

# **PINAWA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, INC.**

(the “Congregation”)

## **BY-LAW NO. 1**

### **A By-Law Relating To Matters Requiring Prior Congregational Approval:**

Except with a duly passed resolution of the Members of the Congregation, as hereinafter provided, obtained at a duly constituted Meeting, no action will be taken by or on behalf of the Congregation or with respect to any of the following:

#### **MATTERS REQUIRING A RESOLUTION BY A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT A MEETING:**

1. The operating budget for each fiscal year.
2. Any single purchase, commitment, lease or expenditure not already approved in the then current fiscal years budget, which would result in a capital expenditure of the Congregation in an amount more than \$5,000.00;
3. Any single sale, commitment, lease or loan not already approved in the then current fiscal years budget, of an asset having a fair market value at the time of the sale, commitment, lease or loan of more than \$5,000.00;
4. The dismissal, layoff termination or replacement, without cause, of the Minister of the Congregation except for a temporary layoff or suspension in the case of emergency or during a period of investigation of an emergency perceived by the Directors acting reasonably;
5. The addition or removal of Christian denominations recognising the Congregation;

#### **MATTERS REQUIRING A RESOLUTION BY 2/3 OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT A MEETING:**

6. Amendment to the officers of the Congregation that comprise the General Committee Executive from time to time which for the sake of clarity are at the date of this by-law the Convenor, the Vice-Convenor, the Past Convenor, the Treasurer and the Secretary.
7. Amendment to the definition of Membership in the Corporation which at the date of this by-law is obtained by profession of Christian faith in agreement with the spirit of the Church’s historical confessions, namely the Apostles’ or the Nicene Creed; by transfer from another Christian congregation; or by restoration including the encouragement of Members to retain their denominational identities.
8. Amendment to the principles of the polity of the Congregation which at the date of this by-law is congregational with final authority invested in members of the Congregation when gathered in a properly constituted meeting. The Congregation is represented by, and invests power in a General Committee consisting of one Denominational Representative from each denomination that recognizes the Pinawa Christian Fellowship, plus members elected by the

Congregation, up to a total of twenty (20) members. Each person so elected becomes a Director of the Corporation and serves for a term of one year.

9. Amendment to the requirements that:
  - a) the Minister called to serve the Congregation must be a member of one of the denominations extending official recognition to the Pinawa Christian Fellowship and the Corporation.
  - b) the assistance of these denominations will be sought when selecting a Minister.
  - c) the Minister shall be called at a Congregational Meeting as provided herein.
  - d) the Annual General Congregational Meeting will be held as directed by the General Committee in September of each year;
  - e) Special Congregational Meetings may be called by the General Committee or by a quorum of the Congregation;
  - f) notice of all Congregational Meetings must be given from the pulpit at two consecutive Sunday Worship Services, one week apart, immediately prior to the meetings;
  - g) the Convenor or Vice-Convenor of the General Committee will act as chairman of the Congregational Meeting;
  - h) a quorum at a congregational meeting will consist of twenty-five (25%) percent or thirty-five (35) members, whichever is less, of the Congregation.
10. Amendment to the requirements that the principal mission effort will be directed to and through the denominations with which the Congregation is associated. Funds for this effort will be allocated within the Annual budget and will be taken from General Revenue.
11. Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation.
12. Amendment of the Mission Statement.