

SECTION 5 – CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The members of The Journey Church, as according to the official membership list of The Journey Church¹, for purposes of these Bylaws, shall consist of people who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord through believer's baptism and who make the following promises to God and other members to learn to practice these commitments; that are rooted in living out the gospel and loving one another, as the Bible teaches, within the community of Christ's church:

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¹ Should a member choose to request removal from The Journey Church's membership, a written membership removal request can be made to the Board of The Journey Church.

SECTION 8 – BOARD SELECTION

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Therefore, immediate family members (defined as spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law and sons-in-law; adopted and step members are also included) of Board members, of the Lead Pastor, of the Staff, or of those **providing senior leadership to** established ministries shall not serve on the Board.

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The term of a Board Member may be vacated by resignation, by removal as a Church member, or by action of the board. The remainder of the vacated term shall be filled by a candidate from the active candidate list. **The ‘active candidate list’ is defined as those members not currently serving on the board who meet one of the following criteria:**

1. **They have served on the board within the past four years.**
2. **They have been board certified by the Board within the last 12 months.**

In the event that there are no existing candidates on the active candidate list, the vacated term shall be filled by recommendation of the Lead Pastor and approval of the Board. If the vacated role is filled outside of the active candidate list, the appointee must go through the nomination process during the next Board Member selection process. In either case, when a vacated term is filled mid-year, this shall not be counted toward the limit of six consecutive terms for the new board member.

SECTION 15 – FINANCIAL PROCEDURE

With respect to finances, the Board will ensure that the spending plan, presented at the Annual Gathering Meeting (AGM), is based on desired missional outcomes. The Board will exercise indirect control so as to rule out poor financial management and to keep the Lead Pastor accountable to the outcomes and sound financial practices through the Guiding Principles. Executive authority to manage the money is then entrusted to the Lead Pastor who delegates to Staff. Staff will include a Finance team of qualified people to come **alongside** the Lead Pastor in order to do the work and give advice in the area of church finances.

Spending of funds is confined to Church approved programs and projects as outlined by the spending plan. Each contribution directed toward an approved program or project will be used as restricted with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met, or cannot be completed for any reason as determined by the Church, the remaining restricted contributions will be used for a similar ministry initiative.

Surplus funds from one budgetary line item or event may be transferred to another budgetary line item or event provided that the transfer of funds does not hinder or harm the budgetary line item or event from which it was taken. Designated funds will not be redirected from their area of designation unless otherwise approved by a church wide vote.

The Journey Church shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other gains shall be used in promoting its purposes.