

1                   **CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN**  
2                   **NEBRASKA**

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4                   **BY-LAWS**

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6                   (Revised as Adopted at Regional Assembly on October 19, 2002, and amended at  
7                   Regional Assemblies on October 9, 2010 and October 20, 2012)

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10                  **ARTICLE I**

11                  **THE OFFICE AND PLACE OF BUSINESS**

- 12                  A.     The principal office and place of business of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in  
13                  Nebraska shall be in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- 14                  B.     The principal office and place of business can be changed upon the recommendation  
15                  of the Board of Directors of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska,  
16                  hereinafter referred to as the Board and approval by the Regional Assembly.

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18                  **ARTICLE II**

19                  **BIENNIAL REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

- 20                  A.     The Biennial Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska,  
21                  hereinafter referred to as the Regional Assembly, shall be held at a time and place  
22                  recommended by the Board and approved at the Regional Assembly. Congregations  
23                  desiring to host the Regional Assembly shall extend invitations via the Regional Office not  
24                  later than 90 days prior to the preceding Regional Assembly.
- 25                  B.     At its first meeting following the Regional Assembly, the Board, in consultation with the  
26                  Leader Identification/Nomination Committee, shall appoint members of the Regional  
27                  Assembly Planning Commission. This Commission shall be responsible for all plans,  
28                  programs, and details of arrangements for the next Regional Assembly, including the  
29                  appointment of appropriate task groups. The Regional Assembly Planning Commission  
30                  shall consist of: the chairperson, the host pastor, the immediate past chairperson, and  
31                  four members-at-large.
- 32                  C.     Representative Assembly
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- 34                         1.     Each congregation may select three (3) voting representatives. Congregations of  
35                         more than one hundred (100) members may select one (1) additional voting  
36                         representative for each additional one hundred (100) members or major portion  
37                         thereof. The number of voting representatives shall be based upon the  
38                         participating membership reported in the most recent Year Book and Directory of  
39                         the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Each congregation, through its official  
40                         board, shall submit the complete list of voting representatives and alternates to the  
41                         Credentials Committee of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska with  
42                         their Regional Assembly registration fee, three (3) months prior to the Regional  
43                         Assembly.
- 44                         2.     Other Voting Representatives
- 45                                 a.     All ordained ministers of the region with standing
- 46                                 b.     All commissioned ministers of the region with standing
- 47                                 c.     All members of the Regional Board

- 48 d. All members of the Board of Nebraska Christian Church and Cotner College  
49 Foundation, Inc.
- 50 3. No representative shall be entitled to more than one vote or to represent more  
51 than one member organization and must be personally present to vote.
- 52 4. The Credentials Committee of three (3) members shall be recommended by the  
53 Leader Identification/Nomination Committee and approved by the Board. This  
54 committee shall receive and record the names of the voting representatives and  
55 alternates and certify them to the Regional Assembly. In questions of standing, for  
56 ordained and commissioned ministers, the Credentials Committee shall consult the  
57 official Directory of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska that has been  
58 certified by the Pastoral Leadership Commission.
- 59 5. Each congregation is encouraged to register and have in attendance as many  
60 persons other than voting representatives as may be possible. All members of the  
61 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are urged to attend the Regional Assembly.
- 62 6. All persons who register for the Regional Assembly shall have all the privileges of  
63 the Regional Assembly except that voting privileges shall be limited to official  
64 voting representatives as described above.
- 65 7. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of five (5) members recommended  
66 by the Leader Identification/Nomination Committee and approved by the Board.  
67 The Vice Moderator shall serve as Chairperson.
- 68 a. All proposed resolutions presented to the Committee on Resolutions must  
69 come:  
70 (1) By written resolution from the Official Board of a congregation listed in the  
71 most recent Year Book and Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of  
72 Christ), duly signed by the Chairperson of the Board of said congregation,  
73 or  
74 (2) By written proposal with signatures of twenty-five (25) people who have  
75 membership in a minimum of five (5) different congregations cooperating  
76 in the Regional Assembly, or  
77 (3) By written resolution from any recognized board, committee, commission,  
78 or task group recognized as having an official relationship with the  
79 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska.  
80 (4) All resolutions must be signed manually.
- 81 b. This Committee may on its own initiative, prepare and submit such resolutions  
82 as it deems proper or necessary for the fulfillment of business before the  
83 Regional Assembly.
- 84 c. Proposals of new business of any emergency nature may be considered by  
85 the Committee on Resolutions at least twelve (12) hours before the last business  
86 session of the Regional Assembly is scheduled to begin. The Moderator and  
87 the Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee shall rule whether the proposal  
88 for recommendation is of an emergency nature.
- 89 d. Following the final date for receiving resolutions (90 days prior to the beginning  
90 of the Regional Assembly), the Committee shall meet to receive and study all  
91 resolutions, and  
92 (1) Recommend approval by the Regional Assembly, or  
93 (2) Recommend disapproval by the Regional Assembly, or

- 94 (3) Revise resolution in keeping with the original intent and make  
 95 recommendation to the Regional Assembly, or
- 96 (4) Recommend to the Regional Assembly that the resolution be referred to  
 97 the Board for study and action.
- 98 e. The Regional Assembly shall:  
 99 (1) Approve said resolution, or
- 100 (2) Disapprove said resolution, or
- 101 (3) Recommit said resolution to Resolutions Committee for revision, and  
 102 resubmission, or
- 103 (4) Refer said resolution to the Board.
- 104 8. The Regional Assembly shall ordinarily meet in alternate years from the General  
 105 Assembly.

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 107 **ARTICLE III**  
 108 **ELECTIONS**

- 109 A. The Leader Identification/Nomination Committee shall consist of the chairperson and  
 110 persons appointed by the Executive Committee of the Regional Board. These  
 111 appointed persons shall be from each geographic area of the state that is represented  
 112 or has been represented by the Cluster guidelines. Should the Cluster structure come  
 113 back, then the appointment of committee members will revert to Cluster responsibility.
- 114 B. Thirty days prior to each Regional Assembly the Leader Identification/Nomination  
 115 Committee shall submit to congregations, to registered voting representatives, and to  
 116 alternates a slate of nominees to fill the offices set forth below in paragraph E. of this  
 117 section.
- 118 C. The Leader Identification/Nomination Committee will nominate persons who actively  
 119 support the Regional and General Program of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
 120 and are active members of their home congregations.
- 121 D. The Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall be  
 122 consultative to the Leader Identification/Nomination Committee.
- 123 E. Nominations for the following offices shall be presented to each Regional Assembly for  
 124 its action.
- 125 1. Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Vice Moderator, Secretary, Chair - Budget & Finance  
 126 Committee, Chair - Leader Identification/Nomination Committee, Chair - New  
 127 Congregation Establishment Commission, Chair - Outreach, Vision and Witness  
 128 Commission, Chair - Pastoral Leadership Commission, Chair - Personnel Committee,  
 129 Two Board Members-at-Large. (See Article IV B. for Board.)
- 130 2. Chair - Regional Assembly Planning Commission, Chair - Property Committee.
- 131 F. Nominations to fulfill our commitment to denominational, ecumenical and other agency  
 132 obligations shall be presented to the Regional Assembly prior to the time necessary to  
 133 maintain the continuity of such relationships.
- 134 1. Three members for the Cotner College Commission on Continuing Education for  
 135 four (4) year terms.
- 136 2. Two Directors for the Nebraska Christian Church and Cotner College Foundation,  
 137 Inc., for four (4) year terms.

- 138 3. The Regional Representative to the General Board, elected every four (4) years for  
139 a four (4) year term.
- 140 4. The voting representatives and alternates to the General Assembly of the Christian  
141 Church (Disciples of Christ). The number will be determined by the rules of the  
142 General Assembly.
- 143 5. Others as determined by the board such as:  
144 a. Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska  
145 b. Child Saving Institute  
146 c. United Ministries in Higher Education  
147 d. Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ
- 148 G. These persons shall take office following the Regional Assembly in which they are  
149 elected.
- 150 H. Whenever vacancies shall occur between Regional Assemblies, the Board in  
151 consultation with the Leader Identification/Nomination Committee shall be empowered  
152 to fill such vacancies. The persons filling the vacancies shall then be eligible for election  
153 to the term or terms of that particular office.  
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155 **ARTICLE IV**  
156 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 157 A. Responsibilities of the Board.  
158 1. Policy  
159 a. Receive proposed policy from other regional entities  
160 b. Propose policy  
161 c. Prepare policy recommendations for action by Regional Assembly  
162 d. Establish policy as required between Regional Assemblies  
163 e. Implement policy  
164 f. Interpret existing policy  
165 g. Review and evaluate policy
- 166 2. Ratification of Executive Committee action  
167 3. Regional priorities  
168 4. Budget  
169 5. Personnel  
170 6. Leader development  
171 7. Continuing review  
172 8. Call regional ministerial staff  
173 9. Program oversight  
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- 175 B. Membership  
176 1. Moderator  
177 2. Moderator-Elect  
178 3. Vice Moderator  
179 4. Secretary  
180 5. Chair or Designated Representative<sup>1</sup> – Budget and Finance Committee  
181 6. Chair or Designated Representative – Cotner College Commission on Continuing  
182 Education

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<sup>1</sup> Note: "Designated Representative" is someone appointed for the biennium by the Commission or Committee as the voting member of that Commission or Committee in place of the elected Chair. Such appointment shall be done at the first meeting of the Commission or Committee and the CCN Regional Office shall be notified in writing of this designation.

- 183 7. Chair or Designated Representative – Leader Identification/Nomination  
184 Committee  
185 8. Chair or Designated Representative – New Congregation Establishment  
186 Commission  
187 9. Chair or Designated Representative – Youth and Outdoor Ministry Committee  
188 (without vote)  
189 10. Chair or Designated Representative – Outreach, Vision and Witness Commission  
190 11. Chair or Designated Representative – Pastoral Leadership Commission  
191 12. Chair or Designated Representative – Personnel Committee  
192 13. General Board Representative  
193 14. Member-at-Large  
194 15. Member-at-Large  
195 16. President of the Nebraska Christian Church and Cotner College Foundation, Inc.  
196 17. United Church of Christ representative (without vote)  
197 18. Staff: Ex-officio (without vote)  
198 19. Chair or Designated Representative – Nebraska Disciples Women (with one vote);  
199 C. Quorum  
200 1. A quorum shall be fifty percent (50%) of voting members  
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202 D. Specific Responsibilities of Board Members and Committees reporting to the Board.  
203 1. Moderator: To serve as Moderator of the Regional Assembly, the Board, and the  
204 Executive Committee. Shall be an ex-officio member without vote on all other  
205 committees, commissions, and task groups-  
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207 2. Moderator-Elect: To serve one term in preparation for Moderator of the Region:  
208 a. Chair of Continuing Review Committee  
209 b. Serve as a non-voting representative on the United Church of Christ Board of  
210 Directors  
211 c. Participate, as an observer, in all administrative functions of the Moderator.  
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213 3. Vice Moderator: Serve as Moderator when the Moderator is not available and  
214 chair the Resolutions Committee. Will have responsibilities for or assign  
215 responsibilities for working with standing committees and commissions not  
216 represented on the Board. Will arrange for leadership of these groups to meet with  
217 the Board as needed.  
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219 4. Secretary: Perform the duties of secretary for the Regional Assembly and the  
220 Board.  
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222 5. Budget & Finance Committee:  
223 a. Develop budget in accordance with regional policies, priorities and submit to  
224 the Board for action.  
225 b. Submit financial reports to the Board.  
226 c. The Board shall select a member of the Regional Staff who shall act as  
227 collecting agent for gifts, contracts, correspondence and other documents.  
228 All expenditures with the exception of petty cash shall be by check signed by  
229 persons authorized by the Board.  
230 All gifts, assets, and bequests over \$500 donated to the Christian Church  
231 (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska, unless otherwise specified by the donor, shall  
232 be transferred to the Nebraska Christian Church and Cotner College  
Foundation, Inc. to become a part of the permanent CCN endowment fund  
thereof and shall not be subject to encroachment for payment of expenses or  
otherwise. It shall be presumed that any undesignated gift of \$500 or less was  
made for the CCN operating budget.

- 233 d. Insure that an independent audit of regional accounts is done on an annual  
234 basis.
- 235 6. Cotner College Commission on Continuing Education:  
236 a. The Commission will have a position on the Board for the purpose of ministry  
237 and program coordination, and will be guided by the Cotner College Bylaws.
- 238 7. Leader Identification/Nomination Committee  
239 a. Recruit and orient leadership within Region.  
240 b. Nominate members of the Board and the Committee/Commission  
241 Chairpersons and others as needed. (See Article III Elections)  
242 c. Identify potential leadership within the Region and maintain a skills and interest  
243 bank.
- 244 8. New Congregation Establishment Commission  
245 a. Promote establishment of new congregations.
- 246 9. Youth and Outdoor Ministry Committee:  
247 a. The committee shall be responsible for all programs, oversight of all matters  
248 concerning outdoor ministry activities including Kamp Kaleo and all staffing  
249 (paid and volunteer) of the Youth and Outdoor Ministries of the Christian  
250 Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska in coordination with the Nebraska  
251 Conference of the United Church of Christ.  
252 b. The Youth and Outdoor Ministry Committee will be guided by the Working  
253 Document developed jointly with the Nebraska Conference of the United  
254 Church of Christ.
- 255 c. The Youth and Outdoor Ministry Committee will serve as the Christian Church in  
256 Nebraska's liaison to Kaleo On The River.
- 257 10. Outreach, Vision and Witness Commission.  
258 a. The commission shall be charged with the responsibility of keeping before the  
259 region opportunities for a prophetic ministry, involvement in outreach  
260 concerns, and a vision and witness of new and creative ministries.  
261 b. Be responsible to special Reconciliation appeals. Shall use the funds received  
262 through Reconciliation giving for its program allocations. Allocations shall be  
263 made such as grants, seed money, sustaining support and emergency funding  
264 which meets the guidelines of the Reconciliation Program.  
265 c. Maintain special covenants and relationships with:  
266 (1) Interchurch Ministries (IMN) of Nebraska  
267 (2) Child Saving Institute (CSI)  
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- 269 11. Pastoral Leadership Commission  
270 a. Responsible for the commissioning, ordination, standing, nurture and care of  
271 ministers in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska (see The  
272 Design, Article VI, paragraph 95).  
273 b. Shall relate to ministers and congregations in areas of pastoral concern and  
274 clergy life.  
275 c. Shall be responsible for recruitment and the nurture and care of students  
276 preparing for ministry.  
277 d. Maintain special covenantal relationship with Phillips Theological Seminary.
- 278 12. Personnel Committee :  
279 a. Review and recommend revision of personnel policy.
- 280 13. General Board Representative  
281 a. Attend General Board meetings  
282 b. Reports to the Regional Assembly

- 283 14. Members-at-Large  
284 a. There shall be two Members-at-Large.  
285 b. Attend all Board meetings.
- 286 15. Nebraska Christian Church and Cotner College Foundation, Inc.  
287 a. Any amendments or changes to the Foundation's Articles of Incorporation or  
288 Bylaws shall be subject to approval by the Regional Board of the Christian  
289 Church in Nebraska and Cotner College Board of Directors.
- 290 16. United Church of Christ Representative  
291 a. Appointed by the United Church of Christ  
292 b. Attend all Board meetings  
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- 294 E. Specific Responsibilities of Other Committees, Commissions, Fellowships and Task Groups.  
295 1. Continuing Review Committee:  
296 a. Moderator-Elect shall serve as Chairperson and the two (2) immediate past  
297 Moderators and two (2) others to be nominated by the Leader Identification/  
298 Nomination Committee and elected by the Board.  
299 b. This committee shall review the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The  
300 purpose of this review shall be:  
301 (1) To examine the Bylaws and determine how they may facilitate the effective  
302 and efficient business and program of the Region.  
303 (2) To examine, evaluate, and determine if the business of the Region is being  
304 conducted in accordance with the Bylaws.  
305 (3) To make recommendations to the Board and Regional Assembly.  
306 c. The Committee shall meet at least 120 days prior to the Regional Assembly to  
307 review the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.  
308 d. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the congregations for their study  
309 and to the Regional Assembly for its consideration and action.
- 310 2. Regional Assembly Planning Commission:  
311 a. See Article II B for the responsibilities for this commission.
- 312 3. Resolutions Committee  
313 a. See Article II, C.7. for the responsibilities of this Committee.
- 314 4. Property Committee:  
315 a. Provide for the care, insurance, maintenance and upkeep of all property  
316 owned and leased by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska.
- 317 5. Fellowships:  
318 a. Youth Fellowship (joint ministry with United Church of Christ)  
319 b. Nebraska Disciples Women shall appoint a representative to be recognized as  
320 a voting member on the Christian Church in Nebraska Board.  
321 c. Disciples Men
- 322 6. Task Groups:  
323 a. Shall be appointed by and responsible to the Board. The length of the term  
324 shall be determined at the time of the appointment. Continuation/dissolution  
325 shall occur based on evaluation at the end of the term.
- 326 F. Appointments:  
327 1. Unless specifically stated by these Bylaws, all members of the Committees,  
328 Commissions, Fellowships and Task Groups of the Board shall be appointed by the  
329 Board in consultation with the respective committee chairperson and the Leader  
330 Identification/Nomination Committee.

- 331 2. The chair of the committee task groups shall be appointed by the respective  
 332 committee chairperson in consultation with the Leader Identification/Nomination  
 333 Committee.
- 334 3. The members of task groups shall be appointed by the respective committee  
 335 chairperson and task group chairperson in consultation with the Leader  
 336 Identification/ Nomination Committee.
- 337 G. Meetings:
- 338 1. The Board shall meet at least quarterly. Members may participate in meetings  
 339 telephonically or other audio video conferencing equipment by which all  
 340 participants are able to hear the business as conducted.
- 341 2. All other entities shall meet as needed.
- 342 H. Terms of Office:
- 343 1. Moderator and Moderator-Elect: a single two (2) year term.
- 344 2. Members-at-large: a single two (2) year term.
- 345 3. Other members: eligible to serve two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms.
- 346 4. Unexpired terms will be filled through action of the Board.
- 347 5. Chair of Cotner College Commission on Continuing Education: while holding that  
 348 Commission office.
- 349 6. President, Nebraska Christian Church and Cotner College Foundation, Inc: while  
 350 holding that office.
- 351 I. Executive Committee:
- 352 1. Responsibilities
- 353 a. To provide advice and counsel to the Regional Minister and Moderator.
- 354 b. If immediate action is required, the Executive Committee will act on behalf of  
 355 the Board within existing policy.
- 356 c. A report of action taken will be submitted to the Board.
- 357 2. Membership
- 358 a. Moderator
- 359 b. Moderator-Elect
- 360 c. Vice-Moderator
- 361 d. Secretary
- 362 e. Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee
- 363 f. Regional Minister (ex-officio without vote)

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365 **ARTICLE V**

366 **CONGREGATIONAL CLUSTER GUIDELINES**

- 367 A. Cluster organizations may be formed to:
- 368 1. Provide opportunities for sharing, communicating mutual experiences, activity and  
 369 interest.
- 370 2. Provide opportunities for learning and study.
- 371 3. Provide a network of support, strength and encouragement for ministers, laity and  
 372 congregations.
- 373 4. Provide opportunities for cluster leader development.
- 374 B. Each cluster cabinet is composed of the pastor and one lay representative of each  
 375 congregation of the cluster. Officers elected by the cluster may include the moderator,  
 376 vice-moderator, secretary, and treasurer.
- 377 C. Clusters are developed for the specific purpose of inter-congregational fellowship and  
 378 programming. The designated boundaries shall be determined by the specific



379 congregations joining together for a specific purpose. Clusters will be under the  
380 guidance and counsel of the Board.

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## **ARTICLE VI**

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### **COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIPS**

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A. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall be directly related to and  
385 cooperate with the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and its  
386 administrative units, commissions and committees, and any other cooperating  
387 organization reporting to the General Assembly.

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B. Mutual agreement regarding staff and promotional procedures may be entered into  
389 between the Board and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and its administrative  
390 units.

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C. Requirements for covenantal relationships with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
392 in Nebraska shall be established by the Board. The relationship will be affirmed when the  
393 covenanting group:

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1. Concurs with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Christian Church  
395 (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska.

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2. Submits Agency Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and/or Bylaws and Financial  
397 Statement to the Board for consideration.

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3. Agrees to submit upon request a written report of its Program and Finances to the  
399 Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska.

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4. Agrees that this membership may be terminated by either the Agency or the  
401 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska at the expiration of one year after  
402 written notice of a desire to end the relationship that has been given.

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5. Approval of the Board and the Regional Assembly upon completion of 1, 2, 3, and  
404 4.

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## **ARTICLE VII**

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### **REGIONAL MINISTER AND OTHER EMPLOYEES**

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A. The Board shall employ such staff as may be necessary to administer and promote the  
409 program of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and accomplish purposes for which  
410 it was organized.

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B. The Regional Minister

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1. The Regional Minister shall be the pastor to pastors and congregations. The  
413 Regional Minister shall have the authority and responsibility for directing the work  
414 of all staff personnel. The Personnel Committee and the Regional Minister shall  
415 determine other duties and submit them to the Board for approval.

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2. The Regional Minister shall be an ex-officio member (without vote) of all boards,  
417 committees, commissions, and task groups of the Christian Church (Disciples of  
418 Christ) in Nebraska and Cotner College Commission on Continuing Education.

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C. Other Field Staff and Employees

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1. Associate Regional Minister(s) shall be called by the Board. The call may be full or  
421 part time as determined by the Board.

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2. Responsibilities shall be determined and written by the Personnel Committee in  
423 consultation with the Regional Minister and approved by the Board.

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3. All ministerial staff should be skilled in pastoral relations and be able to serve as  
425 pastor to pastors.

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4. As needed, other professional technical and custodial staff assignments may be  
427 added by the Regional Minister, with the approval of the Personnel Committee,  
428 the Budget and Finance Committee and the Regional Board.

- 429 5. The Board is empowered to enter into specific contracts with individuals or groups  
 430 who have expertise to perform certain tasks or jobs.
- 431 D. Ministerial staff members may terminate their employment relationship with the Christian  
 432 Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska with sixty (60) days' notice. Their employment  
 433 relationship may be terminated by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska  
 434 with notice of sixty (60) days. Other professional, clerical, technical and custodial staff  
 435 may terminate their employment after at least two (2) weeks' notice by either party.
- 436 E. All provisions of this article are to be made a part of the Personnel Policy Guidelines as  
 437 approved by the Board and the Regional Assembly.  
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439 **ARTICLE VIII**  
 440 **ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS**

- 441 A. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall at all times endeavor to  
 442 cooperate with other Communions (e.g. comity agreement discussions, those requests  
 443 for judicatory executives to meet and respond to human needs). It shall be represented  
 444 by the Regional Minister or his or her representative.
- 445 B. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall actively seek ways to  
 446 cooperate with the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ in all areas of  
 447 ministry, fellowship and worship life of the church. A representative of the United Church  
 448 of Christ may be invited to any decision making or planning body to facilitate our  
 449 common ministry. In addition, a Partnership Task Group may be formed to serve in an  
 450 advisory capacity on any matter where collaboration is desirable.
- 451 C. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall be a member of the  
 452 Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, or its successor. It shall participate in cooperative  
 453 activities, join in statement of principle and coordinate its program to the extent  
 454 determined by the Board.
- 455 1. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall be represented on the  
 456 Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska Board of Directors by one representative. This  
 457 representative will be nominated by the Leader Identification/Nomination  
 458 Committee and elected by the Regional Assembly for a two (2) year term and  
 459 cannot succeed him/herself more than once.
- 460 D. Participation in other organizations, such as the Media Center, shall be encouraged  
 461 when such programs are in keeping with the purposes of the Christian Church (Disciples of  
 462 Christ).  
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464 **ARTICLE IX**  
 465 **RULES OF ORDER**

466 The rules contained in **ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER** shall govern the Christian Church (Disciples  
 467 of Christ) in Nebraska in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not  
 468 inconsistent with the Bylaws of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska.  
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470 **ARTICLE X**  
 471 **AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

472 Amendment of these Bylaws may be made at any Regional Assembly by a two-thirds (2/3)  
 473 vote of the qualified representatives present and voting, provided that the proposed  
 474 amendment shall have been published in full in the official publication of the Christian Church  
 475 (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska at least thirty (30) days prior to the Regional Assembly at which  
 476 action is to be taken, and, provided further, that the amendment shall have been mailed to

477 congregations, registered voting and alternate representatives. The amendment(s) shall be  
478 posted at the Assembly.  
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480 As Adopted at Regional Assembly Oct. 19, 2002, and Amended at the 2010 and 2012 Regional  
481 Assemblies.  
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