

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ARTICLES AND BY-LAWS

- 1) Housekeeping
 - a. Updating the membership requirements to reflect current Canon and usage. In particular, the required age for membership is reduced from 18 to 16. (Article V, Sections 2 & 3)
 - b. Updating the name of the “registered agent” (Article II)
 - c. Fixing misspellings and typographical errors. (throughout)
 - d. Clarifying language (addition of definitions, and throughout)
- 2) Proper separation of Articles from By-Laws
 - a. Language about membership rights moved from By-Laws to Articles (By-Laws Article I, sections 1, 4, and 5 and Article II, sections 1 and 2 becoming Article V, sections 5 and 6).
 - b. Since By-Laws now govern how the Vestry does its business, allow the Vestry to amend these without ratification at an annual meeting. (By-Laws, Article IV)
 - c. Renumber sections of By-Laws Articles I and II to accommodate removals.

The full text of the changes follows – underlined text has been added, and removed text is struck through.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DEFINITIONS

Within these Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws, “Christ Church” and “this Parish” refer to this corporation. “The Diocese” shall refer to the Diocese of the Episcopal Church in Louisiana. “The Episcopal Church” shall refer to The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America;

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be and remain Christ Episcopal Church of Slidell, Louisiana.

ARTICLE II DOMICILE AND PROCESS OF LAW

This is a non profit corporation who shall have its domicile in the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana. The ~~domiciliary~~ domiciliary address shall be 1534 Seventh St. Slidell LA. The registered agent on whom citation or other legal process may be served is ~~David R. Fargo~~ Harry Oliver Jenkins, 1534 Seventh St. Slidell, LA 70458 or other such person who from time to time may be appointed in accordance with LA R.S. 12:236.

ARTICLE III
DURATION AND EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have and enjoy perpetual corporate existence.

ARTICLE IV
OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

SECTION 1. The objects and purposed of this corporation shall be to provide for and to promote the worship of Almighty God in accordance with the doctrine, discipline, rites, forms, usages, and ceremonies of the Episcopal Church ~~in the United States of America~~; and specifically, in pursuance of these objects, to provide and maintain one or more churches or places of worship, missions, schools, parish houses, and rectories; and to do any and all things germane, incidental, and necessary to carry those objects into full effect.

SECTION 2. This corporation shall have all such powers as are permitted for non profit corporations under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

ARTICLE V
MEMBERSHIP AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1. The membership of this corporation shall consist of such persons as by baptism, transfer, registration, acknowledgment, confirmation, or reception are now or hereafter may become members of the ecclesiastical parish of Christ Episcopal Church, Slidell, LA.

~~SECTION 2. The qualified voters of this corporation shall be communicants in good standing of this Parish who are at least eighteen years of age and who have been contributors of record toward the support of the Parish during the six months next preceding the meeting.~~

~~SECTION 3. A communicant in good standing is defined as being a member Of this Parish who has been confirmed or received in this Parish or who has a letter of transfer on file with this Parish and whose name has been entered into the Parish Register..~~

SECTION 2: A Communicant is a member of this parish who has received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year. A Communicant in Good Standing is a Communicant member of this Parish who for the previous year has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and who has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

SECTION 3: A Qualified Voter is a Communicant in Good Standing who has attained the age of sixteen years and has been Confirmed or Received by a Bishop of the Episcopal Church, or by a Bishop of a Church in communion therewith. In addition, the Bishop of the Diocese and the President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese shall be ex-officio members of this Parish, with all corporate membership rights.

SECTION 4. The corporation's Parish Register shall be final and conclusive in all respects as to membership in the corporation and the books of the treasurer of the corporation shall be conclusive as to contributions of members requisite to suffrage.

SECTION 5: The secular business and affairs of the Parish shall be under the control of a Board of Directors known as the Vestry, consisting of the Rector and twelve Qualified Voters of who have attained the age of legal majority. The terms of Vestry members shall be three years in duration, four members elected each year by the membership of the Parish. Should an elected Vestry member resign or be unable to serve, the Vestry may select a replacement for the balance of the unexpired term. The Vestry shall administer the temporal affairs of the Parish; elect and call the Rector; and properly maintain the church and all other buildings and grounds belonging to the Parish; in addition, the Vestry may exercise all powers of the Parish and do all such lawful acts and things that are not by law, these Articles of Incorporation or the By-laws directed or required to be done by the members.

SECTION 6: There shall be an annual meeting of the members of this Parish held during the month of January each year. The Vestry shall designate the date, time, and place of the annual meeting. Written notice of any meeting of the members of this Parish, whether the annual meeting or a special meeting, shall be delivered, either personally or by mail to each member at his or her last known address as shown on the books of the corporation not less than fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting. A minimum quorum of twenty-five (25) Qualified Voters of the Parish is required to conduct any official business other than continuation of the meeting to another time.

ARTICLE VI GENERAL

SECTION 1. This corporation recognizes and obligates itself to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church ~~in the United States of America~~ and the Diocese of Louisiana.

SECTION 2. In the event of the dissolution of this corporation or the lapse of its Charter by limitation or otherwise all of its property shall pass to the corporation whose title is THE DIOCESE OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN LOUISIANA.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT

This charter may be modified, altered, or amended upon a two-thirds vote of all Vestry at a meeting called for that purpose after five days written notice to each member of the Vestry, which amendment, modification, or alteration is subsequently ratified by a majority vote of a duly called meeting of the members of the corporation ~~called for that purpose, after like notices provided in the By-laws for annual meetings.~~