

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN NEBRASKA
BY LAW AMENDMENTS
RESOLUTION FOR ARTICLE VI – COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIPS
Resolution 2206**

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

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382 **ARTICLE VI**

383 **COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIPS**

- 384 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.
- 388 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.
- 391 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:
- 394 1. Concurs with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Christian Church
395 (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska.
 - 396 2. Submits Agency Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and/or Bylaws and Financial
397 Statement to the Board for consideration.
 - 398 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.
 - 400 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.
 - 403 5. Approval of the Board and the Regional Assembly upon completion of 1, 2, 3, and
404 4.

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PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Covenantal Relationships (lines 382-404)

- A. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall be directly related to and cooperate with the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of the United States of America and Canada, and its administrative units, commissions and committees, and any other cooperating organizations reporting to the General Assembly.
- B. Mutual agreement regarding staff and promotional procedures may be entered into between the Regional Church Board and the General Church and its administrative units.
- C. Agencies and organizations wishing to be in covenant relationship with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall be reviewed by the Center on Regional Church and, if so desired, recommended to the Regional Church Board. The Regional Church Board will recommend action (i.e., approval, disapproval) by the Regional Assembly.