



Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church Bylaw Proposed Amendments

Chapel Hill policy requires that Session review the CHPC Bylaws every two years and submit any amendments to the congregation. A recent review has been completed. The following six amendments, approved and recommended by Session, are being submitted to a vote of the congregation.

1. In 2018, Chapel Hill became part of the new EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest. The name of our presbytery needs to change in Article II and Article XI as follows:
 - a. Article II - This Church is connected through its Session with the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest, and the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.
 - b. Article XI Section 1B - If it is impractical for the Pastor or Moderator invited by the Session to preside, he or she shall invite, with the concurrence of the Session, another minister of the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest to preside.
2. In Article II we should clarify that the definition of the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) is as defined in Article XI Section 3. Article XI defines the constitution as the Book of Order, the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the EPC Essentials of Faith. The change is as follows:
 - a. Article XI This Church shall be governed in accordance with and shall be subject to the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as defined in Article XI Section 3.
3. In Articles VI, VIII and IX, references are made to the EPC Book of order, including paragraph and page numbers. The paragraph and page numbers in the Book of Order may change from time to time, making the CHPC Bylaws outdated. The paragraph and page reference numbers should be removed as follows:
 - a. Article VI Section 2D - In keeping with the Book of Order, G9-15 (p. 20) and sections following, any Ruling Elder who has served all or part of two consecutive full terms shall be ineligible for re-election for one year.



- b. Article VIII Section 7: The general duties of the Deacons and the Board of Deacons shall be those outlined in The Book of Order. Sections G9-14 (p.20) and G17-2,3 (p.42)
 - c. Article IX Section 3 - The nominating committee shall abide by the guidelines set forth in The Book of Order. G10-10B (p.26)
- 4. Article VI The Session: In order for our Bylaws to be in line with the EPC Book of Order regarding the composition of Session, paragraph 2C, regarding Assistant Pastors, should be removed. The Book of Order states that Session shall consist of a Moderator, Associate Pastors, and Ruling Elders.
 - a. Article VI Section 2C - Assistant Pastor(s). Assistant Pastor have voice but no vote on the Session.
- 5. Article VIII Board of Deacons: The Bylaws currently specify the Board of Deacons should be composed of a minimum of 12 persons. To give the Session flexibility to move the number of Deacons up or down as needed, the number of Deacons reference should be removed
 - a. The Board of Deacons shall be composed of the number of persons as determined by Session of a minimum of twelve (12) persons, elected to office by the congregation for a term of three (3) years each, one-third of the total number is to be elected yearly at an annual meeting of the congregation.
- 6. Article XI Church Mission, Activities and Properties: Section 2 on Mission should be updated to reflect the current mission of CHPC as follows:
 - a. Article XI Section 2 - The mission of the Church is to Exalt Jesus, Elevate others and Launch disciple makers. live, preach, and teach the Gospel and to make and equip believers to live in this world. Thus, the Church offers a home and church community for followers of Jesus Christ and also for those seeking to find a relationship with Him.