

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN NEBRASKA
BY LAW AMENDMENTS
RESOLUTION FOR ARTICLE II – BIENNIAL REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Resolution 2202**

WHEREAS: The Christian Church In Nebraska’s Regional Church Board has engaged in conversations for more than two years, exploring what it means to be the Regional Church today, and into the future; and

WHEREAS: The Christian Church In Nebraska’s Continuing Review Committee has worked diligently for more than one year to discern God’s call upon us as the Regional Church In Nebraska, and how to best re-imagine with God the structure that will best support our newly stated purpose: **“to engage in spiritual practices as we accompany one another and our neighbors so that we can instill, support, and sustain the vitality of the Local Churches in our Region”**; and

WHEREAS: The Christian Church In Nebraska meets every two years to consider resolutions in its Regional Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Christian Church In Nebraska, at its Regional Assembly’s Business Session held on November 5, 2022 at First Christian Church in Grand Island, adopt the Proposed Article II to its By Laws as attached to completely replace the Article II of its Current By Laws.

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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~~ 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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PROPOSED ARTICLE II**

PROPOSED BY LAWS

Biennial Regional Assembly (lines 18-105)

- A. The Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall be held biennially at a time and place recommended by the Regional Church Board and approved at the Regional Assembly.
- B. The Purpose of the Assembly shall be to experience interconnectedness among churches/ congregations of the Region, to develop deeper relationships, and to conduct the business of the Regional Church.
- C. The Center on the Regional Church¹ shall recommend, and the Regional Church Board shall approve members of the Regional Assembly Planning Committee.
 - 1. The Regional Assembly Planning Committee shall select its chair;
 - 2. The Committee chair shall report to the Center on a regular basis.
- D. Representative Assembly
 - 1. Each congregation shall select two (2) Delegates;
 - 2. Other Delegates include all ordained and commissioned ministers of the Region in good standing, and all members of the Regional Church Board;
 - 3. Members may participate in meetings telephonically or other audio/video conferencing equipment by which all participants are able to hear the business as conducted;
 - 4. Regional Assembly Registration shall include information identifying registrant as a Delegate, an Alternate, or a Visitor;
 - 5. Delegates shall register at least 30 days prior to the Assembly to enable their names to be recorded and certified by the Center on the Regional Church or its appointee;
 - 6. All members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska are urged to attend the Regional Assembly;
 - 7. All persons who register for the Regional Assembly shall have all the privileges of the Regional Assembly except those granted to Delegates (see D1 and D2);
- E. Resolutions of The Regional Assembly
 - 1. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the Center on the Regional Church or its appointees.
 - 2. All proposed resolutions presented to the Resolution Committee must come:

¹ Please see Article V for a detailing of the proposed new Regional Church structure that will utilize 4 Centers (in place of existing Committees, Commissions, and Work Groups).

- 1) By written resolution from the Official Board of a congregation listed in the most recent Year Book and Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); or
 - 2) By written resolution from any recognized board or group-recognized as having an official relationship with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska; or
 - 3) The Resolutions Committee may on its own initiative, prepare and submit such resolutions as it deems proper or necessary for the fulfillment of business before the Regional Assembly.
- b. All resolutions must be signed by the members submitting the resolution (electronic signatures are acceptable forms of signature).
- c. Proposals of new business of any emergency nature may be considered by the Committee on Resolutions at least twelve (12) hours before the last business session of the Regional Assembly is scheduled to begin. The Moderator and the Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee shall rule whether the proposal for recommendation is of an emergency nature.
- d. Following the final date for receiving resolutions (30 days prior to the beginning of the Regional Assembly), the Committee shall meet to receive and study all resolutions, and
- 1) Recommend approval by the Regional Assembly, or
 - 2) Recommend disapproval by the Regional Assembly, or
 - 3) Recommend to the Regional Assembly that the resolution be referred to the Board for study and action.
- e. The Regional Assembly shall:
- 1) Approve said resolution, or
 - 2) Disapprove said resolution, or
 - 3) Revise resolution, and then Approve/Disapprove said resolution, or
 - 4) Refer resolution to the Board for further action.