

**THE BY-LAWS OF  
TYRONE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fenton, Michigan**

The name of this church is Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church In America, Incorporated, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, hereinafter referred to as “this church.” This church shall conform itself to and be subject to the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Form of Church Government established by the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church In America.

The following by-laws for this church and corporation are hereby adopted:

1. Members

A. As required by the laws of the State of Michigan, only the members of full age (18 years) shall be eligible to vote on questions dealing with property and matters that are strictly the business of the corporation.

B. Members are encouraged to resolve any dispute through Biblical conflict resolution as contained in Appendix I of the Book of Church Order.

C. Members may be removed from membership at their own request following the steps of appropriate pastoral care as set forth in BCO 38-4. If a member requests to withdraw because of specific problems or disappointments with the church, the Session shall attempt to resolve those matters so that the member may remain in the church and enjoy greater fruitfulness and personal spiritual growth. If the Session is unable to resolve those matters, it shall offer to assist the member in locating a church of like faith and practice that can respond more effectively to their gifts and needs. If it appears to the Session that a member has requested removal merely to avoid church discipline, that request shall not be given effect until the disciplinary process has been properly concluded.

2. Meetings to Deal with Property

A. Moderator: On questions dealing with property or other matters properly the business of the corporation, the chairman of the trustees shall preside, and shall have all the powers and duties granted and imposed on the chairman of a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Michigan. In his absence, a temporary chairman may be elected, with the moderator of the Session presiding for the purpose of the election.

B. Secretary: The clerk of session shall be the secretary of all meetings of the corporation, and shall have all the powers and duties of the secretary of a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Michigan. In the event of his inability to serve, a temporary secretary may be elected with the moderator of the meeting presiding for the purpose of the election.

### 3. Elder and Deacon Terms of Office

Ruling Elders and Deacons shall be elected for terms of active service of no less than three-years, but no more than six-years without re-election. Officers may serve continually if they so choose, but must be re-elected after each six years of service. After three-years of service, officers shall be eligible for a voluntary one-year sabbatical after which they may be re-elected by the congregation into a new term of service.

### 4. Trustees of the Corporation

A. Trustees: Following the adoption of these by-laws, only a person 18 years of age or older, and otherwise qualifying under the laws of the State of Michigan for non-profit corporations and elected for a term as ruling elder, shall be eligible for appointment for a term as trustee, and when such qualified person is appointed as trustee he shall serve only for the duration of his elected term as ruling elder.

The trustees shall be three (3) in number and are appointed by the session. Trustees shall be appointed each year at the first stated meeting of the Session following the installation of newly elected elders. Any vacancies which may occur shall be filled by appointment by the session within six weeks after the vacancy occurs.

B. Chairman: The trustees shall elect annually from its members a chairman.

### 5. Church Treasurer

A treasurer shall be hired (appointed) by the session (for a term of three (3) years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment) and paid a salary determined by the session. The treasurer shall keep account of source and designation of all funds received, and shall disburse funds as directed and duly authorized.

The church treasurer shall receive all information essential to the keeping of accurate records of the pledges and contributions and offerings received, showing the object and amount thereof, and also shall keep account of all trust funds and other resources of the corporation, depositing all important papers and documents in a safe deposit box, to which the treasurer, the clerk of session, and the chairman of the trustees shall have access. These records shall be open to examination by the session only. Statements on all individual records shall be regularly available to each respective individual.

The treasurer shall report regularly to the session.

### 6. Financial Steward

The session shall appoint three communing members as financial stewards.

Following a procedure provided by the session, any two together shall count the congregational offerings, properly tabulate the funds given, deposit the monies in the proper bank account, and give tabulation records to the treasurer/financial secretary.

### 7. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the church shall be the calendar year.

### 8. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended, subject to the laws of the State of Michigan, and the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church In America, at any meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the eligible congregation present, provided that a full reading of the proposed changes (or a printed or duplicated distribution of the same) shall have been made in connection with the call of the meeting.

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