

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN NEBRASKA
BY LAW AMENDMENTS
RESOLUTION FOR ARTICLE IX – RULES OF ORDER
Resolution 2209**

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 IX to its By Laws as attached to completely replace the Article IX of its current By Laws.

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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.

199 C. Quorum

200 1. A quorum shall be fifty percent (50%) of voting members

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Rules of Order (lines 464-468) and (lines 199-200)

Quorum shall be defined as fifty percent of those who are delegates present or members present of the respective bodies. For the Regional Assembly, quorum shall be 50% of delegates. For the Regional Church Board, quorum shall be 50% of members. Decision making by the Regional Church Board and Regional Church Assembly will be made by consensus, except any vote on Amending the By Laws will require 2/3 votes of voting delegates present.

Practices and Procedures:

The Moderator will ask if someone can make a Motion, and someone else can Second the Motion. Once a Motion is on the floor, the Moderator will facilitate the conversation on the Motion until such a time that the Moderator determines everyone's voice has been expressed. The Moderator can request and consider alternative language to facilitate Consensus. The Moderator will then ask for consensus around one decision about the Motion. If a Delegate finds a decision to be against their conscience, they can choose to "step aside" and allow the Regional Church to move forward.

If the Moderator determines that there is no Consensus on the Motion, the Moderator will then open the conversation again to explore alternative approaches to the topic captured in the Motion.