

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Elder Board, we present the proposed amendments to the Kelowna Trinity Baptist Church Bylaws. The proposed amendments are presented in 3 sections and as 3 separate motions for your review:

Articles I to IV

Articles V to VII

Articles VIII to XII

The approved versions will then be compiled into a single document. How to read the documents:

Red italics means this is being moved elsewhere or removed entirely

Blue bold means this is being added from elsewhere or as new content

It was time for a good “housecleaning” on our bylaws. We had some goals in making so many changes:

1. Making sure we were compliant with current laws.
2. Bringing us up to date (e.g. no more “bulletin boards” and “church bulletins”)
3. Ensuring the bylaws reflected our current practices and procedures.
4. Reorganizing content to make things clearer and often easier to find.
5. Putting in things that should be in the bylaws, but weren’t (e.g. Committees) and taking out things that didn’t need to be in the bylaws, but were (e.g. details of processes that have changed over time)
6. Making names uniform over all documents (e.g. Elder Board vs. Board of Elders – EB passed a motion affirming the former as their name.)
7. Every addition to bylaws in regards to finances came from the FOC.
8. Making this “our” document – about Trinity Church, not “the Church” or “the Society.”
9. Strengthening our ties to the NAB by adopting the common Statement of Beliefs.

What did NOT change:

1. Our governance structure.
2. Our church covenant.
3. Our allegiance to our Lord Jesus Christ and desire to serve Him.

We are humbled that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has a mission for Trinity Church. As members, we join you in answering the call to Christ’s mission. As such, we continue to covenant these things with God and with one another, “being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

Yours faithfully in Christ,

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