of Presbyters

**Officers:**

Description, responsibilities and powers of various officers